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“Dad, please rest assured. I have my own plans. You don’t have to worry too much about this matter. Calvin’s expression was indifferent as he replied in a seemingly casual manner, and his eyes were full of shrewdness.”

“Calvin, you can’t be so willful about this matter. Hudson realized that Calvin was not nervous at all and sighed in his heart. Indeed, as long the matter didn’t concern Belle, no matter how big the problem was, he would be laid-back and not be bothered about it.”

“However, the matter at hand was not something insignificant. It was related to the life and death of the Harvey Group.”

“Dad, I’ve already overcome my headstrong years. You should believe in me. Calvin shrugged. He was confident, but he didn’t seem arrogant.”

“Hudson looked at him, and after a while, a smile emerged on his face.”

“Dad, don’t worry. If I’m forced to fight with Yadriel and Sergio, there’s nothing I can do about it. It is how it is, and I’m happy to oblige. I don’t believe that Yadriel will be able to hide the truth from the people. Calvin’s tone was relaxed and a hint of icy glint flashed across his sharp eyes.”

“Hudson nodded in agreement, but the atmosphere in the air was vaguely gloomy.”

“Calvin, this is the last hurdle. If we can get through this, I believe that the Harvey Group will live in peace for another period of time, and our future will be glorious again. Right now, we can do whatever we want. After all, both Belle and Evan are safe. This is a great thing for us, Hudson responded.”

“Dad, that’s true. Nonetheless, you’re not as young as you used to be. So, please don’t get too worked up. Leave everything to me, and I’ll take care of them. You have to trust your son. Calvin comforted Hudson gently with smiles all over his face.”

“Although Hudson’s life was full of glory, he had experienced many trials and tribulations. At his old age, he still had to worry about such a matter. It seemed cruel and unfair to him. Thus, Calvin really couldn’t bear to allow him to be troubled about it anymore.”

Hudson let out a slight sigh.

“That was right. If Calvin couldn’t handle such a matter, how would he take on the responsibility of the Harvey Group in the future?”

He had a reason to trust his own son!

“In the suite of a five-star hotel, Madam Lilian was sipping her morning tea.”

“She gently held the porcelain cup with her pale fingers. The aroma of the tea lingered in the air, and it made her feel refreshed.”

“After her morning exercise, she liked to drink a cup of fine green tea to brighten up her mood for the day. It has almost become a habit for her to do so.”

“She loved drinking A City’s green tea. This type of tea was grown in Green Mountain Lake. Although it was not very well-known, its taste was very authentic and had a light, refreshing aroma. When the green tea entered her mouth, the taste it gave off was not too sweet. In fact, it was slightly bitter, and didn’t really moisten her throat. Nevertheless, she loved this taste.”

“After taking a sip, she would be in high spirits for the whole day!”

That might be a habit!

“This kind of tea could be bought in a small country in Europe. Every year, her subordinates would buy her a lot of tea to stock up. After drinking the tea for a long time, the benefits were evident. Although she was already 71 years old, her body was very healthy, and she did not have any heart diseases. What was more important was that every time she had the tea, she felt a certain kind of feeling. It was a deep longing for her hometown.”

Quina came in quietly with a notebook in her hand.

“Ma’am. She approached her and stood by her side, leaning over and calling out to her softly.”

“Madam Lilian took a sip of tea and looked up. Her skin, which was so flawless, didn’t even have any trace of visible wrinkles.”

How’s it going? Any progress? Madam Lilian asked.

“Ma’am, we’ve searched for ‘Emily Cole’ in the entire A City. We found a few people, but they don’t match Miss Emily’s identity, features, and age. This shows that Miss Emily may have changed her name, Quina reported softly.”

Changed her name? There was a fleeting flash of light in Madam Lilian’s eyes. “Why would she change her name?”

She muttered to herself with pain in her eyes.

“He had refused to forgive her and changed Emily’s name, so that it was impossible for her to find her daughter back.”

“Ma’am, according to our investigation, Flavian Cole was expelled from the family by Brooklyn, and in addition to that, he divorced you. Soon, his depression worsened, and he passed away from it. Even on his deathbed, Brooklyn didn’t identify with him. It seems that Brooklyn is really heartless and cold-hearted to his own son. Quina sighed cautiously.”

“The light in Madam Lilian’s eyes dimmed, and the pain in her eyes turned horrifyingly poisonous.”

“The Cole family was a family of officials for generations in Capital City. Brooklyn had achieved great military exploits at the beginning of the liberation. Thus, the people loved him. In that period of time, his power was terrifying, and he had an esteemed reputation.”

“However, this old master was a typical traditional parent. He was a stubborn person and knew precisely whom he loved and hated.”

“He had four sons in total, all of whom were obedient and filial to him. Three of them had been trained by him to pursue a political career and were leading a successful life. Having said that, only Flavian was handsome, and he had an unconventional approach to life. His personality was free and unruly, and he didn’t like to mingle with the officialdom. He left home in his Tristany years and went to A City to start his own business, which was inconsistent with Brooklyn’s expectations of him. So, he wasn’t fond of Flavian.”

“Flavian was wild and unrestrained. He was naturally romantic and bold. At that time, Lilian Bennett, who was a movie star, met him at a dance party. The young and beautiful Lilian was just his cup of tea. They were about the same age, and the handsome man and beautiful woman fell in love in no time.”

“After being in a loving relationship for quite some time, the sweet couple was blessed as Lilian became pregnant.”

“Flavian, who was overjoyed, brought Lilian home that very night to pay a visit to Brooklyn. He had not expected Brooklyn to hold onto very strong traditional values. When he discovered Lilian’s identity, he flew into a rage and immediately refused to acknowledge her. He was adamant in rejecting Flavian’s decision to find a movie star in the entertainment industry to be his wife.”

Brooklyn instantly found a young lady from a family of politicians in Capital City for Flavian and wanted to drive Lilian out of the house.

“Flavian was deeply in love with Lilian. So, how could he be willing to bet Rhys her!”

“Just like that, for such a matter, the father and son broke off their relationship.”

Flavian had threatened Brooklyn with his life. How could the high and mighty Brooklyn withstand Flavian fighting against him? He immediately gave Flavian a good beating and drove him out of the house.

“Brooklyn was very proud and stubborn, and Flavian took after his temperament. After the father and son had a falling out with each other, they never saw each other again.”

“Flavian and Lilian got married without the blessings of their families in A City. Soon after, she gave birth to their daughter, Emily Cole. Even then, no one from the Cole family came to visit them. The indifference and heartlessness made Flavian swear that he would never return to the Cole family residence in Capital City. From then on, he considered them strangers.”

“After Lilian gave birth to Emily, their simple life started to go downhill.”

“The main reason was that Flavian, who was estranged from the Cole family, became highly irritable. He drank and fooled around all day. One day, the news of a scandal between him and a celebrity broke out. Lilian’s eyes were brimming with tears, as she resolutely proposed a divorce.”

“She knew that the reason why their marriage had failed was that Brooklyn looked down on her background. Although Flavian had the courage to break off his relationship with his family for her, he became depressed from the heavy burden after marriage. He often went out to drink and got drunk.”

“In terms of his business development, it took a devastating plunge.”

“These were all Brooklyn’s efforts to suppress Flavian behind his back, as he couldn’t tolerate Flavian being disobedient and unfilial. At that time, Brooklyn even threatened to make Flavian as poor as a church mouse.”

“Flavian’s business was not only plummeting as Brooklyn wished, but he was also heavily in debt.”

Their lives were very difficult.

Lilian knew that they would not be able to live unless she divorced and left him.

“She thought that if she left, Flavian would return to the Cole family. Then, he and Emily would live a comfortable life and receive good care. If she continued to stay by his side, they would never see the light at the end of the tunnel.”

“Therefore, after the big fight, she resolutely proposed a divorce, with tears in her eyes. At that time, both of them were still young. The agitated Flavian was also hot-headed, and he agreed in a fit of rage.”

“That morning, it was drizzling.”

“Lilian only packed a simple suitcase and left A City. When she left, she gave Emily the fan imprinted with a red plum from one of the Twin Plum Fans, as she hoped that her daughter would be happy in the future. Lilian left A City in pain and never returned.”

It was not until that year did she return to A City at the invitation of a social event with the embassy from Tamberland.

“When she first came to Europe, she was unfamiliar with the place and had no money. So, she could only sell the Twin Plum Fan in a pawn shop. That was the only way for her to survive.”

“Up to now, fifty years had passed.”

“She was not young anymore. In recent years, she missed Emily a lot. She did not know how her unfortunate daughter had been and whether she was still alive.”

There was no point in reminiscing about the past!

“A lot of things had happened in the past, and they were like scars that would never heal. She had deliberately tried to forget about everything all these years. After arriving in Europe, she remarried a government official. Yet, it didn’t work out, and she got divorced soon after.”

“Through this marriage, she met those in the officialdom, and soon, she began to start her own political career and focused her entire life on public service. She no longer cared about marriage until she became the internationally famous and powerful Madam Lilian.”

“When she got older, the pain from the miserable past no longer stung as bad. She thought of Emily and only wanted to find her.”

“However, over the years, she had sent people back to A City to investigate, but the situation had changed drastically. Not to mention finding the original house, even the entire A City had changed, and Flavian had long passed away.”

“She had sent someone to inquire about the Cole family in Capital City. Alas, Brooklyn was still unsympathetic. Not to mention acknowledging Emily as his granddaughter, even Flavian, his son, could not return to his ancestral roots even until his death.”

“In the vast crowd, she could no longer find any news about Emily.”

“Madam Lilian regretted the past several times, as she thought that she should have brought Emily along at that time. Yet, when she just arrived in Europe, she was living in poverty and did not have the ability to raise Emily. After marrying her European husband, he was determined to oppose her idea of going back to A City and identifying Emily. So, she had to give up. After the divorce, she was busy with all sorts of political affairs and did not have the energy to interfere in this matter. When she finally had the time and opportunity to find Emily, she was nowhere to be found.”

“She sat there, dumbfounded, with tears streaming down the corners of her eyes.”

“Ma’am, Ma’am, Quina gently called out to Madam Lilian, who was in a daze. In the last two years, she was often lost in her thoughts. Quina knew that she was missing Emily. Thus, she could not help but to sigh softly.”

“Everyone had a weak side. Even someone as influential and powerful as Madam Lilian was behaving that way, what more an ordinary person.”

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“Ma’am, we found out that Flavian had regretted divorcing you. He was no longer interested in other women after that and decided to live his life to the fullest with Emily. He spent every day missing you and after the blow of losing you and his family... Quina thought that it was better to let her know all those things. After all, since Madam Lilian left, she had never returned to A City.”

“No... Madam Lilian stretched out her hand and interrupted Quina. ““I only want to know about Emily. Now that I’m here, I must locate her. Whether she’s dead or alive, I must see her or her tomb. Please hurry up and send someone to follow up with this matter.”””

“Alright, Ma’am. You don’t have to worry too much. We’re searching the whole city with a fine-tooth comb. I believe it won’t be long before we find her. Quina was aware of how she felt and immediately explained.”

“Madam Lilian took out a handkerchief and wiped away the tears at the corner of her eyes. Her voice was a little hoarse as she added, ““By the way, send someone to investigate Belle’s mother and think of a way to get her DNA sample.”””

“Quina was stunned, but she quickly understood what Madam Lilian meant.”

It was no wonder that Madam Lilian had such a tacit relationship with Belle. It seemed that she had this intention in mind. Quina smiled and nodded.

“In a Capital City mansion, Yadriel’s gaze was indecipherable and as gloomy as the sea.”

“However, Sergio appeared to be restless.”

“Dad, Madam Lilian is secretly searching for her daughter in A City, and Belle has already met her several times in private. Although she hasn’t yet identified her, it will be a matter of time for the mother and daughter to reconcile, at this rate.”

A cold glint flashed across Yadriel’s eyes.

“Don’t worry. Madam Lilian does things cautiously. Even if she has her suspicions, she will have to wait until the DNA result is out before she can acknowledge her. Otherwise, she won’t simply recognize her based on just suspicion. Besides, she’s still investigating the whole city, proving she doesn’t have full confidence in Kate. There is still time before that. He was very pertinent as he analyzed the situation. ““I will finish my final round of election soon. As long as it is over, it will be up to them, as it will no longer affect me.”””

“Please rest assured, Dad. I’ll try my best to stop them from reconciling with each other during this period of time. Sergio inhaled a deep puff of his cigarette smoke and replied glumly, ““Dad, I think it’s time to speed up the fight against the Harvey Group, as they had already driven the Sky Sword Group out of A City. Their opponents are almost gone. We can’t drag it on any longer.”””

“Yes, that’s how it should be. However, A City is going to host the Regional Games soon. It’s not easy for us to take them down right now. The authorities will take care of him, Yadriel muttered.”

“Take care of him? They’re charged with leaking the country’s secrets. How can they protect him? Sergio asked with slight disdain, ““Now that we’ve found out that Yaris from the Harvey Group had done everything, this responsibility falls on the Harvey Group. So, we should take advantage of this loophole.”””

“With that being said, the Harvey Group has a large group of lawyers. Before Yaris is captured, they can use this as an excuse to extend the litigation period. Now that Sadiva is asking for his help, he will report this situation to the authorities. Yadriel’s gaze didn’t relax, and his heart was heavy.”

But what we need now is time. Sergio was very anxious.

“That’s right. Right now, everyone needs to buy time. Do you think that they don’t know? Everyone is well aware of that. Yadriel commented astutely, ““Don’t think that we can take him down with just a single move. Don’t forget that there’s still Brooklyn in Capital City.”””

“What worried him most was Brooklyn’s attitude. No matter how much Yadriel wanted to pay a visit to him, he either avoided talking or refused to meet with him. His actions were so secretive that Yadriel could not figure out what he was thinking.”

“Kate was Brooklyn’s biological granddaughter. Back then, Brooklyn had tried his best to hide Flavian’s and Madam Lilian’s relationship, but Yadriel still found out.”

“Although Brooklyn didn’t acknowledge her, it didn’t mean that he wouldn’t be unconcerned about it. Otherwise, if it weren’t for Brooklyn’s intervention in Tristan’s affairs from Capital City, Calvin, a mere businessman, wouldn’t have been able to shake Tristan up.”

“What did this mean? This meant that Brooklyn’s heart had begun to waver these past few years. After all, he was getting older, and there were some things he had finally seen through.”

“The present election was the ultimate key. If Yadriel could win this round, he would be the sure winner.”

“As long as he took that position, he didn’t need to be afraid anymore. After all, Brooklyn was getting old, and his influence couldn’t be maintained for long.”

“Right now, the most important thing was to ensure that the Harvey Group would not cause trouble and that Brooklyn would not side with Luqman. As long as nothing happened to these two parts, he would be sure to win.”

“Fortunately, he was competing with Luqman. Not only was Luqman unrelated to Brooklyn, but he also had nothing to do with the Harvey Group. This made him feel at ease.”

“After Belle arranged everyone’s accommodation at the Ink Garden, she signed off a few more purchasing orders for the next day before standing up and walking outside.”

“The ones on duty that night were Calvin and Hudson. Since they were both on duty that day for Sophia, they took a rest in the lounge next to Sophia’s bedroom, while the others went to bed. If anything were to happen to Sophia, they would immediately inform everyone to come over and pay their last respects to her. This was the duty of the night watchman.”

“Belle was indeed tired. She was exhausted and sleepy, and she really wanted to rest Tristany.”

“In the dark night, the starlight was dim.”

“At the end of the corridor was a crabapple tree. There was no starlight, and the night wind was blowing. The night cast a shadow on the tree, which made it eerily haunting.”

Belle walked carefully with her head down.

“The gust of wind blew over. As it was really cool in the Ink Garden, they didn’t even need to turn on the air-conditioner when they slept at night.”

“A pair of white high-heeled shoes with golden rims stood under the tree, emitting a dazzling white light, which was abnormally striking at night.”

Belle gasped and shivered.

She lifted her head in shock.

“A ghostly woman stood in front of her with dishevelled hair and a pale face, wearing a white dress. She looked straight at Jena with a pair of eyes full of resentment, ferocity, and even hatred.”

Ah! Belle was so scared that she couldn’t help screaming out loud as she quickly covered her lower abdomen with her hands.

“Her face was chalk white, and her eyes were full of fear.”

Was it a ghost or a human?

Why would she bump into this kind a thing!

“Belle Morris, don’t forget what you’ve promised me. You said, Calvin will bring me for registration in three days. Don’t go back on your word. The ghost-like woman stood in front of her, speaking coldly and horribly.”

The woman turned out to be Liya.

“Belle soon came back to her senses, and her whole body was as cold as ice. When she returned, she heard from the servants at home that Liya had left Harvey Manor.”

“Belle thought that Liya had completely given up and had left on her own. After all, Calvin stated that he had never loved Liya, nor would he marry her in front of everyone and the media. Everything was done to save Evan. Who would have thought that in just a few days, she would sneak into Harvey Manor at night?”

“It seemed that that woman would not give up. When she thought about it, her heart was ice-cold. The sweetness from the past few days completely disappeared.”

“Belle, what’s wrong? When Calvin, who was in the room, heard Belle screaming in horror, he was so scared that his heart trembled, and he ran out at once.”

Belle opened her eyes and looked carefully again. There was no trace of Liya in front of her. There was only darkness.

Calvin rushed over with a flashlight in hand.

“She rubbed her eyes again, and the image in front of her disappeared. It was as if she had imagined it all.”

“Belle, are you afraid because it’s too dark? Calvin stretched out his hand and held hers tightly. Her hand and her body were cold, and she was even shivering. He frowned. What happened to her?”

“Belle, if you’re afraid of the dark, I’ll send you to the guest room. If you’re scared, it won’t do any good to your body and the child in your womb. Calvin hugged her with pity and embraced her in his warm chest. Then, he held her in his arms and walked towards the guest room in the Ink Garden.”

“In fact, they would arrive after passing through the crabapple tree. There was only a small and dark area between it.”

“Strange. Why is this lamp not working? When they passed by the crabapple tree, Calvin looked up at the lamp and frowned, holding Belle in his arms while muttering, ““I don’t know what’s wrong with Maud. If the lamp is broken, why won’t he call the maintenance workers to repair it? It’s really necessary to manage these people well.”””

Belle’s hands were wrapped tightly around Calvin. She was still quivering and couldn’t say a word.

“Calvin, please don’t go. After sending Belle back to the room, Calvin gently placed her on the bed, covered her with the quilt, and stood up. Belle grabbed his hand with both hands and pleaded in fear.”

“The corners of Calvin’s mouth twitched, as he bent down and caressed her head.”

“You don’t have to be afraid with me around. I’m going to sleep in the lounge tonight. So, you can sleep without worrying. I’ll come and check on you later. He comforted her softly, with a doting expression on his face.”

“No, Calvin. I saw Liya just now. She was threatening me. The fear on Belle’s face did not subside. Her face was pale, and her hands were cold.”

“Calvin was stunned. Lowering his head, he asked, ““Belle, are you hallucinating from fright?”””

“No, it’s not that. I really saw her. She was wearing a white dress and stood in front of me, warning me that since I’ve promised her that both of you will be registered, she wants me to keep my promise. Calvin, you have to believe in me. Belle was anxious. She shook her head with all her might and held his hands tightly.”

The expression on Calvin’s face instantly turned terrifying. A stony glint flashed in his eyes. That woman dared to come in?

“Calvin lowered his head as he coaxed her gently. ““Silly, with me around, you shouldn’t be afraid even if you see her. Don’t worry. If she really is here, I’ll throw her out of Harvey Manor right away.”” ”

“He couldn’t bear seeing her pale face. So, he lay down beside her, held her in his arms, patted her on the back, and coaxed her until she closed her eyes and gradually fell asleep. Only then did he walk out in relief.”

“Aron, hurry up and investigate whether Liya did come to Harvey Manor tonight. When Calvin walked out, he immediately called for Aron.”

“Alright. After Aron received the order, he immediately began the investigation.”

“After a while, he came over in a hurry.”

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“Mr. Harvey, I’ve obtained the surveillance records of Harvey Manor’s entrance. I did see a woman in white coming in. She has dishevelled hair, and I couldn’t see her face clearly, but her figure looked very much like Liya. Aron came in a hurry and reported convincingly.”

What? Calvin was so shocked that his expression changed drastically. It turned out that that woman had really come here. It seemed that Belle was right.

That was outrageous. How dare she threaten his wife? That was too evil!

Where is she now? Calvin asked coldly.

“Mr. Harvey, she has returned to her residence, the Crystal Cove Garden. It looks like she’s going to trouble Harvey Manor. Aron sighed helplessly. He didn’t have the slightest bit of a good impression of Liya.”

Going to trouble them? Calvin’s lips curled into a chilly smile.

“Mr. Harvey, do you want me to chase her out now? Aron immediately questioned.”

“There’s no need for that. She has just lost her uncle. I don’t think she has anywhere else to go. We’ll let her stay for the night. Tomorrow, I’ll send Maud over and tell her to move out. Calvin thought for a moment and decided calmly.”

“Aron opened his mouth. Based on his intuition, Liya wouldn’t move out that easily, and it might very well turn into a huge problem.”

He couldn’t help but shake to his head and sigh.

“Aron, you can leave now. Remember that your duty is to protect Belle, and she can’t be hurt even in the slightest. She is pregnant now. I don’t want anything unexpected to happen to her. Thinking of this serious problem, Calvin repeatedly warned Aron.”

Aron nodded his head with a solemn expression.

“The night enveloped the sprawling Harvey Manor, and soon everyone fell into a slumber.”

Liya sat on the bed in a daze. Her face was pale and devoid of color.

Her beloved Uncle Reid had passed away. The only person in this world who would spoil and love her was gone.

He was shot dead at Harvey Manor.

Who fired the gun at him?

“Although Calvin had insisted that it wasn’t his team’s doing, she didn’t believe it at all.”

“He didn’t want to marry her, and that fake wedding was just part of his plan. If Reid was still alive, he would pressure Calvin. Calvin would then have no choice but to register their marriage.”

“However, Reid was dead, and Calvin had nothing to fear.”

“Calvin had announced to all the newspapers and media that their wedding was annulled, and he did not intend to marry her at all.”

He had used her to obtain the evidence that had been used to frame Belle and then used her once again to rescue that d*mned Evan.

“Calvin had gotten everything, but she had nothing at all.”

She was not a fool. Reid’s words were still ringing in her ears.

“She wanted to lead a happy and comfortable life at Harvey Manor. Sooner or later, she would take control of the place and make everyone there respect her.”

“She pinched on her thighs so hard to the point that they were bruising, but she felt nothing at all.”

“From her almond-shaped eyes, other than hatred, there was only resentment.”

“The next day, just after getting up, someone knocked on the door.”

“She opened the door lazily and leaned against the doorframe. Her expression was indifferent, and her hair was dishevelled. She looked exactly like a ghost.”

“Maud was standing in front of her, with disdain and mockery on his astute face.”

“Miss Liya, Mr. Harvey has ordered you to move out of Harvey Manor today. Maud remained expressionless as he said this. He then added in Calvin’s tone, ““Of course, if you have any problems, you can bring it up. Mr. Harvey might consider it.”””

“Move out? The corners of Liya’s lips twitched slightly, then she sneered. ““Maud, you want me to move out just like that? Aren’t you too naive?”””

“Her voice was extremely shrill, and her words were so sharp that it made Maud’s ears feel uncomfortable.”

What do you want then? Maud could only ask.

Liya snorted in disdain. She scoffed. “Tell Calvin to come and inform me in person.”

“Maud’s expression changed. That day, the task he received was to make sure that she moved out. It wouldn’t be great for him to report back to Calvin that he had failed his task. Thus, he roared.”

“Liya, don’t be so shameless. Mr. Harvey personally ordered this. If you leave without a fuss, then he’ll definitely agree to any of your requests. Otherwise, you can only be driven away from here. At that time, you will get nothing.”

“Maud had long lost his patience. Now that Sophia’s illness was deteriorating, he had many things to handle as a Lennox. He didn’t have any time to waste just like that.”

“Maud, please tell Calvin, how dare he chase me out after getting what he wanted. He didn’t even give me any room for negotiation. If he tries to force me, then I’ll kill myself in Harvey Manor, Liya replied viciously and slammed the door shut.”

Maud’s face turned pale after hearing the slamming of the door.

“As expected, it was troublesome to offend a woman.”

“Maud heard Liya say that Calvin had already gotten something from her. What in the world did he get? Maybe Mr. Harvey had already slept with this woman. If that were the case, then it would be extremely troubling.”

“With that thought in mind, Maud no longer dared to use any force. He immediately ran down the stairs to find Calvin and receive his new orders.”

Hatred sprouted in Liya’s heart like a poisonous weed. She wanted to avenge Reid with her own hands. She wanted to live a wealthy and posh life and have Calvin wholly belong to her.

“Asking her to move out in such a manner, as if he was sending a beggar away. Calvin was too naive. He was seriously heartless!”

She bit her lips and thought hatefully.

The sky was gloomy in the morning. It seemed as if it was going to rain heavily that day.

“Madam Lilian was standing in front of the bedroom window, and her mood was as gloomy as the sky that was about to rain.”

“The night before, she had a nightmare, and Emily’s cries when she left A City decades ago filled her mind. On such a gloomy day, she held Emily for the last time and kissed her, reluctantly letting her go. Then, she carried a small suitcase, walked out of the house, and left A City.”

“At that time, her future was uncertain, and she did not dare to bring Emily along with her. After all, Flavian was Brooklyn’s son. If she were to be with him, then her future would be better than to follow her. For the sake of Emily’s happiness, she had to bear the pain of parting with her.”

“Decades had passed. Where was Emily? Was she doing well? As long as she thought about those things, then she would not be able to be at peace.”

Ma’am. Quina came in quietly and whispered.

“She could not see Madam Lilian’s face, but she could see that the side of her face was covered with a layer of gloomy mist. Whenever she was in such a situation, she would immerse herself in her daydreams and could not regain her senses easily. Quina knew that she was thinking about Emily. So, she could only call out to her softly.”

“At that time, Madam Lilian was quick to react, as she turned her head around.”

How’s it going? she asked briefly and simply.

“Ma’am, we’ve found that Belle’s biological mother, Kate Bennett, had lost her legs due to a sudden car accident. Her kidneys were also affected by the incident. She became depressed and soon suffered from uremia. With the help of her son-in-law, Calvin, she had a successful kidney operation, and she recovered very well after that. However, it is inconvenient for her to move around. Hence, she seldom goes out. Our people have not seen her even though they have been to the Francist Community several times, Quina immediately reported in detail.”

Madam Lilian’s heart began to clench slightly.

“A car accident, loss of her legs, and a kidney transplant. Somehow, these words were like poisonous needles stabbing into her heart, which made her heart ache.”

“This was just an instinct. She didn’t even meet her, but the intuition was so strong that she felt it rumbling into her heart, making it so painful that she could hardly breathe.”

“Tell me more. She ordered coldly, ““Tell me everything you’ve investigated in detail.”””

“Ma’am, Kate’s parents’ are mysterious, and we can’t find out what type of people they are. When the accident happened, Kate’s husband, Ethan Morris, died. No one could speak up for them. In any case, Ethan was a government official, and he was murdered, but nothing happened after the incident. The outside world couldn’t find a way to make sense of the matter. It proves that Kate did not have anyone else in her family. Quina analyzed carefully.”

“They couldn’t find out about Kate’s family members? This made Lilian’s eyes light up but turned dim again in no time. She had no one from her biological family, which meant that Kate really led an enigmatic life. She was framed, but no one came to help her. If Kate was really her daughter, then

Brooklyn was absolutely ruthless. He refused to acknowledge his own flesh and blood, and even ignored her suffering.”

“However, if Kate really was her daughter, then why did she change her name?”

“Kate Bennett, Kate Bennett. A sudden thought flashed through her mind after she muttered her name twice. Wasn’t her own surname Bennett as well? Could it be that she changed her name, so that they could have the same surname?”

“Such a thought only flashed through her mind, and a burst of joy welled up in her heart.”

This was very possible.

“Kate Bennett. This time, she secretly visited A City because she must get to the bottom of everything.”

“Ma’am, Sophia of Harvey Manor is now in a critical condition. Quina recalled that Madam Lilian had requested for her to inquire about Sophia’s state. Thus, she hastily told her the news she had heard.”

Sophia was now in a critical condition?

“Madam Lilian was shocked, and an undercurrent of emotions surged in her heart.”

“The past events from decades ago appeared in her mind once again. When she was still a celebrity, the Harvey family was already a wealthy family in A City. Once, on Old Master Harvey’ birthday, Madam Lilian went to the Harvey Group Manor to perform a play and formed an acquaintance with Sophia. From then on, they became close friends.”

“Vivan was very open-minded and did not judge people based on their status. Even though there was an age gap between them, she appreciated Lilian, and often invited her to be a guest at Harvey Manor. She listened to her singing, and they gossiped about the interesting stories of the world. Their relationship was harmonious, and their views were similar.”

“After Madam Lilian married Flavian, Flavian’s business collapsed drastically as a result of Brooklyn’s strict suppression. There was a period of time when they lived in poverty. During that period of time, it was Sophia who had helped them. Thus, she had always remembered Sophia.”

“Some time ago, when she returned to A City, she met Calvin and Belle. Due to her current status and the limited time she had, she did not intend to visit Sophia just then. However, now that she was back, she wanted to meet her. Nonetheless, her return to A City was kept a secret, as she was worried about the media. Before they found out where Emily was, she did not want to go and disturb Sophia. Nonetheless, Madam Lilian did not expect Vivan to be in a critical condition due to her old age. ”

Madam Lilian closed her eyes and sighed.

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“Ma’am, please take a seat first. Seeing that Madam Lilian’s face was slightly pale and she was feeling complicated emotions, Quina hurriedly helped her sit down on the sofa. ”

“After sitting down, she gave a brief order. ““Let’s investigate Kate’s background first. I want the details as soon as possible.”” Madam Lilian knew that she should pay a visit to Sophia, but this time, she came to A City in secret. So, she could only discreetly meet her.”

Alright. Quina immediately agreed.

“Also, please find an opportunity for me to meet Sophia, Madam Lilian muttered to herself with a heavy heart.”

“Alright, Ma’am. However, if you visit Harvey Manor right now, then won’t it alarm the media? Harvey Manor is now in the center of attention during this period of time. If you directly visit Harvey Manor, then it will reveal your whereabouts. So, you will have to go there secretly. Why don’t you contact Belle and request for her to arrange your visit without letting the public know about it? Quina reminded her in a soft voice.”

Madam Lilian shook her head.

She thought of something.

“Let’s talk about it later, she replied indifferently with her eyes closed.”

“The image of Belle’s bright eyes flashed across Madam Lilian’s mind, and she couldn’t help but to smile faintly. That young lady warmed to her in no time. Thus, she refused to believe that there was no connection between them. Nonetheless, Madam Lilian didn’t want Belle to know about what happened between her and Kate, and she also didn’t want Belle to know about Sophia’s and her past. She was waiting for the update on Kate.”

“Things were not confirmed yet, and she didn’t want to frighten her too soon.”

“After hearing that, Quina had to give up on that idea and started to figure out how she could let Madam Lilian meet with Sophia, without leaking any information, as she walked out carefully.”

Belle got up as the dawn broke.

“Rosa also came to visit Belle Tristany in the morning. Due to Sophia’s illness, Rosa’s mood was particularly heavy, and the expression on her face was not as lively as usual.”

“In her memory, Sophia was just like her own biological grandmother. Back then, she would spend two months in the garden every year, and she adored the kind-looking Sophia the most.”

“Yet, now that Sophia was in a critical condition, Rosa was indeed in a bad mood.”

“Belle, please just let me know if there’s anything I can do for you. I’m at your service any time, Rosa was wearing slippers and a set of pyjamas fashioned with white flowers. She looked adorable, but the look on her face was slightly sorrowful.”

“Belle had her hair tied in a ponytail that day, which made the initially dispirited Belle seem more energetic and refreshed.”

“Rosa, don’t be so chatty. You’re the daughter of a rich family. I dare not give you any orders. Belle tapped on her forehead and chuckled.”

“That’s enough. No matter how rich I am, I’m still working for Calvin. Last night, it was already very late, but he still woke me up and threatened me. Rosa stuck out her tongue and complained discontentedly.”

“Strange, why did he threaten you? Belle found it extremely odd. Why had Calvin gone mad?”

Why? Rosa curled her lips and teased her. “It’s obviously because of you.”

“Do you mind finishing your sentence? Rosa left her words hanging, and it made Belle curious.”

“Let me tell you. Calvin solemnly ordered that I, the Harvey Group’s vice president, will be transferred to your side as a secretary from today onwards. To put it nicely, I’m now a secretary. To put it bluntly, I’m your slave at your disposal. Rosa slumped on the couch, looking as if she had been bullied and spat out her grievances.”

Belle blinked and couldn’t say anything.

“It seemed that Calvin was worried that she would be tired, due to the enormous workload as the head of the household. Hence, he arranged for Rosa to be by her side.”

“Thinking of this, she pursed her lips and smiled.”

“You’re so obedient. He wants you to come. So, you’re here. I really didn’t expect you to be so submissive. Belle playfully mocked her.”

“What can I do? Who can I blame for having a hard life? After all, he’s my boss now. Besides, your husband is a traditional and controlling leader who says one and means just that. How could I dare not to listen to him? Otherwise, I’ll have no chance of earning some extra cash. With a bitter expression, Rosa looked at her beautiful nails, that were immaculately manicured and whined in dissatisfaction.”

“What are you both talking about? Are you speaking ill of me behind my back? Before Rosa could finish her words, Calvin came in. His heart ached for Belle. Since she was pregnant, he was afraid that her body couldn’t take it, as she had to manage the household and was even frightened by Liya the night before, which made him even more worried.”

Rosa sprung to her feet as soon as she saw Calvin enter.

“She wasn’t sitting in a lady-like manner at all when she was on the couch earlier. If Calvin were to see that, then he would probably reprimand her. A smile was immediately plastered across her face.

““Calvin, you’re my immediate superior. How could I dare to speak ill of you? I can’t even wait to please you. Besides, you didn’t marry that sl*t, Liya. I’ve already admired you a lot, alright?”””

“What a glib tongue. I want to see which man dares to marry you in the future. Calvin was well aware of Rosa’s characteristics, as he just smiled and ridiculed her.”

Rosa’s face changed drastically as she was irritated. “There’s no good man in this world. All of you are cheating scumbags. I don’t care about any of you.”

“After that, she went out resentfully.”

“Why must you expose her weaknesses? She’s still a little girl. After Rosa left, Belle blamed Calvin. ““She turned out this way because of Martin from your Harvey family.”””

“What do you mean by ‘your Harvey family’? Aren’t you a member of the Harvey family? Calvin was unhappy to hear this. He carried her from behind and sat down on the couch. “”Honey, are you feeling well now? Do you feel like throwing up? Your morning sickness was pretty bad before this.”””

He rubbed her belly with his big hands and asked dotingly.

“Belle’s face reddened. “”No, it’s much better this time compared to when I was pregnant with Jerry. My morning sickness is not that bad as well.”””

“When she thought of her previous pregnancy, the light in her eyes dimmed.”

“It seems like we’re having a girl. Calvin hugged her tightly and smiled. “”Don’t worry. I’ve already invited the best maternal and child healthcare team in A City over. They will follow you at all times and carry out examinations for you. You don’t have to go to the hospital regularly in the future, as that will be too tiresome. They will check on you at all times and give you maternity and healthcare lessons. If Grandma passes away during this period of time, then there will be a lot of things to be sorted out. Rosa can settle them. Don’t overthink. Just tend to Jerry, laugh more, eat more, play more, and make sure you’re feeling good.”””

“Calvin affectionately reminded her, in a caring and gentle way.”

“Belle listened and screamed internally. This guy was really exaggerating, as he even went to the extent of arranging a team of experts to follow her at all times. Wasn’t it just a pregnancy? It was much more difficult the last time, but she still went through it safely!”

“Calvin saw through her thoughts. The guilt from the previous pregnancy was still haunting him. This time, he must perform well and ensure that his wife was the happiest pregnant lady in the whole world.”

“Belle, I’m sorry. When you gave birth to Jerry, I couldn’t stay by your side. This time, I will try my best to make you happy. I will be by your side throughout the whole labour. I know how hard it is for you as a mother. I will give my very best to you and my children. Calvin held her in an extremely affectionate and mellow manner.”

“Such words would make any woman’s heart feel sweet and warm. Belle’s mood immediately lightened, and she even forgot that she had met Liya the night before.”

The two of them sat in the bedroom and enjoyed each other’s embrace for a long time. It was not until the servants outside called them for breakfast did they walk out hand in hand.

“Belle, come and eat this. This is the stewed food I specially made for you. As soon as Paige saw Belle in the dining room, she walked up to her with a smile on her face. She seated Belle at the table and served the stewed dishes in front of her one by one.”

“Calvin laughed at the scene. Then, he sat beside Belle.”

Belle was stunned.

“Whenever they met, Paige would be smiling from ear to ear. Paige’s love for her was evident on her face, and she didn’t want Belle to do anything.”

“Belle knew that Calvin had opened his big mouth, and told Paige and Hudson the news of her pregnancy. Although she felt smitten, she couldn’t help but to want to beat him up when she thought of the smug look on Calvin’s face.”

“It has only been more than a month, but he was in a hurry to show it off everywhere. She didn’t want to tell the others, at such an Tristany stage, but she didn’t know why she wanted to keep it that way. Anyway, she just felt that it was not the right time to let everyone know about it. There was no reason, and it was just an instinct. Nonetheless, Calvin had already announced it, and it made her feel uneasy.”

“Of course, she understood why he did that. Sophia was seriously ill, and there were a lot of troublesome matters to handle. He was afraid that she would overwork herself. Hence, everyone would take more care of her if they knew about it.”

“The entire family gathered at the Ink Garden for breakfast. Belle was the only one with multiple dishes of various sizes served to her. With Paige and Calvin by her side, she was forced to eat all the food. They were really spoiling her, which would definitely make any onlookers feel a wave of jealousy in their hearts. This was especially so for Evan’s second wife, as her heart was instantly filled with envy when she saw this scene.”

“Belle was forced to eat a lot of food by Paige, whereas Calvin even spoonfed her. Belle felt as if she was like a doll enveloped by Paige’s and Calvin’s love. That gave her the feeling of being doted on by her parents when she was a child, and it made her feel overjoyed.”

“Due to Hudson and Evan’s presence, they ate in silence during breakfast.”

“Belle had a good appetite. She ate quite a bit of food, and Calvin was delighted.”

“Just as they were eating quietly, someone suddenly lifted their head.”

“As they felt that something was off, Calvin and Belle raised their heads as well.”

“With just a glance, the expression of the couple immediately changed.”

“With a smile on his face, Sergio was dressed in an official’s uniform, and he appeared in front of everyone gracefully.”

“Greetings, Uncle Hudson and Aunt Paige. I see that you’re all having breakfast, and I just happened to make it in time. Sergio sat in the guests’ seat, picking up his fork and spoon.”

“Everyone looked at each other. Then, they all began to fake a smile.”

Calvin clenched his fists tightly.

“He vaguely pursed his lower lip, and the corner of his mouth slightly curled up. There was a hint of coldness in his smile.”

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Belle’s heart sank. It seemed that Sergio wouldn’t leave Harvey Manor alone if they didn’t clear the Harvey Group of their false accusation.

“Sergio was calm and composed, looking at her with a smile in his amber-colored eyes.”

“She hurriedly lowered her head, picked up her utensils, and reached over to a plate of freshly pickled vegetables, gently picking up a piece of pickled green bean. Perhaps it was because of her panic that her hands trembled slightly. Belle put it into her mouth and tasted it carefully. She could noticeably feel that Calvin’s muscles were tensed.”

“As she chewed the pickled green bean in her mouth, she stretched out her fingers and grabbed Calvin’s large hand.”

“She much preferred the pickled green bean over the stewed soup. After chewing it several times and swallowing it into her stomach, she looked up at Calvin’s frosty face and smiled. ““Calvin, I’m full. Let’s go and see Grandma.”””

“Calvin tried his best to suppress his boiling rage. After Belle’s words pulled him back to reality, he nodded and said, ““Dad, Mom, Uncle, Aunt, enjoy your meal. I’ll head out with Belle first.”””

Hudson’s gaze was solemn as he nodded his head.

“Upon getting their permission, Calvin and Belle left.”

“Calvin, when will the accusation against the Harvey Group be dismissed? Belle asked worriedly. It was obvious that Sergio came over at this time for the charges against the Harvey Group.”

“Belle, don’t worry. I will handle everything. You have to believe in me. Calvin was worried that Belle would be anxious. After all, she was pregnant. Hence, he immediately comforted her.”

“Calvin, promise me that no matter what happens in the future, please don’t keep it from me. Let’s face it together, alright? Belle’s eyes sparkled, and she requested emotionally.”

“Alright, honey. When Calvin noticed tears welling up in her eyes, his heart palpitated. He held her in his arms and agreed to her request. ““Don’t worry. In the future, no matter what happens, I will tell you about it. I will also discuss it with you.”””

“He would never allow anyone to use her against him in the future. Thus, there was no need for him to hide anything from her.”

“Then, don’t lie to me anymore. Belle, pouted while her soft and tender fingers glided across his rose-colored lips.”

“Of course, I won’t. Calvin chuckled.”

“That day, Sergio did not come over for the charges against the Harvey Group. In fact, Calvin knew very well that everything he did was for Yadriel’s election.”

“Otherwise, with such a severe charge against the Harvey Group, Sergio would’ve taken advantage of the time when Zoella was framing them and destroyed them, according to his personality!”

“Calvin would never believe that Sergio was worried about Belle getting hurt. So, he eased the time limit in investigating the Harvey Group when Zoella had planted all the accusations on her.”

“He was just looking for an excuse to stay in the Harvey Group and control them, so that they would not affect Yadriel’s election.”

“He understood very well that if the Harvey Group were to do their best to support Luqman, Yadril would have to spend a huge sum of money if he wanted to win. Not only would that be more difficult, but he might also fail.”

“If Sergio could grasp his weakness, then Calvin could also make a fool out of him and Yadril.”

White clouds were floating in the sky outside the cabin.

Calvin secretly boarded a flight to Capital City with Luca.

There was a slight restlessness flowing through the air.

“Calvin, who had always liked to take control of everything, was also quite irritated at that moment. He had driven Zoella’s company out of A City, but Yaris was still on the loose.”

“Calvin couldn’t be sure when Yaris would return to A City’s government hospital, and he wasn’t sure when Yaris’ mother would die.”

“Right then, time was ticking. He couldn’t wait any longer. So, he had to take action quickly, viciously, and in an accurate manner.”

“Although Sophia might lose her battle at any time, he couldn’t fulfil his filial duty and stay by her side.”

“The situation was urgent. He believed that if Sophia were awake, then she would support his actions.”

“Mr. Harvey, the address is at a restaurant outside the gate of Capital City. It is set at 3 o’clock in the afternoon. After we arrive at the hotel, we can also have a meal and a good sleep. As soon as they got off the plane, Luca gave a brief description of their schedule.”

“We can’t let anyone know about the arrangement, especially Yadril’s people, Calvin ordered in a low voice.”

“Don’t worry, Luqman is a smart politician. Even without my advice, he has already done careful planning. Luca nodded to reassure him.”

“Calvin nodded, and the two of them didn’t say anything more. They hailed a taxi and rushed straight to the hotel.”

“In Capital City, the sandstorm was rather strong, and the weather was gloomy.”

“When Calvin woke up from his sleep, he washed up at leisure and tidied up his suit, putting on a tie.”

“When he entered the designated VIP room upstairs, Luqman was already sitting on the luxurious leather couch, awaiting him.”

“In front of the couch was an exquisite tea set. Luqman was wearing a casual outfit as he prepared the tea. His behaviour was calm, and his actions were elegant, as if he had predicted that Calvin would come looking for him. He sat confidently, waiting for him with a faint smile on his face.”

“Dressed in a suit and leather shoes, Calvin walked in with an imposing manner.”

“Until now, he had no choice but to join forces with Luqman to defeat Sergio. A man should be flexible and understand when to give and take. After all, he was more experienced now, and he wasn’t as arrogant as before.”

Yadriel had left him no choice. He was getting ahead of himself and wanted to take advantage of the situation. How could Calvin be controlled by him!

“As soon as he stepped into the room, Luqman stood up, stretched out his hand, and greeted with a hearty laugh. ““Mr. Harvey, welcome.”””

“Calvin smiled faintly and extended his hand as well. ““Mr. Wood, thank you.”””

“Please, take a seat and have some tea. Luqman gripped Calvin’s hand tightly with his fleshy hands and added gently. He was practically pulling Calvin’s hand as he sat down on the couch across from him.”

“The tea on the table had been brewed. As soon as Calvin sat down, Luqman began pouring tea for him in a solicitous manner.”

“The tea gave off a sweet and fragrant aroma, just like wine, and its steam carried the aroma, drifting into their noses.”

Calvin finally understood what it felt like to partner with someone to gain benefits.

“Come, have some tea. Luqman personally picked up a round teacup and handed it to Calvin. Calvin had no choice but to stand up and take it over, uttering, ““Thank you, Mr. Wood.”””

“Luqman was attentive and well-prepared. He spoke and acted considerately, showing his sincerity and patience.”

“Under his sword-like brows, Calvin’s deep gaze showed sudden ripples of emotions, but it didn’t leave any traces behind.”

He had never liked dealing with politicians.

“In such a complex surrounding, they had already cultivated a set of professional and official communication modes. Some of them were scheming and dishonest. In their eyes, they only wanted to climb up the political ladder, and benefits were sometimes insignificant towards them.”

Albie Williamson Matthews was such a man.

“Therefore, when Calvin had helped out Albie Williamson, as the director of the Public Security Department, he had deliberately distanced himself from him.”

“Calvin was a businessman and mainly focused on commerce. There were thousands of people that relied on him in his company. He was not in the mood to speculate the habits and intentions of politicians. If it was not financially profitable, then he would consider it unworthy. That was the nature of a businessman.”

“Luqman had predicted that Calvin would come over that day. He had once mentioned that he was already involved in the matter, and he wouldn’t be able to remove himself from it.”

“Calvin was now forced to take this route. However, the real reason he was determined to meet Luqman was that Yadriel and Sergio had gone too far. If such a person became the governor of Capital City, it would be disastrous for the people, including his own company.”

That was why he had to make this choice.

“When he drank the fragrant tea, he noticed that the taste was slightly bitter. However, when it slowly slid down his throat, the fragrant aftertaste and sweetness made him feel enlightened all of a sudden, and he gradually enjoyed himself.”

“Many described life as wine but most of the time, life was also like tea.”

“After experiencing so much, Calvin finally felt wiser. He was no longer the easily provoked young man he used to be back then, and his heart had been sharpened to be resilient.”

“As Hudson was already old, Calvin could no longer let him worry about the family affairs.”

He wanted to pave his own path slowly and to captain the Harvey Group through the storm.

“Mr. Wood, the election is imminent. It’s rare for you to be in such a good mood. Calvin drank the tea and placed the teacup gently on the table, smiling faintly.”

“Ah, I’m just keeping myself optimistic. Obviously, I have no hope. Thus, I can only drink tea and have a casual chat with you. Nonetheless, I’m glad to see you, Mr. Harvey. Luqman had a self-deprecating smile on his face. His tone was humble, but his face was glowing with confidence.”

“Calvin grinned. ““Mr. Wood, to be able to sit in such a relaxed way and drink tea with me, this is not something an ordinary person can do. It seems that you are certain about it.”””

“Upon hearing this, Luqman replied straightforwardly, ““Mr. Harvey, I’m well aware of who you are. So, I won’t beat around the bush. How about this? Let’s be upfront and not resort to insinuations. Since you’ve come to find me this time, I assume you already have a proper plan?”””

“Luqman cut to the chase, and there was a friendly smile on his face.”

“However, Calvin let out a soft laughter. He was not in a hurry to reply. Instead, he asked slowly, ““Mr. Wood, what do you mean by this?”””

“Luqman lifted his gaze. The handsome young man in front of him, Mr. Harvey, had an admirable background and appeared neither humble nor conceited. He kept to himself and did not reveal a shred of timidity. He was composed, and his manner was formidable. Luqman couldn’t help but to offer praise. ““Mr. Harvey, according to what I know, Yadriel is preparing to attack the Harvey Group. Yet, you’re able to remain calm. I think you must be well-prepared.”””

“Calvin’s expression remained unchanged as he chuckled. ““Mr. Wood, you’re flattering me. However, our Harvey Group is upright and abides by all the rules. Naturally, we’re not afraid of him investigating this matter. Isn’t it just a woman framing us? Can she really ruin my company? To tell you the truth, the reason I’m here today really isn’t about the matters of our own company. It’s only a matter of time before I clear off the accusation of the Harvey Group. Nonetheless, I just happen to have my own reasons for visiting you at this time.”””

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“Luqman was all ears as he nodded from time to time. This young man was not a show-off, and he had a watertight strategy. It was clear that Yadriel had threatened Calvin’s company, and he wanted to put him to death, but Calvin was not in a hurry. Even if he came to find Luqman and wished to join forces to solve the problem, then he would not expose his pain. Instead, Calvin spoke with him with confidence, and he even took the lead.”

“However, Luqman appreciated a man like him and didn’t mind it at all.”

He also knew what he was thinking.

“Calvin willingly took the initiative to meet Luqman, which meant that he was controlled by the others. He would not exaggerate his own difficulties. That could also be considered human nature.”

“In fact, Luqman also understood that compared to Calvin, he was indeed more anxious than him. His own situation was absolutely pressing.”

“Unauthorized disclosure of classified information wasn’t considered a huge crime. As long as Calvin caught Yaris, the matter would be resolved sooner or later. Moreover, Yaris would not be able to escape from him. He was well aware of that.”

“Nonetheless, for Calvin, his plan was far-reaching.”

“Even if this matter was over, Yadriel and Sergio being Calvin’s enemies were already known to the public. In that case, what mattered most was Calvin’s future path. People like Yadriel did not deserve to be officials. That was what he was worried about, and it urged him to rush over and join forces with Luqman. In fact, it was even out of desperation.”

“However, coming to Luqman did not mean that he would beg for his cooperation. After all, Calvin had never asked for help in his life.”

Luqman was nothing compared to Yadriel in terms of both power and prestige.

“He, Luqman, knew this very well.”

“Therefore, it was fine for Calvin to work with him together, but Calvin would definitely appear as a benefactor. In the future, Luqman would owe him. That was what Calvin wanted to achieve all along.”

He was just a businessman.

“Thus, the benefits must be evident.”

“Right then, Luqman smiled and admitted to it.”

“Mr. Harvey, to be honest, if I am to be compared with Yadriel now, I do not have any advantage. In fact, I have long wanted to give up. If I am to compete with others, then I don’t have to rack my brains. Nonetheless, Yadriel is a man of sinister thoughts. I believe you understand just what type of person he is and what he has done before. If he wins, he’ll suppress me once he steps onto the stage and not let go of the Harvey Group as well. Moreover, his attitude will neither benefit the country nor the people. If he was elected, then it would be intolerable.”

Luqman's face flushed red. He was so agitated that his fingers were trembling.

"Calvin slowly crossed his long leg over the other and leaned back against the couch, tapping the back of the couch lightly with his pale fingers. ""Mr. Wood, I'm a humble man, and my words are of little importance. I'm afraid that I won't be able to let you get what you want.""

"No, it's totally possible. Luqman corrected him immediately."

Calvin was stunned for a moment as his eyes glistened with doubt. What made him so confident? It was as if he had planned it out.

His highly arched brows were slightly knotted.

"Mr. Harvey, I won't win if I compete for the vote counts with him. The astute and scheming Yadriel has already made careful arrangements, and I don't intend to be a governor. At this moment, as long as he is found guilty, everything can be resolved. Luqman lowered his voice and then whispered in an extremely mysterious manner, ""Someone has already gotten a lot of his evidence.""

Who is it? Calvin asked in surprise.

"Luqman narrowed his eyes and squinted. ""Mr. Harvey, do you really not know?""

Calvin was taken aback again. "I really don't."

"Luqman's eyes relaxed. It seemed that Calvin was really unaware of it. He answered thoughtfully, ""Mr. Harvey, the person who knows this secret is someone from Harvey Manor. It's hard for me to believe you when you claim that you don't know about it.""

Calvin finally understood why Luqman wanted to cooperate with him. It turned out that he had already known the inside story and knew that the Harvey family had something he needed.

"Nonetheless, who could have the ability to get hold of Yadriel's weakness in Harvey Manor?"

"Moreover, he didn't even know about it."

It puzzled him.

Is it Uncle Evan? He thought for a moment and questioned eventually.

"After Luqman confirmed that Calvin was indeed clueless about it, he could not help but to lament the profoundness of rich and powerful families. He also understood that there were great masters in prestigious families. So, he inwardly sighed."

"Otis Wallace, do you know him? Luqman stopped keeping him in suspense and responded directly."

Otis Wallace? Calvin was shocked. It was rumored that Blake and Otis were Sophia's subordinates. Did she already know about this? Was that why she had sent Otis to the war-torn country for an investigation?

A look of surprise and bewilderment appeared in his eyes.

"Otis has been in the war-torn country for more than a year. He is currently in disguise over there, and he managed to obtain multiple pieces of Yadriel's evidence. Luqman added very seriously, ""Yadriel

found out about this, and he is sending people everywhere to look for Otis. He wants to catch him alive. Therefore, Otis is in a dangerous situation now.””””

Calvin was stunned. It took him quite a while to recover from his shock.

“Therefore, Mr. Harvey, it is not practical to talk about buying votes now. Even if people from the Harvey Group and those you managed to persuade vote for me, at most, I will only be tied with him. That will waste too much time and effort. If we reveal Yadriel’s crime and let the people see his evil deeds, then they will definitely realize what type of a person he truly is. Luqman was full of righteousness as he spoke eloquently.”

That was in line with Calvin’s expectations.

He also came here that day with that plan in mind.

He nodded as if he was deep in thought.

Do you have any plans?

“Luqman smiled and nodded. He moved closer towards Calvin, and the two began to talk in detail.”

In the Ink Garden.

“Sophia’s heart attack relapsed, and she passed out once again. Fortunately, the people around her noticed it in time. After taking the special medicine, she was saved. Nevertheless, everyone understood that the chances of her surviving another heart attack were slim.”

“Belle was sitting in the office and signing all kinds of documents. If Sophia passed away, Harvey Manor would definitely hold a funeral ceremony. After all, they were an affluent and powerful family, and Sophia was a legendary person, just like a heroine. Belle would be unimaginably busy at that time. So, she had already done all kinds of preparations in advance.”

“Hudson and Evan would be doing the planning of the layout. As such, she did not have to worry much about that. The most important tasks were the purchasing, favors, bills, and all sorts of other details. However, thanks to Paige’s guidance and Rosa’s great help, she was not too tired.”

“The team of maternal and child care experts checked her up almost every day. The kitchen staff provided her with all kinds of supplements and food. As long as she could eat or wished to eat, someone would immediately send them to her.”

“Hudson and his whole family were extremely attentive towards Belle’s needs during her current pregnancy. No matter what kind of demand she had, they would always fulfill it.”

“This was especially so for Calvin, who had almost treated her like a porcelain doll, as he carefully took care of her.”

“In fact, Belle felt exceptionally blessed.”

“She was considering moving Kate to Harvey Manor. After all, Kate was going to attend the funeral after Sophia’s death.”

“In the evening, after having dinner, Larry accompanied her for a walk in the Ink Garden’s lawn, only to see Maud rushing towards them in a hurry.”

“Madam, Liya has been staying in the Crystal Cove Garden for two days already. That day, Mr. Harvey ordered me to ask her to move out. However, she continued staying in the Crystal Cove Garden and refused to leave. She even mentioned that she had something to tell Mr. Harvey and was unwilling to move out. She’s really a headache. Maud came over and complained bitterly.”

“Only then did Belle remember Liya. That night, she had appeared in the Ink Garden and had threatened to have Calvin register with her. Belle had not seen her for the past few days and thought that it was just her imagination. However, after hearing what Maud had said, it seemed that she was really there that night.”

“You mean Liya is still staying in the Crystal Cove Garden, right? She frowned and looked a little pale.”

“Yes, Mr. Harvey has already ordered me to drive Liya away. I did so, but she refused to leave and insisted on meeting Mr. Harvey first, Maud explained with a bitter expression, and he felt extremely uneasy.”

Belle’s heart sank. It seemed that Liya would not stop pestering Calvin until she got what she wanted.

“Madam, that woman came to me just now and asked me to arrange a bed for her in the Ink Garden. She said that she will stay at the Ink Garden to perform the filial duty for Old Madam. According to Calvin’s instructions, Maud could just drive Liya away, and there was no need for him to inform Belle. She was pregnant, and he was afraid that it would affect her mood. Nevertheless, when Liya ordered him to arrange a room for her in the Ink Garden under the pretence of watching over Sophia with the identity of Mrs. Harvey, he did not dare to make the decision, as it was a big matter. So, he had to come over and politely request for guidance.”

“Upon hearing this, Belle was frightened and thought of the scene when she had just come back from the Seaside Resort and met her that night.”

“Her heart began to sink bit by bit. This woman was already entangled with Calvin, and Belle was afraid that she wouldn’t leave that easily.”

She dialed Calvin’s number.

“Belle, do you miss me? Calvin’s magnetic and charming voice came from the other side of the line.”

“Calvin. Upon hearing his voice, Belle’s heart was filled with a slight sorrow, and she was choked with sobs.”

“Belle, what’s wrong? After coming out of Luqman’s private room, Calvin rushed to several social dinners and talked about the acquisition of several brands. His purpose for visiting Capital City was not only to meet with Luqman but to pull the wool over people’s eyes. After all, he did not want the trip to be in vain.”

“Sophia was on her deathbed. So, he had to put in extra effort in dealing with Otis’s incident, as well as Yatriel’s and Sergio’s schemes.”

“Calvin was holding a glass of wine and was about to take a sip when he noticed the phone on the table ringing. He picked it up and heard the faint sound of Belle crying. His heart tightened, and he comforted her in a warm and gentle voice. “”Belle, I will be back soon. I am almost done with the errands here.”””

“Belle clutched her phone and felt sad, but she didn’t know where to start.”

Would he be able to get rid of Liya once he was back?

“If Liya was a man, Calvin could ask someone to drive her away directly. However, she was a woman. If Calvin were to chase her out of the house, he would be criticized by others. What was more, Calvin might not bear to do it. Moreover, Belle personally promised to register Liya’s marriage with Calvin. How could she be at ease?”

“Belle, are you feeling unwell? If you feel any discomfort, hurry up and find the expert team. You must take care of your health. Calvin’s expression was tense. “”I’ll be home soon. Don’t tire yourself out.”””

“Alright. Belle didn’t know how she should talk about it over the phone. So, she answered blankly and hung up the phone.”

“Mr. Harvey will handle this matter when he returns. She gave a simple order, and Maud had no choice but to leave.”

“This woman is really shameless. I don’t know how she got herself involved with Mr. Harvey. Hearing this, Larry was outraged and directly cursed her.”

Belle smiled bitterly in her heart. Who could she blame? Belle was the one who wanted to set up an online workshop. She was the one who hired her. Now she had no choice but to swallow these painful consequences.

Chapter 567

“Meanwhile, in a five-star hotel.”

Quina hurried in.

“Ma’am, today we finally saw Kate visiting the general hospital for a full body check-up. Our people took the opportunity to follow her to get her test samples. Unexpectedly, people were tailing her the whole time. However, before our people even came out, her test samples were purposely destroyed. Kate has always stayed at home and seldom went out. If the samples were to be destroyed, then I’m afraid it will be difficult to get more in the next few days. The moment Quina came in, she reported in a hurry. When Madam Lilian heard this, she was shocked and hurriedly asked, “”Who destroyed the samples?”””

“Quina shook his head blankly and admitted, “”Ma’am, things are getting weirder now. According to common sense, Kate is just an ordinary person. There shouldn’t be any security around her. Yet, these two men have been secretly following her all the time. They are very vigilant, as if they are afraid that we will get close to her.”””

There was a twinkle flickering in Madam Lilian’s eyes.

“Can it be that her son-in-law, Calvin, had sent someone to protect her? Madam Lilian asked in a low voice.”

“Ma’am, this should not be the case. According to our observation in the past few days, those two people usually operate in the Francist Community, and their actions and behaviors don’t seem to be protecting her. Instead, they are very watchful. They seem to be trying to stop someone from getting close to Kate. After the incident at the hospital today, I came to an understanding. It seems that the news of you searching for your daughter in A City had been leaked, and some people were alarmed. Or, it can be that someone found out that you secretly wanted to get close to Kate to confirm your relationship. After that, they sent people over to stop you from getting close to Kate. If Kate really is your daughter, then that person doesn’t want both of you to reconcile. Quina analyzed all her doubts and views.”

“Madam Lilian was furious. She looked flustered and roared, ““Are you saying that someone is trying to stop me from reconciling with Kate?”””

“Ma’am, such a speculation is possible, Quina replied with certainty, not concealing anything.”

I’m looking for Kate. I’m looking for my daughter. How is this interfering with other people’s matters? This is outrageous. Madam Lilian was agitated as she threw the newspaper onto the coffee table.

“Quina’s face was solemn, and she abruptly reminded her.”

“Ma’am, if someone is secretly obstructing your efforts to approach Kate, then it means that Kate’s situation is indeed extraordinary. Maybe she really is your daughter. If so, it will be easier for us as we have a clear goal.”

“Madam Lilian composed herself and snorted. ““I’ve always trusted my instincts. I am sure that Kate and I are related. Since someone doesn’t want me to get close to her, I have to find ways to stop it. Well, I’m going to visit her today and see what they can do. As I’m already in A City, I won’t go back so easily before solving the issue. I’d like to see who dares to stop me from identifying with my own family. Well, arrange a time for me. I’m going to visit her personally.”””

“Her voice was cold and strict, and there was unrestrained anger on her face.”

That was really lawless. Was it illegal for her to visit A City to look for her family? Did she offend anyone in the process of doing so?

That was so ridiculous!

“She had been in the political arena for a lifetime, but someone dared to go against her. It seemed that A City really had some aggression.”

“When she thought of Kate’s current situation, her heart sank further. She felt even more uneasy and guilty. If Kate was really her daughter, then she was too late!”

The sky was gloomy and dark clouds were floating in the sky. Lightning and thunder rumbled in the distant sky.

“Liya sat in the Crystal Cove Garden, with her eyes fixed on a place.”

“During the wedding, one of the two pieces of jewelry Hudson and Calvin had given her had been taken away by Fadison, and she had pawned the other for money to pay for Reid’s funeral. After returning Zoella’s five million dollars, she didn’t have much left.”

“She did not intend to let this woman, Zoella, go. However, she was not the most important person to deal with now.”

Liya slowly took out her cell phone and looked at a phone number on it.

Oscar had come to threaten her again.

“Her eyes were bloodshot, and her lips were tinged with bruises.”

“As long as Zoella released the tape, Liya wouldn’t have the chance to stay in Harvey Manor anymore. She would either have to act now or suffer later.”

She slowly stood up and walked out.

“Belle, why is that woman, Liya, still here? In the office, Rosa entered in a hurry, with anger all over her face.”

“What’s wrong? After a quiver in her heart, Belle asked anxiously.”

“Belle, I really don’t understand. Calvin had already declared that the wedding had been staged, and he neither loved her nor registered their marriage. It has been a few days. Why don’t you drive her away? Rosa heaved a heavy sigh and blamed her.”

“Belle felt uncomfortable, but she didn’t know what to say. She had promised Reid in person. Hence, she didn’t have the courage to drive the woman who came to steal Calvin away.”

“Go and take a look. She is now sitting on the railing of Ink Garden’s penthouse, making threats that if Calvin doesn’t fulfil his promise and register their marriage, then she will jump off the building and spill her blood on the grounds of Harvey Manor. Rosa was too muddled, and her face flushed red. ““I’ve never seen such a shameless woman in my life. It’s disgusting.”””

Ah. Belle stood up in shock and ran outside.

“Belle, don’t get worked up by it. Be mindful of your body. Seeing Belle’s pale face and unstable steps, Rosa shouted anxiously behind her.”

“Ink Garden was an old-fashioned villa. It was not very tall, and had only two floors. However, the penthouse was three stories high. The roof was also taller as they wanted a higher ceiling to ensure that their house was spacious and comfortable.”

“Liya sat on the stainless steel railing that was installed on the top floor. Her frail body swayed about in the wind, as if she would fall at any time.”

Many workers gathered on the Ink Garden’s lawn. Everyone from the Harvey family who was resting in the guest rooms also came out.

“Quick, the security guards should go up and pull her down. When Hudson came out and saw the scene, his head hurt. He quickly ordered the security guards who were standing by the side.”

“No, don’t come over. If you come over, then I’ll jump down immediately. Liya’s body swayed, and she looked like a ghost. Staring at the crowd with her red eyes, she shouted, ““The Harvey family doesn’t keep their promises and bully the weak. I have no choice but to fight with my life.”””

“After saying that, she burst out laughing.”

Belle heard her sinister and horrible laughter and felt a sudden wave of sadness in her heart.

“Liya was a well-educated girl, and she was young and beautiful. Why did she have to take this path?”

“Liya, hurry down. You’re breaking the law by threatening us. You’re so young, and you’ve even graduated from university. How can you not understand what is right and wrong? Hudson yelled in a deep voice.”

“Liya laughed hysterically. ““The Harvey family is neither virtuous nor honest. You planned a trap to frame my uncle and kill him. You’ve promised to register my marriage with Calvin, yet you went back on their word after you’ve obtained what I have. You’re mean and shameless. Let me tell all of you that I won’t give up so easily.”””

“After she said that, she smiled miserably in the wind.”

“At this moment, Evan already knew everything. Confronted with Liya’s behavior, he could not help but be angry, and he shouted, ““Liya, the matter between your mother and me has long been over. Our family has done our utmost to help you. Reid kidnapped me without any reason, which was already an unforgivable crime. You’re well-educated, and you know the law, yet you’re breaking it. You can’t be forgiven. If you remain here and don’t leave today, then I will ask someone to drive you away directly.”””

“Shut up! You don’t have the right to scold me. Upon hearing Evan’s voice, Liya became even more enraged. ““You’ve impregnated my mother, yet you’ve abandoned her. After the child in my mother’s womb was killed by the Harvey family’s members, you cruelly drove her away and made us homeless. In the end, she died outside. I will get even with you.”””

“Maud, hurry up and call the police. Let the police save her. Belle quickly regained her senses after the shock and panic, and she immediately gave instructions to Maud.”

“Liya threatened the Harvey family with her death. No matter what the consequences would be, letting the police handle it was the most appropriate thing to do. In a moment of desperation, she ordered Maud to call the police.”

Maud instantly called the police.

“Belle, you b*tch, you promised me that day that you’ll ask Calvin to register with me three days after, but it turned out to be a scam. Even if I were a ghost, I wouldn’t forgive you. Seeing how the Harvey family cared for and even highly respected Belle, Liya felt a deep hatred and resentment in her heart. She immediately pointed at Belle and scolded her.”

Belle stood below and her mind was in a mess.

“It’s such a stroke of bad luck to have such a woman pestering our family. It’s better to let her die since she wants to die so badly. She climbed up on her own to seek her own death. It’s none of our business, Sophia’s eldest daughter, Winifred Harvey, said disdainfully.”

“These days, there have been all kinds of people. As long as it concerned money, they would do anything, including giving someone threats of suicide. She hated such people the most.”

The police car's sirens sounded from the outside. Harvey Manor was too large. The sound of the sirens was not very clear from the inside. The crowd only began to quieten down when some electric vehicles arrived with a few policemen in them.

"After the police saw the situation, they began to do some proper planning. After all, someone's life was on the line, and they couldn't just stand by and watch her die."

"Tell Calvin to come out and take me to England to register our marriage today. That way, I'll be obedient. Otherwise, I'll jump down from here and die in Harvey Manor. Liya realized that more and more people were coming, and her expression turned even more agitated."

"The police quickly arranged thick, spongy mattresses on the ground. Then, they took the microphone and kept shouting at Liya to coax her from ending her life. Such a scene was really unbearable."

Hudson's heart was filled with sorrow.

"Such a terrible situation had never happened in the usually solemn Ink Garden. Yet, such a despicable scene had happened right then when Vivan was about to die. It really made him feel ashamed towards his ancestors."

"At the entrance of the Ink Garden, Calvin was carrying a briefcase. His footsteps were steady as he walked in. He could hear the commotion coming from inside even when he was a distance away. He was shocked and quickly strode in."

"When he saw the following scene, he couldn't believe his own eyes. He didn't expect Liya not to leave. Instead, she was there threatening him with her life. It was the first time he had seen such a disgraceful woman."

The rage in his heart exploded.

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“Belle was surrounded by Calvin’s deep love. Hudson and Paige also favored her. Right now, she was practically doted on by everyone, and she was also the head of the household of Harvey Manor. In the Harvey family, her current status was the most precious and popular. All the servants in Harvey Manor had to follow her instructions before carrying out a task. This was what it meant to be spoiled rotten.”

“With Calvin’s care and love, Belle’s complexion was getting better day by day. Although she was pregnant, her pale face looked livelier. Even in the face of Sophia’s illness, Calvin ingeniously got rid of all that negative emotion, even though her heart was uncomfortable.”

“At this moment, Calvin only smiled with satisfaction when he watched her lying quietly on the bed. He walked out with peace of mind.”

“On the rooftop behind the Ink Garden, Calvin quietly walked up from the side.”

“The police officers below were working hard to coax Liya. When Calvin’s figure appeared on the rooftop, he made a gesture to them. The police understood Calvin’s intention and maintained their composure as they tried to comfort her to attract her attention.”

“If Calvin agrees to bring me to the marriage registration, then I will come down. Otherwise, I won’t budge, no matter what you say, and I will even jump to my death, Liya screamed at the top of her lungs.”

Calvin’s charming eyes were filled with a layer of coldness.

How dare this woman threaten him with such a method? She was thinking too highly of herself!

Did she think that she still had a hold on his weakness?

“He swiftly closed in, and with sudden lightning speed, he reached out from behind to grab the woman’s weak arm. With a forceful pull, Liya was pulled off from the railing, and he lifted her up.”

“Calvin’s grip was strong. With just slightly more force, he could crush this wicked woman’s bones. Belle’s bright eyes suddenly flashed across his mind. He gritted his teeth and held back the impulse.”

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Calvin. It was Calvin who came.

“She was both surprised and happy. The hatred she had felt due to Reid’s death and the staged wedding was instantly gone. She just reached out and held onto his leg, with tears brimming in her eyes.”

“Calvin, don’t drive me away. You promised me that you’ll marry me. Why did you do this to me?”

“She wailed loudly, and her voice was miserable.”

Calvin was unaffected by her crying as he carried her down and walked towards the police.

“Officer, this woman threatened us for no reason and tried to endanger her own life brazenly at Harvey Manor. This is hazardous behavior. I hope you can handle it properly. Otherwise, we won’t be responsible for the consequences of what would happen in the future, Calvin announced gravely, with his face full of seriousness.”

“No, Calvin. You promised me that you’ll register for our wedding in three days. You can’t go back on your own word. Liya understood that Calvin wanted to hand her over to the police and take her away. She panicked and was scared as she cried loudly.”

“Shut up. Calvin was really fed up with Liya’s wailing. She kept on repeating that he had promised to marry her over and over again. He was furious to the extreme as he shouted in a stern voice, ““Liya, I’ve never loved you, and I’ve also told Reid that on the wedding day. Why should I marry you? Our Harvey family raised you and even supported you until you graduated from college. Why don’t you know how to love yourself? There are many men in the world. So, why can’t you look for someone more suitable for you? We are in A City, and according to the law, I am a married man, and I have a legal wife. So, how can I marry you? Have you lost your mind from all the studying? You know that I have a beloved wife and a child. There is no reason for me to marry a woman who doesn’t know her place. I warned you a long time ago that if you leave Harvey Manor without a fuss, then I will consider compensating you. Yet now, judging by your behaviour, I have nothing more to say to you. You should follow the police and leave.”””

“In the past few days, Calvin had learnt from Belle everything Sophia had done for Liya and her family. The Harvey family really didn’t owe them anything!”

“Liya, you should understand why your mother ended up like that. It was because she insisted on staying in our family. Are you going to repeat her mistakes now? Could it be that you really don’t understand what happened back then to your mother? Besides, why would our family owe you? Grandma sent you to college out of her goodwill just to make you understand this truth. Your actions are too disappointing. Calvin’s heart ached with regret. He was exasperated at her failure to live up to his expectations.”

“Liya was stunned by Calvin’s ruthless words. Her eyes were filled with tears, and she couldn’t say a word.”

“Officer, please take her away. She has nothing to do with the Harvey family. What she’s doing now is trespassing on private property and gravely disturbing our life. It’s extremely horrendous. Please punish her according to law. Calvin had a cold expression on his face, and he spoke in a dignified tone. After that, he immediately called out, “”Maud.”””

“Upon hearing that, Maud rushed over.”

“Maud, from today onwards, this woman called Liya is not allowed to enter Harvey Manor again. Whoever lets her in will be responsible for her, he ordered sternly.”

“Okay, Mr. Harvey. I’ll let the others know immediately, Maud answered in a heartbeat.”

“Soon, the police left the scene with a stupefied Liya.”

Calvin’s chilly gaze swept across the entire scene before turning around and walking towards Sophia’s bedroom.

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“He would not allow anyone to make her unhappy. One day, one of Harvey Manor’s chefs thought it was too troublesome to go to a warehouse to buy eggs. So, he secretly used eggs he bought from the supermarket. When Calvin found out about it, his face darkened, and he called the chef over for a good scolding. After that, he fired the chef.”

“After this incident, everyone began to prepare Belle’s food carefully, clothing, and basic needs. They worked extra hard to serve Belle.”

“Belle was surrounded by Calvin’s deep love. Hudson and Paige also favored her. Right now, she was practically doted on by everyone, and she was also the head of the household of Harvey Manor. In the Harvey family, her current status was the most precious and popular. All the servants in Harvey Manor had to follow her instructions before carrying out a task. This was what it meant to be spoiled rotten.”

“With Calvin’s care and love, Belle’s complexion was getting better day by day. Although she was pregnant, her pale face looked livelier. Even in the face of Sophia’s illness, Calvin ingeniously got rid of all that negative emotion, even though her heart was uncomfortable.”

“At this moment, Calvin only smiled with satisfaction when he watched her lying quietly on the bed. He walked out with peace of mind.”

“On the rooftop behind the Ink Garden, Calvin quietly walked up from the side.”

“The police officers below were working hard to coax Liya. When Calvin’s figure appeared on the rooftop, he made a gesture to them. The police understood Calvin’s intention and maintained their composure as they tried to comfort her to attract her attention.”

“If Calvin agrees to bring me to the marriage registration, then I will come down. Otherwise, I won’t budge, no matter what you say, and I will even jump to my death, Liya screamed at the top of her lungs.”

Calvin’s charming eyes were filled with a layer of coldness.

How dare this woman threaten him with such a method? She was thinking too highly of herself!

Did she think that she still had a hold on his weakness?

“He swiftly closed in, and with sudden lightning speed, he reached out from behind to grab the woman’s weak arm. With a forceful pull, Liya was pulled off from the railing, and he lifted her up.”

“Calvin’s grip was strong. With just slightly more force, he could crush this wicked woman’s bones. Belle’s bright eyes suddenly flashed across his mind. He gritted his teeth and held back the impulse.”

“Calvin. After a moment of shock, Liya lifted her head and noticed that it was him.”

Calvin. It was Calvin who came.

“She was both surprised and happy. The hatred she had felt due to Reid’s death and the staged wedding was instantly gone. She just reached out and held onto his leg, with tears brimming in her eyes.”

“Calvin, don’t drive me away. You promised me that you’ll marry me. Why did you do this to me?”

“She wailed loudly, and her voice was miserable.”

Calvin was unaffected by her crying as he carried her down and walked towards the police.

“Officer, this woman threatened us for no reason and tried to endanger her own life brazenly at Harvey Manor. This is hazardous behavior. I hope you can handle it properly. Otherwise, we won’t be responsible for the consequences of what would happen in the future, Calvin announced gravely, with his face full of seriousness.”

“No, Calvin. You promised me that you’ll register for our wedding in three days. You can’t go back on your own word. Liya understood that Calvin wanted to hand her over to the police and take her away. She panicked and was scared as she cried loudly.”

“Shut up. Calvin was really fed up with Liya’s wailing. She kept on repeating that he had promised to marry her over and over again. He was furious to the extreme as he shouted in a stern voice, ““Liya, I’ve never loved you, and I’ve also told Reid that on the wedding day. Why should I marry you? Our Harvey family raised you and even supported you until you graduated from college. Why don’t you know how to love yourself? There are many men in the world. So, why can’t you look for someone more suitable for you? We are in A City, and according to the law, I am a married man, and I have a legal wife. So, how can I marry you? Have you lost your mind from all the studying? You know that I have a beloved wife and a child. There is no reason for me to marry a woman who doesn’t know her place. I warned you a long time ago that if you leave Harvey Manor without a fuss, then I will consider compensating you. Yet now, judging by your behaviour, I have nothing more to say to you. You should follow the police and leave.”””

“In the past few days, Calvin had learnt from Belle everything Sophia had done for Liya and her family. The Harvey family really didn’t owe them anything!”

“Liya, you should understand why your mother ended up like that. It was because she insisted on staying in our family. Are you going to repeat her mistakes now? Could it be that you really don’t understand what happened back then to your mother? Besides, why would our family owe you? Grandma sent you to college out of her goodwill just to make you understand this truth. Your actions are too disappointing. Calvin’s heart ached with regret. He was exasperated at her failure to live up to his expectations.”

“Liya was stunned by Calvin’s ruthless words. Her eyes were filled with tears, and she couldn’t say a word.”

“Officer, please take her away. She has nothing to do with the Harvey family. What she’s doing now is trespassing on private property and gravely disturbing our life. It’s extremely horrendous. Please punish her according to law. Calvin had a cold expression on his face, and he spoke in a dignified tone. After that, he immediately called out, ““Maud.”””

“Upon hearing that, Maud rushed over.”

“Maud, from today onwards, this woman called Liya is not allowed to enter Harvey Manor again. Whoever lets her in will be responsible for her, he ordered sternly.”

“Okay, Mr. Harvey. I’ll let the others know immediately, Maud answered in a heartbeat.”

“Soon, the police left the scene with a stupefied Liya.”

Calvin’s chilly gaze swept across the entire scene before turning around and walking towards Sophia’s bedroom.

Liya’s farce had finally ended.

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“Kate, your legs... Madam Lilian’s hands twitched, and she moved them towards Kate’s legs, which were missing below her thighs. When Kate was at home, she did not wear artificial limbs as she would feel pain from the friction. Therefore, when Madam Lilian didn’t feel anything there, she was stunned. Her voice trembled, and she could not speak.”

“Kate recovered from the panic in no time. She knew that she was overthinking it. Flavian had once drunkenly told Kate when she was a child that her mother had already died. She did not believe that there was any connection between Madam Lilian and herself. At that moment, she avoided the topic of her injury and smiled calmly.”

“Madam Lilian, Belle often talks about you, saying that she likes you very much. She also mentioned that she has already considered you her grandmother.”

“Madam Lilian had experienced countless great events, but it was hard for her to recover from this shock.”

“There was almost no need to verify it. At this time, she was ninety per cent sure that the woman in front of her was her daughter, the biological daughter whom she had given birth to after being pregnant for ten months.”

“She took off her glasses and skillfully wiped her tears with a handkerchief. When she put it back on, her voice was slightly hoarse.”

“Yes, Belle and I hit it off immediately. I adore her very much. Madam Lilian nodded and answered. Although she was smiling, her emotions were rather unstable.”

“Alas, Belle is obedient and sensible, but she is young and inexperienced. If she has offended you in any way, please don’t mind it. Kate chuckled and tried to smooth things over for Belle for fear that Belle would offend those people.”

“When Madam Lilian heard this, she immediately laughed.”

“Don’t worry. Belle is the most sensible and considerate child I’ve ever met in my life. She even cooked for me in person, which moved me a lot. Madam Lilian’s gaze was all smiles and admiration. She approved of Belle, not only because of her intuition but also because of Belle’s words and actions.”

“Kate also chuckled when she heard that. It seemed that Madam Lilian was really fond of Belle, and she was not trying to cotton up to her.”

“Madam, please have some tea. Bailey brought out a tea set and boiled some water. Then, she took out the best tea leaves and served Madam Lilian.”

“Madam Lilian looked over. It was a set of fine bone china teapot and teacups, and it appeared to be aged. As she stared at it, her vision turned blurry again.”

“If she remembered it correctly, Flavian had brought this set of fine bone china teapots out of the Cole family in Capital City when they got married. It was a set of fine quality bone china teapots, and the price tag was high. It was hard to buy such historically rich wares now.”

“When she took over the teacup from Bailey, her emotions were fluctuating.”

She was absolutely astonished. It was no wonder that she had such a close and intimate feeling when she saw Belle. It turned out that they really were related by blood.

“Madam Bennett, previously at the museum, I actually bid against Belle for the Twin Plum Fan. Thinking about that day, we had an intense fight. I didn’t know it was her at that time, and she didn’t know it was me either. After thinking about it, I strongly feel that it was fate. Later, she told me that you wanted the fan, and she couldn’t bear to disappoint you. So, she needed to have it. I was so touched when I heard that. I really admire you for having such a wonderful daughter. I think you must be a happy mother. Madam Lilian complimented Belle sincerely and with admiration.”

“Hearing Madam Lilian mentioning Belle, Kate soon beamed with happiness and pride. She nodded and admitted, “”Indeed, I am a happy mother. In my life, what makes me happiest is that I have such a smart and sensible daughter. I do believe that this is God’s blessing.”””

“As she spoke, her eyes were filled with tears of joy and excitement.”

“Madam Lilian watched as Kate’s eyes were shining with love. It was only when they talked about Belle did Kate’s face regain its color. Her eyes, which had been dim and dispirited all the time, shone brilliantly. Madam Lilian couldn’t help but to feel extremely miserable about it.”

“Madam Kate, I have a question for you. Can you answer me? She leaned a little forward and took advantage of Kate’s joyful mood as she asked sincerely.”

“Alright, go ahead, Kate agreed without hesitation, and her face was still glowing with motherly love.”

“Well, I would like to know why you were so adamant on getting the Twin Plum Fan. Madam Lilian worded them carefully as she looked at Kate without blinking.”

“Kate was stupefied for a moment, and there was a blank expression in her eyes.”

“Kate thought of her mother whom she had never met before. She sighed in her heart and answered, “”Madam Lilian, the Twin Plum Fan comes in a pair, and I just want them to be reunited again, just as my own keepsake.”””

“Kate’s memory of the word ‘mother’ was rather dark and bleak. In fact, she didn’t even feel anything for that word.”

Do you have the other Twin Plum Fan? A glimmer of light flashed across Madam Lilian's eyes as she hurriedly asked.

"Kate appeared somewhat downcast as she lowered her head and nodded. She was unwilling to talk to others about her issues, especially to someone she had never met before. She only nodded her head and admitted it but did not want to say anything else."

"Belle mentioned that the Twin Plum Fan had your scribbles. I'm really sorry for taking something you cherished. If you're here for this fan today, I'm willing to give it to you. After all, you regard Belle as your granddaughter. So, I won't go against her. Kate knew long ago that Belle wanted to give the Twin Plum Fan to Madam Lilian. However, she understood how much Kate adored them. So, she was embarrassed to say it out loud. Madam Lilian mentioned the Twin Plum Fan when she visited her. Hence, she must be there for the fan. So, Kate was the first to speak up."

"Madam Lilian was stunned for a moment before she immediately shook her head and replied with a smile, ""No, no, don't misunderstand me. This is yours. How can I take it from you? I understand such a principle. I was just curious, and I don't mean anything else. Don't think too much about it."""

"For fear of her misunderstanding them, Madam Lilian immediately changed the subject and began to talk about other things."

"After all, Madam Lilian only wanted the Twin Plum Fan because of her daughter. Why would she want Kate to give it to her as a gift? Nonetheless, Kate naturally couldn't understand what she was thinking."

"After changing the subject, the two of them talked about other topics. As they chatted and laughed, Madam Lilian noticed that time had flown by. So, she rose to her feet and took her leave."

"Kate wanted to invite her out for a meal, but Madam Lilian was not in the mood for that. Moreover, she couldn't casually show up in public with her identity."

"Madam Bennett, I'll ask Belle to take you out one day. The three of us can have a meal together as it's not convenient to do so today. Madam Lilian stood up and took Kate's hand. She didn't know what to say. So, she simply murmured."

Kate smiled and nodded.

"Bailey sent them to the door. Thinking of how Kate was alone at home, Madam Lilian insisted that there was no need for Bailey to send them to the car."

"Take this strand of hair and my hair to the hospital for a DNA test. Be quick. As soon as they got in the car, Madam Lilian took the strand of hair that she picked up from the wheelchair when she was pushing Kate. Then, she plucked a strand of her own hair and handed it to Quina."

Quina carefully picked up the hair and put them in a plastic bag.

"Ma'am, Madam Kate does look slightly like you. Even her expressions and actions are somewhat similar to yours. She is most likely the biological daughter you're looking for. There was also excitement on Quina's face. After all, she had helped Madam Lilian search for her daughter for a long time. If they really found her, then it would fulfil Madam Lilian's dream. Madam Lilian was in her old age, and it'd be great if she had someone to rely on. Most importantly, she still had such a lovely granddaughter, Belle."

Tears streamed down from the corners of Madam Lilian's eyes.

"Without any verification, she was almost certain that Kate was her daughter. That day, when she asked about the Twin Plum Fan, she almost called out to her, but she held back the impulse."

Fifty years had passed. Kate had suffered too much.

"She hadn't had any maternal love since she was young and Flavian had passed away in his Tristany years. Even though Brooklyn was her grandfather, he didn't want to acknowledge her ever since she was young. Just how much pain did she suffer?"

"Moreover, Kate was disabled right then, and she even underwent kidney transplant surgery. As Madam Lilian thought of this, her heart would start to ache greatly, and she would feel the utmost pain to the point that she had to close her eyes."

She felt guilty.

"Madam Lilian didn't dare to identify with her. She was afraid of frightening Kate, and she was even more terrified that Kate would be unwilling to accept her."

"From the moment they knocked on the door before entering the house that day, it could be seen that Kate was as unapproachable and stubborn as Flavian."

"Since Madam Lilian had abandoned Kate at such a young age, would she hate her?"

"Before she could figure out those things, she did not dare to identify with them rashly for fear that it would startle her. Nevertheless, they finally saw signs of a positive outcome, and she also saw hope. Madam Lilian felt that she had not come to A City in vain that time."

"Now, all she needed to do was to wait for her DNA to be verified. Madam Lilian believed that she would be able to identify her biological daughter."

"She deduced that she could make up for everything, and she had the confidence that Kate would accept her."

The car slowly drove towards the Francist Community.

"The sun was setting, and the ground was surging with waves of heat. The pedestrians on the street were also in a hurry, rushing towards their home."

"Liya's hair was a mess, and her gaze was dull. With each step, she staggered along the street."

"The leaves on the trees by the sidewalk were all curled up due to the scorching hot sun. Even at dusk, everything seemed lifeless, just like Liya's pale face."

"Calvin, since you've treated me without mercy, don't blame me for being inconsiderate. Let me tell you, I won't let you off. Liya thought to herself."

"She gritted her teeth, unable to conceal the anger in her eyes."

A luxurious Lincoln limousine slowly stopped beside her.

The car window rolled down.

Oscar's chubby face and bald head appeared in front of Liya.

"Hey beautiful, get in the car. His face was full of menace, and his little eyes were sizing Liya's face up, and the dirty look in his eyes wasn't concealed."

Liya stopped in her tracks.

"At this time, she had nowhere to go and did not have much money on her. Liya was used to living a decent life with Calvin. As she was suspected of blackmailing the Harvey family on purpose, they were more afraid of her seeking to end her own life again after leaving the prison. So, the police had to imprison her for a few days after she was handed over to them by Calvin."

"In the past few days in the police station, she had been living a totally different life. Having encountered such a miserable experience, the anger she felt was engulfing her heart. At this moment, she was on the verge of collapse, and she felt like a lost soul. Even if there was the slightest Rhys of light, she would follow it with all her strength."

"At this time, Oscar was akin to that Rhys of light. Although he was very unreliable, she still chose to be dependent on him."