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Chapter 581

"Nice to meet you, Madam Lilian. At the sight of Madam Lilian, Hudson, Calvin, and Belle greeted her."

Hudson was extremely flattered that Madam Lilian had dropped by to see Sophia.

"Hello, all of you. Madam Lilian walked down steadily with Quina's support. With a mild smile, she greeted them and raised her head to glance around. With a sigh, she lamented, ""A walk down memory lane. This feels so familiar.""

"As soon as Madam Lilian said this, not only Calvin and Belle felt strange, even Hudson felt a little odd. Hudson was the eldest son of the family, yet he didn't know that Madam Lilian had once visited Harvey Manor. Maybe he had really seen Madam Lilian when he was at a tender age. Nonetheless, too many people had shown up at Harvey Manor. How could he remember them all? What was more, he had been sent abroad by Old Master Harvey when he was very young."

"Madam, thank you very much for coming to visit my old mother. This way, please. On Hudson's face, a devout and enthusiastic smile was carved. He politely made a gesture to Madam Lilian."

"Okay. Madam Lilian nodded and walked forward with Quina's help. Hudson led the way, and Belle followed closely behind."

The group traded words as they walked.

"Madam Lilian observed every blade of grass and tree in the Ink Garden. With a solemn expression, she asked, ""Mr. Harvey, how's Old Madam's condition now? Is there any need to send her overseas for treatment?"""

"Hearing this, Hudson answered powerlessly."

"Madam, my mother is already over 90 years old, and she is in poor health. The medicines she uses are also the finest medicines imported. Alas, at this age, it is likely useless to send her abroad. Besides, the old lady is not willing to go out for treatment, even at the local hospitals."

"When Madam Lilian heard this, she sighed slightly."

"As they talked, they entered Sophia's bedroom."

"At this time, the Ink Garden was quiet. Calvin and Belle had already screened out all unrelated people. Only Ruth was guarding Sophia's bedroom."

"Madam Lilian walked into Sophia's bedroom with a solemn expression. She looked up and saw that Sophia was lying on a bed. She looked so frail that she was only skin and bones. Sophia's body was covered with an air-conditioning quilt, and her head of silver hair was neatly combed behind her. Her eyes were closed, and her hands rested in front of her chest. Her expression was serene. If not for the sound of her faint breathing, one would mistake that life had departed her body."

"Mom, Mom. Hudson brought Madam Lilian closer, bent down, and whispered in her ear."

"Sophia's hearing ability had long since declined. After Hudson had called out to her for a long time, she finally heard him and opened her eyes with great effort."

"Old Madam. Madam Lilian took a step forward, held her hand, and called out to her in a cordial manner."

"Sophia's hand was like a withered tree, etched with wrinkles, and it felt a little shaky when they held hands. The past was pushed to the forefront of her mind, and sadness was shown on her face."

"Sophia, who had once been wise and capable, had already reached the end of her life. This was the law of life. No one could escape from it."

"Grandmother, Madam Lilian has come to see you. Belle also bent down and notified her loudly."

"Sophia's face stiffened, and her eyes glazed over. After a long time, she rolled her eyes absentmindedly, yet she did not recognize Madam Lilian."

"Old Madam, I've been late. I should've come earlier. Madam Lilian's heart ached when she saw this. She wiped away her tears and choked with sobs."

"She held Sophia's hand tightly and drew her head before her eyes. Then, she whispered in her ear, ""Old Madam, do you still remember me? I'm Lilian.""

"Sophia stared at her motionlessly. After a long time, her eyes gleamed, as if she had recognized her. The muscles on her face twitched as if she was very excited."

"Grandmother, Madam Lilian has come to visit you. Do you know her? Seeing that Sophia's gaze seemed to reveal some reaction, Belle felt a sense of joy in her heart as she hurriedly called out in her ear."

"After a while, Sophia asked in a trembling voice, ""Lili-Lili-Lilian?"""

"As expected, Sophia had actually recognized her."

"Everyone was pleasantly surprised. They all joined in. ""Old Madam, it's Madam Lilian. She's here to see you."""

"Both Calvin and Hudson were shocked. Indeed, Sophia knew Lilian. It seemed that Madam Lilian really didn't come to see her for Belle's sake."

"Sophia looked straight at Lilian for a while. She suddenly became animated and struggled to raise her hand to point at Belle with her mouth open. Just as she wanted to say something, a violent cough hit her, and her face turned red. Then, she put down her hand powerlessly and lay down on the bed, gasping for air."

Everyone started to call out for her.

Everyone was shouting anxiously.

"Madam Lilian hurriedly patted Sophia's chest to help ease her breathing. However, after Sophia coughed for a while, she started to break out in cold sweat. She only panted heavily and could not say anything else. When they called for her again, she had lost her senses. She could not even recognize the person beside her."

"Helpless, Hudson had to ask Ruth to summon a doctor. Then, he came out with Madam Lilian and went to the reception room."

"Madam Lilian's emotions were in a mess, and she was also very sad."

"If I had known this, then I should have come to visit Sophia the last time I came to A City. It's a pity that the schedule was too tight, and I was in such a hurry. Madam Lilian informed them with regret and wiped her eyes with a tissue. Just now, Sophia seemed to have something to say to her. What could it be?"

Calvin and Belle's moods were also upset. They stood silently by the side.

"At this time, Calvin was especially nervous about Belle. He was afraid that she was in a bad mood. So, he reached out to hold her hand and held it tightly in his palm."

Belle looked up at him.

"His clear and bright eyes were gentle and loving. He nodded at her, indicating for her not to be nervous."

Belle understood what he was thinking and forced a smile.

Madam Lilian only sat for a while before she got up.

"Madam, why don't we go to the hotel and sit down? I'll treat you to some famous foods in A City, okay? Belle remembered the last time she'd treated Madam Lilian to a meal. On the same day itself, she also contacted the hotel and prepared everything."

"Good girl, I'm getting old. How can I eat anything at night? Besides, I'll leave A City Tristany tomorrow. My visit here is a secret. I've delayed my return for too long, and they're urging me to go back. Madam Lilian smiled at Belle, stretched out her hand, and took her other hand. She looked up and down and saw that Calvin was still holding her other hand. Obviously, the two were in love with each other. A few days ago, she learnt from the news that there was a fuss about him marrying a second wife. Now, she felt relieved when she saw how in love they were. ""Belle, you look better this time. A woman must pay attention to her health. Otherwise, she will suffer when she's old."""

Madm Lilian reminded her in a sincere manner and patted her hand gently after that.

"Belle smiled and nodded. ""Thank you, Grandma. I will be careful."""

"Good. Madam Lilian smiled and nodded with relief. She then turned to Calvin, who was standing beside her, and warned seriously, ""Mr. Harvey, as a husband, you should take good care of your wife and don't let her be wronged. Belle is a good girl. You must cherish her. You should know that it is rare to see a woman like Belle in such a society."""

"After warning him, she continued seriously. ""Belle is my granddaughter now. If I know that you've mistreated her, then I won't forgive you easily. I can't allow my granddaughter to suffer the slightest grievance.""

"One night, Belle had gone to the hotel anxiously to look for her and asked her to mobilize the army of Tamaland to subdue the terrorists. At that time, her face was full of anxiety for fear that Calvin had had

an accident. It was apparent that she loved him so much. She was such a good girl, and Lilian did not want Calvin to mistreat Belle or betRhys her. So, she warned Calvin with such earnest words."

Calvin was stunned for a moment before understanding Madam Lilian's intentions.

"Of course, he didn't know that it was Belle who had gone to ask for Madam Lilian's help that night, and mobilized the Tamaland military to help them out."

"Madam, please rest assured. Belle's life is even more important than mine. I would rather work harder than let her suffer a little grievance. As long as I am here, I will take care of her with all my heart and let her be happy. She is the woman I love the most in my life. Calvin smiled and replied to Madam Lilian firmly."

"When Madam Lilian heard that he was emotional and loyal, she smiled and nodded, setting her mind at ease."

She knew best how important a marriage was for a woman.

"The greatest happiness in a woman's life was none other than having a dedicated husband who loved her, adored her, and cared for her. Her marriage had been a failure, and she had experienced the pain and sadness deeply and would never be able to forget it in her life. As such, she did not wish for a simple and beautiful girl like Belle to suffer in her marriage. As such, Madam Lilian reminded the young man in front of her gravely, hoping that they would be happy."

"After all, Madam Lilian also knew some of their past from the TV news."

"That's good. I am delighted to see how loving you both are. Madam Lilian smiled kindly. ""Well, it's getting late, and I have to go. I hope that you and Belle will be happy and live in harmony in the future and be loving till the end of time."""

"As she spoke, it was getting late. It was time to go back. Quina immediately came forward to support her."

Belle took a step forward.

"Madam Lilian wouldn't go to the hotel for a meal, which was already within her expectations. She smiled and said affectionately, ""Grandma, I've prepared some special gifts from A City for you. Please wait for a moment."""

"As she spoke, Belle instructed Larry to bring the stuff in."

"When Madam Lilian heard this, she smiled and giggled. ""Belle, I know what you're thinking. I really don't need it. Quina has already prepared everything for me. There is only so much I can take."""

"Nonetheless, Belle did not give up."

"Grandma, I prepared these especially for you. If you don't want them, then I'll be very disappointed. Belle blinked her sparkling eyes."

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Belle smiled sweetly.

Larry came over with a few bags.

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"Madam Lilian stared at the heavy things in her hands and smiled helplessly. ""Belle, you're such a good child. These gifts are too much. Can you tell me what gifts you've prepared for me?"""

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"Madam Lilian, they are all specialties of A City. Though they are not very expensive, they're very special. I sure hope you won't dislike them. Belle laughed wittily and answered in a warm and soft voice."

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"Rosa just lay there without any response, blithely ignoring him."

"Sergio couldn't be bothered much about Rosa's cold demeanor. He didn't love her at all, and it seemed that she felt the same way."

"Hence, Sergio immediately walked towards Belle's office."

"Belle, congratulations on your second pregnancy. Sergio entered the room and congratulated her with a heart-wrenching expression, his eyes gloomy."

Thank you. Belle admitted generously. Calvin loved her so openly and honorably. It wouldn't be surprising for anyone to know about her pregnancy.

"Sergio took a step forward, and his whole body towered over Belle's delicate body."

"Belle, is there a reason you are looking for me? Sergio was the first to ask."

Sergio felt intoxicated even though he was just hanging out with her like this.

Sergio's figure carried an overwhelming pressure with it.

"Belle was not used to this feeling. She leaned back against the chair, entwined her fair fingers, and set them on her knees, trying to maintain her composure. She raised her beautiful eyebrows slightly and spoke directly."

"Sergio, that's right. I have something to talk to you about."

"Belle didn't want to be alone with him in this office. So, she simply continued."

"Rosa is my friend, as well as a friend of the Harvey Group. She is more than a relative to us. Do you understand what I'm saying?"

"So, you want to ask on her behalf about the marriage between her and me, yeah? Sergio was a smart person and immediately understood what Belle meant. An elusive smile appeared on the corners of his mouth as Sergio asked her indifferently."

It could be said that he was quite casual. Belle could not help but to frown as Sergio didn't seem serious about the marriage.

"Sergio, marriage is significant to a woman. Rosa's straightforward. I don't want her to get hurt. Belle's voice began to become serious."

"The smile on the corners of Sergio's mouth vanished. ""So, what should I do to keep her happy?"""

"Sergio, you really don't understand what love is! Belle suddenly stood up, and her petite body, with a stern momentum, forced the towering man to take a step back."

"After being stunned for a while, Sergio suddenly burst into laughter."

"Belle, what is love? I am confident that no one in the world can have such deep feelings as I have. No man in the world can be so persistent and determined as I am because I know too much about love. I am still single today. This is my sorrow. His voice was a little desolate, and his laughter was lonely."

"Belle was secretly surprised, but she asked seriously."

"Sergio, do you love her?"

"Sergio smiled faintly and retorted mockingly, ""Belle, wouldn't you know whether I love her or not?"""

Belle avoided his gaze and continued gravely.

"Sergio, if you don't love her, then why did you propose a marriage to her family? Is marriage just an exchange of interests for politicians? Would you sacrifice the happiness of a woman for the sake of your

own interests? If you don't love her, then you will not be happy after the marriage. If you really knew love, then you wouldn't have allowed your father to go to General Perry's house to propose a marriage."

"Belle understood the meaning behind Sergio's words. He did not love Rosa, and the Xanthe family had sought General Perry to propose marriage because they wanted to further their careers. They did not value women's feelings at all. It was because of this that Belle made up her mind that she would never allow Rosa to sacrifice her own happiness deliberately. She had to be a step ahead of Rosa, stop this marriage, and ensure Rosa her happy life."

"Belle, you really are a kind woman. You're really worthy of my deep love. Sergio sighed softly and shook his head. ""There are some things that you can't understand. This is life. In real life, not every couple comes together because of love."""

"Really? Belle sneered at once. ""Don't assume others don't know about life and act as if only you know everything. Just based on what you said, you don't deserve to have Rosa. Let me get this straight. You can pursue your career in public office, but you are not allowed to drag her with you and ruin her happiness."""

"When they had proposed a marriage offer to Rosa, everyone could see Yadriel and Sergio's intentions clearly."

Rosa's happiness should not be sacrificed like this.

It could be imagined what kind of situation it would be if they got married without any feelings and how cruel it would turn out for Rosa. Belle really couldn't let it go.

"Belle, you don't have to concern yourself with my affairs. You can't understand the pain and difficulty in my heart. It's my failure that I can't get you, but nonetheless, I have to get married, Sergio commented."

"Since Sergio couldn't get his love, his marriage to another woman would mean nothing! All his love was reserved only for Belle. Thus, Sergio didn't have many requirements for any woman."

"I can only apologize to Rosa, but I can guarantee that I won't hurt her after our marriage. Looking at the anger on Belle's face, Sergio could not bear it. So, he immediately added, ""This is my father's order. As his son, I can only obey him. Please forgive me, I have my own difficulties."""

"The Xanthe family needed to be powerful and they needed to expand. He was the heir of the Xanthe family. So, he had the responsibility to complete this mission."

"Listening to Sergio's words, Belle suddenly felt a burst of sadness."

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Belle was secretly shocked.

Is this what you want to talk to me about today? Belle was dumbfounded when she heard Sergio bring up the election. She clutched the desk and stood firm and asked with her obsidian eyes.

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How could Sergio be willing to accept the fact that he had been beaten? He launched a punch at Martin's face.

"Martin was never a soldier, nor had he received any training. Unable to duck in time, his face connected with a powerful fist."

"Sergio had long been under Martin's skin. Furthermore, he actually dared to seduce his woman. Martin's wrath was the devil's own."

"Having been beaten, Martin rushed up again."

"In an instant, the two of them were caught up in a brawl along the corridor."

"In terms of size, the two were equally matched."

"However, in terms of strength, Sergio was a field soldier. Martin had been at a disadvantage after exchanging a few blows with him."

"Stop, stop now. Rosa was appalled by this sudden scene. Seeing that Sergio had laid a few punches on Martin, she quickly came to her senses and hurried to stop them."

Belle was also awakened by the commotion outside. She hurriedly ran out to have a look and saw that Sergio and Martin were fist fighting. She was shocked and immediately used the walkie-talkie to send for the security guards outside to separate them.

"Both of them had bloodshot eyes, glaring at each other."

"Martin, you got balls. How dare you attack a public servant? I'll sue you. Sergio was in a mess. Although he was attacked by Martin several times, he couldn't say that he was at a disadvantage."

"At this moment, Martin was in an even more pathetic state. He had been hit several times by Sergio and was even kicked a few times. The clothes on his body were disheveled."

"Nonetheless, he did not lose his confidence. After hearing such threatening words from Sergio, he immediately sneered and shouted, ""Sergio, stop playing dumb. How can a f*cker like you be a public servant? I am not from the Harvey Group. My company is abroad, and I am also based there. I have nothing to do with the Harvey Group here. If you have the ability, go ahead and sue me. You are a public servant, yet you dared to steal my woman? I am going to teach you a lesson today. As a public servant of the country, you still act shamelessly in front of the people. Heck, I do want to find out how you are going to sue me and how you will deal with me."""

"Speaking of this, Martin's rage did not diminish. He stepped forward again and angrily roared, ""If you want to fight, I'll take on the challenge. If you want to sue me, then I will wait for your lawyer's letter. However, Rosa is my woman, and I won't allow you to harass her. If such things happen again, then I will thrash you around every time I see you. I will never let you go."""

"With that, Martin stepped forward and brandished his fist, showing no sign of fear."

"As long as Sergio, a public servant, dared to compete with him for his woman openly, he was not afraid of losing his dignity, not to mention embarrassing himself."

"At this time, Xanthe's family was in the midst of an election, and Sergio had to be more mindful of his words and behavior."

Sergio's face was drained of color.

"Martin was different from Calvin. If Sergio were to challenge Calvin, then he would be able to accuse him of interfering with public affairs. After all, the Harvey Group was his company. However, Martin was different. Sergio did not have any evidence against him. Moreover, his company was abroad and had nothing to do with the Harvey Group. It was impossible for Sergio to interfere in the affairs of foreign countries."

"If the fight between him and Martin were spread to the public, then it would be tattled about as the fight for a woman. It would not harm Martin. At most, he would be ridiculed by others. Nevertheless, it would be harmful to Sergio. Now their family was in a sensitive period. So, it would not bode well for them to be the subject of gossip."

"It was even unlike the time he'd defended Belle. At that time, he was willing to bear the illicit affair news for Belle. As long as the status behind Belle was exposed, then he would benefit from it. That kind of illicit affair news was what he was most eager for. Yet, Rosa was different. The Xanthe family had already proposed a marriage to General Perry. Had such a news seen the light of the day at this moment, then it would be scandalous."

"Sergio weighed his options repeatedly. Finally, he shot a baleful glare at Martin and walked towards the guest room."

"A cold smile of satisfaction and disdain appeared on the corner of Martin's lips. Although he didn't really have the upper hand, it could be assumed that he had taught the d*mn Sergio a lesson."

"Martin had long been irritated by the Xanthe family's evil deeds. Now, he finally had the opportunity to teach Sergio a lesson. He was delighted."

"What was more, there was one point that rankled him."

"The Xanthe family had actually asked for Rosa's hand in marriage via General Perry, which was the last thing he could stomach. Rosa could only be his woman in her life, and he was well aware of that."

Rosa was obviously shocked by their fight. She only regained her senses when Sergio left.

"Martin, are you alright? How are your injuries? Rosa asked with concern. She walked towards Martin and checked his swollen cheek."

"She had not expected Martin to be able to strike Sergio at this moment. However, it was enough to relieve her of her anger."

"Martin touched the cheek that had been hit, and only then did he feel a burning pain, with embarrassment rushing in. He blamed Calvin for not chasing the disgusting Sergio away. Hearing Rosa's soft tone, the fury that had arisen in his heart immediately ebbed. He shook his head hurriedly and smiled. ""It's alright, Rosa."""

"This was the first time Rosa took the initiative to talk to him after so long. He was overjoyed, and he felt that the beating was worth it."

"However, his face soon darkened. He grabbed Rosa's arm and walked to the guest room."

Belle was watching them tugging and pulling at each other. She shook her head and chuckled. She did not think that Martin was wrong for teaching Sergio a lesson.

"Rosa, did Sergio ask for your hand in marriage? Martin asked with a gloomy expression."

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"Of course Zoella understood Octavia's meaning. She sneered. ""Relax. Matteo is not Oscar. He is shrewd, and he is still in control of the Jones Group. Plus, Matteo is a man who worships money. No matter what he does, he prioritizes profit. He is famous in the industry for being astute and calculative. Also, Oscar is not his only son. As long as Matteo knows about Liya, they will immediately drive her away. At that time, I will make sure that Liya is left with nothing, and her consequences will be grave."""

"Zoella knew better than anyone else that the reason Oscar was willing to cooperate with her was that he wanted to take advantage of her means and intelligence. Although her company was temporarily kicked out of A City by Calvin, seemingly defeated, Oscar's luxury car company, which had been on the verge of bankruptcy, took an unexpected recovery because of Zoella. Not only did they manage to sell the leftover luxury cars, they also managed to break into the international market. In this aspect alone, he should've made a net profit of about 100 million dollars. Although he was not long in the global market as a newly-established luxurious car company, N&S Group managed to steal his thunder. Nonetheless, Oscar had successfully steered clear of the bankruptcy, as he earned a spot in the international market. This was something that Matteo was well aware of. Furthermore, Oscar was a typical incompetent and stubborn hedonist. He needed someone like Zoella to be his daughter-in-law. Therefore, Matteo agreed to her request to merge their companies. The cooperation would benefit him the most, from any angle."

This was clear as day for Zoella.

"Liya was nothing. Aside from her beauty, she had no talent, and she was not of a reputable family background. Additionally, Liya was just a prodigal's plaything. Unless Matteo were senile, he wouldn't allow Oscar to leave Zoella behind and marry Liya. This was something that Zoella was still confident of. Of course, she did not care about this marriage with Oscar at all. Even if Zoella really cared about it, she still had a watertight plan. The marriage of a wealthy family was never that casual. Or else, she might as well have married Calvin."

"However, when she thought of Calvin, Belle would also spring up, and she would feel resentful. Why was she inferior to Belle? Sophia had been determined to marry Belle to Calvin. At that time, the latter had not fallen in love with Belle. In fact, in his heart, Belle had not even been as important as Zoella."

Zoella clenched her fist.

The phone rang at this time.

"Zoella glanced at the phone and gently knitted her delicate eyebrows. She waved her hand, and Octavia went out."

"Yaris, anything? She picked up the phone and tried to sound as easy-going as possible."

Yaris did not answer for a long time.

Zoella's brows were knitted even more tightly.

"Zoella, I want to meet you. After a long while, Yaris' voice came from the other side of the phone."

Zoella was really astonished by the request.

"Yaris, don't be too stubborn. How can we do it now? Zoella's voice was as calm as possible as she tried to persuade him in a soft voice."

"No, it's possible. I'm in C City right now. Yaris' voice seemed to drift from h*II itself, and Zoella was so shocked that she leapt to her feet."

"What did you say? You're in C City now? She asked in shock, and her entire body was consumed with nervousness. Based on her intuition, it didn't seem like Yaris was lying."

"Yeah, I'm in the hotel right in front of you. Yaris immediately added with certainty, ""Come and see me right away. As soon as possible."""

"This time, Zoella was incoherent with surprise. ""Are you out of your mind? Calvin is sending his men to catch you. You've committed so many crimes. Are you prepared to go to prison? Don't hold your breath thinking that Calvin will let you off.""

Yaris remained abnormally silent on the other side.

"Zoella, my mother is at the terminal stage of her lung cancer. The doctor has issued a death notice, Yaris admitted."

"This... Zoella didn't know what to say. She finally understood the reason he would come back. She pondered for a long time before replying, ""Yaris, since this is the case, then don't be too sad. Just wait, I'll come and see you right away."""

"After hanging up the phone, Zoella finally understood why there were strange people loitering around her company in the past few days. It turned out that they were here to monitor Yaris. These people may have been sent by Calvin."

"She dialed her phone and decisively ordered, ""Albie, Yaris has already arrived in C City. Everyone, move out and keep a close watch on the hotel on the other side, in case we're being targeted by Calvin's men. After that, escort him to A City, and don't let him fall into Calvin's hands."""

What if...

A cold and merciless glint flashed in her eyes.

"After a while, she changed her clothes and donned on a sunhat before driving out of the basement."

"After taking her time circling C City for half an hour, she suddenly changed into another car in a parking lot. Then, she turned into a small route into the basement opposite Medda Hotel. After confirming that there was no one on her tail, she entered the elevator directly from the basement and went straight to Yaris' room."

"Zoella, we finally meet. Yaris saw Zoella and hugged her excitedly."

Zoella stood there without moving. There was not much expression on her face.

"Come, sit here. Yaris hugged her and walked towards the couch in the hotel. His face was full of infatuation. ""Zoella, I just want to see you. I feel much more at ease when I see you."""

"Zoella's face betRhysed no expression as she said slowly, ""Yaris, it's not the right time to come back now. You have to know that Calvin has arranged many people around me to monitor my movement. He won't let you off."""

"Zoella was like a cat on hot bricks. If Calvin captured Yaris, the false accusation against the Harvey Group would be exposed. Zoella was very likely to face the threat of imprisonment. This was not what she wanted. The image of Lexie in prison appeared in her mind, and the light in her eyes was even more unfathomable."

"Yaris' hand wrapped around Zoella's waist, and he muttered, looking enchanted, ""Zoella, don't worry. I won't let them catch you. Even if I were captured, I wouldn't admit it. I wouldn't point you out."""

Zoella's eyes lit up.

"Yaris, thank you for protecting me. For so many years, in this world, only you have truly cared for me and protected me with all your heart. I'm so blessed to have known you. Zoella's finger touched his lips and eyebrows. Then, she slowly removed his glasses. Her almond-like eyes shone as she leaned against him coquettishly."

"Zoella, Yaris shouted with excitement. He didn't know how long he had dreamed of such a scene. He hoped that Zoella could rely on him and that they could have children together and live happily."

Yaris. Zoella's hand slowly slid down his face. She closed her eyes.

"Ever since she had been taken advantage of by Oscar, her heart had already turned to ash. She knew how good Yaris was to her. This was the only man in the world who was truly good to her. Zoella was willing to give him everything and even hated that she had not given him her virginity long ago. It just so happened that Oscar, that stupid pig, had gotten it."

The reason Zoella came here today was precisely that she wanted to do so.

She wanted to give herself to Yaris.

This was an unconventional kind of feeling.

"Zoella did not think that this was love. Even when she slept with Yaris, she did not intend to marry him and sign herself up for the peaceful life of a commoner. In her marrow were the genes encrypted for the desire for wildness. Zoella wished to soar high above everyone else. Only a man like Calvin would be able to give that to her and satisfy her. Zoella would never be attached to a man like Yaris."

"Yaris wasn't aware of Zoella's thoughts. When he saw that the goddess-like woman had taken the initiative to throw herself at him, he was so thrilled that it got to his head. He had lost his sense of reason. He thought that Zoella had finally seen the light and agreed to be in a relationship with him."

He lowered his head and bit her lips gently.

Zoella responded softly to him as well.

"Yaris's hands were trembling with excitement, and his body temperature rose. He quickly took off his clothes, appearing clumsy and unfamiliar. Zoella took off her clothes too, as she held his neck and kissed him."

The two became one.

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"The sun was setting in the west, and the sky was a hue of red."

"When the night shrouded C City, Zoella quietly walked out of Yaris' hotel and disappeared into the night."

"Kate was sitting in the living room, and the television was broadcasting the international news."

Kate was then fixed upon the channel on the TV that showed international news.

"The news was showing the international conference. The woman sitting to the left side of the chief was elegant and dignified. Wearing a pair of glasses, she sat dignifiedly in front of the stage and gave a speech."

Kate looked at her and sank into deep thought.

"Madam Lilian, who had a high status, needed high-level officials to receive her when she returned. Perhaps because of this, it was rare to see the news concerning her return. Yet, a few days ago, she'd come in person to visit Kate, an ordinary person, and even considered Belle as her granddaughter. This really surprised Kate and made her feel that everything was incredible and dream-like."

"In the past, Kate didn't care much about international news, and she didn't even pay much attention to it when watching TV. Nonetheless, ever since Belle had mentioned Madam Lilian, Kate would pay attention to her intentionally or unintentionally when she watched the TV."

"Bailey was sitting next to her, peeling apples."

"From time to time, her eyes would fall on Madam Lilian's face on the TV screen."

"When Madam Lilian visited that day, she always felt that the exquisite face was a little familiar, but she couldn't remember where she had seen it before."

"When Madam Lilian had left, Bailey was only 11 years old. At this age, many memories were vague."

"Bailey had been raised by the acting troupe since she was a child. She'd met Lilian when she was seven years old. Lilian had pitied her family background, and she happened to need someone by her side due to her rising status. Hence, Lilian had not hesitated to take Bailey in. In fact, she also did that out of kindness."

"Since then, Bailey had been with Lilian until she got married, had a child, and until she left her. Since then, it had been more than half a century, and Bailey could no longer remember Lilian's appearance."

"What was more, after so many years, the changes were colossal."

She had never thought that Lilian would become an admirable person in the TV news that day.

"On that day, when Madam Lilian had visited, all she had in mind was Kate. How would she have expected that the 11-year-old little girl would still be with Kate? Moreover, Bailey was now 61 years old,

and the changes would be profound. With the passage of time hammering away at its duty, it would be next to impossible for Madam Lilian to recognize Bailey."

"Madam, is the lady on TV really the noble lady who paid a visit the other day? Bailey stared at the TV with her somewhat blurry eyes and asked curiously. She was not well-educated, and her daily task was to take good care of Kate. This had been her mission since childhood. Even after she got married and had a husband and a child, it had remained unchanged. For decades, her routines had been the same. After her husband had died a few years ago, she had devoted herself to keeping Kate company."

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"Yes, she is Madam Lilian. Kate stared at the TV and murmured. Her heart was filled with a kind of emotion that she had never felt before. It was heart-wrenching and distressful. Such a feeling made her feel fearful."

"I really didn't expect her to be acquainted with such a famous person. It seems that our Miss Belle is really loved by all. Bailey chuckled. In her mind, Madam Lilian must have come to visit her for Belle's sake. Therefore, she was very proud of Belle, which was normal since she'd regarded Belle as her own daughter for all these years."

Kate was lost in thought.

"Madam, it's strange, but I feel that Madam Lilian looks familiar, almost as if I have seen her somewhere before. Bailey frowned slightly and asked while trying to recall."

Kate gave a burst of disapproving laughter. "What's so strange about that? She often appears on TV."

"Bailey was still confused. ""Madam, my eyesight is not good, and I seldom watch this type of news on TV. I usually just casually watch TV dramas. So, I can confirm that I have never seen her on TV."""

"Hearing this, Kate giggled. ""That's true. Madam Lilian is famous internationally and rarely appears on the local news channels."" Then, Kate turned to Bailey, who was thinking hard, and she explained, ""Some people just look familiar. What's odd about that? I think you'd better not worry too much. It's not as if you could have seen her before, or actually know her."""

"Hearing this, Bailey also felt embarrassed, and chortled. ""Madam, you're right. Madam Lilian is so famous. How could I, an ordinary person, know her? It's absolutely impossible."""

"Speaking of this, something occurred to her. She continued, ""Madam, Miss Belle called today. She informed us that Madam Sophia is dying, and she is ready to take you to Harvey Manor.""

"Speaking of Sophia, Kate felt inexplicably heavy in her heart."

"Yes, Madam Sophia is indeed a rare, good person. Moreover, she's also a respected figure among us women. I should have visited her earlier. Kate nodded and sighed. She did not feel good about it."

"In the Harvey family, only Sophia had been secretly protecting Belle. Otherwise, with the decline of the Morris family's family status, Belle could hardly have had a bright future in the Harvey family. Kate knew and also remembered Sophia's help."

"Miss Belle mentioned that she would come to pick us up tomorrow morning. So, I'll pack up now. I guess we'll have to stay for a few days. Bailey stood up as she said this and began to pack up."

"As for Kate, she just sat there and continued watching TV."

"After a while, Bailey came out with a peculiar look on her face."

"Madam, I found a photo here, which really reminded me of something. Just as Bailey had gone to pack up, she'd inadvertently found a photo that she kept, which she'd almost forgotten about. It was a photo of Lilian in her younger years when she was still in the entertainment industry. As photographs were not common back then, Bailey only had this photo and stored it in an old album. She had forgotten that she had it."

"Hearing this, Kate turned her eyes to her face and asked doubtfully, ""Bailey, what photo?"""

"Bailey approached, held the photo with both hands, and handed it over."

Kate received it and looked at it. It was a beautiful young woman with a kind-looking face.

Who is this? Kate questioned in surprise.

"Bailey's expression was a little strange. She glanced at Kate and answered cautiously, ""Madam, she is your mother.""

"Mother? Kate's face changed, and she took the photo and studied it carefully."

Was the beautiful woman in the photo really her birth mother?

Kate had not seen her mother's face since she was a child. Seeing this photo in an instant made it hard for her to believe that it was true.

"Yes, Madam, this is your mother's photo. I can assure you. Bailey nodded solemnly."

"Then, why didn't you show it to me earlier? Kate showed a hint of blame."

"Bailey sighed. All those years ago, Flavian also had photos of Lilian. Nonetheless, there were several times when Flavian would cry bitterly as he hugged Lilian's photo when he came home drunk, which had damaged most of the photos. There was once after he had a really drunken night, when Flavian had lost his mind and burned all the photos of Lilian. He died soon after."

"This photo had been kept with her since she accompanied Lilian as a child. There had been one time when Flavian discovered it after getting drunk and had almost destroyed it, but Bailey had managed to recover it after he'd passed out. However, since then, she had not dared to take it out again, and eventually had truly forgotten about it."

"Madam, I was still young at that time. I don't even remember that I had it, Bailey explained in a bashful tone."

Kate stared at the photo and was lost in thought. She was really indifferent to the concept of having a mother.

"Bailey, what kind of relation do you have to my Mom? Kate asked again. She had known about the relation since she was a kid, but any further details had never been clear to her. This was why she'd asked."

"Kate had asked such questions several times when she was free, but Bailey just couldn't answer them."

"Madam, I was brought up by your mother. I don't remember the past as I was very young, and I really couldn't remember anything. I even forgot your mother's appearance. I only had a vague memory when I saw this photo today, but I knew that the photo was your mother. Bailey's face was a little painful, and she answered sourly."

"Kate stopped talking and touched the woman in the photo, in a daze."

"Madam, there is something I don't know if I should say. Bailey glanced at the photo in her hand and asked carefully."

Go ahead. What do you want to say? Kate urged in a downcast tone.

"Madam, don't you think that the photo seems similar to that of Madam Lilian, who came to visit that day? Bailey's voice was a little low, and her expression was a little mysterious."

"At this point, Kate was actually stunned. She lowered her head, took the photo, and looked at it again."

"Moreover, I recalled that your mother is also called Lilian. So, Madam Lilian has the same name as your mother. Bailey continued."

Lilian... Is my mother also called Lilian? Kate raised her head and asked in shock.

"Yes, I still remember her name. Bailey nodded firmly."

"Kate's expression changed a little, but after a while, she shook her head resolutely and said, ""Bailey, don't joke around. My mother is already dead. Even if she is called Lilian, she can't be the current Madan Lilian. There are many people with the same name as her in the world. This idea is too unrealistic."""

"After that, she lowered her head to look at the photo in her hand."

"The woman in the photo was glamorous, beautiful, and appeared to be in her twenties. Furthermore, Madam Lilian was already in her seventies, and no matter how Kate looked at it, it still seemed impossible. Although the similarities were uncanny, it could not eliminate Kate's doubts. Besides, how could Madam Lilian, who had such a noble status, be her mother? It was too ridiculous."

"Bailey, please give this picture to me, and don't overthink anymore. My mother has already died. How could she be the world-renowned Madam Lilian? Don't say such things again in the future, or people will think that we want to climb the social ladder. Kate frowned. She had never been a person who wanted to climb up the social ladder. Could it be that just because Madam Lilian was famous, they'd thought that Madam Lilian could be her mother? It was too funny. How shameful would it be if such a thought were to spread out? It was not in Kate's character to do such a thing."

"Not to mention that even if Madam Lilian was her mother, Kate didn't want to acknowledge her because she had ignored her for so many years. As to the word 'Mom', Kate had already lost any feelings that she could have had."

"Bailey noticed Kate's expression and knew that her thoughts were a little far-fetched. When she was very young, Lilian had suddenly disappeared from her life, and she had never seen her again. She had only heard Flavian say that she was already dead. That was all."

"Bailey went back to pack their things, awaiting Belle to pick them up the next day to go to Harvey Manor."

In A City's government hospital.

"The night was dark, and the hot air was oppressive. In the summer night, the air was warm with a hint of unease."

"Calvin put on his bulletproof vest and drove the Hummer. His face was sullen, and his eyes were focused."

That night was destined to be an unusual night.

"Mr. Harvey, Yaris is on the way from C City to A city. Our men tried to approach him, but it seems that there are still people following Yaris to protect him. We can't do anything for the time being. We think that they are Zoella's men, who were sent to protect Yaris. The subordinate placed in C City called over."

"Calvin's expression changed. He immediately ordered, ""Hurry up and retreat. Don't act rashly, and don't alert the enemy. Let him come to A City and fall into our trap."""

"Yes, Mr. Harvey, the person on the other side replied and quickly withdrew from C City."

Calvin looked at his phone. It was only ten o'clock. It seemed that Yaris would come to visit his mother in the Tristany hours of the morning.

"After thinking for a while, he called Charles of the Public Security Department."

"When Charles received the call, he immediately rushed to the government hospital with several skilled snipers and lurked around."

"Calvin had his own plans. If Yaris came back alone, he could capture him alive, interrogate him, and then hand him over to the police. However, from the tone of his subordinates, Yaris must have gone to meet Zoella first. Hence, she would also have arranged for people to protect him secretly. In that case, there was a possibility for the situation to escalate into a gunfight. He had no choice but to inform the police in advance."

"Zoella was a smart woman. With all the time she had on her hands, she had groomed a group of assassins. The man who had attempted to kill Belle on the square previously must have been sent by her."

"These were conclusions from the detectives whom he had hired in secret. Calvin really had not expected Zoella to be such a psychopath. Why would she choose to do such evil acts and even involve herself in assassinations? Calvin was even more angered at the fact that he had not been able to catch

the murderer, even though he knew that Zoella sent him. He could not punish her, which made Calvin very unhappy."

"He also realized how terrifying Zoella was. Thus, he made up his mind to get rid of scum like Zoella and Yadriel."

That was why Calvin had notified the police to be present that day.

"As soon as he switched the phone to silent mode, Calvin saw that the words 'My Dear Wife' were flashing on the screen."

He picked up the call.

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"Calvin, where are you? Belle's concerned voice came from the other side of the phone."

The corners of Calvin's mouth curled.

"Belle, I have something to handle outside. You should go to bed Tristany. Of course, Calvin would not tell her about such a big event, lest she was frightened."

"Belle's eyelids had been twitching the whole day, and her mood was unsettled. When she heard the calm and gentle tone from Calvin, her heart was finally at ease."

"Calvin, get home soon. I'll wait for you. Without him, Belle could not fall asleep. Belle was pregnant. So, she relied heavily on Calvin, and her heart was also fragile."

"Little fool, I have a few dinner parties today. I will be home very late. Don't wait for me, go to bed Tristany and rest, okay? Otherwise, I will be unhappy. Hearing this, Calvin felt uncomfortable, and his voice on the phone was a bit serious."

"Alright. Belle pursed her lips and put down the phone. Now that Blake had gone to Capital City and Otis was still in Africa, there were some things that she could not figure out. However, she believed that Calvin wouldn't hide anything from her. Since he informed her that he had something to do outside, she would believe him."

"In the hospital at midnight, the noise gradually fell silent, and the patients' groans in the ward was obvious."

The doctors and nurses on each floor went to their lounges after the last shift ended.

The corridor was quiet.

A dark figure slowly approached the gate of the hospital.

"Sitting in the Hummer, Calvin stared at the figure with sharp eyes. He'd finally come!"

"Yaris, the man who had once won his trust, had betRhysed him. He had almost put the Harvey Group and the woman Calvin loved in a situation where they would never be able to recover."

Calvin couldn't forgive this man.

"He clenched his fists, but he didn't take any action."

"Calvin noticed the people who followed him outside. They did not enter the hospital but instead stood outside of the hospital, watching inside with vigilance."

Yaris entered the elevator successfully.

"The floor indicator on the elevator was changing over and over again. After going up and down several times, he came out of the elevator."

The people and police who were guarding the entrance followed quietly.

"The long cap almost covered half of Yaris's face, but it did not prevent Calvin from recognizing him."

"Stop, don't move. A cold pistol was placed on his waist."

Yaris' face was pale.

"Who are you? Why do you want to catch me? Even though he knew that he was guilty, he still pretended to be innocent."

"Fletcher sneered and shouted in a stern voice, ""Yaris, don't f*cking pretend to be innocent. Mr. Harvey trusted you and promoted you to be the global director, but you betRhysed him. How dare you frame the Harvey Group about the unauthorized disclosure of classified information? You are really abominable! Now, both Mr. Harvey and the law won't be able to forgive you. Do the right thing and follow us. The police are waiting for you."""

"As he was speaking, Yaris' hand quickly reached into his pocket."

"D*mn it. The people under Fletcher were sharp-eyed and kicked at Yaris' hand. Someone took the opportunity to knock down Yaris and search him, finding a pistol and a sharp knife on him."

"Yaris, you are suspected of a corporate crime and are under arrest. At this time, the police lying in ambush also gathered around and raised the arrest warrant in their hand."

"At this point, Yaris knew that he could not escape. So, he lowered his head, with his face full of defeat."

"Calvin was standing at the entrance of the corridor, with his gaze sharp and cold. The lights along the corridor shone on his face, and his expression was frigid as he stared at Yaris."

The group of people escorted Yaris towards Calvin.

"Mr., Mr. Harvey... Yaris looked up and saw Calvin standing in front of him. He opened his mouth and stammered, avoiding his eyes."

"Calvin sneered and yelled sternly, ""Yaris, you have guts. How dare you betRhys me?"""

"Yaris' face was full of guilt. He did not dare to look directly into Calvin's eyes. However, his mother had been right in front of him, and the thought of not getting what he'd come here for was unbearable. Yaris was torn with grief. Suddenly, he knelt down and desperately begged. ""Mr. Harvey, I know that I have done you wrong, but can you please let me see my mother?"""

He pleaded loudly as he bowed at Calvin's feet.

Calvin's brows were tightly furrowed. His face was expressionless.

"Mr. Harvey, this person is shameless. Don't mind him. Take him back to the police station for interrogation. It's just a matter of time before more trouble occurs. Fletcher was impatient, hastily suggesting from the side."

"Mr. Harvey, I beg you. Let me take a look at my mother, just a glance. We both have parents, and I'm sure you know how I feel. I beg you. After hearing Fletcher's words, Yaris became more desperate. He knelt and begged Calvin loudly."

Calvin sighed and loosened his tie. He cast a glance at Yaris' mother's ward.

"Fletcher, take him in to take a look at Elowyn. Calvin suddenly directed Fletcher."

"Mr. Harvey, don't. Fletcher objected loudly when he heard this. This guy just tried to take out his pistol to resist arrest. If he was taken to the ward, there would be some trouble."

It's alright. The police will follow them. Calvin looked at the police beside him and spoke to Fletcher once again.

"The person knew how to be filial, which indicated that his conscience had not completely disappeared yet. Calvin could give him this opportunity."

"Fletcher saw that Calvin's expression was firm. He had no choice but to turn around and walk to the ward with Yaris. Fortunately, the police were following him. So, he felt relieved."

Yaris. Jonah White finally saw his son and tears of joy welled up in his eyes.

Mom. Yaris strode into the hospital ward and saw Elowyn lying on her deathbed. He wailed as his tears streamed down his face.

"This time, Yaris actually had not intended to leave immediately because Elowyn was still alive, and he wanted to stay by her side until her last breath."

"Nonetheless, it was obvious that there were no more chances left."

"In the ward, the scene of loved ones sending off their dying relatives was heartbreaking."

"Outside, Calvin quietly ordered his men to move closer to the people who were following them outside. If he could capture a few more of Zoella's men alive, then he might find the murderer who had attempted to assassinate Belle previously. That way, Zoella's crime would be even more serious."

Yaris was quickly escorted out by Fletcher.

Speak. Who made you do this? Why did you want to frame our company? Calvin sternly asked Yaris.

"Yaris's face was wet with tears. He knew that he could not escape as he had fallen into their hands. He immediately drooped his head and answered, ""Mr. Harvey, I have let you down. You can do whatever you want with me."""

Yaris didn't intend to deny it.

"Is that so? Calvin sneered. ""I'm afraid that just dealing with you alone is too light. Today, you must reveal the mastermind behind the crime and confess to the crime that you committed. Elowyn is dying, and Jonah is not young anymore. If you don't want to hurt them, then you'll have to account for the crime and try to make it easier for them."""

"At the mention of his parents, Yaris, who had been trying to maintain his composure, became depressed and anxious. He could take everything else, but the thought of his elderly parents made his heart tremble. He felt a sense of loss and fear."

"You're not a man. You spent so many years studying, and yet you can't even understand the principle of filial piety to your parents, and you have done something illegal. I could have taken you away without seeing your parents, but after taking into account their emotions, I allowed you to meet them. If you still have a conscience, then you would reveal the truth and strive for lenient sentence. I believe the law will give you a way out. Otherwise, you know the consequences."

"Calvin reminded Yaris seriously, hoping that he would wake up."

"However, it was too late."

"With the sound of a gunshot, a bullet was shot through the window."

Everyone was dumbfounded as they didn't expect a sniper to come at them.

"Mr. Harvey, be careful. A dark shadow jumped down from the darkness and pushed Calvin away. Then, the bullet pierced Yaris' chest at lightning speed."

Yaris only had time to let out a miserable cry before opening his eyes wide and looking out of the window.

"Quick, someone is shooting at us from outside!"

"Quick, catch the murderer!"

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"When Calvin was pushed away, he immediately realized something and ran down the stairs."

"Fortunately, it was only on the second floor. So, he quickly caught up to them."

He reached the entrance of the hospital.

He saw a dark shadow quickly get in an all-terrain vehicle.

The car soon started and sped off.

"D*mn it. According to his intuition, Yaris would be seriously injured this time. Calvin had no time to care about his life and death. Besides, there were police next to him, and they would interrogate him."

He quickly got on the Hummer and chased after the speeding vehicle.

"His Hummer's engine had the highest horsepower. So, catching up with the off-road vehicle was just a piece of cake."

"He wanted to catch up to the person who had taken Yaris out. During the wedding banquet at Harvey Manor, Reid had been assassinated by the same method of sniping. This person could very possibly hold an important clue, and would be much more important than Yaris."

"In the Tristany hours of the morning, there were not many cars on the street. Calvin skilfully drove his beloved Hummer, chasing the vehicle as fast as he could."

"These people wouldn't stop until they reached their goal. They kept trying to get at him. If he didn't get rid of them, the Harvey Group would never see a peaceful day."

He was furious.

"The police car behind him also started to blare their sirens, and they followed him all the way."

Calvin calmly drove his car and did his best to catch up with the vehicle.

They started to play a cat-and-mouse game.

Calvin's Hummer was about to catch up with the vehicle.

"In a hurry, the car turned against the traffic's flow and drove into the overpass at the side."

"Calvin's hawk-like eyes stared at the vehicle. He turned the steering wheel slightly, and the Hummer roared and immediately followed. The people in the vehicle in front became anxious and began to shoot at Calvin."

"The bullets landed on the Hummer's security glass, sending out bursts of noises and sparks. Calvin's eyes narrowed."

How dare he fire shots in broad daylight? There was no law and order at all.

"Calvin stepped on the accelerator, and the Hummer rushed towards the all-terrain vehicle at high speed."

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"With a loud bang, the Hummer directly hit the vehicle. The sturdy and huge Hummer almost knocked the all-terrain vehicle over."

This loud bang scared the wits out of the hoodlums in the vehicle. The color in their faces was drained. It seemed that they would not escape that day.

"The Hummer, which had hit their vehicle, was no ordinary car. The unknown material it was made of was durable. Moreover, the windows were fully bulletproof, and actual bullets had failed against it. Moreover, the loud siren of the police car was getting closer."

The corners of Calvin's lips curled into a contemptuous smile. He started the car and rammed it into them again.

"The people in front were obviously flustered. The off-road vehicle swayed left and right on the overpass, and the Hummer hit it from one side. In such a critical situation, the off-road vehicle made a

sudden turn and finally managed to avoid the force slightly. The rear window and its trunk were knocked askew."

"The vehicle did not dare to stay any longer. If the Hummer continued to knock it again, the car would be ruined. Taking advantage of the gap, the car stepped on the accelerator and dashed forward."

"With a cold laugh, Calvin easily drove and followed up."

He followed them closely.

"The off-road vehicle knew that it was no match for Calvin. So, it ran to a fork in the road in front of it. They were ready to abandon the car and escape after getting off the bridge."

There was a long slope downhill.

The off-road vehicle went down with force.

"With a disdainful smile, Calvin loosened the accelerator, and the Hummer rushed down like an arrow."

"The people on the vehicle were desperate. As soon as it reached the end of the slope, it drove away."

Calvin twisted the steering wheel and prepared to rush down from one side of the bridge to intercept it.

"All of a sudden, a car drove out from the middle."

Calvin was startled. He hurriedly stepped on the brakes.

"Soon, he was in a panic."

The brakes were malfunctioning for some reason!

"Due to inertia, the Hummer went out of control and was heading towards the small vehicle in front of them."

"Calvin was completely dumbfounded. If he were to hit it at this time, the car in front would likely be destroyed. Moreover, his car was still at the bottom of the overpass, and the car's speed was fast. The consequences of the brakes failing were unimaginable."

What should I do? Calvin thought to himself.

"He clenched his teeth and held the steering wheel tightly, pulling the handbrake quickly."

"However, it was useless. At this time, the Hummer was completely out of control."

"In a moment of desperation, he had no time to think. He twisted the steering wheel hard, and finally, the center of gravity was displaced under his huge pressure. The Hummer hit the back of the small car. Still, with this, the innocent car and its passengers were safe."

"However, the impact sent Calvin's car flying against the railing in front of him."

"On the opposite side of the railing, there was another car coming at full speed."

"Calvin had never been afraid before, but now he was so scared that he'd broken out in a cold sweat."

"He could only turn the steering wheel with brute force and hold onto the handbrake. Calvin's eyes were bloodshot, and he clenched his jaw."

At this critical moment.

"A black, extended version of the off-road vehicle steadily stopped in front of him."

"Calvin's Hummer crashed into the carriage. After a huge crash, the car stopped steadily."

"The other off-road vehicle almost flipped over from the collision. Fortunately, it was a desert off-road vehicle that could withstand the collision."

"Calvin heaved a heavy sigh of relief, and his forehead was beaded with sweat."

"Mr. Harvey, are you okay? A man in black quickly opened the door of the off-road vehicle that had been hit and jumped out, asking anxiously."

"Calvin was shocked. He looked up and exclaimed, ""Lomen."""

"When Lomen saw that Calvin was unharmed through the glass window, he heaved a sigh of relief."

"Lomen, were you the one who pushed me just now at the entrance of the hospital? Calvin opened the door and walked out. He asked in surprise and uncertainty."

Yes. Lomen nodded. "Mr. Hudson ordered me to follow you."

Only then did Calvin understand.

"It turned out that when Lomen saw Calvin driving to chase the criminals, he'd also gotten into another car in a hurry and followed him."

"When he was still on the bridge, he realized that Calvin's car seemed abnormal. It was as if the brakes had malfunctioned."

"In a moment of desperation, he drove out from another fork of the road and blocked the road in front of him. Only then did he stop Calvin's car from smashing into the railing and running into the small car on the opposite side of the road."

"Thank you, Lomen. Calvin patted him on the shoulder. If Lomen had not been following Calvin that day, something might have happened."

"Mr. Harvey, it's a pity that they escaped again. Lomen sighed and commented with regret."

Calvin gave a cold glare.

"Don't worry. One day, we will capture the sniper. Calvin could only console him. ""By the way, how's Yaris?"""

"While they were talking, the police car arrived. Charles came out of the car."

"Mr. Harvey, it seems like we've failed to meet our expected goal for today's plan. Yaris is dead, Charles reported."

He's dead? Calvin was astounded.

Yaris had actually died. What did that mean? This would mean that the Harvey Group would be accused of a security breach.

"Even though Yaris had done this, he was still a senior executive of the Harvey Group, representing the Harvey Group. As such, the Harvey Group's reputation would be tarnished."

"D*mn it. Calvin exhaled deeply. His eyes were burning with anger, and he clenched his fist with immense strength."

What was even more hateful was that his Hummer's brake had actually failed. How was that possible?

Calvin's car was sent for monthly maintenance. It was impossible for something like this to go undiscovered.

"There was only one possibility, and that was, that someone had tampered with it."

"Thinking of this, he gritted his teeth in anger."

It seemed that Harvey Group would not be at peace for the time being.

"Lomen, let's ask someone to tow my car back first and check it out. Let's find out why the brake had suddenly malfunctioned, Calvin ordered Lomen."

Okay. Lomen immediately made a phone call.

"Mr. Harvey, don't be too disappointed. The bad guys will be caught. Charles also knew what the death of Yaris meant to the Harvey Group. At the moment, he could only comfort him."

"I'm fine. Thank you for the cooperation. Calvin shook his head, deep in thought."

"It didn't take long for the driver of Harvey Manor to arrive. Calvin got into the car with Lomen, and they left."

" Zoella stood at the top floor of the government hospital, watching everything that was happening below."

"When the bullet penetrated Yaris' body, her heart trembled but she gritted her teeth."

"Yaris, please don't blame me for being cruel. If you were captured, then I would have been finished too. My plans have yet to be carried out and I have yet to get my revenge. I cannot let anything happen now. I'm sorry. I wish you a good life in heaven, Zoella muttered in her heart. She closed her eyes and a line of tears flowed out."

"The man who had been so unconditionally good to her had not wanted to listen to her advice, but instead insisted on returning to A city. Of course, this would be the only possible ending."

Everyone had left. Everything had come to an end.

"She stood on the top floor with a blank expression, with the scene of this afternoon vivid in her mind."

"Yaris stroked the scars on Zoella's body, asking angrily who had injured her."

"She closed her eyes and answered lightly, ""Yaris, it's all right. I accidentally hurt myself.""

"Such an answer could not have removed Yaris' doubts. How could such a delicate woman like Zoella be so scarred and bruised? Although those scars seemed to be old, the leftover traces were still so shocking."

Yaris hugged Zoella tightly and felt unbearable pain.

"Nevertheless, there was nothing he could do."

Zoella closed her eyes and didn't let the tears flow out.

"Oscar was a d*mned pervert. After Matteo had released him, he'd found her. All the time he'd spent fooling around with Liya, Oscar had also spent doing dirty things to her on occasion."

"Zoella's video was with him. Additionally, he had wanted to manipulate Matteo. Hence, she could only swallow her anger."

Night fell.

"Yaris' love for her had made her feel the joy of being a woman for the first time. Unfortunately, he was not the man she wanted. The man she wanted must be domineering and courageous. Yaris obviously had not been that kind of man."

Zoella had no choice but to sacrifice Yaris.

"However, the gun that had been fired at Yaris had not been fired by her subordinate. She had instructed her men that if Yaris was caught and they had no other choice, they should shoot him."

"However, the shooting was very sudden, and its accuracy was applaudable. None of Zoella's subordinates had achieved such a level. Nonetheless, since she had achieved her goal, Zoella didn't want to investigate further."

"At the darkest time before dawn, Zoella left in a daze."

"As the Rhyss of the morning sun shone into the Ink Garden, Belle opened her eyes."

"The night before, she had not slept well."

Belle got up and found no one by her side.

Didn't Calvin return that night? Belle thought to herself.

She hurriedly walked towards the living room of the Ink Garden after washing up.

"The HDTV screen on the wall outside of the Ink Garden was broadcasting the news, and Belle stood still for a long time."

The scene of a Hummer slamming violently into an off-road vehicle shocked her.

The Hummer was very familiar.

Belle could recognize it almost at a glance.

"The news on the television instantly made things clear. There had been a shoot out the night before. Yaris, who had been evading punishment from the Harvey Group, had been shot to death!"

"Belle's face began to turn pale, and her mind was in a mess."

"There was only one figure swaying in her mind, and that was Calvin."

How was he? Was he hurt?

"It turned out that the night before, Calvin had personally gone to capture Yaris. He had kept her in the dark."

"Larry, has Mr. Harvey returned yet? Belle immediately asked as Larry walked in."

Larry shook her head in a hurry. She had just woken up and hadn't had a chance to see the news.

"Madam, I haven't seen the chairman today, Larry admitted."

"There was an uproar in Belle's mind, and she ran outside in a hurry."

"Madam, be careful. Larry chased them from behind. It was not appropriate for a woman to run like this when she was pregnant. Looking at Belle's anxious look, Larry was really worried about what could happen."

Belle ran back to Fragrance Garden.

"Aunt Ella, do you know where Mr. Hudson, Madam Paige, and Calvin are? Belle had looked for them in the house, but she had not seen them. Thus, she asked Aunt Ella in an anxious mood."

"Aunt Ella was taking care of Jerry. When she heard this, she hurriedly replied, ""Madam, Mr. Hudson and Madam Paige are both in the Ink Garden. They haven't returned yet.""

"All of the Harvey family members were staying in the Ink Garden to accompany Sophia. So, Aunt Ella found it strange as to why Belle would come over so Tristany and ask such a question."

Belle's heart sank all of a sudden.

"She took out her phone and tried calling Calvin's number, but all she got was a busy signal, and it was impossible to get through at all."

"After hanging up the phone, Belle didn't wait any longer and went straight outside."

"Soon, Belle's Lamborghini appeared on the street, on the way to the Harvey Group headquarters."