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“Just as Calvin and Albie Williamson were desperately trying to fight their way out against the enemy, the sound of a helicopter reverberated in the sky.”

“He looked up and saw several helicopters hovering above his head. Someone was shouting in English, ““Put down your weapons and surrender. We are the government army. You are all surrounded.”””

“When Calvin heard this, he felt like a magnificent rainbow had appeared in the sky, illuminating the entire night sky. ”

“Albie Williamson also heard it. He turned his head and exclaimed excitedly, ““Calvin, we are lucky to be saved.”””

Calvin also nodded his head in excitement.

All of them put down their guns.

The helicopter ladder was extended when the extremists realized something and began to shoot back at the government army.

“As expected, the government army were all well-trained masters. Moreover, they had advanced weapons in their hands. So, after only a few rounds, they had severely suppressed the extremists.”

“When the terrorists saw the government rescue army coming over for no reason, they knew that this operation had been leaked, and the arms trade could not be completed. Losing all desire to fight, they began to retreat.”

“However, the army fighting fiercely in the rear began to launch another outflank from the back, forming a front and back pincer attack. ”

“After the arrival of the army, Calvin and the others smiled, loosening up.”

“The intense combat was not long. Under the attack of the government military, except for some people who had escaped, all of them put down their guns and surrendered.”

This was a great victory.

“Calvin was overjoyed, but at the same time, he found it baffling. Why did the government military appear at such perfect timing?”

Was it really because of his good luck?

“Calvin, it seems that we are all blessed. As the saying goes, if one survives a great disaster, then one will have good fortune afterwards. It seems that we can enjoy our lives well from now on. Albie Williamson smiled and teased him.”

Calvin laughed when he heard that.

May I know which one of you is Mr. Calvin? someone asked in English.

“Calvin was shocked and replied, “I am.””

“Upon hearing the reply, an authoritative person walked over and gave him a friendly smile. He handed him a letter and informed him. “This is from Madam.””

Madam?

“Hearing this, Calvin thought of something. Madam? Was it Madam Lilian by any chance?”

“He remembered the scene when he had been on the border with Albie Williamson in Tamaland previously. At that time, when they were in extreme danger, the government army had suddenly appeared.”

“Was this the same as the previous time, when Belle had gone to plead with Madam Lilian again?”

“In his memory, he was afraid that she would be worried. Hence, Calvin had never told her about this. So, was it Blake or the people around him who let her in on this?”

“Nonetheless, Madam Lilian didn’t seem to be in A City!”

Thank you. He reached out his hand to take the envelope and turned his head to look at Blake.

Blake looked at him a little inexplicably.

“Otis illuminated the letter with his flashlight. Calvin opened it and saw what was written on it. “Mr. Calvin, please hand over the business here to the high-ranking official. He will deal with it when the time comes. You can go home now. Sophia has passed away. Please remember to protect my little granddaughter. Madam Lilian.””

“Sophia had passed away? The news struck Calvin’s mind, and his hands began to tremble.”

“D*mn it, he didn’t even have the time to be there for her at her final breath!”

“Even though Calvin was sad, he soon understood everything, and he was touched. Without Madam Lilian’s help, none of them would have been able to leave here alive.”

“Who disclosed to Belle about my action tonight? Thinking of this, Calvin turned his head and asked the people around him very seriously.”

“Everyone searched each other’s faces in dismay, expressing that they had no idea.”

“He took the flashlight and shone it on everyone’s faces in the room to make sure that they were not aware of it, and then he gave up on this idea.”

“Mr. Harvey, I really didn’t tell Madam this time. After all, Madam Lilian isn’t in A City, and Madam might not be able to find her. Besides, she might not be able to help. Most importantly, Madam is pregnant. So, we are afraid that she will be frightened. Blake understood Calvin’s mind and took the initiative to explain.”

“Calvin snorted coldly. “If I were to find out that you told her, then I will not spare you.””

I cross my heart. Blake grimaced as he nodded his head repeatedly.

“Calvin thought about it and still he could not come up with a reason. He thought that Madam Lilian must have been paying attention to Harvey Manor. Otherwise, she would not know the news of Sophia’s death.”

“Thus, it could be said that Madam Lilian assisted him for Sophia’s sake. At that moment, Calvin uttered lightly, ““Well, let’s pack up and go back to A City immediately.”””

“What about you? Do you want to follow me back to A City or directly return to Capital City? On the plane, Calvin was in a heavy mood. There was only one helicopter coming.”

“Albie Williamson’s face was also gloomy. He, who had escaped from death, couldn’t relax. He answered indifferently, ““Sophia has passed away. Of course I have to go back to A City to mourn her. She passed away last night. It seems that we still have time to go back to attend her funeral.”””

“Alright, let’s head straight back to A City. After saying this, Calvin lightened up with relief. To be able to escape with his life was indeed beyond his expectations. He thought of that woman. He did not know how she was doing. At that moment, his heart had been consumed with fear, his mind filled with her image. He was really worried that he would never see her and his child again. Even when he calmed down, Calvin could still feel his heart slamming against his chest.”

In Xanthe family’s old mansion in Capital City.

Yadriel’s entire body shook and his face turned pale.

He lost everything.

“Initially, he was sure that he would win and had made the most thorough preparations. Nevertheless, Yadriel didn’t expect that at the crucial moment, the government army appeared and the tides were turned!”

What the h*ll was going on here? Why did the government army suddenly appear?

“He couldn’t think clearly, and he wasn’t willing to accept it.”

“All his people had been arrested. Although they had not been sent back to the country yet, it was just a matter of these two days.”

The door was quickly pushed open.

“Sergio swept into the room like a gust of wind, gasping for breath. ““Dad, why... why is it like this?”””

“His face was covered with sweat, his body in the grip of anxiety.”

“This sort of news was nothing more than a nightmare for him, causing the Xanthe family to descend into a bottomless abyss.”

“Yadriel’s face was pale, and his eyes were devoid of all the energy and arrogance he had previously had.”

“Edgar and the others have all been caught. We have no way out. Yadriel’s cold eyes could not hide the defeat, and he looked so frustrated.”

“Dad, what should we do now? We’ve already expended every last bit of our family’s wealth in the election. Now that something has happened here, as long as Edgar and the rest are escorted back to the country, the evidence will be the end of us. Sergio was like a defeated warrior. The initial self-confidence and pride were all gone, leaving only panic and lingering fear.”

“Sergio, luck is not on our side. I never thought that the government army would appear for no reason. It was supposed to be a perfect plan, but it failed. Is there a hidden traitor among them? Yadiel’s obsidian eyes flashed with feorcify, and he gnashed his teeth in anger.”

“No, Dad, this isn’t a traitor. No one will be as loyal as Edgar. It seems that someone has been monitoring our whereabouts for a long time. Sergio’s heart was as cold as ash.”

“Yadiel was shocked and looked up at Sergio. ““Sergio, why does he, Calvin, have the ability to fight with me? Isn’t he just a mere businessman? Is he capable of doing that?”””

“Sergio lit a cigarette with his quivering hands. ““Dad, do you really think that we can be taken down by Calvin alone? In the last official election, many people gave up their votes, including General Perry. At first, I thought it was Luqman who did the public relations, but later someone told me that it was Brooklyn who did it. Originally, I thought there was a huge gap between Luqman and us, and Brooklyn has always underestimated us. It doesn’t matter if he doesn’t support us, as we can beat Luqman with our own strength. Unexpectedly, at the most dire moment, there was another government army. The arms trade failed and it made us lose everything. We are being trapped, and the evidence is conclusive. We are completely done.”””

Sergio collapsed on the couch. He punched the couch and gritted his teeth.

“Son, is this incident done by Brooklyn again? This is impossible. His influence is not strong enough overseas, and he holds no sway in the political situation of any other country. I have predicted all of this. After inhaling the cigarette deeply, Yadiel contemplated for a while, shook his head, and denied it.”

“After hearing this, Sergio was also baffled. He couldn’t wrap his head around it. ”

“I got it. A fierce light flashed in Yadiel’s eyes, and he suddenly shouted, ““It must be her. She helped Calvin.”””

Who? Sergio was shocked.

“Madam Lilian, my money’s on her. There was a dull light in Yadiel’s almond eyes.”

“Why would she come to help Calvin? Until now she doesn’t know what Belle has to do with her. After the failed DNA result that day, shouldn’t she be disappointed? Sergio did not understand this.”

“No, Sergio, you are not seeing it clearly. No one would interfere in this matter except for her. Even if they want to, they know where it is. It seems that Madam Lilian is indeed a crafty old fox. Yadiel shook his head with hatred in his eyes.”

“But, Dad, she met you in A City last time, and you said that she owed you a favor. Even if she didn’t help, she wouldn’t put you to death. Sergio was still confused.”

“Yadiel seemed to be calm in his heart. He replied disapprovingly, ““Madam Lilian and Sophia are friends. Even if she did not know anything, she wouldn’t watch as Sophia’s grandson dies. Because of

Madam Lilian, the Ocean Heart was in Harvey Manor's possession. This is my negligence. Everything has gone wrong. I did not think that such a secret event would be known to her. I think that she was suspicious of me when she came to A City to look for her daughter. I saw that she had returned to Europe with disappointment in her heart and did not expect that she was just pretending. I was really relieved and did not even retain my judgement. I am too careless. It seems that this woman is really cunning. Even I was blindsided by her. It's no wonder she managed to get into the political circle of Europe. She is really not simple."""

Yadriel was steeping in pain and regret. He had indeed fallen for Madam Lilian's trap. It turned out that she had backed out on purpose in order not to arouse his suspicion. He had been tricked.

"Yadriel could not have been more regretful at the thought of this, but there was nothing he could have done!"

"Sergio, we can't count on anyone now. So, we can only rely on ourselves. There are still a few days left. Edgar and the others have not returned yet, and the evidence has not reached our country yet. We have to hasten our plan to get the Ocean Heart, and then flee to the USA to apply for political asylum. In this way, everything will be done once and for all. Yadriel looked at Sergio with bloodshot eyes, and he made up his mind."

Sergio's face darkened and he hung his head in silence.

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"Sergio, as soon as the Ocean Heart is in our possession, we can get ready to leave. The plane is on standby, and all procedures are done and dusted. Yadriel's wily eyes were eclipsed by a shadow. He had already made preparations for this day. ""Head over to Harvey Manor in A City to find ways to get the treasure, and I will deal with tomorrow's election. Remember, this thing can't be delayed any longer. If it goes on, then what awaits us will be the threat of imprisonment."""

Yadriel warned sincerely.

"Sergio nodded and walked out, completely disheartened."

"The strong dominated the weak. That was the law in this world. From then on, would he spend the rest of his life in a foreign land? No, he didn't want to, for he might never be able to see her again."

He lowered his head and trudged out of the Xanthe family's courtyard.

"Liya was hiding in the guest room of Crystal Cove Garden. She covered her head with the quilt, with her whole body trembling."

What happened the previous night was too horrifying.

She had never thought that such a thing would happen.

"The night before, Letty had requested them to start with Ruth and ask her about the treasure's whereabouts. She didn't want to go. Ever since the miscarriage, her body hadn't recovered yet. However, Letty was very aggressive."

"Helplessly, Liya had no choice but to discuss a method with her."

“Ruth was Sophia’s personal caretaker. Usually, she wouldn’t leave her easily. If they wanted to find out the treasure’s whereabouts, then they would have to go to Sophia’s bedroom.”

“However, both of them were not allowed to enter Sophia’s bedroom.”

“Liya thought of climbing in through the window in the back garden. Nonetheless, due to Paige’s incident, she was worried that someone might suspect her. She was also worried that the windows in the back garden would be locked. So, they decided to enter at the darkest time before dawn.”

It was likely that Harvey Manor had been too chaotic over the past few days. The windows remained the same. Letty had been in Harvey Manor for a few years and had long learnt of a path. They could travel from the kitchen in the Ink Garden directly to Sophia’s back garden.

“At this moment, Harvey Manor was completely silent. They entered Sophia’s bedroom, and were safe and sound. Coincidentally, Ruth was helping Sophia change her clothes.”

“After the two of them went in, they quickly restrained Ruth and stuffed a piece of cloth into her mouth.”

“They had thought that this old hag would tell them where the treasure would be hidden after being subjected to duress. However, she was stubborn. Not only did Ruth refuse to give away any information, she also scowled at them. She would rather die than surrender.”

“After a long time, Liya heard small voices in the lounge outside. It seemed that the person who was on night watch duty was about to wake up. They immediately panicked. At that time, the bloodthirsty Letty produced a knife and stabbed Ruth to force the word out of her.”

Ruth’s clothes were stained with blood. She would rather die than to submit.

“Liya was worried about that it would go out of hand. So, she pulled Letty away.”

“However, the woman grabbed their clothes tightly, and footsteps were coming in from the lounge outside. Panicking, she also picked up a knife and slashed her.”

“Ruth suddenly rushed over and clung to her leg. She refused to let go of her even if she died, and her mouth was mumbling.”

“Letty lost her patience and slit her neck twice again until she let out her last breath. Then, she pried open her hand and the two of them escaped.”

“Liya couldn’t fall asleep ever since she escaped from the crime scene, and she didn’t dare to go anywhere. She just shivered in the quilt.”

“In a daze, she saw Reid standing in front of her, saying, ““Liya, you have to stay in Harvey Manor in the future and live a happy life. I will be looking after you in Heaven.”””

“No, no. Why did it turn out this way? Liya was a bit distracted. Her entire body was trembling, and she curled up in the blankets in great fear.”

“For the entire day, she didn’t dare to get up, much less go out. She lay there in a daze, like a withered tree. Sometimes, when she accidentally opened her eyes, she would see that rare treasure standing in

front of her, shining brightly. Liya's expression was one of excitement, as if she had become the richest woman and envied by all the other women in the world. She was so excited that she would burst into hysterical laughter."

"However, when she reached out to grasp it, the treasure vanished. In her hand, there was nothing but blood. She widened her eyes as though she saw Ruth's bloody eyes staring at her."

She was so scared that she quickly shook her hand and screamed in horror.

"Liya was lying on the bed in a daze and trembling all over the whole day. She was either terrified, extremely excited, in tears, or laughing hysterically. Her mind was haunted with all kinds of horrible images and hallucinations, pushing her over the edge of sanity. "

"In the mourning hall, the white ribbons hung high, fluttering in the wind. All of the descendants of the Harvey family were dressed in mourning clothes, kneeling in the mourning hall."

"Two days after Sophia's death, people from all walks of life, relatives, and friends visited to mourn her death."

"As there were too many people, Belle made a notice that read, ""People from all walks of life will pay their respect today, and friends and relatives tomorrow. In this way, the workload would be reduced a little."""

The mourning hall was located in the living room of the Ink Garden. The coffin was facing the main hall of the Ink Garden.

"Paige couldn't come out to welcome the guests as she was injured, and Calvin hadn't returned from Capital City yet."

"Martin was in charge of standing at the door to welcome the guests and lead them to the mourning hall. Given that Hudson and Evan were old, after standing for a while, they were exhausted. They could only support each other to the mourning hall to rest and stand guard."

"Belle stood in front of the memorial tablet with her big belly. After every guest came to pay their respects sincerely, she would express her gratitude. Then, she invited them to get up and return the courtesy to them. Afterwards, she would lead them to the rest area of the guests."

"After bustling for the whole morning, she was so tired that her waist and knees were sore and tired."

"Yet, Belle didn't feel like it was a big deal. She wasn't that weak and delicate. When she was carrying Jerry, she had suffered far more than this. Even then she had been able to endure it. To her, it really wasn't a big deal!"

Belle tried to keep a clear head and calmly completed every procedure. She even personally watched over every purchase and selected the restaurant in charge of their meals.

"The news broadcast the event live when Harvey Manor was fully opened, and the people from all walks of life came to mourn Sophia. All the guests and the audience on TV could see Belle wearing mourning attire over her big belly. She swallowed her grief and calmly commanded the scene. The whole mourning process was complex, which involved a large number of people. However, the whole process was clear and in order. All guests entered from Harvey Manor, took a tourist van, and headed to the Ink

Garden. The rituals were done smoothly. Everyone could see the long queue stretched out far and wide. All of them were silent and proper, with a solemn look on their faces. The scene was decorated in black and white, and was utterly imposing.”

“However, the President of the Harvey Group, Sophia’s eldest grandson, Calvin, did not appear on the TV screen. This led many people to hatch various guesses. After all, the charge against the Harvey Group was also announced to have been dismissed in the press conference. During the whole process, they did not see Calvin. They were also puzzled about the rumor that he had something important to deal with and had left A City.”

“However, most of them cast an approving glance at Belle.”

“During these two days, Belle was not only grieving but also in a state of anxiety, no less.”

“Her eyelids kept twitching, and her heart was beating fast from time to time. She wondered, where did Calvin go? At that moment, Sophia was dead, but he hadn’t come back. When she asked Hudson, his face was still as pale as a ghost. He closed his eyes and sat in the mourning hall, holding rosary beads in his hand. He was silent and grief-stricken.”

Belle could not figure out whether he was sad about Sophia’s death or worried about Calvin’s condition. She had never felt so uneasy in her heart!

“According to the procedures, after all of the relatives and friends finished mourning, they would spend the night in the Ink Garden. The day after tomorrow, the final procedure, which was the memorial service, will be held.”

“When the time came, there would be more people, and the scene would be more ceremonious. After that, Sophia’s corpse would be sent to the funeral parlor to be cremated.”

“Ruth’s funeral was also held step by step in the funeral hall in between all these events, and this was all attributed to Belle’s guidance. In the funeral hall, Belle had arranged Ruth’s funeral according to the highest standard, comforting Ruth’s relatives. If she had not been calm enough, then Belle, who had held back the grief, would have almost fainted several times.”

“The next day, Belle picked Kate up. As the Harvey family had been busy all this while, Belle did not have the courage to bring Kate here, mainly out of fear that she would be heartbroken and worried when she saw her.”

“Rosa was not a Harvey family descendant. Although she didn’t receive guests like the daughter-in-law of the Harvey family, she was still dressed in mourning clothes and helped with various affairs. She was kept busy during the whole event.”

“At noon, a military vehicle from Capital City slowly entered Harvey Manor.”

The driver got out of the car and opened the door.

“A mighty, middle-aged man in a military uniform walked out of the car, accompanied by a secretary wearing glasses and a briefcase.”

“It had been more than a year, but Harvey Manor was still lush and green. However, in General Perry’s eyes, it seemed to have experienced many vicissitudes of life.”

“Sophia, who had fought valiantly, had just left the world. How would the future hold for Harvey Manor? Would they be able to maintain their honor? That was unknown.”

“Maud, who was guarding the door, spotted General Perry’s arrival immediately and came forward to greet him.”

“Nice to meet you, General Perry. This way, please. Maud led General Perry into a fancy tourist van with white flowers on it and headed straight for the Ink Garden.”

“Hudson, Evan, and Martin all came out to welcome him.”

“Hello, General Perry. Hudson and Evan greeted him first with a solemn look.”

“Mr. Harvey, the Old Madam has left. I’m deeply sorry for your loss. General Perry’s expression was grave as he nodded slightly.”

“Nice seeing you, Uncle Perry. Thank you so much for coming here to pay the final respects to Grandma, Martin uttered piously as he walked up to him. He handed him a sleeve and a white flower.”

The secretary took it and helped him put it on.

General Perry’s dignified gaze swept briefly over Martin before he shifted his gaze away from the latter. He merely snorted through his nose as a way of greeting.

Martin knew that General Perry didn’t have a good impression of him. He felt guilty and immediately lowered his head. He followed Hudson and the others to send General Perry to the mourning hall of the Ink Garden.

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“Belle came forward, took a bow, and brought General Perry before the memorial tablet.”

“General Perry placed the flowers before bowing sincerely three times towards Sophia’s portrait. Then, he retreated to one side with Hudson.”

“Rosa had heard that General Perry was coming, and had hidden herself somewhere with the excuse that she had to deal with something.”

“As a result, General Perry didn’t see his daughter Rosa despite having waited in the Ink Garden for the whole afternoon. Displeasure was written all over his dark face.”

“When the sun set, he remained standing in the back garden of Ink Garden with both hands clutching a newspaper behind his back. He was in a dark mood.”

“The funeral hymns in the mourning hall echoed from time to time, causing his mood to be clouded with worry.”

“His daughter, Rosa, was 26 years old. A few years ago, she broke off the engagement with Martin Harvey, and her reputation had been tainted because of what Martin did. As for the well-known

bachelors in Capital City, they had already married. There weren't many men left. As for those who were qualified, he assumed that they wouldn't like his daughter. Hence, the matter of Rosa's marriage had been a headache for him for the past few years."

"Nice to meet you, General. Just as General Perry was lost in thought, a young man's voice sounded in his ear. When he raised his head, Sergio's young and handsome face appeared in front of him."

He was a little stunned.

"After a short while, he understood."

"Hi, Sergio. He chuckled slightly."

"General, my condolences to you about Sophia passing away. Seeing him standing there with his eyebrows knitted, Sergio comforted him in a soft voice, thinking that he was reminiscing about Sophia."

Well. General Perry's eyebrows twitched but he didn't say anything.

"Sergio thought of something, and his face darkened."

General Perry had abstained from voting at the most critical moment of their election. Why had he done that? Did he know something?

"Sergio, is your father alright? General Perry asked casually."

Sergio's heart moved slightly. He could only nod his head and pretended to be courteous. "He's good."

It's the last day of the election tomorrow. Are you planning to stay here? General Perry asked with a faint smile.

"Sergio originally wanted to talk about Rosa, but he didn't expect General Perry to avoid mentioning her at all. He was worried when General Perry asked about the election instead. He didn't know if General Perry had already known about his family's failure. So, he just said a few words in a hurry and left."

General Perry looked at his retreating back and shook his head regretfully.

"Aunt MLexie, come this way. Be careful. That tile has gotten loose. The housekeeper should have sent someone to repair it a long time ago. What if someone trips over it? Carmella was carefully helping MLexie towards the general's direction."

"Well, Carmella, you're right. The housekeeper only knows how to please Belle. That's all he does. The situation in Ink Garden is already considered alright. Wait till you see Emerald Garden. There are so many holes in that place. Maud hasn't gone there all year round. Even though we reported this issue several times, nothing happened. After a long time, we decided to leave it be, MLexie complained."

"Carmella smiled. ""Don't worry, Aunt MLexie. Once Martin gets married, he'll have some of the power. At that time, you'll be in charge. You'll be able to fix it however you like. Don't worry, I'll make arrangements according to your wishes when the time comes."""

"When MLexie heard this, a wide smile appeared on her face. She instantly praised Carmella for being so obedient. Carmella smiled as her face became red. The two of them chatted and laughed as they walked into the mourning hall."

“There was a stone in MLexie’s chest after staying in the mourning hall for too long. Furthermore, she had nothing to do with these matters. So, she had nothing to do. Carmella was watching the situation from the sidelines. When she saw how uncomfortable MLexie was, she took the initiative to take a walk outside with her.”

“General Perry stood under a tree, staring at MLexie and Carmella as they walked and chatted together.”

“Rosa, your father is here. Aren’t you going to meet him? Martin came over and spoke to Rosa.”

“During these two days, he had been responsible for receiving guests and running errands, while she had been responsible for gifts and the memorial service. Every decision was made by Martin.”

“The two of them cooperated very well. With Rosa by his side, Martin did not feel very tired. Furthermore, he could chat with her from time to time. It made him feel content.”

Rosa focused on sorting out the expenses at the hotel for the day. She completely ignored Martin.

“Martin had long mastered a set of techniques to amuse Rosa. That was to stick with her regardless of what she thought of him. If Rosa ignored him, then he would find another way to deal with her.”

“Rosa, it’s rare for your father to come to Harvey Manor. You should ask him to stay for a few days. After I’m done with work here, we can bring your father to the beach. Martin placed his head on his elbow and leaned towards Rosa. He looked at her meaningfully.”

“As soon as Rosa looked up, she saw his sparkling eyes, and she couldn’t help but to blush.”

“Grandma’s been gone for less than a day, and you’re chatting about having fun at the beach. Is that appropriate? She glared at him and rebuked.”

“Martin looked at her haggard face after days of work. His heart ached. He couldn’t help but to touch her face and said, ““Rosa, don’t stay up tonight. Go to bed Tristany. Leave everything to me.”””

“Move your filthy hand. Rosa reached out and hit his hand. Martin took the opportunity to hold her hand and said softly, ““Rosa, my heart aches when I see you so tired.”””

He said with affection written all over his face.

He held Rosa’s hand so tightly that she couldn’t move it. She was so angry that her face turned red.

“Just as the two were struggling, they heard a cold snort.”

Both of them were taken aback and looked up. General Perry was standing behind them with a stern face.

Dad.

General.

“The two of them cried out at the same time, blushing. Martin quickly let go of Rosa’s hand and hurried out.”

General Perry’s eyes were dark and his face was gloomy.

“Dad, I didn’t know you came. As soon as Martin left, Rosa smiled and tried to lie.”

“General Perry said discontentedly with a snort, ““Looks like someone’s grown up now and learnt to ignore their parents.”””

“Rosa replied with an awkward smile, ““Dad, please have a seat. I’ll get you a cup of Green Mountain Lake tea, your favourite.”””

“In order to avoid the questions from General Perry, she lowered her head and attempted to slip away as she said this.”

General Perry seemed to have read her mind and instructed her. “Come back.”

Rosa stopped in her tracks immediately.

It seems like you’re enjoying your stay at Harvey Manor. You work harder than when you are at your own home. General Perry looked at the computer and the receipts on the desk. He said this with a mocking tone.

“Rosa’s face reddened before she said, ““Dad, the Harvey family is having a tough time. I just want to help.”””

Is it really as simple as just wanting to help? General Perry’s eyes sharpened as he questioned.

“Rosa raised her head in panic. ““Dad, I just want to help them. After all, Sophia treated me so well. Plus, I used to come here when I was a child.”””

“Rosa hurriedly defended herself. General Perry stared at her, and his face darkened.”

“He had been watching when she and Martin were tugging at each other when he entered the manor. Others might not know, but he knew his daughter. She hadn’t been seen for the entire summer break. She was staying here instead. It wasn’t her usual style. Thus, he was very clear about what she was thinking.”

“Then, when are you coming home? He took two steps forward and asked.”

“Dad, I’m studying fashion design now, and I’m looking for inspiration. After Sophia’s funeral, I planned to travel around Europe. I’ll go home during the new year, Rosa replied.”

“You’re being ridiculous. Hearing this, General Perry could not help but to berate her angrily. ““You are an adult. Have you ever thought of the consequences of staying in someone else’s house as a woman? This will lead to the outside world’s speculation. You haven’t even called. You are not young anymore. Didn’t you think about your own reputation? Wouldn’t this do more harm than good?”””

“Hearing this, Rosa defended herself. ““Dad, I’m just helping Belle and the Harvey family as best as I can. How would this damage my reputation? Besides, I don’t want to marry Sergio. Quit forcing me to go back.”””

“Rosa just thought that General Perry wanted her to marry Sergio. However, his face darkened even more. He threw the newspaper on the desk in front of her and shouted angrily, ““You’re so disappointing. Take a look at it.”””

“What is this? Rosa raised her head in shock. Seeing General Perry’s angry face, she quickly picked up the newspaper and looked at it. It was written in a more prominent place. “”In Sophia’s funeral ceremony, we have been observing a prominent figure, Rosa, who is Sergio’s fiancée. She has been busy working for the Harvey family, such as managing Sophia’s funeral ceremony. Her enthusiasm is really touching. However, her relationship with her ex-fiancé, Martin, has also aroused people’s suspicion.”””

“Rosa didn’t want to see it. At first glance, she felt anger rushing to her head. Her sight went black, and she almost fainted.”

“The media was absolutely disgusting. What did her stay with the Harvey family have to do with them? Moreover, they were even splashing her engagement with Sergio in the headlines. It was ridiculous considering that she and Sergio had never been officially matched together. If they reported it in that manner, then of course it would taint her reputation.”

“That was way over the line! She used to stay in the Harvey family’s house like this too. At that time, there had been no media gossiping about her. It was so infuriating!”

Now you know how powerful he is. Come back to Capital City immediately. General Perry snorted and ordered in a cold tone.

“Rosa’s eyes were red with tears. “”Dad, even if I go back, I’m not marrying Sergio.”””

“Then, who do you want to marry? Martin Harvey? General Perry asked angrily, his eyes sharp.”

“Rosa said through gritted teeth, “”I didn’t think that.”””

“You didn’t think so before? You’re right. General Perry raised an eyebrow. “”I know what you’re thinking. You stayed in the Harvey Manor using the excuse that you were only helping out. With such a lousy excuse, who would believe that? Look, even the media doesn’t believe you. How can I be assured of your ability to handle this? Martin has humiliated you enough. Do you still insist on staying here and keeping up with this? Get rid of this ridiculous idea! I won’t agree to you marrying Martin. A woman must cherish her reputation. Martin had an affair with someone. Do you want to be his mistress? If you continue to ruin the family’s reputation, then I’ll have to forbid you from entering our home.”””

General Perry said sternly and left after a flick of his sleeves.

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General Perry’s words scoured Rosa’s heart. She felt chills running down her spine and could not think of anything to say for a moment.

She suddenly felt a burst of pain in her stomach. Her face was pale as she squatted down.

“Rosa, what’s wrong? Martin, who was worried about her, stayed in a corner of the corridor. When he saw General Perry stomping out of the hall, he rushed in. He saw Rosa squatting on the ground with a hand over her stomach and panicked.”

Rosa slowly raised her head.

“Martin saw her pale face. Tears had welled up in her bright, grief-stricken eyes. His heart tightened. He couldn’t help touching her face, wanting to comfort her.”

“D*mn it. Rosa pushed his hand away and slapped him hard on the face. Then, she covered her mouth and ran outside.”

Martin was stunned and was rooted to the spot.

He hadn’t come back to his senses when Rosa’s figure disappeared.

“After a long time, he saw a piece of newspaper on the ground and picked it up. There was news about Sophia’s death and some news about Rosa in a minor section. After he read it carefully, his face turned dark and he clenched his fists.”

No one came to mourn in Ink Garden anymore at night.

“Belle sat in front of her grandmother’s memorial tablet, feeling exhausted.”

“After a while, a strong smell of perfume drifted over.”

Belle raised her head and saw Zoella swaggering in with a strange smile on her face.

Why was she here?

Belle was shocked and looked at her warily.

“At that moment, everyone in the hall turned to look at her. Their eyes were filled with surprise, disdain, and loathing.”

“The Sky Sword Group had framed the Harvey Group. This issue had already been addressed in a press conference. So, what was the purpose of this woman, the president of Sky Sword Group, actually coming?”

“How shameless she was! Even if the Sky Sword Group was banned, everyone knew that it was Zoella who framed them. So, they despised this woman from the bottom of their hearts.”

“Under everyone’s gaze, Zoella strolled to Sophia’s memorial tablet and bowed to her with a devout look.”

Belle looked at her coldly.

“Rest in peace, Sophia. Zoella had no expression on her face. She raised her eyebrows and winked at Sophia’s portrait. The smile on her face was bewitching.”

Belle smiled coldly. “Thank you for coming. Please do as you please.”

The expression on Zoella’s face twitched a little as she walked out of the room.

Who allowed this woman to come in? Hudson frowned.

“Dad, the Harvey family’s hall is open to the public. We can’t stop her from coming. I just didn’t expect her to have the gall to do so, Belle explained softly.”

“Hudson looked much better at that time. Compared with the haggard face the day before yesterday, even though there was still grief on his face at that time, his mental condition was obviously much better. Belle looked at him and felt it was strange.”

“Yes, that’s true too. It’s just that her way of thinking is weird. I’m really worried about her. Hudson nodded. He felt that this woman was really detestable.”

“On the small path in the forest, Zoella carried a bag and walked in a relaxed manner. Her face was calm.”

Sergio was walking towards her.

The two chanced upon each other outside Ink Garden.

It was deep into the night. The lanterns in the garden were brightly lit to commemorate Sophia’s death.

“Sergio’s face was a little haggard. When he saw Zoella, there was shock on his face, followed by a contemptuous smile. “”I didn’t expect you to have the audacity to come to Sophia’s funeral. Tsk tsk, it’s rare to see someone so shameless.”””

“Zoella did not know that Yadriel had failed to sell weapons in the war-torn country. She thought that the Xanthe family would win and get the top position. So, she was a little afraid of Sergio. However, she would not let go of the high position.”

“Sergio. It’s true that Sky Sword Group Company came to a bad end. So what? You wanna gloat over it? Don’t forget, we are in the same boat, and my failure just shows that you are incompetent. Zoella chuckled.”

“Stupid woman. A dark light flashed in Sergio’s eyes as he said, “”You think you’re so smart, fooling around with us? The ending you got was rather kind considering what you did.”””

“After saying that, he showed a strange smile.”

What do you mean? Zoella looked at him with fearful eyes.

“Sergio narrowed his eyes and took a step forward. He whispered in a cold voice, “”Sophia’s servant, Ruth, was killed by your underlings, wasn’t she?”””

His eyes stared straight at Zoella.

Zoella was shocked. “How is that possible? What would I get from killing her?”

“Sergio laughed dryly and said, “”I know exactly what you want to do. I’m advising you to give up. I’m not afraid to tell you that everyone knew your people went into Sophias’s room that night. At that time, Belle’s assistant, Lomen, was spying on you. It was my people who distracted him. I didn’t do this for you. I just didn’t want to alert the enemy and cause any trouble.”””

His words made Zoella take in a deep breath.

It was to be expected.

Ruth had not been killed by Sergio’s people. It was Letty and Liya. Those two stupid women had killed Ruth. D*mn it!

“Do you think the police and staff at Harvey Manor are stupid? Let me tell you, the police are at the manor now and your men are about to be arrested. By then, your identity will be revealed and you will

be sent to prison. If you are smart, then take a flight out of the country. At least you'll not be in prison, Sergio warned."

"Zoella's face began to turn pale, and for a moment, her eyes were filled with panic."

"After saying that, Sergio left with a big smile on his face."

"Zoella stood there, finding it difficult to walk. She was breathing heavily."

"Carmella, a word, Martin said coldly with the newspaper in hand."

Carmella was chatting with MLexie when she saw Martin approaching them. She pressed her lips together and smiled. Her face was a little flushed.

"Go ahead, Martin is looking for you, MLexie said to Carmella with a smile."

"Alright, Aunt MLexie. I'll get going. Carmella nodded and left obediently. When she raised her head again, she saw that Martin had already walked quite some distance away. She hurriedly followed behind him."

"Carmella, you did this, didn't you? Martin took out the newspaper and placed it in front of her. He asked with a serious expression on his face."

"When Carmella read through the newspaper, she finally understood. It turned out that Martin had wanted to ask what she had been up to."

"She looked down, with her eyes full of grievances."

"Martin, a reporter asked me about Rosa yesterday. So, I answered a few questions. I told them the truth. Rosa is really enthusiastic and helpful. I didn't mean for this to happen. I am really grateful for what she did for the family."

Martin's condemning expression hurt Carmella badly. He was so concerned about Rosa that he had to come to question her because of a few scandals.

"Is that so? I didn't know you were such a gossip. Don't you know that those reporters like to stir up drama? You disappoint me. Please don't do this ever again. Otherwise, you leave me no choice but to tell Madam Madeline. Martin continued with a cold voice, ""Also, please stay away from my mother."" Then, he turned around and strode away."

Carmella stood there in a daze as color drained from her face.

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The Rhys of the morning sun gradually conquered the canopy of darkness that hung over the Harvey Manor. A faint layer of mist enveloped the place. The entire mansion was shrouded in a gloomy atmosphere. It was exceptionally sorrowful.

"When Belle opened her eyes, she found herself in the guest room with a quilt covering her body."

"She was stunned, and her eyes shone with confusion. She didn't know where she was."

“The funeral music in Ink Garden drifted in like the sound of a weeping song, accompanied by bouts of noisy chatter. Soon, she came to her senses. Grandma Sophia’s funeral was still going on, and she had slept in the guest room the previous night.”

“She hurriedly got up and walked into the bathroom. In front of the mirror of the marble counter, there was her reflection. It was a slightly tan face, and pyjamas illustrated with a smiling cartoon bunny.”

What was going on?

“Belle’s hand, which was holding the toothpaste tube, stiffened.”

“The night before, she had been wearing a maternity dress. Why was she wearing these pyjamas?”

Who had changed it for her?

Her heart skipped a beat when she thought of how someone had changed her clothes the previous night. Her cheeks began to flush red.

“Then, she hurriedly pulled open her pants. The person had even changed her underwear for her!”

Her face quickly became hot.

Who helped her to change? It was impossible that it was Rosa. She would never help her get changed.

The scene from the previous night gradually came to her mind.

“It was about four in the morning, maybe later.”

“She was sitting in front of Sophia’s memorial tablet, her head heavy and her eyelids twitching.”

“At that moment, everyone in the mourning hall was in a state of drowsiness, until a series of footsteps could be heard.”

She seemed to be half asleep when she opened her eyes.

She saw two wild-looking men.

“They had dishevelled grey hair and dirty faces. Their bodies were covered in sand. She couldn’t see their faces clearly, but their bodies reeked of blood.”

“They knelt down in front of Sophia’s memorial tablet and bowed deeply. She seemed to be able to hear the man’s painful sobs. She wanted to stand up, but the smell of blood made her stomach churn. As she struggled to stand up, her vision went dark...”

The doorbell rang.

She went out.

“Madam, we’re here to examine you. The entire medical team of the Harvey family entered the room. They all behaved with utmost respect.”

“Belle was stunned for a moment, and then she understood. She said with a smile, ““No, it’s alright. I’m busy today. You see, it is Sophia’s funeral ceremony, we’ll be expecting guests.”””

“As soon as she said that, all of them panicked and pleaded with her. ““Madam, if you don’t let us perform a checkup for you, then we will lose our jobs.”””

Is it that serious? Belle smiled disapprovingly.

“Yes, Madam. We might even get a punishment ten times worse than this. Dr. Parker, the head of the medical team, begged. ““Madam, let us examine your condition. You fainted last night, and we were scolded by the chairman the whole night.”””

Chairman?

“Belle stood, gaping. After a while, there was a sparkling light in her eyes.”

“It’s Calvin. He’s back, isn’t he? she asked anxiously.”

“Yes. All the experts in the medical team nodded and answered almost at the same time, ““Yes.”””

“Belle’s heart jumped and her body started getting pumped with adrenaline. She couldn’t wait any longer. So, she tried running outside without thinking.”

“Madam, you can’t go. She was soon brought back to the room by them. In other words, she had been brought back against her will.”

“They all surrounded her. After a series of hands pulling and pushing her, she was forced to lie on the bed.”

“Then, they began to take out the required instruments and started the checkup.”

“With such actions, Belle could only allow them to carry out their inspection.”

The medical team assigned to her by Calvin was an all-female team of orthopedic experts. This was because he had refused to allow any men to examine his wife.

“Madam, I’m sorry, but please listen to us for now.”

“Madam, after you fainted last night, Mr. Harvey was so angry that he scolded us one by one. If you leave today, then our careers will be over. We will only be able to starve to death on the street. Please let us do this checkup.”

“Yes, Madam. When Mr. Harvey came back last night and you fainted, he looked furious. We were all called over and got scolded in the middle of the night.”

“Madam, our salary this month has been deducted by Mr. Harvey. It’s awful.”

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“While they were examining her, they chattered on and on.”

“This was so exaggerated that it was funny. However, it was true that Calvin’s angry face was quite frightening.”

“She could only helplessly lie down and let them run their examination. She comforted them. ““Don’t worry, I promise that your salaries won’t be deducted.”””

“Really? That’s great. Thank you, Madam!”

“Thank you, Madam.”

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In the study of Fragrance Garden.

“Dressed in mourning clothes, Calvin’s expression was solemn.”

“Mr. Harvey, there have been some complications in the security of the mansion. Aron and Luca came in and said worriedly.”

What do you mean? Calvin’s eyebrows were knitted into a tight line. The light in his eyes gave off a terrifying aura.

“Mr. Harvey, many strangers have visited the mansion for the past few days, especially in the evening. It seems that they have been searching for something. Luca told what he had seen during the last few days when he was protecting Belle. Since he had to protect Belle, he did not dare to follow them. Now that Calvin had returned, he immediately reported the situation.”

“Calvin pressed his thin lips together. His face was frosty, as the light in his eyes turned cold entirely.”

What kind of people are they? he asked coldly.

“According to my conjecture, this must be Sergio’s doing, Luca said without any hesitation.”

“Calvin’s brows twitched, and a mocking smile appeared on his face.”

“Do you want to continue with this war? I will accompany you to the end. For someone who has experienced life and death on the battlefield, these little thieves are nothing.”

“Aron’s face was full of doubt. “”Mr. Harvey, this is really strange. What are they looking for? earlier today, I went to the jewelry vault. The heirloom jewels of the family are still there. Didn’t these people find this place, or did they come for something else other than money?”””

“Calvin exhaled and walked to the window. Standing in front of the large glass window, he surveyed the mansion. The light in his eyes was like that of a raging sea.”

“Sophia’s death was like a knife piercing into his heart, causing constant pain.”

“Since he was young, his grandparents’ influence on him was greater than Hudson and his wife’s. In his heart, his Grandma was the person whom he respected the most. Although he had thought of his grandmother leaving him one day, he had never thought that she would leave in this awful period of time.”

“He hadn’t even had time to attend the burial ceremony. Even then, he didn’t have time to sit in front of the memorial tablet until the end. One could only imagine the guilt in his heart.”

The previous night.

“After he got off the plane, he didn’t have time to clean the sand and blood off his face. He went straight to his grandmother’s memorial tablet and bowed three times. He sobbed as he walked to his grandmother’s coffin and saw her. Albie Williamson accompanied him all the way.”

“The moment Belle fainted, his guilt was eating him alive. He also realized that he couldn’t grieve for a long time. What awaited him was even more complicated matters.”

“He was the head of the family, a man with responsibilities to carry. He was also the CEO of the Harvey Group. However, the pressure had been placed on the shoulders of the woman he loved.”

“Therefore, he could only bring Belle back to the guest room. After helping her change into her pyjamas, he hurriedly took a shower before heading out.”

“What made him angry was that the medical team had no clue about Belle’s physical condition. Moreover, during this period of time, they didn’t give Belle any check-ups. Immediately, his face turned livid, and his fury was like thunder.”

“When she was pregnant with Jerry, she passed out in front of him. The reason was that she was malnourished.”

“That time, she had passed out in front of him again despite the fact that there were so many medical experts around.”

He simply couldn’t stand his dignity being harmed.

“Mr. Harvey, bad news. Yesterday, a few thieves slipped into Harvey Manor. The place has been turned into a mess, Lomen reported as he hurried into the room.”

The veins on Calvin’s forehead throbbed. He clenched his fingers to suppress the anger boiling in his heart.

Did we lose anything? he asked solemnly.

“Nothing is stolen, but many places are in a mess. And the person who came in is definitely a pro. The security guards in the mansion couldn’t do anything to them. He felt a little uneasy as he said.”

How many people do we estimate to have entered? Calvin continued asking.

“Mr. Harvey, these few days are the most chaotic times in Harvey Manor. While you were not around, there had been more than a handful of people who snuck in. Apart from the jewelry vault, we’ve searched every possible place we can find. It’s chaotic these days. Since Lomen was staying in Harvey Manor, he knew better than anyone else. Thus, there was a lingering fear in his voice.”

“Calvin loosened his clenched fists and sneered. ““Looks like they’re taking advantage of my absence to cause trouble. Fine, I’ll fight them to the end.”””

“Mr. Harvey, that’s true. Just as Lomen was about to reply, he continued. ““That night when Ruth was killed, I saw two figures slip into Sophia’s bedroom with my own eyes. Just as I was about to follow them, there was another man dressed in black following them. The guy was agile. He must be quite skilled in martial arts. After I noticed them, they ran towards the guest room. I was afraid that they would hurt Sophia. So, I went after them. I didn’t expect Ruth to be murdered that night.”””

Just thinking of the scene that night sent goosebumps all over his skin. His face was full of sadness.

Ruth's death twisted the knife that was already stuck in Calvin's heart.

The esteemed Harvey Manor was filled with ruffians who ran amok and committed murder at any time. This was too much to handle.

"It was one thing that he had been unable to do anything against Yadriel. What about Harvey Manor? This was his own home! If this continued, then his role as the head of the family would be for naught."

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"Mr. Harvey, the person who went into Sophia's bedroom could be the one who changed her will. We can arrest her and interrogate her now. Not to mention, that day, she pushed Madam to the ground. It should be her. Standing next to him, Lomen recalled."

"Calvin narrowed his eyes and asked coldly, ""Is she still in Harvey Manor?"""

"Yes, she was Oscar's sugar baby. Matteo was furious after he found out about it. He sent people to reclaim all his property and money. She came to Harvey Manor in this desperate situation. Madam saw that she had been disfigured and had lost the ability to bear children. So, she took her in for a few days, hoping that she could turn over a new leaf. As we can see, she hasn't changed even after all this, Lomen reported everything that happened in the past few days after Calvin left, his tone was filled with indignation."

Luca at the side also nodded and agreed. "Madam is too kind. She shouldn't have let that woman in."

"Calvin's eyes narrowed. ""Some people won't learn unless they are taught the hard way. Belle had already let her off. If she had learnt something from it all and left readily, I would have stopped the investigation for the sake of my grandmother. However, she obviously doesn't know how to repent and is still so vile after coming in. Thus, this time, she won't be able to escape the law."""

"Speaking of this, he thought of Sophia's will. Shifting his gaze to Lomen, he asked, ""How long will it take for Grandma's will to come out?"""

"Mr. Harvey, I've been hurrying them. I've even asked a finance manager who has a close relationship with the Harvey Group for news. He said that the results will come out ahead of schedule. I think it'll just be a matter of one or two days, Lomen immediately replied."

"Well, Belle has given her a chance and done her utmost to be kind to her. However, she did not repent but took advantage of it. Such a woman is trouble. This time, hand over all the evidence to the police. Let's settle this once and for all. She cannot blame others. It's just a matter of time before her free ride comes to an end, Calvin said coldly with no expression on his face."

"If Liya had promised never to enter Harvey Manor again, then the Harvey family wouldn't have gone this far despite her heinous crime. However, she had chosen the path herself with her actions."

"Aron, gather everyone in the Grand Eagle. From this day forth, I will clear every evil in this manor and return peace to our family. Calvin hesitated no longer and gave orders to Aron."

Aron nodded and left immediately.

“Calvin was about to lead his men down to catch Liya when he caught a glimpse, from his window, of Finley coming over with two policemen.”

He frowned and thought for a while before bringing Blake downstairs with him.

“Mr. Harvey, you’re back. When Finley heard that Calvin had returned, he immediately came. When he saw him, he walked up to shake hands with him.”

“After they shook hands, he said, ““Mr. Finley, please take a seat.”””

They sat down on the couch in the living room.

“Mr. Finley, have you found the cause of Ruth’s death? As soon as they sat down, Calvin asked.”

“Mr. Harvey, we have already obtained two fingerprints at the scene, but considering that Madam Sophia’s funeral is still ongoing, and the workload of any subsequent action will be heavy, we thought we’d come to you to ask what you think, Finley said frankly.”

“Calvin thought for a moment and questioned, ““Mr. Finley, if you have something to say, then just say it.”””

“Well, Mr. Harvey, I’ll not beat around the bush then, Finley said decisively. ““In our line of work, there are no assumptions made. ‘Evidence’ is everything. We found two fingerprints on Ruth’s clothes and the knife handle. These are very important pieces of evidence. As long as we can find out who they belong to, it will be solid evidence. No one can deny it. So, we can directly arrest the murderer to be brought to justice.”””

“Calvin listened carefully before asking, ““Mr. Finley, based on your analysis, who do these two fingerprints belong to?”””

“Finley smiled. ““We analyzed the scene and checked the surroundings of the manor. According to the case report, it’s temporarily confirmed that someone who works or lives in the mansion committed the crime. However, evidence is crucial. Thus, to find out who killed Ruth, I need the fingerprints of those who were in the mansion that night, including Mr. Hudson. We were hoping you could provide them. This is quite challenging. After all, Madam Sophia’s funeral has yet to come to an end. Plus, there’ll be a memorial party tomorrow. The number of people will only increase. If we want to find the owner of the two fingerprints, then I’ll need your cooperation. That’s why I came.”””

Calvin narrowed his eyes. His brows tightly knitted together as he remained silent.

“Grandma was so generous and had done countless good things in her life. No one had expected that even her funeral ceremony would be disturbed by such matters. However, he believed that Sophia would understand and agree with him.”

“Soon after, he stood up and said decisively, ““Well, close the clinic from now on and postpone Grandma’s memorial service for one day. Today, I’ll ask Maud to gather everyone and get their fingerprints.”””

“Alright. Finley stood up as well. ““If that’s the case, then I’m relieved. Sorry to disturb you. This must be disrespectful to Sophia. However, what we’ll be doing is also for the greater good. I believe that Sophia will understand.”””

“Pain flashed across Calvin’s eyes. Without a word, he strode outside.”

“Ask Maud to see me. As soon as he walked to the gate of Ink Garden, he paused and ordered Luca.”

“Alright. Luca nodded and turned to leave. However, as soon as he took a few steps, a gorgeous sightseeing car came in front of him. An electric vehicle followed closely behind with Maud in it.”

“After the electric vehicle stopped, Maud immediately jumped down from the back.”

“Mr. Harvey, Mr. Cole and Miss Jaqueline have come to mourn Sophia. Maud came down and reported to Calvin loudly.”

“At that time, only Calvin and Martin were at the gate of Ink Garden. When Calvin heard the announcement, he was shocked. When he looked up, he saw Nuncio and his daughter Jaqueline coming down from the cart.”

“After being stunned for a moment, he hurried forward to greet him with a half bow.”

“Mr. Cole, Miss Cole, thank you for coming. Nuncio raised his hand slightly and said, ““Calvin, my condolences to you and your family.”””

Martin immediately handed them their sleeves and flowers.

“Calvin, I’m sorry for your loss. Jaqueline took a step forward and comforted him in a soft voice.”

“Thank you, Jaqueline. Calvin nodded slightly at her and said to Maud, ““Wait here.”” Then, he took Nuncio and Jaqueline to his grandmother’s mourning hall.”

“When the guards in the room saw the Cole family coming, they all stood up to welcome them.”

Nuncio and Jaqueline came to Sophia’s memorial tablet. Each of them solemnly bowed three times to Sophia and offered her flowers.

Thank you for coming to Grandma’s funeral. This way. Belle respectfully curtsied at Nuncio and led him to the guest resting area where Hudson was stationed.

“The Cole family were the Harvey family’s important guests. So, she did not dare to irritate them.”

“You are Belle, aren’t you? Nuncio asked after looking at her from head to toe.”

“That’s right, Belle answered, lowering her eyes.”

“Nuncio looked at her again, paused for a second, and then looked away.”

Belle was uneasy and led Nuncio to Hudson’s side before politely walking away.

“Jaqueline was standing in front of Sophia’s memorial tablet. Belle was about to lead her to the guest area to sit down. When she looked up, she saw Jaqueline bowing to her. Calvin was standing beside her.”

“Jaqueline, thank you for coming. Calvin looked at Sophia’s portrait on the memorial tablet and felt bitter in his heart. Since he arrived, it was the second time he had come to his grandmother’s spirit

tablet. For the following days, he might be so caught up in work that he did not have much time to stay until the burial ceremony.”

“Calvin, you can defeat Yadriel no matter what. Grandma will be happy in heaven. My condolences to you and your family. Jaqueline saw Calvin’s sorrowful gaze. So, she comforted him in a soft voice.”

Calvin’s eyes turned to look at her as he nodded slightly at her.

“At that time, Jaqueline’s eyes were full of considerate care, and her beautiful eyes were intelligent and clear.”

“Belle, who was about to step here, suddenly halted, and her heart was in a daze.”

“Ever since her husband had gone to Capital City, she had been scared. That day, he had finally come back. However, the first woman he talked to was not her, but Jaqueline, who came from Capital City.”

“Jaqueline was dressed in a long ivory dress, looking stunning. Standing by his side, the scene was truly beautiful.”

“They were standing in front of Sophia’s memorial tablet and whispering something to each other, acting very intimate.”

“Her eyes suddenly teared up. Suddenly, she didn’t want to bring Jaqueline to the resting area anymore. She felt that her help was unnecessary and that she would even disturb them. This was an indescribable feeling, which made Belle lose her self-confidence.”

She lowered her head and turned around.

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“Belle. Just as she was about to walk to the side, a gentle voice that she had not heard for a long time stopped her.”

“Calvin had been standing next to Jaqueline, waiting for Belle to come and take her away, only to see her turn away after starting to head towards their direction. He thought that she had forgotten that a female guest had arrived. So, he stepped forward and stopped her.”

“Hearing the voice that was familiar even in her dreams, a sudden warmth flooded Belle’s heart. All the grievances, longing, and worries in the past few days were visible in her eyes. She looked up at him.”

“He grieved for the loss of his grandmother. It was evident through his teary eyes. However, when he looked at her, the only thing she could see in his gaze was love.”

“She understood everything that just by looking into his eyes, all her feelings were subverted.”

Calvin. Her heart softened. Her eyes shone brightly when she saw his thin and slightly tan face. She first thought that he was the ‘wild man’ before she fainted the previous night. She felt a little baffled by the feeling she had just then.

What in the world was she thinking about!

“Given his appearance the night before, he must have been in danger previously. It was truly a blessing that he had already returned safely.”

“Calvin stretched out his hand to hold hers, with his large hands wrapping tightly around her small ones.”

“They held hands, and their eyes met. There seemed to be thousands of words that they wanted to say but didn’t know where to start. At that moment, they were grateful that they were standing here together, safe and sound, and would never be separated from each other again.”

“You fool, don’t you recognize your husband? Calvin saw Belle looking at him in a silly manner. Confusion flashed across her eyes. He could not help but to bow his head and ask in a low voice.”

Belle lowered her head as her cheeks turned red.

“He saw her slightly sallow face, and his heart ached. The anger in his heart rose again. That medical team hadn’t even done routine examinations for her while he was gone. D*mn it!”

“Belle, bring Jaqueline to the guest area. She’s a guest of the Cole family. Try to make her feel comfortable, he whispered in her ear.”

Oh. Belle came to her senses and nodded repeatedly.

“Belle, I’ll look for you later. I have something urgent to deal with first. After that, Calvin let go of her and walked outside.”

“A spring breeze blew over Belle’s heart, melting all the shadows.”

“She briskly turned her head and walked towards Jaqueline, with her face brimming with confidence.”

“Miss Cole, thank you for coming today. This way, please. She walked over and greeted Jaqueline, not forgetting to gesture to her to walk first.”

“Jaqueline had long since noticed their love for each other. She looked up and tried to conceal the disappointment in the depths of her heart. She nodded to Belle as a polite gesture, and followed her to the women’s guest lounge.”

“Calvin walked out and saw Maud standing outside, waiting for him.”

“Sir, are you looking for me? Maud rushed up to him the moment he saw him walk out.”

“Maud, close all entrances of the mansion from now on. Post a notice outside, informing all the relatives who came to mourn that the time has been changed to tomorrow, and Grandma’s memorial service will be postponed for a day, Calvin immediately ordered Maud when he saw him.”

Maud was stunned for a while.

“Gather everyone in the mansion right now. I have something important to announce. Calvin frowned, raising his voice.”

Maud was jolted out of his idle state and silently confirmed the instructions. He quickly turned around and went to carry out the order.

“Martin, prepare the ice coffin immediately and put Grandma’s body into it. He turned around and said to Martin.”

Martin seemed to have understood something when he heard Calvin’s arrangement. He simply nodded.

“Calvin, the ice coffin is still in the bunker. It’ll be difficult to move it out at once. Martin thought of the weight of the ice coffin. It would take a lot of effort to move it out.”

“No matter how difficult it is, we have to move it out as soon as possible. There’s no time to hesitate. Otherwise, Grandma’s body will rot, Calvin said decisively.”

“Yes, I’ll bring some men with me right away. The matter was urgent. Martin knew that he must have his reasons for doing so. So, he didn’t question him. He agreed and called the captain of the security guards. He then left with a group of security guards.”

“As soon as Martin left, Aron called.”

“Mr. Harvey, the members of the Grand Eagle have arrived, Aron briefly reported.”

“Alright, I’ll be right there. Calvin’s eyes darkened. He immediately headed for Fragrance Garden.”

“Sitting in a luxurious sports car, Sergio held his cell phone tightly in his hand. He said in a trembling voice, “Dad, Calvin returned to Harvey Manor last night. I couldn’t find where they keep the treasure.””

Yadriel’s face was pale and there was a sinister smile on his face.

Don’t worry about that. What can he do? We’ll have to get the Ocean Heart this time. His voice was like a ghost on the phone. “I’ll take care of this for the time being. We must leave for the United States the day after tomorrow. I’ve already arranged it.”

“Beads of sweat formed on Sergio’s palms, and his face grew pale.”

“Dad, now that Calvin is back, it won’t be so easy to get hold of the Ocean Heart. Now, Harvey Manor is being heavily guarded. The people Zoella sent accidentally killed Sophia’s servant, Ruth. This no doubt alerted the enemy. At present, there’s a group of security guards patrolling the mansion round the clock. It’s not an easy task to get the treasure within two days.”

“He sounded a little discouraged. It was not his fault. In the past few days, he had searched the entire Harvey Manor, despite Belle’s lack of cooperation, to no avail.”

“Sergio, how could it be so easy to obtain a treasure? Sophia must have made thorough arrangements for this matter when she was alive. We must find it no matter how difficult the process is. Since it’s not in the mansion, do think of other ideas. We have no way out now. We suffered a great loss in our finances due to the election. We must seize this opportunity. This is our last chance, Yadriel ordered on the other side of the line.”

Sergio gritted his teeth and his eyes turned red. He didn’t want to leave this country. He didn’t want to flee abroad. This was his home. He had never wanted this.

“Sergio, listen to me. We can’t be soft-hearted now. We must try our best to get that treasure for a better future. If things don’t work out, then I will support you. Yadriel did not hear his son’s response and felt uneasy. So, he warned him again.”

“With a ‘slam’, Sergio violently dropped his phone. He closed his eyes for a short while before starting the car.”

The car engine roared as it moved forward.

Chapter 668

“Liya was curled up on the bed, her hair disheveled. She covered herself with a blanket. Her face was pale and she felt dizzy.”

“After a while, there was a knock on the door.”

“No, don’t find me. She trembled and grasped the quilt tightly, screaming with fear, “”Ruth, I didn’t mean to kill you. Don’t find me. I didn’t mean to kill you.”””

The knocks on the door became louder and louder.

“Liya was badly frightened. Her entire body was trembling as she covered her ears with her hands. She shook her head frantically, feeling extremely terrified. She kept muttering, “”Ruth, please don’t look for me. Forgive me, please.”””

“Liya, hurry up and open the door. There was a knock on the door. The person outside seemed to have become impatient after waiting for a while. She shouted out in a rough voice.”

Liya let go of her ears and raised her head.

The voice belonged to Letty.

She suddenly lifted the quilt and sat up.

“Liya, hurry up and open the door. There’s no time. Letty’s impatient voice rang out from outside again.”

“These days, there were a lot of footsteps outside the Emerald Garden and it was always noisy, especially at night. However, that day, the usually chaotic garden seemed to have quietened down.”

“Stunned for a moment, she got out of bed and rushed to the door to open it.”

“Letty was dressed in a long-sleeved shirt and pants, with a hat as well. She was standing by the door with two bags in her hand. It seemed that she was ready to go out.”

“Quick, Calvin is back. They are about to close all the entrances. We have to escape before they do so, or we’ll be finished. Letty saw Liya looking at her with frightened eyes. She looked like a ghost. Her face was deathly pale and her lips were trembling. She sneered in her heart and looked at her disdainfully, reminding her.”

“Did Calvin come back? After opening her eyes for a while, Liya came back to her senses and questioned.”

“Letty looked at her with contempt and said with a lace of sarcasm in her tone, ““Are you still dreaming of being Calvin’s second wife? From what you did, I can guarantee that you will be caught by Calvin when he comes back. Be smart, pack up your things, and leave.”””

“Liya’s entire body was trembling. Her eyes were blank as she opened her mouth. Calvin’s face appeared before her eyes, the elegant figure of the young master whom she had admired from a young age. He was the only one who had helped her in Harvey Manor when she was young.”

“A sense of warmth that did not belong to her rose in her heart. After that, she got very excited again and her whole body seemed to be floating in the air.”

“The sound of footsteps downstairs became louder and louder. Through the shade of the trees in the corridor, Letty saw that many security guards were lining up in the garden and heading towards the gate. There was also security personnel patrolling in the garden.”

“She was scared out of her wits. When she turned around to look at Liya, she saw that she was completely in a daze. Sometimes, she would cry. At other times, she would laugh. She was completely out of her mind.”

Letty had lost her patience. She just urged her a few more times before walking out quickly with the bags in her hand.

“This woman was out of her mind. If it weren’t for Zoella asking her to bring Liya out, afraid that she would not stand the interrogation and end up exposing them, then she wouldn’t have cared about this stupid woman’s life or death. However, at that moment, she could only run for her life.”

“As she thought, she lowered her hat, held the bags, and walked out as if nothing had happened.”

Calvin had just walked out of the study of Fragrance Garden when he saw the security captain hurrying over.

“Mr. Harvey, we’ve just caught a servant who tried to sneak out from the back door. What should we do? The head of the security team was busy giving orders to close all entrances of every building when he overheard the security guards stationed at the small door at the north wing of the manor reporting that a woman had been trying to sneak out.”

“The head of the security team had worked in the mansion for years. He was more wary these days, given that a murder case had occurred in the mansion. It was very significant that the chairman, who had just returned from Capital City, had decided to close the exits of the mansion, even during Madam Sophia’s funeral. Thus, when he found this woman, he ran to the mansion and told Calvin in person.”

“Calvin’s eyes flashed as he asked in a deep voice, ““What’s the servant’s name? Where was she located?”””

“Mr. Harvey, she’s Letty, a kitchen staff in Ink Garden, The captain of the security guards replied.”

“Letty? Calvin could not recall anyone named Letty. He had never paid much attention to the servants of the mansion, but it was obvious that this Letty wanted to sneak into the mansion at this point in time. He immediately ordered in a serious voice, ““Take her to the conference room right now.”””

“Yes, sir, the captain of the security team answered.”

The closing of the entrances of Harvey Manor proceeded in an orderly fashion.

“Zoella stood in the bedroom, pacing back and forth, with a cigarette in hand. She looked haggard.”

“Ever since she had come back from Sophia’s funeral at Harvey Manor the previous night, she had begun to feel restless.”

“The night before, she had met Sergio in the Harvey Manor. The words he said pushed her into the dark abyss. Letty and Liya, the fools, had actually killed Ruth, undoubtedly alerting the enemy. Her plan was about to be exposed even before it started. Hence, she had ordered Letty to bring Liya back from the mansion.”

“However, she had not heard from them after that.”

She sat on the couch and began to smoke.

“Miss Yates. As soon as she smoked the cigarette in her hand, Libby came in with an anxious look on his face.”

What’s the matter? Zoella raised her head.

“Miss Yates, our people searched the entire mansion last night but couldn’t find the treasure. This morning, Calvin returned home. There is security posted in the mansion now, and Calvin has already ordered the closure of the entrances of the mansion. This is very serious. I’m afraid it’ll be very difficult for us to find the treasure. Libby blurted out in a panic.”

Zoella thought about it as the cigarette was lowered down slowly. She took one final drag of the cigarette before discarding it in the ashtRhys.

Have Letty and Liya come out yet? she asked in a low voice.

Libby shook his head. “I’m afraid they won’t be able to walk out of here alive.”

“Zoella took a deep breath and fell back on the couch. If they couldn’t escape, then their crimes would be exposed. Would this lead to her own crimes being exposed?”

“Libby, bring our brothers with you, and let’s retreat to the Mariya Church. Her face had turned pale.”

“Narrowing her eyes, she gave the order decisively.”

“Libby was stunned and asked a little unwillingly, ““Miss Yates, what about the ‘Ocean Heart’?”””

“Zoella’s eyelids jumped as she calmly said, ““There’s no need to rush. Someone else should be more worried than us. Just wait and see. No matter what we do, it’s just a matter of a few days.”””

Libby didn’t understand what she was trying to say but nodded regardless.

“Miss Yates, I’m afraid that Liya is finished this time. I’m afraid that she will betRhys you when the time comes, Libby said with some worry.”

“Zoella frowned and said indifferently, ““It’s just a matter of one or two days. Who cares about her anyway? After we get the treasure, we’ll leave here immediately.”””

“Libby thought about it, smiled sinisterly, and went back to work.”

Chapter 669

“It was only fifteen minutes after Belle greeted Jaqueline and her father, and returned to the memorial tablet when she heard the loudspeaker of the broadcast room ringing. Maud was conveying Calvin’s instructions through the loudspeaker. ““All entrances of the mansion have been closed. No one is allowed to leave. Sophia’s memorial service is postponed for a day and all relatives who came may come back tomorrow. All guests and staff, please gather at the conference room. There is an important matter that needs to be addressed.”””

Belle was a little stunned when she heard this.

“Calvin had just returned home and was shutting down the mansion, even delaying Sophia’s memorial service. Wouldn’t this be disrespectful to Sophia?”

“However, too many things had happened during this time. It seemed that he was going to take action.”

“Just as she was lost in her thoughts, she saw a few security guards walking in, carrying an ice coffin.”

“Martin, what are you doing? Hudson was talking to Nuncio. He heard Maud’s voice from the speakers and saw Martin and some staff carrying an ice coffin. He immediately walked up to them and asked.”

“Hudson, this is Calvin’s order. The memorial service is postponed for a day. The weather is too hot. He is afraid that Granny’s body will rot. Martin thought that there must have been something else behind what Calvin had done. So, he explained it in this way.”

“Hudson’s eyes flashed as he nodded. Now that Calvin was the head of the family, his decision was not to be questioned even if he was his father. Therefore, he did not say much.”

“Everyone, please move to the conference room in Ink Garden. In the broadcasting room, Maud’s voice sounded over and over again.”

“At that moment, be it the guests or masters who remained in Harvey Manor, all of them began to walk towards Ink Garden.”

“Belle had originally planned to send a chauffeur to pick up Kate and Bailey, but now, that had to wait. She would discuss it with Calvin after the meeting.”

“The conference room was in the hall of the joint villa in Ink Garden, and people who came and went would pass through the corridor.”

“Soon, Belle saw Finley leading the police in, and she seemed to understand something.”

“There must have been some progress in Ruth’s murder case. They had found some clues, and then they needed to verify the evidence.”

“When she turned, she saw Martin bringing a few men to place Sophia’s corpse into the coffin.”

“She didn’t dare to leave. According to tradition, someone had to take care of Sophia’s memorial tablet.”

“She would wait until the rest of the guests and servants left to coordinate with the police. Thinking of this, she sat down in front of Sophia’s memorial tablet and lit a candle for her.”

“Grandma, please look after our family. I also pray that the Ocean Heart doesn’t fall into the wrong hands. She placed the candle in front of Sophia’s memorial tablet. She intertwined her fingers together as she silently prayed in her heart.”

“Now that Calvin had returned, her heart was finally at ease.”

“She slightly closed her eyes and exhaled before slowly opening them. She saw a pair of white sneakers stained with dirt. Looking up, she saw a pair of jeans that were covered with dust and dirt. The woman had shoulder-length hair and was wearing a wrinkled red T-shirt. Her face was as pale as a ghost.”

“Belle gasped, and instantly stood up.”

“Liya, what are you doing here? If it weren’t for the jade she was wearing on her hand, she wouldn’t have been able to recognize her. Her face was pale and she was extremely skinny. Her eyes were sunken. She was no different from a ghost.”

“Liya stared at Belle, her lips closed, and her pale fingers fell on Sophia’s coffin.”

“Liya, what do you want? Go to the conference room. Everyone is there now, Belle said in a harsh tone.”

“However, Liya’s face was expressionless. She didn’t show any reaction. Instead, she walked towards the memorial tablet, step by step.”

Belle stepped back and frowned as she watched.

“Liya, I was kind enough to take you in. Sophia has raised you since you were young. Have you repented? Belle’s eyes were cold as she asked.”

Liya’s eyes slowly shifted to the memorial tablet in front of her. She looked at Sophia’s portrait and her body froze. A trace of fear appeared in her eyes.

Belle looked at her coldly.

“Now that you’re here, you’d better bow three times to Grandma. She stood behind her and said in a harsh voice.”

“Liya was in a daze. Surely enough, she knelt down and bowed three times before the memorial tablet.”

“Liya, listen carefully. These three bows were something that you owe the Harvey family and Sophia. From now on, you are a stranger to the Harvey family. We no longer owe you anything, Belle said sternly.”

“Liya lowered her head, and her entire body shrunk into a ball. She knelt down dispiritedly, but her eyes were fixated on the ice coffin. She didn’t say a single word.”

“Liya, you had something to do with Ruth’s death, didn’t you? You pushed Madam Paige down too, am I right? Why did you do that? How could you do such a vicious thing? The Harvey family helped you so much. Why don’t you appreciate us? Belle bit her lip and asked.”

“Liya hugged herself. When she heard the name ‘Ruth’, her entire body suddenly began to tremble. Terrifying images flashed through her mind. She suddenly turned around and stared at Belle. Her eyes were filled with an extremely vicious light.”

Belle looked at her. Liya seemed to have lost her mind. A sense of foreboding welled up in her heart.

“At that moment, Liya looked like she had really gone mad. It was terrifying.”

“Belle, where is the Ocean Heart? Give it to me. Liya suddenly took out a sharp knife, aimed it at Belle, and threatened her. “”Hand over the Ocean Heart and get me out of this mansion, and I will let you go.”””

She approached her with the knife in her hand.

“Belle was stunned for a moment, before understanding the situation. This must have been her reason for coming. After having failed to find it in the mansion, this must be her last attempt to find it.”

This woman was terrible. It was impossible for her to change!

“Belle, if you give me the treasure, then I will let you live, and I will no longer interfere with the Harvey family anymore. However, if you don’t hand it over, then I will kill you and your child. Think about it carefully, Liya said in a low voice while laughing insidiously.”

“Upon hearing this, Belle’s heart turned cold.”

“Liya walked closer still. Belle held her belly and retreated a few steps. There was a wall behind her, and she had nowhere to hide. Liya’s knife was aimed at her. If she were to flee, then she would most likely be hurt before she could do so.”

“Only now did she begin to feel scared. It was obvious that Liya had planned this. At that time, everyone had gone to the conference room. Taking advantage of this, she had come to threaten her, making these demands.”

She had purposely come for Belle.

It was the truth.

“When Letty had come over to get her to escape, her mind had already cleared up. Yet, she had never intended to follow Letty. Rather, she had planned to take the treasure for herself. This was why she had pretended to be mad in front of Letty.”

It was the perfect timing that Maud had summoned everyone to the conference room just then.

“There were only two possible hiding spots for a treasure like the Ocean Heart. Sophia could be hiding it herself, or she had handed it to one of the family members. The eldest granddaughter-in-law, Belle, must have been holding on to it. Therefore, the mourning hall would be the best place to be right now.”

“She stood by the window of the bedroom and watched as groups of people walked from all directions towards Ink Garden. She went downstairs too. There were so many people. So, there were not enough cars. As such, she lowered her head and hid among the crowd moving towards Ink Garden. Then, she took the opportunity to hide in a corner. Her eyes were fixed on Belle, who was standing in front of the memorial tablet.”

She didn't show up until Belle had sent everyone away.

“At that time, security personnel were in every part of the mansion. She knew that there was no use running away, and she had no time to commit a crime. She could only threaten Belle, force her to hand over the treasure, and then force her to get her out.”

“Liya, please put down the knife! Let's talk it over. Belle held her stomach, her heart aching. Only then did she regret letting her in. A woman like this had lost her mind. She shouldn't have treated her like a regular person at all. It was too late to have regrets then. Her mind was spinning. She was stalling for time, waiting for Calvin to come and save her. Seeing that Liya's face was filled with viciousness, she was worried that she would suddenly do some crazy things. So, she tried to persuade her, ““Liya, if I hadn't called the police for you and asked Maud to send you to the hospital in time, you would've been dead by now. Don't you remember? Why are you trying to hurt me now?”””

“Liya's eyes turned red. She grinned and said, ““I don't want your sympathy. Don't pretend to feel sorry for me. I won't thank you. If you know what's good for you, then hand over the Ocean Heart now, and I'll let you go. After that, we won't cross paths anymore. Otherwise, we'll die together today. I don't have anything to lose.”””

“I'm not you. You're the precious wife of the Harvey family head, respected by everyone. I bet all that is waiting for you in the future is happiness.”

“As Liya said this, the jealousy in her heart intensified, making her act irrational.”

“You want the treasure, but isn't that a simple thing? Put the knife down. I know where the treasure is. I will take you to retrieve it, okay? Belle didn't fear for her life, but for the child in her stomach. Now that Calvin was back, she believed that he would soon come here to search for Liya. She had to fight for more time. Therefore, she tried her best to buy time. She kept whispering in her heart, ““Calvin, hurry.”””

“I'm telling you, stop playing tricks on me. If you lie to me, then I'll have you killed immediately. You know how Ruth died. If you're not afraid, then you can die with her. Liya looked at her with a death stare as she threatened her.”

Chapter 670

“At that time, Calvin was standing on the platform, looking at the hundreds of people below. For the moment, he did not see Luca and Liya, and he could not help but to frown slightly.”

“After he had finished ordering Maud to close the mansion, the captain of the security team had informed him about Letty's attempted escape. He feared that Liya might also try to escape. So, he had immediately instructed Luca to find Liya and bring her here.”

“However, Luca had been gone for so long without news, that he couldn't help but to wonder if Luca could catch her in time.”

“At that moment, Luca, who was in charge of finding Liya, hurried over and whispered, ““Mr. Harvey, Liya is missing.”””

What? Calvin was alarmed. “Has she already escaped?”

“At that moment, Maud was counting the number of guests and staff below. Calvin’s heart sank. He quickly walked to the microphone and asked in a deep voice, ““Maud, is everyone here?”””

“Maud had worked in the mansion for years and was quick to act. All this time while he was counting the number of people, he was actually checking whether Liya was present. After some deliberation, he replied in a loud voice, ““Sir, Madam Belle and Liya aren’t here.”””

“The moment those words came out of Maud’s mouth, it was as if a bolt of lightning had streaked through dark clouds, jolting Calvin.”

“He quickly turned around, walked down from the stage, and strode towards the mourning hall.”

“Luca was also frightened when he heard this. However, he had not seen anyone inside the mourning hall just then when he passed by. What was going on? With this thought in mind, he walked towards the mourning hall as well.”

The scene in the mourning hall was clear.

“When they were about to arrive at the mourning hall, Calvin’s heart tightened. It was as if he had heard a cry from Belle, echoing in his heart. He felt so uneasy. Such panic was something he would never forget for the rest of his life.”

He slowed down his pace and looked inside.

“Liya, I’m the only one who knows where the Ocean Heart is. If you want to get it, then you need my help. But you’re pointing a knife at me. You know I’m carrying a child and can’t stand being frightened. If I faint, or if my life is threatened, then I might forget where it is. Then, it’ll be rather troublesome, don’t you think? Belle had been backed into a corner by Liya. She looked at the gleaming knife in Liya’s hand. It was the sharpest knife on the market and could cut through iron. If it was used on a person, then she wouldn’t want to imagine how it would turn out.”

“Her palms were covered with sweat. She could only try to placate her in a kind manner as she tried to stall for time. When Belle saw Calvin at the entrance of the mourning hall, she felt hopeful. Yet, her expression did not change. She only raised her voice, but her face was full of fear.”

“Calvin was very sensitive to Belle’s voice. However, he was shocked by the scene in front of him. His heart almost stopped beating.”

“Liya had forced Belle to a corner. If it weren’t for Belle’s loud voice, then he would have run in just then because he couldn’t see her.”

“This would startle Liya, and she might have done something crazy.”

“D*mn it, why didn’t he think something like this would happen? He came back and Belle was by his side, but he had been careless and put his beloved wife in danger.”

A surge of anger rose in his chest. His face was dark and his eyes were as sharp as an eagle's.

He had just returned from a battlefield. His body was still pumping with adrenaline. Who did Liya think she was?

"At that time, Liya and Belle were standing face to face, and they were very close to each other. The sharp knife in Liya's hand was aimed at Belle. He did not dare to launch an attack from a long distance because he was afraid that if there was even a slight mistake, Belle would be hurt."

"He carefully walked towards them. He didn't dare to be careless. At the same time, he signalled Belle and quietly approached Liya from behind."

"Stop playing tricks on me. Hurry up and take me to it, Liya shouted. She held the sharp knife in her hand and aimed it towards Belle's heart."

"Belle's face was pale. Her palms sweaty, she put her hands on her belly and saw that Calvin was only a step away. If Belle took Liya away right then, then she would see him."

"At that moment, Liya's vicious stare was wandering. She was on the verge of losing her cool. What if she was provoked and stabbed her with the knife? It was hard to imagine the damage she would cause."

"Hence, she remained calm and said, ""Liya, put down your knife. I promise to give you the treasure. You should know that you're committing a crime while doing this. Now that there are police in the conference room, if you act like this, then they will take you away as soon as they see you. Even if you kill me, you won't be able to get the treasure, much less leave here. If I don't cooperate, then even if you get the Ocean Heart, you won't be able to escape. Have you forgotten about your uncle and his words to you before he died?"""

"As Belle spoke slowly, there was a trace of lingering fear in Liya's eyes, and her hand, which was holding the sharp knife, was shaking violently."

"So, take me to the treasure now, and then I can leave here immediately, she said through gritted teeth."

"No, even if I give it to you, you can't run away. They will find out that I am gone and come for me. Don't forget that we are in Harvey Manor. But if you have my help, then it will be different. Belle analyzed the situation very carefully for her."

Liya was a little confused by Belle's words.

Footsteps could be heard from outside.

"Liya panicked for a moment. After a moment of absent-mindedness, she heard a hissing sound. A large hand reached out from behind and grabbed her wrist. With a bit of force, an excruciating pain erupted from her wrist. Grunting, she let the sharp knife fall to the ground."

"Disgusting woman. Following a shout, Liya turned to look at Calvin's eyes that were bursting with a cold killing intent. Her heart skipped a beat. Before she could respond, Calvin grabbed her wrist and pushed her far away to the ground."

“B*tch. Committing a crime in the mourning hall. How dare you! At that time, Luca took a step forward and shouted at her angrily.”

“Luca followed Calvin out of the center of the stage. When they had reached the door of the mourning hall, they had seen Liya wielding a bright knife at Belle. As for Calvin, he had seemed nervous, as if he did not dare to step forward. He immediately realized the danger.”

“At that time, Calvin turned his head and gave Luca a look. Luca understood and immediately went back and summoned Finley and the other police officers.”

“Therefore, when Calvin got hold of Liya, Finley and the rest rushed over.”

“This woman is nuts. Finley looked at Liya, who was lying on the ground, trembling like a frightened bird. He snapped at the two policemen beside him and ordered, ““Put some cuffs on her and bring her to the conference room.”””

Yes. The two policemen beside her cuffed her hands and dragged her towards the conference room.

“As soon as Liya’s knife fell to the ground, Belle knew that the danger had passed. She heaved a sigh of relief, and her body slumped onto the ground. After Calvin had gotten Liya away from Belle, he rushed to hold her in his arms, shouting nervously, ““Belle.”” ”

Belle’s long eyelashes fluttered slightly. She looked at Calvin. She wanted to cry but she held her tears back.

“The scene just then was really tense. When Liya was threatening her with a knife, she had been fearing for the child in her belly, as well as their child, Jerry. What would have happened if he lost his mother?”

“I’m sorry, Belle. It’s my fault. I failed to protect you. Calvin’s face twisted with pain. He caressed her cheeks gently and soothed her in a deep and husky voice. It carried a sense of guilt. His eyes were filled with desolation.”

“If something had happened to her that day, then how would he have lived?”

“After the police took Liya away, they all left knowingly, leaving them some space.”

Calvin hugged her tightly in front of Sophia’s memorial tablet. He closed his eyes slightly and enjoyed the momentary peace.

“Belle returned the embrace. As she smelled the familiar scent of the river water that made her feel at ease, tears welled up in her eyes.”

“Belle, after we pass this threshold, we will live a happy and safe life. I will build an indestructible commercial kingdom. I will spare time to accompany you and our children, and make you the happiest woman in the world. Calvin wiped away the tears at the corners of her eyes, leaned his head in her hair, and assured her.”

“After that incident, Belle finally believed that there was no possibility for Liya to turn over a new leaf. The sins she had committed had been too severe.”

“She ran her fingers through his thick, black hair. With one arm wrapped tightly around his waist, she stared at him with a smile.”

They had found the happiness that belonged to them.

“Calvin, you’ve obtained evidence against Yatriel, haven’t you?”

Her eyes were full of spirit as she asked softly.

“Yes, I just came back from the battlefield in the war-torn country yesterday. Yatriel has smuggled the soldiers of the army to the battlefield. We have obtained enough evidence. His illegal deals will come to an end soon. Calvin raised his head, facing Sophia’s memorial tablet.”

“Tears welled up in Belle’s eyes as she wrapped her arms around his neck. She said excitedly, ““Calvin, Grandma would have been so happy to hear that.”””