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"But Mom, I can also marry into the Hoffman family. It will be equally beneficial for you!" Bethany's face turned pale as she was startled by her mother's intense reaction.

Shannon maintained her silence. She pursed her lips and had a sinister glint in her a moment, she said, "What is the progress between Zoe and Justin?"

eyes. After

"It's not like there's any significant progress. From what Zoe hinted, Justin seems to be lingering over that little harlot, Bella. She doesn't stand a chance at all," Bethany replied with a disgruntled expression.

"Heh, that's even better," Shannon remarked. "Dear, don't you understand? This is a great opportunity to sow discord between Justin and Ryan!"

"Mom, what do you mean?"

Frustrated, Shannon flicked Bethany's forehead. "Ryan is the sole heir of the Hoffman Group. Despite Chairman Hoffman's current control, Ryan has inherited a substantial amount of shares from his father. In the future, the Hoffman Group belongs to him!"

Shannon continued, "If we use Zoe to create a rift between Ryan and Justin, it's much more meaningful than becoming in-laws. I understand Justin's stubborn nature. It's futile to force anything he doesn't want on him. So, even if Zoe doesn't marry him, this will become a thorn in their friendship. They can never go back to the way they were!"

Realizing this, Bethany looked at Shannon with admiration.

Just then, there was a soft knock on the door.

“Come in!” Shannon composed herself, hiding her menacing gaze.

The door creaked open, and Carrie entered clutching a teddy bear.

Upon seeing her sister, Bethany immediately thought of the grudge between them. She wished she could destroy both Carrie and her ugly teddy bear.

“Carrie? What are you here for?” Shannon asked indifferently.

“M-Mommy...”

Carrie lowered her head and held the teddy bear tightly. She asked in a barely audible voice, “C -Can I attend the banquet tonight?”

Both Shannon and Bethany were taken aback. They could not recall a time when Carrie had ever asked for something on her own. This was a first.

“My dear sister, your innocent facade is finally on the verge of collapse, huh?” Bethany sneered with a devious grin. “Did you hear that Ryan would be there? You just couldn’t resist the temptation to meet your crush, right? After what happened with Ryan last time, are you unable to resist the urge to throw yourself at him again? Why are you so shameless?”

“I-I didn’t!” Carrie quickly denied any lingering feelings for Ryan and pushed aside the awkward encounter in the bushes.

“Carrie, luck won’t always be on your side. And don’t forget, you’ve got some mental illness. Aren’t you afraid of scaring Ryan with your crazy behavior?” Bethany expressed disgust with a

roll of her eyes.

Carrie’s face instantly turned pale.

“Carrie, it’s probably best if you skip tonight’s event. Just stay at home. Also..” Shannon’s expression darkened. “About what happened between you and Ryan before, I won’t hold it against you. But from now on, don’t cause any more trouble for your sister, or there will be consequences. Understand?”

“Mommy! I-I just want to meet Ada Wang... I really like her movies!” Carrie pleaded as tears welled up in her eyes.

“Who would believe such a lame excuse? Mom, don’t fall for her lie. She may look innocent, but deep down, she’s scheming after Ryan!” Bethany gritted her teeth, seething with

resentment.

“Carrie, don’t get in your sister’s way. You’ve caused enough trouble. No more, understand?” Shannon commanded with an authoritative tone, as if Carrie was not part of the family.

Carrie stood there in confusion with her head hung low. She sniffled pitifully. The neglect from her mother and the hostility from her sister left her feeling like an outcast in her own family.

She was the daughter with a mental illness who brought shame to the family.

She was an unwelcome existence and an unnecessary burden.