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Thinking of Bella, Justin felt his heart tighten, and he lowered his eyes. "If you have this intention, you should go home and take care of Old Master Logan instead."
After that, Justin, left with Nigel. Zoe was left behind. Her face flushed
with embarrassment.
On the way home, Justin and Nigel sat in the back row as the driver
drove.
The car was warm, but Nigel's cold face made the people in the car
feel as if they were in an icy cave.
Justin knew his grandfather was furious.
However, it was an undeniable fact that he had divorced Bella, and
the rift between them was unsolvable.
Justin pursued Bella with everything he had, even putting his life on the line, but he could not get a single bit of trust from her in return.
He was not afraid of one-sided devotion, but he feared that she had
never trusted him.
When they reached Crescent Bay, Justin got out of the car and prepared the wheelchair with Matt, intending to help Nigel into it.

"I'm not using the wheelchair. I'm not crippled, so why do I need one?"
Nigel pulled Justin to the side irritatedly and said, "Matt, get me my walking cane."
Soon, Matt came with Nigel's walking cane.
Nigel took it and pursed his dry lips, hitting Justin's back with the
cane without hesitation!
Matt was shocked.
With a loud bang, Justin felt a dull pain spreading from his back, and
he frowned deeply.
"Ungrateful brat! Why are you even alive? Why don't you just die?"
Nigel yelled at Justin angrily and hit him again. "Anna is such a good woman! Your relationship has finally eased a little. Why did you say those words? Why are you pushing her away? Have you lost your
mind?"?
Justin's handsome face looked lonely under the moonlight. He gritted his teeth as he endured Nigel's beating.
"Are you so blind that you couldn't see that Christopher is fond of

Bella? Can't you see how close they've become now? Can't you see
that Lance wants Bella to be his daughter-in-law?"
Nigel reprimanded Justin. "You have a scandal with that Hoffman girl now. Even if you're framed, you must do your best to explain it to
Anna and express your sincerity!"
Chapter 822
"This situation is when you need to grab hold of Anna! No matter
what the outsiders say or what the Hoffman family's intentions are, you shouldn't let go of her hand!"
Justin thought, 'Grandpa, do you think I want this? Do you think I'm
willing to watch as she grows closer to Christopher, but I can't do
anything?"
"Grandpa, I've said what I said. You can hit me if you want.
Justin clenched his fists tightly, his eyes red. "After you're done hitting and scolding me, please rest early. Then, let go of everything
between me and Anna."
"Let go Are you asking me to let go?! What will you do? Are you

going to marry that fake girl from the Hoffman family?" Nigel's head buzzed angrily, and he only managed to stand with Matt's assistance. "Must I get married? I've been married once, and that's enough. I can remain single for the rest of my life. I have no interest in having children. I don't like them." Justin did not know why, but when he said these words, he felt as if he was prickling his heart with a needle. It was not that he disliked children; f he could not have children with the woman he loved, there was no meaning to it. If the child was not an outcome of their love, he could not guarantee that he would dedicate himself fully to raising and loving the child. It would not be fair to the child either. "Why should I let go of such a good woman? Unless I'm dead, Anna will always be my family and my only granddaughter-in-law!" Nigel's eyes reddened, and he knocked his cane on the ground indignantly. "Perhaps to you, Anna is just a woman you like, but to me, she is not only my granddaughter, she is also my savior! On



Matt recalled the past and lowered his head in sadness. This secret in his heart had almost suffocated him.

However, he was a professional secretary who was tight-lipped. No matter what Nigel or Bella asked from him, he would not reveal a single word until the day he died.

"Grandpa, is this true?" Justin stood there, stunned, as if he were struck by lightning.

"Why would I need to make up a story to lie to you at this point?"

Nigel could not stand anymore due to his agitated emotions. He

finally sat on the wheelchair and said, "The sacrifices Anna made for

you were much more than you could ever imagine. But you were

manipulated by Rosalind and could not see the truth. You owe Annal

so much that you could never repay her in this lifetime. Even if she

resents you forever, you did this to yourself, and you have to bear with



Justin felt a stab in his heart. "I don't know." "There's still something you don't know about Ms. Thompson." Matt clenched his fists, holding his words back. Justin turned his gaze slowly, looking at Matt with surprise. "What is it?" "Ms. Thompson swore me to secrecy. I promised her that I wouldn't say it." Matt was in a difficult position. "But I hope that Ms. Thompson will tell you about it one day." His words aroused Justin's strong sense of curiosity. Bella hid her identity as the Thompson family's precious daughter and devoted herself to him. She loved him for 13 years. These secrets had already shaken his soul. What else was she hiding from him?

Would they be even more unbelievable than those? 3 Two days after the amputation surgery, Charles woke up. Bella reached the hospital early in the morning. She did not abandon Charles after the surgery. After all, Lance had entrusted her, and she had the responsibility to follow up on the postoperative treatments. She went with two other surgeons. She carefully touched Charles' reconnected left leg. His right leg had become a prosthetic. "My leg... My leg..." Charles cried out bleakly with a pale face, unable to shed any more tears. "I'm done for. My life is over!" "Mr. Charles, I hope you can be grateful." ٠. Bella wore a mask and only revealed her eyes. "You saved a leg.

That's already luckier than many people in the world."

"Someone did this to me! It was Christopher!" Charles' face suddenly
twisted, and he grabbed Bella's hand.
Bella was shocked. Subconsciously, she turned around and looked at
the other two doctors. Fortunately, they were quite far from the bed, and Charles' murmurs made it hard for them to hear anything.
Bella asked them to leave and shut the door. She asked Charles
seriously, "Mr. Charles, when I performed the surgery, you were under anesthesia when you said that Christopher wanted to kill you. What evidence do you have?"
Charles' face was ashen, his body trembling violently.
When he recalled the accident that hight, he looked so terrified, as if
he had seen a ghost!
"After
my car flipped over, the driver died on the spot, but my
secretary was still alive I was trapped under the car and couldn't move. But I remember clearly that my legs weren't broken! It could
still move!"

Bella frowned. "And then?"
"Then I saw a black vehicle approaching slowly. A man wearing a cap and a mask came down. That figure and those eyes I wouldn't
mistake it. It was Christopher!"
Charles' eyes widened with terror. "He walked over with a metal rod and beat my secretary to death right in front of me!"
Bella's heart skipped a beat.
"Then he raised the metal rod high and swung it at my legs! I
screamed in pain and lost consciousness after that. I don't know what happened after" Chapter 824
Bella found it unbelievable after hearing the story.
Christopher had always been gentle and graceful. How could he do something so vicious? He could have hired someone to handle it if he
wanted to deal with Charles. With Christopher's status, why would he
need to do it himself?
Bella steadied herself and said seriously, "Mr. Charles, this is not a
small matter. You need evidence. Furthermore, you should tell this to

Uncle Lance and the police, not me."
"Ms. Thompson, you saved me. You're my savior! How heartless
must I be to watch you jump into a hellhole?"
Charles' gaze was anxious and sincere. "I know Charles is pursuing
you, and you are quite close with him. I'm afraid you couldn't see his
true colors and were deceived by him! That brat has been psych
since he was young! That gentleman's act is only his disguise. In
he's a wolf in sheep's clothing! He is only pursuing you to use family background to his advantage. He doesn't really care about
you!"
Even though Christopher was not a good man, Charles was not muc
different. After all, he was the mastermind behind the accident at the
racecourse.
Charles knew Christopher wanted to avenge Bella, and his psychotic
nature made him handle things himself to gain satisfaction.

Now that Charles was disabled, he was certain that his marriage to
Bella was off the table.
Since he could not have her, that scoundrel would not have it easy
either. Charles wanted to tear his disguise apart.
Walking out of the ward, Bella seemed deep in thought.
The Iversons gathered at the door, stepping forward to ask her about the situation. She answered earnestly, but her eyes flickered, showing
that her mind was somewhere else.
At this moment, Bella noticed Christopher standing in the corner.
She pursed her lips and walked toward him.
"Bella, thanks for your hard work." Christopher straightened his back, which was leaning against the wall, and smiled at her.
He was as warm as the sun, not at all like the vicious monster in
Charles' description.
"Chris, can I talk to you alone?" Bella's tone was natural, but her
expression was solemn.





asked so because you suspect me. You're questioning my character. In your heart, am I less trustworthy than Charles?" Bella looked at him in a daze. At this moment, she thought of Justin. That man had once hysterically questioned her, "Why won't you give me a little trust?" Chapter 825 "Charles lost a leg. He wouldn't go to that extent to frame you." "Charles is merely James' tool. He did many dirty things for James and made enemies in Savrow. There are many people who might target him." Christopher gritted his teeth. "Moreover, he deserved what he got today." He then told Bella about the truth behind the racecourse accident. "If anyone had malicious intentions, it'd be Charles!" Bella stared at him without a word.

"Bella, I've never taken the Iverson family seriously. If I wanted to deal with them, it wouldn't be with such a vulgar method. It's not my style." Christopher straightened his back and drank a sip of coffee, his movements graceful and proud. Over the past 15 years, Christopher has long since abandoned his conscience to survive in Sentania with his mother. He got used to a performative personality and lied without blinking an eyelash. Even though he was facing the woman he loved, he could still instinctively lie to her time and time again. There was kindness in lies. Christopher believed that his lies to Bella were out of good intentions and were also a manifestation of his love. Bella fixed her sharp gaze on him. Her eyes were clear and bright,

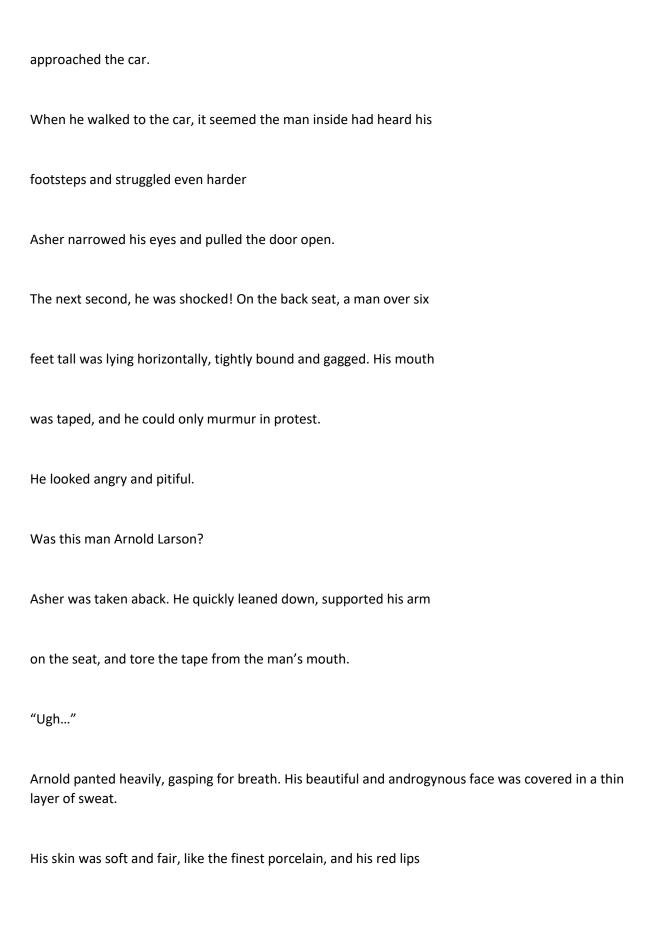
making even someone mentally strong and vicious like Christopher feel a slight unease in his heart.





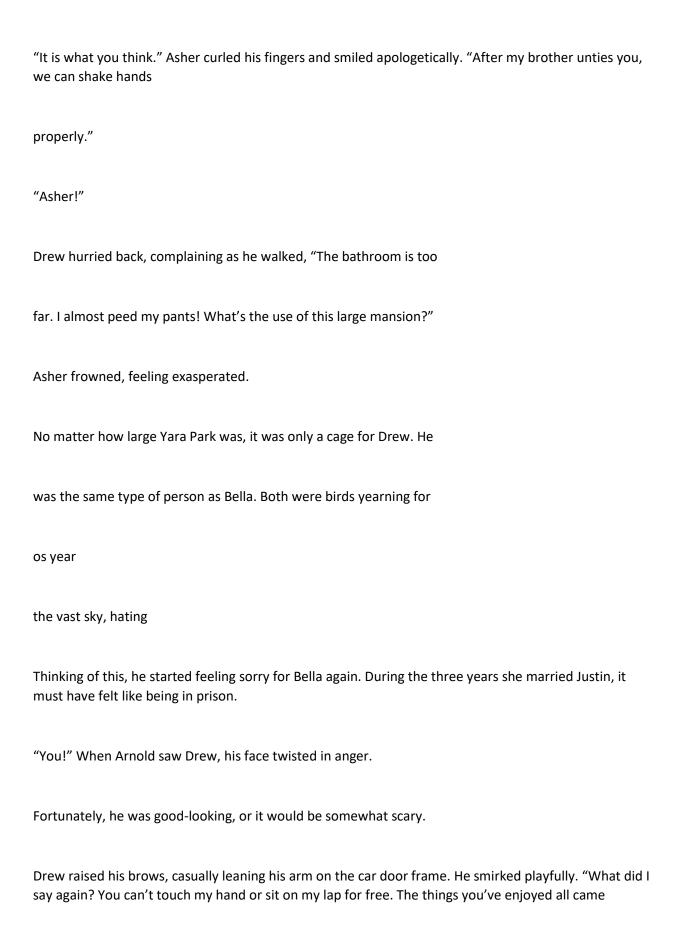
Asher's tone lowered. "Dad said you've already saved Charles' left leg,
We did all that we could. There's no need to worry more about it. The
Iverson family must be in chaos because of this incident. Although our families are close, we need to stay out of it. That's why Dad asked me to pick you up."
Bella frowned. Back then, she kept in contact with the Salvador family due to Justin and Nigel. Also, it was so that she could scheme against Shannon and Bethany. However, Wyatt was not as cautious
as with the Iverson family.
It seemed like her father was dissatisfied with the Iverson family.
Chapter 826
"Got it, Asher. You don't need to pick me up. I'll drive home by myself."
In Hatchbay, a black Maserati swiftly entered from the back gate of Yara Park after nightfall, skillfully drifting before coming to a stop in the yard.
Drew got out of the car and hurried toward Asher, who had been waiting for him. They have not seen each other for six months.
"Asher! I miss you!"
"Me too."
Asher high-fived him and glanced at the tinted car window. "Is Mr.
Larson in the car?"

"Yeah," Drew sneered. "He refused to stay put."
"Even the most difficult person would become obedient after meeting
you."
Asher's gentle eyes flashed with a hint of concern. "You didn't hurt
him, did you?"
"Which aspect are you referring to? I didn't hurt him physically. Does
emotional harm count?"
Asher was speechless.
Drew's face suddenly twisted in pain. "Fuck! I need to pee. I need to
rush to the bathroom! Asher, wait for me!"
Before his words fell, Drew disappeared like a wisp of smoke.
Asher shook his head exasperatedly "How did this brat spend all these years wandering outside? His bladder is worse than before."
After a while, Asher noticed some movement in the car, but it soon stopped. He was confused. Unable to suppress his curiosity, he



were moist. He looked even more beautiful than a woman.
However, what attracted Asher the most was the man's delicate and
watery eyes. He looked like a frightened animal. From the depths of his eyes, Asher could see a clean and transparent soul. No matter how long had passed, it still shook his mind and body.
Their eyes met, and it was as if time had frozen at this moment.
"Hey, why were you so rough with me? You hurt my face!" Arnold
glared at Asher angrily, but his eyes were fixed on Asher's handsome
face, unable to turn away.
"Sorry," Asher admitted his mistake.
"What are you waiting for? Untie me!""
Arnold kicked around. "My blood circulation is cut off! I'm going to
suffocate!"
"No."
"What?!"
"Wait for my brother."







"Damn it If not for Bella's sake, I guarantee he won't be able to see
the daylight!" Drew gritted his teeth.
Asher shook his face with a bitter smile, finally understanding why Drew gagged Arnold on the way home.
He stepped forward and untied the ropes around Arnold's hands and
legs.
He had never seen such fair skin on a man before. With the friction of the ropes, glaring red marks-surfaced on his smooth skin, inexplicably stirring an urge to protect him in Asher's heart.
"Hiss. It hurts." Arnold rubbed his wrists and frowned deeply.
Drew snorted in disdain. "Tsk, what a sissy. Disgusting."
Asher calmly glanced at Arnold's red and swollen ankles. "Can you stand up?"
Arnold pursed his lips and slowly stood up.
"Ah!"
Chapter 828
Arnold's legs were bound for several hours
could Arnold stand up?

so they were numb. How

The next second, his body stumbled forward, and his arms gripped Asher's broad shoulders as he fell into Asher's embrace.

Asher reacted quickly. Afraid that Arnold would fall, Asher naturally

supported him.

The two men looked like they were in a scene of a cheesy romance

drama, stunning Drew, who was standing by the side.

"I'm sorry." Arnold's face flushed.

He was holding back his anger, but after Asher hugged him, his rage

miraculously deflated.

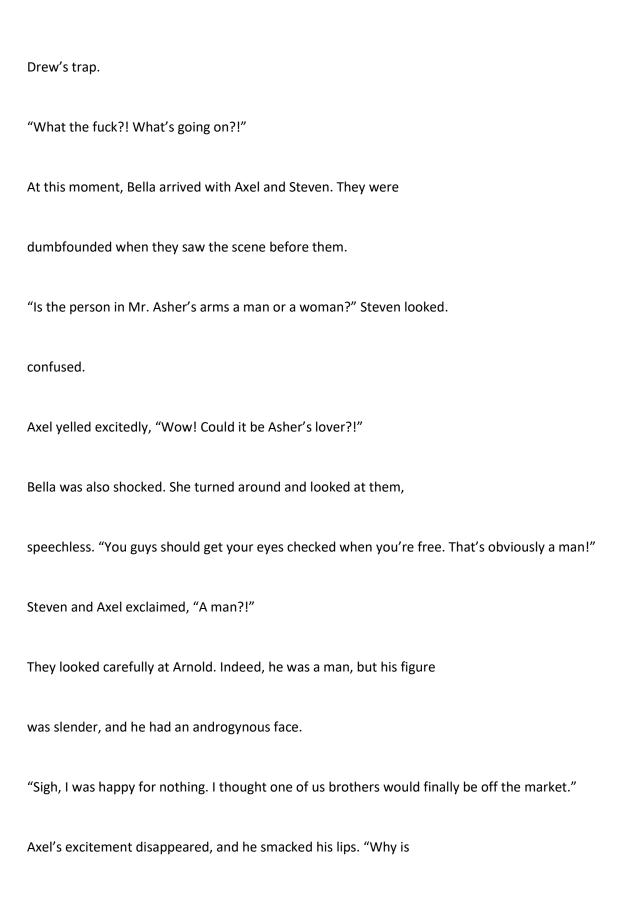
"Don't say that. We should be the ones apologizing."

Arnold was stunned. His heart thumped loudly and rapidly.

He admitted that he had been fooling around and indulging himself in

handsome men, always wanting to tease them. His self-control was

worse when he was drunk. Otherwise, he would not have fallen into







"Bella, don't worry." Asher sat beside her and put his arms around her shoulder. "You have us. We exist to help you accomplish things you
can't do."
"Yeah, Bella." Axel also comforted her. "Please ask us to do something for you. We're starting to feel a little irrelevant!"
Bella's lips trembled as she was moved to the point of tears.
Sitting beside Bella, Asher took in her complicated emotions but said nothing. He merely took her hand gently, warming her up with his
palms.
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the latter."
Everyone was speechless, but Bella's eyelashes fluttered, and she
only kept quiet.
Chapter 830
"Hey, sis, what are you thinking? You look out of it."
Seeing Bella in a daze, Drew waved his hand in front of her eyes
"Drew, I"
Thinking about the woman who looked like her, Bella wanted to say something, but she held back.
"What is it, Bella? You've always been straightforward. Why are you hesitating now?" Drew asked in surprise.
"Nothing. It's nothing."

That was merely a woman Drew bumped into in Meridan. Even though Bella was suspicious, she could not investigate that woman, She could only start with Zoe.
However, what was the point of an investigation?
That day, in front of Nigel, Justin said that everything between them was over. They would go their own ways, and there was no possibility between them.
So what was she hesitating and feeling lost about?
Bella curled her lips and laughed coldly, picking up the cup in her hand and downing it in a gulp.
How self-deprecating must she be to still long for a man who
abandoned her twice? She should be relieved now that she did not repeat the same mistakes.
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