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Justin did not even raise his head to look at Cecily. He sipped on his wine and said casually, "It's nothing. I didn't take it to heart."
"Cecily, don't be so reckless and clumsy anymore. You are also representing the Thompson family. How is this behavior proper?"
Cameron criticized his daughter sternly. "You should learn from your cousin. You keep saying people like her more, but even as your father, I'm starting to find you inferior!"
"I'm sorry, Dad. I will learn from Bella."
Cecily bit her lip, tears shining in her eyes. "If I try harder, Bella will eventually approve of me, right? She wouldn't look down on me like
before."
"Look down on you?"
Justin's eyes darkened, and he raised his brows. "I was married Bella, and I know what kind of person she is. When she was with she never looked down on anyone. Why would she look down on
cousin?"
Ryan nodded on the side.

Although Ryan had a foul mouth and acted like a bastard sometimes,

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he knew when to be serious.
"I I don't mean that" Cecily was embarrassed, and her face flushed.
"I know Bella, so I won't believe your words. But I'll advise you not to
talk about her like that when you're outside if your relationship with her is as close as Mr. Cameron says."
A sharp light flashed across Justin's eyes. He did not threaten Cecily, but his words brought a strong sense of intimidation.
Cecily panicked, signaling desperately to Cameron with her eyes.
"Cecily, you don't even know how to talk. Look, Mr. Salvador has
misunderstood!"
Cameron could only intervene. "Cecily, offer a toast to Mr. Salvador and apologize! Mr. Salvador, please don't blame Cecily. She speaks before she thinks, and she lacks in many areas. Can you not be angry with her for Bella's sake?"
Cameron could not be more humble, but he had no choice. If he did not put himself in a lower position, Justin might just leave!
Justin respected Wyatt, and Cameron was Wyatt's brother, after all.
At this moment, a waiter brought over a tray with several glas
champagne.

Cecily simply took two glasses for herself and Justin. "Mr. Salv please accept my apologies. I will be more careful in the future."
Coincidentally, Justin had finished his champagne and was thinki about getting another glass. He took the glass Cecily offered him an
downed the drink.
Cecily smiled and gracefully finished her glass of wine.
"Mr. Hoffman, I have a few business partners of KS Group that are interested in working with the Hoffman Group. Why don't you come
with me for a small chat? Perhaps we could work together." Cameron extended an invitation to Ryan like a kind senior.
Ryan's eyes lit up as he heard it.
He was interested in women and money, seizing any business
opportunity he sensed. After all, if he wanted to stand against his
uncle, he needed to expand his connections in the business field. It was his main purpose for coming here tonight.
"Justin, I'm heading over there!"
After that, he left with Cameron, leaving Justin and Cecily alone. Justin's face darkened.
"Mr. Salvador, there will be a dance later. Do you mind" Cecily's eyelashes fluttered as she took the opportunity to invite Justin.

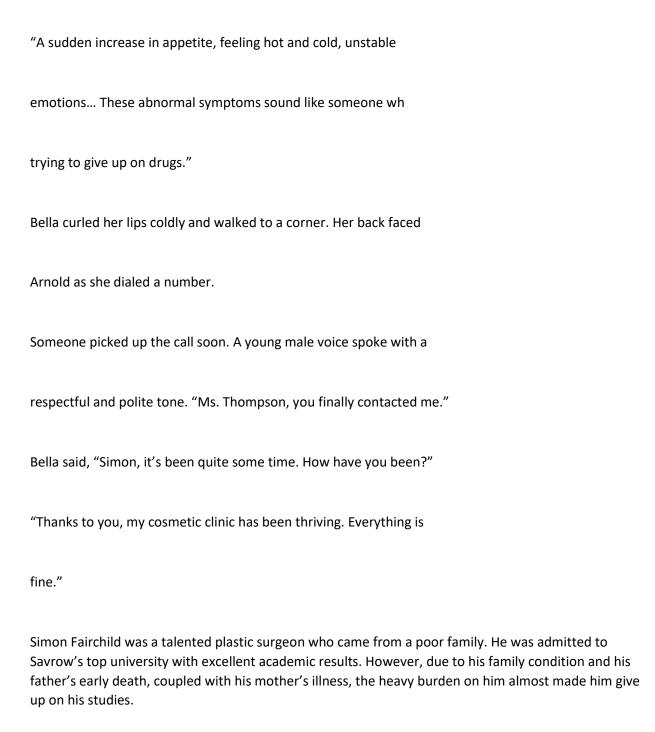
However, before she could finish her sentence, Justin shot her a cold
glare.
She was terrified and dared not express her intentions any furt  Chapter 862
"Ms. Cecily, you should know that am your cousin's ex-husband." Justin's side profile was beautiful and intimidating.
He finally spoke to her.
However, it was about Bella.
"Yes, I know," Cecily replied weakly.
"So, I think you should be more mindful of your surroundings. Don't appear in front of me, especially when Bella is around."
Cecily did not know what got to her. She misunderstood his words and asked with a flushed face, "Then Does it mean that when Bella
is not around, I could"
"I think you have no chance of meeting me at all at other times ignore what you say. Don't overthink it." Justin's gaze was cold a
drank another glass of champagne.

Cecily was so embarrassed that she wanted to find a hole to hide She was shamelessly clinging to this man, who gave her the cold
shoulder.
She had been quite successful in her romantic life over the past few
years. It had always been men chasing after her relentlessly, and this
was the first time she had willingly thrown herself at a man.
However, it did not matter.
Justin was worth it! As long as she could become Justin's wife, she
and her father could finally raise their heads in front of Wyatt, no longer needing to rely on him.
Justin drank one glass after another. Anyone who wasn't blind could see that he was in a bad mood.
Cecily sat beside him, accompanying him in drinking while observing
his reactions.
An unnoticeable, wicked smile flashed across her eyes.
When Cameron ordered the waiter to serve them champagne just now, their plan had silently unfolded.
She thought, 'Drink. Drink more. Then, you will forget about Bella. You will only see me from now on."

After coming out of the backyard, Bella and Arnold did not hurry back. It was not that Bella was unwilling to part with Justin. She had co all this way, so she had to take a look at Shannon's current situati Bella wandered around the house for some time but did not see Shannon. Arnold had already felt a little impatient. "Hey, what are you looking for?" "Someone.". "Who?" "It has nothing to do with you." Bella focused on searching for her enemy and could not be bothered to entertain Arnold. "Tsk, what is it? You're acting so mysterious." Arnold pouted. "Oh. Since Justin refuses to get treated, does it mean I can go back immediately?" "No," Bella straight-up opposed. "Why? I have things going on in Meridan. Do you think I have the time to waste here with you?" "I'll meet Grandpa Nigel tomorrow and ask him to talk to Justin. Even though Justin doesn't listen to me, he'll listen to Grandpa Nigel." Bella was determined about this matter. Once she decided on something, nobody could change her mind.

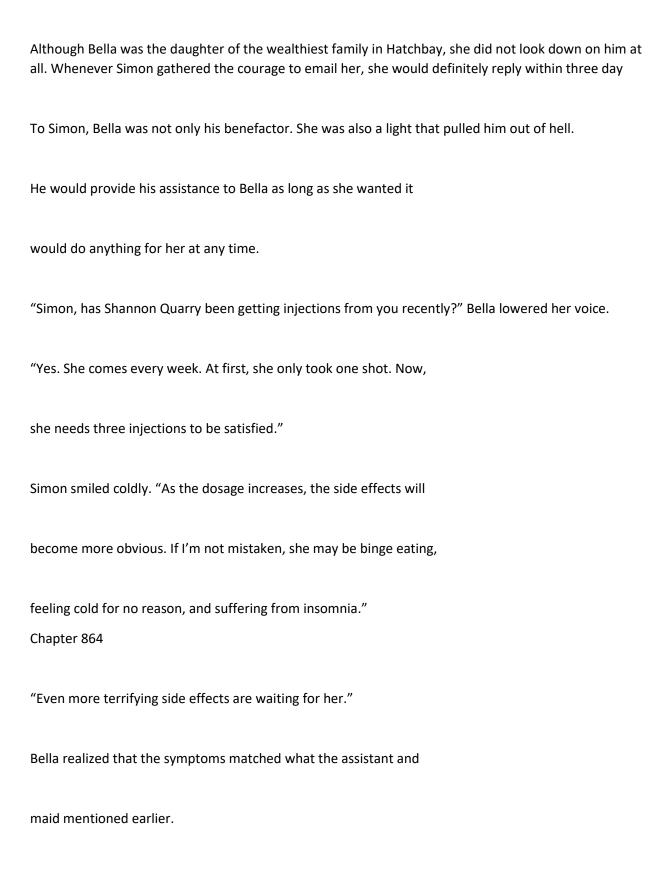






Later on, Wyatt used Bella's name to establish a joint scholarship foundation with the university. Bella selected Simon as one of the recipients from the vast number of students.

Their relationship was not purely between a beneficiary and a sponsor. Over the years, Bella occasionally asked about his academic life, although they had never met.



"The way she is now has nothing to do with others. It's her own fault."
"If you want, I can send her to hell with one injection." Simon was like a machine without emotions, talking about death like it was nothing.
Bella was speechless. "Uh"
"She abused drugs and signed an agreement, so she has to take some of the responsibility. Moreover, dying of overdose is not uncommon in the industry. It will be treated as a medical accident. At worst, my medical license will be revoked, and I will be jailed for two
years." Simon was fearless.
"There's no need. It's not worth it to sacrifice your life for an evil bi
like Shannon."
Bella sighed softly. "Simon, you're working for me, so don't worry will ensure you walk away from this unscathed, and it won't affec
you too much."
"It doesn't matter, Ms. Thompson. I don't care what happens to me.
The most important thing is to avenge your family."
Simon completely disregarded his own safety. "Rest assured, I have
saved evidence. I could ruin Shannon's image at any time with that





Just as he stood still, he felt the world spinning, and the indescribable heat spread throughout his veins like a raging fire.
Justin used the wall as a support to walk out of the banquet hall with
difficulty.
However, Cecily could not possibly give up. She immediately followed
Justin.
This was a rare opportunity for her, so she had to grasp it. If she could sleep with Justin, Bella or Zoe would not be an obstacle fo
anymore.
In the empty hallway, Cecily became emboldened and threw herself a Justin. It was like what Cameron had said-she was truly shameless!
"Mr. Salvador, you can't even stand steadily. Let me bring you back to
your room to rest, alright?"
"Get lost Stay away from me. Can't you understand what I'm saying?!" Justin pushed her away with all his might, his eyes filled
with rage.
The disdain in his eyes could not be more glaring. It was as if Cecily



Cecily felt guilty, and her face flushed with anxiety. "I am from the Thompson family. My father is a reputable vice president of the KS Group. Could I have drugged Mr. Salvador? I'm not that despicable!"
"Who knows? Justin is just too handsome and outstanding. I've seen too many women over the years who threw themselves at him, including those with a better background than you, Ms. Cecily." Ryan
was fearless. He could say anything when he was pissed off.
He did not show any mercy, even though Cecily was Bella's cousin.
"Justin, how do you feel?" Ryan lowered his head and checked
Justin's condition with concern.
"Let's go" Justin murmured in a daze.
"Okay. Right away!"
Ryan supported Justin and quickly walked while nagging, "How would you survive without me? You can do without women, but you can't
live without me!"
"Wait!"
Cecily was unwilling to give up and called out anxiously.
Ryan suddenly stopped and looked at her coldly. "Ms. Cecily, you to put away your inappropriate thoughts. Justin is some can never get."



"I don't believe it! Liar! I don't believe your nonsense!"
Ryan took Justin to his car in the shortest time possible. In fact,
along the way, he had already figured out that Justin was not drunk.
Someone had drugged him.
However, Ryan could not figure out when Justin was drugged. At that time, the waiter brought a tray of champagne. Cecily randomly took two glasses. How did she make sure Justin drank the spiked glass?
Were all the glasses spiked?
What a cunning trick!
"Justin, I'll send you to your villa. You can't go back like this."
Justin's breathing became more rapid. He kept tugging on his shirt until the delicate buttons burst, revealing his fair and muscular chest,
which looked exceptionally alluring.
"Fuck. No wonder those women always want to pounce on you!"
Ryan quickly started the engine. When he leaned over to fasten
Justin's seatbelt, he heard the glassy-eyed Justin murmur a familiar
name.



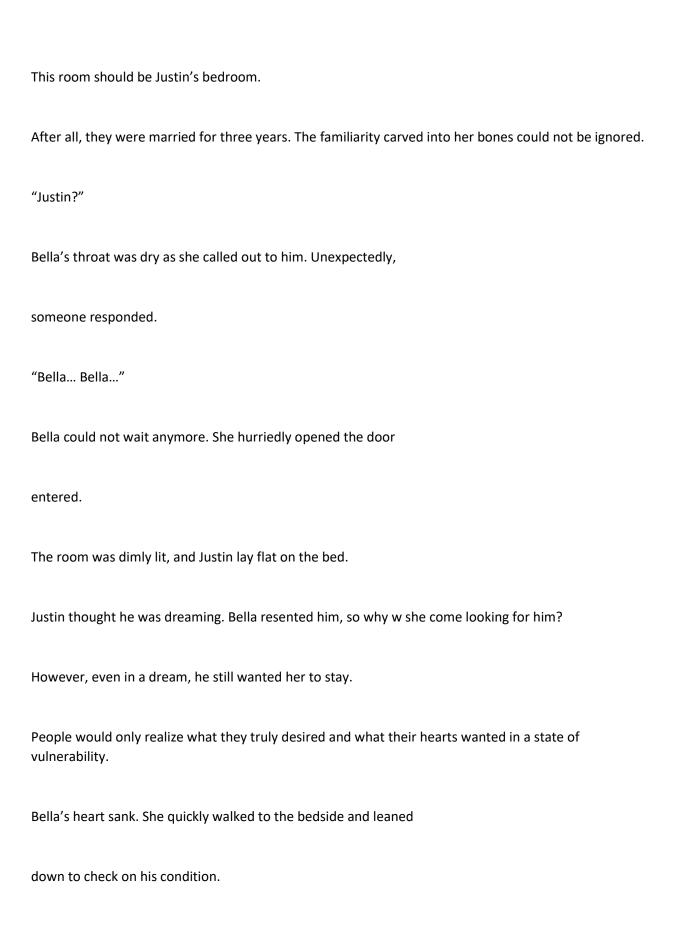




refused.
Bella thought that Justin was in a bad mood because he could not meet the person he wanted to, and returning to Tideview Mar would only mean encountering the woman he did not want to see.
Why would Bella humiliate herself by going to this villa? She w satisfied with being an invisible person by his side.
That was enough for her, until that day, when she got into a car accident with Nigel and lost her unborn child as a result.
One night, when Bella lay on the hospital bed to recuperate, she received an overseas phone call from Rosalind.
"Bella, do you think you've obtained Justin's heart just because you married him? You will never have him. We've been spending the past
few days together. Justin also gave me a necklace that's the only one
in
5 World You were with him for so long. Has he ever given you
something? By the way, the villa by Phoenix Lake in the eastern
suburbs was a gift from Justin. We used to date there. Did he tell you
about these?"

After that call, Bella had another serious bleeding episode that night
and was in critical condition.
Although her stepmothers rushed to her and stayed by her side, taking care of her, Bella was still weak.
She might never be able to bear children again.
For a woman who wanted to have biological children in the future, this was asking to a death sentence.  Chapter 868
Fortunately, it was all in the past.
With her family's care, Bella gradually healed the wounds in her heart. Her life was not just about getting married and having children. She had her father, stepmothers, siblings, and the vast world waiting for her to explore.
It was just that her connection to Justin and any possibility of love
between them were cut off.
Bella took a deep breath and pressed the doorbell.
No one answered the door, even after a while. Bella wondered if Ryan
was in the villa.
She frowned and pushed the door open impatiently. Unexpectedly, the

door was unlocked.
Bella was used to overthinking, and she immediately had a feeling. The warning bells rang in her heart as she walked in
living room.
The villa was not very spacious. It was not even as big as her
Savrow.
However, it was comfortable and cozy, giving off a homely vibe. Tideview Manor, which looked luxurious and expensive, could not
compare to this villa because it was too cold.
As she thought about it, Bella's eyelashes fluttered, and she felt
indescribably depressed.
"Ryan, are you here? Ryan?"
The villa was silent. Nobody responded. Growing more concerned,
Bella quickly went upstairs and searched every room.
Finally, she pushed open the last door in the hallway. The
temperature was significantly higher than in the other rooms, and she could vaguely sense Justin's masculine scent.



Suddenly, Justin grabbed her thin wrist. Bella gasped, feeling her
world spin.
"Justin, what are you doing? Let me go!"
"Bella I miss you so much"
Bella's eyes widened as she could not help but touch his sweaty
forehead. "OMG! You're burning up!"
"Don't leave me"
Justin stared at her as he murmured in a daze, "Bella, do you know how long I waited for this moment? Do you know how much I thought about you?"  Chapter 869
When Bella locked eyes with Justin, her heart raced.
She could clearly see the vulnerability in his eyes and the
uncontrollable madness;
On that night two years ago, she saw this gaze, which also ensnared her deeply, making her unable to break free.
"Justin, calm down. Let me go first



glanced at Justin, who was sleeping soundly beside her.
He was still hugging her, and his sleeping face was stunningly
handsome.
Bella lightly bit her lip and could not help but reach out to trace his cheeks. Her heart thumped loudly.
She touched his forehead, which was not burning anymore.
Bella sighed softly, got out of bed, and picked up the scattered clothes. After hesitating for a moment, she picked up Justin's shirt and put it on as if it were sleepwear.
When she was still his wife, she would wear his shirt secretly when he
was not home to feel his unique warmth and scent.
To her surprise, her mindset was not much different from back then.
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Bella thought Justin would not wake up soon, so she wanted to get some water. After resting, she would leave quietly, as if noth
happened.
She walked out of the room with light steps and drank some wa the kitchen, calming her heart, which was still pounding heavily at
that moment.

Thinking of their passionate kiss, Bella smiled to herself. Even the iced water she drank felt warm in her throat.
She had always been curious about this place. Now that she was
here, Bella wandered around.
The kitchen, garden, and living room were nicely decorated. Bella
could tell that the owner designed it with care. Chapter 870
Bella thought of how Rosalind once provoked her, saying that the villa was a gift from Justin and their love nest.
Was it true?
Bella's heart tightened, and she felt as if it was ruthlessly crushed by
an invisible hand. She felt unable to breathe.
She walked back to Justin's room with heavy footsteps, preparing to
leave after getting dressed.
The side hall was silent, and opposite his bedroom was the study.

filled with photo frames.
Bella pursed her lips and walked to the photo frames, picking one up randomly. The photo depicted a boy with delicate features but melancholy expression. Bella recognized him as a young Jus
The woman, sitting on a vintage sofa while hugging the boy stunningly beautiful face. Her eyes were enchanting.
Bella blinked. She guessed this was Justin's biological mother, h former mother-in-law, whom she had never met.
"So beautiful" She could not help exclaiming.
Bella had to admit that even though Wyatt's three wives had their own unique charms, the three of them combined could not compare to Justin's mother. Only Bella's biological mother could rival Justin's
mother.
Indeed, men are trash. They did not know how to cherish what they had. Justin's mother was a thousand times more beautiful than
Shannon, but Gregory still had an affair. How ridiculous!
Bella looked at several more frames. They were either photos of
Justin and his mother or portraits of his mother.
When she wanted to leave the study, she saw a familiar face.

