

Her Revenge 111

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Last night. Christian stayed at the office until midnight, planning to catch a few hours of sleep when he suddenly received a call from Jason. Jason informed him that Lea was missing and had been kidnapped. Not knowing the details, he didn't dare to call the police right away. He gathered everyone he could from the old residence and the company to start searching for Lex.

It wasn't long before Jason called again to say they found Lea. She had some minor injuries and was taken to the hospital. Jason urged Christian to investigate how she was kidnapped. Christian immediately mobilized everyone to search for clues. But by dawn, they had found nothing.

The servants were at their wits' end. They would rather believe that Lea had somehow run away on her own because there

was no single trace of evidence, which was bizarre.

"Mr. Berry, we found Miss Lea. Please calm down and take your time. We'll figure it out eventually." Victor reassured Christian.

Although Christian felt relieved, he was still fuming with anger, thinking. Today is the day for the SAT exam. Regardless of Lea's grades, she's been working hard studying late into the night with great ambition.

Christian had planned to personally drive Lea to the exam venue this morning, to support all her hard work. But now, at such a crucial time, she was kidnapped from his residence no less. How can I maintain my dignity as the head of the Berry Group? How can I face Lea?

Buzz buzz buzz. Christian's phone rang. Furious, he pulled out his phone and saw that it was Lea calling. His entire demeanor softened.

"If you can't find anything, you're all fired!" Christian barked at the staff before turning away and answering the phone with a gentle tone. "Lea, where are you now? How are you? I'm coming to get you and take you to the exam venue?"

However, Christian complained in his mind at the same time. She's already in the hospital, and I don't even know how she's doing. I was so focused on finding the truth that I let my anger cloud my judgment. I should've gone to see her at the hospital right away. It's all Jason's fault: how could he assign me tasks on his own? I'm too old and tired. My mind isn't keeping up and gets flustered.

"Grandpa, I'm fine. I'm on my way to the exam venue now. Jason is driving me." Lea said calmly.

To the venue. You're still going to take it. How are you feeling? I will come get you right away. Christian was so flustered like a child.

Hearing Christian's concern from the phone, Lea's expression softened. "Grandpa, I'm fine. I'm not hurt." Her tone was steady and reassuring, not wanting him to worry, knowing it wouldn't help. I'm almost at the exam venue. You don't need to come. After the exam, Jason will bring me back. You should rest well."

Lea knew Jason had already reported her kidnapping to Christian. He probably didn't sleep last night. With his old age and weak health, he couldn't handle such stress

"I will pick you up after the exam" Christian was so relieved that tears welled up in his eyes, thinking. Heaven has mercy. Lea's safe and can take the exam as expected

Lea knew if she refused, her grandfather would be upset so she could only agree with the iden

Alfred, sitting next to Lea reached out to hold her hand, their palms pressed together, and he gently squeezed her fingers He pondered. After last night's terrifying ordeal, she almost lost her life, yet she still doesn't want Christian to worry. But does Christian deserve such consideration? If he had cared more about his granddaughter last night's incident wouldn't have happened. Lea grew up in such a harsh environment, enduring so much yet she remains kind-hearted

Shannon, sitting nearby, also had red eyes, thinking. Despite Lea's usually cold demeanor, she's the softest-hearted person No one around her, including Mr. Berry, has truly loved her. From now on. I'll do everything to treat her well. Seeing Alfred

holding Lea's hand lightly it was clear that he genuinely loved her. She felt lucky for Lea

Lea sensed Alfred's thoughts at the moment and turned to give him a soft smile Having his love was enough for her, she didn't care about anything else. Alfred understood her feelings and affectionately squeezed her fingers again

The car arrived at the exam venue and slowly came to a stop Lea looked up and saw a burgundy Bentley approaching and

At Vaporeon.

At the exam venue, students were dropped off by parents or personal drivers in luxury cars. However, the Bentley stood out even among the luxury cars, showcasing the owner's wealth and status. It was Matilda's car.

It was Helen. Throughout her three years of high school, she had always arrived this way. The chauffeur, dressed in a high-

quality uniform, stepped out of the car, opened the door

for her

The first to step out was Helen She looked like she stepped straight out of royalty in the latest pink designer dress, adorned with diamond-studded heels and long, curly hair styled in a princess updo with a diamond hair clip. Despite wearing her school uniform jacket, the ruby brooch on her chest set her apart from the other students. Her backpack was a luxurious pale pink designer item, adding to her regal appearance

On the other side of the car. Matilda stepped out. She was dressed in the latest designer purple summer dress, wearing expensive black high heels, with her hair intricately styled and diamond-studded sunglasses on. Her flawless makeup made her skin look delicate, and her dark lipstick accentuated her sensual lips. A new, green designer bag dangled from her wrist, and her entire outfit exuded luxury and dignity, outshining the other wealthy ladies around.

Today, the mother and daughter duo made a grand, extravagant entrance, full of pride and arrogance, as if celebrating something. Recently, they had been oppressed by Lea, barely able to

breathe, living on the edge of life and death, with no time for such finery. Today, their elaborate dressing was an act of revenge.

Matilda pulled Helen aside, giving her some instructions while their driver held an umbrella over them. They chatted happily, their spirits high.

Lea noticed them, a faint smile appearing on her face. I'm going to say hello. After all, one was her mother, and the other, her sister. On such an important day as the SAT exam, seeing them so happy, she decided to share in the joy.

"I'll go with you," Alfred said, putting down his tablet and getting out of the car.

"No need." Lea turned to Alfred with a bright smile. "You're my trump card. I can't play you just yet" Alfred, understanding her intention, smiled back and sat down

Shannon watched through the car window, eager to see what would happen. Previously, she only felt disgust and hatred towards Matilda and Helen, but now she wanted to see them suffer. She thought, Why should the good and the weak suffer while the rich and powerful trample over others for their selfish desires? Where is justice?

The two cars were parked close. Bang! Lea pushed the door open and walked over.

Matilda adjusted her daughter's collar, encouraging her. "Helen, just do as I told you. Leave the rest to me."

'My precious daughter is destined for greatness, heading to the prestigious Conrad University in Iverton, thought Matilda

"Yes, I understand, Mom. Thank you!" said Helen.

Lea stood in the most noticeable spot in front of them and greeted, "Morning!" Her voice was warm and sweet but with slight coldness, raised intentionally to sound assertive.

Helen looked up abruptly, her eyes wide with shock. She screamed and stumbled back as if she had seen a ghost. Matilda, usually composed and strong, was equally terrified. She ripped off her sunglasses, looking surprised as she stared at Lea.

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The only difference from usual was the white designer dress Leawore under her school uniform. It was a new luxury brand dress that Christian had recently bought for her, and her long dark hair made her look ethereal. Her makeup was even more expensive than Helen's, and she smiled radiantly in the morning sunlight, like a goddess.

Isn't she already

dered. Because Helen had the SAT exam today. Matilda had gone to bed quite early last night. But before she fell asleep, she confirmed the news and couldn't help but open a bottle of her most expensive red wine to celebrate and share the great news with Helen.

Clang! Matilda's expensive sunglasses, worth thousands of dollars, fell to the ground, the edges hitting the hard surface and cracking. She felt the world spinning, and the sun above, though gentle, seemed unbearably scorching and blinding, making her dizzy. She felt confused. Where am I? Why is Lea here? Am I also dead?

“Mom Helen.” Lea tilted her head and asked with a bright smile, “Why are you looking at me like that? Are you too happy and excited to

me

to me!

Helen screamed uncontrollably, shaking Matilda’s arm and screaming, “Mom, why did you lie to me? Why did you lie to

Last night, in Matilda’s private villa. Recently, Ewan was hospitalized, and she had been staying in the villa with Helen. She told everyone that they were staying there to be closer to the exam venue and have a quieter environment for Helen’s exam

In the middle of the night, wearing her most luxurious pajamas and holding a glass of the finest red wine, Matilda entered Helen’s room and woke her up. “Helen, Mom has great news for your

Helen, waking up in a grumpy mood, saw her mother had never been so happy and became curious. “Mom, what are you so happy about! Such a joyous occasion, she wanted to hear it to enjoy it

“Look!” Matilda held her phone up to Helen’s face, her eyes wide with excitement, her face frozen in a delighted grin. The phone displayed a photo she had just received. In the photo, Lea was sprawled on a table like a lamb, her limbs stretched out, hanging limp and lifeless. She didn’t move at all.

Helen’s eyes widened in shock. “Lea Is she dead? Her voice became uncontrollably sharp.

“No, she’s still alive,” Matilda, too excited, spoke up with a shaky voice. “But she’s about to die. With her mind clear, she’ll watch as she’s skinned and dismembered, her organs harvested one by one... Matilda’s voice trembled with excitement, mixed with an unnoticed fear. Just talking about such a death was terrifying.

Helen felt a shiver down her spine. But then she remembered how, because of Lea, she had been tortured and lost her dignity. She became the laughingstock of the entire school and city, a shame that could never be erased. She had accidentally pushed Lily down the stairs, got arrested, blamed by everyone, and was almost sentenced to life in prison. Her life had been a living hell. Now, she felt nothing but relief. “Really, Mom? Is it true?”

“It’s true! This time it’s true!” Matilda reassured her.

“I want to see her dead body.” But then, the thought of Matilda’s description made Helen refuse, Never mind! I don’t want to see it. I’d never be able to eat or sleep again. Even though she couldn’t gloat in front of Lea, knowing Lea was dead was the most exciting thing ever. She enjoyed the triumph inwardly. No one will stand in my way anymore. My future is limitless, and Alfred is waiting ahead for me.

“Oh my god! Oh my god! Oh my god... Helen jumped on her bed, screaming with joy. “Lea is dead! She’s finally dead! And what a terrible death! Hahaha...”

Matilda knew how Lea died and felt extremely uncomfortable. Hearing Helen's words made her decide not to see the body either. Seeing Helen so happy, she joined in the celebration. They would have thrown a grand party to celebrate if it weren't for the SAT exam.

Bang! Matilda was pus

by Helen, slamming into the car. Pain shot through Matilda, and everything went black for a

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"Stop crying!" Matilda ordered "Helen, if you don't want to lose anything else, you'll do as I say and take the exam."

Helen was spoiled, impulsive, and out of control, but had a strong sense of self-interest. She was very shrewd when it came to her own benefits. "But..." She turned to look at Lea

"Get in there and take the exam!" Matilda pointed to the entrance

tantly, Helen obeyed her mother and walked toward the entrance.

In the meantime, the school gate was already surrounded by people. There were students, parents, nannies, servants, drivers. Matilda and Helen, the mother-daughter duo, were famous in Vaporleon City, particularly in high society, where everyone paid attention to them. People were familiar with them and now, everyone was utterly shocked

Even Lea was taken aback. She knew Matilda and Helen would be shocked, unwilling, and angry upon seeing her. But she hadn't expected them to fall apart like this.

Helen publicly berated her "great" mother and even called her by name. This behavior was considered inappropriate and embarrassing even among their social circle, including the servants and maids. Everyone was stunned.

Recently, Matilda and Helen had been stirring things up, constantly trending with all sorts of twists and turns. Even the smartest people couldn't figure it out.

Some speculated they were doing it to gain popularity fast. Helen's popularity had skyrocketed to rival that of top-tier celebrities. Rumor had it she'd signed several international brand endorsements, set to start shooting as soon as the SAT exam was over. She was making a dramatic entrance into the entertainment industry.

With business being so tough and competition so fierce, people were struggling to make ends meet. But the entertainment industry was different. Popularity translated directly to money. Helen's endorsements, if handled efficiently, would only take about a month's work but yield more profit than a year of business for others.

People privately expressed envy, jealousy, and resentment, regretting not having Matilda's wit and boldness to tarnish their reputation for scandal. But now, everyone was completely bewildered by this spectacle. The crowds were all respectable people. With exams imminent, though they had questions and wanted to laugh, they held back

Matilda saw the expressions of the crowds. The more they reacted this way, the more embarrassed and angry she became. She sharply lifted her gaze and stared at Lea fiercely.

Lea couldn't help but chuckle. She was genuinely pleased. She walked over and picked up the sunglasses from the ground. "It's broken. This is the latest model, worth a fortune."

Matilda angrily pursed her lips and reached out to grab it

Lea lifted her hand slightly, avoiding Matilda, and said gently, "Mom, what happened with you and Helen? However, she knew exactly what had happened. Last night, Matilda and Helen must have celebrated wildly. However, seeing the person they thought had died so horribly appear before them, time and time again, was too much for anyone to handle."

Lea continued, "Helen is young and naive. That's why she lashed out and contradicted you. Don't take it to heart. She knew that Helen was the person Matilda loved most in the world, even more than herself."

Lea pondered, "Being treated this way by your precious daughter must have hurt deeply. Indeed, the enemy's pain is my joy. It's so enjoyable"

Matilda's face contorted further, her expression turning pale and terrifying. However, no matter how fierce her gaze, it couldn't harm anyone now. No matter how vicious, she couldn't do anything to Lea at this moment.

"Here" Lea handed Matilda the glasses. "Cover up. Your eyes, your face, they're just..." She shook her head and spilled out the words "Too ugly!"

Matilda snatched the glasses Lea, I hope you always have your luck as now

Lea smiled, "I'll try my best." What she planned to do, Matilda couldn't even imagine.

ed into the car, slammed the door, and hissed in a low voice, "Drive!"

The driver, perceptive, didn't wait for her command and started the car.

As the car drove off, everyone began heading toward the campus. Though they refrained from making comments, their displeasure was evident..

"What are Helen and her mom up to now, wasting our time?"

Ugh, what a bad start to the exam.

"Hope she's not in the same room with me, stirring up more trouble."

Lea wiped the smile off her face and turned to wa

wave at the Mercedes-Benz VAIL.

Shannon got out, carrying her backpack and holding Lea's bag. For the first time, she smiled broadly. She had always seen Helen and her mother as untouchable as they looked down at her like she was nothing more than an ant. But now, they were a mess, not even as dignified as ordinary people.

"Hahaha, this feels so good!" Shannon laughed, then glanced at Lea. "Sorry, I know it's kind of petty."

Lea smiled and gently brushed a strand of hair from Shannon's forehead that had been blown out of place by the wind. Now, free from Helen's coercion, Shannon could be herself, her eyes bright and clear, her demeanor simple, even a bit endearing. Lea had thought that after all that had happened, Shannon would become more cunning and guarded, but it was the opposite. This quality made Lea admire her even more and feel a strong kinship with her.

They exchanged a knowing look, and Lea's smile turned mischievous. Shannon blinked, a bit taken aback.

Alright. I'm the master manipulator, Lea thought and turned to look at the Mercedes-Benz, her gaze deep as if she could see through the window to the person inside. She promised inwardly, Alfred. I will get into Conrad University. See you in Iverton.

Alfred sat in the car, his eyes meeting Lea's. He was even more eager for the SAT exam than she was.

"Let's go." Lea said, leading Shannon towards the exam venue, Alfred watched them enter the campus, which gradually returned to its usual calm.

Ring. The bell rang, signaling the start of the exam. The quiet campus buzzed with the tension and excitement of the exam. Outside, parents, nannies, and servants waited, all maintaining silence, their hearts full of anxiety for their test-taking children.

About ten minutes passed, and the silence inside the car felt suffocating to Jason. "Mr. Alfred. Are we just going to wait here... while Miss Berry takes her exam?"

Find out what happened last night, Alfred instructed. He needed to know how Lea ended up being kidnapped to the outskirts, and he also had to root out the mole inside the Berry family.

"How?" Jason asked, surprised. They had already looked into everything they could last night. Unless...

Alfred, knowing what Jason was thinking shook his head, dismissing the idea. Frank was an important pawn for Lea to use against Fraley Medical and Matilda. If they interrogated Frank now, he might resort to desperate measures, leaving no loose

ends.

they found could lead them to the truth.

od said. Starting from the location where Lea was kidnapped, they could work backward. Any trace

Chapter 114 Marida left the exam venue, leaving her bodyguard soon as she left the exam venue. Matilda drove Helen back to the venue before the afternoon exam started, keeping Helen tightly controlled. Her servants behind with instructions to bring Helen back to the villa. Helen to meet with anyone, especially Lea. She planned to bring. Once the car was far from the campus, it stopped by the roadside. Matilda finally calmed down, gripping her phone tightly, eager to call Niven to find out what happened last night. But she hesitated. Time and again, she sensed that Lea seemed to be able to anticipate their plans, always managing to avoid them. Predicting the future? Not on her, afraid that Lea might outsmart Matilda. She never believed in such nonsense. She suspected that Lea was spying. Dropping if she called. Surprised, 'After all, that brat has the skills to do it. After careful planning, under the use of going to Fraley Medical to handle some business, Matilda went to Fraley

Hospital. With a few strategic moves, under reasonable circumstances, she managed to meet Nixon in his office. Bang! As soon as the door closed. Matikia furiously demanded, "Explain it Why is Lea still alive? "What? How could that be?" Nixon chuckled. "Are you joking? This isn't funny at all" He elegantly sat down with a cup of fine coffee, ready to review reports. His morning routine included looking over business reports and project expansion plans, relishing in the wealth and power that excellent performance and expansion brought. This nourished his soul and ambition. Joking Matilda grabbed his collar and lifted him up. "Nixon. Do look like I'm joking? I saw her at the exam venue myself! She even greeted us with a 'Morning, making Helen and me argue in front of everyone." Ah Matilda screamed, her arms flailing, knocking everything off Nixon's desk onto the floor in a rage. Bang! Crash! Clang! The documents, cups, and expensive crystal and glass ornaments shattered on the ground, leaving a mess. "Why? Explain to

me why!" It was the first time Nixon had seen Matilda so hysterical, almost insane. Realizing the severity of the situation, he didn't dare provoke her. Till investigate." Matilda almost fainted from anger, bellowing inwardly, 'Such a serious matter, and you've known nothing about it: She had already had Max check on the way here and informed Nixon. "The official news says a military drone rescued her during reconnaissance. It's already trending online." Nixon fumbled, listening to her rant. "Are you sure?" Matilda had nothing more to say as she had checked everything possible. "What about Frank?" Nixon asked. Matilda shook her head, her face pale. "Don't panic," Nixon reassured Matilda and himself, reacting quickly. "The police haven't come to the hospital, and Lea hasn't made any moves, which means the incident hasn't been exposed. Plus..." His throat was dry from nerves, and he swallowed. "Plus, this has nothing to do with us. There's no evidence pointing our way. right?" Matilda stiffly nodded. That was why she remained calm and rational. "Go handle your business. Don't let anyone see anything unusual. I'll thoroughly investigate and find Frank," said Nixon An hour passed. Half a day passed. By evening, the information they found matched the news reports. As for Frank, he l disappeared "For now, we must destroy any documents linking him to our hospital. This was the only suggestion Nixon could think of as a precaution and something that needed to be done. Chipter III Marilda modded wearily fr was getting dark, and she had to rehin to the villa When Matilda got back to the villa, Helen had already been brought back from the exam. As soon as Matilda arrived, Helen compered her at the down "Mom, what's going on? He did Lea ape? Helen was desperate to know the details and what to do next. They couldn't let Les smoothly get into Conrad Univery and move to Iverton for school. Matilda rubbed her temples, her headache severe. "Keep this matter and everything I told you and

showed you last night to yourself. Don't say a word to anyone" With that order, she ignorel Helen and headed to the sofa. Mom, Mom... Helen chased after Matilda "Miss Helen." Max stopped Helen. "Mrs. Berry is very tired and deeds rest. You should go upstairs and prepare for Helen rolled her eyes, here flashed with anger. She complained inwardly, 'Fine, now Mom is ignoring me and letting the servant treat me like this. I haven't done anything wrong but being treated this way. She was furious. She stomped upstairs, making loud banging noises. The sound annoyed Matilda on the sofa, but she was too exhausted to care. After resting for a bit, Matikla picked up her phone and made a call. "How are things at the old residence? Is Christian okay? Do I need to come over to help?" Her voice was full of concern for the old residence. It was her duty as the mistress of the Berry family. "Everything's fine. Mr. Berry brought Miss Lea back from the exam. As soon as she entered, she gathered everyone in the hall saying she wanted to find the mole who helped kidnap her last night... Mrs. Berry. They're calling for me. I have to Goodbre The call ended, but Matilda didn't lower her phone, gripping it tightly, her face pale with anger and dread. Dusk had fallen at the

Berry family's old residence, and the sky filled with dramatic clouds. In the hall, over twenty servants stood assembled. At this crucial time, Victor was also present beside Christian, who sat in the main seat. The atmosphere was tense, with everyone standing quietly, barely daring to breathe. Upstairs, Jason placed Lea's bag on her desk and then followed her out. "Miss Lea, do you know who the mole is?" he asked, astonished. "No, Lea replied. Jason was stunned. By the time he reacted, Lea was already out the door. He immediately followed. "Then how can you...?" He didn't continue but wondered, Find out the mole?" Lea didn't answer, walking calmly downstairs. Jason followed again, anxious,

During the day, Jason and Alfred had led Craig and his team to investigate based on their clues, finding only how Frank had taken her to the suburbs. In the old residence and within a 5-mile radius, surveillance systems were blocked or cameras redirected, revealing nothing more. Lea reached the bottom of the stairs, her expression serious as she approached Christian and sat beside him. Jason- remained at the staircase, joining the other servants, feeling extremely nervous. Lea sat upright, her gaze sweeping over the servants, her sharp gaze like an instrument exposing their every secret. Those who met her eyes quickly looked away, avoiding her gaze. She had only been at the old residence for a month mostly in her room studying, with little interaction with the servants. Their impression of her remained that of a high school girl who had been abused and was withdrawn and timid. No one knew when her aura became so powerful and intimidating. Lea Christian tried to comfort his fierce granddaughter. "Don't worry. I'll find out who did this and give you an explanation" Lea being kidnapped in his own home and handed to a psychopath was unacceptable, not just for her as the victim but for him as well. Even though he had searched thoroughly last night without results, he couldn't let it go. He had idea how she could find out after a day of exams. Without evidence, he couldn't just interrogate the household staff. "Grandpa. I know who kidnapped me. Ica's firm gaze swept over the servants, her tone certain and unwavering. Chapter 115

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"Of course I pective pou What is Chrisas agreed

The already arranged for the best lawyer wing your mate and formed Mr. Brown and the judge Right now. Mr. Brown is

Christian locked smery shocked wondering Wasn't she supposed to be taking an exam today How did she manage all t? And how did the use my name to accomplish

The servants also looked at Lea in surprise. She seed a stranger to them

"Bright Christian nodded fly Even though Lea hadn't coded him beforehand, she was the victim so he would comply with erwies

Lea added "Besides the kidnapper Grandpa, there was also the time you were poisoned. I hope you can press charges for attempted murder though we caused you harm and I hope it can result in a severe punishment"

Christian was stunned. The servants were equally shocked, exchanging glances and whispering among themselves. Some

asked why "Was the culprit already caught and kicked out? What does Miss Lea mean by this?"

"Be the wonderer making this up, would she target you next."

"Grandfather? Seeing Christian not answering Lea called him, questioning

him. After a moment of contemplation, Christian nodded "Alright, I promise you" Attempting to harm him before and now targeting granddaughter, he couldn't let this person off easily

Lea nodded. I also need you to promise me one more thing

"What in heaven's name?"

"After sending the prisoner

to his life in prison, where there are delicate

Mr. Brown. You can allow him to see

plenty of people to teach him a lesson

at

home

Lea exuded a chilling indifference. The servants looked at her, pale and frightened, thinking that was a girl with the face of an angel. She had no mercy

in her head nervously, starting to suspect something and feeling more anxious wondering, "What's her fer-

ociousness changed, and he remained silent, pondering. Plenty of people to teach him a lesson

That means extending my influence into the prison to ensure the culprit's life is a living hell. He was old and stubbornly held onto his pride, disdaining such actions.

Seeing Christian's hesitation, Lea added sternly with a mix of anger and frustration "Grandpa. We're only alive now because we were lucky, not because he showed mercy. If he had succeeded, you would be lying in a hospital as a vegetable by now. And I would have been dismembered. So what's there to hesitate about? If it weren't for the rule of law. I'd want to hand him over to the kidnapper and have him dismembered

Lea's words sent chills through the servants, making them shiver. The more timid ones were already thinking of finding a new job

Seeing Lea's insistence. Christian had no choice but to agree, "Alright, I promise you."

With his support, Lea's demeanor softened. She stood up, walked to the servants, and looked at them, her gaze was bright but sharp. Some couldn't help but glance up at her, feeling as if she was

staring straight at them. The se atmpsp made everyone even more nervous, and some began to breathe heavily.

“This is a family matter. Most of you have been here for two or three decades, some even longer with Grandpa for four five decades Lea’s tone wasn’t as harsh, but her dark eyes were like black holes, piercing through everything “Grandpa cherishes you all as family. And it’s said that family disgrace should not be made public. If it werent for this situation... wouldn’t have gathered you all here and made everyone uncomfortable She paused, making a difficult decision. The since I already know who it is. Return to your rooms. Mr. Brown will be here soon, and I will handle it myself!

Lea’s sudden change of mind took everyone aback. Even Christian was surprised. In the end, she still showed mercy.

Christian addressed the servants, “Off you go.”

Yes, Mr. Berry.”

“Yes, Miss Lea”

Soon, all the servants went back to their rooms. Jason quietly walked to Lea’s side, sneaking a glance at her, wondering. Will the culprit be found this way? Seeing her calm demeanor, he believed it.

As the servants reached their rooms, they heard police sirens. The old residence was in an open area with no obstructions From the second floor, they could already see the police cars approaching. They were not far away and would arrive within a few minutes.

Inside the old residence, a phone call was made.

Tve been found out! The voice was urgent

“No way. Don’t fall for it. This time, their preparations were thorough. It was impossible to be discovered.

“Frank sold me out!”

Hearing this, the person on the other end was stunned. For a second, the person urgently asked. “Where is he?”

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“He got away.” The answer made the voice on the other end of the phone breathe a sigh of relief.

The sound of police sirens was blaring outside the gate of the old residence. The gate opened, and police cars slowly drove in, their urgent sirens creating an atmosphere of panic.

The person on the phone, hiding behind the curtain, pecked outside and saw the police cars approaching. It was the police chief, Dwayne, whom Lea had mentioned

“They want to settle old and new scores together, including the poisoning incident. Their goal is life imprisonment, and they plan to make things even worse for me in prison. I need you to hire the best lawyer, no matter the cost or connections needed. Get my sentence reduced and find a way to get me out. Otherwise, I’ll spill everything. You know the consequences!” Desperate and cornered, the mole was ready to take everyone down with him. If he couldn’t live easy, no one else would either.

Bang! The door was kicked open, and the entryway was immediately blocked, Christian stood in the middle, with Lea supporting his arm beside him. Victor and Jason followed closely behind.

The room was dark, but the light from the hallway illuminated the scene. In the backlight, Christian’s face was ashen, his eyes red with fury. “Jeffrey. it’s you... His voice was hoarse, filled with sorrow, his eyes brimming with tears.

The person in the room was indeed the builder, Jeffrey

Jeffrey immediately ended the call, staring at the people at the door in shock and despair. The light from the doorway fell on his face. His expression gradually shifted, becoming cold, ruthless, and defiant. The way he looked at Christian was filled with disdain and hostility, with no trace of respect. His entire demeanor changed. This was his true face.

Lea was also taken aback. “Jeffrey, I didn’t expect it to be you” Her tone was filled with disappointment and complexity. She had always believed that in her previous life, Jeffrey was Christian’s confidant and had met a tragic end because of his loyalty. His aloof personality, shaped by harsh experiences in his youth at war alongside Christian, made him a man of few words.

During the time Lea escaped from the Berry residence to the old residence, Jeffrey treated her with respect. He didn’t say much, but his words were always filled with care and advice. There was even that time in the heavy rain when Helen tried to harm her, and he stepped in to protect her. Lea always hoped Jeffrey wasn’t the mole. But now it seemed, in her previous Life, Jeffrey wasn’t killed for protecting her grandfather. He was likely silenced

Jeffrey sensed something off “What do you mean! Didn’t you already know?”

At that moment, a servant hurried upstairs. “Mr. Berry, Miss Lea. Mr. Brown has arrived. Should I invite him up?”—

Christian’s face was a mix of grief and complexity, unsure of what to do,

“Victor, Lea said, turning to Victor, “Please go down and tell Mr. Brown that I contacted him impulsively last night because I was kidnapped and shocked. There’s nothing suspicious in our old residence. I apologize for making him come all the way here”

Just moments ago, Lea had been so forceful in the hall, pushing Christian to agree to her handling of the situation. Now she was doing the opposite.

Jeffrey was equally shocked and relieved, Jason was stunned. Victor looked at Christian in confusion, doubting what he had heard. Christian, still in shock, looked at his granddaughter and hadn’t yet reacted

“Go ahead,” Lea said again. Victor realized he hadn’t misheard,

“Mr. Berry, Miss Lea. I’ll go then,” said Victor.

Christian glanced at Lea and nodded.

Victor went downstairs, met Dwayne, who was already in the living room, and politely explained the situation. Dwayne had met Lea once and he admired her courage and understood her situation. He even offered to help investigate the kidnapping. Victor declined on behalf of his masters and warmly saw them out.

Upstairs, they watched through the window as Dwayne and his subordinates left in several police cars, driving out the main

Jeffrey watched the police cars disappear from view, let out a long sigh of relief, and pointed his phone at Lea. “You tricked me?”

Jason stepped forward, snatched the phone, and tried to see who Jeffrey had called “The phone has software on it. The information has been destroyed,” Jason said to Lea in disappointment.

Jeffrey had strong instincts and good counter-surveillance. After all, he was ex-military, with powerful backing. Even Alfred couldn’t fully uncover

Jason checked the SIM card. The card is also destroyed, Miss Lea This....”

Lea glanced at it, uninterested, then looked at Jeffrey, “Yes, I don’t know who kidnapped me. I didn’t contact any lawyers or judges. I just asked Mr. Brown to come over through connections.

Jeffrey felt unsteady and took a few steps back, wondering why would Lea’s tricks expose him. “How did you know I would expose myself through this way!!

“Everyone in the old residence has a simple background. There’s nothing special. Anyone who would do this must have received great benefits from the mastermind. I blocked the mole’s way out, so he had to ask the mastermind for help. It was the only chance. Having been in the old residence for so long without being noticed for poisoning Grandpa, the mole must have great wit and he could definitely make a call,” said Lea. “Before I came back from my exam, I had Jason install bugs in every room Jeffrey, at this point, we need an explanation.” Lea looked up with a sharp gaze. “And who told you to do it?”

Christian had accepted the truth, filled with grief and anger, but he could only accept it. He closed his eyes for a moment, and when he opened them again, his face was stern and imposing. Without saying a word, his mere presence demanded an answer.

“Miss Lea, you said it yourself, I received a great benefit. Why bother asking! Jeffrey, fully exposed, had nothing left to lose. “As for the mastermind. whether I say it or not.” His eyes gleamed coldly at them. “I’ll die either way

“So,” Lea asked, stern and cold, “you won’t tell?”

He raised his chin, silently and stubbornly.

The answer was self-evident.

“Jeffrey, didn’t I treat you well? Christian asked. He was sad and angry.

When they were young, it was still a chaotic era. They had experienced war together and on the battlefield, they were brothers who went through thick and thin.

They were not blood relatives but closer than relatives,

They had lost many teammates, so those who survived had deep connections and cherished each other.

After the war ended and he retired, Christian returned to inherit the family fortune.

As for Jeffrey, he came from a poor family. At that time, he had no family and nowhere to go. It was Christian who took him in.

Christian offered a butler job for Jeffrey, but Christian and the Berry family respected Jeffrey greatly and had never treated Jeffrey as a servant.

The salary Christian gave Jeffrey was also the highest among the butlers. He bought the best retirement insurance and health insurance for Jeffrey.

In the past two years, Christian had even bought Jeffrey a villa for retirement.

Christian even prepared the cemetery for Jeffrey, It was the best in Vaporleon City

Jeffrey could retire and live a rich and carefree life if he did not want to work anymore.

Christian had made the best arrangements for Jeffrey, giving Jeffrey what he could and what he thought was best.

He felt that he had not mistreated Jeffrey.

“Treated me well?”

Jeffrey laughed sarcastically. He felt unfair and resentful.

“Christian, we used to be on the same team. We risked our lives together. The enemies I killed, the contributions I made, and the injuries I suffered. Which one of them wasn’t more than yours?”

“But look at this.”

Two steps forward, spread his arms, and showed himself.

Jeffrey took two

“You’re the owner of the Berry Group. You’re worth hundreds of billions, and you’re a national hero. The entire country pays attention to you and worships you. The business world, politics, and the military all respect you.

“But me Who remembers me!

“No one remembers my sacrifice, my credit.

“Even at the important Military Achievement Memorial, I was invisible, a servant.

“To put it bluntly, I’m just a slave.”

Jeffrey finally blurted out the reason in his heart. He felt it was only natural for him to do so.

Christian was furious.

on the ground.

His hands trembled, and his walking stick made cracking sounds on

Lea looked at her grandfather’s sorrowful expression and turned to look at Jeffrey. “So, that was the reason you betrayed Grandpa and even drugged him and used his life in exchange for power and wealth?”

Jeffrey pursed his lips and glared at Lea, tacitly agreeing

Christian looked at Jeffrey, his eyes a little unfocused. It was human nature that everyone in the world came for benefits, but Christian could not believe it

With their relationship, why would Jeffrey use his life in exchange for wealth and power?

Was money really that important!

“It’s just that I’m curious, Miss Lea How did you know I was the one who drugged him! Hasn’t the murderer been spotted!” Jeffrey looked at Lea with a questioning expression.

He did not think that there was anything wrong with drugging Christian and spotting Melissa as the murderer.

“Melissa isn’t the murderer. The murderer isn’t that stupid. She’s kind. If she wanted to take revenge because of her son, she wouldn’t have waited. until now.

Melissa’s son had already lived a stable and comfortable life. He had already survived the difficult days.

She did not go into detail about using a cat to taste poison

Then why didn’t you tell the truth!”

I did.” Lea turned to Christian, “But Grandpa wants to give the murderer a chance for old times’ sake.”

She turned to look at Jeffrey again. “But from the looks of it, you don’t appreciate it at all.”

Jeffrey was shocked and looked at Christian with a pale face

was filled with sorrow and disappointment. His expression was miserable and exhausted. This was a huge

Lea looked at Christian again. His face was a blow to him

“Grandpa, Jeffrey works for you. I’ll leave him to you.”

With that. Lea went downstairs.

Jason was surprised and immediately followed.

Christian was shocked again. Looking at her departing figure, he was touched.

Lea headed straight to the garden outside.

In the middle of the summer night, in the open garden, the lights were bright, the grass was green, and the fountain was pleasant to the ears. Looking up, there was a clear night sky filled with stars.

She stood quietly in the middle of the lawn. Such beautiful scenery did not catch her eye.

“Miss Lea

Jason came forward and placed his hand in front of her.

“Let me take the phone and card and repair them. We should be able to find the roastermind”

Alfred had world-class hackers under him. It was not difficult to repair them

“No need. Throw them away”

He looked surprised. “You’re not going to find the mastermind!”

“I have my plans

With the memories of her previous life, Lea knew who Jeffrey had called.

Lea could do it herself if she wanted the communication information on Jeffrey’s phone, but that was not what she wanted.

Even if she found out about Matilda through Jeffrey, Christian would at most punish Matilda. At worst, Matilda would be chased out of the Berry family.

However, Matilda still had her company, private assets, and the Fraley Group behind her. She was still powerful and rich.

There was still a big world awaited Matilda. It would be even harder for Lea to deal with her,

Jason stared at Lea, feeling more and more confused.

She was just a high school student expecting the SAT exam, Jason was not stupid but an elite selected and nurtured by the Andrews family, However, Jason could not understand what Lea was thinking.

She was the same kind of person as Alfred. She was unfathomable.

Lea exposed the mole effortlessly and even figured out what had happened in the past.

When Jason thought about what happened tonight, what Lea had done deeply impressed him.

Eyeing this fairy-like little girl again. Jason felt reverence in his heart..

“Alright, I’ll throw them away”

On the second floor, in Jeffrey's room.

Christian took a deep breath and seemingly swallowed everything back into his stomach. His expression turned cold.

Jeffery, who instructed you to do this? Are you not going to tell me?"

Jeffrey shook his head and made his choice.

He did not say anything when he was threatened previously.

Now, Lea, the person involved, had withdrawn Jeffrey knew Christian well. On account of their past relationship, Christian would not be ruthless.

Jeffrey might survive if he insisted on not telling Christian about the mastermind.

If he told, the mastermind would skin him alive.

Christian stood there for a long time before saying, "Leave. Don't appear in front of me again"

However, there were no longer any personal feelings in his voice.

The deep connection between the two of them ended there.

Jeffrey looked up at Christian, stunned. A hint of regret flashed across his eyes, but soon, his gaze turned cold.

He did what he did. He would not have regrets.

After freezing for a moment, he suddenly strode out. The more he walked, the quicker his footsteps became.

He had to run far away immediately since he had escaped death.

Hearing the sound of Jeffrey rushing downstairs, Christian finally lost his balance. His body swayed, and he fell to the side. Yet, he reached out to support himself against the wall in time

"Sir, are you alright"

After walking Dwayne out Victor went upstairs.

He had witnessed what happened. He was down and angry but was even more worried about Christian.

"I'm fine." Christian was physically and mentally exhausted, but he stubbornly gritted his teeth and stabilized his body.

He would not show weakness under such circumstances.

Jeffrey left without bringing anything with him. He exited the iron gate and headed toward the city center.

Jeffrey had only walked more than a mile when a figure suddenly appeared before him somewhere nobody in Christian's place could see. Jeffrey was started.

“Miss Lea, what are you doing! Are you backtracking and taking revenge on me in private”

He looked at Lea, who was blocking his way, and then at Jason behind him.

Although she had only brought Jason with her, it seemed that the driver was not an ordinary person. It was more than enough to stop Jeffrey.

“Miss Lea, you’re scheming. You said you would leave me to Christian in his favor, but now, you want to execute me.

Unl now, if Jeffrey suill could not understand what kind of person this young lady was, he would be so stupid.

Matilda had controlled Lea since Lea was young, but Lea managed to escape at the most critical moment and pushed Helen into the fire pit,

Lea had caused Matilda and her daughter to suffer consecutive setbacks while repeatedly escaping from the traps.

Tonight, she had even used a small trick to catch Jeffrey

No one in the Berry!

ry family could match up to such intelligence and scheming

Lea took a few steps forward. She was not aggressive, and her voice was gentle.

Jeffrey, you’re worrying too much. I would leave you to Grandpa, and I meant what I said, I’m here because I have something to ask you!”

In Lea’s previous life, Jeffrey had helped Matikla kill Christian and kicked her out of the house. Lea had no one to rely on afterward, so it could be considered a grudge.

But Lea was not in the mood to fuss over such a small matter, and Jeffrey wasn’t on her death list.

Jeffrey was shocked, “What do you me

“Let’s talk somewhere else.”

Jeffrey did not want to leave with her. What if Lea coaxed him into somewhere remote to imprison him, torture him, and interrogate him about the mastermind? Or what if she took revenge on him for kidnapping and torturing her?

Lea glanced at him. She understood what he was thinking

She could get the information she wanted by interrogating Jeffrey, but she refused to do it.

She walked into the greenery on the side of the road and waited for Jeffrey, just enough to avoid the gazes of the surrounding people and the pedestrians who might pass by

Only then did Jeffrey realize that she only wanted to ask some questions.

He looked around warily and went toward her. “What do you want to ask?”

“About my background”

irs and was Christian’s confidant. He must have some understanding of what happened nineteen

Jeffrey had been with Christian for over forty years

years ago

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Lea did not ask the question because she wanted to find her parents.

She did not have any expectations for her parents love after her experiences in

in both her previous and current life.

She was just worried that this matter would become her weakness and be used by the enemy.

Jeffrey’s eyes widened as he looked at her in surprise.

He thought Lea would ask about the mastermind.

His expression changed. After weighing the pros and cons, he said, “Isn’t your background already clear!”

Knowing that Jeffrey would not reveal it easily. Lea began to explain.

Ewan has been cold to me since I was young and dosed on Helen”

Ewan doted on his eldest daughter before the hospital discovered they were not blood-related.

“It’s not that he doesn’t like children. He even allowed his mistress to bear his

is children. Why has he always been hard on me!

“Who is my biological mother? What kind of relationship does she have with my father?”

Contemplation flashed in Jeffrey’s eyes. “Miss Lea, why don’t you ask Christian yourself?”

Jeffrey did not dare to reject her directly. After all, he owed her now and could not leave without her permission. He did not have much choice.

“You’ve seen Grandpa’s attitude toward me years ago. I don’t know if he would tell me, so I’m here to consult you.””

She emphasized the word “consult” with a hint of coention

Jeffrey looked up at Jason. The young man was staring at him with a sharp gaze.

If Jeffrey did not say anything, it would not be easy for him to leave this place.

Jeffrey took a deep breath and said, “Someone sent you to Christian’s place that year at midnight”

Lea’s eyes flashed with surprise.

“Didn’t Grandpa go to the orphanage to bring me back?

“Why did Grandpa lie to everyone!

“Is my background a secret!”

After a series of questions, Jeffrey replied. “Actually, you’re not Ewan’s child.”

Lea stared at him. She already knew the answer, but on the surface, she still pretended to be shocked.

“Then why did Grandpa take me in and say
my I’m his granddaughter)”

“Christian has another son. He’s ten years older than Ewan and is the son of
Christian’s ex-wife.

“The Berry family started up their business with military aircraft. Later, after Christian
retired from the army, he turned to civil aviation and funded the military aircraft part
to the national army

“Christian’s eldest son was one of the core research members of the military flying
control system. Other than Christian and me, no one knows of
his exluence.

“I know he existed, but I don’t even know his name.

“The person who sent you said you were the eldest son’s child. He asked the guy to
send you to Christian.

Lea was astonished and frowned.

She was not related to Christian by blood. She could not be the child of the Herry family’s eldest
soIL

Christian took her in, so he must have done a paternity test.

There was only one possibility. The result Christian got was Lea had a bloodline of the Berry
family.

Lea suppressed the surging emotions in her heart. “Then where is my father now?”

Jeffrey shook his head. “He passed away”

Lea’s pupils constricted.

Jeffrey added, “The year you were born, there was a rebellion at the research institute. There were
heavy casualties”

She gasped. “What about my paternity test with Ewan“

soon as Christian took you in, he brought you to the hospital for a paternity test.

“But he was old and didn’t know how to raise a child. At that time, Matilda had given
birth to her eldest daughter less than a year ago. Christian thought Matilda was the
most suitable person to raise you

“Christian forged the results of the paternity test between you and Ewan before sending you to Ewan and Matilda”

After thinking for a moment, Lea said, “I see”.

“Can I go now!” Jeffrey asked warily.

“Sure, but what will the mastermind you’re loyal to think of you when you leave safe and sound tonight? You’ve worked together for so long. You should know better what kind of person she is,

“Jeffrey, watch out for yourself.”

In Lea’s previous life, Matilda would kill Jeffrey to silence him. Lea decided to let Jeffrey go and not make things difficult for him. It could be considered as fulfilling Christian’s wishes

Hence, she kindly reminded him.

Jeffrey stared into space for a moment before leaving

After he left, Jason came forward. “Miss Berry, are you all done?”

He did not hear what Lea and Jeffrey discussed, but Jeffrey was a traitor. He relied on the Berry family’s kindness to bully his master.

If Jeffrey did not answer Lea’s question, Jason would use force.

“Yes” Lea nodded and turned to return to the house.

Jason followed.

Squeak

Lea pushed open the living room door. When she entered, she noticed Christian sitting on the sofa with a walking stick in his hand. He had only turned on the wall lamp, and it was dim inside the room.

Christian looked even lonelier.

She walked toward Christian.

“Where did you go? Christian was a little agitated when he saw Lea

“I was out to get some fresh air Lea sat opposite Christian and poured him a cup of coffee the maid had served.

“Lex. I’m sorry.” Christian said apologetically. His eyes were red and filled with tears Jeffrey kidnapped her. Christian ought to hand Jeffrey over to the police to be severely punished.

But Christian and Jeffrey used to be sworn friends. Christian could not bear to do it.

Lea lowered her eyes and did not speak. She could not help but feel sad.

as still insignificant in Christian’s heart. Her life could not compare to their friendship.

“T11 transfer 5x of the company’s dues to you to make it up to you”

The Berry family held 52% of the shares of the Herry Groups Matilda and Ewan held 20% of the shares together. It would be hard to guarantee that other shareholders would not surpass the Berry family and that they would lose dominance if Christian transferred some of his shares to Lea

Only then did Lea look up at Christian.

The Berry Group was a family business and had to be controlled by the Berry family.

Therefore, the 3% dues were critical to Christian

Lea was not blood-related to the Berry family, so she thought she could not take it.

“Grandpa, it’s not your fault. You don’t have to make it up to me”

Christian furrowed his brows. He did not expect her to reject him so bluntly.

Last time. Lea had tried her best to ask Matilda for shares.

“Even if it’s not compensation, I still transfer it to you because you’re my granddaughter, Christian said firmly

Lea was surprised again. She gazed at Christian scrutinizingly.

“I have to thank you for repaying the old friendship of mine.”

Lea’s performance tonight had impressed Christian

She was still so young, but she could make such a concession on such a manner.

She was respectful to him, and she dealt with things to everyone’s liking.

Christian trusted Lea with the shares. –

“Grandpa...” Lea’s emotions became complicated when she saw Christian’s determination. “This is not a small sum. Please weigh it carefully.”

“Lea, why are you so stubborn tonight? Do you have to be so distant from me?”

Imold and have lost too much. I don’t have much left

That was why he cared so much about his friendship with Jeffrey.

aty to the group”

“I give you the shares of the Berry Group not only to give you the money. You also need to do your duty to

This meant that she had to get involved in the company.

Lea’s heart sank, but she still nodded.

Christian was sincere to her, and she did not want to let him down.

She also needed the funds to develop herself.

She decided to see it as a mutual achievement.

Thank you. Grandpa. Have a good rest. I'll go to bed. I still have exams tomorrow."

"Go" Christian nodded. "After you finish your exams, I'll find time to transfer the shares to you

Lea nodded and went upstairs

After entering the room, she gently closed the door,

Now that the mole had been found, this place was finally safe.

Only then did she heave a sigh of relief. She suddenly raised her eyes and looked out of the window.

As vigilant as she was, she felt people were watching outside)

Without turning on the lights, she went forward and lifted a corner of the curtain to look out. Her deep gaze penetrated the darkness and observed

As expected, there were some people.

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"Oh" he realized and quickly reported, "Mr. Alfred sent these people. He's worried about your safety and specially assigned them to protect you Nothing will go unnoticed, not even a fly. Since you have an exam tomorrow, he didn't want to disturb you, so he didn't inform you in advance."

Lea finally relaxed, a warm feeling rising in her heart, her mood settling. Indeed, as long as Alfred was there, she was content. "Okay" she responded softly, her voice gentle. "Tell him the mole has been caught and is safe here. I will be fine."

"Alright. I'll call him right away," Jason said.

After hanging up, Jason dialed Alfred's number immediately and recounted how Lea had flushed out the mole. "Mr. Alfred, you have no idea how terrifying Miss Berry was. When Jeffrey found out, he almost fainted on the spot. Even Mr. Berry and the others were stunned."

On the other end of the line, Alfred's lips curved into a charming smile. He could easily imagine Lea's calm and confident demeanor at moment. She had never been ordinary, but the more he got to know her, the more she continued to amaze him.

"Thadn't even mentioned the people stationed outside to her, and she already noticed them. Is her level of vigilance essential?" Jason said.

The people sent to protect her aren't even as capable as her.

Alfred instructed, "Keep an eye on her around the clock, ensuring she doesn't encounter any trouble.

"Understood," Jason replied,

With the mole apprehended and Alfred's men rotating guard duty around th kidnapping was gradually restored, gaining back some of her strength

the old mansion, Lea slept soundly
undly that night. The physical toll from the

Lea was in good spirits for the exam the following day and performed excellently. After completing the paper, she double checked her answers to ensure accuracy before submitting them. After the exam, Jason was at the examination venue to pick her up. Lea got into the car, which drove about 300 feet away from the examination venue.

Jason spoke up, saying. "Miss Berry, this afternoon, the police retrieved a body from the river, claiming it to be Jeffrey's. They've informed Mr. Berry to come and identify it

Lea froze, with her hand gripping her backpack tightly, she thought, "Dead?"

"Let's go check it out," Lea said.

"Okay," Jason replied.

As the car headed towards the police station, Lea contacted Chris Foster, asking her to arrange a technician to trace Jeffrey's movements since he left the old mansion last night.

The car pulled up outside the police station. It was already past six in the evening, and the setting sun was casting a crimson hue on the horizon. Lea stepped out of the car and immediately spotted Matilda assisting Christian out of the police station. Frowning slightly, she went to greet them.

Christian's eyes were bloodshot, and his tears were glistening. His posture stooped, and his body trembled. Without the support, he wouldn't have been able to maintain balance. Matilda, with swollen eyes and having cried, was supporting him.

"Grandpa, what's wrong!" Lea asked.

Matilda looked at her, her expression guarded but quickly softened. Seeing Christian choked up and unable to speak, she spoke up to explain. "Jeffrey has passed away. He was one of his last remaining friends from the unit in the past, How could he not be saddened?" With that, Matilda reached up to wipe away the tears streaming down her cheeks, empathizing with the grief.

Lea wondered how much sincerity Matilda possessed. She restrained her disgust and asked, "How did he die

"According to the forensic examination, it was ruled as suicide," Matilda replied.

"Suicide?" This outcome was within her expectations. But could the forensic examination indeed find nothing? Or was there something suspicious "But last night, when he left the old mansion, he didn't seem like someone who would commit suicide," Lea said.

Jeffrey valued his life greatly. Otherwise, he wouldn't have refused to disclose a single word about the mastermind behind him. Lea was very confident it was a murder.

Matilda's eyes darkened. "This is the forensic examination result. If you have any doubts, you can talk to them," she said confidently and unabashedly

Lea felt a pang in her breast as Jeffrey's death seemed to have nothing to do with Marilla.

At this point, Christian had calmed down a bit. "He left a suicide note," he said, pulling out a crumpled piece of paper from his pocket.

Lea took the note, noticing the watermarks from being soaked in water and the messy handwriting, but the overall message was still discernible. From beginning to end, his words conveyed a sense of despair about the world, mentioning his diagnosis of PTSD. Finally, he instructed for his organs to be donated. From the note, it indeed seemed that he had committed suicide. When considering the forensic examination results, there didn't seem to be any evident loopholes,

Lea felt a chill as she returned the note to Christian, Jeffrey had no family, and the closest person to him was Christian. And now Jeffrey was gone, there was nothing to argue about. They would see to his funeral arrangements. It was up to the adults to handle his affairs, and Lea did not mervene.

Christian wanted to return to the old mansion, and although Lea had many tasks awaiting her attention, she knew she had to accompany him back at this time. Matilda joined them as well

With the responsibility of arranging Jeffrey's funeral resting on their shoulders, Christian's advanced age and the demanding nature of corporate affairs left him physically exhausted and emotionally drained from recent setbacks. Lea took the initiative to assist, and he did not refuse her help. They decided to handle the funeral with discretion, arranging for a quiet service and laying him to rest in a cemetery in Vaporleon City, where he could find peace.

As for Helen, she had already arranged for someone to pick her up directly from the examination venue, citing preparations shoot as the reason. In truth, it was to minimize her interactions with the rest of the Berry family,

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Upon arriving at the old mansion, while the sky was not completely dark, she received a message from Chris. It stated that after leaving the old mansion last night. Jeffrey had gone to Fraley Hospital, leaving only shortly before dawn. Then, his body was found in the river in the afternoon around two o'clock. She had already warned him not to go, but it seemed he went anyway. It wasn't hard to understand; he was always driven by greed and likely went to demand compensation.

The fact that they dared act at this time showed their cruelty and lack of scruples, not to mention their disregard for Christian and the old mansion. Lea turned to Jason and said, "Go to the hospital

"Alright. I'll get the car," he said, taking the wheel and driving her to the hospital.

Having just finished her exam, Christian was eager for Lea to relax, especially considering his busy schedule. He didn't pay much attention to her. With Frank missing and Matilda and Nixon Donovan having already handled the aftermath of the kidnapping case, they had relaxed their surveillance of her. Now, with the funeral arrangements for Jeffrey to attend to, they had even less energy to spare for her. Lea was pretty free at the

moment.

At the headquarters of Riverview Hospital, Lorrard Phoenix was already waiting for her. "I've inquired with the forensic teams, and the examination results are solid. I suspect that Jeffrey was under the influence of drugs when he entered the river, and the drugs used to control him are likely

to have dissipated from his body quickly, making them undetectable. It's similar to what happened to you during the kidnapping"

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The last time she was abducted from the old mansion, she later investigated repeatedly but found no leads. However, based on the drugs Frank administered to her, she speculated that Jeffrey must have used a similar drug to render her unconscious and transport her. The drugs Frank used on her in the storage unit were detected in her blood after she was taken to the hospital, but the levels were deficient. After three hours in the bloodstream, the drugs completely decomposed and disappeared.

Lea nodded in agreement with his speculation. "And what about Ewan Berry! How is he doing?"

"After the medication treatment, his condition has stabilized, and there's no need for a kidney transplant for the time being. He's fully focused on investigating his wife's case now," Lorrard explained.

She nodded, agreeing that this was the best course of action.

"Regarding Frank's situation, I've already checked his residence. He has several places, all used for... Lorrard gritted his teeth, reluctantly using the word "research." At the same time, his face turned ashen, and his eyes showed an unmistakable look of horror.

"Alright, you go ahead and take care of that. Send me all the information related to Frank," Les said

Lea went to the president's office, where Chris was already waiting. "Miss Lea, the computer you requested last time has been produced. I've placed it inside," she said as she approached, opening a door to a newly partitioned office space.

I've arranged this place for you. If you need anything, you can work here. Take a look around and let me know if there's anything else that needs improvement. I'll take care of it." Chris said.

Chris felt that Lea needed her space, considering she often visited the hospital for work in Lorrard's office or Charles's laboratory. That's why she decided to renovate this office for her.

Upon entering, Lea's eyes lit up. The office was white and featured a full-length window with innovative shading curtains. The walls, furniture, and chairs were all made of the latest technological materials, and the design was elegant, providing a comfortable and secure feeling of privacy.

That's wonderful, thank you, she said, appreciating Chris effort.

Chris breathed a sigh of relief. She carefully observed and understood Lea's preferences and tastes, incorporating them into the design and decoration to her liking

Lea noticed the two desktop computers that had been set up. The mainframes and monitors were sleek and stylish in black, with a slim, streamlined design that exuded a unique technological beauty. While the appearance was satisfying, the functionality mattered more to her.

Lea swiftly powered on the computers, and various functions appeared individually. The intelligence of the boot-up process had been significantly enhanced; now, it could be voice controlled, accessed via fingerprint, or even gesture-controlled. After booting up, she proceeded to check several other functions. Both the computing method and speed far surpassed those of existing computers, essentially meeting her requirements. It could be considered a highly advanced computer by current standards.

“Which company manufactured these? Their efficiency is remarkably high” Lea thought it would usually take at least a month for computers to be produced, and their performance wasn’t typically this advanced.

“These were produced by the top two computer manufacturing companies in Maspeyria and Hastresh. Mr. Alfred recently acquired shares in them, becoming a minor shareholder with some influence,” Chris explained

Lea was speechless and thought, Being a minor shareholder with some influence hardly seems minor when he can make his voice heard.

“Acquiring shares?” Lea asked. It doesn’t sound like they’re going into computer manufacturing themselves.

“Mr. Alfred has been involved in various investments. Buying shares in computer manufacturing companies indicates his optimism about their prospects,” Chris explained. After speaking, she glanced at Lea instinctively to gauge her reaction.

Chris thought, Mr. Alfred mentioned that these matters need not be disclosed to her. While others lavish attention on their girlfriends, fearing they might not be aware, he seems to fear her knowing!

Seeing Alfred’s love for her again warmed Lea’s heart, bringing her even greater peace of mind.

Chris continued, “The technology required for manufacturing these computers is highly advanced and precise. Even with their resources, the production capacity and skilled workers are limited. Currently, only these two units have been produced. The next batch will take about two months, and we can expect around three units”

Lea nodded. “Send this one to Mr. Wessen, she instructed. His research required a computer like this.

Lea installed her developed system on the computer before her and began working. At the same time, she instructed Chris, “Chris, have the tech team check with the United Network for Organ Sharing to see where Jeffrey’s donated organs ended up.”

“Alright,” Chris replied.

Once Lea was online, data from Lorrard quickly started to come through. She also contacted Quicksilver, requesting all related information on the suburbs storage unit and Frank to be sent over.

Over twenty DNA samples were detected in the storage unit, indicating that more than twenty people had been confined there at some point. Using hacker techniques to trace and investigate, Quicksilver discovered that those individuals were either dead or missing. Just this information alone

made her, someone who had experienced death and rebirth, shudder with a sense of dread. Who exactly was Nixon Donovan

Lea began to contemplate her next steps. However, the information she had at hand was just the tip of the iceberg. It was impossible to uncover everything, but Lea needed to organize at least most of the current findings, she had to handle this, which would take about a work. However, that was too long for her liking, especially after Jeffrey's death.

Lea sifted through the information, diving back into her research. As she worked, she entered a state of intense focus, losing track of time. Before she knew it, the sky had darkened into night, and the hours had slipped away unnoticed

At three in the morning. Lea suddenly sensed something and turned her head sharply, almost colliding with a body. Without seeing the person, she caught a whiff of a familiar and pleasant scent. Her heart warmed, and she softly called out, "Alfred."

Alfred stood before her, and as she sat in her chair, her gaze met his belt buckle at his waist. The platinum buckle was right before her eyes, with an exquisite design that was luxurious and elegant. The slender and graceful waistline was accentuated, making her feel flustered. As she looked up under the lamplight, his jawline appeared even more refined, his features exuding a captivating allure. Alfred was exquisite in every aspect

"Lea, Alfred said, his magnetic voice slightly husky, his intense gaze tinted with desire and longing "You can be a bit more audacious with your eyes. I am all yours," he declared, his body leaning closer to her delicate face

The scene was incredibly provocative, Lea could hear her throat tighten, her vision slightly blurred, filled with the platinum gleam of his belt buckle.

"Alfred," she began her cheeks flushed a sleep red that extended to her neck. T... I'll listen to you. Saying those words took all her strength and courage, leaving her breathless