Her Revenge 21

Chapter 21

Helen's face darkened as she signaled to Lily, who was holding a bag of blood prepared for Lea.

At the sight of Lea, Lily was dumbfounded for a moment.

Similarly, upon hearing that she was Lea, everyone was astonished and burst into a wild discussion,

"She's that good–for–nothing? Are you kidding me?" one girl started in disbelief

"That dumb slacker? Hell no!" Another one laughed with some throbbing conter

contempt.

"No way! You all know what kind of trash she is!" The discrimination toward Lea kept going

Matilda bribed Lea into Vaporleon High School. From the first day of Lea's freshman year, this secret was known to all. Due to the high price paid by Matilda and connections of the Berry family, Lea managed to stay in the top class.

Many wealthy students entered the school through such means, lacking academic talent but boasting strong backgrounds and outward appearances, and thus managed to secure a place within the sturlends

However, Len was a different story. Always scoring zero on exams, she was disheveled with long hair covering her face. Rarely did she speak, and when she did, her voice was barely more than a whisper. Her pasture was perpetually hunched, as if she were trying to make herself invisible.

Not only were the gifted geniuses and the wealthy kids disdainful of her, but Lea herself also seemned to have a deep disdain toward herself.

As a result, after three years as classmates, no one had seen her face.

Everyone despised her, looked down on her, and felt ashamed to be her classmate, detesting every moment spent in the same room, yet they had to tolerate her presence because of the Berry family's influence.

Misfit, underachiever, idiot... were the labels attached to her.

Unperturbed by the collective astonishment and barrage of inquiries, Lea remained indifferent, ber gaze honing in sharply on the blood bag cradled in Lily's hand.

Memories flowed into her mind. On her first day of high school, Helen had led a group to bully her

Lily splashed blood on her school uniform, causing her to be ridiculed by all the boys and mocked by all the girls in the school,

Some hud even dumped a trash can on her head, calling her garbage. Yet she didn't dare to fight back, for if she did. Helen would be displeased and complain to Matilda, whose torment would be even more cruel and lethal.

As a result, Lea endured three years of bullying from Helen and her gang.

In her past life. Les believed that her ticket to freedom lay solely in conquering the SAT exam—1 means to break free from the clutches of the Berry family and the confines of Vaporicon City. Little did she know, they destoyed her before that..

"Get out of my way! Minions, Lea taunted

The sentence left Lily visibly startled. She looked at Helen, meeting her sharp gaze. Hesitantly, she aimed to splash the blood on Lea

To her shock, Lea snatched the blood bag away and splashed it all over her face.

The scream was instantly heard, catching the attention of a lot of onlookers.

"Is that Lea! She actually fought back! Fierce! What a badass! She's completely something else now!" the onlookers chattered on.

Helen, furious, charged forward

To her great horror, Lea held up the phone in front of her, playing the live footage from Grandpa's birthday party, where she was moaning under a

man

"Helen, do you truly believe that dolling yourself up will somehow erase what you've done! The facts can't be erased." Lea's voice was dripping with hatred.

Helen felt a thunderous blow in her mind upon hearing Lea's words, wondering. 'Hadn't they cleaned up all the videos? How did she get it?

Lea's lips curled into a cold smirk.

At the birthday party, she hacked into the recording system with her phone and obtained the original high–definition content.

Seeing her smile, Helen completely lost her cool, rearing, "Bitch, I'll kill you!"

"How!" Lea was not daunted by her a bit.

"My mother won't let you of Helen went on threatening her.

"Oh really?" Lea played another video, shoving it in Helen's face. "Seet She's on her knees begging for mercy, apologizing to me. Plus, the compensated me with 33 of the shares, the same amount of Berry Group's shares you

have, worth around 600 million dollars. No, with the stock price rising now, it's nearly 800 million dollars."

Although everyone here was born with a silver spoon, 800 million dollars still loomed as a staggering sum for them now. Everyone's eyes widened in disbelief at Lea's words.

At the same time, Lea continued to sting Helen. "And your mother was demoted from vice executive president to a mere department manager"

No way!

No way! It can't bel" Helen was in despair, shouting. "My mother wouldn't... She's omnipotent. Give... give me your phone!"

With that, she lunged over frantically.

Lea simply raised her phone and sidestepped, causing Helen to stumble and fall to the ground.

Humiliated and ashamed, tears streamed down her face, shattering her epitome of dignity and perfection as a rich lady.

"Want to see it? Sure, Ill send it to you" Lea provoked.

Shortly after, the

e sounds of phones receiving messages filled the air.

"Oops, I'm sorry. I think I missent it to the class group chat," Lea said in a feigned innocence.

Shaking in horror, Helen pulled out her phone, and saw the video of Matilda kneeling and begging for forgiveness.

In the video, her clothes were soaked, her long hair clung weily to her face, her makeup was completely ruined, and she was a mess of tears and

Helen was paralyzed with fear at the sight of such a Matilda. Son were her classmates.

"Is this really Matilda, the first lady of Vaporleon?" Someone began the mockey.

"No way! She's so ugly without makeup!"

"I thought she was always high-class, dressed in designer clothes, as elegant as a movie star!"

"This is hilarious. Oh my... Gay laughter filled the air.

"Oh, you guys don't know yet. My mom is her die-hard fan. She buys the same clothes and even copies her makeup. I'm going to send this to her....! just did, and she's already puked. Another one joined the fun.

The taunting voices and sarcastic smiles around Helen left ber feel the world crumbling. Once, she was the wealthiest under—eighteen in Vaporleon, a prodigy, the epitome of a perfect debutante, and a princess.

Now, however, she became the object of ridicule for all

She looked up at Lea, who stood towering before her. The realization struck her like a thunderbolt—it was Lea who had orchestrated the downfall. of her reputation at her grandfather's birthday and it was Lea who recorded a video of her mother, leading to her being mocked at school.

"You bitch! I'll kill you!" Helen roared in rage

As she reached out to strangle Lea, Lea raised her phone again. "Shall I send this one to the group as well?"

The impact was instant. Helen crumpled to her knees at Lea's feet, tears streaming as she begged "No, please, I beg you..."

If Lea posted this in the class group, it would spread throughout the school, then onto the internet, and soon everyone in the city, no, the whole world would know, and she would truly be over.

"You're begging me? I'm sorry. Your voice is too soft. I didn't hear it." Lea was ruthless.

Helen was taken aback for a second, then glanced around at the surrounding classmates and instantly understood Lea was doing it on purpose.

Lea's fingers moved slowly, with a deliberate grace.

"Please, I'm begging you!" Helen raised her voice.

"Louder!" Lea shouted.

"I beg you, please... please Helen held onto her foot, pleading, "Lea, we grew up under the same roof. We've been sisters for nineteen years, haven't we? I'll make up for everything I did wrong before. 171 change. I'll make it up to you."

Lea's eyes gradually grew darker, pitch-black like a hole capable of swallowing everything.

They threw her son

Indeed, they had been sisters for nineteen years. She called Matilda mother for nineteen years, but what did she get in return? They to his death!i

The hatred buried deep within Lea, like churning magma, surged forth. "Oops, I'm sorry. My hand slipped. It was sent."

Chapter 22

Helen suddenly collapsed to the ground, panic—stricken and fearful while everyone's phones rang in unison.

The last message had already been a bombshell, but as they opened the new one, collective shock spread like wildfire.

The overlapping audio blared out, creating a cacophony that made faces flush with embarrassment and disbelief

"It really is Helen!" Everyone glanced between their phones and Helen, exclaiming, "I can't believe she did such a thing!"

"You can't judge a book by its cover!"

"I never thought she was into that."

"This is 100 much for me!

"I can't believe it! Ive idolized her for three years, and here she is

Tse abo chased her for three years, luckily she didn't agree, or my whole life would have been ruined."

"No wonder my mom told me to stay away from her. It all makes sense now,"

"This is disgusting I can't believe I've been friends with someone like her for three years."

"She should be expelled from school?"

The gossip went on and on

Lea watched coldly at Helen on the ground. Those who once alinired her, pursued her, fawned upon her, and called her sister and best friend, now all ridiculed her, despised her, and cursed her, just as Lea had once suffered. Yet Lea endured it for three full years, suffering a million times more.

Helen felt as if these voices were stinging her eardrums Eike needles. She couldn't take it anymore. She wanted to escape, to break through this einlemenil

Just as she struggled to rive, Lea seized her chin, forcing her to look up. "Helen, this is just the beginning. You better take it all in. Don't break down 100 sour, or it won't be any funt"

Helen

i stood frozen, her gaze locked on the "demon" before her, suddenly pushing Lea away and running for her life.

Lea's voice rang out. Helen, the mock exams are coming up. Where are you going? Do you think by not taking the exam, you can hide the fact that I've been taking your exams for the past three years? IF I get the top score this time, everyone will know."

Upon hearing these words, Helen ran even faster, leading her to slip on her steps and tumble down the staircase.

Lucky for her. There weren't many stairs,

she only had minor scrapes. She got up and continued to run down.

Lea turned around, walking to the classroom door under the watchful eyes of dozens of students. She fixed a piercing gaze on the few still blocking

the doorway.

They were part of Helen's elaque, ready to act together to expel Lea from the school exam. No one had expected things to turn out this way.

Helen's goal was to take revenge on Lea, in forment her, and to prevent her from taking this ex Leading the front

it was Shannon, with a delicate and radiant face, exuding an elusive sharpness,

She and Lily were Helen's right and left hands, ready to fight for Helen in any situation.

She cast a deep, inscrutabile glance at Lea, then turned away with a faint air of indifference.

The others fled like startled birds, hurrying to their seats as quickly as possible. They were frightened, disbelieving that Lea had driven Helen into

They usually just bluff and bully. Now that even Helen couldn't withstand it, minor figures like them were surely no match for Lea.

They couldn't help but wonder what if Lea were to seek revenge on them. After all, they had bullied her for three years.

Each one of them kept their heads down, afraid to meet her gaze,

"Did you all just hear that? Lea said she's going to score full marks, get the top scorer some bold students started.

"Three years of zero scores, and now she says she'll get a perfect score. Is she insane!"

"And she said she's been taking exams for Helen for three years."

"Is this real

"Can you believe it?"

No one dared believe it, and they were all eager to see what would unfold next.

The bell rang for class, and everyone filed into the classroom, taking their seats.

Lea's seat was at the very back, on the far left, the worst spot in the class, while the seat in front of hers, Helen's, was empty.

Helen had always scored top marks, securing the privilege to choose her seat, but she chose to sit here, claiming to take care of Lea but actually to keep an eye on her.

After all, Lea was a genius, capable of developing an artificial brain, surpassing even the scientists at Berry Group and Fraley Group. At the same time, Helen took pleasure in bullying her.

Lea glanced at the empty seat and began working on the test.

Her classmates couldn't adjust to the change and kept glancing at her.

She was answering the questions diligently, writing quickly, the tip of her pen rustling against the paper, her expression calm and composed, as if the answers flowed effortlessly from her mind to the page, requiring no pause for thought.

Helen, in a panic, ran out of the teaching building. Fortunately, class had already started, and there was no one in the campus. She ran straight. toward the outside of the campas, calling her mother as she ran

"Mom, I'm done for! Lea sent the video to the class group. And yours, too. Everyone saw it, they laughed at me, accused me... Everyone's laughing at us. Mom, I can't take it. Please, save me!" As she spoke, she forwarded all the videos from to Matilda.

Matilda was in the Berry Group's headquarters, handing over her duties.

She had been demoted and was trying to place her people in key positions to retain control. The moment she saw the video Helen sent, her body swayed and she fell heavily into the sofa

It's over Matilda thoughts raced. 'It's all over now! Helen's virginity is ruined! And her name, too!

Hearing Helen's terrified sols, her heart broke. "Helen, don't be afraid Mommy's coming right now."

"Mom, kill Lea. No, death is too easy.

1. y. I want her to suffer, to be humiliated online. And those who laughed at me, I want them to beg for my forgiveness" Helen cursed in rage.

"Alright, alright. Mommy will do anything

ng for you in coming right now!" Matilda hung up and gripped her hair, suddenly screaming. "Where's

Ewant Where's he?"

Her secretary.

Max Fraley, a trusted confidante she had brought along when she married, now dared not approach her, replying with fear, "Mr. Berry... hasn't been found yet

"He useless fool Matilda cursed vehemently.

Chapter 23

Max was stunned in place.

Ddespite the discord between the couple for wenty years, Matilda had always maintained Ewan's dignity in front of others. Yet now, she called him a fool in the company, in front of the subordinates.

Everyone knew she was demoted and in a bad mood, but now, she was utterly explosive, her expression terrifying,

She had no time to wait for Ewan, quickly grabbing her keys and phone and driving to the school

When her burgundy Bentley pulled up at the school gate, a figure dashed out from behind a trash can.

Matilda slammed on the brakes, nearly crashing into the curb.

Upon closer inspection, Matilda realized in fear that the "street urchin was her daughter.

With a loud bang, the car door opened, and Helen climbed in, bringing with her a stench of garbage. "Mom, what took you so long?"

She threw herself onto Matilda, sobbing as she cursed. "They bullied met You have to make them delete the video, teach them a lesson. What am I supposed to do now! Hear do 1 face those people! Lea even said that she's going to score full marks today, get the top score, and the fact that she took my exam will also be exposed!"

"Sorry, I got held up at work and came late. The thought of Helen being bullied to such an extent shattered Matilda's heart. She assured, "I will definitely handle this well and ensure you return with glory"

"How Didn't you say you wanted Lea dead! Why is she still alive? Only ther death can make me feel bener." Helen queuloned

"That little bitch!" Matilda's eyes blazed with malice. "She's quite good at hiding

The night Lea ran away, they deployed professional personnel but still couldn't find her.

She was now staying with Christian, which made it difficult to make a move, especially since she was so cautious Matilda's men hadn't found an opportunity these past few days,

"Mom. did she get you demoted?" Helen still couldn't believe it. Her mother was omnipotent, and Lea was just a little girl who never dared to resist their bully.

Matilda's face twisted in anger when she heard this.

The company's stock price had risen so much. What she transferred to Lea was now worth over 800 million dollars! Manda's heart was bleeding,

"Helen, rest assured. Lea won't crow over for long. She will repay us with her life. Now, go back and rest. In a few days, I'll make sure you return in style. Marida sneered in confidence.

"Okay" Helen finally calmed down. "Mom, I don't want to go to the hospital. With the

the video our, only home is safe. I want to go home"

- "Alright." Matilda drove Helen home, and as soon as the car started moving, the phone rang.
- "Madam, we've found Mr. Berry came the voice of Max.
- "Where is he?" Matilda questioned in a hurry.
- "A villa in the suburbs, Max replied with some hesitation.
- "What?" Matilda was thunderstruck to hear the news. She knew her husband had kept a woman there half a year ago. But three months ago, he told her he had taken care of it. She didn't expect him to go there again. "Send me the photos," she roared.
- "Madam, you'd better not. Max tried to dissuade her.
- "Now!" Matilda commanded sternly.

Soon, a photo arrived on her phone.

There was Ewan, embracing a woman, both nearly undressed, the woman heavily pregnant, the child appearing to be five or six months along.

She completely lost it at the sight of the photo. "Good for you, Ewan! How dare you dare treat me like this! I'll make you regret it"

Helen was also struck by the photo, feeling as if being struck by a thunderbolt. "Mom, is this. Dad?" she stammered.

"He's not your dad. He's not worthy! He's a schim, waste "Matilda cursed.

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Helen going through such a situation, Matilda was busy and overwhelmed, yet Ewan was nowhere to be found, indifferent and absent, Although he was just a figurehead at the company, he was the executive president. When Matilla got demoted, she was planning to shift the power imo his hands.

Controlling a useless man like Ewan was a piece of cake for her. Only by doing so could she continue to control the Berry Group. After much difficulty, she found him, only to discover he kept a woman outside and even had a child.

"Mom, you must not let that woman give birth to his child. I don't want anyone else to share the Berry family's inheritance; it's all miner Helen said through gritted teeth.

"I know, and I won't allow it, Matilda swore indignantly.

With Matilda's assurance, Helen finally calmed down.

Matilda took a deep breath, composed herself, and commanded over the phone, "Bring him back to the company first." She would hand over the power first

"Yes, madam, Max answered

Sunlight streamed in the luxurious and warm suburban villa.

Janice, wearing a pink slip dress, was nimble despite her large belly, tying a tie for Ewan. "That old bitch is too much, ordering you around like that. After all, you are the president of Berry Group, the only son of the Berry family"

"I've been here with you for so long, I should go back. You need to rest inure for our son With that, Ewan kissed her belly

"Ouch! He kicked met He's trying to respond." Janice exclaimed in surprise.

"Little brat Ewan happily parted her belly, and the baby inside moved twice more, making him burst into laughter.

Janice's eyes flickered with a profound meaning as she pouted. "Your situation at the company now is all because of that old woman. If she could give you a son, a true heir to the Berry family, Christian would have granted you real power long ago, and you wouldn't be so stifled at the company.

"Instead, she gave birth to a daughter and raised her so poorly as to fuck with a non at Christian's birthday party, disgraced the Berry family, and who knows what else she might do to disgrace the family in the future. But it's all worked out now You finally have a son."

She had checked the baby's gender at a private hospital when she was less than four months pregnant.

"Once the child is born, Christian will surely be very pleased Janice was brimming with confidence, believing that Christian would love his grandson

Ewan was never valued by Christian, and in recent years, he hadn't even been looked at properly. He was self—abased and arrogant. Frequently reminded by Janice, he came to see it as a valid reason.

"When the Berry family has the next generation of heirs, and Christian starts to value you, let's see if that old woman sull dares to show you any attitude."

"Ewan, will you divorce her and marry me, and let our son return to the Berry family with a legitimate status at that time?" Janice wrapped her arms around his neck, her eyes slightly reddened, pleading earnestly.

"Of course! I've long had enough of that old woman" Ewan was determined; his marriage to Matilda was a farrily alliance; he never loved her. It was their elders who forced them into this union for family interests.

Matilda, though capable, was extremely controlling, greedy, and ruthless in her methods, wielding considerable power within both the Fraley and Berry families.

Outwardly, he was her husband, but in reality, he was poding more than a stray dog in her presence.

What he wanted was a wife, a woman. If given real power and the choice, he would naturally opt for the understanding woman before him.

Chapter 24

As Janice listened, her heart was blooming with joy.

"Alright, Ill head back now," Ewan said, planting a kiss on her check.

Janice caressed her belly and walked to the door to see him off, tender and affectionate like a wife.

Once Ewan had left, Janice closed the door, and the affectionate smile vanished instantly, replaced by a greedy and harsh expression.

She picked up her phone and dialed the obstetrician's number. "Doctor, when can I schedule a cesarean section for my child?

"Miss Gibbs, I've already told you for the health of the child, we need to wait at least seven months. Otherwise, the child may not develop properly. leading to poor health and even life-threatening risks, the doctor explained.

Janice but had no choice but to agree. "Fine, schedule the C—section for when I'm seven months along. Make sure the surgery is booked"

What the Berry family wanted was a healthy son; otherwise, everything would be for night.

She needed the child to be born as quickly as possible; it was her ticket into the Berry family.

Born into an ordinary family, she had become a model thanks to her exceptional looks, but without money or connections, she had to accept the unspoken rules to secure resources in this industry.

The best case scenario was finding a sugar daddy, boosting her fame, finding another sugar daddy, and if luck was on her side, snagging a decent tycoon, and that would be considered a successful

life. Yet among those who struggled in this circle, only one in a hundred might achieve that

Fortunately, she got good luck, catching the eye of Ewan, no ordinary tycoon but the foremost scion of the first farmaly in Vaporleon City, and she got pregnant with his son.

The Berry family had only two young girls, one was mistreated by her stepmother, and the other caused a scene at her grandpa's birthday party.

Upon the birth of Janice's son, the Berry family would certainly not allow the child to be cast out. Ewan had already promised her that he would divorce and marry her

By then, she would become the first lady of Vaporicon Cay. The old woman, Matilda, would have to step aside.

It was the last class of the day At Vaporleon High School, less than half an hour before dismissal.

Lea felt her phone vibrate in her pocket. Upon checking, she saw a message from Lorand Phoenix about a surgical task, a craniotomy and a heart transplant

Fach of both surgeries alone was highly difficult with fewer than fifty doctors nationwide capable of performing them. However, combined, no one dared to attempt.

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After arranging for Lorrand to assist Charles, she had inquired about It is connections in the industry, they had a professional network of specialists. in heart and brain surgeries, revered like saviors in the field.

If she could make a name for herself in this circle, she'd have smooth sailing in the medical world.

Furthermore, they often shared such high–difficulty surgeries. If they couldn't handle one, they'd seek help from others, benefiting mutually,

This was a chance to quickly gain fame and fortune. Lea needed it, so she asked Lorrand to keep an eye out.

No one but her could perform this surgery now

So, Lorrand sent her the message. [The patient is at Fraley Hospital, a high–ranking official. His attending physician is Nixon Donovan. Forget it. don't go 111 find another one for you later]

Nixon was ruthless, with no principles or morals. Lorrand didn't want Lea, a young girl, to have any contact with such a person

Lea only replied with just two words, [I'll go.]

Since no one else could perform sach a surgery, this was her best chance to make a name for herself. Coincidentally, she was racking her brains for a chance to meet Nixon and find out about his relationship with Matilda.

She sent Lorrand another message, asking him to prepare some things and pick her up after school.

After school, she arrived at the back gate of the school, where Lorrand was already waiting in his car.

He was now working with Charles, having performed several heart surgeries and earning a decent income.

His daughter was recuperating in the hospital, benefiting from newly developed medication, and her health was improving rapidly

Confident and ambitious now, he had groomed himself well, looking five years younger, poised and handsome.

Lea got into the car, heading to the hospital.

"Here's the medical record, sent over from Fraley Hospital. If you're not confident, we won't go Lorrand said.

The

surgery fee offered was 5 million dollars, and if successful, not only would she earn the money, but everyone in the industry would know her

name.

In the future, both domestically and internationally, people would come to her for such surgeries.

"Nixon agreed to take on this patient because the high–ranking official has always been looking after him and Fraley Medical, and promises to provide him with more benefits in the future. But he is ruthless, if the surgery fails, he will lay all the blame on you. Not only will you not receive the surgery fee, but you will also lose money, face imprisonment, and in short, all the negative consequences will be pushed onto you," Lorrand

went on.

While he spoke. Lea had already skimmed through the medical records.

"Did you bring all the medication?" she asked.

"Yes," Lorrand replied.

Lea opened the package he brought, took out the items inside, and examined the medicine. "The surgery shouldn't be a problem. With these medicines for recovery, it's all good"

Hearing her confident speech, Lorrand felt reassured

The car sped up, heading toward the hospital

Lea took out her makeup kit, drew her eyeliner, and outlined a completely different eye shape, then changed into surgical scrubs, complete with cap and mask

Lorrand glanced at her in the mirror and was startled.

Apart from those clear, beautiful deep—set eyes, he couldn't recognize her at all, even her aura and demeanor had changed.

Time was ticking. Lorrand accelerated the car, arriving at Fraley Hospital in less than twenty minutes.

Stepping out of the car, Lea looked up at the imposing building. The outpatient department was a six—to—seven—story structure, with different departments housed in separate buildings. Five buildings formed an arc, lying in front of him..

Adjacent was the inpatient department, featuring two newly constructed high—rises, one thirty—eight stories and the other forty—eight stories. Behind them were several more buildings, including a

dedicated experimental building and a central park area. These facilities alone have surpassed many well–known hospitals in the country

The land alone was worth tens of billions

After a moment's pause, Lea stepped into the hospital took the elevator, and headed toward the operating room.

Exiting the elevator and stepping g into the corridor, she saw several doctors and staff in white lab coats waiting, whose faces filled with shock upon

her arrival.

For them, Lea was like a Godorss—the only one who could perform this surg surgery.

A tall individual approached Lea,

Lea gazed fixedly at him; she had seen him in her past life on the internet and television, and had recently taken the time to look up his information

k revealed a

His features were more pronounced than in photos, his face elongated, initially giving off an aura of artistic elegance. A closer look sombemess in his brow, his eyes glinting with a dark light, occasionally betraying a shadowed dept

At a quick glance, he did bear a slight resemblance to Helen.

Lea couldn't help but wonder if he was Helen's biological father,

"You you're the doctor here to perform the surgery, Dr. Berry" Nixon asked, surprised. The only information he had received in advance it was a Dr. Berry

The person before him only revealed a pair of eyes, but it was clear she was a petite woman, and quite young at that,

He knew the doctor coming wasn't someone he knew, but he hadn't expected it to be such a woman

"Let's begin the surgery," Lea said, her voice low but commanding respect.

"May I know your name?" Nixon questioned

Lea stared at him in silence

Nixon's expression changed slightly.

Clearly, Lea had no intention of revealing her identity, otherwise, prople in the circle would already know about her.

"Are you sure about the surgery details!" Nixon asked

"Don't waste time." Lea replied coldly, petrifying Nixon for three seconds. He ordered, "Prepare for surgery?"

This surgery was inevitable.

If successful he would gain another powerful ally in Vaporleon City's upper echelons. If it failed, the blame would fall entirely on this surgeon. He stood to gain no matter the outcome.

Lea disinfected herself, put on sterile surgical attire, and entered the operating room

Nixon, as the attending physician, naturally followed her in.

Chapter 25

The driver sent by Christian had waited for Lea for over half an hour outside Vaporleon High School. Seeing that everyone else had left and unable to reach her by phone, the driver reluctantly drove back

As the car was on the highway, another vehicle suddenly rushed from behind and crashed into it, sending the car off the viaduct and plunging into

The river

At the Lake Villa, Alfred reclined in a chair by the desk, the blue light from the computer screen reflecting in his eyes like ice crystals, enhancing his already handsome and noble appearance,

"It's time to sell, offload 2%, and then buy back 5% when it hits the bottom price. He was on the phone, informing the staff at the hedge fund company

"Understood, Mr. Andrews, came the reply.

ing up. Eddie rushed in, his face dark and livid.

As soon as Alfred hung up.

Alfred asked with a frown, "What's wrong"

"The car picking up Miss Lea was rear–ended on the highway and plunged into the river, Eddie said.

Alfred's heart s

seized, the pain making it stop bearing for a moment

It took him five or six seconds to recover. "Investigate inmediately. Mobilize everyone to find out what happened"

With that, he strode out

"Mr. Alfred, Mr. Alfred Eddie called after him, but only saw Alfred's car speeding out of the gate.

He immediately called the hacker, at this moment, the best way to find relevant information was through the cay's trattic information network.

Alfred's black Maybach sped out of the city and onto the highway, heading straight for the accident site.

Outside the car window, the city's skyscrapers were rapidly receding

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Alfred's eyes were fixed dead ahead, his entire body tensed, veins bulging on his forehead. "Not Lea, you cannot just die like this!

The urgent ring of his phone broke his thoughts. He grabbed the steering wheel, slammed on the brakes, and the car slowed down, distancing itself from the vehicle in front

Alfred was distracted.

Had it not been for the call and his championship—level racing skills, he would have rear—ended the car just now.

Picking up his phone, he realized his palms were sweaty. "Hello?" he said,

"Mr. Alfred, we've found out that Lea was not in the car

Alfred slowly exhaled, finally feeling his heartbeat and breath again. "I see" His voice was hoarse.

He moved

the

phone away from his ear, a chuckle escaping his throat, tears in his eyes

y such an expression like a fool.

No one had ever seen the cold and ruthless Alfred display

He placed the phone back to his ear, commanding, Find out where she is

Shortly after, Eddie called again Fraley Hospital."

With furrowed brows, Alfred tossed the phone aside, overlook vehicles recklessly, heading toward Fraley Hospital

she afraid of that place? Wizz was she doing i

ng there now? he wondered

The car accident was reported by traffic media and quickly spread.

It wasn't until an hour later, when the car was pulled from the river and the owner's information and the lifeless identity of the driver were discovered, that the relevant authorities realized this was the car and driver from the Berry family.

Calls were made to the Berry family, then to the headquarters of Berry Group, and finally to the chairman's office. Christian nearly fainted upon hearing the news and rushed to the scene urgently.

Four hours later, at Fraley Hospital.

As the operating room doors opened, Lea walked out, followed by a group of doctors led by Nixon, their faces claied.

Only top—notch doctors were allowed in this operating room.

Today, they had participated in an unprecedented surgery, witnessing the pinnacle of brain and heart surgery, a seemingly impossible operation perfectly completed.

"Dr. Berry?" Seeing her about to leave, Nixon hurried over

Lea looked at him, her demeanor aloof and inscrutable, keeping people at a distance.

"Th.. thank you." Nixon, usually adept at social interactions, felt pressured in her presence. "Can I have your number? We often have such high- difficulty surgeries. Hope we can cooperate long– term with you."

In Nixon's mind, if he could enlist her help, he could control more lives and reap greater benefits.

"Contact me the same way as this time. Lea simply replied.

Whether she would come for surgery and how to perform it, she would decide.

He couldn't help but be shocked, thinking this woman clearly didn't take him or Fraley Medical seriously, but she didn't refuse.

Then He removed his gloves and extended his hand. "I look forward to our future cooperation"

Lea nonchalantly extended her hand, still glowed, lightly shook his, and then pocketed her hands in her lab coat, heading for the elevator.

Exiting the elevator, she headed to the staff exit.

The main entrance was too crowded, and Lorrand was waiting for her outside the staff ΕΠΙΤΑΓΗ.

Just as she reached the exit, she heard voices mentioning Shannon and stopped in her tracks.

"Dr. Dunlap, please prescribe the best medicine for me. Money is not an issue. My daughter Shannon and Miss Helen are good friends. Miss Helen said she would handle the medical fees. Thank you very much."

"Ms. Yancey, please return to your ward and rest." The doctor's toor was impatient.

"Okay, thank you. Please take care of my medication.

As soon as the woman left the doctor dialed a number, saying, "Miss Helen, Shannon Yancey is still in the hospital and wants best medicine. She's perfectly okay for discharge."

The voice on the phone was inaudible to lea

After a brief pause, the doctor responded, "Alright, I'll keep her in the hospital until you decide it's time for her to be discharged"

Lea frowned slightly and continued on her way.

It was already eight in the evening, pitch dark, and the city was just beginning to light up in the height of summer.

Lea had only taken a few steps outside when her footing became unsteady. The surgery was extremely taxing, leaving her physically exhausted and

terly drained.

Lorrand, waiting by the wall, rushed to her side when he saw her. "How did it got Are you alright?"

"All good," Lea replied.

The surgery went well. During the operation, she seized the opportunity to inject a new drug into the patient's IV, aiding his

recovery.

Lorrand let out a long sigh of relief, feeling a weight lift off his shoulders.

"Miss Lea" Suddenly, he glanced towards the car, signaling her with his eyes, "It's the gentleman who went to the clinic that morning. He arrived an hour after you entered the operating room and has been waiting here"

Lea's eyes lit up, and all her fatigue vanished. She quickly removed her gloves, sealed them in a medical sealing bag, and placed them with another sample. Then she took out another sample. One was from Helen and Nixon. The other was from her and Ewan.

"Please take them for a DNA paternity test," she

She came here today partly to make a name for herself as "Dr. Berry" and partly to obtain Nixon's DNA.

Lorrand was momentarily stunned, realizing why she had insisted on performing this surgery. "I will handle it as soon as possible."

Lea nodded.

Suddenly, Lorrand's phone vibrated, and upon checking, he read. The five million dollars surgery fee has been credited"

They had set up an account overseas for "Dr. Berry."

Nixon was quick to pay, indicating a strong desire to collaborate with Lea

"Keep it for now," Lea said.

"Alright!" Lorrand wore a determined expression.

Lea entrusted her bank account to him, sharing such a personal matter, a testament to her trust in him.

Lorrand swore inwardly he wouldn't let her down

Lea quickly approached, eagerly opening the car door, and there was Alfred.

"Mr. Alfred!" Seeing him here greatly lifted Lea's spirits.

"What brings you here?" She bent down to take the passenger seat, removing her hat

Alfred looked up to see her long, straight black hair cascading down, her face petite and rosy, her eyes like mars, and her lips like flames, overshadowing the surrounding lights.

With a deep breath. Alfred suddenly leaned in, yanking Lea into his arms and holding her tightly Chapter 26

"Alfred..." Lea felt his surging emotions and patted his back gently. "What's going on? Her voice was light and a little shaky.

After a while, Alfred let go of her and told her everything about the car the Berry family sent for her crashing into the river. Lea was not surprised. She wouldn't get in that car even if she didn't come here to operate the surgery.

"I'm fine. Don't worry about me," said Lea confidently. "Still waiting to have the honor of being your girlfriend and enjoying it

She looked at him with a sweet smile. Alfred's eyes lit up a line. "What are you doing here?" He looked at the hospital building through the car window.

"I was interested in a surgery here, so I came and operated it said Lea. She didn't want to hide anything from him, but it was not the time for him to know everything about her yet..

Alfred had guessed her mind but didn't confront her. "Let me send you home," he said.

"Okay" said Lea

It was almost nine o'clock at night when they arrived at the Berry family's mansion. The lights were still on, and the mansion was lit up as if it were day. It looked like a small palace from a distance.

Alfred drove into the gate and pulled up at the garage. They got out of the car and walked to the living room. When they were at the door, they beard Matilda's cries.

"It's all my fault. If I had picked up Lea and let the driver send her home, she wouldn't have died in the accident. She's only nineteen. Her life had just begun. I raised her, and it broke my heart to see

her die so young" She sounded heartbroken while secretly gloating inside.

Finally, she died! Too bad it was an easy death for her, Matilda thought,

"Stop crying like she's already dead. You don't Inow for sure!" said Christian. He wouldn't believe it unless he saw the body.

"Grandpa..." said Helen, wiping her tears, "We had searched every corner in Vaporleon but couldn't find her, and her phone was unanswered. She must be... Dead in the river. Helen didn't finish her sentence. She was busy fake crying and pretending to be heartbroken

Helen thought. I need to act better to get Granpa's attention and love back!

Christian's heart sank again.

The Berry family were all out to search for Lea for the whole afternoon but found nothing. The river where the car crashed into was wide, deep, and turbulent, making it difficult to find the body.

Matilda wiped her tears. "Don't worry, Christian. I'll see family, and I've raised her. That's the least I could do,"

alked in

"No need for that," Lea said loudly and walked in.

that they find Lea's body and handle the funeral. She's the daughter of the Berry.

Everyone looked up, only to see Lea standing there with Alfred in her blue school uniform, her backpack on, and her long hair falling behind her back. Her presence was stunning.

Alfred, standing next to her, was tall and handsome.

Helen stared at him, forgetting to breathe.

Lea walked up to Matilda, smiling weirdly. "Suprise! I'm not dead!"

Matilda's eyes widened. She stepped back abruptly and stumbled on her heels as if she had seen something terrifying. However, Matilda regained her composure quickly. She pulled Lea into her arms and cried like Lea was her biological daughter. "It is a surpriset Silly girl, I felt so scared! We were all so worried about you," she said, gritting her teeth.

Lea gently brushed her arms off and smiled. "Tin sorry for that."

Lea felt so good just looking at Matilda pretending to be a good mother even if she was pissed. Lea's smile got broader.

"Why are you home so late? Christian stood up angrily and asked. His eyes were red, but his tone was relieved and doting "Where have you been! Why didn't you pick up your phone?"

Lea glanced at Alfred and answered, "Sorry, Grandpa. I treated Mr. Andrews to dinner cause he helped me a lot before. The battery of my phone died.

Helen suddenly realized who Alfred was Alfred was the heir of the Andrews family in Iverton.

She had heard of the Andrews family and some of the excellent young men in that family, including their heir, Alfred. She didn't expect him to be so luandumr. She felt like he had taken away her breaths, and her face blushed ubconsciously.

A man as perfect as him had dinner with Lea, and the maids said he had been helping Lea these days: Helen thought. She was almost driven crazy by this thought

"Why weren't you in the car, Lea? Why didn't you fall into the river?" Helen's voice was sharp and exasperated.

"What do you mean. Helen? Why should I be in the cart Lea asked on purpose.

Matilda stepped in front of Helen to protect her. She meant the car Christian sent for you crashed into the river, and you didn't come home -II time, so we thought you were in the car. Thank god you're not! Thank god you came home safely. You have no idea how worried we and your grandpa were."

Lea rolled her eyes and looked at Matilda and Helen silently, and they understood each other without saying anything.

"Lea, come home with me. I have the driver take you and Helen to and from school together said Matilda.

"Thanks, but I want to live with Grandpa. He's getting old. I would like to stay with him more, answered Lea. She walked up to Christian and held

his arm

Christian's face turned cold. "Now that Lea's back, you guys can go home

Matilda said respectfully, "Okay, we're leaving now. Rest early" She dragged Helen toward the door, afraid Helen would say anything to give them away. When she turned around, she glanced deeply at Lea, her gaze sharp and cold like a viper's. She wanted to kill Lea even more.

When she passed Alfred, she gave him a faint look. Helen only reluctantly look hark her gaze at Alfred when she was out of the room and couldn't see him anymore.

Alfred furrowed his brow. He was grossed by Helen's greedy gaze as if she wanted to own him.

He turned around and saw Lea staring at Helen's back with a fierce look,

'Is she jealous?' he wondered. He was suddenly in a good mood, and his lips curled into a faint smile.

Chapter 27

Jeffrey, send Mr. Andrews home. It's late," ordered Christian. He seemed unhappy to see Lea with Alfred.

Alfred was stunned. He looked to Christian, thinking, Why doesn't he ask me to stay for the night since it's so late?

"Come on. I'll walk you out," said Lea

Alfred frowned and then nodded reluctantly,

They walked to the garage. After he got into the car, Lea stood outside and waved at him through the window. Alfred dawdled, started the car unwillingly, and slowly drove toward the gate,

Lea followed a few steps and only stopped when the car sped up and went far. She stood in place and looked at his car leaving Alfred had been checking her in the rearview mirror and saw her watching him depart, surrounded by lights. Above, the night sky was adorned with twinkling stars, mirroring the glint of longing in her eyes. His lips curled into a smile, and he stepped on the gas and left.

Lea stayed rooted where she was, looked in the direction Alfred left, and turned around to walk inside after a while.

When she got back to the living room, she saw Christian sitting in the chair, hands resting on his cane, gloomy and quiet.

She put her hands in her pockets and walked up to him. "What's wrong? Why the long face?"

- "What's wrong?" Christian asked to reply.
- "So you wish I was in the car?" Lea asked.
- "Are you trying to give me a heart attack?" Christian asked.
- "That's the last thing I want," said Lea
- "Then why didn't you call home first since you would be home so later" he asked.
- "I would, but the battery died, answered Lea. The truth was, she was in surgery and couldn't make any calls. "Besides, I thought you were going to work late," she added:

Christian's cold expression softened a bit after Lea explained. "You've really grown up, Lea. You've been keeping secrets from Grandpa. He sighed. Christian was a wise man. Even though he didn't get involved in these family matters, he could sense that something was off.

"What am I supposed to say, Grandpa Helen asked why I wasn't in the car and didn't die in the river. You heard her. What more can I say?" Lea asked. Her disappointed expression was hard to miss. She didn't really expect anything from Christian, but he was family. She faintly hoped he would support her, but he let her down.

When Alfred told her about the car crash, Lea knew Matilda had plotted the accident to kill her. After they got home and met Matilda, Lea was more sure about her conjecture. There was no way Christian didn't see through Matilda's scheme.

Christian's heart sank. When he and Lea looked into each other's eyes, they couldn't understand what was on their minds.

Lea wondered, Between me and Matikla, if there's only one can live, whose side will Grandpa take? The only thing on Chistian's mind was, Matilda will never murder Lea

"Till

*Ill go do my homework." Lea said and went upstairs......

Christian looked at her back and wanted to ask her to have dinner first, but somehow, he couldn't say anything. Melissa sent dinner to Lea's room

Helen and Matilda were on the way home. Helen was extremely excited in the car. "Mom, did you see the man with Lea? She called him Mr. Andrews!"

"Yeah. That the heir of the Andrews family," said Matilda. She was also shocked to see him there.

"The Andrews family in Iverton, can you believe it? That's the..." Helen was still appalled,

the most prominent family in Iverton, and the Andrews Group is the only Asian company in the top twenty of the Global 500 Matilda hushed Helen's

's sentence. Put the Berry and Fraley families together, and they were still no match for the Andrews family, Matilda felt envious and inferior.

"So, how did Lea know him? Helen asked.

"Through your grandpa, I suppose. He and Alfred's grandpa were close friends when they were young, answered Matilda.

Helen knew about this, too, but she was stunned by what she saw just now and skeptical about everything. "I want to know him," she said. Her eyes glittered with greed. "Mom, tell Grandpa to

introduce me to Alfred. I don't want Lea to be with him. She doesn't deserve it" She had decided to snatch this perfect man from Lea

"No need to rush, Helen. After Lea's gone.

e, I'll set you two up," said Matilda. She was also awed by Alfred after seeing him.

Lea is only a bastard of the Berry family. If she could be so close to Alfred, Helen could, 100. If we're in a good relationship with the heir of the Andrews family, I can regain Christian's trust, and it benefits the Berry family and the Fraley family a lot Matilda thought

"Thanks, Mom!" Helen said docily with a sweet smile. "Mom, is it because of Alfred that Lea didn't take the car home?"

Therefore, she didn't die in the river.

"Maybe," said Matilda. "There's no way she would know about the accident in advance."

Helen gazed ahead, clutching the hems of her dress on her knees, her eyes flickering. I have to get rid of Lea as soon as possible. I can't stand one more minute with her being with Alfred, she thought.

Matilda turned around and saw Helen lost in thoughts. She comforted her. "Don't worry. Helen. I've settled everything at school. You just go to school as usual tomorrow."

Helen was thinking about how to kill Lea. When Matilda spoke of school, she was in panic. "Morn, how did you handle it? What if I go to school tomorrow and they. She was horrified thinking about how her classmates would laugh at her.

"I've talked to Shawn and Chandler. They will tell the public that they raped you and make you the innocent victim. Then, the public opinion will be on your side. People will have sympathy for you

and support you," Matilda said. Helen would even benefit from this.

Helen's eyes were lit up. She was so pleased with this plan. I see. What about the grades?"

"You did well today. When the next exam comes, you'll ask for a day off, and after thar, you'll take the SAT directly. I'll take care of it," said Matilda. She had been forcing Lea to take exams for Helen for years. The S&T wouldn't be a big deal.

"Mom, I want to go to Conrad University. I want to go to Iverton," said Helen excitedly. "I was so narrow-minded before. I should go to a bigger city. to see the world and seek a better future for myself and our families" All she could think about now was Alfred. She thought she could be with him once she made it to Iverton

"That's my girl" Matilda was so proud of her. She was ready to clear the way for Helen to stand at the top

Chapter 28

The next morning, Lea had breakfast with Christian, as usual, while feeding the cat, but this time, she was indifferent. She didn't look at Christian or talk to him.

When she was about to finish eating, Christian said. "Jeffrey will send you to school today."

Her hand paused, with a meatball on her fork. It seems Jeffrey is the one he trusts most in this family, she pondered. When she was thinking, the cat came up and ate the meatball. She agreed by nodding.

After breakfast, Jeffrey drove her to school. She read all the way. Jeffrey was a quiet man and didn't say anything until they arrived at the school entrance, "Miss Berry, I'm going to the company. I'll pick you up after school," said Jeffrey

"Thanks, Jeffrey Lea picked up her backpack and got out of the car.

When Lea got to the classroom, she saw Helen wiping tears off her pale face on the seat, looking pitiful Lily and some other classmates were comforting her.

"Helen, you're so

so perfect. That's why those freaks targeted you"

"Don't be so sad. The justice will be done."

"We should care for each other so things like this will never happen again."

Some boys stepped up and backed up Helen.

"Let's delete the video on our phones. Sorry for what we did to you, Helen. We didn't know the whole story?

"No one will ever bring this up, or Il ensure the justice is done."

"We set up a fan club for you at the school. We will defend your reputation online and protect you."

"Yeah. Let the bygones be bygones. You've been harmed enough"

Lea was stunned. She didn't expect the twist to come so fast. Helen survived this explosive gossip and became the e victim everyone pitied and wanted to protect. This was beyond Lea's expectations.

Helen glanced provocatively at her, her eyes filled with triumph. So what if Lea ruined my reputation with the video? I turned the tables so easily. Now, I'm the pitiful victim, and everyone wants to protect me, she thought. Helen lowered her head, and tears brushed down her cheeks.

The girls hurriedly comforted her, and the boys were heartbroken to see her cry.

Lea sneered. She had to admit that, even though Helen was an angelic bitch, she did know how to act. In their past life, Helen entered the show biz and made a name for herself with her family reputation and acting skills.

Lea sat down with a cold face and searched online. She found a confession statement very quickly, Shawn Bowen and Chandler Jensen released the statement together and confessed themselves. They claimed that they got drunk and raped Helen. They apologized to Helen and surrendered to the police.

It changed everything. Helen became an innocent victim who should be protected by everyone due to moral reasons. All the videos online would be taken down. It was less than a month before the

SAT. After that, people in this class would go to colleges in different cities, and this incident would soon be forgotten by everyone.

'Nice Matilda, What did you sacrifice for y

iry,

e the your daughter? It must have cost you a lot to get these two freaks to release statement. Do you think you can manipulate public opinion and turn wrong into right this way! Not this time, Matilda. I was thinking about how to put these two freaks in jail, and they confessed now. Perfect, thought Lea.

The class began. Everyone went back to their seats. Helen looked at Lea, and their eyes locked. She saw the cold smile in Lea's eyes and was instantly creeped out. She could only rest assured when Lea died

In class, the first thing was handing out grades from yesterday's exams. Lea scored full marks on the first subject, which the class found surprising. Then, the other exam papers were distributed. She aced all four subjects, making her the only student to do so and ranked as number one in

school

The class went wild.

"No way! She made ju

"So she had been pretending all the time? Is she really a genius? And she has a stunning face."

"What about Helen then?"

"No more nonsense!" Laly interrupted them. "Helen didn't take the exam because of what had happened to her. If she had, she would have nailed it. Am I right, Helen?"

All the gazes fell on Helen. Helen nodded confidently. "Lily's right. I will go to Conrad with a perfect GPA. It has been my goal for years. All she needed to do was to play the brainiac and genius, and Matilda would give her perfect grades. Her eyes were still red, with tears in them, and all the boys, including some of the girls, were instantly heartbroken.

"See This is the real brainiac, unlike someone who had failed every e, the last three years." Lily was very proud of Helen. She LDİ sarcastically, "I wonder how she

cot full marks anyway.

Everyone's gaze at Lea suddenly changed, and they were all skeptical, thinking something weird must be going on

"Even if her grades are real, it also creeps me out to think about how she had deceived us for three y

years. Lily continued.

Everyone chewed over what Lily had said, and their expressions changed. Lea revealed her stunning face and got full marks on the exam. People would love a person like her, but they wouldn't like a dishonest person.

Lea smiled, thinking. Why would I pretend You've bullied me for three years, and now, you are asking me why I had been pretending. You didn't like me when I was a loser. You like me now cause I am pretty and smart. Your likes are so cheap, and I don't need that. I don't care what you think of me:

"This exam is hard, and you got full marks. I think that's really something, Lea. You're awesome. The voice was so lovely that everyone quieted down and looked over in surprise. It was Zed Jarvan, the school hunk.

The Jarvan family was the second most prominent family in Vaporleon after the Berry family and was even more powerful than the Fraley family. Zed got good grades, was always the second best, and often got full marks. Not only did he come from a powerful family, but he also looked like a movie star. So, he was very popular at school and was the dream lover for most girls.

However, Helen was pursuing him, so nobody cared to like him publicly, and those who did were handled by Helen.

Lea frowned at Zed cause he cut in so abruptly. He smiled faintly at her. "Would you like to have lunch together. Lea"

He rarely smiled, so the girls covered their mouths in case they screamed.

Helen's face twisted. "Zed, you're my boyfriend. We're supposed to have lunch together. She almost couldn't keep her composure. After she saw Alfred last night, her feelings for Zed were gone. However, she had pursued him for three years and was reluctant to give him to Lea. She has taken so many from me my reputation, Grandpa's love, and now my boyfriend? No way! Helen thought.

Lea was not interested in Zed, but it was fun to see Helen on the verge of blowing up in anger. Lea smiled and didn't say a word.

In Lea's past life, after they graduated, Zed and Helen got together. But later, as Helen's fame in the entertainment industry increased, she went to Iverton. After meeting better men with more outstanding family backgrounds, especially a few from the Andrews family, she aborted their child and forcibly broke up with Zed.

"Hey, Helen! Mind your words. I never agreed to be your boyfriend," said Zed.

It was a severe blow on Helen. Everyone looked at them, stunned.

Chapter 29

After a while, Helen snapped back from shock and asked, "What did you say?"

"You heard me. Helen, said Zedi

"How could you say that? Helen asked.

"I could ask you the same question. When did I become your boyfriend? Zed didn't want to bring it up, but he had to make things clear now. Although Helen had been after him for three years he didn't have any feelings for her. After he saw the video, the little bit of appreciation he had for her because she got first place on the exams for three years was replaced by disgust.

He was not one of Helen's worshipers. After he made sure Lea got full marks is all four subjects, he believed everything Lea said. He knew how hard it was to get full marks and no at school cause he had been trying in do so for three years. On account of everything, he could imagine what Helen had done and what she was like,

Helen searched in her memory and couldn't remember when they had become lovers. Her face turned pale, and she felt so humiliated as if someone had slapped her in the face in front of everyone. Even the girls in her crew felt embarrassed. The others were all shocked at the fact that Helen had been loving Zeil one—sidedly. It was ridiculous.

Lea sneered

Helen was highly possessive and controlling. If she liked something, she must have a Zed was the best man in school, so she went out of her way to pursue him. In her first year in high school, she confessed her feelings to

to him in public. It was a hot topic in the school then. She had it embellished and rumored to be a singable love story.

Zed had rejected her many times, but it didn't stop her, so he just let her be. They became close in the third year cause they were not and no. 2 at school, and both came from wealthy families. Helen thought this meant Zed agreed to be her boyfriend.

She had always been corky, and she had never failed to get what she wanted all her life. So, she thought she had Zed already.

Zed was no decent gentleman. He had been close to fielen for the recent year. They hung out so often that the classmates thought they were a couple.

Helen couldn't control her emotions anymore. "Is it because of Lea?" she asked.

Zed remained silent, but his actions spoke loudly to the onlookers. Helen, the high and mighty princess from a wealthy family, had pursued Zed for three years without success. However, Lea, whom they considered a loser, revealed her true colors and won him over. This was so embarrassed for Helen

"Do you even know what she's liker Are you going to dump me for her?" said Helen in a starp voice. She was about to lose her mind.

"Helen, there's no such thing as dumping you We were never together," said Zed

Helen's face twisted. "No! I won't let this happent

"No one can do this to me. He can't love Lea. It's like a slap in my face, Helen thought

"Unbelievable," said Zed with co

contempt. He turned to Lea and asked in a gentle voice, "Hey, Lea, do you wanna hang out with me after school?

The crowd gasped. Zed rejected Helen and drew a line with her before asking Lea out, He might as well confess his feelings to her.

"Sorry, Zed, I'm in love with someone else," Lea said seriously. She was happy to see Helen being humiliated in the class. Helen fell from the top of the pyramid and became a joke. That was a slap in the face

However, Lea had no feelings for Zed. She didn't want to bring her personal feelings into this. Besides, she was in love with Alfred. When she knew Alfred killed himself and gave her his heart before she died in her past life, he had become a tattoo on her heart and soul.

Zed's face changed. "You like someone else! Whot"

How come? Whos better than me in Vaporleon? This is the first time I expressed interests in a girl, and she rejected me" Zed thought.

"It's none of your business. I'm not into you. That's all," said Lea. She was never a softie on a matter like this

"You don't wanna rush to a conclusion yet, Lea. We're still young. It takes time to know a man," said Zed.

"I know him well, and I'm pretty sure he's the one for me," said Lea firmly.

Zed froze, his face turning pale and his facial muscles stiffening. He was embarrassed and resigned.

Lea lowered her head to read, ignoring others. Enrolling at Conrad University was not easy, even for a genius. She needed to work harder.

Snap! Helen broke her pen, her eyes murderous. That bitch! She snatched Zed from me, and she has feelings for Alfred. If she becomes Alfred's girlfriend... I must kill her as soon as possiblef thought Helen.

Less than ten minutes before the last class ended, a paper ball fell on Lex's book. She looked up. Shannon, who sat by her left, tossed the paper ball to her.

Shannon gave a warning gaze and buried her head into her book.

Lea frowned and unfolded the paper ball. There were two lines on it

[Let's talk at the top floor after school–Zed.)

There was another line below it smaller and still wet.

[Go straight home after school. Don't wander around |

Helen and her crew had been bullying Lea for the past three years and writing her countless threatening letters and notes, Lea had good memories and remembered their handwriting clearly. The first line was written by Helen, and Shannon wrote the second line.

Her eyes flickered, and a cold smile curved the comers of her mouth. Less than five minutes before the end of class, she handed the paper Zed and gestured for him to give it to Lily.

ball to

Zed frowned and passed it. Although Lea rejected his love during recess, he didn't give up on her. He was very confident about his looks, talents, and family. He believed he could get her ultimately as long as he put his heart in it. So, he was happy Lea would interact with him now.

Lily was looking at her test paper with a sad face when she saw a paper ball flying on the Lable, and when she turned her head, she saw źed, and her eyes lit up. Zed looked at the paper ball on the table and gave her a look that signaled it was for her, then looked down at his book, Lily's cheeks heared up, and she couldn't wait to open the paper ball to take a look. She couldn't help but look toward Zed, who was looking at his book, Ins profile perfectly lined. Her checks quickly reddened, and her heartbear raced

When class ended, everyone grabbed their stuff and left the room. Lea walked out of the teaching building and past the square with the crowd, playing with her cell phone.

Bam! A heavy object fell from above and landed in front of her. She felt a warm feeling on her face, reaching up to fourh it, and there was blood on her lingers

"Ah! The students screamed and scattered. Not far in front of her was a body sprawled on its back, long hair cascading down, blood spreading from its body. She Looked again at the blood on her hands, and her fingertips suddenly trembled.

"Ahh! Someone died!"

"A girl has fallen!"

"Someone jumped off the building

Students nearby shrieked and ducked for cover. A few of the surrounding students who were as close as she was and had blood splattered on them were started and busied themselves with

running away, knocking her around as she was swept into the crowd. Others were bold enough to come up to see what was going on

Chapter 30

After a while, a girl made her way to the front through the crowd and crouched down, crying sadly, "Oh my, Leal Leat

"It's Helen Berry!" Someone recognized her immediately.

She was the talk of the school, the school belle, and usually enjoyed top—notch luxuries. Pretty much everyone at school knew who she was.

"So the one on the ground is

"Lea Berry?"

The whole school also knew Helen had a loser sister, Lea.

to commit suicide?" Helen cried and basically told everyone

Lea, why did you do this? You've made it through three years. Why do you still want to o why and how this girl died

Nobody seemed to sense anything wrong. Students committed suicide every year for various reasons at school. It was completely reasonable for a loser like Lea to do something like this.

"You still had me and our family. We would have taken care of you. Why would you.." Helen cried in grief.

Some girls had sympathy for her and came forward to comfort her.

"Helen. I'm sorry y for your low"

"You've been nice to her. Don't feel too bad.

Outside the campus, a black Maybach was parked opposite the school gate. Alfred noticed that many students were scared and running out of the campus, saying that someone had fallen off a building. His heart sank. He violently pushed the car door open to get out and ran straight inside.

"Mr. Andrews... Eddie and Craig anxiously followed behind.

Alfred pushed through the crowd and spotted Helen holding a blood–covered body, shouting, Lea" His eyes welled up, and he was about to rush

OVCI.

"Helen, what are you doing?"

When he heard the voice, he raised his eyes and saw Lea. She walked out from the crowd and looked condescendingly at Helen, who was holding the dead girl and sitting on the ground. Except for the students in Lea's class, no one could recognize her. Alfred smiled silently with tears in his eyes, took two steps back, and disappeared into the crowd.

Helen heard a familiar voice and looked up in shock. She was wide—eyed and almost suffocating, "Lea?" she asked uncertainly. It was indeed Lea The sun shone above her head, and Lea's shadow loomed over her. Helen trembled as she looked at the lifeless girl in her arms through her messy

hair. Despite the disfigurement, Helen still recognized her. She was too familiar with the girl. It was Lily, Overwhelmed by shock and fear, Helen let out a miserabile scream and then passed out

"Helen!" Lea quickly stepped up and gave her first aid.

"She's Lea Berry!"

People around her suddenly realized who she was, pointing at her in surprise,

"She's Lea, then who's the dead one?"

"Was it an accident?

"Was it a suicide""

"Or was it murder?"

Shannon pushed through the crowd and looked at Lily on the ground. Lily's body was deformed, with a pool of blood underneath her. Lea was giving first aid to Helen. Shannon's face was deadly pale, and she was trembling. Lily was dead. She fell off the school building and died—a vigorous girl, killed in a blink of an eye.

The sirens blared as several police cars drove onto the campus. Onlookers stepped aside as the car drove by. The police got out of the cars and quickly checked the person on the ground, who was not breathing. They immediately scattered the crowd and set up a cordon. That was when the schools

Is security rushed over, stunned that the police had arrived before them.

"Hey, guys! Check out the forum somente sid.

Everyone was checking out the forum. There was a video. In the video, Lily went up to the top of the building, followed by Helen and Shannon,

who went up together. Then, someone pushed Lily from behind, and she fell down. Shortly after, Helen and Shannon ran down from upstairs one

Slamon also saw the video and dropped her phone on the ground.

"Someone puslied her!"

"It's murder!"

"It's Helen Herry and Shannon Yancey!"

"How I

horrible! They killed their classmate?"

"I know them. They're besties"

The number of views on the video rose quickly, and some students kept commenting below.

[Murder.1

Two girls killed their classmate.

[It's 100 heartless||

Why did they do that!]

¡God, what was their grudge against that gir?]

Helen, the school belle, the three—year record holder for first in the whole grade, is actually a murderer.)

People commented on the campus forum and posted the video to Twitter, WhatsApp, Instagram, and TikTok. Some students took pictures of the scene and the police and kept sending them ou

Such an incident on campus, a trending social issue, quickly gained widespread attention through reposts and comments.

"That's Shannon Yancey Someone recognized Shannon at the scene and pointed her out.

A water boule hit Shannon's head with a thud, and water po

poured down from her head, drenching her hair.

After someone started it, things quickly got out of control. People threw all sorts of things at her half—eaten fruit, garbage bags filled with food, and some even picked ups rocks and grabbed garbage from trash cans to throw at her. Those who couldn't find anything else threw their books and pens at her. Within moments, Shannon's forehead and checks were smashed, with blood running down. She stood frozen in place, looking at Lily's dead body on the ground, numb to people's anger.

"And Helen Berry! She's a murderer, too!"

Helen had woken up, and when she heard these words, she wished she was still out cold. She did not want to wake up and face Lea, who was still alive,

Bang! A pile of trash hit her face, but as soon as Helen saw Lea's face, she violently pushed her away and ran away screaming,

A group of students blocked her path and threw crash at her,

"What are you doing?" She shouted angrily.

"You murderer!"

A blob of spoiled food smashed into her face, covering her with a putrid smell, and she nearly passed out.

"Why do you kill your classmate? Go to hell!"

"Murderer, go to hell?"

Trash and spits from the students fell all over her body and face.

"I didn't kill her! I'm not a murderer! Stop Helen yelled helplessly.

"Someone has already posted the video in the forum. See for yourself. The evidence is solid, and you still want to argue

"You're a heartless demon!

Helen snatched the cell phone, watched the video, and stumbled backward, nearly falling to the ground. "No, it wasn't me, I didn't... Her face was pale and full of horror.

The police came up and surrounded her and Shannon. "Put your hands on your head. You're under arrest. You have the right to remain.

"No, I didn't kill anyone!" Helen resisted. "I'm calling my mom!"

The police officer completely ignored her and then cuffed Helen's hands.