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The pause button was pressed, and the image stopped.

you think!"

ct him to be so calm. "Mr. Andrews, what do you

The host looked at Milton. He thought that he would be embarrassed, but he did not expect him to

"I think everyone has a misunderstanding about Riverview Hospital. They're very outstanding and have their own advanced technology. It's a blessing for humanity. Miss Berry will also give everyone a satisfactory answer.

Everyone was shocked and confused again.

The interview ended soon after, Milton came out of the studio.

Thomas waited at the door and followed him to the elevator. "Mr. Andrews, those things in the video are half—truths. Why are you speaking up for Miss Berry!

He hated Lea for the way she treated Milton.

Milton's expression darkened. "Don't you know what background Riverview Hospital has? If Lea can't even handle such a small matter, she wouldn't dare to open a hospital in Iverton. You have to remember that she's someone I value and pursue"

This was a serious warning.

After working for him for so long, Thomas had rarely been treated like this by him. He was afraid. "I understand."

In the shopping mall, Abigail watched Milton leave the show on the phone. She held her phone tightly with both hands. Her face was cold and her eyes were bright, as if they were poisoned.

Leona looked at her and a strange light flashed in her eyes.

She thought. This number one princess of Iverton has taken a fancy to Mr. Milton. Her enmity with Lea is completely formed. Very welll'

She asked. I wonder how that vixen Lea bewitched Mr. Andrews. With his help, I'm afraid Riverview Hospital will be able to get out of this unscathed and continue growing

"Impossible!" Abigail's voice was sharp and broke, scaring Leona and Dairy into retreating.

Even the shop staff were alarmed and looked over with pale faces..

Realizing that she had lost her composure, Abigail immediately explained, "What I mean is that Riverview Hospital uses the methods of harming patients for profit. Even if Lea has a powerful background, it's impossible for her to survive in the market. Not to mention that this is illegal, the consumers will not allow it

This time, she felt that it was impossible for Riverview Hospital to clear its name and get away easily.

She added, "The Andrews family is an aristocratic family. They uphold justice and will never support such illegal actions. Milton will not support

her.

Abigail thought. Even if Milton is possessed by Lea, the Andrews family will not allow it Blake will not allow it either. That's right. That's how it is. Lea, even if you can bewitch Milton, how can you fight against the Andrews Group?

At the thought of this, her lips curled into a relaxed smile.

She believed that individual strength was insignificant in front of powerful families.

Leona was relieved when she heard her words. "Abigail."

Abigail said, "I still have something on. I'll take my leave first."

If not for the fact that she felt that Leona would be useful in the future, Abigail would not have bothered with her.

"Alright, let's meet another day." Leona watched her leave. She was also in a hurry to rush back and tell her parents about this. She couldn't wait to see their reaction when they found out.

An hour later, she arrived at the Conrad Hospital and arrived at the VIP ward where her father was staying.

Jessie had just sent away a group of experts from overseas. They had just finished discussing the new generation of smart pacemakers,

"Dad, how do you feel!" Leona came to the head of the bed and asked with gentle

After knowing that she was not their biological daughter, the couple felt disgusted and could not treat her as before. However, they still treated her as their daughter.

"I'm fine. You don't have to worry, Quintin replied indifferently.

Jessie glanced at her and saw that she was dressed formally with her bag over her shoulder as if she had been on a long trip. She asked, "Where did you go this morning!"

I went to Riverview Hospital to look for my sister. I wanted to take her out for a walk. She just came to Iverton and there are still many places she

hasn't been to."

The couple paused and their expressions relaxed a little.

They thought, "Leona and Shannon are about the same age, and Leona is very good at this aspect of life. Which young girl doesn't like to go out and shop? She is quite considerate and knows how to rope in Shannon for her family.

Leona stole a glance at them. "But I didn't expect today to be the opening day of Riverview Hospital. I didn't expect there to be a riot at the scene. It was quite scary. So, I didn't see Shannon"

The couple was shocked.

Jessie asked. "What happened?"

"There's news online. I'll show it to you. Leona took out her phone and opened the webpage. She was dumbfounded.

Jessie frowned and took her phone. She was also shocked

"Let me take a look." Quintin took the phone. As he read, he frowned.

Jessie asked, "How dare she tell you about this kind of hospital? She asked you to take a look at their newly developed smart cardiac aid device.

She...

Jessie wondered if Shannon was trying t

was trying to kill her own father.

She said, "As expected, it's because we didn't raise her.

Her disgust for Shannon was instantly maxed out.

Quintin's face darkened. "We don't need to look for her until the pacemaker is dealt with"

Unless he had to use her bone marrow.

Leona lowered her head and smiled secretly.

At two p.m. at Riverview Hospital, Lea and the others were still in the operating theater.

Shannon, Chris, Yannis, as well as the important heads of the Publicity department, Technology department, and Legal department, were all gathered in the conference room to deal with urgent matters. Everyone looked at the trending searches on the webpage that had been filled with Lea's name. They were all dumbfounded.

Some claimed that Lea had bewitched Milton. Some wrote shady stories about the rise of her career. Some emphasized the past when she sent Matilda and Helen to prison. It also mentioned the fact that they hired a serial killer, the hospital had violated rules, and so on.

Then, everyone clicked on Milton's live interview. Everyone's expressions didn't look too good.

"Ms. Foster, Miss Lea Berry and Mr. Milton The executive of the publicity department who did not know the inside story tried to ask.

Chris said, "It's impossible! Miss Berry doesn't like him. He's not worthy of Miss Berry." Shannon looked at her and nodded.

Lea and Alfred were already a couple. It was impossible that Milton did not find out anything about it. She was his cousin—in—law, but he still wanted

to pursue her. Most importantly, she had already rejected him. She felt that this man was simply shameless.

Now, he actually went to the television station to confess. At this point, he directly made Lea the focus of everyone's attention and made her the enemy of the public.

Coincidentally, the negative rumors in the hospital came out, and Lea's image collapsed.

Milton had so many brainless female fans that they directly paralyzed several media platforms. The traffic was unprecedented.

Shannon wondered what Milion was trying to do.

"Then how should we handle this matter?" The people from the publicity department asked for instructions.

They already had a countermeasure for spreading rumors about the hospital, but this matter involved the person in charge of the Andrews family. It was beyond their ability.

Shannon said, "Miss Berry will take care of it. You guys go have lunch first?

It was already two in the afternoon. This group of people had been busy and had not had the time to eat.

Only Chris and Shannon were

re left in th

the office. Chris's face was clouded with worry.

She was not worried about public opinion. A family like the Andrews family had very high requirements for marriage. Moreover, Alfred was the heir. Milton's actions would probably make things difficult for Lea.

"Chris, is the problem serious?" Shannon could not help but ask when she saw her serious expression.

Chris answered, "Don't worry. Mr. Alfred and Lea will take care of it.

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theater. She was light–headed and could barely stand straight.

It was not until it was almost dark in the afternoon that Lea came out of the operating th She was completely exhausted

This was the first time she had encountered such a difficult and complicated surgery.

As soon as she came out, she saw Dwayne Brown, who was guarding outside with two subordinates. Alfred waited silently at the side,

She gave Lorrand a look and followed Alfred. She only took off her mask when she was far away.

"Lorrand, how is Captain Knox? Dwayne asked anxiously when he saw Lorrand taking off his mask.

Along with Hanley, there was also an officer who died on the spot. Everyone thought that there was no way to save Hanley.

However, since the surgery was so long, everyone had a glimmer of hope.

Lorrand looked at Lea who had already walked away and said, "We've invited Dr. Berry to operate on Captain Knox. He's out of critical condition" "Thank you" Dwayne took Lorrand's hand in both of his, hot tears streaming down his face. The two subordinates also wiped their tears. Hanley was pushed into the ICU.

Lea and Alfred went to the top floor of the office building, her office and dormitory.

She went to take a shower first and changed into a long white T—shirt. Her hair was half—dried and she came out. Alfred had already laid out dinner. "Come and eat"

Lea sat over. The dinner was very sumptuous. It was a standard mutritional combination. It was all her favorite dishes. He had ordered takeout from a five—star hotel.

"I'm starving" She sat down and ate.

Alfred stared at her. Her half—wet long hair added to her sexiness and charm. If she wasn't so tired and needed to replenish her energy and sleep, he would have pounced on her.

He got up and left his seat. After a while, he took out a hairdryer and continued to dry her hair. You have to dry your hair in the future, or you'll catch a cold."

Lea was stunned for a moment. Her heart immediately warmed, and she was filled with strength again.

When she had just been reborn, her body had been malnourished by Matilda. She was thin and weak, but now, she was very healthy.

"Yes, I u understand," she answered obediently. She had to listen to her boyfriend.

Alfred chuckled and gently rubbed her head

"You should eat, too," she urged, knowing he was waiting for her to eat dinner.

Then, she took out her phone and turned it on. A few dozens missed calls came in. Almost all of them were from Christian, Ewan also called her several times.

She choked and immediately called Christian back.

As soon as she dialed the number, it was picked up. Before she could speak, Christian's voice exploded over. "Lea, how dare you not answer my

"No, Grandpa, L.

"After you got into Conrad University and went to Iverson, you have totally let loose of yourself. Why didn't you call me when you were in trouble! Are you seared silly? Others are spreading rumors about you. How can you let them slander you? They think that our family is easy to bully. Have you forgotten about me? Stupid girl. if I had known, I wouldn't have let you go to Iverton alone"

Lea took the phone away and rubbed her ears that were buzzing, but her heart was warm.

Christian was so angry that he cursed. He was suddenly out of breath so he stopped.

Only then did she have the chance to say, "Grandpa, I was in the operating theater all day today, so my phone was turned off.

"Operating theater? Are you hurt? Where are you hurt? Who did in

Lea thought, Is this still my grandfather? It doesn't seem like him to be so irritable.

She said, "No, it's a patient taken in by the hospital. I was helping with the surgery"

"You know how to operate a surgery? You're causing trouble, right!"

Lea fell silent. She knew that this was definitely his biological grandfather.

She said, "You don't have to worry about the news. I did it on purpose."

Christian had been poisoned by Matilda previously and was not in good health. She was afraid that it would affect his health, so she revealed the whole thing.

Christian asked, "So you did it on purpose?"

"That's right. Wouldn't that save publicity expenses" Lea smiled slyly. This way, fees

his way, it w

was equivalent to saving hundreds of millions on publication

Christian was stunned. "You're really promising. In order to save on publicity costs, you let the entire country press your face and the hospital's reputation to the ground."

Lea felt speechless, She said, "I will turn the whole situation around, Grandpa"

Christian fell silent.

She asked, "By the way, Grandpa, have you had dinner?"

"No, I'm on the plane!"

'Did you

u go on a business trip!"

"Where's your stupid hospital?"

She paused for a moment before reacting. "When... when are you arriving at the airport? I'll pick you up!"

We're already here."

Lea's eyes widened. "Wait for me. I'll come and pick you up immediately"

She hung up the phone, still in a daze

She did not expect Christian to fly straight to Iverton because of this.

However, she was very touched. After all, they were not related by blood. It was beyond her expectations that he could do this.

She said to Alfred, "Finish dinner and go to bed after. I'll go pick up Grandpa. Be good and listen to me"

Alfred said, "Tomorrow, we'll go to the Andrews residence with Grandpa to see my Grandpa

Lea paused again. The two of them looked at each other for a moment and she understood his intentions. "Okay"

Til get Chris to come over and clean up: Alfred picked up his coat and left.

"Okay" She sat down and ate in peace.

After a while, Chris came over. She originally had a message to send to Lea, so she brought the tablet over. "Take a look first. I'll clean up."

Lea opened it and her face darkened.

program.

It wasn't just about the hospital scandal. It turned out that Milton had confessed to her in an interview on the television pro

Mihon had gone to the interview with the purpose of making it public that he liked her and wanted to pursue her. The impact of this matter far exceeded the negative news of the hospital.

The attention Lea attracted had already surpassed the top celebrities in the entertainment industry and set a record.

She now understood why

hy Alfred wanted to bring her to the Andrews residence to meet Illake tomorrow. Originally, she had thought that the time was not good since the hospital had such big negative news.

Alfred was forced to do this by Milion.

Lea felt that Milion was such a scheming scumbag

Dra wished she could go to the public right now and express her position and attitude. However, this would be a slap to the Andrews family's face and she would become enemies with the Andrews family if she did so. She fought the urge and dismissed the thought.

When her phone rang, she picked it up and took a look. Her gaze froze. It was actually Blake, She picked up the call. "Hello, Blake."

"Lea, do you have time tomorrow morning! Come and have a meal here." Blake's attitude was very amiable.

She held her breath and fell silent for a moment. "Okay, Blake. My grandfather is here tood Blake paused and said happily, "Alright. Your grandfather came at the right time. Should I send people to pick you up!"

"There's no need. We'll come over ourselves" Alfred would bring them over

"Okay, then I will wait for you tomorrow."

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Chris had already put on gloves and an apron to clean up the

dishes and utensils used by Alfred.

It was rare to see Lea with a dark expression. Chris playfully teased, "You made a few hundreds of millions without much effort and still aren't in a good mood?"

Lea came back to her senses and smiled styly. "How can a few hundred million be enough? I have to earn double that amount."

She felt that only by making more money would it be worth it for those people to put her on trending topics.

Dark waves of emotions rose in her eyes. She asked, "Is there any news from Jason about Captain Knox's car accident?"

Chris said, "Yes, Mr. Andrews asked Craig to investigate. Someone from the Olivia family did it. Everyone involved has been detained and waiting for your orders. We have tracked the people who were behind those media reporters, but they're not the actual masterminds. Should we continue investigating?"

"Continue investigating" In this life, Lea would not give her enemies any chances, so she would not overlook a single detail. "Get Shannon to investigate. Make sure there are no traces left behind just report the findings back to me."

Chris said, "Will do.

After discussing the important matters, Lea was somewhat puzzled. She asked, "Why are you collecting these?"

Usually, they would ask the servants to clean up.

"Aren't you

afraid that your grandfather will find out? Chris pointed at the things used by Alfred.

Even though she was in the hospital, there were quite a few of Alfred's things. Alfred's presence and influence are evident throughout her life.

Lea paused and immediately helped to clean up.

She had not told Christian about her relationship with Alfred before, fearing that he might suddenly discover it and be startled

In any case, she would be going to the Andrews family tomorrow. She can deal with it after they meet.

"No need for that. Hurry up and cat. I'll handle it. Chris urged

After dinner, Lea wanted to wait for Christian, but she was too tired and fell asleep.

An hour later, the sky had already turned dark. A black Mercedes–Benz stopped outside the hospital.

Chris said, "Mr. Berry, Lea has been helping with sirgeries all day and is exhausted. She just finished eating and went to sleep. How about I accompany you on a tour around the hospital for now?"

Christian frowned and thought, I have come all the way here, but Lea is sleeping?

However, thinking about how she had to go to school and manage the hospital, he realized how hard it must be for her and he felt bad for her. He decided not to disturb her sleep. However, on the surface, he still appeared quite angry. "I do what to see what she has been working on all day,"

Chris said, "Mr. Berry, this way please."

They first entered the outpatient department building.

Due to the incident at the opening ceremony during the day, which caused a scandal all over the internet. Everyone in Iverton knew about it. As a result, there were no patients in the hospital.

There were only staff members and the family members of the patients in the intensive care unit. People were coming in and out from time to time, so there was still a bit of crowd in there.

After looking around, Christian was quite satisfied with the equipment and layout of the hospital.

Although the building was a little old, the interior felt very comfortable and convenient.

He had been to many hospitals and felt that this one was the most comfortable.

He specifically went to the floor of the intensive care unit floor.

He noticed that there were quite a few people in the resting area and the corridor. The atmosphere was relatively harmonious, unlike the usual

sense of urgency and distress found in other hospitals' intensive care units, which surprised him.

He wondered why the family members of those patients weren't worried.

As they passed by an intensive care unit room, the door suddenly opened.

Christian quickly stepped aside, and the couple who came out were taken aback. They had seen Alfred before and knew his identity.

Alfred's appearance was so striking that anyone who had seen him before would remember him,

"Hello, Mr. and Mrs. Alvarez." Alfred greeted them first. He paid attention to them because of Lea

The couple was surprised as

prised as they did not expect Alfred to take the initiative to greet them in such a friendly manner.

"Hello, Mr. Andrews," Michael replied.

Christian thought that they were acquaintances and nodded in acknowledgment.

Alfred said. "This is Miss Berry's grandfather"

The couple's eyes widened in surprise, and they immediately greeted respectfully. "Hello, Mr. Berry!"

They were respectful because Christian was their benefactor's grandfather.

Christian felt respected, and with a sense of pride, he glanced into the room and saw a young man lying on the hospital bed.

For some reason, despite the young man looking very sickly, his appearance gave Christian a sense of familiarity and left a strong impression on him Christian remembered him at a glance.

A wave of indescribable emotion surged within him. After greeting each other, they continued walking.

Lorand brought his team for inspection. When he saw Christian, he immediately greeted, "Mr. Berry, welcome!

The other doctors and nurses immediately greeted them as well

They did not know who Christian was, but since Lorrand respected him, they showed their respect too.

Several people were brought over by Lorrand from Vaporleon City. They had worked by Lorrands side for a long time. Not only did they admire his medical skills but also respected his status in the hospital. The few staff recruited by Lorrand at Iverton were completely won over by his medical skills

Christian nodded and was even more satisfied.

Victor was trailing behind. She felt speechless.

She thought, When Mr. Berry went to the company for routine checks, his subordinates greeted him like he was an emperor and he was never as happy as right now"

Upon reaching the elevator at the end of the hallway, Christian frowned and asked, "Why are all the patients in the ICU?"

Alfred said, "The hospital has the ability to treat them"

Christian said, "I am guessing that there are not enough patients coming in for treatment."

Alfred just smiled. After leaving the outpatient department, he took Christian to visit the medical research building and the inpatient department.

Christian was feeling uneasy and visited all the places, but he really couldn't find any problems. He was especially satisfied with the hospital's smart systems, which can make the hospital's operations more precise and convenient.

He thought, 'Lea is most skilled in the research and development of artificial intelligence. If she can focus on artificial intelligence, she will undoubtedly achieve great success. But this is also good, She can train her business skills and social abilities. After all, in this generation of the Berry family, she is the only child. No one will be able to support her in the future. She is still young. She still has the energy to do whatever she wants in the future.

Finally, Alfred took Christian to the cafeteria. The chef had already prepared a sumptuous dinner for him and Victor.

After visiting the hospital, Christian was no longer worried about the rumors online. As long as the truth was made public, the rumors would naturally dissipate.

Christian was in a good mood and his appetite also improved.

He looked at Alfred with a more favorable impression. "Alfred, thank you. If you hadn't helped her, she wouldn't have been able to do anything?

He could tell that it must have cost a lot to start up this hospital. Lead

did not have much money. Her capital was invested in Vaporleon City.

Christian answered, "Mr. Berry, you flatter me. I am lucky to be able to invest in someone as talented and outstanding as Leat

Christian couldn't stop smiling and couldn't help but remark. "Your grandfather is more remarkable to be able to raise such an outstanding. grandson like you."

It that this might

The current Alfred appeared like a junior in front of Christian Christian even felt that Alfred was like a family to him. He then felt be his imagination.

"Mr. Berry, it's rare for you to come over. Ell bring you and Lea to the Andrews residence for a meal tomorrow morning. My grandfather is free and will be home as well On the way to the airport, Alfred had already called Blake Andrews and discussed it with him.

Christian thought, 'Although Blake has retired, he is still handling numerous matters every day. How can he be free?"

However, since Alfred Andrews said so, Christian just listened and agreed.

It was rare for him to come to liverton In the future, Lea would need connections and resources to develop her career there. Christian felt that the Andrews family was undoubtedly the best partner for her. He had to get Blake to take care of his granddaughter.

"Okay he agreed readily.

The next morning, the sun was shining brightly and the sky was clear. The three of them dressed up for the occasion.

Alfred opened the car door to let Christian and Lea in As he was about to get into the driver's seat, his phone suddenly rang. After answering the call his expression changed.

"What's the matter? Lea got out of the car and asked. She looked calm, but she was actually a little nervous.

Alfred said, "Someone from that electronics company came to visit Andrews Group. Grandpa asked me to go meet them."

He knew exactly what Blake's intentions were for him to go over at this time.

"You go ahead. Grandpa and I will meet you at the Andrews residence" Since the client was very important and Alfred was the one who signed the contract, Lex felt that it was only right for him to go over and meet them.

As for what Blake was thinking, Lea would wait and see

Alfred said, "Alright, Ill get Craig to send you guys. I'll be there soon."

The two of them exchanged glances again with their backs facing Christian.

Alfred drove to the headquarters of Andrews Group while Craig sent them to the Andrews residence.

An hour later, the car drove into the Reatside Garden,

Christian looked at the scenery outside from the car and could not help but comment. "It's like the emperor of a country lives here. Isn't Blake afraid of being lonely?"

Craig smiled. He said, "Mr. Berry, this used to be where the emperor lived"

Christian thought, Alright, I am indeed a httle jealous

The car stopped in the parking lot. After getting out of the car, Lea linked arms with Christian and walked towards the hall.

As soon as they entered, Blake greeted them with a smile. "Christian, after so many years, you've finally come to my home, all thanks to our grandchildren."

Lea's expression changed when she saw Milton, who was next to Blake.

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Milton was wearing a blue shin. He looked more relaxed and easy—going compared to usual.

Blake was wearing a grayish—white shirt and a vest with golden embroidery.

Both of them were dressed formally.

Lea's fierce and angry gaze did not upset Milion. Instead, he smiled at her.

She was wearing a light yellow dress, and her long hair was smooth and exquisite. Standing beside Christian, she looked gentle and docile, like a young lady in her late teens or early twenties.

Every features and aspects of her appearance was striking, making it hard for people to take their eyes off her.

Milton was captivated and infatuated by her and he was willing to go to any lengths to possess her.

Lea averted her gaze and stopped looking at him.

"Blake, you've put on weight Christian said to Blake.

The two old friends had not seen each other for many years and were exceptionally warm and friendly,

After they hugged, Milton came forward and greeted them respectfully. "Mr. Christian and Lea, welcome to our house"

Christian paused. "So this is your eldest grandson! He's a fine-looking man!"

He had a preconceived notion that he liked Alfred more. Compared to Milton, Alfred was more sincere, but Milton still looked very impressive.

Milon's appearance was impeccable. Christian had heard of him previously. Milton was not even twenty—five, and at such a young age, he was already leading the Andrews Group. He was a rare young talent.

"Thank you for your compliment, Christian, I am Milion Andrews, Milton introduced himself. He assessed Christian Christian was dressed in a blue suit which made him seem approachable and easy–going

As long as he could get Lea's consent for the marriage, Milton felt that it wouldn't be too difficult to get Christian to agree.

Lea ignored him and simply greeted Blake, "Mr. Andrews

Without Alfred not around and the annoying Milion in front of her, Lea felt very upset.

If it weren't for Christian and Blake, and being or the residence of the Andrews family, she would have left long ago.

"Lea, you have become more beautiful!" Blake assessed Len, his eyes filled with admiration and satisfaction.

Since the last time they met, her demeanor had matured further and she looked even more charming and elegant

Milton had already explained the rumors about Riverview Hospital yesterday. Blake never expected that this young lady would be so remarkable.

The last time they met, he thought she was seeking his influence to get into Conrad University. However, he did not expect her to get first place and even caught the attention of Harold Lucas and his team, who personally went to Vaporleon City to recruit her. Indeed, she was quite impressive.

Blake said, "Come, on, let's eat. The dishes are getting cold."

The four of them sat down, and the large table was filled with a variety of delicacies,

Blake and Christian sat at opposite ends of the long table. Milton and Lea sat opposite each other, with their seats very close together.

This made her very uncomfortable, and she secretly frowned.

Blake and Christian exchanged pleasantries. They were good friends and talked about family matters and other topics

Lea, on the other hand, quietly ate her food, feeling extremely uncomfortable and restless

Milton wanted to talk to her, but seeing her ignore him, if he forcefully found a topic to talk about, it would only be more awkward. So, he kept his

composure.

Seeing that Blake and Christian were almost done talking. Milton gave Blake a discreet look

Black became more solemn. "Christian, since the kids are here, I have something important to discuss with you."

Christian paused

Blake continued, "Milion has taken a liking to Lea. He fell in love with her at first sight and insisted that I ask you to have them married on his behalf. We have a good relationship and I would like to strengthen our relationship even further. What do you think...."

"I disagree. Before he could finish, Lea interrupted him.

Blake and Christian were shocked

Blake looked disappointed. His eyes, though not angry, exuded an aura of authority.

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Yesterday,

his true feelings on television, and everyone knew about l

this.

After hearing Milton speak so highly of Lea and was convinced that she was the only one for him, and thinking that he would be twenty—five soon and had never been in a relationship nor interacted with potential partners before, Blake decided to arrange this marriage personally.

A marriage between Lea and Milton was considered a significant elevation in status for the Berry family. The benefits they could bring her were even more immeasurable. However, she rejected him so firmly

In the eighty years of his life, this was the first time Blake had encountered such a situation. Only Lea would reject him, Milton, and the Andrews family like this.

Christian also felt that this action was humiliating to Blake and Milion. He looked at Milton again and said earnestly. Lea, I think Milton is a good option. Do you want to reconsider?

He really couldn't find any flaws in this situation. Anyway, Lea was still young. Christian felt that they could get engaged first and spend more time together to get to know each other in the future. He also hoped that Lea would not miss out an opportunity on getting a good partner.

"Grandpa, Mr. Andrews," Lea said sincerely, "I already have someone I like."

Blake narrowed his eyes. Christian suddenly paused and looked at his granddaughter in surprise

He thought. Aren't you a genius who is dedicated to scientific research and studies? Why do you have a crush already? Why didn't I know about such an important matter? You're still just a child,'

He was overwhelmed with emotions for a while. Then, he asked. "Lea, who is this person that you like?"

In order to deal with a rebellious child like this, he knew that he couldn't be too forceful. He had to be patient and gentle

Christian planned once he got to know the person, if that man was outstanding enough, he would reluctantly accept their relationship, provided. that it stayed within the boundaries he set. If it was some delinquent youth, he would help put an end to this problematic relationship.

Blake and Milton both stared at Lea

She looked back at them and said, "It's-

Just as she was about to speak, the door was pushed open. Alfred stood at the door, deliberately catching his breath. He had rushed back in a hurry.

As soon as he brought the representatives from Pioneer Electronics into Andrews Group, he received a call from Craig saying that Milton was at the Andrews residence. He then hurriedly rushed over.

Lea was about to say, "He's a very good person. When the time is right, I'll bring him to meet you" Seeing that he was there, she did not continue.

"Alfred, you're back so soon. Christian greeted him warmly.

As he saw how Christian was so familiar with Alfred, Blake's gaze turned cold.

Alfred took a deep breath and suppressed the anger. He stepped forward with a stern expression. "What are all

of

you doing?"

*Im arranging a marriage for Lea and Milion. It's a pity that this girl already has someone she likes. Blake was in a foul mood. "Since you're familiar with Lea, do you know who she likes?"

Alfred looked at Lea. She glanced at him with a warm and gentle gaze.

"Christian, I'll discuss this matter with you another time. Alfred looked at Blake, "Grandpa, let's talk."

Make frowned and stood up. He smiled gently at Lea and Christian before saying, "Continue your meal. Milton, take good care of our guests"

Then, he entered the study with Alfred. The heavy door closed.

Soon after, a loud crash and the sound of something smashing could be heard. The fact that the sound of something being thrown and smashed could be heard through the soundproof door indicated just how loud the commotion was inside.

As Lea listened, her heart sank, "Grandpa, I'm full, I'm going for a walk in the garden"

She got up and went out into the garden.

Milion followed. He said, "It's impossible for you to be with Alfred."

She turned around and looked at him, her lips curled into a sly smile, with an icy gaze, she said, "Do you think that by doing this, you can ruin our relationship!"

Milton said, "Lea, I did have my selfish motives when I asked my grandfather to propose a marriage for us to your grandfather. However, this is not the reason to ruin your relationship with Alfred. The real reason is that you don't meet the criteria my grandfather has set for Alfred's wife."

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Lea's heart tightened, but she tried her best to maintain a calm facade.

She thought, 'He is right. Blake has incredibly high standards for his granddaughter-in-law

Even though she had achieved so much in her past life, she was still flawed in Blake's eyes, not even worthy of Milton

The last time Alfred had brought her to meet Blake, she already knew from the scrutiny in his eyes. His actions today only served to confirm everything.

After

a moment of silence, Lea

Lea offered a serene smile. "You needn't concern yourself with that, Mr. Andrews"

Milton was taken aback. "How dare you be so arrogant, Lea"

It was one thing to disregard him, but Blake was different. The entire Andrews Group was unrivaled by any family or conglomerate, not just within this country, but across the globe.

Additionally, Lea was a mere young girl. Milton felt that she was being ignorant.

"Thank you for the compliment." Her smile widened, with a touch of defiance,

His face turned pale as he felt a sharp sting.

She understood what was ahead, yet her resolve remained unwavering. Even if it meant walking through infernal flames, risking utter destruction. she wouldn't alter for Alfred's sake.

"What makes him better than me, that warrants your devotion for him? Jealousy twisted in Milton's guts, he was jealous of how much she valued Alfred, a guy he'd never even spared a second glance before..

Lea met his gaze again, her dark eyes shimmering with intensity that seemed almost otherwordly. She said, "Someone like you will never understand."

In that moment, she saw Milton clearer than she ever had before, even than in her past life.

Milton indeed loved her, cared for her, and even sacrificed for her. But deep down, the only person he truly loved was himself. Everything was crafted to serve his own agenda.

Alfred was different. He always prioritized the people he loved. He was selfless.

Her words felt like a pronouncement of doom to Milton. His body froze as if plummeting into a bottomless chasan as his fingers slowly curled into tight fists

Lea retreated her gaze from him as she turned and went back indoors, joining Christian inside.

Meanwhile, a crackling tension hung heavy in the study.

Blood stained the corner of Alfred's mouth, his voice was low and menacing, echoed like a lion's growl. Grandpa, after being so long in Vaporleon City, you know damn well what I've been up to

Blake was incredibly controlling. He always wanted things to go his way no matter what.

He had decreed Alfred as the heir, and since he would be turning 22 next year, it meant it was time for him to inherit the company and work for The family.

Although they had not seen each other much in the past few years, he had always known Alfred's whereabouts. Everything was within his control.

That was why Alfred was raging. The last time I brought Lea to you, you should have known that she's the person I love, it has to be her. So why did you still set her up with Milton?"

His eyes blazed with a dangerous light as he laid bare Blake's scheme

Blake grabbed the emerald decoration on the desk and flung it towards Alfred. It brushed past the side of his face, slamming into the glass cabinet behind him with a deafening crash. The pieces of it scattered across the floor.

"I've poured my heart and soul into raising you over the past twenty years, and this is how you talk to me! All for a young woman!" Blake's eyes were bloodshot, his body guivering in rage that he held to clutch onto the desk for support

Alfred was technically raised under his care. Apart from those few years when Alfred was sick and had to stay abroad, Blake always tried to be there

for him and guide him, whenever he had the time.

Despite being the heir, Alfred was not interested in joining the family business. He preferred carving his own path in the business world, much like Milton, and he was given the freedom to chart his own course.

Never in these twenty years had Blake and Alfred clashed so bitterly and harshly.

It was beyond Blake's comprehension that Alfred was doing this for a young girl.

"I have no further requests. Do as you wish with the company and the title of the heir, but my marriage is non-negotiable" Alfred's tone was unwavering.

"You..." Blake looked at him while being stunned and speechless.

Blake was the one who raised him, he knew him inside out. Once Alfred had set his mind to something, there was no turning back. He was more stubborn than ever about Lea.

Blake knew that Alfred's stubbornness would only make things worsen and he could not make Alfred compromise with force.

After a pause, he said, "But your cousin publicly declared his feelings for Lea. He's been smitten with her for quite some time. Now, the entire country and the world know about it, too

Alfred did not waver. It doesn't matter what he says or does, it won't change my mind. Grandpa, you should have known that I met Lea first. I've been living in Vaporleon City for so long, both of us even started a hospital there together. Milton is the one who is intervening and trying to steal the woman I love. All these tricks and schemes he's playing will be useless against me"

"You" Blake's body swayed as he nearly coughed out blood. "What do you think others will think of the Andrews family if you fight over a woman with your family? There are plenty of other women in this world. Did she bewitch you?"

Alfred retorted, "That is Milton's problem. There's no way he doesn't know about my relationship with Lea."

Alfred knew how much of an impact this would bring to the Andrews family.

In his past life. Milton had exploited the situation against Lea and Alfred, making him kicked out of the family. However, Alfred was the person. who got to know Lea first in this life. Milton was the one who was

was intervening.

Blake was once again stunned. "Relationship? What relationship are you talking about?"

Alfred wanted to confess that he was already engaged with Lea, but the sight of Blake's fragile state held him back. "We're just two consenting adults in love, there's nothing wrong with that."

Blake's breath was unstable due to anger. "Are you going to turn your back against the entire Andrews Group for her? To the extent of sacrificing your inheritance too?

his answer.

silence showed his answer.

Alfred said nothing, but his eyes were burning with determination as he looked at Blake. His s

Blake whirled and grabbed the exquisite vase in the cabinet and smashed it on the floor. It shattered against the floor in a spray of shards. His breathing calmed slightly, gaining his composure. "Are you going to throw away our bond for her tool

Alfred bit

it his lips, as he paused and looked at him, his eyes darkening "Grandpa, don't make me do this"

"This is rebellion! Get our In a fit of rage, Blake swept his arm across the desk, sending all the decorations tumbling to the floor with a resounding

crash.

Alfred's eyes filled with a pained crimson as he witnessed his grandfather's uncontrolled rage. A wave of grief and anguish washed over him.

He wasn't heartless. Besides Lea, Blake was the closest family he had. But this time, he refused to let go of the woman he loved no matter what

He hesitated a moment before leaving the study with his lips pursed. Lea was waiting by the door when he stepped out

Her heart ached when her gaze fell onto the bruise on his cheeks and the traces of blood stain at the corner of his lips.

Lea was able to imagine Blake's fury based on the sound of shattering objects coming from inside the room. She feared that Alfred might face violence. But she didn't really think that Blake would strike Alfred.

Christian was also pacing restlessly. He didn't know exactly what was happening, but he could tell that Blake was giving Alfred a hard time.

He thought, 'Is this really necessary? Blake is already so old, and Alfred is an adult now!

There were several times that he almost knocked on the door to intervene.

When the door finally opened, Christian saw Alfred and rushed forward. "Did he hit you!"

Alfred shook his head. Tm fine." However, his eyes were on Lea. He was silently reassuring Lea that he was fine,

"Mr. Berry, Lea, let's go, Alfred said as he took Lea's hand.

Christian intended to go in and lecture his old friend but was stunned at the sight of the two of them holding hands.

He asked, "Both you two!"

"Il tell you the details when we get back," Alfred promised.

Caught off guard. Christian remained rooted to the ground.

"Grandpa..." Lea lowered her heal, feeling like a child caught in the art, then she quickly looked up and held Christian's wrinkly hand. "We'll talk

once we are back"

Christian's eye

twitched. He thought, "We can only get back first. If we talk about it here, Blake will probably come out and fight me

Just as the three of them reached the door, Milion came in. He asked, "Why are you leaving so soon!"

Lea's gaze shifted to her grandfather and Alfred. She said, "Wait for me. I will go talk to Blake."

Releasing their hands, she turned and strode towards the study.

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Christian wanted to stop Lea, but she had already walked away.

Alfred watched her go, knowing he couldn't change her mind.

Beside him. Milton stood frozen.

He wanted to remind her that she would not be able to calm Blake down since Alfred had just quarreled with Blake and was about to leave with her.

Since Lea cared so much about Alfred, Milon felt that she should not make him leave with her. Milion didn't expect that Lea wanted to talk to Blake and face his anger directly.

Christian reacted instantly, springing to guard the door. He thought, "If Blake is going to make things difficult for my granddaughter, I'd be in for a fight.

Blake's chest heaved with anger. When he saw Lea walk in, he was shocked. His eyes was bloodshot and his anger rose again.

After so many years of his life, he had never so thoroughly underestimated someone. Lea had managed to pit his two most outstanding grandsons against each other in such a remarkably short time. She was the most impressive woman he had ever encountered.

Lea approached the desk. She was not as obedient as she usually was in front of Blake. Instead, she revealed an invisible powerful aura.

"Mr. Andrew, I am aware that you disapprove of my family and believe I am not a match for Alfred," Lea said.

Blake's gaze remained fixed upon her, his disapproval palpable

He thought, of course. You are nothing in comparison to my family

Lea continued, "But I am young. With my talents and ambitions, I can strive to be worthy of him."

"Strive?" Blake's laughter was tinged with scorn. "Do you honestly believe that the Andrews family's accomplishments were solely achieved through hard work? Do you cling to the naive notion that mere effort can grant you everything you want?"

The Andrews family was able to achieve its immense wealth and power today because it had already been a powerful family in the past.

For the past century, amidst a rapidly evolving global landscape, they had seized upon the shifting tides of fortune, expanding their influence exponentially.

However, Blake felt that such opportunities were rare, and might not recur for decades.

He said. "You are young, Lea. It is understandable that you would harbor such naivete. However, please take matters of the Andrews family. It won't do you any good."

my suggestion. Don't meddle in the

Initially, Blake was willing to have Milton date Lea since Milton liked her and Blake had a close relationship with Christian. However, Blake would never allow Alfred to be with Lea..

Lea's expression changed. She knew the Andrews family was the top family in Iverton. Compared to them, she was a nobody.

"Let's make a bet then," she said. "Four years from now, I will graduate from university. If I can prove to own a business equivalent of the Andrews Group by then, you will consent to my marriage

with Alfred. If I can't. I'll walk away"

Blake became more upset. "Lea, you are too arrogant. I've never seen anyone as cocky as you"

Lea didn't even flinch, she met his gaze with composure.

Anyone who heard such a declaration would probably flip out.

She asked, "So, does that mean you're taking the bet!"

Blake was taken aback by her confidence and how serious she was. He sat up straight and actually began to consider her words.

He then said, "Lea, do you want to use my grandson's support to force me? Are you trying to use the heir of the Andrews family to deal with the Andrews family!"

Alfred had been spending a lot of time with Lea in the past 6 months. Blake already knew he was helping her out.

"I wouldn't go anywhere even with his help if I am incapable." Lea retorted. "He's investing in me not our of charity, but for his own interest. I will not use him with malicious intention to fight against you. If you mind it, I will make him stop his assistance with my career,"

Blake's face darkened. He had no patience for such juvenile games.

"Besides," Lea continued. "If I am able to grow my company to the equivalence of the Andrews Group with his support, do you think you can stop

Blake's face paled. "Lea, are you threatening me?"

Lea thought. You are forcing me to do this

She said, "No, I just want a fair chance from you."

Blake was silent for a moment.

Lea said, "Mr. Andrews, I will take that as a yes. We'll see in four years."

"And if I refuse? Blake said.

Alfred was only 22. Blake felt that it was unreasonable for him to use four years of Alfred's life on a bet with a little girl

Lea said, "I've already made up my mind to be with him. Except him, I can give up everything else in my life."

Blake was taken aback. He could see the same stubbornness in her that he saw in Alfred, perhaps even more intense.

"You're all being unreasonable." He sighed.

Lea's voice was firm. "Mr. Andrew, will you agree?"

Blake said, "Very well. I'll give you my word, but only if you prove yourself capable"

He thought, Now Alfred is completely on Len's side, if I use force, Alfred and I will end up being the ones who are hurt the most. What can a nobody like Lea achieve in the end? Besides, Christian has saved my life. Lea is his only granddaughter. I cannot simply cast her out

Thank you Mr. Andrew, Lea said before leaving the study.

Christian waited outside the study, he grabbed Lea and looked at her carefully after she came out. The door was soundproof, so he couldn't hear anything inside. He was worried Blake might be giving her a hard time.

"Grandpa, let's go," Lea said, offering Alfred a reassuring smile.

He returned a gentle gaze to her. "Til send you back"

Christian glanced into the study, sensing the anger radiating from within.

He thought. 'How dare you don't like my granddaughter! I don't even like your grandson. Our friendship ends here today!

As the three of them were leaving. Milton's eyes were glued to Lea, who held her grandfather gently yet firmly

He thought, 'Even my grandfather can't stop her?"

He realized that he had underestimated Lea's resolve to be with Alfred.

He stood by the door and watched as the black Mercedes–Benz disappeared down the driveway before heading towards the

After hearing Blake tell him what Lea said, Milton sincerely said. "Lea's being too much!"

He thought, 'Not only did she look down on my, she even disrespected Blake and the entire Andrews family.

Blake said, "Indeed, I've never seen someone so brazen. Hey, where are you going?"

Milton did not pay any attention to Blake and left immediately.

He thought, Lea, no matter what method I am going to use next, it's all because you have forced me to

study.

Blake stood up and shouted at the back of Milton, "Milton, stay away from them! Other than Lea, you can marry any woman in this world!"

Milton was already gone with a murderous aura. Unfortunately, no one except Lea was able to attract his attention.

Ray sent a cup of coffee to Blake. "Mr. Blake, please have a drink and calm down first. They are kids after all. Perhaps you can talk to them peacefully after a while.

"Ray, you're old and have failed to understand these kids. They're not like the others." Blake replied

Ray thought. I am five years younger than you, Mr. Blake

However, he knew he wasn't as perceptive as Blake. Otherwise, he wouldn't be the butler.

Blake added, "Inform Rick, I want the Riverview Hospital to be shut down"

He thought, In order to deal with someone as stubborn as Lea, I have to completely defeat her to the point that she has nothing left.

Ray's expression shifted. "Sir, do you really want Rick involved!"

Though Blake no longer personally managed the Andrews Group's affairs, be still commanded immense power and influence. He could still be in charge of the operation of the entire Andrews family.

He commanded four powerful staff. In the past, whenever he faced difficulty, he would order them to deal with it.

Ray knew that Blake wanted to destroy Lea's career by sending Rick to deal with it

He then asked, "Mr. Blake, what about Mr. Berry? He thought, "Are you going to disregard the fact that he has saved your life before?"

"Do you think I'd hurt my own grandson to repay a debt?" Blake scoffed.

Blake couldn't bear to harm his own grandson. The thought of hurting Alfred was already unbearable. Therefore, he could only deal with Lea

"Cut off Alfred's allowance, Blake continued. "Freeze his accounts, revoke his access to funds, and shut down his properties"

He thought, Alfred will learn what it means to defy me. Without his title and fortune as the heir of the Andrews family, he will be nothing"

Ray looked at Blake with a meaningful look. He realized that Blake meant business this time.

"As you wish, Mr. Blake, Ray replied.

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The Mercedes–Benz pulled up at Riverview Hospital.

Christian snorted at Alfred and stormed off to Lea's dormitory.

Hf Make doesn't appreciate Lea, then I have no time for his grandson either; Christian thought to himself.

Alfred pursed his lips in resignation.

Talk to Grandpa about this, Lea reassured him.

"Okay" Alfred nodded.

Lea took a few steps, then turned back, holding his arm. "Do you want to know what I told your grandpa?" she asked teasingly.

Alfred looked at her curiously.

"I told him that once I graduate from college, my career will rival the Andrews Group. By then, he'll have to agree to us getting married."

A surge of emotions welled up in his deep eyes. "For me?"

Apart from Blake, there were too many obstacles between them. Only by achieving such heights could they truly control their destiny.

Alfred gently squeezed her hand, feeling for her. I can give up anything, including the title of heir to the Andrews family. The family doesn't need me. It can thrive without me. So don't worry. You don't have to do anything you don't want to."

The Andrews family was already a leading dynasty, flourishing with or without him.

"No matter what happens. Ill be by your side. No one can separate us," he added.

Lea's eyes welled up with tears. She looked down, her breath catching painfully in her throat

After a moment, she raised her eyes, a hint of mischief in them. "You certainly should take over the Andrews Group. Why let Milton have it cheaply?"

Currently, Mihon and his father controlled the Andrews Group, having labored for decades and showing no signs of relinquishing power.

Their ambitions hadn't yet surfaced, but in a previous life, Milion had schemed against Alfred on their wedding night to seize the Andrews Group.

Memories of that past flashed through Alfred's mind, a glint of coldness flickering in his eyes. "Alright, I promise you"

"Don't worry. I won't lose." Lea asserted confidently.

"No one will take him from me she thought to herself.

A smile played on his lips. Grandpa has finally met his match.

Lea was already a peerless genius, and with the refinement of her past life, she was even more formidable after her rebirth. As she gradually realized her ambitions, not just the Andrews Group, but the whole world would have to make way for her.

Lea chuckled. "I'll go see Grandpa first

"okay"

She entered the dormitory where Christian sat indignantly on the sofa.

Lea brewed a cup of his favorite Kona Coffee. "Grandpa, don't be angry."

"Hmph!" He turned away, visibly upset and not easily appeased.

I know I should have discussed my relationship with you, but I feel like you wouldn't approve of early romance...

Bringing this up reminded Christian of something. When she was in Vaporleon City, she was already in contact with Alfred. At that time, he had specifically warned her not to get too close to Alfred.

Thinking back to her response at the time only made him angrier.

"So you knew I didn't approve of early romance"

1's not that early. I'm nineteen already. Oh, no, I'm actually twenty now

Christian relaxed slightly

"I was actually planning to talk to you both about it this time, but things have developed differently than planned"

Christian finally looked at her seriously.

That's because Blake doesn't agree with this. He bullies Lea, looks down on the Berry family, and tramples on my dignity! He thought to himself.

"There are plenty of good men in the world. What's so great about the grandson of the Andrews family? I don't see anything special about him."

Lea responded, "The other men are indeed nothing special, but Alfred is different. He's quite good"

Christian paused, noticing the subtle expression on her face when she mentioned Alfred. He knew she was already deeply involved.

"What's so good about him?" he asked.

"He's handsome, capable, and a genuinely good person." Lea smiled.

Lea couldn't tell Christian what Al

Alfred had done for her in her previous life, how much he had sacrificed.

Seeing her eyes filled with a galaxy of emotions, Christian's heart trembled

In terms of emotional maturity, let alone peers, he felt inferior to Lea

Christian felt a pang of guilt in his heart. It seems like Lea really does love Alfred, I can only blame myself for not taking better care of her since childhood. Even now, our relationship is good, but I know so little about her.

"Even if you think so. Blake won't agree. Alfred is the heir to the Andrews family, and in the end, you two can't be together." Christian said cautiously, wanting her to face reality, but more so feeling sorry for her.

Tve already talked to Mr. Andrews. If I still can't win his approval by the time I graduate from college. I will step back," Lea replied.

She didn't dare to tell Christian about the bet with Blake, afraid of alarming him.

Christian was taken aback. Seeing her thoughtful expression, she had already considered this so deeply

"Why do you have to go through this Christian asked.

Christian didn't believe she could convince Blake. The difference in their family backgrounds was too vast. Even if given a hundred years, the Berry family could never catch up to the Andrews family

They would eventually have to part ways.

Previously, Christian had never cared about such things, but now, looking at Lea in front of him, he suddenly felt unwilling to accept in.

"Grandpa, I've set my sights on someone I don't want to give up. That's not my style. If I give it my all and fail, I'll accept it willingly." Lea said firmly.

Christian suddenly felt calm in his heart, deeply respecting the Lea before him.

ch for her, he thought to hi

to himself.

"She truly surpasses each generation. In this regard, I am no match for

"Blake lacks vision, despite his age, Lea remarked. It was surprising that Blake couldn't see how outstanding

Lea was.

"Yes, you're right. Here, have some coffee, Grandpa, Lea said warmly.

Christian sighed helplessly, shook his head, and took the coffee.

He drank it, feeling parched from all the talking and traveling to Andrews Manor.

"Definitely not because I feel sorry for Lea. She's been mistreated in the Andrews family and now has to appear me... Christian thought, caring deeply for Lea but unwilling to admit it.

Buzz.

phone rang. It was Chris calling in

"Grandpa, let me take this call" Les said, getting up and moving to the window to answer it

"Lea, we've run into trouble. The TV station as canceled our hospital interview, and several live streaming platforms have also rejected us," Chris

Lea's expression darkened as she understood the gravity of the situation. "I see. Ill come over later"

After hanging up, she turned back to Christian with a bright smile as if nothing had happened "Grandpa, you and Mr. Fisher should rest. If anything comes up, just let Jason know. 11l handle some work and we'll have dinner together tonight"

Christian was aware of how busy she was. "Go ahead. It's better than making me more upset?

As soon as Lea left. Alfred walked in. Hello, Mr. Berry."

"Get out! Hmph! I don't want to see you?" Christian turned away, refusing to acknowledge Alfred.

In Vaporleon City, Christian had treated Alfred as a younger generation and hosted him well, but Alfred had ulterior motives, engaging

romaner with Lea

What made things worse was that Blake was still unwilling to accept Lex.

Christian's anger intensited.

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o you that I will cherish her, love her,

"I came to tell you that even without the Andrews family or the title of heir, I can still take care of Lea. I swear to you and never let her down.

Seeing Alfred's sincere demeanor, Christian relictantly turned his head, giving him a sideways glance as he assessed him from top to bottom. Alfred was just a young man in his early twenties.

"Sounds good, but what can you offer to take care of her?

Blake's disapproval was the greatest obstacle, something these young people couldn't even imagine.

"Mr. Berry, here, Alfred said, handing a thick envelope to Christian,

Christian was taken aback and took the envelope, opening it to see what was inside.

He was stunned as he looked through the documents.

The envelope contained proof of Alfred's assets

He discovered that Alfred was a major sharehokler in Grefan, one of the largest investment companies in the world, with capital estimated at more than 20 billion dollars.

Alfred also held shares in several of the top p ten global companies

Alfred was truly a wealthy tycoon,

"Do do you have your grandpa's knowledge of this?" Christian asked, his voice filled with shock.

"No" Alfred replied, then added, "My grandpa doesn't know about my business ventures"

Christian was even more astonished.

"The Andrews family's descendants have their own growth funds from a young age, which they can use freely, I developed my own ventures Independently. I am a self-reliant adult. My marriage is my own decision and not subject to anyone's influence."

Christian raised an eyebrow, thinking. Indeed, it seems even your grandpa couldn't deckle for you!

"Mr. Berry, I am giving these to you as a promise to marry Lea. Please accept them"

Christian felt the envelope burning in his hands and quickly placed it on the coffee table. "Why don't you give it to her yourself?"

"She wouldn't accept it. Alfred replied.

"True, Lea isn't the type who cares about money,"

"Then please keep it safe for her, Mr. Berry," Alfred added.

Christian was momentarily stunned and hesitated, "Alfred, let me be clear. I'll be watching you for a few years. If you don't treat Lea well and if she

gris hurt. I won't let you marry her."

"I understand, Mr. Berry

Meanwhile, Lea entered Chris's offer where Letrand and Shannon were also p

so present. The other i

executives were w waiting in the conference room

Chris spoke first. "All the TV stations, live streaming platforms, online media platforms, and even self—media have refused us Additionally, the lawyer we hired paid the penalty for breach of contract and quit."

Shannon added, "Hackers have been attacking our hospital's system continuously, even attempting to alter our information online to make the

himots seem tric,"

"Quicksilver has been helping to block these attacks, her face looked pale. "But I fear they won't be able to hold out much longer."

Lorand said, "In the ICU, some patients are preparing for discharge. I suspect their families have been influenced

Chris's face was more serious than ever. "What exactly happened when you went to Andrews Manor this morning?"

Lea's pupils contracted, her expression turning severe.

She thought to herself. Blake is making a move against me. Not playing by the rules, is hel

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Chris understood her expression immediately. "Should we inform Mr. Andrews about these matters!?"

No matter what happened at Andresex Manor, Alfred's loyalty to her would remain unchanged.

"No, I handle it myself" she said, not wanting to involve Alfred in every issue that arose.

She still had a bet with Rinke,

Everyone breathed a sigh of relief.

Turning to Lorrand, she asked, "What's the condition of Captain Knox?":

He's quite stable, Lerrand replied.

Tll go see him first, Lea said, then to Shannon, "You go back and hold the fort with the 198 Mighty for a while. I'll be right there."

"Okay." Shannon responded and went back to her office.

Lea headed to the ICU depanment, with Chris and Lorrand following her

As they stepped out of the elevator, they saw several family members of patients pushing their loved ones out, while doctors and nurses were trying to stop them. "The patients' conditions are

very serious. You can't transfer them now. Mr. Phoenix is going to perform a second surgery on him in

Iwo hours"

"It's a necessary operation that can't be delayed. Your mother must continue with the new medication from our hospital, otherwise her condition will worsen and become untreatable."

"Get out of my way!" A middle-aged man pushed a young nurse to the ground. She hit the wall with a thud, a red mark immediately appearing on her forehead, her eyes welling up with pain.

The man became even more aggressive. "If you dare to stop me again. I'll slap you to death. What kind of background does your hospital have, daring to prevent us from being discharged!"

"Yeah, it's just a rogue hospital. They even do illegal organ transplants. Is there a more terrifying hospital than this?"

"You must all be no good."

"That's right. You're stopping us from leaving, trying to kill us for profit, aren't you?"

Under the incitement of the crowd, the middle—aged man's arrogance grew even more. He raised his foot and aimed it at the nurse lying on the ground.

BANG!

He was sent flying nearly 10 feet, colliding with a hospital bed nearly knocking his own father off it.

His expression turned to horror as he looked up sharply, only to see a young girl in a goose—yellow dress standing in front of him. Her stunning beauty could not distract from the fear in his heart..

It was the who had kicked him, a kick that could have been lethal.

They were not unfamiliar with her. She had personally invited their family members to the hospital and had even operated on and examined som

of them.

After the hospital's rumors spread, they all knew that she was the owner of this hospital.

Chris and Lorrand, standing behind Lea, were all taken aback.

She's also this formidable in martial arts! No wonder she stands in the boxing ring. I wonder who would be more powerful between her and Yannis! they thought

Lea walked step by step towards the group, the silver—white high heels on her feet making a thiyilunic, light sound.

Jason stepped forward, picked up a chair, and placed it in front of her.

She sat down, pulled her skirt, looked up at the crowd, and an aura of dominance radiated from her, suppressing the entire scene. "I know you've all received invitations from other hospitals, and they've offered conditions tempting enough to sway you"

The faces of seven or eight family members changed, showing guilt and anger at being exposed.

"Today, I leave my words here. If you leave the hospital now, your loved ones are as good as dead. In all of Iverton, and even in the country, no one en nur them except River view Hospital?

She looked up as the doctors and nurses. Let them go

Since they're counting death, and there's no stopping them, then it doesn't matter, she thought.

Everyone silently made way.

Among the three patients preparing to leave, one stayed, and the family members hesitated, pushing their loved ones back into the ward

And another thing"

The family members who were leaving with two patients had just taken a few steps when they heard her voice again.

She stood up, a faint trace of mischief in her expression.

"Regardless of which hospital you choose or what treatment you pursue," her gaze fell on the patient lying in the hospital bed. "If your loved one passes away, everything you've done will be exposed. My advice is to return all the favors you've received intact, and don't get yourselves in big

trouble"

"Lea!" snapped one of the rate family members. "You're forcing treatment here, violating the privacy of patients and families!"

She simply smiled faintly to herself, thinking. So what? I'm doing it anyway!

Everyone could clearly see the condition the patient was in when they arrived at their hospital, and what it is now,

Almost everyone could discern the ulterior motives behind their forced discharge.

The

ordinary medical staff and the young nurses were naive. Now they understood upon hearing this.

"What kind of dump hospital is this? We're never coming here for treatment again, muttered a family member, trying to mask their inner panic as they stormed out.

"In the future? I doubt this hospital will last another three days. Mark my words. It's going to fold."

They can't even take care of themselves, yes they're so arrogant. Just wait for them to fold."

The group entered the elevator and left the hospital.

At the doors of various wards, other patients' families who had been observing quietly, both openly and in secret, silently abandoned thoughts of transferring to another hospital.

Lea's words had convinced them

Their loved ones were indeed improving here, so they decided to continue treatment here.

Dwayne came to

me to visit Hanley and had seen everything clearly from afar

He approached her. I never expected a hospital meant to benefit the public would face such resistance at its opening. But I believe in you Riverview Hospital will succeed"

Initially concerned for her, Dwayne was now impressed and inspired by her boldness and determination.

A slight smile played on her lips. Perhaps the publicity was a tad dramatic"

Dwayne chuckled, slightly shaken. "Yeah, no big deal. His tone carried a mix of seriousness and sorrow, but more prominently, confidence and revolve.

Lea glanced at him with deep meaning in her eyes. The person who injured Captain Knox will surrender themselves and publicly y confess online, revealing the mastermind behind it. Consider it my inauguration gift to you."

Dwayne was startled, looking at her in astonishment. The mastermind behind it? You caught the perpetrator?

Lea nodded.

"Okay..." Dwayne's eyes welled up with excitement.

Initially. Dwayne had thought about how young Lea was and how he should take care of her more..

But in truth, it was Lea who had been looking out for him, covering for him

Back in Vaporleon City, it was she who had provided clues and evidence with the 199 Mighty, helping him crack numerous major cases

This time, with Hanley's accident, Dwayne was under immense pressure and feeling uneasy. He didn't know if he could handle it.

The root cause lay in the incident where she had hit Rex. They had acted fairly and were retaliated against.

Now, they could strike back

Leapersonally checked on Hanley in the hospital room and reviewed all the test reports.

When she emerged, Dwayne asked, "How is he? Will he recover?"

Asking this question, Thayne felt apprehensive.

Hanley was lucky to be alive given the severity of his injuries.

"He will recover, but he'll need some time in the hospital, Lea replied.

Yannis and the security team he had trained owed their survival to her.

Dwayne sighed with relief. "I'll leave it to you then. I need to get back to work."

With the perpetrator about to surrender, Dwayne had a lot to attend to.

"Alright" Lea nodded.

Lea left the ICU floor and headed to Shannon's office. She opened her laptop, , spent half an hour writing a new piece of code, and sent it to her. "Implant this program into the websites the hackers access."

Shannon opened it and was shocked.

It was a completely new language code that she couldn't decipher, but Lea had provided instructions she could understand and use.

It was a new kind of virus that would retaliate against anyone who tried to tamper with network data.

She immediately implanted the program into the hospital's network system and hit enter. "Nice!"

"If you dare hack us, get ready for

or the strongest counterattack! Shannon thought to herself.

Lea left her office, changed into a black suit at her dorm, applied red lipstick, and accompanied Chris, Yannis, Luke, and a few other capable individuals. They got into an extended Mercedes—Benz business sedan and left the hospital.

Chris had never seen her dressed so powerfully and formally. He couldn't help asking "Lea, where are we going?"

"We're going to meet someone who can provide us with a platform to release news and messages, Lea said in a deep voice.

Chapter 239

At six in the evening, the sky darkened as the last light of the day cast a fiery glow across the horizon, with ammous clouds swirling

A black, extended Mercedes–Benz pulled up outside the Degolden Hotel. The grand hotel resembled a castle.

All the lights were on, making the golden building shine brightly, like a city made of gold.

The Degolden Hotel was one of the landmarks of Iverson, a paradise of entertainment, housing top ten luxury brand stores from around the globe. cinemas, restaurants, bars, arcades, boxing rings, horse racing tracks, and car racing circuits.

Behind these entertainment activities lay betting operations, which were considered fringe industries but were also the mainstay of Degolden's

business.

On the top floor, the sixty–sixth, was the headquarters office of Degolden, which doubled as the private domain of the owner.

Bang! The door was hurriedly pushed open, and the secretary rushed in. "Mr. Manning, someone is here to see you?

The man frowned, his deep, sensual voice carrying an air of authority and menace. Throw them out."

He had no more appointments scheduled for today.

He had no more appointments scheduled for today. Anyone wanting to meet him had to book an appointment a month in advance. Even then, he only saw one or two out of a hundred requests.

He turned and sat down, leaning back in his chair

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Several of his bodyguards were thrown into the room.

His pupils dilated, and a look of shock flashed across his face. Then he saw a woman enter. Just one glance, and he was captivated.

She had exquisite features, blazing red lips, eyes like stars, long flowing hair, and flawless skin.

What stunned him even more was her demeanor, calm and confident, as if she were entering her own office.

Many powerful figures had visited this office, but none had been as bold as she was.

She was very young, seemingly not yet twenty.

Yes, she carried an aura as if she had already reached the pinnacle.

Following her were Yannis, Chris, and Jason

In the mo

moment of his shock, Lea had already walked up to his desk, giving him a once-over.

The man was about twenty—f

-four or twenty—five years old, dressed in a brown suit. His slicked—back hair had a few stray strands falling by his temples, and his chiseled features were striking. He had thick, alluring eyebrows, and a straight nose, and stood at a height of 6.1 feet with a handsome and commanding presence.

Even though he made only a few public appearances each year, his looks alone could secure him a place in the entertainment industry.

In her previous life, Lea met him when she was twenty—three. At that time, he was nearly thirty, his hair shorter, and his demeanor more restrained and composed.

Chris swallowed hard

She had heard of his reputation in the business world, a genius in Iverton, on par with Milton.

The difference was that he built his empire from scratch, focusing mostly on fringe industries that many people looked down on

She knew he was exceptionally handsome, but she hadn't expected him to be this good—looking.

Lea suddenly spoke. Jonah, let's talk."

Jonah Manning's eyes narrowed as he snapped back to reality and glanced past her at

Vannis.

Yannis's call and muscular frame was impossible to ignore, making his presence all the more imposing.

Jonah recognized him and was even more taken aback.

Jonah was the owner of the underground boxing arena, where the real action took place. The boxing matches at the hotel were just for show,

Over the past month, however, Yannis, the rising boxing champion, had dominated the scene, posing a threat to Jonah's position.

Jonah's gaze returned to Lea, his voice icy. "Get out of here."

Given that Lea was an exceptionally beautiful young woman, Jonah made an exception.

If anyone else had dared to barge in like this, they would have at least been thrown out with a broken leg

Even with Yannis here, my bodyguards are highly skilled, I also have sharpshooters who never miss. No matter how good their combat skills are. they're nothing against my armed men, Jonah thought.

Just as Jonah finished speaking, a tall, thin young man in a black suit dragged someone in, throwing him at Jonah's feet.

Splash!

Two guns were disassembled and scattered across the desk in front of him.

Jason pulled up a chair behind Lea and then looked at Luke, incredulous.

The last time they met was outside the underground boxing arena in Vaporleon City.

Luke had been beaten half to death by Yannis and thrown out by the arena's staff. It was Jason who had picked him up.

How has he gotten so strong?

ig? Could Miss Berry have turned him into some kind of bio—weapon! But he still looks human, Jason thought.

Luke gave him a look as if to say, "Go ahead. Be jealous of me.

Jason was speechless.

Jonah's face darkened with frustration

Secretary Lawrence Nash entered the room, shaking his head helplessly at Jason. All the bodyguards on this floor, including the armed ones, had

been taken care of.

Jonah signaled to Lawrence to drag the unconscious guards out.

"Can we talk now!" Lea pulled out a chair and sat down, looking calmly at Jonah across the expensive black wooden desk.

"What do you want to talk about?" Jonah asked, his tone a mix of anger and frustration.

For the first time in his life, he was being threatened in his own territory and had to negotiate.

"My name is Lea Berry, owner of Riverview Hospital."

His eyebrow twitched as he glanced at the brown envelope on the d

desk

Today, the entire internet and TV networks had launched a smear campaign against Riverview Hospital, and Jonah's men had discovered that the Andrews family was behind in

He was curious about the person who could provoke such a reaction from the Andrews family, but he had been too busy to review the details.

Reading the dossier now would seem awkward.

His slender fingers tapped the desk before pulling back. "Riverview Hospital, huh?"

Jonah's lips curled into a mocking smile. "It probably won't exist after tonight. Are you here to ask for my help?"

Jonah's gaze swept over her and her companions. 'Is this how you ask for help?' he wondered,

"Oh," Jonah had a sudden thought. "Till give you some advice. Go find Milton. He publicly declared his feelings for you on TV. If you agree to be with him, he'll handle everything for you. In Iverton, there's nothing he can't fix

She could be his mistress or girlfriend. Either way, Milton has his eye on her, and she's quite attractive," he thought

Lea's expression turned cokler, tinged with anger. "My boyfriend is Alfred,"

Jonah was taken aback.

Alfred, known for his carefree, idle demeanor, had never involved himself in the Andrews Group's business from a young age. Despite his handsome looks leaving a deep impression, his other abilities seemed average.

But Alfred had the knack for seeing what others couldn't

In many ways, Alfred was superior to Milton.

"This girl has managed to captivate the two most outstanding grandsons of the Andrews family. She must have something exceptional beyond her Jooks, Jonah mused.

Jonah glanced again at Jason behind her. No wonder he seemed familiar. He's one of Alfred's people"

"Then why don't you go to him?" Jonah thought their relationship might not be stable.

"You're more suited for this project. Lea was direct, showing no concern for what Jonah thought, immediately stating her purpose. "I know your future business focus is on video websites and live streaming platforms. I plan to invest in technology to help you build the largest platform in Aetheris that combines live streaming and video playback."

Jonah's pupils dilated with momentary shock, followed by a mocking laugh.

"I'm sure your boyfriend has plenty of money and resources to help you achieve your goals. Unless your relationship isn't strong enough."

This was a blatant provocation.

"I don't like relying on others for my work. I came here not to beg you, but to offer you a business opportunity."

Coming from an unknown young girl, this sounded like a pipe dream.

Yet, her serious demeanor showed no hint of deceit.

'She's even more arrogant than I am. I've never met anyone this brazen, especially a woman' Jonah thought.

Chapter 240

Lea's conversation had just begun. "Jonah, your safest industry is the film industry. You have the country's top film production companies, with a number of first, second, and third—tier stars under your belt, controlling one—fifth of the nation's cinemas, But now, with the rapid development of internet technology and the swift update and replacement of smart handheld electronic products, half of the population are already netizens. Within five years, everyone will be online. Users of online cinemas will quickly surpass those of physical cinemas. Games and live streaming will divide up a large portion of the entertainment market,"

She paused and added. "And live streaming platforms gather most of the internet's attention. In the future, whoever controls the attention controls the money. Are you sure you don't want to cooperate with me!"

Jonah's eyes trembled again, thinking. "Lea is indeed right, and it seems this is her own insight. Such a young girl with such insight is rare"

"Thank you for the compliment, Miss Berry. But I don't need a partner," he said, glancing at the door. "Please leave"

In this field, he was the one standing at the peak, and he saw the future market more clearly than others.

He didn't lack capital, talent, or technology and didn't need to let others share the spoils.

I've already had hackers infiltrate your hotel systems, as well as your underground boxing rings, racetracks, and several horse racing venues. Domestic and international, all of them. Lea said lightly

His brow furrowed, his face dark with anger, "So, you're threatening me! If I don't agree, you'll attack my systems and prevent me from doing business?"

"What kind of threat is this?" Lea smiled faintly, then her expression turned serious.

"Twill expose all the data in your systems, including bank transactions, details of all trades, cash transactions, and those big shots trading in your systems, as well as the shadowy figures who facilitate their trades and work for you. When the time comes, Degolden will collapse and vanish. And you." She looked at him sharply.

Even without her finishing the sentence, he understood.

I'll end up in jail for life. No, I'll be killed by those big shots trading in my system Jonah thought, his face completely dark, showing horror. 'She's definitely threatening me

Chris looked at Lea in astonishment, her heart pounding. This tycoon femme fatale is too beautiful and fierce!

Yannis appeared bewildered and innocent. I feel like I've been involved in a terrifying hostage situation, yer it's strangely exhilarating

Jason stood dumbfounded. So Miss Berry is this cool!

Jonah took out his phone and immediately made a call.

Upon receiving a reply, his face turned completely dark.

Before he could hang up, the office landline rang.

Two of his other phones also rang

An assistant secretary entered. "Mr. Manning, the stadium system has crashed"

"Mr. Manning, there's an issue with the bank account"

"Mr. Manning, all electronic systems at the hotel are down."

He hung up the phone and had Lawrence close the office door.

"Lea," Jonah gritted his teeth. "You should understand, this isn't just some small deal, some minor project. For it to succeed, partners must be trustworthy. Even if I agree now, aren't you afraid I'll back out, find a way to screw you over? Take you down?"

His gaze was sharp

He could do it, and he had the capability.

"Jonah, your platform development technology is at least twenty years behind my artificial brain intelligence technology. Once my tech is out there, your foothold in this field is gone. Are you really willing to pass up on that? This is your best, your only chance."

Through this, his company could transition from risky margins to legitimacy.

If Lea could threaten him, others surely could too,

Jonah's heart sank.

What she said hut him right where it hurt.

She had managed to hack into all his systems and neutralize his personal security, a clear warning.

Jonah stared at her sharply. She was indeed formidable, having calculated his vulnerabilities.

But he wasn't someone who would compromise just because of a threat.

"Oh, I forgot. I should have let you see the Al technology first," Lea said, taking out her phone and calling Shannon. "Shannon, send the file package to Mr. Manning's computer.

Jonah froze and wondered, 'She forgot? Send it to my computer?

He turned his head and saw his computer screen changing, someone remotely controlling it.

Damm, everything on my computer is top secret, he thought.

Shannon tried to press the power button to cut off the power, but it was useless. The computer was still running. "Lawrence, get George and the others.

Lawrence looked at him pitifully. George was the head of their hacking team,

They had been trying to defend against the attack since the company's systems were breached, but their skills were vastly inferior and it was to no avail

Jonah had nothing to say, glaring angrily at Lei

"Mr. Manning, why not take a look at my artificial brain technology?"

Jonah looked at the computer and saw a video automatically playing

It was a demonstration of part of the artificial brain being used on streaming and video platforms.

The video explained its uses in a simple and concise manner.

It made the platforms easier to operate, required less attention, and the picture quality far surpassed the current standards.

It even included four-dimensional capabilities.

The potential for 4D visualization could be realized with this technology.

Not only that, but his film production could achieve a qualitative leap.

Jonah could sense that a revolution in intelligent technology was on the horizon.

His heart was pounding as if it was about to leap out of his chest.

"Why... why did you choose me?" he asked.

Once this technology was released on the market, all their current efforts would be in vain.

With such technology. Lea could find full investment and support from anyone.

Tve already told you. You have an industry advantage in this field, and you have money and resources. Plus, Milton

Jonali's eyes widened in shock.

Chris was also taken aback, realizing something.

"Eight years ago, Milton acquired the Manning family's car and mobile phone manufacturing plants. After that, the Manning family went bankrupt. Then, the family fell apart. You, the heir to the Mausing family, had to switch careers and enter the entertainment industry. You want to grow quickly so you can one day seek revenge on Milion, right?"

Jonah's pupils dilated as he looked at her in shock, feeling exposed and panicked.

What exactly has this woman found out about mer he wondered.

"Conveniently, Milton is a very difficult person to refuse. If we join forces, we can defeat him in the business world."

The best revenge against Milton would be to defeat him in his most cherished and proudest field, to trample him underfoot, making him feel wone than death

This was Lea's revenge plan in this ble

In her previous life. Jonah did achieve considerable success in the business world, but compared to the tech giant Milton, he was far behind.

Jonah didn't even have the qualifications to compete with Milton.

In this life. Lea sought out Jonah for another reason.

In the previous life, Jonah had joined forces with Milton's enemies and kidnapped her to strike against Andrews Group

Jonah knew she was the most valuable researcher under Milion. Killing her could hinder Milton's growth.

But Jonah ultimately let her go and ensured her sale return

Jonah was a man with principles and a good heart.

That was why Lea chose Jonah.