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However, seeing that Yvonne looked very dreadful right now, Benjamin was puzzled for a moment. "What's wrong with you? Don't tell me what they said is true?"

"No, it's not." Yvonne denied it at once. "I won't go with them. Dad, you've got to help me."

Still, Benjamin thought it was the best choice to let the policemen take Yvonne away at this very moment. "Yvonne, since you didn't do it, just go with them. Let the truth speak for itself." If the Keplers were to insist on making use of their social status, then no one would be able to take Yvonne away. However, the police officer was right. If they were to do so, it would prove that they had a guilty conscience. Even if they were in the right, there was no way they could explain themselves then.

At this moment, Thomas chimed in with a frown, "Since you didn't do it, you don't have to be afraid. Just go with them first. I'll help you clarify everything."

Yvonne shook her head. "No, I'm not gonna go with them for something that I didn't do," she said while backing away in apparent fear.

Thomas was somewhat perplexed by her behavior at this very moment.

Just then, the police officer produced a new piece of evidence. He said to Yvonne, "Miss Kepler, since you insist that the incident isn't your doing, you'd better come with us. After all, a man named David said it was you who ordered him to do it. Why don't you make use of the opportunity to clarify the matter so that no one would dare to frame you in the future?"

Upon hearing David's name, Yvonne panicked for a moment. "David? Who is that? I don't know such a guy at all. Dad, I can't go with them." She kept hiding behind Benjamin.

Seeing how the policemen spoke in such an imperious manner, Benjamin somehow figured that they were probably backed by someone.

"Sorry, but it's part of our job." The policemen came forward and arrested Yvonne right away, not wanting to waste their breath talking to the Keplers any longer. "Keep your hands off! We have body cameras on us," the police officer said.

When Thomas heard this, he immediately stopped what he was doing. It wouldn't do any good for him to stand up to them at such a time.

As a result, Yvonne was dragged away by the police officers.

Walking in circles anxiously, Jasmine tugged at Benjamin's arm while asking worriedly, "What should we do? Now that they've taken Yvonne away, will she be in danger?" My daughter has grown up being

terribly spoiled. How could she handle the police's means of interrogation?

Thomas replied, "Dad, Mom, calm down first. I'll find out what's going on right away." At this moment, he was also extremely anxious, but he was still able to remain calm. He and Benjamin had been worrying about the newly-built secret base, so they had taken no notice of the rumors on the internet. If the policemen hadn't come to them, he wouldn't have learned that something had happened.

At this moment, he unlocked his cell phone and checked the news as told by the policemen, only to notice that the internet was full of discussions about what Yvonne had done. Words like 'Yvonne Kepler hired someone to commit murder' and 'Vania Greyson hospitalized with injuries due to attempted murder by Yvonne Kepler' were trending on the internet.

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She couldn't help but gnash her teeth in hatred at the mention of Vania's name.

"Calm down, Mom—" Thomas advised.

However, before he could finish his sentence, Jasmine said, "How could I calm down? Not only did this Vania lady steal Yvonne's man, but she's now framing Yvonne for murder! She's simply going too far! Does she think there's no one else in the Kepler Family? We mustn't let her off!"

Benjamin's heart skipped a beat when he noticed the expression on Thomas' face. It was because of Vania that he had suffered a setback for the first time in his entire life. I really stand no chance against her, he thought. Heaving a sigh of helplessness, he urged, "Darling, let's hear what our son has to say about what's going on."

At this moment, Thomas looked at Benjamin with a somewhat hesitant and uneasy expression.

Benjamin waved his hand to signal that he was alright. "Just say it. I can take it."

Thomas could only explain, "Something went wrong with the stunt wire on Vania's movie set this morning. While trying to save the actress who fell from height, Vania got injured and was sent to the hospital."

Upon hearing the news, Jasmine instantly lost her cool. Instead of asking about the cause of the incident, she rebuked at once, "Why should Yvonne be blamed for the incident on her movie set? Our Yvonne is such a guileless child. How could she possibly do something so vicious? Vania really has no scruples!"

Having read the entire news report, Thomas was thoroughly disappointed with Yvonne at this moment. Unable to restrain himself any longer, he cut Jasmine short, saying, "Mom, let me finish what I'm trying to say."

Jasmine was still in a temper, though. Hearing Thomas speak to her in such a tone of voice, she was startled for a moment. "What are you trying to say?" Why do I feel that even my son is siding with that Vania?

Thomas handed his cell phone to her with a sigh. "Mom, you'd better take a look yourself." He really couldn't bring himself to tell the truth.

Puzzled, Jasmine took the phone and read the news report he pointed out to her.

The news report described the ins and outs of what had happened. As it turned out, Yvonne had bought off a man named David, asking the latter to bribe a member of the movie crew into damaging the stunt wire to cause the actress to fall from height in order to sling mud at Vania.

Jasmine was speechless with shock. Was this Yvonne's doing? She couldn't believe it. However, the news report showed conclusive proof that the debit card used for the transaction was Yvonne's.

At this moment, she still wanted to find an excuse for Yvonne. "Do you think the picture has been doctored by someone for the purpose of framing her?"

Thomas shook his head. "No. No one would've dared to do that." One would only dig their own grave by framing the Keplers, but Vania was involved in the incident. In other words, she must've gotten hold of the evidence, which was why she dared to publicize the incident like this to give them no opportunity to fight back.

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Linda stretched out her hand and blocked the two men's way. "Sorry, gentlemen, but President Greyson is undergoing therapy right now. It's not convenient for outsiders to go in."

Indeed, one could see through the glass window on the door that a group of doctors were surrounding the hospital bed while seemingly examining the patient. Thomas suggested, "In that case, we'll wait here for a while and go in later when it's convenient."

Linda gave him a businesslike smile, but her eyes were fixed on Benjamin. "We've met before, Mr. Kepler. If you have something to talk to Director Greyson about, you have to make an appointment in advance."

Benjamin's eyes were ablaze with anger. Since when does a mere assistant have the nerve to threaten me? Things seem to have changed since this Vania lady popped up. "As an assistant, you have to think before you speak," he warned Linda. Then, he continued in a cold voice, "We hear that she's injured, so we came to visit her with the best of intentions. Do we even have to make an appointment for this?"

Linda was still wearing her businesslike smile. "I think you probably have seen the news report, Mr. Kepler. I'm afraid President Greyson isn't willing to meet an enemy. After all, who knows if another accident would happen and exacerbate her injuries?" She was implicitly referring to the incident where Yvonne had targeted Vania.

"An adult has to take responsibility for what they say! The Kepler Family's legal counsel isn't a bunch of good-for-nothings either," Benjamin warned Linda again. If she dares to talk through her hat again, I'll have her sent to the police station!

However, being a capable woman herself, Linda wasn't afraid of their threats at all. "You'd better save your legal counsel for your daughter, Mr. Kepler. After all, she's committed a serious crime that's not easy to deal with."

Benjamin's eyes narrowed for a moment. "Do you think the Keplers aren't able to handle all of this?"

"How could such a trifling matter defeat you, Mr. Kepler? The Keplers are involved in military, politics, and business, after all," Linda flattered insincerely, but her expression was too nonchalant.

Benjamin looked her up and down, but he was somewhat unable to see through her. Since she is well aware of the Kepler Family's capabilities, why would she still have the nerve to be so impudent? Could it be merely because Vania has destroyed one of the Kepler Family's bases of operations? Just when he was about to speak, he heard his butler speak behind him. "Sir! Sir!" He sounded very anxious, as though something serious had happened.

Linda gave Benjamin an enigmatic smile. Then, she turned around and entered the ward, leaving the space for the three men.

Seeing her last smile, Benjamin instantly realized that she had stood outside the door to buy time so that he would see his butler before he could enter the ward and see Vania. He immediately asked his butler, "What happened?"

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Fearing that the news would be too much for Benjamin, the butler explained slowly, "There are about 100 subsidiary companies under the parent company. Because of the broken funding chain, they've all been sued for breach of contracts and are now going into liquidation."

Still, Benjamin didn't take this well. He had a blackout and was about to fall backward.

Thomas and the butler hurriedly came forward and held him up.

"Dad—"

"Sir—"

Benjamin recovered himself and opened his eyes the instant they got him. "Help me stand up straight."

Thomas suggested, "Dad, let's see the doctor, shall we?" He feared that the consecutive upsets would be too much for Benjamin's heart.

"No, it's not necessary. I'm fine." Benjamin forced himself to stand erect to insist that he was still alright. This is the hospital, where I can see a doctor as soon as something happens to me. What a good way to taunt me! "Ha ha." He let out a sneer, his feelings complicated. In just two days, he had lost a secret base of operations, causing him to lose 10 billion right away. And now, his company was brought down without warning. She really never gives me the slightest chance to catch my breath, eh? Now I no longer have anything to do with Troyce.

Just then, the door to the ward opened. Having finished examining Vania, the doctors left together, as though they had been timed to leave. The next instant, Hanson's voice rang inside the ward. "Since you guys are here, just come in." He sat beside Vania's sickbed without even looking at them.

Now that his boss had spoken, Larry immediately invited them in. "Mr. Kepler and Young Master Thomas, this way, please."

Thomas helped Benjamin inside, whereas Larry arranged two chairs as respectfully as before, as if they still didn't know anything.

Hanson calmly peeled an apple and fed it to Vania himself in a leisurely manner.

On the other hand, Vania didn't seem to be severely injured. Looking alright, she lay face down on her sickbed while eating the apple Hanson fed her. It wasn't until she finished eating the apple that she pretended to finally notice Benjamin and Thomas' presence and smiled. "Mr. Kepler, I'm so glad that you take time off from your busy schedule to visit me," she said, but she didn't sound glad at all.

At this moment, Hanson looked up as well. "Van just got hit. Luckily, she isn't badly injured and will recover with a bit of rest. Now that you guys have seen her, you may rest assured. This bit of injury is indeed not severe enough for Yvonne to get a sentence." His voice was icy without the usual note of familiarity in it.

The sarcasm in his words was evident.

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Vania looked at Hanson with feigned bewilderment. "Darling, isn't Troyce a foreign country? What does it have to do with Yvonne hiring someone to hurt me?"

Hanson went along with her. "I also don't quite understand it."

Thomas smiled in frank resignation. "Vania, it's no longer necessary to play the innocent now, don't you

think?" he said, uttering Vania's name sarcastically.

"I'm not playing the innocent. I'm really injured," Vania said while pointing at the IV in her arm. "The IV has never stopped running since I got admitted here."

Thomas wasn't willing to play such a game with her, though. "I'm not talking about this."

"Didn't you say that you two are here to visit me? Could it be that you two are here for something else?"

Thomas was instantly stumped by her words. Indeed, he had said just now that he and Benjamin were here to visit her. By talking about something else at this moment, he had obviously contradicted himself. Unable to outspoke her, he had no choice but to turn to Hanson. "Let's end the matter here, okay?" I'll accept the loss of Troyce. It's worth it as long as Yvonne is safe and sound.

However, Hanson replied, "I've never done anything on my own. It's you guys who've been pressuring me all this while, so how could you ask me to let the matter rest?" Apparently, he was portraying himself as someone who had no choice but to fight back after being driven into a corner.

Ha ha, thought Thomas to himself. This husband and wife are so similarly capable of making counter-accusations. "Alright, everything is our fault. We'll agree to whatever you want as long as Yvonne is safe and sound." There's no way to save Yvonne without offering something in exchange.

Hanson turned to look at Vania. "What do you think? You're the victim."

Vania massaged her forehead with a frown. "I don't understand what you mean. Perhaps because I got hit in the head, I'm a bit slow on the uptake."

Thomas had no choice but to turn to look at Vania, saying, "Could you please not hold Yvonne accountable and write off what happened in the past?"

Vania tilted her head to one side. "You mean you want me to settle this in private?"

Thomas nodded. "That's right. We can agree to any conditions as long as you let Yvonne off."

"Ha ha." Vania chuckled. "You guys have been the ones who refuse to let me off and force me to break up with Hanson all this while," she said in a chilly voice. Then, she turned to look at Benjamin. "Don't you think that I'm right, Mr. Kepler?"

Benjamin only felt terribly upset while sitting in his chair. "What do you want?"

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Thomas' eyelids twitched. What a nerve she's got to say that!

Before he could speak, though, Hanson immediately refuted her, saying, "Darling, you can't joke about

such a thing." Whatever the reason and the occasion were, he didn't want to hear the word "leave" come out of her mouth.

Vania took his hand and comforted him, saying, "Don't worry. Mr. Kepler has turned me down, so I'll never leave you."

"Vania Greyson, can I beg you to please let my sister off? Let me make a solemn apology to you on her behalf," Thomas said while bowing low.

Vania Greyson? Ha! Didn't he call me by my first name just a few days ago? Now he switches to calling my name in full so quickly. Indeed, he and Hanson aren't blood brothers; he and Yvonne are a family, thought Vania. "How could you possibly do that on her behalf? She's an adult who has ideas of her own."

"As long as you're willing to let her off, I promise you that I'll never let her come between you and Hanson."

Vania looked up at him with distrust. "What makes you think you can make such a promise?"

"I'll send her abroad and forbid her to come back." Thomas' face showed a hint of reluctance, but he had no other choice. As Yvonne's brother, he couldn't let her be charged with attempted murder.

For some reason, Vania suddenly nodded. "Okay, I promise you that I'll think about it. I won't touch her before I make up my mind." So this is how it feels to be protected by one's own family, she thought. Getting envious at that very moment, she turned over and said unhappily, "I'm a little tired. You two may go first."

Seeing that she had relented, Thomas was instantly overjoyed. Fearing that she would change her mind, he dared not bother her any longer. "Okay. Be sure to tell me if you've made up your mind. We'll definitely thank you for that. Also, we wish you a speedy recovery," he said. With that, he immediately helped Benjamin out of the ward.

At this moment, Benjamin was still quite puzzled. She was so uncompromising just now. Why would she change her mind all of a sudden? "Is she gonna play a trick or something?"

Thomas shook his head. "I don't think she'll do that. No matter what, it's good that she could say yes right now. Let's take our time to work out a solution when we get back."

"What you said makes sense."

At this moment, Hanson swiftly climbed into Vania's sickbed and held her in his arms. "Darling, whenever it is, never say things like you're gonna leave me in the future. Got it?" He wasn't afraid of anything, but what he feared most was Vania leaving him. That was the line he drew for himself.

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Bryan immediately threw in the towel. "Okay, okay. Just say whatever you want." Seriously, I've got to hand it to them, he thought.

Liam smiled next to him while putting the stuff in his hands onto the table. "We came right after hearing about Vanie's accident. What did the doctor say?"

At this moment, Vania had gotten up on her sickbed. She replied, "I was lucky. The doctor said that I'm fine; I just have to keep my mind on recuperating."

Liam smiled gently. "You were really lucky. We freaked out when we saw the news. And besides, we never thought you were a film director. I was really surprised."

"That's right, Vania. It's so amazing of you to become a film director without anyone noticing. Can I get a role in your film through the back door?" Bryan suddenly became interested.

Hanson cast a sidelong glance at him. "Will your grandpa agree to that?"

At the mention of his grandfather, Bryan instantly got dejected like a deflated balloon. "If Vania can put in a good word for me, I think Grandpa will agree to that. He also wants me to have a decent job to do, after all," he said. As he spoke of this, he suddenly thought it was feasible, so he smiled.

Vania smiled as well. "I'm afraid I can't afford to hire you. Doing that will cost a king's ransom," she said, before seriously eyeing Bryan up and down for a moment. Then, she continued, "If you really want to be an actor, I think you can get an award."

Upon hearing this, Bryan became even more interested. This was the first time someone had spoken so highly of him. "Really? In that case, Vania, hurry up and launch me to stardom!" he said before throwing a smug look at Hanson. "Let's see which of you will still say that I can't do anything when I win an award."

Hanson's face darkened when he saw how smug Bryan looked. There was already a Jennifer revolving around Vania on the movie set, and now here Bryan was, wanting to steal some of Vania's time while she was recuperating. With these two people being her right-hand men, there'd be no place for me, he thought. Worrying about his place in Vania's heart, he couldn't help but dampen Bryan's enthusiasm. "You'd better gain your grandpa's approval first." I have to let Old Mr. Jones know the disadvantages of being an actor before Bryan gets to ask him for permission. That way, Bryan would never be able to join the entertainment industry, he thought while smiling smugly to himself.

How could Bryan figure out what Hanson was up to? He immediately replied with a smile, "I'll ask

Grandpa about it as soon as I get back today." Then, he seemed to think it was hardly likely for his grandfather to say yes if he were to ask him about it on his own. Therefore, he said to Vania, "It'll surely work if you can help me, Vania." He thought that his grandfather would surely like her.

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Indeed, Vania had yet to decide what to do.

Liam smiled. "How can I make decisions on your behalf? That being said, those distinguished families are related to one another. However you're gonna deal with it, there'll be pros and cons. It only depends on whether you'll choose yourself or everyone."

Vania replied, "I'll think about your suggestion, Liam." She could tell from Liam's words that he wanted her to settle the matter privately. However, those distinguished families had nothing to do with her, so she thought it'd be better to only consider Hanson's interests.

Bryan took some time to digest the matter before saying, "I didn't think Yvonne would be so audacious. In my opinion, Vania, you should teach her a lesson."

Vania was slightly moved; she never thought Bryan would side with her right away. She said with a smile, "It'll be great if I really have a younger brother like you."

Bryan was delighted by her words. "I'm a cousin of yours, actually. Hanson's maternal aunt is my paternal aunt, which makes us relatives."

"So you and Hanson are of the same generation in your family?"

"Yeah."

Vania had thought that Bryan only insisted on calling Hanson by his first name despite being a distant nephew of the latter's. Because of that, she was baffled by the fact that they were of the same generation in their family.

Liam explained with a smile, "We're about the same age, so Bryan and Thomas aren't willing to call me Uncle Liam. That's why I could only let them call me Liam instead."

Vania nodded in comprehension. So it's okay to do something like this? What a thing to learn about!

Bryan waved his hand. "Vania, when you recover, I'll definitely invite you to my place and introduce my siblings to you."

"Sure." Vania was very interested. She had never hankered for such family gatherings before.

Just then, the seven little children's voices rang as they rushed into the ward. "Mommy! Daddy!"

Seeing the seven children, Bryan and Liam were startled for a moment. This was their first time seeing Hanson's seven little kids, so they were astonished at the sight of them.

On the other hand, when the seven little kids saw Bryan and Liam, they also marveled at how fate brought them together. They politely greeted the two men, saying, "Nice to meet you two, misters."

"Hi." What a bunch of cute little kids! Bryan rubbed his palms together in front of the seven kids. Caressing the kids one after another, he felt an innate sense of closeness. He was so fond of the kids that he couldn't bear to part with them.

Hanson didn't expect the seven little kids to be so nice to Bryan, and this made him feel even more uncomfortable.

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This is enough, or else Daddy will become jealous later, he thought.

With that, the seven little kids abandoned Bryan and gathered around Vania. "Mommy, from now on, we'll take turns to keep you company on the movie set while you're filming." Let's see who'd still have the nerve to bully Mommy.

Bryan immediately stepped forward and stopped them. "You guys are still little, so leave this to me. I'll be acting in your mom's film in the future." He still had no idea what the seven little kids were capable of.

"Are you sure about that?" James expressed his doubts about Bryan's capabilities.

Being taunted by a little boy all of a sudden, Bryan felt that he had been looked down upon. Immediately, he beat his chest, saying, "Just rest assured. I'll definitely do a good job of protecting your mom. Otherwise, your dad won't let me off either."

Jack nodded. Well, what he said is indeed true. After all, Mommy matters to Daddy more than anything else.

Jude mercilessly blew Bryan's cover, though. "But what really matters most is whether you can join the movie set." The children had learned of everything about Bryan long ago.

Bryan's eyes instantly glazed over. I never thought these little kids would know everything about me. How embarrassing! he thought. Just when he felt like crying, he suddenly hit upon an idea. "What about you guys help me?" Grandpa likes kids the most. If these little kids can put in a few good words for me in front of him, I'll surely get what I want with half the effort! Just look at how cute they are. My family will definitely be captivated by their cuteness!

Morales and Morgan thought about it for a moment. "It's just that we never work for anyone for free."

Jacob was very pleased with his brothers' reply. "That's right. It's difficult to hire us."

Bryan asked, "What do you mean by that?" At this moment, he had yet to see through the true nature of the seven little kids. In fact, they were a bunch of wolves in sheep's clothing.

Jacob put his little hands behind his back. "You know what they say about doing favors for a price. We charge a high appearance fee."

"Hmm?" Bryan was somewhat curious. Am I now being asked for money by these three little kids? "How are you gonna charge me?" He was now interested. Hanson's kids are so interesting.

Jack replied, "We're very humane, so we'll fix the price according to your requirements, of course."

"You mean you guys are virtuous business people?" Bryan asked as the words 'virtuous business people' suddenly crossed his mind.

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"Vanie, how are you feeling? Let's have lunch together if you can," suggested Liam.

Vania glanced at Hanson's expression before replying with a nod, "I feel okay. As it happens, I'm a little hungry, so let's eat together."

Hanson pointed at Bryan. "In that case, let him express his sincerity first."

Bryan immediately felt somewhat short of cash.

"What a nice person you are, Uncle Bryan," Jacob said while taking Bryan's hand in a very friendly manner.

"Uncle Bryan, you just said that you'd buy nice clothes for us. That's so kind of you," Morales and Morgan flattered.

"I'm so hungry. Let's hurry and get something delicious to eat." Jacob tugged at Bryan's hand again.

Bryan instantly felt his heart melt. He promptly nodded, saying, "Come on, let's go and have lunch right away." Then, he said to the kids, "You guys have to help me join the film crew."

The kids beat their chests and replied, "That's easy. As long as we're here, you'll absolutely be able to join the film crew."

At this moment, Bryan was already bursting with impatience. "That's great! Let's do it tonight."

The kids nodded. "Okay."

Just when they reached the door, Kiki came in while carrying a food jar. Suddenly seeing so many people in the room, she quickly backed away with an innocent expression. Then, as everyone was watching, she said to Vania in a low voice, "Ms. Greyson, I'm here especially to bring you lunch." She could tell that they were going out, so perhaps they would bring her with them because of what she did. Immediately, she asked as if puzzled, "Did I come at a bad time, Ms. Greyson? Are you guys going out?"

Vania nodded. "You did come at a bad time since we're going out. And besides, didn't I tell you a while ago that I don't need you to bring me lunch?" At this moment, she suddenly felt that she had underestimated this young lady who had professed her admiration for her.

Not knowing the reason for Vania's sudden change of attitude, Kiki looked somewhat flustered. She quickly explained, "You've got the wrong idea about me, Ms. Greyson. It's me who wants to see you to express my respect for you."

Vania sneered inwardly, but her face gave nothing away. She said to Kiki, "Thanks for your kindness, but I have something else to do. Please go back."