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Seth returned to Imperia without attracting any media attention, yet somehow, Dariel

and his crew got wind of the news. Before lunch ended, the sound of car engines could

be heard outside the villa.

As soon as the door opened, a clamor of voices filled the room. At that moment,

Isabella was feeding a small bun to Seth.

Dariel clicked his tongue and remarked, "Oh, if being injured means receiving such

pampering, I wouldn't mind getting hurt a few times."

He always had a sharp tongue, and Isabella didn't bother responding. Unfortunately, the

room was crowded with people, including Leonard and Simon. The men were making a

racket, creating a chaotic atmosphere.

Before long, Courtney and Bloom arrived, followed by Ariana. Isabella couldn't tolerate it

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any longer and stood up. She put her stuff down and was about to leave.

Seth, who was conversing with Dariel, saw her get up and grabbed her arm.
“Where are
you going?”

Everyone fell silent.

Isabella was taken aback. “I’m going to get some drinks.”

“Indeed, it’s good to have a woman at home. Otherwise, some people
wouldn’t even

bother to entertain guests,” Courtney joked, looking at Isabella. “I’ll have
juice.”

Bloom, standing nearby, chimed in, “Me too.”

Isabella nodded, then turned to Ariana. Ariana’s face remained calm, as if the
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office friction had never occurred.

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“Iced americano. Thank you.”

Isabella forced a smile but felt speechless inside. She was simply being polite,
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some people were acting as if they were ordering in a restaurant.

With so many people in the room, she left with a composed expression. She
was

deliberately lingering in the kitchen, as she knew that returning upstairs would
only lead

to awkward conversations.

While making coffee, someone knocked on the marble counter behind her.
Isabella

turned around and found herself looking into Simon’s eyes.

“So, slacking off?”

Isabella felt a bit embarrassed and made an excuse, “The barista said it tastes better if

you wait a bit longer.”

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“You should just sit upstairs and let the servants bring it up.” Simon walked around the

counter and found drinks in the large refrigerator.

He took out two bottles of cider, handed one to Isabella, and then leaned against the

counter next to her. “You don’t like Ariana?”

Isabella was surprised and straightened up, not expecting Simon to notice.

Simon shrugged and clinked his bottle against hers. “You don’t have to be afraid of her.”

Isabella sighed, “I’m not scared.” She simply didn’t want to deal with people like that.

The little fight felt like a whole scheme that would only happen in a TV drama. She

lowered her eyelids and bit her lip.

Simon turned his face toward her and whispered, “You don’t have to do much. Just

feed Seth a piece of fruit in front of her, and it’ll drive her crazy.”

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Isabella laughed and looked at him, "Isn't that a bit too petty?"

Simon raised an eyebrow and took a sip of his drink. Just then, the juice and coffee

were ready. Isabella was about to retrieve them, but Simon beat her to it.

"Let's go."

Isabella composed herself and followed him out. As soon as they left the kitchen, they

saw Bloom standing at the staircase.

Bloom took a juice from the tray and asked, "Did you squeeze this yourself?" Why did

you take so long? Or that was the implied message.

Isabella knew that Bloom was interested in Simon and didn't want to get involved, so

she remained silent.

Simon didn't respond and walked into the room with the juice. Bloom pursed her lips

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and turned to look at Isabella.

Isabella gave her a small smile, but inside, she felt speechless, inexplicably dragged

into a new whirlpool.

Upon entering the room, she noticed that Ariana had taken her seat.

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Dariel and the others were discussing the situation of the Shaffer Family, as they had

some understanding of it.

Ariana sat beside them, peeling an apple, cutting it into small pieces, and feeding them

to Seth.

Seth glanced at it and shook his head. "I can't eat anymore."

Ariana made a face and withdrew her hand. Isabella was pouring juice and had just

finished giving the last cup to Simon when she heard Seth's voice.

"What about mine?"

Isabella turned around, puzzled. "Didn't you just have vegetable soup?"

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A few merciless laughs followed. Courtney laughed so hard that her shoulders shook,

and she pushed Isabella, saying, "Bella, can't you spare a cup of juice for Mr. Shaffer?

Don't be so biased."

Isabella blushed at the teasing, "He didn't say..."

Everyone burst into laughter.

Leonard joined the teasing, saying, "If you drink too much, you'll need to go to the

bathroom. Then someone has to help him hold something, right?"

Dariel added, "By then, I guess his legs won't work."

Courtney exclaimed, "Oh, what a schemer!"

Seth remained silent. Isabella pursed her lips, wondering what these people were

implying. The atmosphere today felt a bit off.

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She wisely moved to the side, trying not to get involved in the fun, but Seth was

persistent, constantly bothering her with one thing after another.

Dariel and the others seemed to be enjoying the show, taking every opportunity to

tease. Isabella felt overwhelmed and wished they would leave soon.

Unfortunately, these people had no sense of timing. They stayed in the room for a

while, then went to the upstairs entertainment room and didn't plan to leave until after

dinner.

Isabella was exhausted, her face sore from all the forced smiles. Seth kept Ariana with

him, and they went into the study to talk about something. Isabella didn't pay much

attention and decided to take a bath first.

Within the study, since Ariana entered, she hadn't spoken much to Seth and felt uneasy.

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She didn't expect Seth to ask her to stay in the end, and she let out a long sigh of relief.

It was just the two of them in the room, and she didn't think there was anything

important. She wanted to ask about Seth's injury.

Unexpectedly, Seth took out a stack of papers from the drawer and threw them in front

of her abruptly. She was slightly confused and took a look.

It was Isabella's funding application and the original document, too. It had reached

Seth's hands so quickly.

She maintained her composure and asked, "What's wrong?"

"Why didn't you approve the funding?" Seth's voice was cold, devoid of emotion.

Ariana was shocked and pushed the application back, saying, "You're here. You can

order me to approve the funding. But when you're not here, I have to make the decision

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based on my own judgment."

She finished speaking and met Seth's intense gaze.

Both sides fell into silence. It seemed like a stalemate, but Ariana's back was covered in

cold sweat.

"Is this all the judgment the CFO of Shaffer Group has?"

It felt like a bolt from the blue.

Ariana clenched the handle of the chair. "Seth, I..."

"I hope you will not make another mistake like this," Seth interrupted Ariana, took back

the application, and locked it in the drawer.

Ariana swallowed, feeling stiff for a moment. Then she got up and bowed to Seth.

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“Don’t worry, it won’t happen again.”

Seth didn’t respond, his fingers tapping on the table. “It’s getting late, so you can go

now.”

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Ariana’s expression was stiff, and she tried to calm down before forcing a smile. “Okay.”

She tried to keep her back straight, pushed the door, and walked out.

As soon as she raised her head, she bumped into Isabella, who was coming out of her

room. She was stunned for a moment, and seeing that Isabella’s hair was wet, she

couldn’t believe it. “You live here?”

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Isabella was taken aback when she ran into Ariana unexpectedly. Since she couldn’t

find a hairdryer, she decided to go out and search for one.

“I’ll stay here and take care of Mr. Shaffer,” Ariana offered.

Ariana’s eyes showed a hint of concern. Just as she was about to say something, a

door opened behind her.

Seth stepped out, and he frowned upon seeing Isabella with wet hair. “What happened

to your hair?” he asked.

Isabella pouted. “I couldn’t find a hairdryer.”

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use mine?" he suggested.

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"Oh..."

sounded so

Their conversation casual that it was almost frustrating.

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Ariana had a feeling that there was something going on between them, but she never

expected it to be this complicated.

With her fists clenched, she stopped paying attention to their conversation and walked.

downstairs with determination.

Once she left, Isabella appeared with a blow dryer and hurriedly went back to her room.

Not easily fooled, she sensed Ariana's thoughts. Perhaps she saw the previous sce

as a protest.

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There was no scheming involved, just an unexpected turn of events.

She quickly dried her hair and lay on the spacious bed, lost in her thoughts. Realizing

that the payment issue was still unresolved, she knew she had to find Seth.

When she went outside, she didn't see him, so she had to grab a servant and ask.

"Mr. Shaffer seems to have gone to the swimming pool in the backyard," the servant replied.

Isabella was shocked. "The swimming pool?"

That was a recipe for disaster. With such severe injuries, if he immersed himself in th

water again, he could end up in the morgue.

She asked for the location of the swimming pool and hurriedly ran to the backyard.

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It was nearly eight o'clock at night, and only the dim lights were on.

She ran all the way there and indeed saw the swimming pool, but there was no sign of

Seth.

"Mr. Shaffer?"

There was no response.

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Could he have not come? she pondered for a moment. Then, she called out ag

"Seth Shaffer?"

Still, there was no answer, and only the silent night greeted her.

Perhaps he hasn't arrived, she thought.

On second thought, Seth wasn't that foolish.

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She stood by the pool for a while and was about to turn around and leave. Suddenly, something leaped out of the bushes and struck her legs.

Splash!

She fell heavily into the water.

Ah!

Water forcefully rushed into her mouth and nose; all she could see was the vast blue water.

“Help! Help!”

How unfortunate. She was simply looking for someone, and now she was drowning.

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She frantically waved her arms, causing a large splash.

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“The deep end is only one and a half meters. You can stand up!” A man’s voice came from the shore.

Isabella struggled, and then, her foot seemed to touch the bottom of the pool. She paused, stopped moving, and stood up!

Meow!

Seth was standing by the pool, holding a cat and looking at her as if she were foolish.

Isabella stood in the pool, feeling utterly embarrassed. She wiped her face and clear

her throat. “I... didn’t know.”

He raised an eyebrow. “What are you doing out here?”

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She wanted to say, I intended to stop you from doing something foolish.

Then, her gaze shifted to the cat in his hand.

“Are you looking for it?”

The black cat was likely the culprit that bumped into her just now.

“She brought it here and forgot to take it when she left,” he explained, looking annoyed.

Isabella hesitated. “Is it hers?”

Seth didn’t deny it. He turned around and threw the cat onto a nearby chair.

The black cat looked eerie. It hissed at him and arched its back in defiance. However,

after making eye contact with him for two seconds

it licked its paw and lay down on

the chair submissively.

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Isabella sneered and thought, What a cowardly cat!

She sighed and slowly approached the edge of the pool.

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Seth stood above her, and suddenly, he kindly squatted down and offered his hand to

her.

Without hesitation, she reached out her hand.

With his assistance, she managed to climb halfway up.

Unexpectedly, he released his grip.

“Oh!” she exclaimed.

There was another splash, accompanied by Seth's soft laughter.

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Isabella fell into the water for the second time, and she frantically stood up in the pool.

D*mn it! she cursed under her breath.

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Isabella stumbled before regaining her balance in the pool.

She was panting heavily and too exhausted to even glare at him.

Seth crouched by the poolside and laughed at her without a care. Then he reached out

his hand towards the woman in the pool again.

"Come here."

Isabella shot him a disdainful look. She didn't trust him at all and turned to walk

towards the ladder on the other side.

She was soaked and a bit tired from the struggle, so she stayed put for a while. She

simply hugged the ladder and stayed in the water.

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Seth watched her with her face pressed against the ladder, panting slightly and looking

like a little otter.

“Out of breath so soon?”

Isabella snorted, taking her time to recover without saying a word.

Seth was in no hurry. He turned around, lifted the cat aside, and sat on the bench.

The summer night was cool, with a gentle breeze carrying a faint scent of flowers. It

made one want to close their eyes in contentment.

He looked at her, and after a brief moment, he asked, “What happened today?”

Her eyes were half-closed when she turned her face with a baffled expression. “What

it?”

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“Acting all timid, who are you trying to impress?” Seth shot her a sidelong glance.

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Isabella was speechless. She was just trying to avoid the situation. It had nothing to do

with acting like a quail.

“Not my social circle. I’m not looking to fit in,” she clarified.

Seth pursed his lips and was silent for a moment.

It wasn’t her social circle, but his.

“When you started at the company five years ago, the secretary’s office wasn’t really

your circle, but I noticed you mingling quite happily.”

Isabella opened her eyes and stared blankly at the calm water surface for a while.

Seth couldn't understand it. The secretary's crew might be close-knit, and she could fit

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in with a bit of effort, but people like Courtney belonged to a different social circle. Even

if Isabella stood on a mountain, she'd have to yell to have a conversation with them..

"I can't fit in anymore," she casually remarked.

He snorted and placed one hand on the chair's armrest. "Even if you can't fit in, you still gotta try."

Isabella pouted. She found him unreasonable.

Who lets others compete by force? she thought.

She turned away and rolled her eyes at the empty air.

"If you run into trouble, just back off. Might as well lay low and let someone else deal

with your mess," he remarked ruthlessly.

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She was speechless. Gathering her courage, she retorted, "Mr. Shaffer, playing dumb is

pointless. Some people are targeting me, and you have to take half the responsibility."

She scoffed and added, "Apart from some people, I get along well with others."

"And you and Simon get along well, huh?"

Isabella was taken aback. "What?"

Seth sneered. "Don't daydream. He's a popular figure. Even if you lose your head, you

won't be able to fit in."

She kept silent.

Closing her eyes, she didn't want to talk with him any longer. Her silence led him to

think she was upset.

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He wasn't pleased either, so he seized nearby flowers and aggressively tossed them at

her.

One, two, the more he threw, the more annoyed he became.

Isabella had a temper, too. She turned around and glared at him for a while, but it had

no effect.

The water in front of her was now filled with flowers, which made the entire pool

awful.

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Regardless, since he only had one hand free now, she decided to take advantage of his

vulnerability and retaliate.

After some thought, she scooped up a bunch of wet flowers from the water and

glanced at him.

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Seth stopped throwing the flowers and glanced at her warily. "What are you trying to

Isabella just shouted, "Rebellion!"

With that, she walked towards him with the flowers and used all her strength to throw a

large, wet bunch of flowers at him.

"Isabella!!"

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Isabella stood in the water, much shorter than Seth. Despite her best efforts, she could

only throw the flowers up to his legs.

However, the flowers were soaked, and upon hitting his legs, they quickly wet his pants.

Seth was annoyed. He clenched his teeth and wasted no time in turning around to

continue picking flowers.

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She was speechless. This man petty

Before she could react, another batch of flowers came flying in her direction.

Whatever. I will just throw them all back, she thought angrily.

Late at night, Mr. Ben panted as he ran to the backyard because he heard strange

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noises from afar.

Just as he arrived at the edge of the pool, he witnessed a peculiar scene.

Isabella stood in the water, quickly picked up the flowers, and threw them at him.

Seth could only use one hand. His strength was great, but his speed was lacking.

In a stroke of luck, she tossed three flowers in rapid succession. Each hit his face, and

water splashed everywhere.

Mr. Ben looked alarmed. "Mr. Shaffer! There's a call from the old Shaffer residence!"

Seth stopped and said, "Wait!"

He wanted to deal with this woman first.

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The former almost choked. He could only try to persuade the woman in the water.

Seth was in high spirits. Seeing the butler approaching, he immediately noticed

Isabella's soaked clothes and took the opportunity to shout, "Stay away!"

Mr. Ben was helpless.

"Answer the phone first, then fight!"

Isabella painted. She forcefully threw the last flower at Seth's forehead, then quickly

swam away to indicate that she was declaring a unilateral ceasefire.

His face was all wet, and there were no more flowers in his hand. He wanted to pick

more but found that the row behind him was completely bare.

Those were premium roses and camellias thrown earlier, and now everything was gone

in an instant.

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Mr. Ben stood in the back and was heartbroken to witness such a sight.

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Seth planted one hand on his hip and pointed at Isabella in the water.

“Wait for it!” he said angrily.

Isabella rolled her eyes. She was not afraid.”

The phone call was still waiting for him.

Seth had no choice. He knew his priorities and couldn’t ignore the incessant phone call

ringing from the old Shaffer residence.

He glared fiercely at her before storming off, leaving the cat behind.

Isabella let out a long sigh of relief after he left.

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Mr. Ben also left, leaving only the cat behind.

Meow!

“What are you meowing about? You have no backbone!” Isabella scolded the cat and

felt relieved to vent her anger on it.

The cat seemed to understand. It yawned at her, then continued to lick its fur.

Isabella swam in the water for a while. She wanted to sneak back, but Mr. Ben had

someone bring her a bath towel.

She was very grateful as she wrapped the towel around her and ran back.

Seth was in the study. Thankfully, she didn't run into him when she went back.

She quickly slipped into her room and took another hot shower, and when she came

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out, there was ginger tea to drink.

Feeling comfortable all over, she noticed that the wound on her hand from cutting fruit

earlier was bleeding.

It was a shallow wound, but she hadn't paid attention to it, so it hadn't healed yet.

Since she came into contact with the water earlier, her wound was hurting badly.

She went out to ask a servant for some medicine, then bit on a piece of gauze to

bandage it herself.

By the time she was done, it was late. She went out to return the medicine box, but

Seth's call was still not over.

She quietly went back, looked at some official documents from Nemotors for a while,

and then lay down on the bed.

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It wasn't even eleven o'clock, and she wasn't very sleepy.

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Suddenly, there was some movement.

She rolled her eyes, got out of bed, and saw something drop down from the vent.

It was white and looked like mist.

Achoo!

Could it be perfume? she wondered.

The powerful aroma of roses mingled with the delightful scent of an unfamiliar flow

permeated the air.

Isabella was momentarily taken aback before quickly remembering. It was the camellia

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