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Two women were lying on the beds silently, both pale-faced. But the short distance between them seemed to be two completely different worlds.

One of the beds were surrounded by a few people—some were comforting the woman on the bed while others were preparing food and drinks for her.

Only a few steps away was the other bed. The woman was alone and there was no one taking care of her.

She was much weaker and paler, but everyone ignored her as if she didn't exists.

The woman's name was Belle Miller. She lowered her head slightly, letting the noise not far away float into her ears. The woman overwhelmed by love on the other bed was her younger sister, Yana Miller.

They were twins, but they didn't look alike due to being fraternal twins. Due to being born at minute earlier, Belle became the elder sister.

Suffering from aplastic anemia since she was a kid, Yana required blood transfusions regularly event if she didn't lose blood over injuries.

Therefore, Belle was destined to be her sister's blood bank from birth because of their matching blood type. This time, Yana made a scene by slitting her own wrist, making her condition worse.

Belle had just donated blood for Yana a week ago and now she was forced to give blood again. Altogether, she had lost 1,200cc. of blood.

Belle could still remember the doctor's warning when she was preapred to give blood a second time. The doctor said that if she gave blood again, the damaged caused to her body might be irreversible.

But her parents didn't seem to care.

Belle would never forget their answer.

"Hurry up. We can't let anything happen to Yana."

Belle was their child as well.

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But to them, Yana would always be more important.

It seemed that Belle was born to be Yana's living blood bank.

Belle's parents had always been telling her that Yana had aplastic anemia was because she had taken too much nutrients in the womb.

Therefore, she owed Yana and should pay her back.

Belle felt that her parents were right. Thus over the years, she had always been spoiling and giving ground to Yana. Neither did she complain when she needed to give blood to Yana.

But things were different this time. She had given too much blood and for a moment there, she felt she was going to die. Even so, her parents didn't seem to care. They didn't even take a second glance at her. Belle wanted to cry, but her tears had run dry.

She couldn't help but wonder, 'Mom and Dad said that | owed Yana. But how long is it going to take for me to pay her back? Do | owe her my life and my debt can only be cleared when | give her my life?"

Belle lowered her head, hiding the pain and despair in her eyes. Meanwhile, Yana was surrounded by people.

With tears on her face, Jane Miller was holding a bowl of oatmeal in her hand. "Yana, please have something to eat. You've lost too much blood yesterday. You were given blood, but the doctor said that you're still too weak."

Jane looked like a loving mother, but she didn't even spare a glance at her other daughter, who was just a few steps away and almost fainted because of the huge amount of blood she had given to

Yana.

"At least have a few bites. Carl Miller frowned, his tough tone carrying obvious concern."

"No, no," Yana yelled wildly and stretched out to knock the bowl out of Jane's hands fiercely.

The oatmeal was spilled on the ground and the smell filled the air.

Belle licked her lips. She was starving. If Yana didn't want it, she was more than happy to eat all of 'bits

But... no one thought of her.

Jane just held Yana's hand gently. "Sweetheart, you need to be careful. What if you get hurt again?"

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Yana responded in a fit of pique, "That's even better. You can just leave me to die and don't try to

save me."

Belle pursed her lips as she was at a loss for words..

'If Yana gets hurt again, she will probably need another blood transfusion. That means I'll have to give blood again. | hope she won't act selfishly again. Otherwise, | might not be able to survive another blood draw."

"What are nonsense you talking about?" Jane wiped the tears from her face. "You're breaking my heart, Yana."

"Yana, calm down. Nothing is more important than your health." Carl softened his voice.

Yana's eyes lit up. "Really? Then | want to cancel my engagement with the Landor family! | don't want to marry Adam Landor!" "Nonsense!" Carl was taken aback by Yana's words and looked around subconsciously.

Adam Landor was the head of the Landor family.

Alot of people had heard of his name.

Ten years ago, Adam's father, the head of the Storm Group, passed away all of a sudden.

Adam, who was only 18 years old back then, took over the company.

Despite the negative voices from others, he expanded the Storm Group from a mediumsized corporation into a top-notch consortium in ten years. If there was a nobody—can-offend list in Coraland, or even in the world, Adam would definitely rank the top. He had such a legendary experience and such immense power.

It was the Miller family's sheer luck to get the chance to get engaged to Adam.

But Carl didn't expect that Yana would not want such a wonderful chance.

"Dad, I'm serious!" Yana said anxiously, "The Landor family is indeed powerful, but Adam looks like a monster! | cannot bear one single day to live with him."

When Adam was a kid, he was burnt by a fire, which left a serious scar on his face though he survived. And Yana was scared by his monster—like face when she saw him from afar.

Therefore, she would rather die than marry Adam.

Carl's eyes flashed. "A promising career is the most important thing for a man and you shouldn't 3/5

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care about his appearance too much."

Although Carl doted on his younger daughter, he still wouldn't give up this opportunity to build a relationship with the Landor family!

If Yana was married to Adam, then the Millers would definitely become an even more affluent family.

"Dad!" Yana still expressed her concerns. "But everybody knows that Adam is ill-tempered and his wife would definitely not be happy after the marriage. His first wife accidentally fell into the sea and drowned after being married to him for only three days. Rumors had it that it was Adam who pushed her to the sea and killed her."

"It's just a rumor. Carl continued to convince Yana.

"Okay, let's consider that a rumor. Then what about his next fiancée? She died of a Ae) in thei!)

e hinggreihe fat ay she went to the Landor residence. Some speculated that the heart attack was caused by Adam's savage behaviors." Yana was really anxious. The content is on Read the latest chapter there!

"That would be another rumor." Carl refuted. In fact, Carl was even glad that Adam had such a ferocious appearance and terrible reputation. Otherwise, the Miller family wouldn't have gotten the chance to let Yana be engaged to Adam.

"Dad! There's no smoke without fire." Yana was so anxious that she almost

cried out, "| woyldinliK@lohg i |

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as Adam. What's the point if | were to die soon after | marry him?" The content is on Read the latest chapter there!

"Honey." Jane got somewhat distressed after hearing Yana's words. "Even if those things about Adam's wife and flagoes were) mM rymors)things Might still be difficult for Yana after the marriage. Adam is from a rich and powerful family, there's quite a big difference in terms of wealth and power between them. | love Yana, | don't want her to have a rough time after she's married." The content is on Read the latest chapter there!

"Mom, | don't want to leave you. | don't want to marry Adam. I'd rather commit suicide than be tortured to death by Adam," Yana cried much more sadly.

"My poor girl."

Jane and Yana hugged each other, crying hard.

Carl frowned. He was beginning to doubt his own decision as well.

After a long pause, he said hesitantly, "But I... I've already agreed to Mr. Charlie Landor's proposal. If | got back on my word, then we might offend Adam. That's not something we want."

It would just be a piece of cake for Adam to destroy the Miller family.

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Yana seemed to have thought about this and she replied quickly with tears in her eyes, "Dad, you've agreed to marry your daughter to Adam. But you have two daughters. How about we let Belle marry Adam?"

Meanwhile, a cold silent man was standing outside their ward.

Hearing Yana's sharp voice coming from the ward, Adam calmly raised a hand to touch the scar on his face. He then turned around and walked out of the hospital.

Little did he expect that a fake scar would help him see through the disguises of so many people over the years.

His assistant trotted after him, saying, "Sir, there's no need to be too upset......" Adam turned his head, squinted his eyes, and his lips curved into a dangerous smile.

"Why would | be upset? If it weren't for my grandfather, this marriage with the Miller family wouldn't exist. Do you really think | care about what they think about me?

The assistant nodded and asked, "What should we do now, sir?"

After a short pause, Adam sneered. "Keep preparing for the wedding. | want to see which daughter the Miller family will send over as the bride."

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In the ward, Belle's lips suddenly felt dry.

Thanks to Yana's words, Belle received her parents' attention for the first time since the blood transfusion. Both Jane and Carl looked at her at the same time.

Belle, who used to be ignored, suddenly became the center of attention.

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"Dad, you know what kind of person | am. Even if | did marry Adam, I'd most probably offend him. Since Belle has a better personality than me, | bet she'd be a better fit for Adam," Yana quickly exclaimed.

Carl cocked his brows. He had to admit, Yana had a point and he was a little convinced.

Yana was spoiled and a little selfish. And given her unwillingness to marry Adam, if she was forced to marry Adam, she might turn the marriage alliance into a fallout of the two families.

If it were Belle, with her timid personality, even if she couldn't win Adam's heart, she wouldn't offend him either.

Carl looked at Belle with a scrutinizing gaze. He was seriously considering the possibility of marrying his eldest daughter off to Adam.

He pondered for a moment and asked, "Belle, what are your thoughts on this?"

"Belle, you're going to marry a great man! You'll definitely agree to such a great marriage, right? Yana, sensing her father's thoughts, was pleased and quickly chimed in.

Belle's face paled and the clenched her fists slightly.

"Belle, you're going to live a luxurious life once you're married to Adam. The way | see it, you should be grateful to Yana for offering you such a good opportunity," Jane added to persuade Belle.

AL Belle's lip quivered. She seldom complained but this time they went too far, so she whispered, "Yana, ont

the night of the banquet, the Landor family had spread the word in advance that they were going to select a wife for Adam, right?"

Yana was getting impatient. "Why are you bringing this up now?"

Belle answered softly, "Since you why the banquet was held, why did you dance at the banquet?" Yana was very good-looking, and she was an excellent dancer as well.

Back at the banquet, she outshone everyone and, as a result, gained the favor of Charlie Landor, the 1/15

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head of the Landor family, who promised her the position of Mrs. Landor.

If Yana wasn't willing to marry Adam, why did she seek the limelight at the time?

And since she did, why was she getting others to bear the consequences?

Belle spoke calmly, believing that she wasn't exaggerating and was just pointing out a fact. However, Yana stared at her in disbelief, as if Belle had said something terrible to her.

Tears streamed down Yana's face. "Belle, | was just dancing at the banquet that night. | didn't know what awaited me. If you don't want to help me, just say so. There's no need for those insinuations."

With that said. Yana cried even harder. She clutched her chest as if she might faint at any moment.

"My dear." Jane hurriedly pulled Yana into her arms. Her eyes were filled with pity. When she turned to Belle, her eyes became sharp. "Belle, how could you say that to your sister? Apologize. right now!"

Belle's heart ached when she heard those words. She had always been the one who had been making compromises since she was a kid. However, she wasn't going to come to a comprise this time, for it was about her married life and her well-being.

Belle slowly replied, "Was | wrong? If Yana didn't want to marry Adam, she shouldn't have sought attention at the banquet held by the Landor family. She can't crave the spotlight and then shy away from the consequences. That's not how the world works-"

"Shut your mouth!"

With a sharp smack, Carl slapped Belle hard across the face, and he shouted angrily, "Yana's already in poor health, why are you making her worked up like that? How can you be so horrible and mean?"

Did Carl just say that she was mean? Was she actually being mean? What had she done to deserve to be called mean?

Belle forced a smile, looking at her father with a hint of defiance. "Yes, she's weak and I'm healthy. Therefore, | should always yield to her, right? | will need to give blood to her regularly and clean up the mess she makes, right?"

Carl became even more infuriated. "Are you implying that you don't want to give blood to your sister anymore? Are you going to stand there and do nothing as you watch her die?"

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For once, Belle didn't back down. She spoke slowly, "I'm willing to regularly give blood to her, but she frequently injures herself and bleeds. The blood I've given her far exceeds the scheduled. amounts. This time, she slit her wrist without thinking of the consequences and | had to give her 800cc of blood. Why must | always pay the price for her carelessness and whims? Is that fair to

me?" In a cathartic manner, Belle voiced the sentiments she had long harbored.

Yana knew exactly what illness she had, yet she was never cautious, and would frequently get herself injured. Every time she got hurt, it made her parents quite anxious, and it allowed Yana to receive more attention.

But what about Belle? Every time Yana was injured, it would end in Belle giving her blood. She was severely underweight due to constantly giving Yana blood. Belle had given way more than she was supposed to..

It was not that Belle didn't want to donate blood or save her sister, but with full knowledge of her condition, couldn't Yana be just a bit more careful in her daily life?

Perhaps it had never crossed Yana's mind. Every time she was injured, she was never the one facing the consequences or the dangers. It had always been Belle who suffered.

Just as Belle finished speaking. Yana began sobbing. Tears trickled down her cheeks. "It breaks my heart to know you think of me that way."

Jane was immensely worried when she saw Yana crying, and she looked at Belle with anger in her eyes. "Yana has health issues, and dancing has been her only hobby since she was a child. It's normal for people to get hurt when they dance. She was never intentional when she needed you to give her blood. Why do you have to be so mean to her?"

Carl furrowed his brows as well. "Even though you've been donating blood, we've always provided you with the relative supplements as well! You know full well how expensive the supplements are, right? Belle, we've never mistreated you!"

"Mom, Dad, Belle hates me now," Yana cried as she clung to Jane.

Various voices echoed in Belle's mind, and suddenly, she felt the world was absurd.

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She was their daughter as well.

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Why did they favorite Yana so much and made it seem normal?

Just because she was born healthy, did that mean she had to endure all of this?

"You've upset your sister, but she was still thinking of letting you marry Adam. She's giving you a chance to have a good marriage." Carl said with a frown. "Aren't you ashamed of what you're doing?

Belle pursed her lips. "A good marriage? Then why did she rather slit her wrist than marry that

man?"

Carl became infuriated and slapped Belle again.

Belle tilted her head due the force of the slap. Her heart sank and she no longer felt the pain.

"I'll just ask you one more time. Will you marry Adam or not?" Carl asked slowly as she tried his best to remain calm. "|..." Belle was about to speak.

Yana wiped her tears and suddenly said, "Belle, to be honest, theresn\ another F asenehy Wort marry Adah. imothy professed his love to me yesterday." The content is on Read the latest chapter there!

"Timothy?" Belle quickly raised her head.

Timothy Leen, the man she had loved for 10 whole yea

years.

The reason that Belle defied her parents this time and refused to marry Adam was largely because of him.

But Yana just said that Timothy had confessed his love to her.

"Yeah," Yana blushed as she said, "and we even took photos."

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She proudly took out her phone and showed Belle a photo.

In the photo, Yana was kissing Timothy's cheek, and Timothy was looking at her with an affectionate gaze. Ever since she was in university, Belle has tried to stand by Timothy and support him in whatever he did.

She chose to major in the same field

as him, and after graduation, ined

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worked hard to become an integral

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However, none of that seemed to matter now. Did Timothy realize how much she cared about him? He must have known, angit sedmedhiike e hpdlBeaY'tsking advantage of her feelings to get her to work hard for him. But the truth was, he had never had any feelings towards her; he had barely looked at her except when he needed her to work for him. The content is on Read the latest chapter there!

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She was just a useful tool for him, just as she had been as a blood bank for Yana. She was a necessity, but an expendable one.

Her parents, Yana, Timothy, even the Landor family she would later marry into, were all the same — she was only a tool to them.

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Perhaps it was because she had come to accept that everything she liked would ultimately be taken. away by Yana. She liked Timothy so much, so how could Yana not try to take him away from her?

Belle lowered her head, feeling an odd sense of resignation. "Timothy?" Carl fell silent for a moment, but then a smile seemed to have crept on his face. "He likes you?" Timothy didn't come from a privileged background, but his exceptional abilities spoke for themselves.

Despite his poor background, he started his own business when he was in university, and within five years of graduating, he had become a billionaire. His potential knew no bounds.

Although Timothy wasn't as talented as Adam, he was still a business genius. If Yana could be with Timothy, Carl would definitely not have any problems with that.

"Yeah, he confessed his love to me. He said that he fell in love with me at first sight." As Yana spoke, she gave Belle a smug look.

Yana knew Belle had feelings for Timothy. But what did that matter? "Good. That's great." Carl was overjoyed.

Whether marrying Adam would bring them benefits from the Landor family was still uncertain. However, if Yana married Timothy, with the latter's abilities, he could undoubtedly elevate the Miller family's status.

With that thought in mind, Carl made his decision.

He looked at Belle coldly and declared, "Alright, I'll tell the Landor family that you will be the one marrying Adam! Belle, you better not show any reluctance. You know what the Landor family's like. If you offend them, not only will we suffer, but you will be the first one to pay the price."

Belle remained silent, thinking about the photo she just saw on Yana's phone.

For a reserved person like Timothy, he must really like Yana to take such an intimate photo with her. 4/4

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Belle felt she was very pathetic.

Yana effortlessly obtained the person she had loved for ten years but couldn't be with.

"Timothy..." Belle called the name inwardly.

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Suppressing the complex feelings churning within her, Belle raised her head and looked at her parents calmly. "You have always said that | owed Yana. If | marry Adam, will that settle my debt?"

Belle's expression remained unruffled, a sight rarely seen by Carl and Jane. Surprise was evident in their eyes.

After a moment of hesitation, Carl said slowly, "I've already found someone else with a compatible blood type for Yana. As long as you're willing to marry Adam, there will be no need for you to give her any blood in the future, unless it's absolutely necessary."

Ahint of mockery flashed in Belle's eyes.

Yana's blood type was rare, but they could surely find a matching donor if offered enough money.

Carl must have found a matching donor a long ago. But how could anyone else be as obedient as she was?

After all, drawing blood from their obedient and weak elder daughter required much less effort than finding someone else. Belle understood all of the twist and turns very well, and her lips curved into a faint smile.

She turned her head and looked out of the window, saying faintly, "I would marry Adam if the Landor family is fine with that. And once | marry him, | won't owe you anything."

The sun shone in through the window, making Belle's cheeks seem almost translucent. At the Landor residence.

Adam browsed through the document with a poker face while his grandpa, Charlie Landor, was pacing back and forth energetically.

"What's wrong

with the Miller family? It's a blessing for them to be allowed to have their daughter marry into our family. How dare they replace her with someone else? Do they think I'm at pushover?" said Charlie angrily.

Charlie had been angry ever since Adam returned from the hospital and told him about the Miller family's plans.

Seeing Adam's indifferent demeanor, Charlie walked over and closed his file. "You're not showing any reaction at all. It's obvious that the Miller family is looking down on you!"

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Charlie also admitted that it was partly his fault for not making things clear in the first place, which gave the Miller family a chance to take advantage.

Adam raised his head and the hideous scar on his face twitched slightly. "What they're doing is understandable. | look like a monster." Adam raised his head, unfazed.

"What | you talking about? | suppose..." Charlie wanted to say something, but Adam just looked at him quietly.

Charlie couldn't help but cough. "Your scar can be treated and will disappear one day. Plus, a man' capabilities matters more than his appearance."

Untouched by Charlie's words of consolation, Adam said indifferently. "None of that matters. If you don't like what the Miller family is doing, you can just call off the engagement. | don't mind."

Adam had no real interest in marriage; he left all the arrangements to his grandfather. The only reason he was willing to get married was to the old man happy.

Therefore, when his grandfather asked him to visit Yana in the hospital and he heard about their plans, he wasn't angry at all. To him, it didn't really matter who was the bride.

Charlie, who had been so furious before, now seemed conflicted. "But the fortune teller had pointed out that Yana is the most suitable woman for you."

Adam's marriage had indeed faced difficulties, so Charlie consulted a fortune teller with the belief of "better safe than sorry."

According to the fortune teller, Adam's fate was not some hingen ordinar omamcouiHan le. He nbeded a woman with an equally strong fate for their fates to collide. The content is on Read the latest chapter there!

And Yana fitted the bill.

Adam cocked his brows doubtfully.

He didn't believe in all this fortune—telling stuff, but since his grandfather did, he decided to go. along with it. He said calmly, "I remember that Yana and Belle are twins."

Since they were twins, they would probably carry the same fate.

Charlie froze for a second before he said, "Well, that is true. But | kno, little about the iecrhohiifo den dawght fot she is so low-key. What if she is, let's say, not very attractive..." The content is on Read the latest chapter there!

"It's okay," Adam replied.

"Hmm?" Charlie was puzzled.

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Adam slowly explained, "Even if she's not attractive, | don't drink she can be any worse than me, right?" Charlie was rendered speechless. Adam did have a point.

Charlie then waved his hand helplessly. "Forget it. I'll think about it?

Charlie agonized over the decision for a while after going back to his room, thinking ab ur ante om tympsftUUOOVETi e and the resolute words of the fortune teller. Additionally, Card bad sent him photo of Belle. The content is on Read the latest chapter there!

Belle wasn't as stunning as Yana, but she was still quite good-looking.

After careful consideration, Charlie eventually agreed to Carl's request.

Actually, he hadn't taken much of a liking to Yana; he just chose her because her fate matched Adam's

It wouldn't be much difference whether it was Yana or Belle who married Adam.

However, after this whole episode, Charlie's opinion of the Miller family, Yana, and even Belle had! soured. The wedding date had been carefully chosen as well.

No matter how messy things were behind the scenes, time still ticked.

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On day of the wedding, the Landor family sent a car to drive Belle to the church. At that moment, the car was waiting at the door. Belle, dressed in the wedding gown the Landor family had sent in advance, gracefully descended the staircase. Regardless of the story behind this marriage, it was, after all, Adam's wedding, and a grand ceremony was expected. Despite Charlie's reservations about Belle, he still gifted her many luxurious items.

The wedding dress was a top-notch custom design, and the jewels were rare treasures that were. hard to find.

Carl was quite surprised when he saw Belle, who had always been a coward.

Though they were twins, Yana and Belle had starkly different appearances.

Yana was strikingly beautiful, capturing attention effortlessly.

As for Belle, Carl didn't have much of an impression.

She was always timid, often looking down or away, lacking the charisma of her younger sister.

Therefore, in Carl's memory, Belle was rather plain.

But at that moment, as Belle came down the stairs, her demeanor cold and indifferent, she exuded. an icy elegance. Not flamboyant, but certainly captivating.

Carl was taken aback by what he was seeing.

Yana, on the other hand, was jealous.

"Damn you, Belle," she thought.

To Yana, Belle was merely a tool to give her blood when necessary. How did she deserve such a beautiful wedding dress and exquisite jewelry?

Yana hadn't anticipated the level of regard the Landor family had for Belle. Every gift they presented made Yana's personal collection seem mundane in comparison.

"All these fancy things are wasted on Belle! These jewellery and dresses should have been reserved for my wedding, only | deserve them!" Yana exclaimed inwardly.

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Belle didn't care about what members of her family thought. She calmly went the downstairs and walked outside.

As she walked past, Yana felt an inexplicable surge of resentment.

Yana gritted her teeth, blurting out, "It was me who the Landor family wanted to marry Adam at first. You're just a replacement!" Yana wanted Belle to know that everything Belle now possessed was just what she didn't want.

Yana refused to believe that Belle could remain truly unaffected by her words.

Belle lowered her head and stopped beside Yana.

"Am | wrong?" Yana was not nervous at all, staring at Belle provocatively.

Belle looked indifferently at Yana. "You're right. How about | tell Mr. Charlic Landor later that will be the one who's marrying Adam?"

"You..." Yana gritted her teeth, but was rendered speechless.

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While she envied the treatment Belle was receiving, the idea of marrying into the Landor family was far from appealing. However, Belle still stood there and looked at Yana quietly, as if she was waiting for Yana's answer.

Yana couldn't help but feel infuriated.

Belle had never retaliated. Yana had thrown countless taunts at her in the past, and Belle had always tolerated them. Why was today any different?

When Yana felt a bit awkward, Jane quickly tried to ease the tension. "Alright, the Landor family is of high status, and it's not our place to change things around as we please. Belle, Yana isn't someone who's good with words; just let it go. Yana, apologize."

Jane's thoughts were focused on making sure the wedding proceeded smoothly no matter what.. She used to think that the Landor family was a good marriage choice, but now that Yana was with Timothy, she couldn't help but feel that it was unfair for Yana to marry that ugly weirdo.

But to Yana, who had always received favoritism from her mother, it was surprising that her mother was siding with Belle this time and was even asking her to apologize.

Yana gnashed her teeth and refused to apologize.

Belle responded calmly, "You're right, Yana. I'm just a replacement. Don't worry. If you regret your choice at any time, even if it means offending the Landor family, I'll make sure to return this

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marriage to you."

Belle's words left the Miller family in utter disarray.

If they switched brides once again, it'd be an insult to the Landor family, and the Landor wouldn't forgive the Miller family. "Yana, apologize!" Carl became stern, too.

Yana, looking at her usually doting parents, found them both siding with Belle, and her face contorted with resentment. However, Yana was afraid that Belle wouldn't marry Adam. Therefore, she still said through gritted teeth, "I'm sorry, Belle." In the Miller family, Yana was used to getting her way, while Belle was often overlooked.

But today, she was forced to apologize to Belle, whom she had always looked down upon.

Yana secretly harbored a deep hatred for Belle now and wondered how long Belle could remain so composed. With Adam's cruelty, she felt that Belle might not even survive a week in the Landor family.

As Yana contemplated the potential hardships Belle might face, she began to feel a little relieved.

Adam and Belle were supposed to go to church first to make a vow.

Belle arrived on time, and so did the guests.

However, Adam, the groom, hadn't shown up.

The guests waited patiently at first, but they couldn't help but feel a little restless after a while.

They all wondered whether the wedding would take place or not.

Charlie glanced at the Miller family and saw an interesting scene. Yana seemed to be happy to see what was happening. On the contrary, Belle, who had always been inconspicuous before, sat there quietly, displaying a remarkable level of poise. Charlie squinted his eyes.

He didn't like the Miller family, nor did he like Belle.

But on such occasions, he didn't have to give the young girl a hard time.

"Go and tell Adam to hurry up," Charlie ordered.

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However, he wasn't entirely sure if Adam would show up.

Adam was a workaholic. If not for Charlie's constant prodding, he might not have agreed to this wedding in the first place. In the Storm Group's CEO's office, Adam was in a fit of rage.

"Did you write this code? Anyone with half a brain can do better than you!"

Then he turned to another person. "I asked you to do the market research and this is what you give me? Go and do it again!"

Adam had an expressionless face, resembling a tyrant, as he scolded the people who entered his office one by one.

Adam's secretary looked at his watch and felt a little anxious.

When Adam finished his scolding, the secretary knocked on the door carefully. "Come in!" Adam said coldly.

The secretary held his breath and walked in gingerly.

"Spill it!" Adam glanced down at him.

The secretary was used to seeing Adam's face, but he still subconsciously lo red his head |

en Agar siceou him. Flustered, he said, "Mr. Landor, Mr. Charlie Landor sent a message saying the bride has arrived, and everyone is waiting for you at the church." The content is on Read the latest chapter there!

Only then did he remember that it was his wedding day today. Adam's lips curved into a sneer as he thought of the conversation he had overheard at the hospital. He was well aware of the rumors about him outside.

"lam ugly and notorious. The Miller family didn't want Yana to marry me, but they married Belle@ff to inet! withquttnip hesitation, Belle must not be favored in her family. In that sense, we have a bit of common ground," thought Adam. The content is on Read the latest chapter there!

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"Let's go." Adam stood up.

The secretary breathed a sigh of relief and followed Adam out.

Another half an hour had passed, and Adam still didn't show up.

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The noise at the church was getting louder and louder.

"Belle, it seems that Adam doesn't care about you at all," Yana said with a smile.

Belle glanced at Yana, her gaze indifferently.

Yana, for some reason, felt uncomfortable under her gaze. "Why are you looking at me like that? I'm just worried about you." Belle said calmly, "Is that so? Then I'll talk to Mr. Charlie Landor."

"Talk to him about what?" Yana was puzzled.

Belle had already stood up. "I will talk to him and tell him that you are very dissatisfied with Adam's absence, of course." Yana couldn't believe what she was hearing.

"How can Belle say these words to Mr. Landor? Is she crazy?" she wondered.

Yana felt uneasy, while Belle walked calmly up to Charlic.

Yana wanted to rush over to stop Belle, but she didn't dare. She even began trembling in fear.

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"Mr. Landor." Belle approached Charlie.

The latter looked at Belle with great interest. "Are you getting impatient?"

Belle shook her head. She had only wanted to frighten Yana earlier and had no intention of actually telling Charlie what she had

"Mr. Landor, | know that Adam is caught up at work. A small event like a wedding can easily be managed by me alone," Belle said calmly.

"You alone?" Charlie was a little surprised. He had thought Belle was just venting her frustration. But as he observed her carefully, Belle's gaze was clear, and her words were sincere. She truly meant what she said.

Belle nodded and was about to continue when a well-dressed woman nearby spoke kindly. "It's not right to let the bride handle the wedding alone. Adam's being very inappropriate this time."

Charlie glanced at the woman, and he immediately frowned.

Belle also looked over.

Belle recognized that this woman was Penelope Landor, Adam's stepmother.

Although Belle didn't know much about the Landor family, Belle was smart.

She knew full well that Penelope might look like she was defending her, but in fact, she was belittling Adam. Belle knew that Adam was the only person she could rely on after she married into the Landor family.

How could she agree with Penelope?

Realizing that, Belle immediately said, "Mrs. Landor, the wedding is just a ceremony and not as important as it seems. Neither Adam nor me care about it, so there's no need to trouble you."

Belle was implying that Penelope was being nosy. Penelope was displeased, and her gaze towards Belle was as sharp as a knife.

Belle didn't care about Penelope's feelings. She only noticed that Charlie's expression softened a little after hearing what she said.

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Then Belle looked at Charlie again. "Mr. Landor, work comes first, and we are not sure when Adarn will finish his work. We can't just keep the guests waiting, right?"

"Adam?" A hint of anusement flickered in Charlie's eyes.

This daughter-in-law of his was indeed an interesting person.

For a moment, some of his animosity towards Belle had dissipated.

Looking at the impatient guests, Charlie thought for a moment and nodded. "As long as you're okay with it."

"I'm fine with it," Belle replied, feeling a sense of relief.

With an agreement being reached between Belle and Charlie, the priest began the ceremony.

The groom was absent, and Belle, in her long wedding gown, stood alone in front of the priest.

The guests all felt strange by the whole scene.

Agroom was absent for his own wedding spoke volumes about his dissatisfaction, especially considering the rumors about Adam.

"She'll probably be living a hard life in the Landor family," people thought.

Some took pleasure in this situation, others sympathized, and some even mocked. The guests had

all kinds of reactions.

But Belle just stood there quietly, like a tree that would never fall.

It was just a wedding, wasn't it?

She could handle it all by herself!

Amidst the noisy chatter of the surrounding guests, the priest discreetly glanced at Penelope and cleared his throat.

The priest suddenly inquired aloud to the empty space beside Belle. "Mr. Landor, do you take Ms. Miller to be your wife, to love and cherish her for richer or for poorer, in sickness, in health, in prosperity or in adversity?"

Belle was a little taken aback.

The ceremony should have been simplified in the absence of the groom.

But the priest, knowing that no one would answer, continued with the original script. Was the pastor deliberately trying to embarrass Belle?

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What should Belle do?

The entire wedding scene fell into a deep silence, with both Penelope and Yana displaying smug expressions. Someone among the guests murmured, "Mr. Landor hasn't even shown up.

Soon, the wedding guests began to engage in uncontrollable whispers.

"Exactly. | heard Adam Landor never wanted to get married. Even if he was to get married, the bride was supposed to be the other daughter of the Miller family. He definitely wouldn't want to make do with this girl now."

"Keep it down. | heard Yana is engaged to Timothy. Given the choice, who would you pick?"

"Timothy Leen? The two sisters of the Miller family may not have a powerful family background, but they seem to very lucky." "Yana is definitely very lucky, but I'm not so sure about Belle."

Meanwhile, Yana was seated at the wedding venue with Timothy, who had just returned from abroad.

"Timothy, look at Belle. She resigned from your company and abandoned you without any explanation. She did all this only to get married with this Mr. Landor."

Timothy Leen, who had a grim look on his face, stared at Belle, and replied, "I never knew she was this kind of person. | can't believe | used to trust her so much!

Upon hearing his words, Yana's face lit up for a split second, but she quickly concealed her joy. She then leaned against Ti hyyfeigningla

Di ify expressidn. 'Belle has always been like this, always. competing with me for everything. It's no surprise that she wants to be the one to marry Mr Landor instead of me. If she hadn't insisted on marrying him, | wouldn't have had the chance to be with you. It's just fate! The content is on Read the latest chapter there!

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After hearing what Yana had said, Timothy turned to her and gently embraced her. "Yana, helped me so much. You've silently supported me since the company. Now

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you again. Ag [Qs Balle sfe'S willing ta-give U fove and family just to gain money and power, then so be it. We don't need to care about people The content is on Read

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like that."

Looking at Timothy's gentle gaze, Yana pretended to be shy and

lowered her head, fitifg the fours her eyes: SRe knew she had

completely fooled this man in front of her. The content is on Read the latest chapter there!

Just as the two were engrossed in their private interaction, Charlie Landor stood up, silently surveying the guests. The entire venue fell silent once more.

Gratefully acknowledging the old man, Belle released her tightly clasped hands, forcing herself to calm down and began preparing to speak on the Adam's behalf.

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"He..."

Before she could say anything, the church doors suddenly swung open.

Belle abruptly turned her head.