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Amidst the silence, Belle gritted her teeth and was about to answer on behalf of Adam. "He..." "Ido."

Belle's words were cut off as an arrogant voice interrupted her.

Belle turned around abruptly and then she saw a figure approaching under the sun.

The light was a little dazzling, so Belle couldn't make out the person's face at first. She only felt as if the entire world was bathed in light for a moment.

After the initial blinding glare subsided, she saw the man's face. There was a slight commotion in the crowd. As Adam walked into the church, the seated guests all caught sight of the scar that cut across half of his face.

It was probably because Adam's face was truly a little terrifying, Belle was also startled when she first saw him, but she quickly regained her composure. After all, she had known that Adam's face was burned. She had been mentally prepared beforehand.

After a moment of initial shock, Belle looked at Adam almost gratefully. At least she didn't have to stand alone in embarrassment anymore.

Adam walked towards Belle with an indifferent look on his face. As he walked past those who met his gaze, they all lowered their heads-either out of fear or respect.

Finally Adam arrived by Belle's side. He leaned closer to Belle on purpose. "Surprised to see me?" Adam knew how terrifying his face was, and he had imagined how terrified Belle would be.

Belle was momentarily stunned by the up-close view of the gruesome scars, but she took a deep breath and made an effort to maintain eye contact with Adam.

Her voice was soft and gentle. "I'm pleasantly surprised that you could make it."

She didn't tremble, jump away, or scream.

Adam cocked his brows. He slightly taken aback by Belle's reaction.

He scrutinized Belle, trying to gauge whether she was really surprised.

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But he saw she was grateful to him.

This stunned Adam.

"What is she thinking? | arrived late to the wedding and deliberately scared her, but she's grateful to me?" he wondered. Charlie was also somewhat pleased to see that Belle showed no fear and looked directly into Adam's eyes.

He cleared his throat and gave a threatening look to the priest. "Restart the ceremony!

Adam also turned to look at the priest, who was trembling with fear.

Adam sneered. "Weren't you quite fluent when | wasn't around? What? Have you suddenly lost your voice? If that's the case, how about I cut your tongue out in front of everyone?"

In the midst of the wedding. Adam was threatening the priest in front of so many people.

Belle glanced at Adam and thought, "No wonder he had such a bad reputation."

This time, people would probably say that he was cruel behind his back.

But Belle was not afraid of him at all. Instead, his Adam's actions made her feel warm deep down. "Is Adam standing up for me, knowing that the priest tried to embarrass me earlier?" she wondered. The priest was so frightened by Adam that his legs were giving away, so he quickly resumed the ceremony.

"Mr. Landor, do you willingly..."

Before he could finish, Adam interrupted him impatiently. "I do."

The priest wiped away his cold sweat and said, "And Ms. Miller..."

Belle smiled and, without waiting for the priest to finish, she said, "I do too."

The priest was rendered speechless.

It was so embarrassing for him.

Adam cast a brief glance at Belle, his gaze growing deeper as he thought, "This woman is proving to be quite an interesting person."

After the ceremony, Belle breathed a sigh of relief.

She had finally cleared the first hurdle.

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At that moment, she had a strange feeling.

She had thought Timothy was her Mr. Right, but his appearance today had left her in a more difficult situation. She had thought Adam was a nightmare, but now he stood by her side, giving her a shred of dignity.

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Belle stole a glance at Adam and suddenly felt that his face wasn't as frightening as she had initially thought. "Reverend, you seem to have forgotten something." Penelope stood up and said with a smile.

Adam narrowed his eyes and looked at the priest.

The priest was trembling and couldn't utter a word.

Seeing that the priest was trembling in fear, Penelope squinted her eyes and said softly, "Reverend, there was originally a part, where the two newlyweds share a kiss before God, right?"

Adam's face turned cold. The priest trembled even more.

At that moment, the priest deeply regretted having agreed to Penelope's conditions. The presence of Adaro standing before him was simply too overwhelming!

However, things had already gotten this far, and if he didn't want to offend both Adam and Penelope, he had no choice but to proceed with the original plan.

He summoned all his courage and said, "Y-Yes..."

Penelope chuckled. "Well then, let's have the newlyweds share a kiss. I've heard that a kiss here will receive the blessing of God for a happy and long-lasting marriage. Adam, | hope that this marriage of yours will be filled with happiness and will last a lifetime."

Penelope smiled as if she was actually wishing them well.

Adam looked at her coldly.

If it were any other couple, sharing a kiss wouldn't be a big deal.

But Adam and Belle were complete strangers.

Moreover, ever since the fire, any

to the scar on it, let alone kiss him!

ry people would instinctively avoid looking at his face due

Although seemingly composed, Belle was still a young girl after all. How could she possibly be ch

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willing to kiss Adam? At least that was what Adam thought. Penelope was clearly trying to humiliate him in front of all the guests. That was something every discerning person could see,

Charlie glanced at Penelope and his face darkened.

"This woman is becoming more audacious by the day! I've been too indulgent with her all these years, all for the sake of my late son. But now that the priest had made the announcement, the two of them will have to kiss each other, thought Charlie.

"Please share a kiss," the priest said after forcing himself to calm down.

"Such a scene is common in most church weddings, and |'m just following the usu lgreceddréAdam might ven dvfer and influence, but we're in a lawful society, and | wouldn't let him have his way," the priest thought to himself. The content is on Read the latest chapter there!

"Looks like you're looking for trouble." Adam's eyes imme jately turned \

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chapter there!

"M-Mr. Landor, what are you doing?" The priest's newfound confidence crumbled immediately, and he retreated in fear. "What am | doing?" Adam's voice became even colder.

He had no patience for an argument. Since the priest was making things difficult for him, he would simply throw the priest out! As for the consequences, Adam couldn't care less; he was notorious to begin with anyway.

Just as Adam was about to throw the priest out, someone suddenly held his hands.

Adam was stunned for a moment. He turned his head and saw Belle's clear eyes.

"What is this woman trying to do?" he wondered.

Belle walked up to Adam and glanced at him with a hint of shyness. Then she went on her tiptoes and kissed his lips without hesitation.

Adam's eyes widened in shock immediately.

Her lips were soft and carried a hint like the finest cotton candy.

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Belle didn't close her eyes; instead, she looked calmly at Adam.

Despite his hideous appearance, there was not a trace of hesitation or fear in her eyes. 4/5

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Adam's heart suddenly skipped a beat.

He then kissed Belle back as he looked at her with his dark eyes.

As they kissed, the scene appeared surprisingly harmonious except for Adam's face. "Wow, I'm starting to find this romantic."

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very much." The content is on Read the latest chapter there!

"Exactly." The guests began to whisper among themselves excitedly.

Penelope maintained her smile, but she was actually infuriated. She clenched her fists so that her nails dug into the palm of her hands.

"How could Belle possibly kiss someone with such an ugly face?" she wondered. Belle really went to great lengths to marry Adam! But the real drama had only just begun! tightly

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Awhile later, both Adam and Belle pulled away from the kiss.

Belle stood back, feeling a little shy and embarrassed.

Adam cast a meaningful glance at her and then at the priest with a sneer. "Will that do?" "Y—Yes, that'll do," the priest stammered.

Charlie, after giving a glance to the displeased Penelope, slowly stood up.

Because of the Miller family's antics, he hadn't been too fond of Belle at first.

However, in just half an hour, Belle had completely changed his view of her.

He now accepted her as his granddaughter—in-law.

"The ceremony is over. Next, please join us at the Landor residence for the wedding banquet," Charlie said with a smile. The guests responded in a hurry.

The Landor family's wedding banquet was obviously going to be extremely extravagant. For the attendees, it was going to be a delightful experience.

However, for the newlyweds, such grandeur only meant one thing-exhaustion.

Belle, standing in her high heels, gritted her teeth.

She had been standing in the church for quite some time, and now she had to continue to stand and greet the guests. Her feet were aching, but she couldn't show any signs of discomfort.

Adam glanced at Belle and suddenly asked, "What is your shoe size?"

Belle instinctively replied with a number.

Adam nodded and gestured at a servant. "Go and fetch a pair of flat shoes her size." The servant left quickly as receiving Adam's order.

Belle blinked and gave Adam a puzzled look.

If her thoughts were correct, Adam was getting her a pair of shoes.

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She hurriedly said, "No need. | can manage. I—"

Adam interrupted her coldly. "If you trip and fall, it would be even more of an embarrassment." Adam's tone was rather harsh. This caused to Belle shrink back, not daring to say another word.

In no time, the servant returned with a pair of shoes.

Belle put on the flat shoes, instantly feeling a sense of relief. She stole a glance at Adam, she was even more grateful to him. Belle followed Adam and offered toasts to the guests.

Adam went out to take a work-related call. After informing him, Belle headed to the balcony to take a break.

She sat down on a lounge chair without any sense of decorum, kicked off her shoes, and allowed her feet to relax for a moment. It was September, and the weather was mild. There was a gentle breeze that was just right.

Belle's expression softened as well.

At that moment, someone suddenly opened the door to the balcony.

"Adam, are you done?" Belle asked subconsciously.

There was

no answer.

Belle sensed that something wasn't right and turned around. She was slightly surprised.

It was Timothy and Yana.

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While the banquet hall buzzed with activity, this balcony seemed like a separate world, isolating all the noise.

Belle pursed her lips and asked calmly, "What are you doing here? | thought you were at the banquet.

Timothy didn't respond to her question but instead posed another.

"Why did you resign all of a sudden? Why didn't you disucss it with me beforehand? Do how much trouble this is going to cause the company?" Timothy should at Belle.

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Yana pretended to be innocent and pretended to try to calm the agitated Timothy down by saying, "Timothy, don't be mad. Belle resigned because she was in a hurry to get married."

Belle looked at Yana's feigned innocence, and Timothy who thought he was being all righteous.

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This caused Belle to almost laugh out loud.

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Belle paused for a moment and then smiled. "I'm Mrs Landor from now on, do you think | still need to work?"

Timothy looked at her with a contemptuous expression on his face. I've never realized before that you are such a shallow person. Is the Landor family's money and power that important to you? Are you willing to marry someone like Adam for money and status?"

"I'm shallow?" Belle repeated inwardly.

She had never felt so ironic. She looked at Timothy coldly. "You mean | should work for you at your company for the rest of my life, then watch you two get married and give you my blessings?"

Timothy froze for a moment.

Yana quickly interrupted. "Belle, what are you talking about? Timothy and | truly love each other. He never had any feelings for you!"

Belle's smile became even more sarcastic. She looked at Timothy coldly and asked, "What did Yana tell you about my marriage?"

Timothy also realized what was going on and said, "Belle, stop stirring things up. Yana already told me everything. | didn't expect you to turn out like this."

Belle could guess what Yana had told Timothy. Yana must have said it was Belle's vanity that made her give up Timothy's company. Even the current meeting was most likely created by Yana on purpose to provoke the two into an argument to secure her position.

However, Belle had no intention of explaining things to Timothy. First, Timothy might not believe her since he already had preconceived notions. Second, it was unnecessary.

"Belle, considering that you used to be a member of the company, and you're Yana's sister, I'm kindly advising you that Adam isn't a kind person. If you ever regret your decision, you can come back. I'll can forgive you and let you work at my company again." Timothy's voice showed a sense of superiority.

Belle's gaze, however, immediately turned cold.

Over the years, Belle had never felt an issue with the way Timothy spoke. She had even found his firmness and confidence reassuring.

However, after today's wedding and her subsequent departure from the family, Belle suddenly 3/5

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found these words unsettling. Why should this man dictate what he thought was best for her life? Why should she be grateful? This man had consistently manipulated her emotions to achieve his own goals, essentially gaslighting her, and she had never actually realized it.

She looked at Timothy with an indifferent face. "Timothy, Adam is my husband. If you ever speak ill of him in front of me again, | will no longer consider you as a friend"

Timothy was slightly taken aback by Belle's words. "I'm telling you the truth!"

Belle suddenly stood up, her tone unwavering. "You all say he's a terrible person, but what makes him terrible? | mean, his face is scarfed, but so what? Many people may look attractive on the outside but they are actually scheming on the inside. Adam, on the other hand, is broad—minded. He may look cold on the outside but has a warn heart. He is also very kind and considerate. He is a thousand times better than some of those good-looking people."

Yana had stolen the spotlight at the banquet, but later she withdrew from her betrothal and asked to be replaced. The Miller family's behavior was definitely inappropriate.

Originally, Belle thought that Adam would be absent from the wedding to teach her a lesson.

However, he actually showed up, leaving her with a trace of dignity.

That was enough to prove that he was broad—minded.

The priest deliberately made things difficult for Belle, as everyone could see it, but no one helped her. Only Adam, seemingly indifferent, stood up for her. That showed how considerate he was.

Her feet ached from wearing high heels for too long, but no one even noticed.

It was Adam, who brought a new pair of shoes for her to change into.

Despite his less—than-pleasant tone, Belle focused on the result-her feet were much more comfortable. That was why she felt Adam was kind and considerate.

Belle felt that she had spoken the absolute truth.

But Timothy was utterly perplexed.

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"I'm going back to the hall; help yourself." Belle completely ignored Timothy and walked past him. As soon as she walked back indoors, she collided with someone.

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Belle was surprised when she saw who it was.

It was Adam!

What was he doing here?

Adam looked at Belle with interest. "I never thought I'd appear so perfect in my wife's eyes." Adam had come to the balcony to look for Belle, but he didn't expect to see Timothy.

He then heard what Belle had said about him, which made him want to laugh.

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Under Adam's teasing gaze, Belle blushed suddenly and stammered, "Sorry, I-I..." 452. 452.

"No need to apologize. You were simply speaking the nth, Ads replied chalentivre then glaride at Timothy. "Isn't that right, Mr. Leen?" The content is on Read the latest chapter there!

Timothy remained silent, but his face darkened.

"Let's go. natural.

The guests are still waiting." Adam held out his arm for Belle. Everything seemed so As Belle walked past Timothy and Yana, Adam's voice sounded in Timothy's ear.

"Mr. Leen? I'd advise you to be careful from now on. Don't touch what you shouldn't, or | can't guarantee what might happen to you."

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Chapter 8 "Timothy, just ignore her. That's just how she is," Yana said after a short pause as she tried to comfort Timothy. Timothy came back to his senses and smiled subconsciously. "Well, she'll realize that I'm right sooner or later.

Yana thought for a while and chuckled. "Timothy, don't worry about Belle. We all know that Adam isn't a good choice for a husband. | also tried to convince Belle not to marry him, but all she could think about was the Landor family's wealth and power. Since she's made up her mind, and she has got what she wanted. | guess she's quite happy now."

"Is that so..." Timothy seemed to be in a little bit of a daze..

"Yeah." Yana pretended not to realize it and changed the subject. "By the way, does the company still need funds? | still have some money saved up. Perhaps | make an investment."

Upon hearing this, Timothy looked at Yana with a gentle gaze. When he first established his company, it was Yana who had secretly funded him. If he hadn't coincidentally discovered the truth, he wouldn't have been able to be with Yana so quickly.

In Timothy's arms, a hint of smugness flashed in Yana's eyes as she watched Belle leave. Meanwhile, Belle returned to the venue with Adam, but was stopped by his stepmother, Penelope.

"Hey, where've you been? How could you disappear like that on such an important occasion?" Penelope exaggeratedly blocked their path, loudly reprimanding them, quickly attracting the attention of nearby guests.

"Yeah, that's right. | haven't seen them for a while. They didn't even say hello to everyone." "Keep

quiet, this is clearly their private matter. Mind your own business."

"That's right, didn't you notice how dark Mr. Adam's face was?"

Belle felt the grip on her hand tighten. Before she could say anything, Atlam said sarcastically, "Just had some work to take care of. If | don't work hard, how will your son survive if he returns to the country?"

Penelope's face.

turned dark. But before she could say anything, Adam had already left with Belle, leaving behind the murmurs of the guests and an obviously enraged Penelope.

head and said to Belle, "I don't know what you were After a short while, Adam suddenly lowered his like before, but here, as long as I'm around, you are Mrs. Landor. There's no need to care about other people's opinions."

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Belle looked up at the determined man and felt a sudden surge of emotion. She knew Adam must have understood her past to speak to her in such a manner.

Even though she had known Timothy for ten years, he always believed Yana's words more and never truly cared about her. Adam, on the other hand, in just one day, understood what she actually needed.

Belle reached out and her arms tightly around Adam's, nodding silently. Finally, the party came to an end. After bidding farewell to the guests, Belle let out a long sigh of relief.

"Belle. | bet you will feel a little uncomfortable moving in with us after just being married to Adam," Penelope said with a smile. "I've prepared a separate room for you. The servant will take you there."

Belle hesitated and subconsciously glanced at Adam. Adam remained composed and gave nothing away.

Belle had no choice but to muster the courage to ask, "What do you mean by you've prepared a separate room? I've already married Adam. Shouldn't we be living in the same room?"

Adam glanced at Belle with a hint of amusement in his eyes.

Penelope's expression became awkward.

Adam's face looked terrible. Even though Belle kissed him, Penelope still believed that Belle must find him repulsive. That was why she had arranged separate rooms, partly to embarrass Adam and partly in the hope that Belle would be grateful. She never thought that Belle would be so clueless as to reject it.

"Did | say something wrong?" Belle's expression was innocent.

Charlie laughed. "No, no. The husband and wife should indeed sleep in the same room. Adam, take Belle to your room." Adam nodded in agreement and glanced at Belle. "Follow me."

Belle obediently followed behind Adam.

After walking for a while, Adam stopped.

Belle looked at him with confusion.

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Adam said calmly, "There's one more thing | forgot to tell you. Despite her claim to be my mother, | never acknowledged her. So, from now on, you can just call her 'Aunt Penelope' like me."

Adam didn't hide his disdain for Penelope.

Belle immediately nodded. "I understand."

"Okay, let's go." Adam then continued walking.

Penelope felt embarrassed and her face darkened.

Adam deliberately said those words out loud for her to hear.

She couldn't help but glance at Charlie. "Charlie, look at Adam. I'm his elder and he..."

Charlie glanced at Penelope indifferently. "Then you should act like an elder first by behaving yourself. | think you've been Officious lately."

Penelope panicked and hurriedly asked, "What do you mean?"

Charlie gave her a meaningful look. "The Landor family is totally different from what it was ten years ago. The current status of the Landor family is entirely the result of Adam's hard work. Do

are? you think people show you respect just because of who you

"Penelope, you are not Adam's biological mother. It was because that Adam's father had passed away early, and | pitied you that | allowed you to stay. But that's all it is. If you are a smart person, you should get along well with Adam. This way, you and Leo will live a comfortable life. But if you continue to do things you shouldn't, | can't guarantee that your days will remain this comfortable."

Charlie's tone carried a warning-

Penelope gritted her teeth and said reluctantly, "Charlie, Leo is smart from a young age. When he graduates, the Storm Group..." "That's enough." Charlie interrupted angrily. "What does the Storm Group have to do with you or with Leo? It's an empire Adam has built with his hard work!"

Penelope was even more unwilling to accept this. "You can't put it that way. Adam was able tosxpand me \ company Kadhiise of the foundation and connections left behind by his father. Leo should rightfully have a share in the Storm Group as well." The content is on Read the latest chapter there!

Charlie couldn't stand it anymore. He said angrily, "Penelope, | didn't expect you to be so greedy! The Storm Group used to be a small company. Did you really think Adam got to where he was today because of his father's connections?"

Penelope fell silent, but her inner resistance was still evident. A

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Charlie didn't want to talk to her anymore, so he said coldly, "For Adam's sake, I'll give yey onectast |

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Penelope panicked at the thought of her being kicked out of the Landor family.

She was able to do as she pleased before because of Adam's father and Charlie's sympathy towards her.

That was why she could stay in the Landor residence. But if Charlie stopped protecting her... Penelope lowered her head and said gently, "Please don't be mad, Charlie. | know what | did was wrong."

Charlie didn't care whether Penelope recognized her mistake or was just pretending. He simply gave her a cold look and said, "Remember what you said today."

He then turned and walked away. As soon as Charlie left, Penelope raised her head, and hostility flashed in her eyes.

"This old man is still biased after all. They are both from the Landor family-| don't Ak frat Adanilis so

ch better waa b 6! If Adam could succeed, why can't Leo? Just you wait! When my son graduates and returns, the Storm Group might not necessarily belong to Adam." The content is on Read the latest chapter there!

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Chapter 9 When Belle stepped into the master bedroom, the environment suffocated her a little. The decoration of Adam's room was depressing.

The walls were snow-white with no decorations whatsoever. The curtains were black, and the carpet was gray, creating a dark and gloomy atmosphere that seemed to swallow Belle whole.

"Go and lie down on the bed," Adam suddenly said.

Belle's heart skipped a beat, and the suffocating feeling disappeared immediately. She turned to look at Adam and stammered, "So... so soon?"

Now that Belle had decided to marry Adam, she was willing to do everything a wife should do. However, it was all happening too quickly, and she wasn't prepared for it yet. Adam gave Belle a puzzled look and asked, "Is there a problem?"

"N-No... not at all."

Belle walked hesitantly towards the bed, stealing a glance at Adam.

However, Adam remained where he was.

Belle began to panic.

"Do | have to take the initiative?" she wondered.

Belle couldn't help but feel conflicted.

Leaning against the door, Adam observed Belle's changing expressions with interest. "How does this woman have so many expressions?" he thought.

Belle took a deep breath as if she had finally made up her mind.

She walked over to Adam and then reached out to unbutton his shirt without hesitation. Adam was taken aback and grabbed her hands immediately.

"What do

you

think you're doing?" he asked.

Belle looked up at him and put on a determined expression. "I'm helping you undress so that we can rest sooner."

She tried to appear calm, but she couldn't help but blush a little.

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Suddenly, it clicked for Adam.

He found it both funny and ridiculous.

what is she thinking?" he wondered.

He held Belle's chin and said, "I thought you married me against your will."

"And why are you being so proactive now?" he mused inwardly.

Belle was stunned, feeling nervous.

Adam had always been said to be a moody man.

Although he had been somewhat considerate towards her before, she didn't know what he would do if she said something she shouldn't have.

"Lying to Adam can have disastrous consequences." Belle thought it over and decided that honesty was the best approach. She pondered for a moment and said honestly, "At first, | really didn't want to marry you. But now I've changed my mind."

"Is that so?" Adam's lips curved a little as his gaze turned ice-cold. He didn't believe her answer.

Belle continued, "I have come to believe that you are not the violent person that others say you are. Also, marrying you is my only way

out. Adam was momentarily stunned by her response. It was an unexpectedly realistic answer. Adam had thought that she would say she admired him or something, but she didn't.

Nonetheless, Belle had no intention of elaborating any further. She simply raised her head and looked at Adam directly in his eyes. "I understand that we are practically strangers, and it's natural for you to not trust me. However, please believe that | am wholeheartedly devoted to making our marriage successful. Now that | have become your wife, as long as you're willing, I'll remain your wife for the rest of our lives."

The soft lighting did nothing to improve Adam's face. Instead, it accentuated the terrifying scars, making him even less pleasant to look at.

No one would want to look at such a face.

However, Belle kept her gaze fixed on Adam.

It was highly likely that she would spend a long time with this man, so she had to get used to his face as soon as possible.. 2/5

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At that moment, Belle felt a little nervous.

She didn't know if her vague explanation would satisfy Adam.

Adam glanced at Belle and smiled slowly. "For the rest of our lives?"

"As long as you're willing." Belle nodded earnestly.

She couldn't force herself to like Adam at the moment, but that didn't stop her from making a commitment.

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This union had been initiated by Yana's deliberate efforts to capture the Landor family's attention. Despite Belle being compelled to marry Adam instead of Yana, she recognized her duty as a wife and willingly embraced the responsibility that came with the marriage.

Everyone said that she owed Yana a healthy body. Therefore, marrying Adam and accompanying him for a lifetime was her way of repaying that debt!

However, life was lengthy, and Belle didn't want to live in constant animosity with Adam. She wanted to make an effort to bring happiness into both their lives.

Love was not a factor in her mindset. Rather, she possessed a hopeful disposition towards life.

Belle's words were resolute, and now Adam found it difficult to smile at her answer. He looked at Belle carefully. He could see that Belle was still a little afraid of him, but she tried to look at him directly.

This woman... had surprised him once again.

Adam suppressed his strange emotions and replied lightly, "Alright, get some rest now."

Belle blushed again and asked, "And what about you?"

Adam cast a sidelong glance at her and said, "Don't be too eager. We've had a tiring day today, and | mean it when | say get some rest. Is that understood?"

Adam intentionally emphasized the word 'literally*.

Belle's face reddened even more as she stammered, "I... | understand..."

"Oh my god! This is so embarrassing. Adam didn't mean that from the beginning, did he? | was so stupid," she thought. Belle felt too embarrassed to stand there. She turned around and was about to leave, but Adam suddenly grabbed her collar. 3/5

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"What's wrong?" Belle was Joo awkward to look at him.

Adam sighed. "There are so casual clothes in the closet. Remember to get changed."

Belle nodded absentmindedly, and only then did Adam let go of her.

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Belle opened the closet, which was divided into two sections, one for Adam's clothes and one for

hers.

Most of Adam's clothes were shirts and suits, and they were black, white, or gray. The clothes prepared for her, however, were much brighter. These clothes of different colors looked uniquely hangonious in the closet.

Belle hurriedly grabbed a set of casual and rushed to the bathroom to take a shower. When she came out in her new clothes, Adam had taken out his laptop and was working.

Belle hesitated for a moment. She did not go over. Instead, she did as she was told and tucked herself in. Belle was so sleepy after a busy day, but she still did her best to wait for Adam.

However, the dim lighting made her drowsy. Watching him from behind, Belle gradually fell asleep.

When Adam closed the laptop and turned around, he saw that Belle had already fallen asleep. He squinted his eyes and walked over slowly.

He looked at her quietly for a while and then reached out to pull the blanket for her.

As soon as he moved, Belle woke up..

Rubbing her eyes, she asked, "Have you finished working?"

"Yeah," Adam replied.

"Are you tucking me in?" Belle looked at Adam's hand holding the corner of the blanket and asked. Adam hesitated and didn't really want to admit what he was doing.

However, Belle already had a gentle smile on her face. "Thank you."

Her smile was so radiant as if he had done something very important.

Adam felt a little awkward and said, "Goodnight."

Belle was exhausted. She said goodnight to Adam, rolled over and fell asleep again.

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Adam stood at the head of the bed, looking at Belle with a strange look on his face.

He suddenly had a special feeling...

"Has Belle never been treated well back at home?" he wondered.

He didn't consider himself a nice person, he was just doing what mM anyone ige, would do However, Belle sbelrle grateful for some of the trivial things he did. The content is on Read the latest chapter there!

The Miller family was quite rich compared to the ordinary families.

Though Belle wasn't as favored as Yana in the Miller family, he deemed she was at least loved. Adam suddenly thought of what Belle said just now.

She said marrying him was her only way out.

"Why is marrying someone like me a way out for her? W {kind othfe did she liveyg chaMillorPamily?"

ndered Adam. The content is on Read the latest chapter there!

For the first time, Adam became interested in Belle's past.

Adam never enjoyed compromising his own desires, so when he became

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a phone call and commanded, "| want to know everything about Belle. Have her file delivered to my desk tomorrow morning. The content is on Read the latest chapter there!

After hanging up, he looked at Belle, who was asleep, and chuckled softly. Being with her forever?

He was looking forward to it.

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When Belle woke up the next day, it was still dark.

"Is it still early in the morning? Then I'll sleep a little longer," she thought.

Just as she was about to go back to sleep, Belle was alerted and suddenly sat up. In horror, she looked at the servant standing by the bed.

"What are you doing here?" she asked.

Someone had been watching her while she was asleep!

The servant hurriedly said, "Mr. Landor told me to wait here until you wake up." Belle was stunned for a moment before asking, "What time is it now?"

"It's eleven in the morning. Mr. Landor wanted to wait for you to have breakfast with him, but you slept soundly, so Mr. Landor had his breakfast first and then went to the office," the servant replied.

Belle was at a loss for words. It was already eleven o'clock!

She glanced at the curtains. These black curtains completely blocked the light, which made her think it was still dark outside, so she kept sleeping.

She couldn't believe that she slept until lunchtime the first day after her wedding. Belle suddenly had an urge to burst into tears with shame.

But she maintained a calm expression on her face.

"Oh, | overslept. Belle coughed lightly. "Next time, you can just wake me up." "Yes, madam" the servant replied softly.

She moved forward to help Belle get dressed and wash up.

However, Belle hurriedly refused. She preferred to get dressed by herself.

Belle freshened up as quickly as she could.

When she went downstairs, she saw Penelope comforting a servant gently.

Seeing Belle arrive, Penelope immediately smiled at her and said, "Good morning, Belle. Adam has gone to the office again. He's such a workaholic, not even willing to take a few days off after getting

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married. Don't be mad at him, okay?"

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Belle walked over calmly and said with a smile, "Why would | be mad? The

Storm Group is a prominent company, and it's only natural for Adam to be occupied. Aunt Penelope, | am grateful for Adam's demanding job as it enables me to live a prosperous life. To express dissatisfaction. would be ungrateful, wouldn't it?"

The corners of Penelope's lips twitched.

Though Belle was talking about her own opinions, Penelope was somewhat embarrassed by the word "ungrateful."

In an instant, Penelope became wary of Belle.

She started to realize Belle wasn't someone she could deal with casily.

With these thoughts in mind, however, Penelope's smile became even brighter. She said gently. "It's great if you think that way." Belle glanced at the servant who was still sobbing and changed the subject. "What happened here?"

Penelope sighed. "Speaking of this, Belle, please try and convince Adam to reconsider his decision. The rumors about him are already getting out of hand. If he doesn't control his temper, things will only get worse."

Belle felt puzzled. "What exactly happened?" she asked.

Penelope looked at the servant with sympathy. "Her name is Tessa. Her mother is seriously ill, so she started working after graduating from high school. Earlier this morning, she accidentally spilled coffee on Adam's suit. You know, a suit doesn't matter to him at all since he already has so many, but he fired Tessa after such a minor mistake. | think that's a little too harsh. Things are already bad enough as it is for Tessa. I'm not Adam's mother, so he never listens to me. But you're his wife. Maybe he'll listen to you."

"Mrs. Landor, please help me," Tessa cried. "If I'm fired, | won't have money to buy the required medicine for my mother, and she will die."

As Tessa said that, she was about to kneel down in front of Belle.

Belle quickly grabbed her and prevented her from kneeling down.

Tessa didn't expect that Belle, who appeared slim and weak, to be so strong.

Tessa failed to kneel down, so she could only look at Belle pitifully. "Mrs. Landor, please help me and my mother." 2/5

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Tessa was crying her eyes put, but Belle felt a little uncomfortable seeing her cry.

She glanced at Penelope, who was still sighing helplessly, and suddenly asked, "You said she began working after she finished high school, so does she have any unique skille?"

Penelope froze for a moment and then replied. "No, but her mother is seriously ill. | pitied her so.

"Aunt Penelope. Belle looked at Penelope with a faint smile. "The Miller family can be considered small and insignificant compared to the Landor family, but we check our servants' qualifications and unique skills when we hire them. How come such a prestigious family like the Landor family doesn't consider its servants' professionalism but instead only considers whether they are pitiful or

not:5 Not expecting Belle to suddenly say something like that, both Penelope and Tessa were dumbfounded.

Tessa cried even harder. "Please don't blame Mrs. Penelope Landor. She is just kindhearted and took me in because she pitied

me.

Belle looked at her without being moved. "There are many unfortunate people in the world. The way the Landor family should help them is by establishing various charity funds and let the professionals help them. We shouldn't bring them into our homes to cause trouble. Isn't that right, Aunt Penelope?"

Belle's words were a little harsh.

Penelope struggled to maintain her composure and said slowly, "I... | didn't think about such things

back then."

This time, it was Belle's turn to sigh.

"Aunt Penelope, Adans trusts you and has entrusted the management of the Landor family to you. You shouldn't let him down." Penelope remained silent.

Belle then looked at Tessa again and asked, "How much is the suit that was stained with coffee this morning worth?"

What was happening now was different to what Tessa had expected, so she glanced at Penelope in a panic.

Penelope forced a smile on her face. "Adam's clothes are all custom-made, and that coat must cost hundreds of thousands of dollars."

"Hundreds of thousands of dollars?" Belle glanced at Tessa. "A simple stain can completely ruin an expensive custom suit, so when are you going to compensate for it?"

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Compensate... compensate?" Tossa immediately panicked and once again she looked at Penelope.

Penelope remained silent with a dark face.

Texxa immediately burst into tears. "Mrs. Landor, how can | afford such a large amount of money?" Belle stood there and watched Tessa burst into tears with a cold face. She showed no sympathy at all.

After crying for some time, Tessa realized that something was wrong and immediately stopped. At that moment, Belle calmly handed her a handkerchief.

Tessa hesitated but still took the handkerchief. Then she cautiously glanced at Belle. ede S teneglher toe!" ou are supposed to compensate for the suit after damaging something so expensive, but did Adam ask you to pay for the suit?" The content is on Read the latest chapter there!

Tessa was stunned for a moment and then shook her head.

"He didn't. He just fired you. According to the rules of the Landor family, those who get fined receive an oferens thrdefro hs' salary. With that money, you can support yourself and your mother's medical fees until you find another job," Belle said softly. "Do you still think he's cruel The content is on Read the latest chapter there!

now?"

Belle wasn't a Saint. She felt the way that Adam dealt with this matter was absolutely right. After Belle pointed this out, Tessa's lips trembled and she began to feel a little guilty.

Indeed, Adam had only fired her, which was already lenient..

Tessa now felt Adam was so kind and generous, but she deliberately cried in front of Belle after receiving instructions from Penelope. With that thought in mind, Tessa felt ashamed of herself. She kept her head down and stopped talking. Belle patted Tessa's shoulder. "Tessa, being a servant isn't as simple as you think. If you truly like the Landor family, consider learning the necessary skills for this position. Who knows, perhaps one day you might be rehired."

"| understand," Tessa wiped the tears from her face and said softly. She had obviously calmed down.

"Go and collect your salary," Belle said softly. "If you have trouble with supporting your Moyne yau can'! apply, fansehie Charity funds at the Landor family's relief organization. They will provide you with financial aid after they verify your situation." The content is on Read the latest chapter there!

Tessa's eyes lit up. She then thanked Belle before leaving.

Penelope, who had witnessed the entire process, thought to herself, "Is this Belle a monster? | 4/5

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hoped to exploit Tessa, buy Belle solved the problem with just a few words!"