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Corinne then continued, "It's different for you, though. If you want to get marrie d in the future, you'd want a well—

matched and wealthy family, yes? Don't you think you'll only embarrass yours elf if you were sent back by your in-

laws because you're not diligent enough and can't even do basic chores? I'm specifically creating a learning opportunity for you,

and I believe you'll be able to do it by starting with your chores."

"You..." Francine gritted her teeth, evidently irked. "You're a sly woman, Corin ne! I'm not going to do these dirty house chores regardless of what you say to day! Hmph!"

Corinne remained calm as she said, "If you don't want to do it, that's fine too. This household doesn't need a second idler in this household aside from me, so **I'll** tell your brother to send you to live with your mom once he comes b ack later tonight."

She came to know about Francine's

weakness earlier that morning when Jeremy reprimanded Francine, and it turn ed out that Francine drew the line at leaving the Holdens and having **to** live wi th her mother.

Though the reasons behind that might be unclear, it was sufficient that Corinn e knew what the reason was.

Francine nearly lost it at that moment, and she pointed angrily at Corinne. "Corinne, you... You..."

Corinne smiled devilishly. "What'll it be, then? The chores, or living with your mother?"

Francine did not want to do the chores, but she was genuinely afraid that Corinne might tell Jeremy to send her away. After all, Jeremy was bewitched by Corinne's beauty and could not extricate himself

from her charm. As a result, he would listen to every single thing that Corinne said.

'D\*mn you, Corinne! I'll get my revenge on you one day!'

## Francine gritted

her teeth and caved in. "Fine, I'll do it! This is just a bit of housework anyway!

"I can't wait **to** see the results." Corinne smiled, then turned to Bowen and sai d, "I won't be home after lunch, Bowen, and I'm sure you've heard Miss Francine willingly say that she'll be doing all the housework. If anyone dares to help her with the work, their actions are to be construed a s tendering their resignation. I hope you can set an example for the other serv ants and supervise her on my behalf."

Bowen was taken aback by her courage. "Yes, Ma'am!"

Francine stared at Corinne viciously, wishing that her stares were potent enough to kill Corinne, but Corinne ignored Francine's glares and walked leisurely back to her room. She then changed into the clothes that she planned to wear when she went out.

After lunch, she looked at the time and saw that it was still far too early for Jer emy to get off work. It would be such a bore to wait for him, and she did not want to sleep again like a lazy woman, **so she** decided to go to Newmoon Group.

Xante and Aaron were

very excited to see her when she arrived at the president's office.

Aaron joked, "You look pretty rosy today, boss. Did you have a wonderful night last night?"

Corinne's cheeks turned slightly red. She flipped through the documents in he r hand, raised her eyes, and glanced at him sullenly. "Can't you think about so mething else?"

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Aaron shrugged his shoulders. "I'm just curious to know how you took him do wn."

Corinne was speechless.

Xante came over with a cup of coffee and kicked Aaron. "Buzz off! Can't you s ee that she's going over some work—related documents? Why are you bringing up such pointless things?"

Aaron patted the side of his trousers that had been kicked, seemingly disguste d by the dirt on the soles of Xante's high heels.

Xante placed the coffee cup on the desk and pushed it to Corinne's hand. "Did you really reconcile with Mister Jeremy last night?"

Corinne kept quiet.

Aaron rolled his eyes. "Tch! You've got some nerve to ask that question after you kicked me for doing the same thing! Aren't you just as curious as I am?"

Corinne did not entertain their gossip and turned to the last page of the financi al statement in her hand. "Not bad! The financial report for the second half of the year has improved a lot compared to the first half of the year. You've both worked very hard. We still need to expand on the real estate development projects in the south, since we're still far behind some **of** the more experienced re al estate groups."

Xante has always been very focused and dedicated when it came to work. She nodded after hearing that and said, "Understood!"

Corinne closed the folder and took a sip of coffee.

# Xante suddenly

remembered something and reported to her, "By the way, boss, the Holden. G roup's previous design commission for their new office building has been completed. They're very satisfied with the final version of the design you provided, and we'll be in charge of the tower's construction project, too."

Corinne sipped her coffee pensively. After a moment, she said, "I'll handle the construction, project and keep tabs on it."

Xante was a little surprised and adjusted the gold-

rimmed spectacles on her face. "Are you sure you want to scrutinize the const ruction project in person? You'll be exposed to the elements at the construction site, not to mention the possible dangers of falling objects. You're pregnant now, so-'

Corinne narrowed her eyes sternly. "I know what I'm doing. Nothing's going to happen."

Xante wanted to persuade her not to overexert herself while pregnant, but Aar on nudged her arm before she could **say** anything.

"Can't **you** see, Xante? Holden Group used to be just a client, but Jeremy is her man now. She'll only feel at ease **if** she supervises the project in person!"

Corinne was speechless. Aaron's words were very obnoxious at times.

Xante finally understood what was happening, but she still expressed her con cern. "I can send our people to keep a close watch on the progress so you do n't need to put yourself at any risk."

Corinne remained steadfast in her decision and waved her hand slightly. "Ther e's no need for that. I'll supervise it myself."

She had done the same for the Crescent Tower.

Although she could easily entrust the project to one of the subsidiary construct ion companies, such a large project required so much of material and manpo wer that it would be inevitable for the other company to cut corners.

Should everything go well, Holden Group's new office building would be the pl ace where Jeremy would work for the next few decades. During that period, no one could guarantee that New Capital City would be free of an y natural or man–made disasters.

She wanted his long-

term workplace to be safe without any hidden dangers. She would thus feel more reassured if she personally saw the project through to completion.

Aaron suddenly leaned over, put his arms on the desk, and looked up at her w hile pretending to be jealous. "Seeing you doting on Mister Jeremy so much m akes me jealous, boss!"

Corinne came back to her senses, raised the folder in her hand, and patted Aaron's head. "Can't you be a little less shameless? You're becoming more unruly recently! You're not young anymore, so you should learn to grow up! And touch some grass if you have time to spare!"

Xante sneered and said gloatingly, "Yeah!"

Aaron rubbed his forehead. "Bold of you to chastise me, Xante. You and I are the same, and you're not that good a person either!

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Nante glanced at Aaron coldly and said, "She's scolding you! Don't put me in the same. category as you!"

Corinne ignored them and looked at the time. She had another hour to go bef ore the work day. ended, and she could probably reach Holden Group just in time for Jeremy to clock off if she took a taxi right then.

She put down her coffee, got up from the office chair, and said, "Go back to yo ur respective duties. I'll be leaving."

Aaron said reluctantly, "Where are you going? Aren't you going to have dinner with us?"

"I'm heading to Holden Group to pick Jeremy up from work." Corinne waved her hand without looking back and pushed open the door of the president's office.

Aaron looked at the door that had been closed shut and shook his head in am azement. "Tsk, tsk, tsk. She's so madly in love with him that it's nauseating!"

Xante snapped back to her senses and looked at him in disgust. "Go back to y our office and stay jealous here!"

Corinne went to a cafe directly opposite the Holden Group's building, took a seat at a table by the window, and ordered a cup of coffee.

Her table had a good view of the building's main entrance, and she could see Jeremy getting off work for the first time. She went there without informing Jer emy in advance because she wanted to surprise him, and also wanted to see how he would react when he suddenly saw her coming to fetch him from work.

'What sort of expression will that suavely dressed, stern—faced man have when he sees her all of a sudden? Must be a pretty amusing one!' Corinne unconsciously had an excited smile on her lips when she thought of that.

All of a sudden, someone patted her on the shoulder from behind.

'Who is it?' Corinne snapped back to her senses, looked up vigilantly, and sa w a familiar face.

The panting Annie sat opposite her; she seemed to be gasping for breath. She grabbed the coffee from Corinne's hand and drank a few sips before saying, "I nearly died of exhaustion to try and catch up to you, Corinne!"

Corinne raised her eyebrows in confusion and looked at how out of breath An nie was. "You were catching up to me? When did you start to chase me?"

Annie calmed her breathing and said, "I... I chased you from Newmoon Group, but my car suddenly broke down halfway. I couldn't get a taxi, so I... I ran all the way here!"

Corinne narrowed her eyes. When she saw how profusely Annie was sweatin g, she raised her hand to the waiter in the cafe and said, "Can you bring a gla ss of iced water for her, please?

Thanks "

"One iced water coming up."

When the waiter brought the iced water over, Corinne looked intently at Annie and questioned her, "Your car broke down and you couldn't get a taxi, but I was in a taxi. You shouldn't have

been able to keep track of where I went. How did you end up coming here?"

"Uh... I..." Annie had a guilty conscience and sipped her water to ease her embarrassment.

Corinne looked at her apprehensively. "You weren't planning to catch up to me at all, were you? I bet you were secretly following me."

Annie remained in deep thought for some time but was unable to think of a sui table excuse. In a moment of anxiousness, she blurted out the truth. "Okay! I admit it. I wanted to follow you! I lost track of where you were headed after my car broke down, but since I wasn't too far away from Ho Iden Group, I decided to look for my uncle. I then happened to see you sitting in the cafe, so I decided to come in and meet you!

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"Out with it, Annie. Why were you following me?" Corinne asked curtly despite having a good guess of what it was about.

Annie pouted. "I... I just wanted to find out where you went, and why you went there alone."

Corinne folded her arms slowly. "Why are you so interested in my itinerary? Answer me honestly."

Annie felt ashamed because she knew stalking was wrong, but once she remembered that she did all that because of her mission, she puffed her c hest and raised her head to ask, "Because... Because I saw you exiting the o ffice of Newmoon Group's president. What's your relationship?

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Corinne kept her composure and answered, "We're childhood friends. Is some thing wrong with that?"

#### Annie

was taken aback, in shock and awe. "Childhood friends? How are you childho od friends with Newmoon Group's president? Didn't you grow up in the countryside when you were younger?"

Corinne looked at her insipidly. "Are you suggesting that people from the coun tryside can never succeed in starting a company? Is it strange that I'm friends with someone successful enough to become the president of a company?"

Annie quickly waved her hand. "No, no! That's not what I meant! I just thought you and Newmoon Group's president are-"

Corinne finished the sentence for Annie. "Are having an affair?"

Annie felt even more ashamed. "I... That's what I heard from Tommy. He told me that you got married to Newmoon Group's Aaron Rhode, so I... I..."

Corinne was silent. Such a misunderstanding did happen between herself and Jeremy before, with Jeremy mistakenly believing that she and Aaron were married. Tommy, as Jeremy's right- hand man, would understand ably share the same view too.

## Annie sighed

worriedly. "You might not know this, but Uncle Jeremy hasn't been the same. ever since you left. He'd always be low—

spirited, and it was like his life was turned upside down. When I heard that you married another man, I immediately planned to help him get back with you!"

Corinne came back to her senses and asked, "And what did you plan to do?"

"First," Annie said resolutely, "I'll apply for a job at Newmoon Group. Then, I'll seduce your husband Aaron so he'll cheat on you. He'll get disgusted by you after that, and finally, Uncle Jeremy will swoop in to take you back!"

After hearing Annie's plan, Corinne's lips twitched, and she felt speechless lik e never before.

Annie was the kind of sucker for love whose thought process was incredibly different from normal people.

Corinne facepalmed. "Which phase of the plan are you on right now?"

"I've applied for the job at Newmoon Group, and I've been working there **for** a while now!"

'I get it now. So Annie went to work in Newmoon Group, which was why she s aw me coming out of the president's office earlier.'

Corinne looked helplessly at the silly girl. "How did you seduce Aaron, then?"

Annie shook her head dejectedly. "Sigh. I haven't managed to seduce him yet! I didn't even have the chance to do so. Your husb—I mean, your friend doesn't usually spend a lot of time at the company, and he's always busy with work whenever he clocks in. I sometimes try to find a chan

ce to give him a cup of coffee, but he never once looked at me! It reached the point where I'm starting to doubt

myself! Am I that ugly? Do men not find me attractive?" Corinne heaved a sigh of relief that she did not get bullied by Aaron.

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Corinne looked at Annie's delicate, fair—complexioned face. 'You're pretty, but your IQ leaves much to be desired.'

"You're beautiful, but you're just not his type."

Annie blinked. "I'm not? Then what's his type?"

Corinne said, "You don't have to worry about that anymore, and you no longer have to seduce him. Jeremy and I are together now."

Annie was surprised. "You reconciled with him? When?!"

"Yesterday." Corinne nodded. She glanced at the time before turning to look a t the Holden Group's entrance.

"It's only been a day, then. Still, I'm glad you reconciled with him! I can rest at ease for a while now, or I'm worried he'd start to suffer from depression!"

"Don't you think your impression of him is a little too fragile? Even if I don't rec oncile with him, he wouldn't go so far as to get depressed and mope over it!"

Annie said very

seriously, "He will, I swear! My uncle cares about you too much! You have to believe me **on** this! He'll get depressed without you by his side, so you must promise never to leave him again!"

Corinne still felt that Annie was exaggerating. She placed her arms on the table, rested her chin lazily on her palm, and gazed thoughtfully at the Holden Group building. Though she no longer doubted her position in Jeremy's heart, she sometimes felt that everything was a little. surreal. Her first encounter with him was so dramatic and disharmonious that she never expected them to one day turn into lovers.

Annie then suddenly leaned over furtively, "So... Since you and Uncle Jeremy have gotten back together... Do you think you can help me?"

Corinne snapped back to her senses and looked at Annie. "With what?"

Annie blushed and said, "I... I want to win over your childhood friend's heart. You seem to know his type well, so can you help me?"

"Cough, cough!" Corinne choked on her breath and glared at Annie.

Annie was puzzled by Corinne's ghastly look toward her. She felt very embarr assed at first, and she soon found it a little uncomfortable to be stared at like t hat. "What's wrong, Corinne?"

Corinne needed a while to regain her composure, and she finally frowned, saying, "Nothing. What is it about Aaron that caught your eye?"

Annie unconsciously revealed her lovestruck expression when she thought of Aaron. "He's handsome! He loves to smile, and he's always so bubbly! His smile is just so charming that it brightens my day whenever I see him! He's also very patient, and he speaks softly to all his employees. He's exactly the kind of man I like! To be honest, I nearly abandoned my plan from the moment I laid eyes on him. I can understand why you'd marry him instead of my aloof uncle!"

Corinne massaged her temples. "That's because you don't understand Aaron' s nature! I

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suggest you find someone else because Aaron isn't suitable for you."

The blow she suffered before even doing anything left Annie puzzled. "Why? Do you think I'm not good enough for your childhood friend?"

Corinne said, "No, you're more than good enough for him. He's the one who is n't good

enough to be with you." She was not trying to belittle Aaron on purpose—Aaron was simply terrible at dating.

Every girl who dated him ended up heartbroken.

Annie shook her head. "He's so handsome! Why isn't he good enough to be w ith you? I'm begging you, Corinne! Just help me! He's exactly the kind of guy I like!"

Corinne did not know how to deal with her lovestruck niece. She glanced out the window and saw Jeremy coming out of the Holden Group. Her eyes then lit up immediately as if she had seen her savior.

"Annie, look! Uncle Jeremy just got off work!"

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Corinne got up and ran out, worried that Jeremy might get in the car and leave if she was too

late.

Annie looked out of the glass window and chased after her too.

"Mister!"

Jeremy was about to lean over to get into the car when he heard a familiar voice. He then stopped and turned, only to see Corinne trotting toward him quickly and jumping slightly to hug him as soon as she came up to him.

Jeremy positioned his body to support her and grasped her firmly. "Why are you here at this hour?"

Corinne wrapped her hands affectionately around his neck. "Waiting for you at home bored the hell out of me, so I decided to come fetch you once you get off work!"

Jeremy's stern black eyes were filled with warmth. "Fetch me from work? That virtuous, huh?" Corinne rested her head on the man's shoulder and snorted, "Aren't you happy?"

Jeremy smiled. "Yes, I am. It's not often that my woman will fetch me on her own accord, but you can't just leave home like this in your condition. Just wait for me at home next time. I'll go home straight after work."

Corinne tightened her hug on his neck and refused. "What's wrong with my current

condition? I'm pregnant, not sick! And besides, I'm not that fragile. The doctor said it's good. for the baby if the mother doesn't laze around. That way, our child will be healthy and strong!" The man frowned. He was not worried about her exerting herself with her daily movement, but his main fear was that something might happen to her outside. After all, a lot of people were targeting the Holdens, and he was worried that she might be in danger if those people targeted her.

Jeremy could not do anything about it, so he held her and placed his palms on her head. He did not want to be too stern with her for the moment and felt that it would be better for her to talk about it once they return home.

The security guards who escorted Jeremy out were shocked. They had been in the company for many years, but they had never seen such a gentle expression on his face before. It was truly an eye-opening moment for them.

Tommy was still waiting on orders, so Jeremy glanced up and said to him, "Leave the car with me. You and the driver can clock off now."

"Yes, sir." Tommy looked at the reconciled couple and felt a wave of emotion in his heart. After nodding in acknowledgment of Jeremy's order, he opened the front passenger seat and informed the driver that they could leave.

Jeremy walked over with Corinne in his arms and placed her safely in the front passenger seat. He fastened her seat belt and asked, "Didn't you say you were going to treat me to something delicious? What are we eating today?"

Corinne cocked her eyebrow. "I thought I sent you the address? Just go straight there!"

Jeremy closed the car door for her, walked over to the driver's side, and got in. He started the engine and was about to press his foot on the accelerator when someone got in the rear seat. Annie folded her arms, frowned, and said with a reprimanding look, "You're so mean, Uncle Jeremy! Why didn't you tell me that you and Corinne got back together?"

Jeremy looked up at the rearview mirror to look at Annie, who had gotten into the car without his permission. "Are you my elder? Why do I have to report everything to you?"

Annie scoffed immediately. "Well, you have to! I was so worried that you'd get depressed and do something stupid because Corinne wasn't around. I wouldn't have been so worried if I knew earlier that the two of you reconciled and got together!"

'Get depressed and do something stupid?' Jeremy's expression soured. "Well, now you know. If there's nothing else, please get out of the car and go home!"

Annie did not intend to leave at all. "I heard that you were going to have dinner with Corinne, and I happen to be famished too. I'm coming along!"

Jeremy said impatiently, "If you're hungry, you can get out of the car and eat dinner at home!" Annie pouted unhappily and ignored him. She turned to Corinne and pleaded, "Corinne! Uncle Jeremy isn't letting me tag along! But you'll let me come with you two, right?"

Corinne kept quiet. She actually felt a headache coming on because Annie was probably still thinking about asking her to help chase Aaron.

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Annie's cute expression made Corinne hesitate. She could not bear to refuse, so she nodded and said, "Sure."

Annie was elated. "I knew you'd bring me along! Hehe!"

Jeremy was not pleased with the sudden addition of a third wheel. He frowned and looked at Corinne. "Weren't you just going to treat me to dinner?"

Corinne shrugged her shoulders and said, "It's just one extra person! Don't be so stingy!"

Annie leaned forward and got in between them. "Yeah! I'm your niece! Why are you so stingy about letting me join you for dinner?"

Jeremy glanced sternly at Annie. "Sit back down if you want to tag along."

His scolding prompted her to sit back down obediently on the back seat.

Jeremy then pressed the accelerator and drove off.

At a private kitchen, Corinne ordered a few of their signature dishes and handed the menu to Annie so she could order.

Annie took the menu happily and did not hesitate to order her favorite food and drink.

Once she was done, Corinne took the menu back and handed it to Jeremy. "Is there anything you want to add?"

Jeremy lowered his eyes, glanced at the menu, and sneered instead of taking it from her. "Do I have to order something?"

Corinne could hear that he was angry, so she smiled and said drily, "Of course! You're the one who's being treated to dinner!"

"Oh, I'm surprised you're aware that I'm the one being treated. For a second, I thought I was your driver today!" Jeremy pretended to be angry, but he eventually took the menu from her. He ordered a few dishes that were lighter on the palate along with some soup.

The two girls ordered some greasy and spicy food, which Corinne should be eating in moderation because she was pregnant.

Although he was not too happy, he was more concerned for her health.

His unhappiness stemmed from how engrossed Corinne was in talking with Annie when they were on the way to the restaurant. He, on the other hand, was unable to join in on their conversation at all.

Corinne walked into the restaurant while holding hands with Annie the moment they got out, and they chatted away so happily that Corinne never bothered to check on him.

Once they sat at the table, Corinne asked Annie to order first, and she only gave him the menu. last. It was as if the person Corinne wanted to treat was not Annie instead of him!

When Corinne heard what sort of dishes Jeremy ordered, she knew that he ordered them for her. At the same time, she did not ignore the displeasure on Jeremy's face.

Her lips twitched, and she was surprised that Jeremy would be jealous of his own niece.

Corinne did not mind Annie's presence at all as she reached out to hold Jeremy's handsome face. She rubbed his cheeks mischievously and said, "You're thinking too much! Why would I think of you as my driver? No driver is as handsome as you!"

A smile appeared on Jeremy's cold yet handsome face, and he patted Corinne's head lightly." Who did you learn all that sweet-talking from?"

Annie rested her chin on her palm and looked enviously at their affectionate behavior. She was reminded of her status as a single woman and lamented, "Sigh! I wonder when I'll be able to get into such a sweet relationship."

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Annie's lament drew Corinne and Jeremy's attention, who both frowned concernedly. 'It'd be best if this sucker for love doesn't get into too many relationships.'

The waiter then came in and served some appetizers.

Annie seemed to be in a trance, so Corinne placed some salad on Annie's plate. "Why are you. spacing out? Didn't you say you were hungry? It's time to eat!"

Annie came to her senses and smiled. "Thanks!"

Corinne then placed some food into Jeremy's plate too, lest that petty man start getting jealous over his niece.

Annie was a chatterbox who continued to talk while she ate. "By the way, have you and Corinne obtained your marriage certificate?"

Corinne and Jeremy were stumped.

Jeremy tilted his head and glanced at Corinne. "Not yet."

Annie frowned seriously. "Why not? Aren't you afraid she'll run away with someone else one day if she's unhappy? Getting the certificate should be a

priority! You should make sure to lock her down after all that effort you took to get her back!"

Jeremy was speechless.

He did not respond to what Annie said and had a slightly complicated expression on his face. He then picked up the glass of water and took a sip.

Corinne did not take Annie's words seriously at first, but Jeremy's silence caught her attention. 'He doesn't seem to want to get a marriage certificate with me."

Annie thought that Jeremy was just trying to act tough and was worried about getting rejected. if he asked about it.

She then said on Jeremy's behalf, "You and Uncle Jeremy should get the certificate done tomorrow. That way, the two of you won't have anything to worry about in the future!"

Corinne glanced at the man beside her. Upon seeing that he was still silently drinking his water, she slowly took a bite of her food and said, "There's no rush."

Annie looked puzzled. "No rush? What do you mean? Haven't you two had enough fun? Why aren't you getting the certificate as soon as you can? If I've identified the person that I want to be with for the rest of my life, I'd be excited to get the marriage certificate!"

Corinne looked down and said bluntly, "A marriage certificate is just a piece of paper. Its purpose is to protect both parties' assets and facilitate asset division during divorce. I don't want his money, so there's no point for me to get the certificate. Even if you get it early, it won't be able to stop you if you one day decide to get a divorce! It's unnecessary for those who are confident that they'll remain with their partner for life."

"Wow! That makes sense!" Annie was stunned. She then had a look of admiration as she said, You're such a sassy woman! I'm going to learn from you to be confident in my relationships and walk away if I have to!"

Corinne smiled, said nothing, and continued to eat.

After listening to Corinne's views on obtaining the certificate, Jeremy's complexion changed subtly. He narrowed his eyes, and his thoughts remained an enigma as he kept quiet and placed the glass down.

The atmosphere started to get a little awkward.

As dull as Annie was, she could sense that something was amiss. She looked at the silent Jeremy, and then at Corinne who ate quietly, and was puzzled. 'Why are they so quiet now when they were so lovey-dovey with each other earlier?'

Annie was particularly uneasy because of that awkward atmosphere, so she thought for a while and decided to strike up another conversation. "Ahem! Even if you don't get a marriage certificate, you still need to take a set of wedding photos to commemorate your marriage!"

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"Uncle," Annie said, "your wedding to Corinne was so simple that not a single photo was taken! Why don't the two of you get a professional photoshoot now that you two are back together?"

Before Jeremy could speak, Corinne smiled coldly and said, "Forget it. He probably doesn't like taking pictures."

Annie frowned, looked at the man, and asked, "Are you going to tell me that you don't even plan on taking any wedding photos?"

He looked at Corinne and said, "I don't mind taking photos once in a while."

Corinne raised her head and glanced at Jeremy in surprise. Since he did not want to get a marriage certificate with her, she was sure he thought it was a waste of time to take wedding photos.

She was surprised that he agreed.

As soon as she heard Jeremy's willingness for the photoshoot, Annie immediately became excited. "Great! I happen to have a friend who works in a studio, so I'll book a slot for you right now. Treat it as a belated wedding gift for you two!"

Corinne remained uninterested. "You don't have to, Annie. We can talk about it later."

Annie ignored Corinne's pleas and excused herself to make a call.

Corinne could only sigh helplessly.

"You don't want to take photos with me?" the man asked in an inquisitive yet sarcastic

manner.

Corinne was stunned for a moment as she turned around to look at him. She then answered calmly, "I do. I just don't want to waste your time by doing such pointless things with me." Jeremy rubbed her head. "It's not pointless. We ought to have a portrait of us at home." Corinne did not like to keep her feelings pent up, so she finally asked, "Then why aren't you interested in getting the marriage certificate?"

Jeremy was silent for two seconds before saying to her in an extremely gentle tone, "We'll discuss this later. Besides, you don't care about that piece of paper, do you?"

Corinne looked up and stared quietly at Jeremy's eyes for a long time. His gaze could be warm or indifferent, but it was usually difficult to tell what he was thinking.

When she regained her senses, she smiled and said, "Yeah, it's not that important to me."

She was telling the truth when she said she did not care about such formalities, but she just found it a little hard to accept that did not have any reason for refusing to get the marriage certificate.

Even if she did not care about that piece of paper, she was unable to act as if nothing happened when faced with his vague stance.

There was a slight ache in her heart and the food did not taste as good anymore!

The man scooped some soup for her and blew it to cool the soup before feeding it to her. "You need to drink some soup too."

He seemed to show concern for her as though the entire conversation about the marriage certificate did not happen.

"Thank you." Corinne took the soup bowl and drank the soup without his help.

Annie ran back excitedly, "You two should finish your food as soon as you can! Your slot for the photoshoot is tonight, right after you're done eating!"

Corinne frowned slightly. "Right after?"

Annie nodded. "Yeah. Lots of people are getting married recently, and all the slots have been booked for the next three months! My friend specifically made time for us tonight, or we would've had to wait months!"

'Forget it, I'm not in the mood for a photoshoot right now' was what she intended to say, but Jeremy spoke before she could. "Okay. We'll go once she's done eating."

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Corinne looked at Jeremy in surprise. 'He's willing to do a wedding photoshoot right now?'

Annie sat back down, excited that there was something to look forward to, and it was such a boost to her mood that even the food tasted much better than before.

"I can't wait to see you in a wedding dress! I bet you'll look stunning!"

Corinne's lips twitched as she continued to drink her soup pensively. 'He's not willing to get a marriage certificate with me, but he's excited to do a wedding photoshoot with me. I wonder what goes on in his mind."

The studio owned by Annie's friend was well-known in the city as a luxury photoshoot studio. Many celebrities were said to have had their shots taken for their wedding, portraits, and magazine covers.

She intentionally did not reveal her uncle's identity to her friend, fearing that her friend might feel pressured by his identity when taking photos of her uncle. Even so, her friend still felt unprecedented pressure upon seeing Jeremy.

His aura was simply too strong, and anyone could tell he had an extraordinary character. It was miles ahead of those A-list male celebrities that had their photos taken at the studio! "What does your uncle do, Annie? He looks handsome, but he gives off this unapproachable vibe!"

"Oh, he's just an ordinary businessman! You're right, though. He is handsome and seems unapproachable, but you don't need to worry so much about all that! Just make him look good in the photos, and more importantly, make sure to capture every single stunning detail of my beautiful aunt!"

"Don't worry. I'm a professional!"

Corinne and Jeremy sat on the sofa in the waiting area while watching Annie chatting with her feminine photographer friend.

The wait was a little boring for Corinne, so she took a book from the table and read it.

Jeremy handed her a bottle of unopened mineral water. "Drink some water."

Corinne mindlessly took a sip of water and returned the bottle to the man.

After taking the bottle back, he took a sip before screwing the cap back on.

Annie brought Corinne to choose the wedding dress before Corinne got her makeup and hair done.

Corinne was not in the mood to take wedding photos, but she remembered that her baby bump was not that obvious and would be obscured in the wedding photo. If her baby bump had been any more noticeable, she would have had to wait until the baby was delivered before the photos were taken.

For that reason, Corinne did not object to Annie's rushed photoshoot.

The situation was much simpler on the men's end, and the choice of clothes was just suits of different colors. After changing into a suit, Jeremy returned to sit in the waiting area. He

flipped through a magazine and drank some coffee while waiting for Corinne to come back out.

"Ta-da! Look, Uncle Jeremy!" Annie came over and said in an excited voice.

Jeremy lifted her gaze and saw an angelic white dress gracing Corinne's figure. He was stunned for a moment, and his pupils trembled too.

Annie was gently ushering out Corinne, who was wearing a trailing wedding dress. It was the first time she wore something like that, and she looked evidently shy with her gaze lowered.

Jeremy's eyes lit up, and his gaze was fixated on her. She was so beautiful that it was almost as if she was glowing!

Her makeup was done too, and she looked prettier than those who tended to wear heavy makeup, even though she was not the kind to usually put on makeup. After all, she was naturally beautiful.

However, on the rare occasion when she dressed like that, a layer of womanliness was added to her usual impish cuteness.

"Uncle Jeremy! Hello? Are you too stunned to see her?" Annie waved her hand in front of Jeremy's eyes.

Jeremy came back to his senses, frowned, and glared at his niece. "You can go home if you have nothing else to do!"

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