

# A Love Forgotten (Arianna and Elijah)

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He Kinghed dryly. "I never wanted his money. After all, we're only in the early stages of dating"

clocked on tongue in dissatisfaction as I said it.

I thought about my relationship with Logan. I didn't think I felt anything. He was like a breath of fresh air, appearing in my world of darkness. Then, without a word, he stayed. We had a decent relationship, but it lacked passion Perhaps we were trying to avoid suspicion. Avoid suspicions? The words flickered in my mind. Instantly, the black card in my hand didn't seem as intimidating anymore.

Teidi't know why I was suddenly upset. She urged me to get ready and quickly head out to ripe that card

I changed into a dress and put on light makeup.

As I was cleaning up. Mr. Webb-called.

"Ms. York Mr. Linden wants to settle with you outside of court,"

I was confused "Has he agreed to settle?"

Mr. Webb said, "Yes I suggest listening to Mr. Linden's proposal. If we're agreeable to the terms, we don't need to take this to court."

I paused for a long time before asking. "Is he really willing to return the money to

Mr. Webbhetated briefly. "He should return some of it, but we need to discuss this. Mr. Linden said he'd like to discuss the specifics with you personally."

Tinstinctively avoided it. "I don't want to speak to him face-to-face about this "

Mr. Webb sighed. "know. Why don't we meet with Mr. Linden's lawyer to find out more?"

I quickly nodded, "Okay, go ahead. It's best if we can come to an agreement, but..

I hesitated for a long time before I said, "Tell Elijah I don't want to talk about it face-to-face, I don't want that at

Mr. Webb replied Elijah swiftly.

However, as Teri and I were about to head out, Mr. Webb called again.

I frowned "What does Elijah want now?"

1. Webb sighed. "He said if you're willing to meet him, he'll unconditionally return the 50 million dollars and the dividends."

I was shocked and looked at my phone. It really was Mr. Webb, not some kind of prank call.

Teci came and asked about what happened. I repeated what Mr. Webb said to her. To my surprise, Teri got angry.

She took the phone from me and said to Mr. Webb, "Mr. Webb, tell Elijah that the money is rightfully Auri's. He can dream on if he wants to push Ari to a corner with the money!" I quickly snatched the phone from her and asked, "Mr. Webb, how sincere do you think he is?"

Mr. Webb seemed to hesitate.

After a long time, he finally said, "Based on my years of experience, Mr. Linden seems pretty sincere. But the amount is too huge, so I'm unsure if he'll return on his word."

I nodded. "Okay. Tell him that I agree to settle, but if I'm happy with the settlement terms, there won't be another chance,

Mr. Webb immediately agreed.

After ending the call, Teri expressed her dissatisfaction "Ari, this could be a ploy. He'll never return the money. It's a huge amount..."

I shook my head. "I know he'll never return all of it to me, but this is a chance, isn't it?"

Teri sighed. "I still think Elijah is up to no good."

Teri widened her eyes. "You know, yet you agreed to it."

I appeared indifferent. "I still have a strategy, right? Maybe Mom and Dad will forgive me if I can get the money back."

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This was an assumption i didn't dare to put too much thought inte..

Five years ago, I thiked everything and invested the 50 million dollars Grandpa left me to help Linden Group, which was in trouble. I heard from Teri that this incident had caused my patens to disownie public

However, no matter hose had asked, willing to tell me what happened to my parents after that.

Then, there was my brother, Jonathan.

Jonathan and I had reconciled, but every time I mentioned meeting Mom and Dad on missing them, Jonathan avoided these topics at all costs.

Indiced to find out the reasons for what happened.

I was afraid I coul't handle the truth. Now, My priority was to get the so million dollars, the dividends, and the shares Elijah owed me

There were always ways to mend broken family relationships, but now, I could only use money to amend my past mistakes.

Helt a tremendous sense of helplessness.

Why? Why was it so difficult to take back what was rightfully mine?

I was not in good spirits after taking Mr. Webb's call, but Teri still dragged me out of the house. She knew I couldn't coop myself up at home at this time.

We went to a salon, and 1 got myself a new hairdo and engaged in their makeup service. As people said, clothes made a man.

After a makeover, I looked more energetic ast looked at myself in the mirror. I was robbed of seven years of my life, but my energy and liveliness were still present

Teisid, "Let's go shopping. Let's show that overbearing CEO that petty women are forces not to be reckoned with."

1 putlawed. "What a phrase!"

Teripated "Am I wrong? You're a woman, and I'm petty. We're a force to be recieved with!"

She giggled as she went to pay the bill.

How could let Teri, the corporate slave, pay the bill? i went ahead of her,

"Oh, my. Why, if it isn't Ms. York I can't believe you're still in the mood for self-care,

Asarcastic voice came from the resting area

I glanced over with a frown Telegantly dressed women carried themselves with a sophisticated grace. However, I did not know them. No, I lost my memory, so must have lost my memory of these women.

I didn't plan to give any attention to them and went to the front desk to pay.

"It looks like York is still as arrogant as always. I wonder how it feels like to be made a fool of?"

"Yeah, her husband cheated on her, and I heard that the mistress is expecting, Ill were her, I would've given the mistress a place of my mind."

"You're right. Ariana York has never been one to control her temper. She would've gone after Jocelyn Cornell long ago instead of being here and having a good time."

They were not subtle about their discussion

I chose to ignore them and contred to walk away.

Terved at me from the front. "Look at the evening gowns that were shipped from o overseas today! Do you want

I waved my hand. "No, no. Why spend so much money? Let's go shopping."

"Mrs. Elsher, the evenings you've ordered have arrived. You can try them on

The shop attendant held hangers with evening gowns and walked toward the two women behind me.

I turned around and saw that they were the sharp-tongued women from earlier. I frowned slightly. Calm and composed, I tugged on Teri and planned to leave this place as soon as possible, However, luck had never been on my side. Unexpected incidents always happened in moments like this.

With a smile that wasn't genuine, Mrs. Fisher sized me bump into you

me up. "What a coincidence, Mrs. Linden. I thought I had gotten the wrong person when I saw you earlier. I never expected to really

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which't turn back, pretending to hear nothing as i walked toward Tri.

Tinyhdchen women with unendly intentions. She remed and walked to my side.

The walked in fent el is, blocking mat may

observed Mas. Elsher closer. She was in her yos, with a flat face and heavy makeup. She looked like a typical socialite

There won a skinny woman beside Mrs Elcher. She was dressed in a style similar to Mrs. Elsher's and had exquisite facial features. With one look, I could tell she had gotten plastic surgery

Mrs. Elsher was ohrrinusly looking at me up and down. I had seen that look before she was mocking me

Mrs. Elshes forced a smile. "What a coincidence,

Linden! Are you here to get your hair done too? What's the occasion?"

I pretended I didn't understand what she was implying. "Nothing. I'm just out and about."

Teri's gaze switched back and forth between Mrs. Elsher and mo. Then, she was struck by a sudden revelation

I knew Teri had figured out who this person was immediately gave her a knowing look

Teri mood before me and asked with a saccharine smile, "It's you, Mas. Elsher! Are you here to try on evening gowns?"

Mrs. Lisher hummed in assent, looking prood. "Yes, I'm attending Mr. Pearson's celebration party for his eldest grandson. A lot of the big names will be there."

intentionally ered me. "Mrs Linden, will you be there!"

I stayed silent

Then, the skinny and call woman said in a suggestive tone, "Have you forgotten, Mrs. Elsher? It's not appropriate for Mrs. Linden to attend."

Mrs. Elsher looked like she had just thought about it and gave a crappy apology. "Oh, I'm sorry, Mrs. Linden. Forgive my memory. Oh, have you seen the news? Jocelyn is pregnant with Mr. Linden's baby" Mrs. Elsher and the lady beside her stared at me, waiting for my reaction

Teri couldn't take it anymore. "You"

Before she could start, I took her hand "Teri, aren't we supposed to be shopping? Let's go. The car is waiting

I dragged Teri away

Then, Mrs. Elsher's voice came from behind "Don't go, Mrs. Linden. Do you think this news is true? You're Mr. Linden's rightful wife and fought hard to marry him back then. How could you let an indecent woman trample over your shared bed with him?" Teri was so furious that she started running her mouth, "Why aren't you saying anything Ari? She's laughing in your face."

With a darkened look, I said nothing and continued walking out

Mrs. Elsher's voice sounded again "Sigh, this is life. You had every opportunity to be a lady from a wealthy family, yet you're now a laughingstock. It's unfortunate the York family has

Teri's look on my face and swayed my arm in wor

I said nothing and turned back Now, it was Teri's hand I walked to Mrs. Elsher and stared at her. "Mrs. Elsher, who are you referring to as a laughingstock?" Mrs. Elsher never expected I would turn back and was caught off guard.

I pressed further: "Just what do you mean, Mrs. Elsher? Are you saying I'm the one who tamed the York family into a laughingstock?"

Mrs. Elsher's expression turned lusty from my listentogation

The statue beside her now that she was stuck and quickly said, "What is the meaning of this, Mrs. Linden? Your husband caused this, yet we aren't supposed to discuss it?"

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I scoffed. "He cheated, and I have nothing to do with it. I don't care if you mock me, but why must you drag the Yorks into this? Has my family offended you in any way?"

At this point, the atmosphere was soldering.

Elsher looked at how I was acting and said sarcastically, "Don't stop to her level, Genevieve, Mrs. Linden is quite the troublemaker in the circle. Be wary that she might bring her temper to your husband's office and cause trouble, ruining your husband's partnership with Linden Group."

Genevieve had a disdainful look on her face when she heard that "Hes? Can she even keep Mr. Linden on her side? Mr. Linden hated her a long time ago. Otherwise, he wouldn't have cheated

Teri heard her and pushed her. "Nothing good comes out from your mouth! Here you are, spewing bullshit the moment you open your mouth. What temper does Ari have? Explain yourself! Who do you think you are? You and this stick-looking lady are nothing more than just a small supplier for Linden Group. What right do you have to be blabbering your mouths off?" Then, I realized why these two were so hostile toward me—they were suppliers partnering with Linden Group,

What a karjard

The pettier someone was, the prouder they were. I suddenly lost interest in going head-to-head with them, but letting it slide wasn't my style either. My gaze suddenly shifted to the row of lusters. custom-made clothes at the side

I told Teri. "We came to shop today, and the clothes here seem enticing"

Teri was my ride-or-die best friend—she immediately understood where I was going with this

She started dramatizing. "They do look fantastic Ari, do you want to try this gown? I heard they shopped this from Laurecia. Also, this row of gowns is from Romarno. Look! The labels are

I waved my hand. "You can try it on. If it suits you, I'll buy it for you"

Teri immediately complied. "Day! You're the best, Ari! But this gown isn't cheap. It's 880 thousand Laurecian dollars? Shit! That's expensive!"

Teri's acting was subpar, but I had to take some of the blame.

Asher ride-or-die besttrend. I had faded to give her the confidence to buy luxurious clothes without batting an eye.

I took my black card. "It's nothing. Even if it's 850 thousand Sterlines, I can afford it. Go ahead and try on bad more. Then, help me select two for i The shop attendant initially wanted to remind us not to touch the clothes, but her eyes widened when she saw the black card fished out.

myself."

Soon, the female manager came with a smile on her face.

"Mrs. Linden, right? It's such an honor to have you shop with us today. These gowns are this year's latest trend. I'll ask someone to help you try them on. The female manager clapped her hands, and a female model with a fantastic body immediately took the clothes to the fitting room to change into them. Rage immediately appeared in Mrs. Elsher's and Genevieve's eyes.

They may have been regulars of this makeover salon, but they were not prestigious enough to be given such VIP treatment.

The VIP treatment was to have a female modely on clothes for the customers.

Teri and I were escocted into the VIP area, We sipped champagne as we watched the model present the clothes before us,

I noticed Mrs. Elsher speaking on the phone angrily while Genevieve was glancing in our direction in envy

Ter looked at the model for a while and said to the female manager, Those gowns look amazing Why don't we let the model try those on? I think they'll look great roo

The female manager looked at the gowns and looked troubled. "Those gowns have been reserved for Mrs. Elsher and Mrs. Baker."

Teri asked, "law they paid the deposit?"

The female manages shook her head "They're gold card members, so they don't need to pay the deposit. They can change the gowns if they're unhappy with them

Teal snorted. "The gowns don't belong to them if they didn't pay any deposit. Bring those here for the model to try them on. Then, we'll think about buying a few more gowns. How does that The Irmalen

manager was observant and quick-witted. She saw though Tel's Intentions.



She readily rolled with it "Okay, please give me a minute, Ms. Linden and M. Stuart I'm sure you'll be pleased"

Tourertedber. Trom now on, please don't call me Mrs. Linden Ms. York would do."

The female manager was slightly Laken aback. Then, she smiled and said, "Sure, Ms. York"

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Ms. Elsher and Mrs. Baker's expressions changed when the clothes were bought to us. They squeezed over despite the shop attendant's attempts to stop them. pakes shouted. "Ariana York, what is the meaning of thiệt

Testood up for me. She said sarcastically, "What's wing, Ms. Baker? Did you see these gowns beforehand?"

Mrs. Baker was at a loss for words. The female manages teldus earlier that Max. Elber and Mas Taken were notoriously stingy. They would always use their power as members to try on own but never boy them

However, the shop was not desperate for sales, so they paid no heed to their behavior. Hence, Mrs. Baker felt guilty when Teri asked whether she had reserved the gowns.

Mr. Eshet realized Mrs. Roles was about to lose her ground and immediately said, "We did reserve these gowns. Mes, Linden, it's not polite to snatch the gowns of others." Pate?

I gave her a sacchantne smile. "since you said that you've reserved this, we won't try them. In that case, Mis. Ehher, do go ahead and settle the bill. Otherwise, we'll buy them for Mrs. Elsher apprated hesitant.

The female manager smiled and tried to maintain the peace. "Mrs. Elsher, these three pieces are the latest trend this year. The quality is to die for. Many of our customers have requested them. Why don't you buy them? Then, no one will get to try them on anymore. Mes. Elsher was put in a caught spot. She frowned. "They're expensive. I haven't thought it through yet."

e's eyes were on her.

When she said that, she noticed everyone's eyes

the patted her chest. "TI definitely buy them, but I won't let her try them on. Il she tries the Twon't buy them anymore."

She declared it fiercely and was about to leave.

I said slowly, "Since you love them so much, Mrs Esher, I won't take them from you. I won't try them on anymore."

Max. Elsher stiffened. She never expected I would push it so far. She glared at me, "Mrs. Linden, you

corrected her sternly. "Call me Ms. York. I'm no longer Mas Linden."

Mrs Elsher suddenly mocked, "That's right. Mr. Linden no longer wants you, You're about to give your position as Mas Linden to someone else."

Ms. Baket mocked me too. "The mistress is pregnant, and it has become a big deal. Tik, isk, this is the consequence of not being able to keep your man around."

laughed. "There's no need to hit me while I'm down. If I can't keep my man around with my background and looks, you should be careful with your husbands, Ladies

The expressions on their faces changed

Ten gave me a thumbs - ik

Mrs. Elster printed her teeth "Ariana York, don't be so smug about it. You're nothing without Mr. Linden. Haha, weren't you so amnius about him in the past? Why aren't you bothering him since his mistress is pregunt

I laughed. "Why would I do that? Plus, I've said it before his cheating has nothing to do with me. I might have wanted to be Mr. Linden so badly in the past, but not anymore."

I posted at the clothes. "Would you wear clothes someone else has worn often, Mrs. Ephor? If you really wanted them, you wouldn't have given anyone else a chance to try them." Mrs Elhor expression changed.

I was getting impatient with her pestering I told the female manager, "Pack the gowns my friend and I tried earlier. These three designs are too old-fashioned for us."

I took my black cand, and the female manager happily swipedis

Mrs. Elster and Mrs. Biker watched as I paid for the cloches. Their faces blushed with fury before paling in shock.

Travesdropped on their conversation.

"How did she get the money? Did Mr. Linden give it to her?"

"Impossible

and they're about to take matters to court. Now, Jocelyn is prepared. They would never get

together."

"Then, where did she get that black card? That black card holds a very high level of prestige."

After purchasing the clothes, I left the place with Teri

and I went back to look at the place and said in disgust, "Let's not frequent this place again. There's too much nuisance in this place."

Teri consoled me, "Don't be angry, Ari. They're just abusing their power. Their husbands are Lindeis Group's downstream suppliers. They used to suck up to you. They're only humiliating you now because they think you're in trouble."

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Ari sighed. "This is the cruelty of humankind. We can't escape from it."

Tesland continued to walk around

the shopping center. Teal's mouth hung open when she learned that I sold Normanter paintings

she was shocked and awestruck. "That's amazing. You've earned so much in such a short time. Tsk, tsk, the Woods are a gold mine."

I frowned. "But I find Norman odd for some reason. I just don't know why."

Teri asked, "How is he?"

I couldn't find the words to describe it. I always felt the Woodbrothers didn't

deserve it. I couldn't figure it out.

1-eye. They couldn't stand each other, and Norman liked challenging Logan's boundaries.

I had my troubles to handle and had no time to think about the drama between the Woodbothers

When I thought about the Wood brothers, I suddenly realized Norman had not officially asked me out on a date for days. Then, I thought harder and realized I had dinner with him last night. Why did I feel like I had not seen him in a long time?

I was staring into blank space. Teri waved her hand in front of my face.

"Hey, what are you thinking about? Are you thinking about your Mr. Wood? Teri sounded suggestive,

My face instantly turned scarlet. "No, what are you talking about?"

Teri laughed. "You're embarrassed. It's nothing. It's normal to miss someone when you're in a relationship. Plus, you and that bastard, Elijah, ended long ago.

Her expression changed before she finished her sentence.

I was about to ask when Teri pushed my head down and lowered her voice. "Oh my god, would you look at that? Look at who saw.

I quickly turned my head and noticed a woman wearing a bucket hat, a black mask, and a loose dress holding a fat man by his arm as they walked into a jewelry store together. The woman looked familiar but was covered up, so it was hard to tell who she was. She whispered. "Can't you see? It's Jocelyn! The man beside her must be her new partner."

My hair stood on end. Jocelyn, who was always declaring how in love with Elijah she was, was two-faced. Wasn't she ready to risk everything to become Mrs. Linden?

She put so much effort into her schemes and spent many years picking a bone with me to make me look bad. Didn't she do all that to have Elijah to herself?.

How did she move on so quickly?

Or had she always been this way?

Teri and I watched Jocelyn enter the jewelry store with

her inferior arms. After half an hour, they happily walked out.

A shopping bag was in Jocelyn's hand. It looked like the fat man had bought her jewelry,"

Teri took photos with her phone.

watched John wall into the bathroom and immediately dragged me with her.

I panicked. "What are you doing."

Teissid, "To catch her red-handed. Let's see how she spins this story. Plus, don't you think something is odd about her pregnancy?"

I was taken aback

When did this become so suspenseful?

Theuated. "What do you mean?"

Tricouldn'the bothered to explain to me and dragged me toward the bathroom.

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After a few minutes, Teti and I cornered Jocelyn in the bathu pom.

-hen cookby's wat het mask in time. I could tell she was panicking. She instinctively coveted her stomach. "What do you want?"

Truwetted, "Joeln. Cornell, con're such a player. What's the matter? Elijah doesn't want you anymore, to you found someone else, huh?"

i was was setitten on Jocelyn's face. "No, that man isn't who you think he is... He has nothing to do with me."

Teri finally caught her by her words and solfed. "We haven't even said anything yet? Besides, weren't you hugging, that fat man earlier? Why aren't you admitting to it now?"

Jocelyn calmed herself down. "You've got it all wrong. That man is my sponsor, and I don't have any other relationship with him.

Terisected:"I've taken photos. Do you think Elijah will still take your side it he sees them

When Jocelyn heard that, she became calmer. "Haha, Elijah and fell out long ago. There's no point showing him those photos.

Teri frowned after she heard it. She thought Jocelyn would cave when she said she had photos of Jocelyn being intimate with another man. She never expected this to happen. However, I caught the panic in Jocelyn underneath her cold and calm exterior.

I asked, "Ms. Cornell, if you tell me who the father of your baby is, we won't tell Elijah what we saw today."

Jocelyn heard me and looked at me viciously.

Her glare was too sinister, and a chill ran down my back.

Jocelyn scoffed. "Baby? The baby is definitely Elijah's. Why would I do something I'm not confident about?"

I felt my heart pounding heavily when I heard it.

I grabbed my chest. I wasn't sure why my body would still occasionally react this way when I heard news like this when I had already given up on Elijah.

I frowned. "Jocelyn, w-what do you want?"

Suddenly, Jocelyn's eyes turned red.

She grabbed my arm and gave me a saccharine smile. "What do I want? I want to be Mas Linden and own everything Mus. Linden should have money, reputation, power!"

She grabbed me so hard that I shrieked in pain. Teri quickly pushed her away and stood in front of me. Resisting the pain, I glared at Jocelyn. "Look for Elijah if you want those things. Why would you?"

Before I could finish my statement, I witnessed Jocelyn leaning herself on the table. She hit her forehead on the marble of the dressing table, causing blood to flow.

Teri and I were dumbfounded.

Jocelyn dialed a number on her phone and waited. "Elijah, come and save me! Ms. Yook was furious and pushed me. My stomach hurts."

Teri and I stared blankly at her orchestration.

Jocelyn ended the call and stared at us viciously. "Just you wait. Let's see if Elijah wants me or you."

I let out a deep breath. "You're crazy."

Jocelyn stared at me coldly and laughed. "I'm not. You're the one who has lost your mind over love, Ms. York!"

I suddenly understood what she was implying

My face turned pale, "y

Jocelyn proudly looked at me. "Elijah will be here soon. Will he believe the lies you created or me when he sees me?" Teri slivered from anger. "Y-You're disgusting! Have you always framed and this way since the beginning?" Jocelyn scoffed. "What if I have? Elijah hates you. You think he'll be grateful for the 50 million dollars you gave him, Have you when we're together?"

Let me tell you - Elijah is always lamenting about your ridiculous

and menacing look to her face.

I in! This is a fatal blow to him. He'll never recover," Jocelyn was saying, and the blood had added a new stain. Maar continued, "Men will never be grateful for how you've saved them from Teri. Teri looked at me

under the circumstances; they will only remember it as a humiliation once they've succeeded"

in a moment of weakness. "But I'm different. I've shown weakness in every aspect. Elijah feels like a real man and he stepped backward. My mind couldn't comprehend it might have lost my memory, but my body continued to love and my heart started to ache

for a woman who was not worthy of my love. My heart ached as I felt a sense of suffocation.

Jocelyn held the wound on her forehead and glared at me sinisterly. "Malana York, you'll never beat me!"

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His face looked haggard. His dark circles were heavy, and his stubble looked scruffy. When he saw Jocelyn's face covered in blood, he rushed to her "to, what happened to you?"

Jocelyn looked at me. Then, she lay in his arms, wailing. She cried so pitifully. Everyone around us looked at me and Teri oddly.

Teri wanted to say something out of fury, but I held her back

Elijah comforted Jocelyn and continued to ask, "What happened?"

Jocelyn timidly said, "It's nothing, I wanted to buy something for our baby and bumped into Ms. York and Ms. Stuart. They cornered me in the bathroom and interrogated me. Then, they control and pushed me' Teri couldn't take it anymore "Elijah Linden, don't believe her lies!

Elijah's face turned pale. "No matter what, she's injured. You....."

\* you."

He looked at me, who had been silent all this while. Disappointment showed in his eyes. "Ariana, what do you have to say for yourself? If you explain, I'll believe Believe?"

I could feel the inmy of it as I watched him hold Jocelyn lightly.

Indifferench, I said. "You don't need to believe me, Elijah, I pushed Jocelyn."

Everyone around us started pointing fingers at me

"How did it turn out this way? She hit someone!"

"She looks so poised and quiet. But it turns out she's so aggressive!"

Elijah was stunned, Jocelyn, who was in his arms, was dumbfounded too

Jocelyn looked at Elijah's face and pushed him away, gritting her teeth Tears streamed down her face. Elijah, Ms. York didn't push me. I slipped and fell, really."

Teri mocked. "Erilliant. With you saying that, it only convince everyone that Aui really did push you"

Jocelyn, you swear you slipped and fell?"

Jocelyn remained timid

Thad to admit that Joely had a lock for claiming the moral high ground

swore while crying. "Elijah, I swear that it wasn't Ms. York who pushed me. I was too careless. I know you don't love me anymore, but I Forget it. The baby is innocent. I'll handle my injury myself. You should speak to Ms. York Don't make things worse." was about to leave.

Elijah was shocked and quickly grabbed her. "Where are you going?"



Jocelyn covered her head and smiled pitifully. "I find a cinetobandago it up. It's not that serious"

Elijah said firmly, "Don't be stupid Let me take you to the hospital to check if the baby is lay"

She was stunned and asked enthusiastically, "Aren't you angry at me, Elijah? A-Are you willing to accept this baby?"

Elijah heinated, but I could tell that he was slightly moved

I laughed in self-mockery. "Mr. Linden, since Ms. Cornell said she fall, it has nothing to do with Elijah Bercely shouted, "Wait!" looked at him indifferently, waiting for him to say what he needed

I'll take my leave now

He looked at me, then at Jocelyn, who was so captivating, hugging at his heartstrings the sighed. "Al, the batry is innocent. This baby.."

I turned my face away, failing to hide the disgust on my face, "You don't need to explain it tame, Mr. Linden. We'll meet in court anyway."

I scoffed. "Looking at how things have unfolded, assume you wouldn't want to settle with me outside of court anymore, Mr. Linden. This works out just as well I don't want to see you either, Elijahı satır I mat

was about to leave and graded my hand forcefully

I felt an electate current run through me, I wanted his hand away. "Don't touch me. I don't want you

your grabby hands on me."

Lijah looked at me, shocked

Flis pere sunk "Toyou think Endinty?"

I stared at him. "A gotrying to convinced? You' filthy brad to toe."

I stole a glance at Jocelyn, who was su "Mease stop with the act, both of you. Let's get the divorce quickly and let her be Ma Linden Both of you should stay locked together."

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jedi after I said my piece.

riana, wali™ Elijah wanted to chase after me, but Jocelyn shouted in pain.

around and saw Elijah holding Jocelyn up and looking at me. He seemed to want to clarify this with me, but Jocelyn needed urgent medical attention.

I turned around without any expression and drapped Teal with me

When we returned home, Teri was still using him out. "Elijah Linden must be out of his mind! Is he stupid? He believed everything Jocelyn said."

I said lighth, "Jocelyn is definitely more convincing under such circumstances. Not every woman would have the guts to smash her head on a marble table."

Teal was furious. "Why did you say that you pushed Jocelyn? She was clearly panicking, Lashing wildly as she put that performance"

I calmly asked, "Would it have made a difference? Elijah had already assumed I mistreated Jocelyn."

Teisemed like she wanted to say something

I said softly. "There are no surveillance cameras in the washroom."

Teri shut up. A moment later, she said, "Forget it, Ari. Let them stay together. It doesn't matter if Elijah loves Jocelyn or if Jocelyn's baby is his. I'm utterly disgusted by them!" I watched Ter's look of righteous indignation and chuckled as I caressed my chest. "Yes, they are disgusting."

Logan arrived in the evening after receiving news about what happened.

Lora cooked a table full of delicious food. Intentionally turned on some music and opened a good bottle of red wine.

I was even in the mood to buy fresh flowers and placed them in every vase I could find in the house,

Logan looked at the expression on my face and relaxed.

He walked over to me and asked, "Are you okay?"

I nodded. "I'm okay. I just witnessed a spectacle. No, two spectacles."

Logan observed my facial expression carefully and only relaxed when he saw no signs of anger or other emotions on my face. He took off his suit jacket and helped me arrange the flowers.

The music was in the air, and the colors of the fresh flowers danced under the light. It was so perfect here that I thought the disaster I went through today was part of my imagination. "Come and eat," Logan called for me. I walked over to him and sat beside him.

Logan set down the cutlery for me and went to serve the soup.

I quietly observed his dashing facial features. He was handsome, appearing intimidating and regal.

He rolled his sleeves up, displaying his muscular and slender arms. I stared at them blankly. He must have some soup?

Logan turned back and laughed when he saw the look on my face. He ruffled my hair. "Stop looking at me. Eat"

I took the cutlery from him, looked at him, and asked, "How the business?"

Logan didn't lift his head. "It's okay. It's going pretty smoothly."

He then looked at me inexplicably. "What are you trying to ask?"

I sipped my soup and thought about his question. "I actually wanted to ask about magical powers. How could he look like a gorgeous prince while serving

me about the meal last time. Has Elijah lost his chance to compete for the Land project?"

Logan looked at me intensely. "He still has the chance, but he might be eliminated eventually." I asked, "Is this your idea or

Logan appeared calm "Yes, it's your brother's and my idea. But there's

nothing there's no way to tell what the person in charge of the bidding for the land is thinking, so don't worry about it."

I asked again, "If I go to court and withdraw my case, does it mean Elijah is scored?"

Logan contemplated. "It will hurt him, but Linden Group has been doing well the past few years. It'll be challenging to sow him over Inodded "Tundecyland."

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Logan placed his cutlery down.

He sternly. "Arl, what are you thinking of doing?"

I shook my head. "I don't want to do anything. I just want my money back and see him get serendever"

Logan leighed gently. "Don't worry, M. Webb is the best in the business. He'll fight for your benefits. I just don't want you to get stuck in the crossfire."

I held his hand Lepin flipped his hand over and noticed a black card in his palm

Teik Tim's want to spend your money

The look in Lepin's eyes sank slightly "Why?"

He said, "Recus I have money Plis, Thope you and I can get along normally "

Logan shed the cardback into my hand.

He said sternly. "We get along all. The card is for you. It's my sponsibility as a man to take care of you.

I was in a dilemma. But I have money in my bank account."

Logan laughed. "That's your money. This is an allowance from your boyfriend. It's different."

Logan smiled. "Take it I'm busy at work and can hardly take care of you. You can buy whatever you want. Plus, I'd still want you to manage the money if we get married." Married!

He just planned to return Logan his card. How did marriage become the center of the conversation?

I quickly shook my head. "No, I don't want to get married now. I-I just want to date you. No, I mean I just want to get my divorce from Elijah as soon as possible."

I couldn't think straight, and my speech was a mess. I wasn't sure if Logan would get angry after hearing what I said"

Logan thought of it and laughed." "Alright. That wancareless of me."

I didn't know what he meant by being careless,

I wanted to ask about it. But Logan smiled at me. "Let's eat After we're done, we'll go out."

I was happy. "Where are we going?"

I couldn't help it. The 1-year-old in me couldn't resist going out.

Logan Laughed. "I WOOT II I

you yet, but I can tell you that there's word of a Leonid meteor shower tonight! I've found a great lookout spot. I'll bring you there to observe the meteor shower." "Teally I was surprised and overjoyed. This news had completely wiped our the anger and devastation from the day

I quiddy ate my food and urged Logan to eat quickly. The atmosphere at the dining table became merrier. Logan drank some wine, which tiated his face pink 1 quickly stopped him. "Don't drink too much. You need to dive Later!"

Logan's eyes glistened under the light. He said, "Okay, I won't drink too much."

After finishing our meals, I quiddy packed up and got into Logan's car.

I wasn't sure if he had asked the driver to switch the car's model at the last minute. His usual steady Rolls-Royce had become a sleek convertible sports car

I was shocked. "You own a sports car!"

Logan laughed. "Do not look like someone who owns a sports car?"

Haughed. "I thought only men like Norman would have many sports ranu."

Logan put into the car and asked me sternly, "Why?"

I thought about it long and land "H-I just thought you were more grounded."

Logen tearst out laughing "I know you're eating about the bush, calling me old-fashioned, but you're wrong, I own sports ca

I quickly nodded. "Yes, you're her than him, so you have more cats."

I cats, and just as many as Norman has."

Logan muddenly can cloure, and his eyes were filled with a look couldn't compared. Its breath carried a faint alcoholic fragrance. My chest tightened, and my heart started to pound wregularly He looked into my ayesimely and said in a low vole, "I want told you."