

Their eyes met, and Chester sighed when he saw Shaun's bloodshot eyes. "Shaun, do you know how much effort I spent before I could meet you here?"
"Is the Campos family exerting pressure from above?" Shaun asked in a gloomy voice.
"Yeah, the Campos family has become the number one family in the country, and even I don't dare to go head-to-head against them anymore. I had to rely on the connections of the Snow family to be able to meet you."
Chester's tone was very solemn. "If you don't cooperate with me, I can't bail you out."
"Does cooperating with you mean that I have to reveal Catherine's location?" Shaun laughed bitterly.
"You took away Catherine in front of everyone's eyes. Wesley, Joel, and the top management of Hudson Corporation haven't been able to contact
her." Chester sighed again. "Your action can be regarded as kidnapping. They didn't call the police before, but the Hill family now has both internal and external problems. Now that Wesley and Joel have joined forces, they aren't afraid of you at all."
Shaun pursed his thin lips. He had already anticipated as much when he was on the island.
That was why he had kissed her before leaving. He was afraid that he would never be able to kiss her again.
"Shaun, just spit it out. Catherine has been missing for a month. You can't hide her for life. You'll be harming her that way. Also you stayed with Catherine for a month after she got married. Do you think that her relationship with Wesley can return to the same as before?"

Chester shook his head. "We're all men. This will be a thorn in Wesley's heart. Even if he doesn't say anything, the people on the internet will laugh at him."

Shaun's gaze softened slightly, and Chester immediately took the chance to strike. "You have to think about Hill Corporation as well. Hill Corporation is in a mess now. Your grandfather is paralyzed, Liam was driven out of the company, Willie became a fool, and your mom is divorcing

Mason Campos. Is everyone supposed to count on Valerie and Spencer? You should know how capable they are."

"...Fine, I'll talk."

Shaun closed his eyes and clenched his fists. He finally spoke with difficulty.

Chester sighed with relief. "It's good that you understand. As long as Catherine is alive, you can get her back, but you need to keep Hill Corporation going. Otherwise... you won't be able to fight with Wesley."

Shaun's handsome face appeared to be at a loss.

He had always thought he was smart and everything was in his power.

In the incident this time with the chip, success was clearly just around the corner. However, it suddenly became the fuse that destroyed everything.

He also did not know what went wrong. Was it Liam?

Should he not have been merciful toward Liam back then? Should he have gotten rid of Campos Corporation by any means possible as soon as he learned that Mason was not a simple person?





He had not been able to sleep for a whole month. Every day, it was like a million insects were gnawing at him, and he could only numb himself by drinking.
However, she looked different. Her skin was softer than usual, and there was even baby fat on her cheeks now. She must have eaten and dressed well.
A deep hatred spread from the depths of Wesley's heart.
When his life was worse than death, she had been living a divine life with Shaun on this island.
'Catherine, oh Catherine, how could you be so fickle? How could you be so shameless?'
She was clearly his wife.
However, Wesley did not reveal any of that. He only held her in his arms tightly.
Catherine felt pleasantly surprised, but also guilty.
She felt that she was too dirty for Wesley now.
A very uncomfortable feeling rose up in her, especially when she was being held by him like this.
"Wesley, I'm sorry" Her face was full of pain. "How did you find your way here? Right, you said that Shaun was arrested. What happened?"
"Are you worried about him?" Wesley's eyes became cold as he stared intently at her.Let me go, Mr. Hill [by Shallow South] Chapter 993



She had been saved by Wesley, but it was too late. She could not pretend that nothing had happened.

"By the way, Wesley, can you tell me what exactly is going on outside? How did you find me? Where a m I now?" she asked, bewildered.

"This is a small island on the Pacific Ocean. It's an island that Shaun bought while he was abroad, and it wasn't registered under his name, so we weren't able to find out. I only managed to find you because I called the police and said he kidnapped my wife."

Wesley explained to her patiently, "Cathy, I actually wanted to call the police long ago, but when Shaun took you away, he threatened me saying that he'd ruin my family if I dared to report it. I don't care what happens to me, but I have to think about my parents."

Catherine sucked in a cold breath. "I didn't expect Shaun to be so cruel. He even used your family to threaten you."

"Yes." A light flashed in Wesley's eyes, and he said in a low voice, "Otherwise, I would've called the police long ago."

"But why did you report it to the police now? You're not afraid of him anymore?" Catherine asked suspiciously. "Shaun told me last time that Hill Corporation's chip will be entering the market, and it seems like it'll be the top microchip in the world. In the future, his status will definitely be—"

"Hill Corporation's microchip failed to hit the market."

Wesley interrupted her, "I heard that it was a foreign company called Landell Group that launched a more powerful chip first. Hill Corporation was caught off guard and their stocks have been falling since

yesterday. Hill Corporation's market value shrunk by more than 80 billion dollars."

Catherine was stunned. 80 billion dollars? How hard had the stocks fallen? It was no wonder Shaun left in such a hurry.

"How did they fall so badly?"

"It's because Hill Corporation said that the Purdue Microchip they were developing was the world's number one chip. This attracted a lot of large domestic and foreign companies who paid high deposits. When Landell's microchip came out, the partner companies all thought they had been cheated.

"Hill Corporation caused great losses to the partner companies. According to the contract, Hill Corporation has to pay an exorbitant amount of compensation which might lead to their bankruptcy."

Catherine was shocked.

All along, Shaun had been like a deity standing at the top of the pyramid.

She never expected Hill Corporation to suddenly fall after getting caught off guard.

Others might not understand, but she knew Shaun.

Shaun had never been a braggart, and the people in Liona constantly worked hard. It was impossible that they did not know Landell had successfully developed the world's number one microchip.

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Catherine felt that it was strange. Shaun was defeated too suddenly. It was as if someone was deliberately targeting Hill Corporation.

"Then I guess the Hill family is no longer the top family in the country?" She could not help but ask in a low voice.
"Yes. Now, Hill Corporation's market value is even lower than my company's."
Wesley said, "There's no telling what will happen tomorrow. If Shaun doesn't compensate those companies, Hill Corporation's reputation will hit rock bottom and no company will dare to cooperate with them in the future.
"If he pays, Hill Corporation may become a company on their last legs. They can forget about coming up with the money to invest in labs to develop microchips in the future. If no new chips are launched, Hill Corporation will be eliminated from this market."
Catherine understood.
In short, Shaun had met a dead end this time.
The number one family in the country was going to disappear.
"Cathy, Shaun will no longer be able to threaten us in the future." Wesley suddenly reached out and held her tightly in his arms. "I'll never let him off for stealing my wife away."
Catherine looked up and saw the hatred in his eyes. She was shocked. "Wesley"
"Cathy, don't you want to take revenge?" Wesley bowed his head and looked at her with a complicated gaze. "As a man, my wife was taken away in public during our wedding. Should I pretend that nothing happened? Besides, you were locked up on that island and must have suffered a lot. It's time to settle the scores."

Catherine's eyelashes drooped. It was normal for Wesley to have those thoughts. Any man would hate such a thing.
Even yesterday, she had hated Shaun incomparably. She even cursed for him to lose everything.
However, now that such a day had actually arrived, she did not feel happy at all.
It was as if she actually did not want to get revenge on Shaun. How could that be?
Could it be that she had gotten numb after being tormented by Shaun and developed masochistic tendencies?
Catherine shivered as she felt bad.
"Wesley, what are you going to do?" she murmured. "Of course, I'm going to accuse him of kidnapping, 'Wesley said in a low voice, "You're the person he kidnapped. As long as you tell the police that he locked you up, restricted your personal freedom, and harmed you, he'll be sentenced."
Harm?
Catherine was horrified, and her face grew hot due to embarrassment.
After a long time, her voice was squeezed out of her throat. "Wesley, what do you mean by that?"
Wesley's dark pupils flashed with a trace of pain, but he smiled bitterly a moment later. "Cathy, we're all

adults. Frankly speaking, I don't believe that Shaun didn't touch you after he took you away. But you're my wife. As long as you didn't consent to it, his behavior is a crime."
Catherine could not lift her head out of embarrassment.
After half a minute of silence, she withdrew her hand from his and left his embrace. She walked to the window. She needed some time to digest this matter.
"Cathy, since I came to find you, I won't be hung up about all that."
Wesley said with deep affection behind her, "I know you were forced. I was useless. If I had come earlier, you wouldn't have encountered all this. But you have to admit that Shaun is crazy. He should get the punishment he deserves for the evil deeds he committed." Let me go, Mr. Hill [by Shallow South] Chapter 995
Wesley's words were like cannonballs, hitting Catherine's head one after another.
Yes.
Shaun had done something illegal. She never consented to any of it.
People ought to be sentenced if they broke the law, right?
Why was she hesitating?
Even if Shaun went to jail and Hill Corporation fell, it had nothing to do with her.



When he was in kindergarten these few weeks, he would occasionally hear the teachers talking about Mommy. Everyone said that since Mommy had been taken away by Shaun and definitely tainted, Uncle Wesley would divorce her. No man in the world would be able to accept Mommy anymore.

When he heard that, there was an unspeakable panic in his heart.

He only wanted his mommy to be happy, but it was all ruined by his selfish scummy dad, Shaun Hill.

Catherine was shocked to see the hatred in her son's eyes. "Lucas..."

Her lips moved slightly. She could hate Shaun, but she did not want her son and daughter to hate their biological father. After all, this was between Shaun and her. She did not want her children to fall into the shadows.

However, Wesley and Joel were around, so she could not say too much.

"It's good that you're back. You must not have eaten anything all day. I'll tell the kitchen to prepare some delicious food." Joel led them into the villa.

She went upstairs first to change her clothes. Her mobile phone and other belongings were on the dresser. She quickly entered the password.

Countless missed calls showed up on the screen.

She called Freya first. "I'm back."

"My dear lady, you're finally back!" Freya was so emotional she was about to cry. "I thought you'd only come back after getting knocked up by Shaun."

Catherine,"...."

Freya's words had indeed almost come true.
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"You're not pregnant with Shaun's child again, right?" Freya suddenly asked nervously.
"No." Catherine was exasperated. She took the phone and walked out to the balcony.
"Oh, then did you sleep with Shaun?" Freya continued to gossip.
Catherine felt upset and gritted her teeth. "Are you done? Can you ask about something else?"
"I've always been more interested in these kinds of things. They're more exciting." Freya chuckled.
"Bullsh*t." Catherine could not hold back. "My conscience has been tortured day and night for the past month, okay?"
"Don't think like that. You were forced by him." Freya comforted her. "You didn't mean to have an extramarital affair."
"Shut up."
The words 'extramarital affair' triggered
Catherine's heart.

	ell" Freya changed the subject. "Anyway, Shaun Hill won't be able to do anything to you in the ure."
	herine pursed her lips and asked with a complicated feeling, "Is Hill Corporation's predicament now lly that serious?"
	ah, but I heard from Rodney that Shaun intends to compensate those partners. In fact, he has to pay m. Those companies are all global enterprises and have plenty of money to engage in lawsuits.
	nce he pays them, Hill Corporation won't have much money left. Sigh, to be honest, Shaun got really ucky this time. But there's nothing he can do. It was Liam who betrayed Hill Corporation."
"Lia	m betrayed Hill Corporation?" Catherine could not digest this.
"Do	on't you know yet?" Freya said, "I heard this gossip from Osher's senior management.
insi	parently, Landell stole the data of Hill Corporation's Purdue Microchip. It's exactly the same. "An der sneaked into Hill Corporation's lab and deleted all the data so that they would have no grounds ue Landell for plagiarism.
stat	ndell handed over all the rights to use the chip in Australia to the Campos family. The Campos family's tus has risen and they've become the number one family in the country. To put it bluntly, the Campos ally and Landell teamed up against Hill Corporation."
	herine was shocked. "The Campos family is too despicable. Competition in the market is normal, but y can't plagiarize to achieve their goal. By the way, what does this have to do with Liam?"
"Lia	m's father. Mason Campos, is the largest shareholder of Campos Corporation. Mason is now the

chairman of Campos Corporation. Mason also publicly announced that Liam Hill's name will be officially changed to Liam Campos."

Freya clicked her tongue. "It's obvious. With Campos Corporation coming to power, the one who will gain the most out of it is Liam. In the future, the assets in Mason's hands will be his son's. It's also said that the Hill family called the police and sent Liam to the station the day before yesterday, but Mason immediately released him on bail. Who else do you think could have done it besides Liam?"

Catherine's head buzzed as she listened. Liam was her friend and someone who had saved her before. He was also Suzie's 'father'.

"I don't believe that he's such a person," Catherine said in a low voice, "Since Liam saved me back then, it shows that he has a conscience. He's not someone who would cut ties with his family for power and status."

"I'm afraid you're the only one who would say that now." Freya sighed. "Others think differently. Liam has a motive. He's been suppressed by Shaun all these years and the Hill family doesn't value him. Shaun even beat him in public a few months ago. When the incident spread throughout the whole city, everyone laughed at him.

"Liam is a man, so he definitely would feel resentful. Furthermore, a few days before the incident, I heard that Liam, Mason, and Maurice met up at a coffeehouse to conspire together."

"I'll call Liam and ask. I miss Suzie anyway."

Catherine became more uneasy the more she listened.

Freya said, "Go ahead. Many people in the Hill family have gotten involved in one incident or another recently. I also wonder if there's anyone taking care of Suzie right now."

"What happened?"

"Old Master Hill got a stroke from anger and is paralyzed; Willie got beaten up by the Campos family and is now mentally retarded."Let me go, Mr. Hill [by Shallow South] Chapter 997
Catherine felt like her brain had just exploded.
After leaving the island, she had received too much shocking news.
Although Old Master Hill was old, she had met him before and knew he was in good health.
As for Willie, although he had targeted her in Melbourne, she got over that grudge when she stripped his clothes in the toilet.
He even helped her when she went to Hill Manor for the first time after arriving in Canberra. She did not expect him to be mentally retarded now.
"Didn't the Hill family report it to the police?" She could not help but ask.
"What are they supposed to report? The Campos family insisted that Willie tried to molest Ivan Campos' wife and Ivan brought him to the villa. By the time Shaun arrived, it was already too late. Ivan threw a stack of money at him saying that it was for the medical expenses. Even if Shaun went to the police, the Campos family would just have to pay compensation.
"To the Campos and Hill families, the last thing they care about is money. Moreover, Wesley reported that Shaun kidnapped you, so Shaun was helpless as well as he was brought to the police station. It was Chester and Rodney who found a way to bail him out."
Catherine took a long time to digest the words before finally sighing. "The Campos family is too ruthless. No matter what, without the strong support of the Hill family back then, the Campos family wouldn't be

where it is today."
"It's human nature to be greedy. Mason Campos was the one who did too good of a job hiding. After revealing his true colors, the first thing he did was abandon his wife who no longer had any value to him. He thinks nothing of people now." Freya sighed.
"Although I hate Shaun and I'm happy that he has become like this, I think that people should do things properly. It's really dishonorable to backstab and trick people.
"I think so too."
Catherine felt the same way.
After the call, she hurriedly called Liam.
The phone rang for a long time before an unfamiliar man's voice sounded. "Hello, are you a friend of the owner of this phone?"
Catherine was stunned and responded, "Yeah".
The person said, "Your friend has drunk too much at our bar. Can you come and pick him up?"
"Okay, tell me the address. I'll be right there."
Catherine hung up the phone and hurriedly changed her clothes before going downstairs.

"Cathy, I was just about to go upstairs to call you down for dinner," Wesley said with a smile. Catherine hesitated for a moment but decided to tell the truth. "Wesley, I called Liam earlier but the bar staff answered and said that he's drunk too much..." "Are you going to pick him up? I'll go with you," Wesley immediately said. "If he has drunk too much, then a woman like you won't be able to carry him alone." "...Okay." Catherine originally thought that he would be a little upset. After all, Liam was a member of the Hill family, but after seeing his calm face, her heart was relieved. Unexpectedly, Joel was unhappy about this. "Although Liam helped you before, I can't understand that person now. Cathy, I suggest you keep a distance from those people. Mason is a ruthless man, and Liam is his son. He's definitely not a simple person." "Okay, but I'll send him back first. After all, I owe him." Catherine answered vaguely and hurried to the bar with Wesley. When they got there, Liam was already a drunken mess. There were many empty beer bottles on the table. He was holding a bottle and pouring it down his throat. "Liam, stop drinking. I'll send you home." Catherine took away his beer bottle. Let me go, Mr. Hill [by Shallow South] Chapter 998 "Home?"

Liam laughed in a low voice with a flushed face, and there were tears in his eyes. "Where is my home? I

don't have a home."
The Hill family did not let him go back, and in the Campos family, Mason already had a wife and son.
Wherever he went, he was an unnecessary person. "Let's find a hotel for him to stay in first."
Wesley helped Liam into the car, and Liam threw up, causing the car to smell bad.
Cathy hurriedly opened the window with an embarrassed expression. After all, this was Wesley's car. "Wesley, I'm sorry"
"Don't be silly. You're my wife. What are you saying sorry for?" Wesley gave her a strange look. "To be honest, Liam helped me help you before, so I have a good impression of him."
Catherine was surprised. "I heard Freya talk about the Hill family. Do you think Liam— "
"There are some rumors that shouldn't be listened to. Whether or not Liam stole the data, you have to talk to him and understand him before you can judge," Wesley interrupted her and said gently, "No matter what, he's still Suzie's father in name. We shouldn't turn our backs on him."
Catherine was touched. She did not expect that after such an incident, Wesley would still be so open-minded and wise. He even considered Suzie.
She really wanted to work on this marriage with Wesley, but unfortunately the incident on their wedding day had made it impossible.

She decided to look for him again tomorrow after he sobered up. She had to talk to him about Suzie as soon as possible. She missed Suzie very much and wanted to see her.

By the time Wesley drove them back to the Yules' residence, it was already 9:00 p.m.

After sending Liam to a nearby five -star hotel, she quickly left with Wesley.

Joel asked the kitchen to reheat the food for the two of them to eat. After eating, he said, "It's getting late. Wesley, just stay here for the night."

Catherine's body froze and she subconsciously wanted to refuse.

"Okay, I'll be troubling you then, Dad." Wesley smiled softly.

"No problem. We're family, after all."

Joel was quite satisfied with Wesley as the man was handsome and promising.

Even after Golden Corporation became the leading pharmaceutical company, he did not become arrogant. It was a quality that many wealthy aristocrats did not have.

When his daughter was kidnapped by Shaun, Wesley did not care about work and looked all over for her. He did not despise her at all when she was found.

He did not want his daughter to miss out on this person.

Catherine was instantly silent. When they finished eating and Joel went upstairs, she hesitantly looked at

Wesley. "Wesley, I'm sorry. I want to sleep with Lucas tonight. I haven't been with him for a long time." "Okay, I can understand. I'll sleep in the guest room." Wesley nodded. Catherine bit her lip and finally made up her mind to say, "Wesley, let's... find a time to get divorced." Wesley's gentle and elegant face immediately became ugly. "Cathy, is it because... you still can't forget about Shaun?" "No." Catherine smiled bitterly and shook her head calmly. "Wesley, I don't want to lie to you. When I was taken captive by Shaun, we... did it. He wanted me to conceive his child so that I wouldn't leave, but I had my period and he didn't succeed. "I know I've let you down. I don't deserve you, and your family won't approve of me either. You'll also be laughed at by the outside world. You deserve better."Let me go, Mr. Hill [by Shallow South] Chapter 999 Wesley lowered his head and gently took a sip of tea, hiding the dark glint in his eyes. When he looked up again, his eyes were soft and distressed. "Cathy, let me ask you. Did you voluntarily have sex with him?" "Of course not." Catherine immediately denied it.

"Then that's that." Wesley gently held her hand. "Cathy, I read something before. If your wife gets

kidnapped by gangsters, as a man, do you want

your wife to resist with her life or obey to save her life? If it were me, I would choose the latter.
Nothing is more important to me than my wife's safety and life."
"Wesley" Catherine's heart trembled, and her eyes could not help but become red.
"I'm not the type to get hung up about a woman's first time. I already knew it when I chose to marry you." Wesley continued, "The day of the wedding, you were taken away by Shaun. Why would I blame you? I can only blame myself for being a powerless husband. I didn't even dare to call the police for the
sake of my family's safety. In fact, I've been uneasy these days because I'm afraid that you'll despise my incompetence after coming back."
"No." Catherine shook her head. "I can understand you. If it were me, I would probably do the same. It's Shaun who's too despicable."
"Yes, he's despicable and forced you. He thought that even if I saved you, I'd definitely despise you, but he underestimated me. My love for you trumps over everything else. I could accept your children back then, and this time, just getting you back is enough for me."
Pain welled up in Wesley's eyes. "Cathy, why is it so hard for us to be together? After so many twists and turns, I waited and waited before finally getting you to agree to marry me. But you got involved in another incident. If you really feel guilty, then make it up to me in the future."
Catherine's heart was moved the more she listened.
On the way back earlier, she had decided to separate from Wesley, but after hearing his words, she was shaken again.

Wesley had such deep feelings for her that if she left him, it would hurt him. At the same time, Shaun's plans would succeed.

"Stop thinking about it." Wesley hugged her gently. "I won't sleep here tonight. You just came back, so maybe your mind is in a mess now. Rest well these few days and handle Hudson Corporation's affairs. I'll pick you up in two days and then we'll go back to our villa."

"...Okay."

Catherine eventually nodded. She breathed a sigh of relief that Wesley would be leaving tonight. She was grateful for his kindness and understanding in not forcing her.

To be honest, she had just slept with Shaun the day before yesterday. If she slept with Wesley tonight, even if it was just lying on the same bed, she would feel very awkward and uncomfortable.

After his car left the Yule family's villa...

Wesley's warm and elegant expression was gradually replaced by gloomy indifference.

Catherine wanted to divorce him. Hah, how could he easily agree?

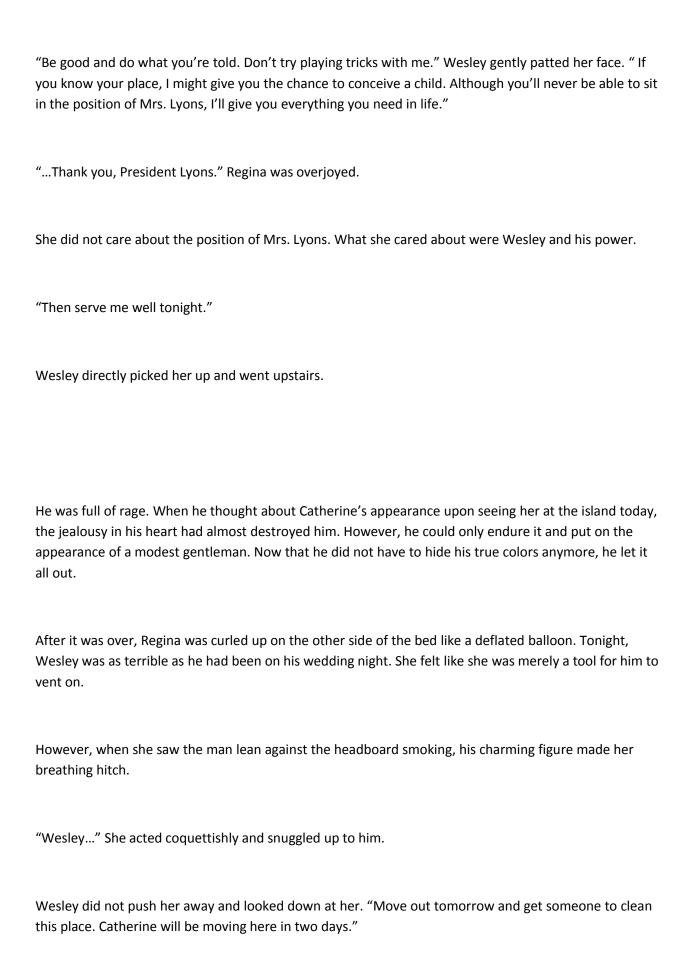
Besides, he did not believe that she had not been willing. When Shaun sent the video, her voice sounded so charming. It did not sound as if she was unwilling at all.

He would slowly pay her back for this shame.

After returning to the villa, Regina Trent, who was wearing a rose-colored nightdress, seductively wrapped her arms around him. "President Lyons, I thought you wouldn't come back anymore."

"Where would I go if I don't come back?" Wesley glanced at the woman's charming and enchanting figure. Although she did not have Catherine's temperament, at least this woman was obedient to him and tried every possible way to please him. It gave him great satisfaction.
"Miss Jones is back" Regina leaned on his shoulder and caressed his chest coquettishly. "I was worried that you would accompany her. After all, she's your wife in name, but"
"But what?" Wesley narrowed his eyes.
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Regina pretended to be scared and said in a low voice, "But the people in the company are all wondering if she's pregnant with Shaun's child after disappearing for so long."
Wesley's dark eyes instantly filled with a bloodthirsty chill. He squeezed Regina's chin hard, and his elegant face became slightly sinister. "Regina, I didn't expect you would play mind games with me."
Regina was frightened and shuddered. "P-President Lyons, I'm I'm telling the truth."
"It is the truth, but the nature of it is different since you're deliberately telling me this," Wesley sneered sharply.
Regina's face turned pale. She did not expect the rational Wesley to have eyes like the devil's now.
However, it was not surprising. Other people did not know this, but as his secretary, she knew that he

worked closely with Campos Corporation. He was a s unfathomable as Mason Campos.



"Okay." Regina was a little smug. She did not expect that Wesley would let Catherine live in this villa. For the past month, she had been making love with Wesley here every day. 'Hah, in the end, the great Catherine Jones will be sleeping with the man I slept with and in the bed I slept in.' In a five-star hotel. Liam woke up dizzy with a hangover and remembered that he had been drinking at a bar last night. Who sent him here? Just as he was about to take out his phone, the door to his room was violently kicked open. Chance barged in with two people. "Second Young Master, the eldest young master wants to see you." Liam looked at their stance and his handsome face darkened. He sneered, "If I go, will I be able to come back in one piece?"Let me go, Mr. Hill [by Shallow South] Chapter 1001 Chance calmly looked at him. "If you don't go, there's no chance for you to be in one piece." Liam gave a bitter laugh. Fine. Shaun would not let the matter go. He already knew that. Anyway, he wanted to find a chance to talk with Shaun too. He did not want to have the label of a betrayer tacked onto him for the rest of his life.

Soon, Chance brought him into the hall in Liona where memorial tablets of the Hill family's elders were placed.

Shaun sat on the chair by the side. His handsome face was indifferent, and his true emotions could not be seen at all.

"Eldest Young Master Hill, I've brought him over." Chance kicked Liam's ankle hard.

Liam was caught off guard and fell to his knees. He tried to get up, but Chance forcefully pressed him down.

He gritted his teeth and stared defiantly at Shaun. "I didn't do anything wrong, nor did I betray the company. Shaun, you must've realized that I haven't gone to Campos Corporation at all these days. I've already cut ties with my dad."

"You've already cut ties with him but you're still calling him your dad. You haven't gone over only because you feel uncomfortable at the fact that Mason Campos has an illegitimate child and another woman. You feel as if you've been deceived by him, right?" Shaun walked up to him, speaking in a low and cold voice.

Liam was indignant. "Stop jumping to your own conclusions. I knew that my dad had an illegitimate child a while ago. Yes, I was tempted to make a move against the Hill family because I've always resented how I was being suppressed, but after I learned that he has an illegitimate child, I gave up the idea of betraying Hill Corporation. You might not know this, but my dad... He doesn't really care about me. Even if I go to the Campos family, I'd just be an outsider. I also hate that Mason Campos betrayed my mom. I despise him."

[&]quot;If he doesn't care about you, why did he come to bail you out after you were sent to the police station by me?" Shaun sneered, "Right, he also made a public declaration that you've changed your last name.

I'll have to call you Liam Campos in the future."

"That's his ploy to sow discord between the Hill family and me, "Liam explained with a growl. "He's a sinister man."

"I know he's a sinister man. I know even without you telling me." Shaun mercilessly stepped on his back.

Liam was suddenly being trampled on the ground. His eyes were red and he clenched his fist with resentment, hammering it on the ground. "I didn't do it! Shaun, why won't you believe me? I've always dared to admit to the things I've done."

"I want to believe you too." Shaun's heart inexplicably seized when he saw Liam's expression.

He had always thought he hated Liam's existence, but for some reason, when he saw Liam like this, he felt inexplicably annoyed.

Maybe he did not hate Liam as much. The grievances between their elders had nothing to do with them. After all, they could not choose their families.

Originally, he wanted to give Liam the position of president of Hill Corporation in a few years. After all, he was Lea's son. Even though they had different fathers, they were brothers who had the same mother.

"Liam, I checked the laboratory's monitoring system. I had wanted to clear your name as well, but the time when the data was deleted is about the same time as when you entered the laboratory. If you say that it wasn't you, who else could it be?" Shaun pressed his foot down harder. His voice was filled with disappointment and anger. "Can you face our ancestors? It took the Hill family more than a hundred years to get to where we are now, but thanks to you, it's now completely destroyed."

"How... How..." Liam was at a loss.

The time the data was deleted was surprisingly the same time as when he entered the lab.

It had clearly been deliberately arranged by someone.

However, the person who deleted the data worked for Mason. Why was Mason framing him like this? He was innocent. He was Mason's son!

Tears of despair streamed down his cheeks.

"Yes, how? I want to know why our Hill family has become like this today as well." Shaun laughed with great sadness. "I spent so much money to develop

the microchip, but you gave it to others. Never mind being the number one family in the country... Now, Hill Corporation has fallen out of the top loo enterprises in Australia. We no longer have any liquid assets. All this is thanks to you. Liam, I want to kill you, do you know that? Grandma hates you, Grandpa hates you, everyone in the Hill family hates you. You're the same as the Campos family. You're all a bunch of ingrates.

"If you were jealous of me and hated me, you could've competed with me fairly. Why did you use such despicable means?" Let me go, Mr. Hill [by Shallow South] Chapter 1002

The more Shaun spoke, the angrier he became. He suddenly pulled Liam up and punched him mercilessly.

Liam had a hangover and was no match for Shaun at all. Coupled with the mental blows he had been dealt, his whole person became muddle-headed.

He was beaten by Shaun until he spat out blood.

He lay on the ground and started to laugh. He laughed so hard that tears welled up in his eyes.



The members of Liona had just seen the two brothers of the Hill family fight. None of them dared to breathe too loudly.
Then, the phone that Liam had dropped to the ground suddenly rang.
Shaun bent down to pick it up and saw the word 'Cathy' on the screen.
His throat bobbed. The phone rang for more than ten seconds before he answered it.
"Hey, Liam. Are you awake yet? I'll reach your hotel in around ten more minutes." Catherine's voice was heard.
Shaun's heart felt bitter. After coming back, she would rather keep in contact with Liam but never thought about contacting him.
"Liam, why aren't you talking? Are you still drunk? I want to ask you about Su— "
"Liam isn't here, " Shaun interrupted her gruffly. Catherine was shocked. It was Shaun's voice.
She had almost revealed Suzie's identity.
"Why is Liam's phone with you?" She suddenly remembered that the Hill family thought that Liam was a thief and had a bad feeling in her heart. " What did you do to Liam?"
Shaun said in a low voice, "He's the traitor who ruined Hill Corporation. What do you think I did to him?"Let me go, Mr. Hill [by Shallow South] Chapter 1003

Catherine suddenly remembered Logan and had a bad feeling. "You cut off his finger?"
Shaun was speechless. Did she just think of him as a mad demon who chopped people's fingers off?
When he did not say anything, Catherine became angry. "Shaun Hill, I believe that Liam wasn't the thief who leaked Hill Corporation's data. He's not that kind of person."
"Believe?" A fire surged in Shaun's heart.
That was a word that both of them did not have for each other, yet she was so concerned about Liam.
"Catherine Jones, don't be naive. You believe in Liam just because he helped you once. He's Mason Campos' son, and Mason hid his true colors while staying with the Hill family for more than zo years. Both father and son are scheming people. Do you see what has happened to me now? Hill Corporation only became like this because I believed in him."
"I believe that Liam and Mason are different." Catherine insisted. Maybe no one would believe Liam, but she truly believed that he was not such an unscrupulous person.
In those years she was abroad, Liam had sincerely helped her. Of course, she also knew that it was because Liam had felt guilty for using her before. However, a person who could feel guilt would not be bad in nature.
Later, when Liam was forced to acknowledge Suzie as his daughter, he was really good to Suzie. Even though he knew that Suzie was Shaun's daughter, he still took care of her wholeheartedly.
If he coveted Hill Corporation, he could have used Suzie to deal with Shaun.



more than she cared about him.
After all, he had married her and they even had children once.
In a shabby and isolated alley in the capital.
A black SUV stopped, and Chance dragged Liam, who was delirious from the pain, out before throwing him to the ground.
Chance did not take another look at him and soon drove the car away.
Sitting in the passenger seat, Yael glanced at the rear-view mirror to look at Liam. The second young master of the Hill family looked like a mess with bruises and blood all over his body.
"Chance, do you think his leg will be crippled?" Yael asked in a low voice.
"There shouldn't be a problem if he walks slowly. Eldest Young Master Hill held back." Chance frowned. After answering, he looked at Yael helplessly. "Why do you always insist on coming along during these kinds of bloody incidents?"
"I miss you. You've been busy these two days and I haven't been able to see you." Yael rubbed her belly. "Our baby misses you too." Chance's heart softened as he reached over to touch her head. He had finally made up his mind and said, "Next week, I'll resign and leave Liona."
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Yael's eyes lit up. "Really?"
"Yeah. The Hill family has become a thing of the past. It's impossible for them to regain the glory they once had. Liona is a large organization that needs money to operate, so I'm guessing Eldest Young

Master Hill won't be able to sustain it for long," Chance said, "Let's find a place to live in seclusion where we'll lead ordinary lives."
"Yes. Thank you, Chance. By the way, stop at the corner in front. I want to go for a stroll."
"Then I won't accompany you. I still have to go back to receive orders from Eldest Young Master Hill," Chance said with difficulty.
"I know. Go quickly, don't delay." Yael threw him a After Chance drove away, she immediately got into a black car on the side.
She drove back to the lonely alley at once.
Liam had already regained some consciousness. Since there was no one passing by the vicinity, he could only slowly crawl on the ground.
After crawling for a long time and almost losing consciousness, a car stopped in front of him. A woman stepped out of the car.
He remembered that this person was Yael Chadwick, a member of Liona.
"Sorry, Second Young Master Hill. I suddenly received a call from Eldest Young Master Hill to take you to another place."
Yael opened the trunk and threw him in with difficulty.
Liam desperately knocked on the back. Where was Yael bringing him? He had a very bad feeling, but he did not dare to let himself faint.

Every time he could hardly hold on, he pinched the wound on his kneecap to stay awake.
It was not until an hour later that the car finally came to a halt.
Yael opened the trunk and smiled faintly. "I didn't think you'd still be conscious."
"What do you want?" Liam looked around and saw that they were on a cliff by the sea. A wave of panic surged up.
"Of course I'm going to throw you off." Yael dragged him down from the car.
Liam strained himself to get up and tried to escape despite having a leg that could barely move.
However, Yael immediately kicked him to the ground.
If it were in the past, Yael would be no match for him, but he had just been beaten up by Shaun. His spleen was injured and one of his legs was crippled. He was just like an ant that could only be manipulated by others now.
"Yael, I dare you to touch me. My dad is Mason Campos. Even though he has an illegitimate child, I'm stil his son. If I disappear, he'll look for me."
Liam yelled at her impulsively. It seemed like his only backing now was Mason.
"Sorry, Second Young Master Hill. It was your fault for betraying Hill Corporation. This is Eldest Young

Master Hill's order. At first, he just wanted to cripple one of your legs and forget about it, but his anger was not relieved and he asked me to throw you into the sea to feed the fishes." Yael yanked one of his legs toward the sea.

Liam's mind went blank. One of his legs was crippled now. He would certainly die if he was thrown into the sea.

Shaun Hill! Shaun was too vicious! How could he be so ruthless?

An endless stream of hatred and despair gushed out from his chest, but a moment later, he suddenly felt that there was something wrong.

"No, if Shaun wanted to harm me, why would he make a woman do it? Yael Chadwick, you betrayed Liona. You betrayed the Hill family, didn't you?"

Yael turned around and looked at him gloomily.

Liam glared at her. "Hill Corporation's data was stolen by you, right? You're a member of Liona and you were there when the core members of Liona guarded the lab that day. It was you who set me up. Have you been bought off by Campos Corporation?"

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"Continue to find Liam. Even if... Even if he's dead, I want to see his corpse," Shaun paused and said in a muffled voice.

He had a bad feeling. Liam was Mason's son. If Liam went missing, Mason might not let him off.

The more he thought about it, the more anxious he became. He could not hold back and smashed the teacup on the table.

There were too many things happening recently. There were a bunch of matters regarding the company that he had not finished dealing with. He had not had the chance to visit the old master in the hospital either, but now, Liam was missing.

At that moment, a strong sense of fatigue and bewilderment arose in his heart.

He did not dare to imagine what would happen to Lea if she found out that Liam was missing.

In the Yule family's villa, Catherine was also distracted.

She had not gone to the company at all. She received numerous calls from the directors asking her to attend the meeting, but she did not have the time to.

Liam was her friend, so she was worried now that he had gone missing. Besides, Liam was also pretending to be Suzie's father.

Without Liam acting as a bridge, how could she go see Suzie in the future? The Hill family would not let her bring Suzie out at all.

"Mommy, eat some vegetables." Lucas saw her holding her bowl motionlessly and worriedly gave her a



What should she do with Suzie in the future?
The more she thought about it, the more distressed she was. However, she did not know what to do. She could only keep talking to Suzie until she managed to coax the little girl to fall asleep, but her whole person was slouched and dazed.
The next day, she ran out to find Liam before dawn.
There was still no news after a day, so she finally had no choice but to go to Hill Corporation to find Shaun.
At first, she thought that after returning to Canberra, she would not meet Shaun ever again even until she died. However, she did not expect that she would one day step into Hill Corporation again.
Hill Corporation was no longer as glorious as it was in the past.
There was no one at the front desk. She saw several employees walking out with big boxes in their arms.
She was wearing a cap, so the employees did not recognize her. Everyone was calmly whispering, "Campos Corporation called me and said they were offering me a position with a higher salary for me. I think Campos Corporation has more prospects."
"Campos Corporation called me too. We should leave soon. I heard that Hill Corporation won't even be able to give us year-end bonuses. What's the point of skilled workers like us staying here?"

"Stop." A manager ran out in anger. "Have I agreed to your resignation? Even if you want to leave, you have to finish your work and hand it over before leaving."

"Come on, Manager Ford. We won't continue to work anymore. If we leave early, we can still find good jobs elsewhere. Hill Corporation is done for. We don't want to delay our time here."

Manager Ford scolded, "You ungrateful things! If Hill Corporation hadn't spent money to send you abroad for further training, would you be where you are today?"

"Manager Ford, you should jump ship early too. Hah, it's too late now. Be careful. Maybe, by the time you look for another job, we'd be your managers instead."

The employees left one after another.

Catherine was stunned. It seemed like Hill Corporation's situation was more severe than she imagined.

When she took the elevator to the president's floor, the secretarial office was not as crowded as before. There was not even a single security guard.

She walked to the door of the president's office when she suddenly heard the arrogant voice of a middle-aged man from inside.

"Shaun Hill, if I were you, I'd agree to my request. Why are you doing this? It's a fact that Hill Corporation is done for. I won't tell you to compensate me for the liquidated damages.

Instead, give me Hill Corporation and I'll compensate you another ten million dollars. I'm already being benevolent."

"You want to buy Hill Corporation with just ten million dollars? You must be dreaming." Hadley's furious voice sounded. "Hill Corporation includes various subsidiary companies such as insurance, finance, and electronics. Aren't you being too greedy if you aren't even willing to fork out that much money?"
"Shut up! Who do you think you are? A mere assistant like you dares to talk back to me? Are you worthy to speak to me? Do you think you're still the assistant of the high and mighty Shaun Hill from the past?" President Hale scolded meaningfully, seemingly rebuking Hadley but in truth, he was actually targeting Shaun.
Shaun's handsome face was cold and heavy. "Get lost." Let me go, Mr. Hill [by Shallow South] Chapter 1008
"You want me to get lost?" President Hale sneered. "Shaun Hill, I think you're still dreaming. Hill Corporation is a thing of the past now. Your Hill family isn't even as good as a small company under my Hale Corporation. In the past, you were high above me and didn't care about me, but now, I can find someone to get you killed anytime."
"Sure, you can try." Shaun suddenly stood up.
His tall body and aura after staying in a high position for a long time instantly overwhelmed the short and stout President Hale.
"Fine, since you won't do it until you're forced to, I'll make you regret this. Just wait."
President Hale kicked over the chair in front of him and strode out.
When he reached the door, Catherine had her head down, so he did not look too closely.

Catherine looked at his back. She had seen this man before. He was Gary Hale from the Hale family. The Hale family was barely in the top 20 families in the capital.
However, even he could run over to Hill Corporation so arrogantly now. It was clear that Hill Corporation was not what it used to be.
In the office, Hadley said angrily, "President Hill, Gary Hale is too shameless! He didn't even dare to speak up in front of you before and always used Joanne to cozy up to Sarah to try and please you—"
"Shut up." Shaun glared at him warningly and looked behind him nervously. "Why are you here?"
Hadley turned around and saw Catherine walking in.
She had taken off her hat, revealing her soft and long thick hair. Her beautiful face was small and pure, but her facial features were delicate. Her nose was straight and upright, while her eyes were tinged with a layer of melancholy.
"Miss Miss Jones" Hadley was startled.
"Go out," Shaun ordered him.
Hadley walked out in a complicated mood and closed the door behind him.
In the office, the two people looked at each other.
Catherine looked at Shaun. In fact, the two of them had only separated for a few days, but it was like a

long time had passed. Shaun's appearance had changed too.

That morning, he was still well-dressed, handsome, and charming. Now, his suit was all wrinkled and his eyes were bloodshot. There were dark circles under his eyes and he had a scruffy beard. It was clear that he had not rested after coming back from the island.

"Cathy, you—"

Shaun cautiously opened his mouth, but Catherine interrupted him, "I came here to ask you about Liam's whereabouts."

An unnatural glint flashed in Shaun's dark eyes. "Cathy, why are you so... concerned about Liam?"

"I think of Liam as a good friend." Catherine lowered his eyes, afraid that he would be suspicious. "Also... He's Suzie's father. Suzie is already pitiful for losing her mother. If she doesn't

have a father too, I'm afraid she won't be able to take it."

Shaun was suddenly startled. He had been so busy and tired these days that he had not thought about Suzie.

"You forgot about Suzie, didn't you?" Catherine was a little annoyed at his reaction.

"I... There have been too many things going on lately." There was a complicated look on Shaun's face. "Suzie is in the manor. There's a nanny taking care of her."

"Have you forgotten that you were also taken care of by a nanny when you were young? How did that nanny treat you?" Catherine's expression was unpleasant. "Why don't you... let Suzie stay with me for a few days? I'm quite worried about her. She called me in tears last night saying that she's very lonely and couldn't contact her daddy. She kept crying."

Shaun's heart throbbed in pain and he suddenly became even more upset. He hated Liam, but he had to think about Suzie as well.
" Fine. I'll come pick her up in a few days when I'm not so busy, but you can't take her to Wesley. Otherwise, I won't agree."Let me go, Mr. Hill [by Shallow South] Chapter 1009
Catherine had originally promised to move in with Wesley.
However, after hearing Shaun's words, she immediately hesitated.
"Are you planning to take my niece and live with Wesley? Dream on." Shaun saw her expression and became irritable.
Catherine sighed helplessly. "Fine."
Shaun did not feel relieved because of this. After all, Catherine's expression betrayed too much of her emotions.
"You still want to be with Wesley?" Shaun was somewhat incredulous. "You've slept with me for so long, yet you still refuse to divorce Wesley. Or is it because he's unwilling?"
Catherine's face burned from his savage tone. This man really did not know what shame was.
"Shaun Hill, it's none of your damn business who I'm with. You could be arrogant in the past and we couldn't do anything about it, but Hill Corporation

isn't even comparable to Hudson Corporation now. Your net value is also incomparable to mine. Do you think you're worthy of me? Do you think you'd catch my eye?"
She spoke coldly. In the past, he had always looked down on her and thought she was trying to climb up the social ladder using the Hill family. However, the tables had turned now, so she taunted him mercilessly.
Sure enough, an embarrassed look immediately washed over Shaun's handsome face.
He could not care less about President Holt's contempt and did not care about other people's cynicism, but Catherine's words were like a slap to his face.
Men had their pride, but his current status was even worse than Catherine's and worse than his rival's.
His heart burst with bitterness. He never thought that such a day would come.
"Also, get this straight," Catherine reminded him coldly, "Although you were released on bail by Chester and the others, the case of you kidnapping me hasn't been closed yet. The police station keeps calling for me to give my statement. I can personally tell the police that you kidnapped me and abused me.
"Shaun Hill, if I do that, will you still be able to sit here and talk to me? You'll have to go to prison for a few years at least. When you come out, the difference between us will be like the clouds and dirt. Remember, you're dirt, and I'm the clouds."
"You want to send me to prison yourself?" Shaun's body shook, his face full of pain.

"Since you dared to do it, why are you afraid? I' Il give you one more chance. I want Liam to appear in front of me in three days. Otherwise, don't blame me for being ungracious."
Catherine turned around and left.
Shaun suddenly grabbed her wrist from behind and forcefully pushed her against the wall with dark and heavy eyes.
"Cathy, Liam is important to you, Wesley is important to you, and even Suzie is important to you. But what about me? Do I really have no place in your heart at all? Am I not special in your heart?"
His dark voice revealed a rare hint of sadness.
Perhaps it was because too many things had happened recently, so this strong man was unexpectedly revealing a hint of vulnerability.
Catherine was lost in thought for a moment but quickly shoved him away.
"There used to be a place for you in my heart, but there's nothing left after you did that to Logan.
Remember what I said. I'm serious."
She turned and left withoutlooking back.
Shaun did not chase after her. He leaned against the wall and looked up at the ceiling. For some reason, his eyes stung.
He was so tired. At that moment, he really wanted her to stay with him.

As long as she was around, he would try to pull himself together even if he had nothing left.
However, without her, he seemed to have lost all his motivation.
Let me go, Mr. Hill [by Shallow South] Chapter 1010
Of course, Shaun knew that the current him was no longer worthy of Catherine.
Catherine walked out of the elevator. On the side, Hadley stepped out from another elevator and quickly caught up to her.
"Ms. Jones, I need to talk to you."
Catherine stopped. "What do you want to say, Hadley?"
Hadley said awkwardly, "Actually, I heard a little about what Eldest Young Master Hill and you talked about in the office earlier. I want to ask you not to sue him."
Catherine frowned. If it were someone else, she would not hesitate to refuse, but she owed Hadley.
"Hadley, he's a devil. I just wanted to start another life with Wesley, but he ruined it. He even made a big fuss and ruined my reputation. Do you know how many people out there are laughing at Wesley and me's I'm not just doing it for myself. I have to give Wesley an explanation too."
"But if you really sue the Eldest Young Master Hill now and he goes to jail for even as short as two years, without him sitting in Hill Corporation, it'll be swallowed up by others until nothing is left.

"Willie has been beaten silly, while Liam betrayed u s and went missing. Lea lives every day like she has lost her soul. Valerie and Spencer are incompetent.
"The old madam is too old and suffering from all kinds of ailments due to the stimulation recently, so we don't know how long she'll last. Of course, they're people who have nothing to do with you, but you have to think about Suzie"
Hadley reminded her helplessly, "You and I both know that although Liam is Suzie's pretend father, she's actually Eldest Young Master Hill's daughter. It's impossible to send Suzie to the Campos family. If the Hill family falls, what will happen to Suzie? She will really become a child without a father or a mother!
"Although Eldest Young Master Hill thinks that Suzie is his niece, he really does treat her well.
Perhaps because he's actually her father. Suzie also cares deeply about him as well."
Catherine fell silent.
She indeed had not thought so much before.
What Hadley said made sense.
However, if she did not sue Shaun, how would she explain it to Wesley?
"Miss Jones, that's all I can say." Hadley did not say anything else and turned to go upstairs.

Not long after Catherine returned to Hudson, Suzie was brought over by the Hill family's driver.

It had been more than a month since she saw the little girl. Catherine brought her out to buy some pretty clothes and even bought her a big cake

before bringing her back to the Yule family's villa to eat with Lucas.

She had a lively personality, which was different from Lucas, and made Joel extra happy.

"Cathy, Suzie is really delightful. Why don't you leave her here and let the two little ones accompany me? I feel much younger already." It had been a long time since Joel was so happy.

Suzie thought about it and shook her head seriously. "Grandpa, I can't. I have to accompany Great -grandma. She's so pitiful. In the past, she had Great-grandpa to accompany her, but she's all alone now."

"Suzie, you're such a filial child." Joel praised her but sighed and turned to Catherine. "I heard that the Hill family is planning to sell the manor."

Catherine was stunned. "Is the Hill family really that desperate?"

Joel knocked on the desk. "Hill Corporation has too many subsidiaries which need a lot of money to run. Actually, the microchip was a gamble taken on by Shaun. If he won, he would become among the richest men in the world, but if he lost, it would be like falling to the ground from heaven. Business is all about risks and opportunities coexisting."

Catherine was silent before saying, "I heard that Holt Corporation wants to buy Hill Corporation."

"Yeah, Holt Corporation is running wild now. You probably don't know this but the daughter of Holt Corporation, Joanne Holt, is having an affair with Mason Campos. They even have an illegitimate child

together."
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Joel said, "The Holt family is planning to buy Hill Corporation for a song while the Campos family is secretly inciting the matter. Now, all the wealthy families in Canberra are just waiting to watch the drama unfold."
As Catherine listened to Joel, she was increasingly disgusted by those wealthy families in Canberra.
"Alas, poor Suzie. I shouldn't have let her return to the Hill family." Joel sighed. "Anyway, don't overthink it. Have a great life with Wesley in the future. Don't let him down again."
"Mm." Catherine lowered her head.
When it was time for dinner, Wesley drove over.
The minute Wesley saw Suzie, he held her up happily. "Suzie, why don't you come to my house with your mommy tomorrow?"
"Oh, okay" Suzie answered by stretching out her voice, neither happy nor sad. She just felt that Wesley's house was not her home. "Mommy, are you going to move to Uncle Wesley's place?"
"Suzie, go and have dinner with Lucas first."
When Catherine sent Suzie away, Wesley gazed at her with a gentle look. "What's wrong?"

"Wesley, I might have to move over only after some time." Faced with a dilemma, Catherine explained, "I could bring Suzie here today only because I promised Shaun not to bring her over to yours to stay. I'm sorry, but I can't leave Suzie alone. A lot of things have been going on in the Hill family recently, and she's been lonely because nobody keeps her company."
"I thought it was a serious issue." Wesley touched her head with a smile. "Although you can't move to my place, I can move here. It's still the same, and you can move to my place once Suzie returns to the Hil family."
Catherine froze and could not quite catch what he said.
"Don't you welcome me?" Wesley raised his brows all of a sudden.
"No, no." Catherine was rather confused. "But I have two children sleeping with me at night. The bed might not be able to fit"
"It's fine. I can sleep in the guest room." Wesley did not make things difficult for her. Catherine nodded.
"However You can't just accompany your kids all the time and ignore me." Wesley extended his hands and wrapped them around her. With an affectionate tone, he added, "Cathy, I'm also a normal man."
"Alright."
Catherine's face flushed as she felt awkward.
Particularly when Wesley hugged her, she could smell a faint masculine scent from his body, which somehow reminded her of Shaun's scent.

In fact, she was not averse to Wesley's hugs before she got married.

However, she had been with Shaun every day of this month. Moreover, since Shaun enjoyed kissing her in particular, she had slowly gotten used to his scent.

As this thought struck her, she suddenly shuddered. She could not behave like this anymore.

"By the way, when are you going to the police station, Cathy?" Wesley asked abruptly. "The case of Shaun kidnapping you isn't over yet."

Catherine's head began to hurt. Only then did she experience how difficult it was to remarry while having two children.

"Wesley, I... I don't plan to sue him. Suzie's birth certificate is with the Hill family. If Shaun goes to jail, Suzie will have no one to depend on. I don't think you know that Liam has gone missing..."

This time, Wesley's elegant and handsome face froze in spite of himself.

"Cathy, have you thought about how the public will see us if you don't file a lawsuit against Shaun?

They will criticize you for being indecent even though you're married. They might even think that you haven't gotten over Shaun. As for me, it clearly shows that I've been cuckolded. Can't you just... consider things from my end?"

Given that Catherine rarely saw Wesley getting so indignant, she was at her wits' end. "But I need to think about it from Suzie's end too."

"But I don't think you've even gotten over Shaun." A miserable look washed over Wesley's face. "Cathy,

when you went missing for the whole of last month, what worried me most was not whether you slept with Shaun but whether you fell for him again. No matter how much I've done for you, I'm always the lowest on your list of priorities."

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Wesley took two steps backward and gave a bitter laugh before he turned on his heel and left.

Lucas and Suzie ran to Catherine. "Mommy, why did Uncle Wesley leave? Did both of you quarrel?"

"Go and have your dinner." Catherine bent over and replied gently.

There was a great sense of fatigue in the depths of her eyes.

In the next two days, Shaun asked all Liona members to search for Liam. However, it seemed as if he had vanished into thin air.

"Eldest Young Master, we've checked the records at the train stations, airports, and highways, but Liam didn't leave from any of these places. Even the foreign hospitals don't have Liam's clinical record, "Chance reported his findings with a frown.

"At present, there are only two possibilities. The first possibility is that Liam has been locked up.

Another one is that... He's dead."

Sitting on the leather chair, Shaun felt as if a bucket of cold water was poured over his tall figure.



Shaun pursed his thin lips grimly and was silent for some time. Looking at Shaun, Lea got increasingly anxious, so she shifted her eyes to Chance. Chance kept his head down and said, "We abandoned him in a remote alley in the north of the city, but we couldn't trace him after that. Eldest Young Master has been searching for him in the past few days, yet Liam is nowhere to be found..." Lea took two ghastly steps backward. After all, Liam was her son with whom she was pregnant for ten months. he's still alive, why can't anyone trace him? Shaun, are you lying simply because you want to kill Liam?" "I'm not..." Those words sent shivers down Shaun's spine. However, Lea acted as if she did not hear what Shaun said as she dashed to him and slapped him straight away. "I can understand that you hate Liam. I won't stop you from punching him however you want, but you can't kill him. After all, he's your younger brother." Amid her speech, Lea broke into tears. "Liam is still young. He went astray because I didn't get him a good dad and educate him properly. Why did you have to kill him?" "Madam, Eldest Young Master really didn't kill Second Young Master," Chance explained.Let me go, Mr.

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"Even if you didn't do this, Liam's disappearance surely has to do with you." Lea was consumed with regret.
These days, she had been so muddleheaded and overwhelmed by Mason's cheating and betrayal that she had neglected her two sons.
By the time she came to her senses, Liam had gone missing.
"Shaun Hill, if you don't bring Liam back, I'll never acknowledge you as my son." Once Lea finished her sentence in hysterics, she suddenly felt faint. 3
"Madam." Chance swiftly held her.
Shaun leaped to his feet and carried Lea. Then, he raced her to the hospital.
After conducting different types of blood tests, the doctor said, "Madam Hill hasn't slept for a few days or so. Her fatigue and blood insufficiency have also contributed to her feeling faint. She needs to take care of her health by relaxing and worrying less."
A bitter look washed over Shaun's face. By the look of things, how could Lea possible relax?
Shortly after the doctor left the ward, a few police officers walked in.
"Mr. Hill, Mason Campos has reported to the police that you have kidnapped his youngest son.

Liam Hill's whereabouts are still not known. Please follow us to the police station for investigation."
Shaun's eyes darkened. He was worried that Mason would attack him using Liam's incident, but little did he expect that it would happen so soon.
"Okey. Let me have a word with my mom, and I'll go with you guys immediately."
Shaun turned arround and walked to the bed. Lea's condition had improved slightly after she received an IV infusion. However, she still looked pale.
"Mom, I know you hate me, but you should know that Liam is Mason's son. Now that Mason is riding high, what I'd do at most is to take it out on Liam. I wouldn't go as far as killing him. As you can see now, the campos family has called the police."
<i>un</i>
Lea looked bewildered and astonished.
Shaun did not have enough time to explain further to her. "Many companies out there, especially Holt"
Corporation that has Campos Corporation's backing, are planning to swallow Hill Corporation whole. After I'm taken to the police station, Holt Corporation will surely get other corporations together to destroy Hill Corporation. You'd better sell off those insurance companies, hotels, and electronics companies under Hill Corporation that have been making losses for years.
"Get rid of the Hill family's manor as soon as possible too. Invest solely in the financial industry of Hill Corporation. Only then will we be able to maintain Hill Corporation's business."

"Mom, I think you were a superwoman in the business industry twenty years ago. Don't let Mason look down on you. What's more, Hill Corporation wouldn't have come to this point if it weren't for you.

"Now is the time for you to make it up to the Hills. You won't want to see Grandpa and Grandma homeless at their age, right?"

Once Shaun finished speaking, he turned around and left with the police.

"Sell off?" Lea was still lost in thought.

Lea was startled. When she thought it through, she realized that she had hardly concerned herself with the company's matters considering Shaun's power for the past few years.

No wonder Mason looked down on her. Even she looked down on herself.

After ten minutes of silence, it finally hit Lea that now was not the time for her to feel sad for herself even though being abandoned by Mason made her upset and miserable.

"Hadley, come over here." "Madam..." Hadley's eyes glinted.

"Hurry up and sell off the companies under Hill Corporation. Let's see how much working capital we can obtain from there." Lea's pretty face immediately exuded a strong sense of authority.

Hadley was relieved. Luckily, the realization came home to Lea soon enough, or the Hill family would be destroyed.

An hour later, news of Shaun's arrest had spread across the whole of Australia.

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[Are my eyes deceiving me? Eldest Young Master Hill has been arrested for kidnapping Second Young Master Hill, but didn't he kidnap Catherine too? He really enjoys kidnapping people, huh?]
[He is completely lawless. He even kidnapped his own brother. Quickly lock him up.]
[I heard Shaun has a bad temper, and he used to take it out on Liam for no reason.]
[What happened this time seems much more serious than that. Rumor has it that Liam has gone missing for days. The witness in the hotel said that the last time he saw Liam was when Shaun took Liam away. Luckily, Liam's dad, Mason Campos, has reported it to the police.]
[Now that the Campos family is the most influential family in Australia, they can send Shaun to jail.
Don't ever let him out.]
The issue had caused a heated discussion among the netizens. Even Catherine learned about the matter through the internet.
As her assistant, Harvey also informed her about what he heard. "I heard Hill Corporation is planning to sell off their subsidiary companies, such as insurance and electronics companies."

"With Hill Corporation's poor cash flow, it's a wise decision to sell them off." Catherine could not help

but ask, "Who decided on this?"

"Lea is now in charge of Hill Corporation. There's no one else in the Hill family." Harvey handed an invitation card to Catherine. "By the way, a grand auction will be held in Canberra the night after tomorrow. The main item that will be up for auction this time is the Hill family's manor."

Catherine was dumbfounded for a while. Then, she could not help but sigh. "In the end, the Hill family is being left high and dry."

"Exactly," Harvey said. "Lea was the one who decided to auction it. The Hill family's manor is the largest manor in Australia. Rumor has it that it costs more than 10 billion dollars as it's situated in the mountains. Having said that, I heard the Campos family has secretly asked those wealthy families in Australia to force the price down."

Catherine frowned. "The Campos family is really..." Considering the improper means the Campos often used, she wondered how they came to gain the position they had today.

"Yeah. Anyway, all the wealthy families are following the Campos family's lead now." Harvey said, "Do you want to go and take a look? All the reputable figures in Canberra will be attending."

Catherine rubbed her forehead. "What's the point of going? I can't afford the manor either. Just throw the card away."

In the detention center.

The security guard tossed the food and water at the door. After darting a glance, Shaun lost his appetite at the cold food, so he just picked up the cup of water to drink.

Less than half an hour after he finished the water, he was suddenly drained of energy.

The bunch of criminals around him then exchanged glances upon finishing their food, and they walked to Shaun with sinister smiles.
"Who instructed you guys?" Shaun was so sharp that he came to his senses in an instant. Nevertheless, it was too late. He had lost his energy by then.
"Eldest Young Master, you used to be arrogant.
Now, let us serve you well."
A tall, bald man grabbed a stool and smashed it on Shaun's back.
As Shaun could not bring himself to get up, a ferocious punch subsequently landed on his body and head, causing him to cough up a mouthful of blood.
Before he completely passed out, he faintly saw someone cracking a ceramic bowl and cruelly slashing his thigh with a splinter afterward.
Shaun widened his eyes in disbelief.
He clenched his fists hard. Even so, all he could do was let out a groan!
"Young Master Hill, I heard you were quite a playboy back then. I'll make you a eunuch then." As the man watched the blood gush out from the hole in Shaun's trousers, he burst out laughing.
Shaun's face turned ghastly. Perhaps due to the excruciating pain, he finally regained a little energy.
He kicked the man before he fell from the bed. His eyes were bloodshot.Let me go, Mr. Hill [by Shallow



Would Shaun have the dignity to approach Catherine if he was a eunuch?

"I can't be certain about it," Wesley's subordinate said with a low voice. "When the person was about to attack him the second time, Chester happened to be there to see Shaun, and he witnessed the whole thing when the police officer brought him in."

"F*ck," Wesley cursed gruffly.

"President Lyons, I heard the man was very brutal with the attack, so it was most probably ruined," the subordinate comforted Wesley.

"Mm." Wesley's elegant and handsome face twisted grimly.

As soon as Rodney received the news, he rushed to the hospital. Chester had already been waiting outside the emergency room for a while.

"How's Shaun? Damn. Which b*stard did this to Shaun?" Rodney looked stern. "That person really wanted to make Shaun impotent and childless, huh? Could it be Mason? That was very cruel of him. Why couldn't he let the Hills go, considering their predicament? Did he resent the Hills that much? Did he have to go this far?"

"I don't think it was Mason..." Chester took a drag on his cigarette before he suddenly said in a low voice, "Indeed, Mason and the Hill family don't resent each other so much, but Mason is very perverted. Particularly because he used to be in the lowest rank, the Hill family must have looked down on him for the past ten years or so. Now that it's finally Mason's turn to become successful, he wants to destroy the Hill family completely. He even wants to cover up those who have lent him a hand because he treats their help as a form of humiliation. To him, he believes that he can succeed without the Hill family."

Rodney froze for a moment. Then, he thought it over and felt that Mason could indeed have this mindset. "Wow, Chester. When did you learn to analyze someone's mental state?"

"I did some research on it when I dealt with Shaun's illness previously."

Chester said with a frown, "Why would that person target that part of Shaun's? Clearly, he wanted Shaun to be childless and impotent. People who do that usually mean to take revenge."

Rodney blinked. "It means that person is Shaun's rival, but... Wesley is his only rival." Rodney was dumbfounded when he blurted out the name 'Wesley'. "Can it be? Wesley is well known for his good temper and elegance. Many people even label him as an infatuated man."Let me go, Mr. Hill [by Shallow South] Chapter 1016

"Think about it. Don't you think this person is quite scary?" Chester darted a glance at Rodney. "We're all fighting in the business industry, and those who have succeeded are all crafty and unyielding. Wesley's company has only been around for a few years, yet it is now a leading company in Australia. I still remember when Golden Corporation was set up in Canberra a few years back, a lot of people looked down on it. It's not clear when he gained a foothold in Canberra. But these days, he's always present in social gatherings involving prominent figures in the business industry."

"...Precisely." Rodney was enlightened by his reminder.

"What's more... Do you remember when Catherine came from Melbourne three years ago? She was Wesley's fiancée at that time, but Shaun later snatched her from Wesley. Then, during Wesley and Catherine's wedding, Shaun came to seize her in public again. It was a slap in Wesley's face. Do you think any man could put up with that?"

"Yeah." Rodney recalled the incident and nodded. "Chester, if that's the case, Wesley is actually very manipulative. Since he could mess with Shaun in the police station, it shows that he's not simple. If he keeps targeting Shaun, it's going to be troublesome."

"What's worse is that he'll secretly deal with Shaun while looking calm on the surface."
The two of them did not say anything else until Shaun was pushed out of the emergency room. He did not lose consciousness, but his face was as white as a sheet.
After entering the ward, the doctor said helplessly, "We've performed debridement and suture on his wound. Considering that his wound is quite severe, I can't tell if he's still potent."
"What do you mean? I won't be able to do it anymore?" It came as a real blow to Shaun.
"You can't say that either. It's not definitely the case." The doctor glanced at him pitifully. "You need to be optimistic."
Shaun laughed sardonically.
The doctor's words did not seem to offer him comfort.
Did this mean that all he could do now was to keep an optimistic attitude?
In fact, he was not the kind who had a desperate sexual urge. Even before Catherine's return, he was fien with not sleeping with any women for a few years.
However, at the thought of his possible importance, he wondered what right he had to win Catherine back. What was the poing of asking her tobe with him again?

To become a widow?

It seemed that God did not want to bring him together with Catherine again. First, it was Hill Corporation's collapse, and now, it was himself. Ha!

He must have hurt Catherine too much back then, so God wanted to punish him and make him grow old alone.

He was suddenly plugged into dejection.

He had initially planned to bounce back come what may. After all, he was still young to make a comeback with Hill Corporation. Only then could he have the nerve and confidence to win Catherine's heart back. Neverthless, he had now lost the motivation to work hard.

"Don't be like this, Shau." Rodney had never seen Shaun in such a state before. Shaun had always been arrogant, so much that it made others feel like

punching him. However, Rodney noticed that self- confidence had vanished in Shuan's eyes. He did not look so disheartened even when his microchip was stolen.

"Yeah. You've managed to have your earlier mental illness cured, so with the current technology, this can be cured." Chester consoled him. "I know a lot of well-known doctors. Trust me."

"Thank you." Shaun laughed bitterly. "If it hadn't been for the two of you, I would probably still be in the police station. I never thought that I'd end up in this state."

"It was all because of that woman." Rodney could not help mumble. "If you didn't bring Catherine to the island and stayed in Hill Corporation until the microchip was a success, the Campos family wouldn't have taken advantage of it."



"Liam must be f*cking hiding," Rodney said in exasperation.
"Maybe not." Shaun shook his head. "Liam was pretty badly injured at that time. If he was hiding, Mason would surely get him a doctor. But I heard that the Campos, including Mason, didn't look for a doctor. I suspect Liam could be killed."
Toward the end of his sentence, Shaun's voice choked with bitterness. Even his heart ached for a moment.
Rodney was shocked. "Who killed him?"
Chester analyzed the situation. "Besides his disagreement with Shaun, Liam has no enemies. The person who killed Liam might want to use his death as a pretext for sending Shaun to jail.
"After all, witnesses in the hotel saw Shaun's people taking Liam away, so Shaun is the prime suspect for Liam's disappearance. Think about who Shaun's enemy is in Canberra."
"Wesley Lyons?" Rodney was dumbfounded. "Or Mason Campos? It can't be Mason since Liam is his son."
"Wesley is more likely to be the suspect." Chester shifted his gaze to Shaun. "What do you think?"
Shaun's eyes trembled. A moment later, he gnashed his teeth and replied, "Probably. Wesley could be the one who instructed the people in the detention center to deal with me as well."
Hence, Shaun pulled himself together and reflected on it. Mason was his business rival. If Mason were to attack him, he would not target that part of his body. In this case, the suspect had to be Wesley.

Shaun was quite surprised at Wesley being the suspect.

In his eyes, Wesley was merely an ant that he could step on however he wished. He could even snatch Wesley's woman away for a month, and even then, Wesley was too scared to do anything.

However, when Shaun thought it through, he found this type of person quite terrifying. Wesley might seem elegant and gentle on the surface, but no one knew what was on his mind. He was like... how Mason used to be.

All of a sudden, Shaun was concerned about Catherine. Would Wesley harbor a grudge against Catherine for the video Shaun sent him the last time?

Perhaps future Catherine would be current Lea.

He had to remind Catherine. However, she might not trust him.

"I'll ask someone to look into Wesley, but what matters now is to bring Liam back, regardless of whether he's dead or alive. Meanwhile, the Campos family will definitely sue you. I'll get you a better lawyer, " said Chester.

"Thanks." Never had Shaun thought that he, the most outstanding lawyer in Australia, would one day be involved in a lawsuit. "I already know how to tackle the case. If I have to go to court with the Campos family, let me lead the case. I'll win it."

"Alright, then."

In a men's clothing store of a mall.

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Freya smilingly appeared beside her. "It's been more than a month. Tsk, absence really does make the heart grow fonder. You finally asked me out."

"Alright. I just want you to help me pick a men's shirt." Catherine took a blue shirt and asked, "What about this?"

"This shirt looks young. If you're not buying this for your dad, it has to be either for Wesley or Shaun," Freya responded after glancing at it.

Catherine's face fell. "Do you think I'll buy it for Shaun? I'm getting it for Wesley. I made him angry, so I'm planning to buy him a shirt and apologize to him. But I don't know his size. Sigh."

"Don't bother buying a shirt, then. If it's for a man, you should buy a watch instead. Come on. Let's go and pick a nice watch."

With that, Freya dragged her out of the store. Catherine thought it through for a while and felt

that a watch would match a man's identity better as well. "Did I interrupt your work by asking you out this afternoon?"

"Please, I'm a director as well as Rodney's fiancée. I can leave whenever I want. Who would have the guts to stop me? What's more, Rodney is busy bailing Shaun out of the police station. He's too busy to concern himself with the company's affairs."

Catherine furrowed her brows. Freya and she seemed to mention Shaun's name very frequently.
Just as Catherine was about to change the topic, Freya suddenly moved closer to her and whispered into her ear, "I heard something happened to Shaun in the detention center. He was even sent to the hospital for emergency treatment."
Catherine was stunned. "With his skills, how could something have happened to him? He should be able to deal with ten people easily."
"I have no idea, but his injuries seem quite severe." Freya added, "When I had a meal with the Snows the other day, I heard Aunty Wendy mentioning it. Oh well, what goes around comes around."
Catherine was dazed, but in the end, she forced herself not to dwell on it. "Stop bringing Shaun up.
I'm not interested. Come on, take a look at the watches."
"Tsk. I just wanted you to cheer you up."
"As long as he doesn't come looking for me, I'm happy."
Catherine eventually chose a Patek Philippe SA watch.
Catherine was about to return home after they both had dinner, but Freya held onto her. "Accompany me to a place. Let's go."
Only when they arrived at the venue did Catherine realize that it was an auction, and all the wealthy

families in Australia were gathered here tonight.

"Why did you bring me here?" Catherine pulled a long face.

"Please, the Hill family's manor is up for auction tonight. I can't afford it, but it won't stop me from watching the fun." Freya dragged Catherine in excitedly.

"Hold on. Let me buy a cap." Catherine stopped her. "I'm sure Melanie and the rest are here as well. I don't want to see them. I'm afraid I might be disgusted."

"That's true. Now that her husband, Charlie, is the most influential young master in Australia, I guess she has become very uppity." Freya bought the same cap as her as well, and with sunglasses on, both of them walked into the private room on the second floor, keeping a low profile.

There were many items up for auction tonight, with the Hill family's manor being the last one.

During the auction, Catherine headed to the restroom and happened to come across Lea and Mason.

However, they were not a loving couple anymore. Mason had his hand wrapped around a lovely young woman beside him, who was none other than Joanne Holt. Both of them seemed like they were trying to put Lea in a difficult position.

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"Aunty Lea, have you been under a lot of stress lately? You look much older than before."

Joanne gloated while covering her mouth. "But that's understandable with the Hill family's current predicament. If I were you, I'd be so anxious that my hair would've turned gray."

"Even if I'm old, I'm still much stronger than a person like you who sleeps with a man of your dad's age."

you both." Lea pursed her lips sarcastically.

Mason's expression changed, and his gaze became grim. "Lea, don't think that I don't know you're planning to sell off the Hill family's manor because you're running out of working capital.

Unfortunately, your plan is doomed to fail."

"What do you mean?" Lea frowned.

Joanne covered her mouth and chuckled. "It means that Mason has pulled some strings. Many wealthy and noble families have shown up tonight, and they're quite interested in buying the manor. The reserve price of the manor is 40 billion dollars, but Mason has warned them not to offer any price exceeding 40.1billion dollars during the bidding. By then, Mason will bid for it, and the three of us will be living there."

Mason's motive instantly dawned on Lea. She stared at him incredulously while trembling with anger.

"Mason Campos, don't go too far. You already have everything you want. The Campos family has become the most influential family in Australia, and you're now a high-ranking figure. Why do you have to destroy Hill Corporation without leaving a way out for us?"

In fact, if Lea were not desperate for money, she would have taken her time to sell the manor. Even if she set the selling price at 100 billion dollars, someone would surely buy it.

Although the reserve price of the manor tonight was 40 billion dollars, she thought it would not be a problem for it to go for 80 billion at least. However, she did not expect Mason to be so despicable.

At the sight of her panicking, Mason smiled in satisfaction.

"How did I destroy Hill Corporation? 40 billion dollars is already enough for everyone in the Hill family to

live for the rest of their lives. You should be content. Lea. You're not young anymore either, so why do you want to work so hard? Be careful. You might end up without a penny left."

"Yeah. Look, Shaun is the best example, isn't he?" Joanne said conceitedly, "Such a large Hill family has already been destroyed by that son of yours, so you'd better not be greedy."

Lea lifted her hand to slap Mason in the face.

Nevertheless, Mason had braced himself for it. He pushed her away and put his hand around Joanne's waist. "Let's go."

"Mason, Liam's whereabouts are still unknown, yet you have the mood to think of ways to scheme against me and accompany another woman." Lea moaned with sorrow, "Are you even a human? Liam is your son."

"What can I do? I wasn't the one who contributed to his disappearance. What's more, he's not my only son. Unlike you, Joanne can give birth to my child with her body anytime." After that, Mason left with Joanne, unbothered.

Lea stood there in a daze. Only after a long while was she struck by a thought, and she swiftly walked toward the organizer of the event.Let me go, Mr. Hill [by Shallow South] Chapter 1020

Catherine presumed that Lea was about to withdraw the Hill family's manor for auctioning. However, that would be... quite impossible.

Most of the guests were here tonight for the manor. If it was withdrawn so abruptly, the organizer would lose its credibility and might not be able to organize an auction anymore.

Only after Lea went out of sight did Catherine head to the restroom, feeling preoccupied.

When Catherine made a turn, she suddenly saw a tall man leaning against the wall smoking.
She was taken aback.
She wondered how long this man had stood here. He had probably heard the conversation between Lea and Mason.
With that, she could not help but throw him a glance.
The man was really tall, and there was a hideous scar on his cheek. Although he was wearing a pair of sunglasses, his prominent features and tall nose
were visible. Dressed in a black suit, he gave the illusion that he was intimidating.
This man looked like he was in his forties, but he must have been very charming when he was younger.
Even now, he looked quite charming, much less when he was young.
As if he had noticed her gaze, the man took out the cigarette from his mouth. After that, he left with his hands shoved in the pockets of his trousers.
As soon as Catherine returned to the private room from the washroom, Freya grumbled, "You took such a long time. The bidding for the Hill family's manor is about to begin."

"Let it be, then. The manor will definitely go to Campos Corporation tonight." At the thought of Lea's bleak silhouette, Catherine began to sympathize with her.

"How do you know?" Freya gazed at her curiously.

Catherine could not help but tell her everything she just witnessed. Upon hearing it, Freya flew into a rage.

"Mason has gone too far. The Hill family's manor is so huge and situated in the mountains, yet its reserve price is merely 40 billion dollars. This amount isn't even enough to cover the cost of the land. I'll raise the paddle later and call out 50 billion dollars to increase the price. I don't like the Hills, but I hate a scumbag who goes back on his word and dumps his wife even more."

Catherine blinked. "What if nobody else bids after you call out 50 billion dollars? Are you able to fork out that amount?"

Freya suddenly felt dispirited.

"Don't bid. If Mason found out, he'd cause you trouble." Catherine reminded her, "Can't you tell that Mason is the sort who'll seek revenge on the smallest grievances."

At 9:00 p.m., the bidding for the Hill family's manor finally began.

The host said, "The Hill family manor is the largest manor in Australia. It has 800,000 square feet and features an orchard, racecourse, golf club — you name it. They say most Australians dream of having a one-week staycation at the Hill family's manor. Even a random tree there costs more than 100 thousand dollars due to its long history. Now, we'll

start the bidding at 40 billion dollars."

Soon, a paddle from the first private room went up. "40 billion dollars and ten cents."

"Haha. You're too petty. I'm calling out 40 billion and loo dollars. I'm more generous."

"I'll add 1000 dollars, and that's the maximum."

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