

## **Love Rats 1041**

### **Chapter 1041 What if she wasn't the Turner family's daughter?**

After Diana finished her hysterical outburst, the entire conference room fell into an eerie silence.

Selena lazily leaned back in her seat, with a slightly chilling curve at the corner of her lips.

Hattie, upon hearing these twisted accusations, immediately wanted to jump up and hit Diana.

Leon held her back, "You can't hit her here, otherwise I'll have to go save you."

Hattie raged, "I'm underage and have a mental illness. If I beat this bitch to death, it's her own fault!"

Leon remained silent.

Upon hearing Hattie's words, Leon was reminded of the information Osvaldo had just given him... a hint of bitterness welled up in his heart.

"What nonsense!" Leon held the girl tightly in his arms, "If you really kill her, Selena will teach you a lesson."

Hattie's anger had reached its peak, but she suddenly froze upon hearing Leon's words. "But brother, this shameless woman... she..."

"No one will believe her!" Leon spoke softly, with a cold stare at Diana. "She will pay the price soon enough!"

After Osvaldo and Selena left, Diana and the other three mechanics were left waiting in the forest for several hours until the Union University's aircraft finally came to pick them up.

Upon disembarking from the aircraft, Diana overheard people on the street discussing the fact that the Turner family had brought Selena to the research institute for a meeting.

Fearing that Selena would steal her thunder, Diana hurriedly rushed over with the other three mechanics and immediately shouted out her accusations without waiting for an explanation.

Diana had originally thought that Henry and the Shaw family would immediately confront Selena after she spoke. However, the entire conference room remained silent, and everyone's eyes were fixed on her with a strange look.

Diana subconsciously looked at Freddie, but instead met with a man's eyes that were so cold that they had no warmth. This frightened Diana and caused her to shudder.

She suddenly realized that she might have been too late. Selena and those military academy students had probably already told everyone everything.

Diana hated Selena to the core.

She stared at Selena fiercely, with an evil expression on her face. Even the burning pain all over her body was forgotten. She shouted angrily, "What I said is true! Selena and the military academy students conspired to murder the mechanics at the research institute multiple times. She even wanted to silence us all... that's the truth!"

“You can’t be fooled by them, believe me, not their word!”

Diana turned around and looked at the other three members of the research department behind her.

Miriam was scared by her bloody face and immediately nodded, “Yes, I can testify that what Diana said is true. Selena is ruthless and plotted to harm the mechanic of the research department. The evidence is solid!”

The other two mechanics moved their mouths but didn’t make a sound.

Under Diana’s sinister and terrifying gaze, they nodded in panic.

“Yes... it’s true...”

“The fact is indeed so...”

Freddie closed his eyes. He was afraid that if he listened any further, he would not be able to resist killing these idiots on the spot!

After listening to Diana’s accusations against her for a while, Selena raised her hand and rubbed her ears. Seeing that the Shaw family and the people from the research institute remained silent, she raised her eyebrows in surprise.

Principal Marshall’s eyes flashed with fierceness. She suddenly stood up and grabbed Diana’s hair, “You little bitch, who gave you the courage to harm the students of Union University and smear the reputation of Union University?!”

This principal had climbed up from the bottom and had shed blood countless times, and her aura was not something Diana’s petty and scheming ruthlessness could compare with.

The three mechanics behind Diana were so scared that they screamed and retreated.

Diana was already covered in injuries, and with Principal Marshall grabbing her hair, her face twisted even more, “The fact is just like this, and you can’t cover up for them!”

Principal Marshall sneered and slapped her hard again.

Diana’s face was completely numb, but she still spoke fiercely, “Deputy Dean, Mr. Shaw, you can’t just listen to Selena and those military school students’ words. They don’t want me to get the position of the head of the research department and deliberately framed me!”

No matter how hysterically she shouted and cried for justice, no one came forward to help her accuse Selena, let alone support her.

No one even stepped forward to rescue her from Principal Marshall’s grasp.

Selena watched this scene and smiled.

No wonder Yasmin and Jessica, both in temperament and skill, were tougher than several boys. It turned out that someone had set a good example for them.

Principal Marshall’s style of behavior was very much to Selena’s taste.

Patrick noticed her interest in Principal Marshall and briefly introduced the principal's life, saying, "Principal Marshall used to be under my father's command and specifically protected his soldiers, so he is more caring towards the descendants of the Turner family."

Selena looked over curiously, "Your father?"

Patrick smiled, "Your father's older brother, your uncle. He, like you, is an outstanding commander."

Selena moved her gaze away and didn't dare to look at Patrick's eyes, feeling a faint bitterness in her heart.

At least she still had her mother, but the person in front of her had been an orphan since childhood. Not only that, he had been tormented by the virus for many years...

Patrick sensed her sudden discomfort and thought of what Osvaldo had said to him in the morning, sighing slightly. "Selena, no matter what happens, you are still the young lady of the Turner family."

But what if she wasn't really a child of the Turner family and was related to those who had destroyed the Turner family?

Selena avoided the topic as if escaping and looked ahead. Principal Marshall had slapped Diana twice and apparently felt that punishing a woman like her was beneath him, so he threw her out.

"Mr. Matthews, you saw it too. What is this woman? I'm taking her with me today. Does the research institute want to stop me?"

Henry took a deep breath. Even though he was used to conspiracies and tricks, Diana's stupidity had made him lose his sense of measure.

He couldn't understand why someone as smart as Diana had made such a big mistake on her own. "Principal Marshall, let's deal with her after the meeting is over."

Principal Marshall sneered and returned to her seat.

At this moment, Diana finally realized that something was wrong and looked up at everyone present.

### **Chapter 1042 Who is the Candidate They Decided on?!**

Diana faced a pair of cold and disdainful eyes, and even the young mechanics who had previously idolized and admired her in the research department had a look of disgust on their faces.

A sudden chill ran through Diana's heart. She finally realized that something had happened outside of her control, and that it was obviously caused by Selena, which was extremely detrimental to her.

Diana glared at Selena with resentment, but Selena ignored her expression and lazily propped up her chin.

The LCD screen on the wall flickered, and another formal and solemn conference room appeared on the screen.

Selena raised her eyebrows and glanced around. No one was surprised or shocked by the appearance of the leader of Zone Six.

In the gap of the unfolding situation, Diana's face showed a hint of joy, and she stepped forward, "Minister –"

"Miss Barrett!" A dignified voice interrupted Diana's words. "The meeting is about to begin. Please remain silent!"

Diana gritted her teeth in unwillingness as Henry stopped her from speaking, and almost everyone's gaze in the conference room fell on Selena on the large screen.

Selena bent her red lips and allowed the leaders of the several zones to scrutinize her without changing her expression.

Although there was an accident later, Selena still had confidence in her commanding ability.

Diana hated Selena to death when she saw this scene.

Lorenzo spoke first, breaking the silence, "Today's meeting has two main topics. One is the issue of the Union University arena, and the other is about the new department head of the research department. Zone Six hopes to decide as soon as possible."

As soon as these words were spoken, the atmosphere in the entire conference room reached its peak. Diana raised her head suddenly, unable to conceal her shock and paleness, with scars on her face.

Why did Zone Six suddenly interfere in the election of the head of the research department? Who is the candidate they decided on?!

Even Selena's eyes showed a hint of surprise, and she narrowed her eyes slightly, no longer looking lazy.

Principal Marshall's sharp gaze was unreservedly focused on the direction of the Poole family, "Regarding the Union University arena issue and Miss Turner's near-death experience as a military academy student... Mr. Poole, can you explain?"

Christ's sharp eyes were fixed on Selena.

Selena had long suspected that the Poole family was involved in the attack against her, and her gaze passed over him without any hint of resentment or accusation. It was as if the Poole family attacking her was a natural occurrence.

Christ was infuriated and spoke in a low tone, "Whoever gave the order, Principal Marshall will hold them accountable!"

The members of the Poole Group were furious when they heard Christ's words, which seemed to suggest that the matter did not concern them.

This time, Dexter had really managed to annoy his grandson thoroughly. If he continued to push him, Christ might even sell him on the spot!

At that point, there would be no turning back!

Principal Marshall sneered, "With Mr. Poole's words, I don't need to show mercy anymore!"

“Union University has already entrusted the judiciary to take action, and all relevant personnel have been taken away for investigation!”

“I believe it won’t be long before the mastermind behind this is identified!”

“For the sake of personal gain, this scum disregarded the lives of so many military academy students and damaged precious assets in Zone Six. I will personally kill him!”

Diana’s eyes widened in shock.

The others were also stunned by Principal Marshall’s words.

Thanks to Christ, almost everyone knew that the Poole family was likely involved in this matter.

However, as students of Union University, they were technically residents of Zone Six, and any investigation should have been conducted by Zone Six itself.

Principal Marshall, however, acted without consulting anyone, bringing in the judiciary... effectively cutting off any chance for the Poole family to intervene.

Moreover, the Anderson family and the Turner family were unlikely to let this matter go.

If the judiciary were to find any evidence against them, the Poole family patriarch would be in real danger.

Everyone looked at Selena, then at Principal Marshall.

They were unsure whether to blame Selena as a femme fatale, or Principal Marshall for being too harsh.

Principal Marshall’s unilateral action had clearly left the residents of Zone Six feeling powerless.

After all, while Union University had close ties to Zone Six, it was not under its jurisdiction.

Even if someone wanted to intervene, they could not do so openly.

Principal Marshall had no intention of giving anyone the chance to oppose him and said coldly, “Union University’s decision is final. Mr. Matthews, it’s up to your research institute now.”

“We at Union University are also curious about which candidate you plan to promote as the next head of the research department,” the mocking tone made the high-level executives of the research institute turn pale.

In less than a day, the students of Union University had made Selena’s mechanical talent known to everyone. Naturally, the fact that the research institute had made Selena a mere decorative figure in the engineering department also spread.

The research institute was ridiculed and the phones of the high-level executives were almost blown up by the queries and mockery from various sectors, making them too embarrassed to show their faces.

On top of that, Zone Six was pressuring them, leaving the research institute with no way out.

It can be said that the high-level executives of the research institute were just as furious as Union University.

As the issue of the next head of the research department was at stake, Diana forced herself to calm down.

The research institute, the Shaw family, and even the Poole family, as well as the second district, were undoubtedly supporting her to take up the position.

In addition, with her possession of the “Sacred Pearl,” Selena was not qualified to compete with her for the position of head of the research department.

Her biggest weakness now was the “minor mistakes” she made in the joint competition, as long as she explained them clearly, the position of head of the research department was hers.

Thinking of this, Diana took a deep breath and straightened her back.

Henry stood up, looked at the conference room opposite, and said solemnly, “The research institute has not yet decided on the candidate for the new head of the research department.”

“The group of young people in the research department lack experience and no one can shoulder that responsibility for the time being.”

“And also...” Henry smiled faintly, “The dean called this morning. He will lead Miss Baxter’s team back to the country next month, and he will personally select the new head of the research department at that time.”

As soon as this was said, there was another round of gasps in the room.

Even many people in Zone Six frowned.

Selena noticed the change in the atmosphere and turned to look at Patrick.

Patrick knew that Selena didn’t understand many things about the capital, and whispered, “The research institute president’s position is somewhat special, even Sidney and the others... have to give him some face.”

Seeing Selena lost in thought, Patrick comforted her, “But Selena, don’t worry...”

### **Chapter 1043 Investigation**

“The research institute ultimately speaks with strength. The position of the head of the research department must be yours,” Selena raised her eyebrows and smiled faintly. “I am willing to be the head of the research department. It is an honor for the research institute. If they provoke me, I will make these old men and women regret it until they cry!”

Patrick looked at her arrogant and confident expression and felt a faint sense of guilt in his heart. If it weren’t for the Turner family, Selena wouldn’t need to endure such humiliation. With her abilities, she would be highly valued wherever she went.

Diana was especially unhappy when she heard Henry’s decision. In her opinion, Henry should have directly named her and promoted her to the position of head of the research department. But he did not, and instead brought up the dean who was still abroad to delay the decision. Was it just because she

had not made any achievements in the competition at Union University? Diana felt resentful in her heart.

On the large screen, the leader of Zone Two said indifferently, "Mr. Baxter has dedicated himself to the research institute for many years. It is only right to wait for his return before making a decision." When it came to the current leader of the research institute, it seemed that there was no room for opposition.

Everyone's eyes were looking in one direction, as if there was someone important there.

The top management of the research institute also had no relaxed expressions and stared at Osvaldo like they were facing a major enemy.

Suddenly, Osvaldo called out to Selena, who was talking to Patrick with her head down. "Selena, come here."

Selena heard his voice and looked up.

There was a hint of complexity in her eyes, but unexpectedly, she did not refuse. "If Selena wants to go, she can go," Osvaldo said, without stopping her. Selena stood up and walked over.

Osvaldo raised his hand and pulled her into his arms to sit down.

His gentle and deep gaze fell on Selena's face, and he smiled, with a hint of coldness in his voice. "If the research institute doesn't give you the position of head of the research department today, you can come home with me. I will build a research institute that belongs only to you. Then you can turn this research institute into a wasteland."

Hearing the expected threat from the man, the faces of the top management of the research institute turned pale. Christ narrowed his eyes slightly and let out a cold laugh.

Freddie clenched his fists, his face twisted with uncontrollable anger. Selena looked at him in surprise.

Osvaldo's slender fingers gently tucked a strand of hair behind her ear and said, "I can't bear to see you suffer. Why do they have the audacity to make you suffer again and again?"

His wife was born high and noble, and he couldn't believe she was now reduced to coming to them and being rejected.

He couldn't bear the thought of Selena even losing a single hair.

Despite this, the researchers at the institute repeatedly rejected her, nitpicking and causing her to face several crises and near-death experiences.

Osvaldo's long lashes hung low as the icy air enveloped him.

His words caused a stir in the room, even among the researchers who normally didn't care about internal disputes.

If it were just the Turner family, the institute might still be able to hold out.

After all, building a research institute requires a lot of effort and resources, and even with the Turner family's resources, it wouldn't be possible to accomplish it in a short time.

But what if the Anderson family and the Turner family joined forces? What would be difficult about building a research institute for Selena?

With her terrifying abilities and the abundant talent resources of the Turner and Anderson families, coupled with their prestige, the capital's research field would be split in two.

The institute's personnel dared not think deeply about this, shivering at the thought. Just then, another voice rang out faintly, "If Miss Turner wants to build a research institute, the Riddle family doesn't mind lending a hand."

At these words, the crowd's faces changed again. Freddie gritted his teeth and asked, "When did Mr. Riddle become so close to Miss Turner?"

Leon smiled faintly and replied, "I just can't stand the institute wasting such talent. After all, Miss Turner's ability is there for all to see."

Once again, the institute fell silent, because what Leon said was true. Setting aside Miss Selena Turner's status as a member of the Turner family, in terms of her knowledge and ability in the mechanical field, who in all of H Country could compare to her?

To put it bluntly, Selena's willingness to come and be the head of the research department was a great advantage for the institute.

However, Henry and others repeatedly refused such an excellent talent for their own benefit, causing the real researchers who loved science to become very angry.

Selena was somewhat surprised to see things develop to this point. In her plan, the Minister of Science and Technology would not be able to obtain his position until she exposed Diana's theft of the Sacred Pearl at the latest.

Her purpose in coming here today was only to completely remove Diana from the list of candidates. Therefore, Selena didn't really care about Henry playing tricks with her. However, she didn't expect Osvaldo to suddenly say such a thing.

Selena looked at the man's exquisite and handsome face, met his almost drowning tenderness in his eyes, and asked with a smile, "Build me a research institute, aren't you afraid I'll waste it?"

Osvaldo looked at the young girl's twinkling eyes and the corners of his lips curled slightly. "No, I'm not."

Selena smiled.

Vivian and Diana were almost jealous to see this scene. Especially Diana, she originally thought that Henry not nominating her was the worst result. She never expected that Osvaldo would suddenly take action and cut off all her retreats! While Diana was resentful, her heart was also filled with countless anxieties and fears.

The scene was silent for a minute or two. The old scientists who were devoted to research in the institute were the first to stand up. "Mr. Matthews, Miss Turner is fully qualified for the position of Minister of Science and Technology, both in terms of ability and character. I believe that even if President Ji were here, he would support her!"



“Mr. Matthews, the position of Minister of Science and Technology has been vacant for too long, which is not conducive to the development of the department. Miss Turner is outstanding in ability and character, and she deserves the position of Minister of Science and Technology!”

“Seconded!”

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Selena was surprised to see these researchers who suddenly stood up to support her as the Minister of Science and Technology, feeling a bit taken aback. If it were only the older researchers, she wouldn't be too surprised. However, half of the young people who stood up to support her were previously Diana's fans and had been very resistant to her. Now they were acting out of character and supporting Selena, which was suspicious.

Selena pointed her slender fingertips at those young people and asked Osvaldo in a low voice, “What's going on with them?”

#### **Chapter 1044 No one can make me lose in my field!**

Osvaldo looked at her beautiful face and smiled faintly, “You deserve the best.”

Selena blinked.

Although unexpected, if she could win the position of the head of the Research Department because of this, it would save her a lot of effort.

Thinking of this, Selena lazily looked towards a high-ranking person in the Research Institute.

Diana saw this situation and was almost driven insane.

She didn't understand why overnight, it seemed like everyone had completely turned against her.

When it came to the position of the head of the Research Department, the Shaw siblings acted deaf and dumb.

Henry didn't mention a word to her.

The group of people in the Research Institute who had previously supported her were now all supporting Selena.

Even the high-ranking officials who had previously valued her in Zone Two did not speak up for her!

The extreme anger made Diana lose her mind. She no longer cared about Henry's warning and stood up publicly, shouting loudly, “I disagree!”

“In terms of qualifications, I have been in the Research Department for many years, while Selena has never even stepped inside the department. She simply cannot compare to me!”

“In terms of ability, I am the best mechanic in H Country and the only one who can decipher the ‘Sacred Pearl’!”

“Mr. Matthews, I am more qualified than Selena to be the head of the Research Department!”

After Diana finished speaking, she thought she would receive a lot of support.

But she found that everyone just turned their heads, looked at her with indifference and disgust, and then looked away, as if she didn't exist at all!

Even Henry remained calm and didn't seem to have heard her voice.

Diana had never been treated like this before, and was so angry that she trembled all over.

She wanted to argue stubbornly, but Freddie suddenly gave her a cold look and said, "Shut up!"

Diana met the man's murderous gaze and shivered. She swallowed her words in frustration.

After the internal position of the Research Institute was declared, Principal Marshall sneered, "I mean, you guys are so old, why do you still have trouble facing yourselves?"

"Did you not hear how those people outside cursed the Research Institute because of how you treated Miss Turner multiple times?"

"Don't just think about your own reputation. At least consider the reputation and face of the research institute, right? It's already this late, and you're still thinking about dragging it out, as if you can find a better mechanic than Miss Turner when Mr. Baxter comes back and replace her."

"I must remind you that Miss Turner's mechanical talent has already been widely spread. Not to mention the fact that Mr. Turner and others established the research institute for Miss Turner, but also those people overseas..."

"Once they find out about this, if Miss Turner is poached or something happens to her, are you sure you can bear the consequences?"

Principal Marshall's sarcastic remarks made many high-level officials of the research institute even more black-faced. It also made the researchers who were working hard on their projects more dissatisfied with them.

Henry had to exert a great deal of effort to suppress the anger that was already rising in his throat. If Union University hadn't made such a big deal out of this, how could the research institute be in such a passive position now?

Now this wicked woman was using this as a reason to threaten them...

Seeing the many high-level officials of the research institute who were being challenged and unable to refute Selena's words, Selena felt very satisfied. She raised her eyebrows and gave a smile, "I only agreed to become the head of the scientific research department because this research institute was founded by my family, the Turner family. Otherwise, people like you really wouldn't be qualified to invite me!"

Although her tone was light and there was no obvious contemptuous meaning, the arrogance and confidence in her words were very clear.

Sidney smiled and asked, "Does the girl have that much confidence in herself?"

Selena raised her chin, smiled crookedly, and said arrogantly and elegantly, "In my field, no one can make me lose!"

Sidney laughed, "Great!"

Lorenzo followed suit and praised, "No wonder you're Callum's daughter. You're just like your dad!"

On the surface, she looked obedient, but in reality, she was so arrogant that she deserved a beating!

Upon hearing this, the high-level officials of the research institute instantly realized that the situation was against them. If they continued to refuse, they would really be unable to control the outcome.

Henry took a deep breath and looked at Selena with a heavy tone, "Miss Turner, we didn't intentionally prevent you from joining the research department earlier. It's just that although you are outstanding, your qualifications are not enough, and you still need some experience."

Selena smiled and asked, "So, Mr. Matthews has changed his mind now?"

Henry nodded, "Miss Turner, considering your outstanding ability and excellent performance in the Union University practical competition, the research institute has decided to appoint you as the new head of the research department."

Even though Henry had been a shrewd strategist for most of his life, he felt a pang in his heart when he said these words. The research institute had truly lost out this time!

Selena smiled, "Since Mr. Matthews sincerely wants me to join, I won't be polite."

The senior members of the research institute's faces twitched violently, but the Turner family was overjoyed.

With Miss Turner becoming the head of the research department, the Turner family had officially gained a foothold in the research institute. It also meant that the Turner family had finally regained some control over the research institute.

Diana watched as the position that was supposed to belong to her ended up going to Selena, and ignored Freddie's warning. She slammed the table again and shouted in a rage, "Mr. Matthews, I refuse to accept this!"

Pointing at Selena, Diana hysterically yelled, "Selena can't compare to me in anything. Why is she able to step on me and become the head of the research department?"

"I am the first candidate for the head of the research department!"

She had been striving for this position for so many years, and was about to climb to the top, but was pushed down by Selena at the last minute. The huge gap was unbearable for Diana, and she glared at Selena with a twisted expression.

The two most important things had finally settled, and the others finally had time to deal with Diana's issue. A young member of the research department said coldly, "Miss Turner is indeed not as good as you."

Diana's eyes brightened, but she heard the person continue, "She can't compare to you in shamelessness, malice, and lying. She can't compare to you in twisting the truth, and she definitely can't compare to you in being as cold-blooded as an animal!"

Diana's expression stiffened as she glared at Selena with a fierce look, "I didn't! Those are all Selena's lies and slander!"

Selena stood up from Osvaldo's embrace and strolled over to Diana.

### **Chapter 1045 Punishment**

Diana stared at Selena with red eyes.

Selena coldly looked back at Diana and spoke in a stern voice, "Sidney, Lorenzo, and all the members of Zone Six, I want to accuse someone!"

Diana's heart skipped a beat.

Everyone on the scene was stunned.

Seeing Diana confronting Selena, they instantly understood who she was accusing.

Directly accusing Diana in front of the bigwigs of Zone Six...

Everyone instantly understood that Diana was probably done for.

Lorenzo glanced at Diana and snorted coldly, "Who do you want to accuse?"

Selena sneered, "Diana, the mechanical engineer in the Research Institute's Research Department!"

Diana gritted her teeth and glared at Selena.

"What crime are you accusing her of?"

Selena spoke with a cold face, word by word, "Accusing her of bringing real bullets into Union University during the competition, loading them into the students' guns with the intention of murdering the mechanical engineer, framing Union University for the crime, this is the first charge!"

"Accusing her of not following orders, being arrogant and causing a disaster, almost causing the death of everyone, this is the second charge!"

"Accusing her of sacrificing a military academy student in a critical situation, this is the third charge!"

"Accusing her of secretly attacking her peers in a critical situation, this is the fourth charge!"

"Accusing her of acting recklessly and using firearms to harm innocent people, this is the fifth charge!"

"Accusing her of tampering with gunpowder in order to kill all the military academy students for her own selfish reasons, this is the sixth charge!"

As Selena spoke, Diana's sweat increased layer by layer, and by the time Selena finished, Diana was already drenched in sweat.

Especially the last sentence made Diana tremble all over.

She glared at Selena with resentment and shouted, "You are talking nonsense! The facts are the opposite, I saved everyone!"

"It was you who conspired with those military academy students to frame and slander me!"

Selena sneered and looked up at the bigwigs of Zone Six on the screen, "Would any of you be willing to try this case?"

No one spoke.

Lorenzo directly issued the verdict, "The charges are established!"

Selena was taken aback.

Diana's face changed drastically, and she suddenly looked up, "I didn't do it! I refuse to accept it! It was Selena who distorted the truth with those military academy students and framed me!"

Principal Marshall sneered and pressed a remote control on the table, opening the LCD screen, "You are falsely accused?! Which part of it is false?!"

Diana looked up and when she saw the images on the big screen, her mind went "boom," and she was instantly overwhelmed by bone-chilling fear.

She staggered back a few steps, looking incredulously at the video frames that hammered the charges against her, even the seams of her bones were emitting cold air.

The other three mechanics from the research institute who had followed in also stared at the live broadcast on the big screen with pale faces. Selena was stunned for a few seconds before finally understanding her long-standing doubts. She wondered why the group from the research institute and the Shaw family were so quiet today. It turns out that the evidence is conclusive and there is no room for doubt.

Selena sneered and turned to Osvaldo, "Mr. Shaw, I warned you a long time ago that Diana is a liability. Why didn't you believe me?" Freddie stared at Selena's back, with veins bulging on the back of his hand. Diana trembled and didn't dare to look at Freddie's expression at the moment. Facing the icy and disgusted eyes of the others, she suddenly shouted, "I didn't tamper with the gunpowder, and I didn't want to kill all the military students!"

She knew that she could admit to all the other charges, but if she admitted to the last one, she would be completely finished! Selena paused and turned her head, looking at Diana with a half-smile, "Miss Barrett, I forgot to tell you that in order to ensure the safety of the military students, the materials I mentioned for making gunpowder have limited power and cannot cause such a large-scale explosion at all."

As Diana's face turned whiter and whiter, Selena spoke coldly, "I never intended to blow up that bear directly. I just wanted to destroy the cave and rock wall and bury it underground." Before Diana could defend herself, Principal Marshall spoke a sentence that completely nailed her charges, "Jessica secretly kept of the gunpowder you made. I have sent it for testing. We will find out if you tampered with it."

Diana's last hope was shattered, and she became completely weak.

The eyes of the others from the research institute became even more disgusted as they looked at her.

Those who were originally planning to speak up for her instantly changed their minds upon hearing Principal Marshall's words.

If Diana only had such thoughts, she could still deny and defend herself.

But in the situation where she had already taken action, no one could protect her! Diana was completely finished!

In the silence, Principal Marshall snapped her fingers and two people standing behind her stepped forward and handcuffed Diana.

Diana looked at the handcuffs on her hands and shouted in horror, "Mr. Matthews, Mr. Shaw, only I can decipher the 'Sacred Pearl' in the whole H Country..."

Principal Marshall sneered, "I have already told Mr. Matthews that I won't disable your hands."

After speaking, she frowned and said, "Take her away!"

Everyone watched as Diana was arrested. Before the Union University competition began, no one could have imagined that it would end up like this.

Principal Marshall turned around and looked at Selena, "Miss Turner, my students want to thank you in person. Would you like to come with me to Union University for a visit?"

Selena turned to look at Osvaldo.

Osvaldo ruffled her hair and said, "Go home early." Selena smiled at him and stood up. Hattie had already run over, and Selena held her hand as the two sisters followed the people from Union University and left.

Half an hour later, Selena was outside the gate of Union University and saw a series of handstands. Selena smirked.

Hattie looked at the group of students doing handstands and asked, "Selena, what are Yasmin and the others doing?"

Selena coughed and walked over, "They did something wrong and are being punished."

Hattie looked up at her.

Selena ruffled her hair and looked at the group of children being punished, "Military school students are strict in discipline. When Selena hit Diana, they saw it but didn't stop it. Strictly speaking, it was dereliction of duty..."

Hattie pouted, "That woman deserves it!"

Selena led Hattie over, "Whether or not she deserves it is one thing, but disrupting discipline is another matter. For military school students, discipline always comes first."

As she spoke, Selena had already walked closer. Except for the injured Thomas and Richard, the rest of them had obviously been hanging here for a long time. When they suddenly saw Selena, a few of the teenagers were stunned.

Jessica asked loudly, "Has that bad woman been caught?!"

"She was just taken away by Principal Marshall!"

"Thank you, I'm instantly back to full health!"

#### **Chapter 1046 How did she die?**

Kevin smiled, "Miss Turner, congratulations."

Selena looked at him, "Have you decided on what conditions you want to propose?"

Kevin was about to speak when suddenly a group of people rushed out of the gate with a loud noise.

Felix, who was in the front, kneeled and slid to Selena, hugging her leg. "Selena, I'm willing to use all my assets to exchange for a super 3S-class 'World-Annihilator'!"

Selena lowered her head and looked at the young man hugging her leg. "A super 3S-class 'World-Annihilator' costs 1.8 million US dollars. Do you have that much in your assets?"

Felix's eyes instantly lit up with excitement. "It doesn't matter. I'm willing to pay with interest and make installment payments. I can even stay single for the rest of my life!"

Selena pushed him away. "A man who can't afford to marry a wife is not qualified to speak."

Felix's inner little angel cried out in a wow.

"Felix, you little rascal, you actually want to succeed with your connection!"

"Brothers, drag this embarrassing guy away!"

"Miss Turner, we're here to receive our punishment."

Before Selena could speak, the military academy students who were eliminated due to distraction started doing handstands in unison.

Their movements were so fast and uniform.

For a moment, the scene was quite spectacular.

Selena smiled and walked over to see this familiar scene. "Get them a pen."

The military academy students, even when doing handstands, could still tell that something was wrong from the expressions on the faces of the people around them, and suddenly had a bad feeling.

The person next to them asked with a grin, "Miss Turner, what do you need a pen for?"

Selena smiled elegantly, "To write an 800-word self-criticism."

After a moment of silence, there were countless cries of despair at the scene.

“I knew it wouldn’t be that easy!”

The group of military academy students who had not been punished immediately laughed and ran to find paper and pens.

Kevin saw this and took a deep breath. “Lady Selena, I have made up my mind.”

Selena turned to look at him.

Kevin looked at her and said, “My request is that I hope you can provide me with the most suitable gun design principles for military and police use among the gun designs you control.”

As soon as these words were spoken, the noisy atmosphere at the scene suddenly quieted down.

It was well known that the most precious thing for a mechanic was the structural design principle. Once it was made public, it meant that anyone could study, modify, and make that type of gun.

Selena looked at the bright-eyed young man and gave a smile.

She liked smart and ambitious young people!

“Okay!”

It seemed that Kevin didn’t expect Selena to agree so readily, and he was stunned for a moment.

“No need to be so surprised,” Selena smiled and walked towards the campus, “as the new head of the research department, I naturally have to deliver results.”

“When the first batch of firearms produced by the research department is completed, I will give them to Union University first, as a reward for your competition.”

The whole audience fell silent.

A group of young people stared at the elegant and slender figure of the girl, their faces full of shock.

Then Selena said, “Those who haven’t finished writing their self-reflection before I came out, will be punished!”

In an instant, everyone was too busy writing their self-reflections with one hand while doing a headstand, forgetting about their excitement and emotion. Selena walked out a long way, and she could still hear the noise and commotion behind her.

“If I get distracted when I’m fighting in the future, I’ll be a bastard!”

Selena smiled.

Hattie turned around and looked at the military academy students who were doing headstands to write their self-reflections, while the other military academy students hugged each other, waving their arms and legs excitedly.

Under the sunshine, their young faces were full of laughter, and their eyes were full of enthusiasm and wildness.

Suddenly, Hattie felt a warm touch on her hand.



She turned her head and realized that Selena was holding her hand.

Hattie looked up at Selena's pure and gentle side face, blinked, and a smile appeared on her cold face.

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A black sports car was parked at the gate of the villa.

A man in black pushed open the car door and got out.

The person waiting on the steps immediately walked up and said, "Young master, Mr. Jordon is back and waiting for you in the study."

Oswaldo's deep black pupils slightly condensed, and he walked towards the study with his two long and straight legs.

Hearing the sound of the door being pushed, the man who was smoking by the French window hurriedly extinguished the cigarette, turned his head, and looked around, but he didn't see the person he wanted to see.

He asked, "Did Lady Selena not come back with you?"

Oswaldo didn't speak and sat down on the sofa.

The dark pupils slightly narrowed, and a hint of cold mist appeared.

Luke raised his hand to pinch his brow and took a deep breath. "The person who went to the Federation found out something... I have to come and tell you personally," he said.

Oswaldo lowered his long lashes, and his eerie black eyes stared at him with a silence that seemed to bring about the end of everything.

Oswaldo didn't say anything, but Luke felt a never-before-seen palpitation.

With some difficulty, he squeezed out a voice, "Do you remember the person who passed away in the Federation a few months ago?"

When the news of that person's death came out, it shook various fields, and even the faraway H Country was affected. But for them at that time, this news was only a shock and a pity.

But now...

When Luke finished speaking, he clearly felt the perfect and impeccable man on the couch pause his breathing for a moment.

Oswaldo lifted his deep and eerie eyes and stared at him motionlessly.

Under the pressure of the man's intense gaze, Luke's throat felt like it was stuffed with cotton, making it difficult to speak.

"That person's name was Selena Riddle."

When Luke said this, he felt like he was going crazy. Why else would he hear something so unbelievable?

A person who had already died had the same name as Osvaldo's newlywed wife.

What's even more coincidental is that at the same time as the news of her death, Lady Selena in Creephia suddenly "changed her temperament" and became active in various fields.

Where in the world could there be such a coincidence?

Osvaldo's breath trembled, and his face instantly turned pale. A burst of violent and gentle emotions overflowed in his eyes.

Luke looked at him in confusion.

He had seen many sides of this man since childhood. Cold, violent, ruthless, cruel...

But never fear and vulnerability.

This emotion that could make people weak seemed to be inherently insulated from him.

But at this moment, he saw him sitting there, as if his skin and bones had been torn apart, and his heart felt uncomfortable and depressed.

He heard the man ask in a voice that was both desolate and frightening, "How did she die?"

#### **Chapter 1047 Secret**

At Union University.

Selena led Hattie to the principal's office, where Principal Marshall was waiting with a group of teachers.

When they heard the knocking, everyone's eyes turned towards the door. Upon seeing Selena, Principal Marshall's usually stern face broke into a rare smile. "Miss Turner, please come in."

Selena and Hattie walked in, and Principal Marshall pointed to two chairs opposite him. "Miss Turner is here primarily to discuss the problem that occurred during the competition at Union University."

Selena and Hattie sat down in the chairs, and Selena smiled when she heard Principal Marshall's words. "Principal Marshall, there's no need to worry. I know that this matter has nothing to do with Union University."

"Although it's unrelated, it's still the school's dereliction of duty," Principal Marshall said, looking at Selena. "We have an inescapable responsibility."

Selena smiled and waited for the principal to continue.

Principal Marshall stared at the girl across from him without blinking. The Turners were a family with good genes, and each generation produced exceptional individuals. The old man Turner had three sons, the eldest of whom was a top commander in Capital, the second was the best doctor in H Country, and the third—

Principal Marshall's eyes grew sad, and he stopped himself from thinking further, focusing instead on the girl in front of him who resembled Nevaeh so much.

The Turner family rarely produced daughters, but each time they did, they were treated like beloved princesses. Callum's daughter had grown up to become a queen.

Suddenly, Principal Marshall smiled. "Miss Turner, this incident was caused by the Poole family behind the scenes. What are your plans?"

Selena's lips curved into a smile. "The Poole family not only owns half of the Research Institute, but also controls the entire Inspection Bureau. Shaking the foundation of the Poole family is not that easy."

"Not only that, but from what I know, the Poole family's young leader controls a force that's just as powerful as the one on the surface," Principal Marshall said with a cold smile.

"I'm only interested in the Research Institute that the Poole family took half control of," Selena smiled. "I won't meddle in anything that doesn't belong to the Turner family."

Principal Marshall's eyes flashed with a hint of severity. "Miss Turner, are you planning to give up seeking justice for yourself?"

Selena shook her head. "Revenge must be taken, I'm not that magnanimous to spare the person who tried to kill me."

"How do you plan to take revenge?"

A cold smile appeared on Selena's lips. "It depends on what kind of revenge can really strike the heart of the Poole family's patriarch."

"Two things mattered the most to Dexter in his life," Principal Marshall sneered. "One is the Poole family, and the other is the Poole family heir."

After all, the combination of family power and a capable heir was the only way to ensure the perpetual prosperity of the Poole family.

Selena propped her chin with one hand and said slowly, "It's a pity that neither the Poole family nor Christ are easy targets to take down..."

Principal Marshall looked at the girl's sighing face, and his expression softened. "That's because you haven't found the right direction."

Selena looked back at him with clear eyes.

If Principal Marshall hadn't seen her performance in the Union University competition, he would have almost thought that this girl was really innocent.

It seemed that the Turner family all shared the same trait.

They looked pure and good on the outside, but inside revealed a bunch of hypocrites!

Principal Marshall felt a tinge of nostalgia and said in a cold voice, "Your performance in the Union University competition has attracted the attention of the higher-ups in Zone Six. However, there are other zones that are blocking your entry into the first and sixth zones."

Selena blinked and shook her head. "Principal Marshall, you're overthinking it. I've never thought about entering Zone Six."

Her identity was not suitable for getting involved in military power struggles.

Principal Marshall's expression became puzzled. "You're not going?!"

Selena's expression was firm. "No, I won't go."

Principal Marshall stared at Selena, and his eyes began to show complexity. "The fastest way to seek revenge for the Turner family is to enter Zone Six, seize power. Have you considered that?"

Selena smiled. "I have my own way to take back everything that belongs to the Turner family and help them seek revenge."

Principal Marshall pondered for a moment and suddenly seemed to have figured something out. He asked, "The Anderson family?"

Selena had intended to deny it, but seeing Principal Marshall's expression, she fell silent.

She couldn't deny it, as she couldn't find a suitable reason to do so.

It's also possible to scapegoat Osvaldo, her boyfriend. After all, he is a recognized figure with high status and power, and he spoils her!

Sure enough, Principal Marshall didn't say anything else and even nodded, "Men from the Anderson family, although a bit cold, are reliable and much better than those playboys."

This was the first time Selena had heard someone praise Osvaldo in front of her, and she smiled happily.

Since Selena had made her decision, Principal Marshall couldn't interfere too much anymore and only said, "We will investigate the Poole family's matter thoroughly and give you the evidence when it's ready."

"Thank you, Principal Marshall," Selena said with a smile.

After they had made their agreement, Principal Marshall personally saw Selena out.

It wasn't until they reached the entrance that Principal Marshall called out to Selena, "Miss Turner."

Selena turned around without any surprise on her face. If there wasn't a special reason, the busy principal wouldn't have invited her to Union University or personally escorted her out here.

Principal Marshall looked up at the entrance where a group of military school students were waving and peering in their direction. Her sharp features softened, and she lowered her voice. "Remember, if you ever encounter any unsolvable problems or if anything happens to the Turner family, come to Union University and find me."

Selena was somewhat surprised and looked at Principal Marshall.

But the principal didn't look at her and continued to gaze at the military school students, her expression flat but with something hidden in her eyes, as if Selena had imagined the whole thing.

Selena stared at the principal for a long time and suddenly smiled. "I understand. Thank you, Principal Marshall."

Principal Marshall waved her hand. "Go on back now."

Selena nodded and led Hattie away.

It wasn't until they were in the car that Selena's smile gradually disappeared. Hattie looked up at her. "Selena, what's wrong?"

Ever since Principal Marshall had spoken, Selena's emotions had seemed to change somehow.

Selena lowered her head, pondered for a moment, and shook her head slowly. "Nothing."

Whatever secret Principal Marshall had, it would eventually come to light.

The car took Selena back to the small villa, where the butler told her, "Madam, young master is in the study, and Mr. Jordan has also returned."

Luke had returned to the capital?

Selena was surprised and turned to head to the study.

Generally, if there wasn't anything particularly important...

#### **Chapter 1048 To the World, the Most Beautiful Rose**

Luke shouldn't have come all the way back to the capital. There would be more information about her within Creephia...

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The study was silent.

After a long time, Luke's voice finally rang out.

"They died in battle."

"All the troops we sent out died in battle. When she was found, she was surrounded by a pile of corpses at the center."

"She wasn't tortured or abused, but... her heart was damaged."

The Federation did not disclose any further details, and they could not find out more.

For a moment, the space and time around them seemed to freeze like a film strip.

Oswaldo lowered his eyes, and Luke couldn't see his emotions clearly. But he could feel the man's oppression and discomfort from his pale and trembling brows.

After a while, Oswaldo suddenly stood up and walked to the floor-to-ceiling window, his dark gaze looking outside.

On the brown corridor, a slender figure was strolling over.

As the wind blew, the blooming plum blossoms scattered like snowflakes and landed on the black hair.

She walked towards him, the sweet scent of flowers filling the air.

The yellowed branches beside her sprouted green buds.

Winter was coming to an end.

Luke suppressed all his emotions and said, "I'll go to the Federation in person."

As he spoke, he walked towards the door and opened it.

Selena's hand, which was about to knock on the door, paused in mid-air as she saw Luke. She blinked and said, "Mr. Jordon?"

Luke stepped aside, "Lady Selena, I have given the information about Leah to your husband. And also, your script will be released soon."

Selena's doubts were instantly dispelled.

So he came to deliver the information for her.

Selena smiled at Luke and was about to thank him when she suddenly noticed Osvaldo standing by the window, and she keenly sensed that he was in a bad mood.

Selena's smile faded. "I have something to do, so I'll leave first," Luke looked at Selena, his mood inexplicably complex, and lowered his voice. "Mrs. Anderson, your husband is in a bad mood, cheer him up."

After speaking, he left.

Selena was confused and walked behind Osvaldo, raised her hand to wrap around his waist, and leaned her head out, looking at the man's profile and softly asked, "What's wrong?"

Osvaldo lowered his head, looking at the girl beside him who was tilting her head to look at him, his eyes gentle and affectionate, with an emotion that Selena couldn't understand.

He raised his hand to hold the two slender and flexible hands in front of him, turned around and led her in a direction, "Come."

Selena's eyelashes trembled, she was unable to understand the situation, and obediently walked with the man holding her hand.

As he was about to leave, Luke turned his head and looked at the two figures standing together behind him.

Suddenly, he felt that fate might really exist in the world.

These two people who would never have had any intersection before had become a couple.

He withdrew his gaze and looked up at the sky above his head, sighing softly.

How could a person suddenly change so drastically, like two different people?

It could only mean that they were two people from the beginning.

It's just a pity that the real daughter of the Turner family... couldn't live in the end.

Luke remembered what he had investigated a few days ago, and his eyes turned completely cold.

Oswaldo brought Selena to the liquor cabinet.

He opened a bottle of red wine, poured most of it into two glasses, and handed one to Selena.

Selena looked surprised at the wine that was handed to her. The bright red wine was set off by the man's long and fingers, and it was indescribably tempting.

There was no smile on Selena's face as she looked up at the man in front of her.

Oswaldo had never allowed her to drink.

But now, he took the initiative to pour her wine.

Oswaldo leaned against her forehead, his lips only a few centimeters away from hers, and whispered, "To the most beautiful rose in the world."

Selena looked at the man's enchantingly perfect face. Despite his extreme gentleness, she still saw some deep emotions hidden within.

After a moment, Selena took the glass of wine, and a sweet smile appeared on her face. "If I get drunk, you can't bully me."

When Oswaldo was giving her a bath, she was just too tired to wake up, but it didn't mean she was unaware of anything.

Later, he...

Selena seemed to remember some indescribable scene. Her cheeks turned red in an instant.

Oswaldo looked at her shy and guilty expression, and his eyes flashed gently. "Okay, I won't bully you."

With his assurance, Selena felt relieved, lightly clinked glasses with him, tilted her head back, and drank the wine in her hand.

Principal Marshall walked down a long corridor. The corridor was deep and extended down the whole way, with various murals carved on the walls. Due to the lack of human presence for a long time, the cold white light made the space exceptionally silent. The sound of footsteps echoed in the air.

At the end of the corridor was a room. Principal Marshall walked up to the door and pushed it open without hesitation. In that instant, a low, hoarse voice sounded from inside the room, "Is it over?"

Principal Marshall put down what was in her hand and walked over to pull the curtains, instantly plunging the room into darkness. "You've just woken up and your eyes aren't adjusted yet, so you can't see the light for now."

"How's the child?"

“She’s fine,” said Principal Marshall in a calm voice, rare delight evident in her tone. “She has exceeded everyone’s expectations.”

There was a long silence from the voice.

Principal Marshall frowned. “You don’t seem to be happy... why?”

“The information you gave me, is it all of her data?”

“I got it from Benjamin, so it shouldn’t be wrong,” replied Principal Marshall, her brow furrowing even more tightly.

There was another long silence.

“Let’s talk about it later,” said Principal Marshall with an almost inaudible sigh. “You rest up for now. Benjamin should be coming over in a while, and then...”

Principal Marshall didn’t continue, because nobody could predict what would happen next.

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In the evening, Selena’s alcohol buzz had worn off, and she finally got the information about Leah. She sat in the garden and stared at the file for a long time without moving. Leia stood beside her and sensed Selena’s breath growing colder, feeling inexplicably alarmed.

After a while, Selena suddenly raised her hand and threw the file out heavily.

Leia was taken aback by Selena’s angry and icy expression. It was the first time she had seen Selena lose control like this. “Madam...”

Selena took a deep breath and tried to suppress the anger lingering in her heart. “Leia, pack up. We’re going back to Creephia.”

### **Chapter 1049 Bloodline**

Leia was stunned. “Why are you going back to Creephia?”

“To send that damned person to his death!” Selena’s eyes flashed with killing intent, and Leia immediately turned to pack her things.

Selena slowly stood up, her deep and cold eyes looking in the direction of the Riddle family, thinking of the contents of the information she had received.

Leah had a teacher.

All the methods she had used to torment Selena over the years were taught to her by that so-called teacher through online means.

Not satisfied with killing Lady Nevaeh, she even cruelly tortured her daughter!

She wanted Lady Nevaeh to never be able to rest in peace, even in death!

Madwoman!



Selena clenched her fists in anger.

But perhaps no one could have imagined that Selena, who had been tormented and tortured for so long, would one day break free from her control and come after her.

A cold, murderous aura appeared on Selena's face.

Soon, she would find that woman, tear out her heart and skin, break her bones, and avenge Lady Nevaeh and herself!

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After Selena took Hattie away, Leon returned to the Riddle family for the first time.

Because of Leon's public expulsion of Daphne from the company, there was a great deal of conflict within the Riddle family. When the servants saw the young master returning home, they hurriedly went to inform the elders of the Riddle family.

Therefore, when Leon stepped into the hall, all the heads of the Riddle family were present, even Maddox, who had been taking care of his health outside the city, was called back.

It was an impressive show of force.

Seeing the somewhat ominous scene, Leon sneered.

He took a cigarette out of his pocket, lit it, took a puff, suppressed his anger, and then walked in.

Erica saw her son's expression and frowned.

Before Hunter could make a move, Erica got up first and walked over. "How is Hattie?"

"Doing well at Lady Selena's." The fact that the Riddle family's daughter was being well taken care of outside the Riddle family, while she was close to death at home, was a blatant slap in the face to Hunter and Daphne.

Hunter slammed the table hard. "What do you mean, Leon? That's my daughter. Who are you to stop me from seeing her? Who are you to give my daughter to someone else?"

Leon sneered at him. "Uncle, you can sue me."

Hunter's face turned pale.

With Hattie's mother's death already hanging over his head, he dared not challenge Leon publicly over Hattie's situation.

"Fine! I won't talk about that unfilial girl. I'm asking you, Leon, what right do you have to expel my mother and me from the Riddle Corporation?"

Although he didn't have as much power as Leon did in the Riddle Corporation, he was still considered a half-master of the family.

But Leon's words instantly pushed him out of the center of power.

He couldn't even compete with Leon for power, and entering the Riddle Corporation had become a luxury.

Leon smiled, but there was no warmth in his eyes. "I expelled you from the Riddle's, so what?"

Hunter was furious. "Leon!"

Leon spoke lightly, "Uncle, there's no need to be so excited. After all, if we calculate the sins you've committed, this is just the beginning."

Hunter's face turned pale instantly. He turned around and shouted, "Issac, is this the good son you've raised?"

Issac frowned as he looked at his son.

Generally speaking, Leon would not openly confront his elders unless he was angry.

Issac had a headache and his voice turned cold. "Hunter, remember that this is my son, the head of the Riddle family. You sound like he is a criminal, waiting to be questioned by so many people..."

Hunter choked and turned to Daphne unhappily. "Mother, look at them. They're too much!"

Daphne looked at her grandson. Although she was angry that he had expelled her from the Riddle's and caused her to feel disgraced, she remembered that she was at fault first and reluctantly suppressed her anger. "Leon, your uncle and I didn't mean it that day. We didn't know that Hattie was really sick..."

"Hattie has calmed down these days. Tomorrow, Hunter and I will go see her, and then let him return to work."

Leon looked at his grandmother.

He used to think that his grandmother was only easily deceived and confused, and not really vicious.

But at this moment, he suddenly realized that compared with the pure evil of Hunter, Daphne's method of caring for people on one hand and hurting them mercilessly on the other was even more cruel.

"Uncle will never have a chance to return to the company again," Leon said lightly, "just like Penelope, she will never have a chance to return to the Riddle family again in her life."

Daphne's face suddenly changed, and she said sternly, "What do you mean Penelope will never have a chance to return to the Riddle family again? Did Selena do something again? She has already sent Penelope to prison. What else does she want?"

In the end, she cried sadly, "That little bastard, since she hates me and wants revenge, why does she take it out on Penelope? My poor Penelope..."

Leon's coldness in his eyes became heavier and he laughed emotionlessly, "What if I want Penelope dead?"

Daphne's sharp accusation froze for a moment.

She stared at Leon with widened eyes, and after realizing what he had said, she immediately accused him, "Leon, are you crazy?! Penelope grew up with you since childhood. How could you send her to death?!"

"Did Selena tell you something? She not only tried to drive a wedge between Hattie and me, but even you are not spared! That malicious woman!"

Her curses suddenly stopped in the face of Leon's increasingly cold expression.

Under Leon's icy gaze, Daphne's heart trembled, "Leon... why are you looking at grandma like that?"

Leon fixedly stared at Daphne and sneered, "Grandma, you need to recognize one fact!"

"Hattie is the granddaughter of the Riddle family, Selena is the granddaughter of the Riddle family, and Aunt Nevaeh is the daughter of the Riddle family. Only they are my true bloodline of the Riddle family."

"The Riddle family only stands up for its own bloodline. As for those cats and dogs, they have no right to enter my the Riddle's clan!"

"They are even less qualified to let the Riddle family hurt its own bloodline for them!"

"You never seem to have realized this in the first half of your life!"

"From this moment on, remember it well. Hattie, Selena, and Nevaeh are the real ladies of my Riddle family!"

"The rest are not qualified to be called members of my Riddle family!"

"You had better remember this, and stop humiliating and hurting your own granddaughter, otherwise..."

"Making those you care about disappear is just a matter of a word... Do you understand?"

Kaitlyn, standing next to Manny, turned pale upon hearing Leon's words.

### **Chapter 1050 You Don't Need to Accompany Me Back**

In Leon's eyes, Kaitlyn's existence was like that of a stray cat or dog that could be easily thrown away or killed at will.

Feeling resentful and sad, Kaitlyn suddenly felt a sharp pain in her wrist.

She turned her head and saw her mother, Manny, grabbing her wrist with an unprecedented force. She lowered her head and others couldn't see her expression clearly.

But from Kaitlyn's perspective, she could clearly see the ferocity on her mother's lower face.

Kaitlyn shuddered in fear.

The fear was so strong that she didn't even dare to cry out in pain, and could only let Manny hold onto her wrist.

Daphne's eyes widened in disbelief. She couldn't believe that Leon would say such cruel words.

She was so angry that she shouted, "Vanessa and Ache are members of the Riddle family, and Penelope is my granddaughter who I raised with my own hands. They are also members of the Riddle family!"

Leon casually replied, "Hattie and I don't recognize them. What are they?"

Daphne trembled all over and exclaimed, "If you don't recognize them, I do! Leon, do you dare to kick me out of the Riddle family too?!"

Leon sneered, "If you insist on your position, it's not impossible."

"After all, Grandma, you're only half a member of the Riddle family."

"Over the years, you have relied on this half of your identity as a member of the Riddle family, and for the sake of two outsiders, you caused the death of the Riddle family's daughter, harmed the Riddle family's granddaughter, and abandoned the Riddle family's granddaughter. To the Riddle family, your crimes are unforgivable!"

Daphne was so angry that she fell back and pointed at Leon, "You... you..."

The rest of the Riddle family watched this scene coldly and no one stepped forward to stop it.

Hunter supported his mother and was furious, "Issac, are you just going to stand by and let your own son treat me like this?!"

Issac's tone was cold, "Has Leon said anything wrong?"

"My sister died, my niece suffered from mental illness at a young age, and my grand-niece doesn't recognize herself as a member of the Riddle family. Isn't all of this caused by you, Mother?"

"Just for the sake of two outsiders who have nothing to do with the Riddle family, how can you treat your own daughter, granddaughter like this, Mother? How can you be so confused?!"

Daphne's face turned pale and she wanted to shout, but when she met the cold and condemning gaze of the others, she couldn't help but feel fearful in her heart.

Hunter angrily said, "Nevaeh left on her own back then, what does it have to do with our mother?"

"As for that wicked Hattie, who maliciously caused the death of her unborn brother, shouldn't she be taught a lesson?"

"And as for Selena, she rebelled and incited all of you to disrespect your elders. A daughter like her, it's only natural for a mother not to recognize her, isn't it?"

The Riddle family sneered and didn't bother with the second young master of the Riddle family, who was already completely lost to the fox spirit.

Maddox, who had been silent with closed eyes, finally spoke, "Leon, come in with me."

After speaking, he took the lead and walked in with his cane.

Leon's eyes flickered as he turned to Erica and said, "Mother, please keep an eye on Grandma and don't let her go to the Turner family to cause trouble again."

At the mention of this matter, most of the Riddle family present had dark faces.

Daphne's last outburst was really embarrassing!

Erica gently adjusted her son's collar and said, "She's just a woman with no name or status. I can still keep her in check within the Riddle family. As for you, even if you're busy, you can't neglect your health."

Leon smiled and put his hands in his pockets, following slowly behind.

Leon entered Maddox's study and called out, "Grandpa."

His voice sounded quite respectful.

Maddox looked at his grandson and asked, "You suddenly recognized Selena within the Riddle family. Did something happen with the Turner family and the Anderson family?"

Leon's eyes were somewhat sarcastic as he replied, "Grandpa, Grandma favored Kiera and gave up on Aunt Nevaeh. What about you?"

Speaking of his own daughter who had passed away many years ago, Maddox's eyes remained unchanged. "You should already know about the Turner family's situation. In that kind of situation, the Riddle family couldn't protect her."

Leon lowered his eyes to cover up the emotions in his eyes. "What about Selena? You and Grandma have known about her existence for a long time..."

But instead of caring about their granddaughter, they preferred to raise Kiera's daughter.

Maddox shifted his gaze away. "I was not caring enough towards Nevaeh, but don't think of me as too heartless. Many things are not as simple as you think."

"Nevaeh's greatest luck in her life is that Callum loves her."

"But her greatest misfortune is also brought by that man."

"If back then, the person she loved wasn't Callum, everything would have been different." Leon smiled expressionlessly, "But for Aunt Nevaeh, the opposite is true."

"Her greatest luck in this lifetime is to be loved by a man named Callum, and to love him deeply in return."

"And her greatest misfortune is to have parents like you."

Maddox remained silent.

Leon suppressed all his emotions and said, "Grandpa, you asked me earlier about any developments between the Turner family and the Anderson family..."

He paused for a moment, "I think it's already obvious that Miss Turner wants revenge for her parents, to regain everything that belongs to the Turner family, and make everyone who harmed the Turner family pay the price."

Maddox was silent for a long time before waving his hand, "You may go."

Leon walked out of Maddox's study and slowly let out a breath.

He believed it when people said Daphne was biased and confused.

But to think that Maddox was also following suit...

Leon looked up at the darkening sky above, when did the situation within the Riddle family become so complicated?

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Selena suddenly said she wanted to return to Creephia, and at the same time, Leia packed her things and called Osvaldo.

Therefore, when Selena walked out with Leia, she bumped into Osvaldo who had just walked in.

Selena's dark eyes showed a hint of joy, "I was just about to look for you..."

Osvaldo leaned in and kissed her lips, "What?"

"I have something to take care of in Creephia, I'll be back soon," Selena said with flushed cheeks.

Osvaldo stared at her for a moment, then lifted her up and placed her in the passenger seat, the car speeding towards the airport.

Selena looked at the man's exquisitely handsome profile, "You don't have to accompany me back..."

Osvaldo was so busy, she couldn't be willful and let him accompany her everywhere.

Osvaldo lowered his eyelashes, concealing the darkness in his eyes.

Hearing those words in the past would have made him feel that Selena was too independent and had no self-awareness of relying on him.

However, hearing those words now gave him a completely different feeling.