

## Love Rats 411

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After thinking about the past ten years or so, Riddle's indifference to Selena, coupled with this incident, almost everyone thought that the Riddle's was deliberately letting Selena be scolded in order to take it out on Kaitlyn.

Why else would they have let it fester like this when they could have easily squashed the Weibo buzz? Luke smiled, "Maybe it's not that the Riddle's doesn't care, but that they can't."

The video was exposed and at first glance it looked like it was Selena who suffered the loss, but it involved Kaitlyn, the illegitimate daughter of the Riddle family.

The previous Mrs. Riddle had just died, the real Missy had been kicked out of the house, and a new Mrs. Riddle had entered the house. It was the most important time to build up her reputation, and at this very moment, the Riddle family had no time to cover up this scandal.

The other party, in particular, has some inseparable blood ties to the Riddle family.

If the Riddle's let the rightful bloodline be smeared but went to favour an illegitimate daughter, isn't that seeking scorn?

Not to mention the two elderly of the Riddle family, but the new Mrs. Riddle who has just entered the house is definitely not that stupid.

Luke raised her hand, a glint of light lingering in her eyes, "Find out if the Riddle's didn't do it, or if they did but went vain."

The person in charge was shocked, "Mr. Jordon, you mean to say that someone has pinned the Riddle's down?"

How is this possible?

The Riddle family of the capital, one of the most honourable families in the country, was so powerful that on the territory of the state, who could make them defeat?

Luke's lips curled, "You will know when you check."

The girls in the PR department immediately started investigating different sources and ten minutes later they gave a surprising answer.

"Mr. Jordon, I found out, the person in charge of Weibo said that four hours ago, Riddle's headquarters in the capital called them and asked them to delete the video, but..." the young girl's expression was a bit odd, as if she was a bit unsure if she had heard it wrong. "But the person in charge said that the video was as rooted as itself, out of the system's control, and they couldn't delete it."

"Mr. Jordon, I've found out some news, those few famous IT experts from Riddle's headquarters received orders not long ago to hack into the major social network systems to delete that video, but..." the corners of the young girl's lips twitched. "Not only was the video not deleted, the Riddle's headquarters system was hacked back, and at this moment that group of experts are in a mess of rescuing it."

"Mr. Jordon, I found out bit of information," another young girl raised her hand, coughed and said weakly, "an hour ago, someone from the Riddle family secretly contacted the domestic hacker alliance and asked them to delete the video at a high price, it is said that a lot of experts were deployed within the hacker alliance, but even the other party's location can't be found. Beyond that, it seems that the other party was messed up, and the entire internal system of the hacker alliance was brought to an end."

An eerie silence fell over the entire office.

After a long time, with a “pop”, Luke put down the coffee in his hand and raised his hand to straighten his tie, “Where is Leon?”

“I heard that he happened to have gone abroad.”

The corners of Luke’s lips twitched as he put his hands into his trouser pockets and lifted his steps out the door, “There’s nothing more for us to do, all go back to bed.”

Luke walked out the door and looked up at the darkening sky overhead, his eyes dim.

What kind of a wife did Osvaldo find?

The people who could end the entire domestic hacker league worldwide are in small number.

Luke took out his mobile phone, dialed Osvaldo’s number, told him what happened, and finally asked, “Who the hell is Selena?”

Osvaldo coldly replied, “My woman.”

Having said that, the phone was hung up.

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Selena is the hottest figure at the centre of the gossip these days, and the public opinion buzz has been fermenting overnight, with more and more people getting involved.

The number of voices cursing Selena grew, and smearers seized on this point and did their utmost to hack Selena, justifying their dislike of those who defended her.

A: Selena is a bitch, not only is she arrogant and domineering in Creephia, but she is so capable of causing trouble in M City, bullying even such a child, she has disgraced the people of Creephia.

B: The truth of the matter is not even clearly investigated, why do you have the right to scold Lady Selena?

A: Oh, you are brain-damaged, right? The video has been released, and this is not the truth, then what is the truth? Selena is known for her viciousness and domineering ways. She was only able to get away with it because she had Luke on her back, but now that she’s in M City, I’d like to see who else will have her back? Just wait and see, with the public outcry, by tomorrow at the latest, this bitch will definitely be arrested by the police department for mutilation of a minor.

C: This is the legendary brain-dead fan, right? The video shows a young girl, who looks so sweet, what mistake could she have made? Selena is smashing the venue again to threaten and pinch her chin to warn. She thinks she is boss of the Olympus Group? How can she be so bullying?

D: In the past, it is considered that we have wronged Selena, but there is no way to clear her name on this matter, right? The boss lady is so innocent, Selena smashed her things and didn’t even pay for it, she just turned around and left, can this be washed? Moreover, even if that girl had offended her with her words, but looking at her expression, she was clearly crying and apologizing, yet Selena still treated girl so cruelly and coldly. By this matter, it can be seen how bad Selena’s real character is.

E: Don’t use Selena’s building of an orphanage to help her anymore, they say she built an orphanage, but who has seen the orphanage she built? If she is so heartless and cold-hearted, who would dare to go to her orphanage? Who knows what kind of shady business she’s doing? Everyone join together and write a petition to prevent Selena’s orphanage from being set up.

There are too many smearers and as soon as the sensible fans say a word for Selena, they are immediately mobbed by a group of people who call them names.

Just as the rational fans were about to collapse and retreat under the pressure of criticism, someone suddenly released a video with sound on Weibo.

The entire video is complete and clear, showing Kaitlyn walking into the mall, grabbing Selena’s watch,

all the way to her pushing the boss lady away with a face full of resentment, from start to finish. As soon as this video was released, the intense atmosphere of the fierce arguing on Weibo suddenly came to a halt.

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Those voices accusing Selena of righteous indignation were like having a scoop of ice water thrown over their heads, and were instantly cut off.

Unlike the smearers, the sensible ones who had been insisting that Selena was right, instantly came back to life and started to step back like crazy.

[Ahhhhh. Lady Selena's amazing. With her upright, kind, and brave values, who dares to say she has any problems now, scumbags??]

[Selena is really beautiful and kind-hearted, if this were on my shoulders, I would definitely not be able to resist hitting that girl. She is so shameless at a young age, lying and robbing others.]

[I just want to ask those who were insulting Lady Selena earlier, don't they feel any shame? After being humiliated many times, why haven't they learned their lesson and stopped insulting others?]

[Kaitlyn is still so young, but her character is already so domineering and bad, and she's pretending to be pure, how can she be when she grows up in the future? That silent video must have been sent out by her on purpose to get back at Lady Selena.]

[It's disgusting, how dare an illegitimate daughter be so arrogant and domineering? Listen to what she says, is that something a human being can say?]

[I had always thought that the Riddle family in the capital was highly regarded and had a distinguished reputation. However, I never expected that they would allow a mistress to take the place of the legitimate daughter and openly compete with her for her status. This just shows that aristocratic families are indeed very corrupt.]

[Wait, Lady Selena seems to be a member of the Riddle family from the capital's bloodline as well, right? She was scolded so badly, and no one from the Riddle family came out to explain a word, instead letting so many people scold her and choosing to defend a bad and evil bastard daughter... I am so angry. So disappointing.]

[Do you guys think that the name, Hattie Riddle, sounds a bit familiar?]

[It is. Isn't that the child who had been following Selena around before, the one who was beaten by Isabel?]

In less than ten minutes, someone found the video of Hattie being beaten by Isabel earlier.

The crowd looked at Kaitlyn's righteous and domineering smile and compared it to the scene where Hattie was thrown down the stairs by Isabel and no one cared, a wave of anger swept out from their hearts.

But anyone with conscience couldn't bear to see such a picture, and they went to check news about Hattie and Kaitlyn.

Never underestimate the power of netizens, in less than an hour, the new Mrs. Riddle was thoroughly checked up.

So, when the previous Mrs. Riddle died, the scumbag couldn't wait to welcome the new wife into the family, followed by Miss Riddle being sent to a juvenile facility, and the scandal of the illegitimate son and daughter blatantly taking over the nest swept the entire internet in an instant.

Overnight, the Riddle family of the capital was pulled off the pedestal and became infamous.

When the Riddle's name in the capital was searched, there is no longer the awe of the past, and the labels "scum, mistress, illegitimate son, illegitimate daughter" are all over the place. The Riddle family's reputation, which had been maintained for decades, had unexpectedly tended to be vaguely ruined overnight.

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M City, in an upscale hotel.

Originally, Kaitlyn found out that someone had posted a silent video of her online. She was pleased to see everyone helping her scold Selena. However, suddenly, the scandal of the family of four was exposed on the Internet, which made her feel embarrassed..

Kaitlyn looked at the overwhelming curses and realised abruptly that she might have gotten into a big trouble.

She was in a panic and her phone rang.

Kaitlyn was taken aback, seeing the number flashing on the screen, and as soon as she got through, she panicked and shouted, "Mom, what should I do? I—"

"Listen, Kaitlyn." A woman's voice came from the other side, calm and intellectual, "I've arranged for reporters to find you, they'll be at the hotel in about an hour, then they'll take you to Selena. You go and apologize to her, you can cry or beg, even if she makes you kneel, you have to kneel down. If your apology doesn't satisfy her and save Riddle's reputation, then you don't come back."

Kaitlyn's face lost all its blood, she was scared and cried, "Mom, I was wrong, don't leave me alone."

"Do you know how much trouble you've caused?" The woman's calm voice had more than a hint of anger, "Your father and I have tried everything to keep things down, and now, you can only go and apologize to those two sisters. The trouble is yours, if Riddle's reputation is really ruined because of you, don't blame me for being ruthless."

Kaitlyn's body swayed, stunned.

"Is that what I usually teach you?" The woman said coldly, "I sacrificed a child to drive Hattie out and let you stand firm in the Riddle family. You ruined a bunch of my efforts with a few words, do you know how angry those two old ones in the Riddle family are at this moment? They have already sent someone to look for Hattie, if she comes back, can we still have a good time?"

Kaitlyn trembled with disbelief. She could never have imagined that just yesterday she was the pampered princess of the Riddle family, and today she had fallen into a state of disapproval from others.

Kaitlyn cried out, "Mom, I know I'm wrong, I'll never dare to do it again, I'll go apologize."

The woman snorted coldly and said, "Listen to me carefully. When treating Selena, you must be respectful and show your true nature as a child. Don't try to play tricks on her, or else you won't even know how you died."

Kaitlyn sobbed and choked up as she asked, "Who is Selena..."

If she had known that Selena was from the Riddle family, she would never have dared to offend her.

She had seen everyone from the Riddle family in her time, where on earth did Selena come from?

The woman sneered, "You don't need to know who she is, you just need to know that she has someone behind her and we can't afford to offend her at the moment, so it's enough that we have to give in."

Kaitlyn did not dare to have any opinion, and obediently complied.

The woman hung up the phone.

Kaitlyn was in the hotel, angry and annoyed at the thought of having to apologise to Selena in full view of everyone later.

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Selena woke up at six o'clock the next morning.

Thinking that she should want to call Hattie, Leia brought the phone over to her.

Selena shook her head, "In a while."

She got out of bed and, without changing her clothes, went into the bathroom to wash up.

By the time she came out again, Leia had brought in breakfast, and Selena sat at the table, looking out to sea.

Leia knew she hadn't slept much last night by the way she looked and her breath was wan.

Leia frowned and was worried, Selena said, "If later, Kaitlyn wants to come over with an apology, there is no need to stop her."

Leia froze.

Kaitlyn is coming to apologise?

Why?

As she was just about to enquire, there was a knock at the door.

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When Leia heard the knock on the door, she thought that Selena was as predictable as can be.

Selena put down the spoon in her hand, wiped her hands with a snow-white handkerchief, then picked up the phone on the table and sent a video to Hattie.

She didn't say anything, and naturally Leia didn't bother to open the door for the group.

The video was picked up and Hattie appeared on the screen.

She was already awake, sitting on the bed with her arms clasped, her skin exposed outside her pyjamas, pale.

She was in unnatural dead silence.

"Hattie," Selena spoke, her tone light, "lift your head up."

Hattie's eyelashes trembled, probably because Selena's voice was so penetrating, or maybe she was the only one who had redeemed her in those dim days, so she obeyed and slowly lifted her head.

Leia felt distressed for Hattie.

Hattie's normally dark, clear eyes were now bloodshot, as if they were seeping with blood.

Selena's fingers pressed her brow, her tone inaudible with emotion, "Open that video and show it to her."

The doctor frowned and subconsciously tried to stop, "Lady Selena--"

Selena swept her eyes over.

The doctor was stunned.

The source of Hattie's illness was Kaitlyn in the video. Hattie's current mental state is so bad that even if she were to be treated, she couldn't pick this time.

But no one dared to refute what Selena said.

The doctor picked up the phone on the table, found the full video that had been released and placed it in front of Hattie's eyes.

Hattie looked at Kaitlyn, her dead gaze once again becoming sharp and subconsciously she was about to smash someone.

Selena said coldly, "Watch her. Keep her smile and smugness deep in your psyche, and always remember how smug your enemy is now."

"If you don't even have the courage to look her in the eye, then you cannot avenge your mother."

“They won’t show you mercy just because you’re a child, they’ll just trample on you and tear you apart more and more, so that you can die and their family of four can rest easy from now on.”

“Hattie, you have no right to be afraid. If you are afraid, retreating and fearful, your mother will have died in vain, and the family of four will live in the house that belongs to you and your mother, enjoying your and your mother’s favour and position, will live a beautiful and happy life.”

“In the end it will be just you and your mother reduced to a tragedy that will be completely forgotten, so be strong and watch her.”

Listening to Selena seemed to have become an instinct for Hattie, and the icy sharpness in her eyes gradually froze.

She was clearly trembling with fear, but persisted with unwavering focus, her eyes fixed firmly on the screen..

She stared at Kaitlyn who was brightly flaunting her status as Miss Riddle, shouting justifiably that her mother was dead, that she had been thrown out of the house and that everything in the Riddle family now belonged to their family of four.

Hattie watched while crying, teardrops falling in large globs from those blood-soaked eyes. The doctors and nurses could not bear to see it.

Leia huffed and couldn’t wait to rush out and take that bogeyman outside the door by the scruff of the neck.

Hattie would go crazy, definitely because Kaitlyn and that bad woman did something.

Her mental illness may not have been caused by the abuse in the reformatory at all, but by the family’s use of some vicious means to force it out

This tactic is also, in all probability, related to Hattie’s mother’s death.

Son of a bitch.

Leia was in anger, staring at the door and clutching the puppet in her arms.

As she watched Hattie’s white face was streaked with tears, Selena’s voice softened, “Look, she’s actually not scary at all, a few words from me would make her cry and bow her head.”

“Hattie, you are the high and mighty young lady, before you she will always be a lowly bastard daughter.”

“Only they are afraid of you, you don’t need to fear them at all.”

“It is they who have done wrong, they are the bad guys, all you have to do is to get well, then return to the Riddle family and be that open and reckless young miss, so that the people of this family will grovel to you, retreat and humble themselves, seeing you is like seeing a knife hanging over their heads.”

“You can torture them as much as you like, humiliate them, trample on them, and give them back tenfold the pain they once inflicted on you.”

“After you’ve collected the debt from the juvenile hall, and finally after you will avenge your mother.”

Accompanied by Selena’s voice, the sharpness in Hattie’s eyes stalled, she raised her head, her hollow eyes struggling to gather a trace of focus, her voice hoarse as she shouted, “Selena.”

Selena smiled faintly, “Hattie, look, I will make her kneel down today and kowtow to you and your mother to make amends.”

Selena turned around and looked out the door.

Leia understood and pushed the door open with an unkind look in her eyes, saying in an extremely impulsive tone, “What are you knocking for, don’t we need to sleep in the morning?”

Standing outside the door was Kaitlyn, followed by a bunch of reporters carrying cameras.

Leia looked at the stand and was in rage.

Seeing the murderous aura in Leia's eyes, Kaitlyn was startled and opened her mouth, "I'm sorry, I'm here to apologize to Selena."

Leia stared at her with an unfriendly look and said, "If you want to apologize, just apologize. What's the point of having so many reporters with you? Are you trying to put on a show with Lady Selena?"

Kaitlyn was on the verge of tears, "I'm sorry."

A young man behind her stepped forward and said with a smile, "I'm sorry, Miss, we are from the Riddle family, the old master and the old lady were overjoyed to learn of Lady Selena's existence, and specially asked us to come and take Lady Selena home."

Leia narrowed her eyes. He brought out the old couple of the Riddle family as soon as she opened his mouth, was this specifically to give Lady Selena a head start?

That damned woman.

"What a joke. Lady Selena has nothing to do with the Riddle family, so why should she go home with you?" Leia said coldly, "Lady Selena wants to sleep, don't bother her."

Leia said, raising her hand to close the door.

But the man propped up his hand on the door panel, the smile on his face remained the same, but his tone was more than a touch aggressive, "Miss, this is an important matter, we must see Lady Selena."

Leia felt the force coming from the door, and hostility rose in her eyes. With a cold laugh, she increased the force on her hand and slammed the door shut with a loud "bang".

The young man took a quick step back, but was still almost caught in the hand.

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He stared at the closed door of the room in front of him, his eyes shifting.

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Leia walked in and said angrily to Selena, "Lady Selena, Kaitlyn is followed by a bunch of reporters, the Riddle family is not sincere in apologizing at all, but they want to use you to calm down those public opinion storms."

Selena's black gaze was extremely cold, but there was little unexpected emotion.

How could the high and mighty Riddle family put down their status to please a granddaughter they didn't care?

Rather than a request, it would be more aptly described as coercion.

"Then let them wait."

Selena finished and looked across at Hattie, "Go wash and change your clothes, after eating, I will make Kaitlyn apologize to you on her knees in front of a large crowd."

Hattie's gaze flashed and she got out of bed and went into the bathroom to wash up.

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Outside the door, the man raised his hand and knocked on the door, but there was no movement at all inside.

Selena seemed to have made up her mind to ignore them.

Kaitlyn didn't want to apologize, but if she didn't apologize to Selena and Hattie, her mother wouldn't let her go back to the Riddle family, so she was more afraid than anyone else.

She looked at the closed door of the room and raised her hand to knock on the door, "Selena, I know I'm wrong, I shouldn't talk nonsense, I won't dare to do it again, please forgive me for the sake of my young age."

The reporter, with the camera, filmed Kaitlyn standing outside the door, raising her hand to slap the door with a look of remorse and apology.

Kaitlyn said a lot of things and her mouth was dry, but there was still no movement inside.

Kaitlyn felt resentment in her heart but had to hold it in, looking back at the young man behind her, "Angus, what should we do?"

Angus was silent for a moment and said to the man behind him, "Go get a room card from the waitress, let's break in."

After all, they were only two girls, so if necessary, they had to resort to some extraordinary measures.

Just as he spoke, the door to the room on the left was opened.

A lighter clicked in the quiet space and the group froze, turning their heads to look over.

Then their faces froze abruptly.

On one side stood a man clad in almost only black and white. Every line on his body is perfected to the extreme, with an eerie aura enveloping his entire being.

Between his long and fair fingers, he held a cigarette, with smoke curling around him, obscuring his face but revealing deep eyes.

His dark eyes flickered, and he slowly spat out a word, "Fuck off!"

After Hattie had breakfast and regained some of their energy, Selena finally felt relieved.

Leia came over, "Lady Selena, the group has gone downstairs, when do we go out?"

More surprise came into Selena's eyes, "How could they have gone?"

This is not the style of that new Mrs. Riddle.

Leia's big eyes curved, with a hint of mystery, "They were quarreling outside, to the point where it reached the neighbor next door, and then they just left."

The surprise in Selena's eyes increased.

What kind of neighbour does she have next door that makes the Riddle family of the capital automatically back off when they see him?

However, Selena's curiosity did not last long, after all, M City is not the territory of the Riddle family, and not everyone will fear the Riddle family.

She looked across at Hattie and said in a soft voice, "I bought you a present, did you see it?"

Hattie's dead eyes lit up with ripple before she said one word dryly, "No."

The nurse hurriedly went out and showed Hattie the gift that Selena had sent over by special plane overnight last night.

Hattie held the doll that looked very similar to her when she was young, and looked at the doll's smiling expression for a long time. After a while, the lifelessness in her eyes dissipated somewhat..

She held the doll tightly, raised her head, and said to Selena, "Thank you, Selena."

She had grown up under the shelter of the Riddle family since she was young and had been pampered, but when something happened, the only one who came out to shelter her was Selena, who had been living in exile since she was young.

She at least had her mother to dote on her and lived a carefree life until she was thirteen, but Selena had nothing and grew up alone in Creephia.

The confusion in Hattie's eyes faded at this moment, becoming cold and strong again.

Selena is just a girl of only nineteen, and she cannot drag Selena down.

Those bad people had now come to her door, and she could not let them bully Selena.

Selena looked into her eyes and sighed slightly.

The resilience of this girl is truly frighteningly strong.



Selena stood up, "Let's go."

Leia took her phone, pushed the door open and walked towards the lift.

As she passed by the next room, Selena paused, turned her head to look at the closed door and smiled slightly as she remembered the gift that the other party had sent.

Then she lifted her steps and stepped into the lift.

Angus and his group, standing outside the hotel's main entrance, all looked unpleasant.

They finally knew where that Selena, who was living in exile and had no one to turn to, had the courage to openly go against the Riddle family from the capital.

Kaitlyn, however, did not understand, she just felt that the man even more terrifying than the feeling Leon gave off.

The man had clearly said only one word, but it made these powerful generals of his father, who did not even dare to retort, take her and hastily retreat.

Kaitlyn's heart jumped and she tugged at Angus' sleeve, "Angus, who is that man? Why is he defending Selena?"

Angus covered her mouth and looked her in the eyes, his tone solemn, "Miss Kaitlyn, I am sorry."

Kaitlyn burst into tears.

Despite what her mother had said, she knew that her father loved her after all when she saw that Angus himself had brought her here.

He couldn't let her actually go and kneel down and apologise to Selena, the so-called apology was just for show.

However, the man who told them to leave just now was obviously beyond Angus' control. She really had to go and plead with Selena on her knees..

Kaitlyn was aggrieved.

She has always been low-key and cautious in the capital city, never daring to abuse her identity as a Miss of the Riddle family, for fear of being caught and used against her. Unexpectedly, in the magic city, for the first time acting in the capacity of Miss of the Riddle family, she ended up falling into Selena's hand. To get into such a big mess.

Kaitlyn was aggrieved and resented Selena even more in her heart, she was just a child, why was Selena unwilling to let her go?

As Kaitlyn cried, Selena stepped on her high heels and walked out of the hotel's front door.

At the first sight of Selena, the people from the Riddle family were stunned.

Through that video, they could guess that this stray Lady Selena might not be a person to mess with, but the moment they saw her in person, they were still frozen.

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Even in the capital, where the gentry are concentrated, they would not be able to raise such an aura.

Leia placed the chair in her hand on the step, and Selena sat down slowly and gracefully, crossing her legs and lifting her chin as she looked at Kaitlyn.

Kaitlyn's heart froze at the sight of her, her face was white as she trembled and walked forward, "Selena, I'm sorry, I've come to apologize."

After that public outcry yesterday, Selena was kind of a hit in M City, but no one knew she was staying in this hotel before, and people around her were surprised to see her at first.

Originally, they were not so sure that this was the celebrity who had triggered the internet opinion war

last night, but once they saw Kaitlyn, and after hearing what they heard, people around them all gathered in a flash.

"Is this Selena Riddle? What a good-looking girl."

"No wonder so many people on the internet are craving for her face, her temperament is amazing, our first lady in M City can't even compare to her, right?"

"What's this for? Why there are cameras and reporters?"

"It must be the Riddle family sent then over. The one standing in front of Lady Selena is the bastard daughter of the Riddle family, isn't she?"

Angus came back from the shock of seeing Selena, and hearing the gossip of the crowd, he immediately said, "My madam told us to come here. She just found out this morning that Miss Kaitlyn had caused so much trouble to Lady Selena yesterday, so she asked Miss Kaitlyn to come over today to apologize."

"Miss Kaitlyn has always been humble and respectful, well-behaved and lovely when she was in the capital before, and this was the first time she made such a mistake, Madam was distressed when she found out about it and gave her a severe reprimand, and has us come over and watch with our own eyes to her apologizing to Lady Selena."

Originally, Kaitlyn did not need to grovel in front of so many people, but that man had just driven them away, and since it was destined Kaitlyn could not escape, Angus took advantage of this to save some of Kaitlyn's reputation.

Kaitlyn was accused and hated by so many people, and the cold warning voice of her mother echoed in her mind. She shuddered and cried even harder. Looking at Selena, she said, "Selena, I'm sorry.

Yesterday, it was just a slip of the tongue. Please don't take it to heart considering my young age..."

"I really didn't know who posted that video online, I didn't think that it would cause you to be scolded by so many people, it's all my fault. I'm sorry."

When she finished, she bent down to Selena and sobbed.

Some of the women were vaguely compassionate, after all, Kaitlyn was indeed just a minor child and she looked lovely.

Selena sat gracefully there, with furrowed brows, staring at the iPad in her hand, her eyes soft and serene, giving no indication of what she might be thinking..

Kaitlyn was so embarrassed that she hated Selena in her heart, but she dared not show it. With her head down and crying, she said, "Selena, I really know I was wrong. I won't dare to say such things again in the future. I will always remember my identity and never covet what doesn't belong to me again..."

She hiccuped as she cried, her face full of regret and tears. "Mom said if you don't forgive her, she won't want me anymore. I don't want to be the child that mom doesn't want. Selena, please forgive me..."

Selena still didn't look at her, but her slender fingers tapped on the iPad screen, as if comforting someone. She didn't speak, but the people around her couldn't bear it.

"Ah, even though I know she was the one who did wrong first, it's heart-wrenching to see a young girl cry like this..."

"She can stand here and withstand the accusations and humiliation from so many people. I believe she truly knows her mistake. Selena, please forgive her this time."

"The third party is indeed hateful, but the child is innocent after all. Kaitlyn is still young and inevitably has some vanity. She said some inappropriate words. She apologized on the spot yesterday and came to apologize again early this morning. It seems that she really regrets it. Selena, please give her another chance, as she is your sister.."

"Exactly, Selena, if someone has to take the blame, it's her father and mother. Kaitlyn only misspoke,

it's not to the point of being unforgivable..."

People tend to sympathize with the weak subconsciously. Outsiders do not know what Kaitlyn has done to Hattie and her mother. In their impression, she only said some spoiled and domineering words, was lectured by Selena, and then caused the reputation of Riddle Family to be tarnished and a great disaster occurred by coincidence..

The fact that she cried so sorrowfully and fearfully indicates the enormous pressure she had to endure. Angus breathed a sigh of relief when he heard so many people speaking up for Kaitlyn. He knew that even if Selena didn't forgive Kaitlyn, this matter had been resolved.

Kaitlyn's age and her delicate and lovely nature as a young girl are her greatest advantages.

In addition, she apologized in a timely manner yesterday and did not go too far, so there was still a chance to salvage everything.

But this Lady Selena...

Angus looked at Selena, who was completely still, with a hint of caution in his eyes. Upon hearing those words, Kaitlyn's emotions finally eased a bit, but the resentment in her heart grew deeper.

When she returns to the capital, she will definitely tell her mother not to let Selena get away.

Just as her mind turned in this direction, Selena lifted her eyelids and spoke in a faint tone, "There's no need to apologize me. The person you should apologize to is her."

Selena spoke and turned the iPad in her hand towards Kaitlyn. At a glance, Kaitlyn saw the cold gleam on the screen, and it was chillingly staring at her Hattie.

She was startled and let out a loud "Ah!", and took several steps back.

Angus hurried forward and supported her, thus averting the danger of Kaitlyn falling down the stairs.

When Angus saw the person on the iPad screen, his expression changed slightly, "Miss Hattie."

Hattie's pale little face showed no hint of color, and her pitch-black eyes glared fiercely at Kaitlyn, "Weren't you going to come and apologize to me? Then first kneel down to me and my mother!"

Everyone was also shocked to see the cold and beautiful little girl on the screen, and suddenly stopped talking.

If the subject is Selena, they would plead for Kaitlyn, but if it were Hattie, also a child, no one would pity Kaitlyn for crying.

After all, she and her mother caused Hattie to lose her mother and her family.

This young child lost her mother at an early age and was kicked out of her home by her biological father.

She was also mistreated by bad people... just by looking at her face without any hint of color, one can tell that she has had a very difficult life.

She is only thirteen years old and has not yet reached the age of Kaitlyn, but she has experienced so much darkness and pain. Who will be responsible for her life?

Kaitlyn has always owed Hattie, let alone Hattie just made her kneel down, even if Hattie hit her, I'm afraid everyone would think it was deserved!

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Kaitlyn suddenly saw Hattie and her face turned pale. Her eyes were filled with fear, couldn't bear to look into Hattie's eyes full of hatred.

She knows she's done for today!

With Hattie around, no one would dare to go against her.

Angus obviously did not expect to see Hattie here either, and only then did he understand why, before

leaving, the new madam had said Kaitlyn would definitely be humiliated today, so that he could help look after her somehow.

At first, he didn't think it was necessary. Selena is an adult after all, and although Kaitlyn had to apologize to her due to public opinion, there was no need to go so far as to kneel down and kowtow. But seeing Hattie, he understood everything.

With this girl around, he didn't even dare to say a word openly for Kaitlyn.

After all, this is in public view, with surveillance cameras, and while two elderly of the Riddle family may be able to get away with some deception, Leon is not someone who can be easily tricked. If he sees that they have wronged Hattie in public, he will definitely not let it go and seek justice.

Angus secretly patted Kaitlyn's shoulder, signalling her to calm down, and then took a step back.

Kaitlyn's face was pale and her lips were trembling uncontrollably.

Hattie suppressed the hatred and fear bubbling up from deep within her, as she coldly snorted while looking at her.

Selena is right, they should be afraid of her.

She should stand tall and look down at the illegitimate daughter who killed her mother, seeking revenge for her mother!

Hattie lifted her chin and asked coldly, "Who do you think is the only young lady of the Riddle family?"

Kaitlyn's heart was filled with hatred, and she cried pitifully, saying "It's... you..."

Hattie snorted, her pale face devoid of any color or warmth, her eyes filled with cold contempt. "What are you? How dare you call yourself a member of the Riddle family? In the Riddle family, there are only two young ladies, Selena and myself. Who gave you permission to use the surname Riddle? Who allowed you to enter the Riddle family's gate? What gives you the nerve to claim that you are the only young lady of the Riddle family?"

Kaitlyn felt her heart ache from Hattie's words, and she became even more pitiful crying, but she dared not to argue.

Her mother went to the Riddle family when Hattie's mother passed away, and was pushed down the stairs by Hattie, resulting in a miscarriage. The Riddle family agreed to send her away and educate her for a while to cover up this scandal, as well as because Hattie was mentally unstable during that period and caused too much trouble..

The elderly the Riddle family couldn't stand her father's fuss and had to reluctantly calm down, especially considering the reputation of her and her mother, they welcomed her mother into the house. But there was no wedding, no certificate, nothing...

Her mother not only moved in with the Riddle family but also had the status of a mistress, and she and her brother were illegitimate children.

Compared to Hattie, she will always be overshadowed by her.

Kaitlyn was crying her heart out, but no one at the scene sympathized with her.

After all, it's Hattie who has been hurt and lost her mother, not Kaitlyn.

Kaitlyn was crying uncontrollably, "I'm sorry..."

Hattie spoke coldly, and her eyes were filled with disgust and contempt as she said, "Selena and I are the only young ladies of the Riddle family. My mother is the only female head of the Riddle family. I am not dead, you and your mother and brother will forever be lowly mistresses and illegitimate children, remember this well. Next time I hear you dare to claim the title of young master and miss of the Riddle family, I will have someone beat your mouths!"

Selena's eyebrows and eyes were light, and there was no trace of movement in her dark eyes when she

heard Hattie's defense.

Kaitlyn looked up with tears rolling down her cheeks, crying miserably.

Hattie clenched her fist, her dark eyes tinged with a hint of blood-red. "Now, kneel down and apologize to me and my mother!"

It's not just her and her mother who should be crying. The people who caused her harm and ultimately led to her death should be crying even more miserably.

Kaitlyn's shoulders shook with sobs and she turned to Angus with a pleading look in her eyes.

She doesn't want to kneel and kowtow to Hattie.

She would rather kneel down and apologize to Selena than bow down to Hattie under any circumstances.

Angus looked to the side and whispered to her, "Miss Kaitlyn, you have to think, if your father sees this scene, he will think even more highly of your maturity...."

He will dislike Hattie even more.

But even with this reason, she did not want to kneel down and apologize to Hattie.

Anyone, but Hattie.

Kaitlyn was extremely sad, and her slender shoulders were trembling, but she was not willing to really kneel down to Hattie.

Angus looked into her heartbroken eyes and whispered, "Miss Kaitlyn, think about your mother."

Her mother said that if she didn't apologize to Hattie and Selena today and let them forgive her, she wouldn't want her.

At this moment, Kaitlyn truly understood the meaning behind her mother's words.

Fear and reluctance filled her eyes as she stared at Hattie, but in the end, she lacked the courage to defy her mother.

Kaitlyn slowly bent her knees and knelt down in front of Hattie.

She knelt on the ground, bowing her head, and the crowd couldn't see her expression, they only heard her weeping and her hoarse voice saying, "I'm sorry..."

Hattie watched as Kaitlyn knelt before her, her slender shoulders trembling slightly as she bowed in submission.

She clenched her fist, and there was a glimmer of tears in her eyes for a moment. The eternal night of despair and pain in her heart suddenly seemed to be cracked open by a beam of light at this moment.

She can get it done!

As long as she is powerful enough, she can make her enemies who hurt her kneel in front of her and apologize.

She could then, avenge her mother.

Hattie glared at Kaitlyn with hatred in her eyes, and spoke slowly and emphatically, "I will never forgive you or your mother, father, or brother. You are all responsible for killing my mother, and I will never forgive you!"

Kaitlyn was just kneeling there, looking down.

In an instant, apart from the crying sound, there is no other sound to be heard around.

The onlookers watched the sisters who had once been divided by hatred and sighed with sympathy.

Some people empathize with Hattie, while others sympathize with Kaitlyn.

Adults create the karma, but it is the children who have to bear the consequences.

However, without exception, no one accused Hattie of going too far. It was simply her sad expression and pained eyes that made people feel sorry for her.

“The Riddle family is really too heartless. This child has just lost her mother and was driven out of the house. Isn’t this tantamount to sending her to her death?”

“The most despicable man is the one who not only cheats, but also dotes on his illegitimate daughter while neglecting his biological daughter. It seems like he would rather his daughter die outside...”

“No matter how it is clarified, with this scandal, the Riddle family in the capital has completely fallen from grace...”

Kaitlyn tightly squeezed her palm.

There was a moment when she wanted to stand up against everything and tell everyone that it was Hattie who was heartless and caused her mother to miscarry, which was why she was kicked out.

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However, she remembered her mother’s warning.

Mother said that even if Selena and Hattie told her to kneel, she had to kneel and not try to play mind games in front of Selena, otherwise she would not even know how she would die.

Blame it all on Selena!

If she hadn’t suddenly appeared and taken away Hattie, Hattie would still be receiving discipline in the reform school and wouldn’t have the qualification to confront them.

There is even less chance of having her kneel here, embarrassingly apologizing.

Kaitlyn hates Hattie with all her heart, and hates Selena even more.

Hattie looked at Kaitlyn coldly, and she didn’t ask Kaitlyn to stand up, and Kaitlyn didn’t dare to stand up either.

The surroundings were quiet.

In the end, Angus took a step forward and bent down to Hattie, saying “Miss Hattie, the old master and mistress have sent someone to look for you. Please give me your address and I will pass it on to them.”

Hattie’s eyes flashed with disgust before she gave Kaitlyn a cold glance and looked up at Selena. “Selena, if they come looking for you, call me.”

If the Riddle family cannot find her, they will definitely look for Selena..

Selena dislikes the Riddle family, and may even have a strong aversion towards them.

She doesn’t want to involve Selena.

Selena smiled at her and said softly, “Don’t worry, as long as you don’t want to go back, even if the Emperor of Heaven comes, he has no right to take you away.”

Hattie thought of Osvaldo and felt relieved that with him around, no one in the capital would dare to trouble Selena. She said, “Goodbye, Selena.” with a slightly eased heart.

She suddenly fell ill yesterday, which delayed the filming schedule of the crew. She cannot continue to delay it today.

Selena furrowed her brows and looked at Hattie’s pale face, wanting to say something but ultimately remained silent. She softly instructed, “Go ahead, and take good care of yourself.”

“Okay, Selena,” Hattie said and hung up the iPad.

Selena handed the iPad to Leia standing aside, and slowly stood up.

She stood on the steps, looking down on the members of the Riddle family with a haughty and cold attitude.

Under Kaitlyn’s gaze, her body began to tremble slightly, and even Angus felt a tremendous pressure. Selena sneered, her tone full of coldness and sarcasm, “The Riddle family of the capital... just so-so.”

After speaking, she turned around and walked towards the inside of the hotel.

As soon as she left, Angus immediately went to support Kaitlyn.

Kaitlyn has disgraced her today. No matter how far she can go in the future, this scene of kneeling to Hattie today will become a shame for her whole life.

She didn't even have the courage to resist her mother and directly say that she didn't want to kneel down to Hattie.

Kaitlyn knows that Hattie will look down on her from the bottom of her heart starting from today.

She didn't dare to resist, while Hattie dared to do anything when she was wild.

Kaitlyn was extremely sad and unwilling. Her whole body was trembling and tears were streaming down her face.

Angus remained silent and quickly left with Kaitlyn under the escort of a group of people.

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Selena returned to the room, feeling breathless. She said to Leia, "I need to rest for a while. If anyone calls for me, tell them to go find Mr. Jordon."

Leia knew that Selena did not sleep well last night and agreed.

She waited until Selena fell asleep before taking her phone and going to the compartment to keep watch.

Selena said that someone will give her a call, and that's a hundred percent certain.

Just don't know who the other person is.

While Leia was waiting bored, Selena's phone suddenly buzzed loudly. It was an unknown number from the capital.

Leia blinked her eyes, feeling that her lady was so powerful that there seemed to be nothing unexpected for her.

Leia held her phone and pressed the answer key. Before she could ask who was calling, a crisp and cold voice came through the line, with a hint of ambiguity. "Lady Selena, please be merciful."

As he spoke, there was not a hint of humility in his tone, and his calm and unhurried manner was very pleasing to the ear.

Leia was taken aback for a moment before realizing who the person was. She then exclaimed angrily, "As Lady Selena has said, if you have any business, find Mr. Jordon and don't bother her!"

After saying that, she hung up the phone.

Both Selena and Hattie suffered from a lot of bad things because of the negligence of the Riddle family.

Not to mention Selena, even Leia now has no slightest affection for that family.

Especially after witnessing Hattie crying with her own eyes, even if the elders of the Riddle family came, she would still stand firm and not back down.

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In the capital.

Leon looked at the disconnected phone, tapping the screen with his slender fingers and a hint of gloom passing through his eyes.

Standing on the side, the assistant said discontentedly, "Young master, Lady Selena is really too rude..."

If it wasn't for Leon's help, how could a weak woman with nothing take revenge on that mother and daughter so easily?

Selena not only did not remember well, but also showed such a lack of gratitude, which is unpleasant to hear.

Leon ignored it and called Luke.

Luke answered the phone quickly and joked, "How could the busy Mr. Riddle have time to call me, a mere commoner?"

Leon's tone was light, "She asked me to call you."

Luke hesitated for a moment and said with a hint of schadenfreude, "It seems like she really dislikes your Riddle family..."

It is not difficult to understand that over the past eighteen years, with Nevaeh's death and Selena's solitary upbringing, and now with Hattie's incident, it would be strange if Selena had a good impression of the Riddle family in the capital.

Leon was silent.

Luke asked, "What's the deal with your grandfather and grandmother? They don't care about the lives and deaths of their daughter, granddaughter and great-granddaughter, but they're so fond of their illegitimate daughter. Isn't that asking for trouble? You let them continue, and if they keep going, in the future, maybe only you, as their grandson, would be willing to see them off at the end."

Leon's eyes flickered with a dark gleam, and he raised his hand to tap his forehead. "That ends this matter," he said.

Luke knew what Leon meant.

He could allow Selena to retaliate against that family of four and vent her anger for Hattie, but he could not truly watch Selena destroy the reputation of the Riddle family.

After all, his surname is Riddle and he is the heir of the Riddle family.

Luke sneered, "You can rest assured that Miss Selena has no interest in your Riddle family at all. The Riddle family is reserved for Hattie."

If Selena really wanted to pursue the matter, she wouldn't have let Leon call her.

Just before Leon hung up the phone, Luke's voice came through again, "By the way, I forgot to tell you that Miss Hattie had a seizure yesterday."

Leon was silent for a moment, "Is it serious?"

"Not a big deal, why would Miss Selena be so angry to go after that family of four?" Luke retorted sarcastically, "She just went crazy when she saw Kaitlyn."

Having said that, Luke hung up the phone.

Some words are better left unsaid.

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As for what Leon will do next, it is not something he should be concerned about.

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Half an hour later, the official website of the Riddle family released a video of Kaitlyn apologizing to Selena and Hattie, and announced that the Riddle family only had one Madam and two young ladies. This official announcement is equivalent to the Riddle family completely denying the existence of the new wife and her family of three, directly pinning them to the position of the mistress's illegitimate child and daughter. From now on, no matter where they go, they are doomed to be unable to have a legitimate status.

The person who posted this announcement is the young master, who is well-known in the city and the true head of the Riddle family. He is the only one qualified to represent the Riddle family's attitude.

So, the nature of the matter has fundamentally changed. He is just a scumbag cheating on his wife.

When his wife had just passed away, he secretly brought his mistress and illegitimate children whom he



had been raising outside home to the house. The family of three have never been recognized by the people of the Riddle family.

Everyone is just cursing that scumbag and the third party, it has nothing to do with the Riddle family. The Riddle family's reputation has even been elevated due to Kaitlyn's humble apology video and Leon's unwavering attitude of protecting his original wife and children.

The Riddle family in the capital is still the high and noble family with unparalleled elegance and status..

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Selena woke up two hours later, probably due to the fuss caused by Hattie. Even though she had slept well, she still looked tired and sluggish, with drooping eyelids and a listless breath.

Leia picked up the phone and said, "Madam, young master just called you and asked you to call back after you wake up."

Selena paused with her fingers rubbing her forehead and then chuckled.

She has been in M City for two days, with all her attention focused on Hattie, while somewhat neglecting Osvaldo.

This is definitely a failure as a wife.

Selena picked up her phone, her lips curling into a sweet smile as she dialed Osvaldo's number.

He was probably waiting there all along, and he picked us up very quickly.

Selena tilted her head lazily and said in a sweet tone, "Hattie's issue has been resolved, so everything is fine now."

After a moment had passed, Osvaldo's straight and level voice was heard, devoid of any emotion, "Did you buy her a gift?"

Selena hesitated for a moment, subconsciously opened her mouth, wanting to explain something, but then didn't say anything, after hearing his words.

Although the fact may be a bit skewed, the final outcome was indeed that she only bought a gift for Hattie and overlooked Osvaldo.

This is her negligence.

Selena is a girl who is very good at putting herself in other people's shoes. She thinks that if Osvaldo goes on a trip and only buys presents for Hattie, but not for her, she might have some objections.

She hugged the soft pillow in her hands and said with a smile, "I'll go out and buy one for you later."

Osvaldo's pleasant voice suddenly became gentle, with a hint of a smile, "You personally picked it?"

Selena's lips curved, "Yes."

The man let out a soft laugh, seductive like a nightingale, "You are forgiven."

Selena took a deep breath and felt like her ears were about to conceive. How could there be someone whose voice was so beautiful that it made her legs go weak?

The most important thing is that the other person is still a man.

If Osvaldo were a woman, wouldn't all the men in the world go crazy?

Selena squinted her eyes in enjoyment, just feeling that all the nerves that had been tense for two days had been soothed.

She held a pillow and changed her posture, with a sweet smile on her lips. Suddenly, she asked a whimsical question, "Do you know how to sing?"

Osvaldo made a sibilant sound with a touch of seductive charm, "What?"

Selena curved her lush red lips and said, "Your voice is really beautiful..." It's hard to describe what's so charming about it, but it feels like her ears are getting pregnant.

It was probably due to her poor emotional state that Selena unconsciously took that rare step and made

a request that she would never make in her right mind, "Can you sing a song for me?"

Oswaldo paused for a moment, his voice revealing a touch of tender and intense indulgence, "Okay."

The wind blew in from a distant sea, and suddenly a song floated out in the quiet room.

"Break my arms, and I can still embrace you; cut off my legs, and I can still walk to you; without eyes, I can still touch you; without a voice, I can still kiss you, without memories, I still love only you..."

With a hint of bloody and terrifying atmosphere in the singing, the voice, with a double meaning and full of warmth, was hummed softly by the man. There was no accompaniment, but the gentle voice, straightforward melody and tone were filled with indescribable warmth.

Selena's back was covered with dense and chilly goosebumps, and not only her legs but also her whole body went weak.

What song is this?

Before she could even ask, the singing suddenly changed, overflowing with a heavy sense of darkness.

Cut off my hands, I can still imprison you; Cut off my feet, I can still possess you alone; Remove my eyes, I can still feel your breath; Lose my voice, I can still kiss your lips; Erase my memories, I still only love you...

Selena opened her eyes wide and suddenly felt a terrifying suffocating sensation for no apparent reason.

She recalled Oswaldo's excessively extravagant and dazzling delicate appearance, and found it hard to imagine how such a handsome and gentle man could sing such bloody and violent songs.

His gentleness and kindness create a strong and vivid contrast with the bloody and dark lyrics at this moment.

It seems that Oswaldo noticed Selena's emotions and suddenly stopped, with a hesitant tone, "Is it not good?"

"It's good," Although the lyrics were unexpected, she cannot deny that it sounds good," Selena asked with a smile, "what song is this?"

Oswaldo paused for a moment before saying, "A love poem."

Selena couldn't help but laugh, and all her pent-up frustration subsided, replaced by a warm feeling that coursed through her.

Oswaldo is not good at singing and has never sung before, but he cannot refuse her request and can only recite a love poem he once read as a substitute.

Sounds so good.

Selena thinks she may never forget that a man clumsily sang a love song to her to cheer her up when she was feeling down."

She delicately squeezed the soft pillow in her arms with slender fingers and sweetly smiled, "Wait for my gift."

Oswaldo replied with okay.

After hanging up the phone, Selena got up and went to the bathroom to freshen up. She changed into a beautiful red dress and put on a light coat. She even applied some makeup, which was rare for her. She walked out of the room looking exquisite and stunning.

Leia looked at her radiant face, holding her chin and smiling, running over, "Madam, where are we going?"

Selena smiled and said, "Go and get the gift that we didn't manage to buy before."

Having said that, she walked away.

Leia followed her, smiling.

Who says their young master doesn't know how to date?

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Look, isn't this method of coaxing his wife very clever?

Selena has been feeling down since last night because of Hattie's incident, but a phone call from Osvaldo has instantly lifted her spirits and brought back her vivaciousness.

This skill is not one that ordinary people can have.

Leia was excited, but also a little curious.

She clearly couldn't hold back her words, and she looked at Selena's beautiful smiling profile and asked with a gossipy face, "Madam, what did Master just say to you?"

To make her so happy.

Selena tilted her head slightly and smiled, "It's nothing, just..." She paused, remembering the man's gentle and hoarse voice, and her smile grew wider, "He sang a song for me."

Leia's eyes widened instantly, and her face was filled with a sense of collapse and disappointment.

Will Osvaldo sing???

She had met a false master?

Leia stumbled out with Selena.

Selena was going to pick a gift for Osvaldo, so Leia drove to the busiest shopping mall in the city.

Selena visited several luxury men's stores and felt a little thirsty, so Leia went to buy her some milk tea.

Selena walked into a watch shop alone and browsed for a while before finding a watch that caught her eye.

Selena scrutinized it carefully for a moment, confirming that the quality and style were good. Just as she was about to speak, a somewhat sharp voice suddenly came from beside her, "Selena, what are you doing here?"

Selena heard the voice and her gaze turned cold. She tilted her head slightly and saw Angie staring at her with anger on her face.

Dominic and Leah stood behind her, with one full of hatred in his eyes and the other looking at her with a complex gaze.

Enemies meet on a narrow road.

Selena glanced casually and then withdrew her gaze, handing the watch to the clerk and saying, "Wrap it up."

The clerk took it and praised with a smile, "The guy you're with is really lucky, Miss."

This watch, whether in terms of style or price, is not affordable for ordinary people.

Especially with Selena being so young, beautiful and having an excellent temperament, I wonder which lucky man will have the opportunity to hold such a beauty in his arms.

Selena smiled and remembered everything that Osvaldo had done for her, and said, "My boyfriend treats me better."

The clerk couldn't help but feel envious when she saw the sweet expression on her face. She turned around, took a box, and packaged the watch.

Leah and Dominic's eyes simultaneously fell on the watch that Selena bought, with a thick layer of jealousy passing through their eyes.

Dominic suddenly remembered the gifts Selena had given him a long time ago. They may not have been the most expensive, but they were definitely the most thoughtful. However, he had never really cherished them.

He received so many gifts from her, but over the years he never gave her any gifts.

So Selena will never buy gifts for him again.

The gift she had carefully chosen with all her heart and soul now belongs to another man.

That man is still her husband.

Dominic stared at the watch in the shop assistant's hand, clenched his fist secretly, and a sinister expression flashed in his eyes.

If Dominic is jealousy and regret, then Leah is full of envy and hatred.

After Mrs. Riddle went to prison, her days became somewhat difficult. During the period when she was recuperating, although the household staff did not dare to neglect her, it was still not as good as being taken care of by her own mother.

Alberto was hospitalized, and she was resented because she had previously seized the position of the chairman of the Riddle's. Mrs. Riddle went to jail, and that man was so heartless that he didn't even take a look.

Even at her engagement banquet, he did not attend, only those relatives of the Chapman family who were not respectable showed up.

Because her scandal with Dominic caused a lot of trouble, the Walson family was also displeased with her. The engagement banquet was just a formality, and there was none of the luxury and grandeur she had hoped for..

No one sincerely wishes her well, everyone is criticizing her.

Despite her difficult times, Selena was living a life where she was pampered, cared for, and treated as a precious treasure by men, and her career was going smoothly.

It's like completely flipping the lives of two people upside down.

How could Leah not hate this?

She waited anxiously for the watch Selena had bought, her sharp nails digging deep into her palm and causing fresh blood to flow from the tender skin.

Angie is not happy about being ignored by Selena, especially since Selena caused her to be fired by Creephia University and sent to jail. She went from being a wealthy heiress to a notorious and hated figure who is constantly being criticized by everyone.

Recently, Mrs. Walson has kept her confined to the house, not allowing her to take a single step outside the door.

Mrs. Walson finally gave in to her persistence and reluctantly agreed to let her go to M City with Dominic and Leah. Otherwise, she might not have had the chance to leave the house until now.

At this moment, how could Angie resist picking a fight with the culprit who caused her to be in such a state?

Especially in Angie's opinion, Selena is a punching bag. No matter how she bullies her, Selena can only endure and has no right to resist.

"Selena, are you deaf? Can't you hear me talking?" Angie was infuriated by Selena ignoring her, and some words blurted out without thinking, "Is this also a place where people like you are qualified to come? My brother, Leah and I are going shopping now. Get out of here right away!"

She has said these words to the former Selena countless times and it has become a conditioned reflex.

But she completely forgot that Selena now is no longer someone they can mess with..

Upon hearing her arrogant and domineering words, Dominic's face suddenly turned ugly as he sternly rebuked her, "Angie!"

Angie's voice was sharp and loud, and people around looked over with eyes full of disgust as they saw her malicious and domineering face, then turned to look at Selena, who had an exquisite and captivating

demeanor.

“Idiot!”

“Without even considering her own appearance, she dare to tell others to leave...”

“Where does this rural bumpkin come from? Does she think this city was made for her? Standing in someone else’s shop, making their customers leave, without considering if she’s even qualified!”

Upon hearing the accusations, Angie realized she had misspoken, and upon hearing Dominic’s reprimand, her eyes welled up with tears.

She glared at Selena arrogantly, pursed her lips, and cried out in dissatisfaction, “Brother, it was because of her that I was expelled by Creepia University and arrested by the police. How could you still side with her?”

Mentioning this matter, Dominic’s face became even more unpleasant. He coldly looked at Angie and said, “Say one more word and you’ll go back!”

Angie was scared and covered her mouth, tears streamed down her face.

Selena swiped her card, picked up the gift and smiled satisfactorily before turning to look at the three people over here.

The clerk who handed her the watch gave Angie a cold look and said to Selena, “Miss, you are a valued customer in our store. You can walk around freely here without paying attention to those people.”

Selena chuckled, “It’s okay, I never bother with the barking of stray cats and dogs.”

She will have plenty of opportunities to clean up the Walson family in the future.

Angie heard Selena call her a dog and became furious. She rushed at Selena to tear her apart, but Dominic grabbed her wrist first and said, “Calm down!”

“Bro, didn’t you hear her call me a dog?” Angie pointed at Selena angrily.

Dominic ignored her and just held onto Angie tightly, his eyes unconsciously chasing after Selena.

Selena is feeling good today and truly doesn’t feel like bothering with them. She carries the gift she bought for Osvaldo and walks straight past the three people standing at the door, heading towards the elevator.

Angie was grabbed by Dominic’s hand, and she watched Selena leave with anger in her heart. A fierce expression crossed her delicate face, and she stuck out her foot, intentionally tripping Selena just as she was about to step onto the elevator steps.

Selena was just about to get off the elevator when Angie suddenly tripped her. She couldn’t stand firm and fell headlong down to the ground.

## **chapter 420**

“Ah...”

There were countless screams and cries of astonishment in the scene.

Dominic heard something amiss and turned his head to take a look, instantly his face changed drastically.

He instinctively reached out to grab Selena, and Leah standing beside him suddenly stumbled and fell into his arms.

Just as Selena fell, Dominic had his hand outstretched and ready to catch her. But a moment’s delay cost him the chance to hold onto Selena, and he could only watch as she fell.

At the moment when Selena was tripped, she quickly raised her hand and grabbed the nearby handrail, but at the same time, the elevator under her feet suddenly malfunctioned and all the steps disappeared

in an instant, operating at a speed beyond normal.

Selena didn't have a chance to steady herself before slipping again, her slender body tumbling straight down from above.

"Lady Selena!" came Leia's angry shout from nearby.

Countless people on the scene covered their eyes and let out screams of terror, not daring to watch what would happen next.

There was a hint of ferocity in Selena's eyes, and she suddenly closed them, waiting for the onset of intense pain.

As she was about to fall heavily to the ground, a pair of unexpectedly long and slender arms suddenly wrapped around her waist and pulled her into their embrace.

"Bang"...

She flung herself into a warm, strong embrace.

Selena's eyes were tightly closed, her slender body trembling slightly, and her face pale.

After a long time, she didn't experience the expected pain, and suddenly, for some reason, there was not a sound around her.

Selena's long eyelashes trembled, but she still didn't dare to open her eyes.

She is most afraid of pain.

When it hurts, she can't help but cry.

In the midst of a silent stillness, a sigh suddenly came from above.

Selena's heart skipped a beat, and an indescribable tremor pierced her soul, startling her so much that she couldn't help but shudder.

What kind of feeling is this?

A long and cold hand fell on her head and comfortingly rubbed it, followed by a gentle voice that sounded like a heavenly melody, "It's okay, don't be afraid."

With a flutter of her long lashes, Selena suddenly opened her eyes when she realized she had been rescued.

Suddenly, she stood still in the same spot.

She suddenly came face to face with a pair of eyes so close and deep that it made her heart skip a beat.

The chilling gaze was fixed on her, unblinking and sinister.

For a moment, Selena thought she saw Osvaldo.

But the next second, she negated it again.

Although Osvaldo appears cold, he has warmth inside him, and he is a gentle gentleman with a naturally good nature.

But the man's gaze was as if it were made of inorganic ice, looking at people just as one looks at ants on the roadside.

It was not Osvaldo.

After Selena's momentary distraction, she noticed that they were too close together and immediately retreated from his embrace, taking several steps back.

The man's gaze suddenly turned cold, and his slender and eerie hand moved as if he wanted to grab her back. However, he suddenly seemed to think of something and stopped himself.

Just stood in place, staring at her with a gaze that seemed both scorching hot and icy cold.

After retreating to a safe distance, Selena finally got a clear look at the man's appearance.

She couldn't control a stunning exclamation of admiration.

Despite wearing a solid black mask on his face, every line on his body exudes a captivating and

enchanting charm, and his aura is indescribably eerie and sinister. Just like a cold and beautiful piece of art, it has obtained vitality. There is hardly anyone in the world who looks better than Osvaldo. It's just the temperament of two men that are too different. Otherwise, she would almost doubt... Selena furrowed her brow and smiled, "Thank you for saving me." The man paused for a moment, his voice sounding deliberate and slightly low-pitched, "No need." He finished speaking and took steps toward her. Selena was stunned for a moment, and for some unknown reason, a sudden sense of nervousness rose in her heart. She involuntarily showed a guard expression on her face and subconsciously took a few steps back. The man's footsteps paused briefly, almost imperceptibly, before quickly resuming as if nothing had happened. He walked over to where Selena had been standing just moments ago, bent down slightly, and picked something up from the ground. Selena was startled when she saw the object that the other person had picked up from the ground, and her eyes widened slightly. That's— The thornbirds she painted. It should have accidentally fallen off when she was saved earlier. This man is? Selena pointed at the painting with a strange expression and asked, "Sir, is this... yours?" The man picked up the painting and neatly saved it with his slender, fair fingers. Only then did he say to Selena, "It is from a neighbor." Selena blinked and then heard he add, "I really like it." In his words, there seemed to be a sense of appreciation. Selena smiled unconsciously. The man glanced at her and then turned around to leave the mall. After he left, the people around gradually came to their senses. "Oh my. That man just now is so..." So handsome? So beautiful? None of it seems appropriate. "My heart almost jumped out of my chest just now. I don't know if I was scared or aroused by the man's breath." "Does anyone know who that man was just now?" "I don't know, but the fact that he saved this beautiful lady shows that he is not only good-looking but also has an excellent character." After the man left, Leia quickly rushed to Selena and almost turned into a silly cat, "Miss Selena, are you okay?" Selena shook her head as she looked at the sweaty appearance of Mia, saying, "It's fine." Leia let out a deep sigh. Luckily! If Selena really had a serious accident today, her young master would be furious with her. After the initial shock, a hint of coldness appeared in Selena's eyes, and she turned her head to stare

straight at where Dominic and his two companions were.

Dominic and his group were startled by the icy and cold killing intent in her eyes.

Leah hung her head and felt deep regret. Damn Selena, why was she always so lucky?

Angie was both angry and anxious. She remembered the man who saved Selena just now, and her heart was filled with jealousy. She was about to speak when she was slapped heavily in the face.

Angie stood in shock, covering her face as she looked at Dominic with disbelief. Tears streamed down her face as she said, "Brother, you hit me..."

Dominic has never been willing to hit her, but today he hit her for Selena.

Angie hates Selena to death.

Dominic gave her a cold look and clenched his fist, obviously extremely angry. He roared angrily, "Do you know it could be fatal?"

He used to think that Angie was a bit spoiled, but ultimately a good person. However, from what happened today, he realized that she was actually malicious.

Angie nervously cringed her neck, but when she saw Selena walking towards her, she immediately regained her confidence and said, "She's fine, isn't she? She's standing there unharmed. Why did you hit me for her?"