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Chapter 2711 What Kate said was too absurd and way out of Gwen's imagination. At that moment,

Gwen did not know how to respond to that. Wordless, she looked at Kate incredulously.

At first, the doctor thought Gwen only wanted to snatch Steven to be her boyfriend because he was a handsome—looking guy. It was unethical, but it was understandable because Steven's appearance and

background were something all women desired.

As she listened in more, however, this was not the first time this woman tried to snatch someone else's boyfriend. Thus, the doctor sighed, took the consent letter Kate passed over, and looked at Gwen with disgust. "Young lady, you should show respect to yourself and others. It's not a good habit to snatch someone else's boyfriend. You'll receive karma for it in the future."

After saying that, the doctor went back into the emergency room.

Gwen bit her lip and looked at the doctor.

"Did you hear that?" Kate sneered and repeated the doctor's words once again when she saw how stupefied Gwen looked in the direction of the emergency room. Gwen came to her senses and looked at Kate. She curled up her lip and coldly retorted, "You should be the one hearing this."

Her eyes were cold when she looked at Kate. "Ms. Kate Miller, it's not a good habit to snatch someone else's boyfriend. You'll go to hell if you break a couple's relationship."

Kate narrowed her eyes, probably because she never expected Gwen to use the words from the doctor to fight back. As her gaze darkened, she scoffed, "What? Do you think I was the one who caused you and Luke to break up?"

She smirked. "Don't forget that in the very first place, Luke sacrificed his life to save you. It was always his intention to use his life in exchange for yours. Besides, he said if he's still alive, you'd be the talk of everyone because of him. If he's dead, then you'd be free. In addition, his heart could always be with you and never be separated."

She sneered, "Do you think that without the influence from the Hughes family and the Miller family, you and Luke can still be together now? Even without us, he and you will still be apart with one being dead and the other alive, so how dare you say we were the ones who broke you two? This is your fate and his!

"You're just saying we broke up the two of you because you're unsatisfied—bitter that Luke didn't die and become another person. You're unsatisfied that I can live happily ever after with Steven. You're

jealous of me!" Gwen laughed. She squinted her eyes and said indifferently, "You're right. I'm jealous. Do you have a problem with that?" As she said, she was jealous of Kate. She could not let go of Luke. Her heart throbbed painfully when she knew Luke's body was possessed by another person, and that person was in love with Kate, was going to marry Kate, and would have children with her. Why? Was there anything wrong with her being jealous? She had already lost him. How could she possibly see his body being used by someone else and do the thing he was reluctant to do? "I'll find Luke," vowed Gwen coldly before leaving. Just after taking a few steps, she remembered something. Thus, she stopped walking and turned back around to look at the evidently surprised Kate. "Kate, you said you love Steven. But if you really love him, you should at least take good care of him. At least..." Her eyes turned in the direction of the emergency room. "At least, you should take care of him after he was hurt."

Kate's eyes flashed with coldness and crossed her arms at her chest. "You want me to take good care

of him? Gwen, do you want to know how Steven got hurt?"

Chapter 2712 Gwen was startled. "How did he get hurt?"

"It's because of you." Kate sneered and looked at Gwen. The image of a vehemently determined

Steven during the early morning in the Hughes family residence appeared in Kate's mind.

"If Gwen Larson came to look for me, then the very least I need to do is to meet with her and clear the

air with her," was what he said.

At that time, Steven's father wanted to stop him from meeting with Gwen. He did not want Steven to be affiliated or had connections with the people Luke knew. Thus, he ordered the bodyguard to encircle him in the middle.

A bodyguard took out a military knife to threaten Steven, asking him to calm down and to not meet with Gwen. Kate knew it was wrong to use violence to stop Steven from meeting Gwen. Nonetheless, she would use that method too if she was Steven's father in that situation.

Steven had a phobia of knives, most likely due to the trauma he experienced when he was a kid. He had been scared of knives and similar sharp objects. To this extent, he did not dare to touch the knife that was identical to the custom—made military knife that Luke had. He just left it in a corner of the

house.

Therefore, Steven's father thought it was the most efficient way to stop Steven. What he did not anticipate was that the new Steven was far from the gentle Steven from five years ago. He pushed away the people around him with great strength, and amid the struggle, the bodyguard accidentally stabbed him in the waist with the knife.

Steven's parents panicked and sent him back to his room while calling the family doctor to treat

Steven's wound. In spite of that, Steven jumped out the window and escaped before the family doctor arrived.

The Hughes family went to look for Steven's whereabouts through the surveillance camera, but Steven eluded everyone effectively. After switching his body to Luke's, Steven's stamina and anti—reconnaissance capability were on a totally different level from the past. Fortunately, Kate had installed a tracking app on his phone when Steven found out she was following him. Otherwise, they would have had a hard time tracking him down.

Having thought of that, the way Kate looked at Gwen became more resentful. She knew the

brainwashing and hypnotizing were not as successful as they thought.

The reaction Steven had when he saw Gwen was not right, and so were most of Steven's habits and alertness. Therefore, it was important to stop Steven from meeting Gwen. That was indeed why Kate would take the risk after arranging a truck to create an accident to kill Gwen when she found out the location where Steven asked to meet with Gwen. In her thought, Steven would return to normalcy as long as Gwen was dead.

All of the abnormalities that Steven had only appeared when he saw Gwen! "Because of me?" Gwen furrowed her brow, not understanding what Kate was implying. "But the doctor said the wound on his waist wasn't from recently."

She had only met Steven after Steven was in the accident. How was it possible she was related to Steven getting hurt? Kate sneered. She had no intention to tell Gwen that Steven was hurt during the fight when he wanted to see Gwen.

She curled up her lips and smiled. "Because..."

She stared at Gwen's face and talked indifferently, "Because I told you the only reason you were bothering him is that your boyfriend's organs were in his body. So..."

Kate lowered her voice and got close to Gwen's ear. Her voice sounded so low and eerie. "He loves me so much that he didn't want to have anything to do with you. He was afraid that I'm unhappy because of that. Because of that, he stabbed himself with the knife, thinking of taking away the organs and handing them to you, not wanting anything to do with you anymore. If I didn't stop him, he would've taken out Luke's organs one by one and returned them back to you!"

Chapter 2713 The air in the hallway turned silent as Gwen looked at Kate with surprise. Her jaw hung widely, but not a peep came from her. She placed her arms beside her body and clenched them into fists, clenching and unclenching them repeatedly. Was that truly the reason why he hurt himself? Was he that ashamed and uncomfortable using Luke's body, so much so that he rather be dead and returned Luke's organs to her?

Kate felt satisfied with the expression on Gwen's face. She curled up her lips and looked at her plainly.

"If you have any dissatisfaction, just come find me. I was the one who made the decision because I

want to let my boyfriend live. Put your anger all on me if you are unhappy, but stop bugging Steven. He

didn't want anything from Luke. I think ".

She raised the corner of her lips. "You don't want to see Steven opening himself up and take out Luke's organs and throw them to your face too, right?"

It was truly a cruel thing to say.

Gwen bit her lip vehemently and squinted. After a while, she curled up her lip into a smile." Don't try to threaten me with this. Do you really think I'd be threatened by you after what you said? Your family and Steven's family had spent so much effort to take Luke's body to save Steven's life. I don't believe you'll easily let go and let him die.

"Even if you're willing, there's nothing I can let go of. I prefer to see Steven give back everything that was Luke's, and I'm also willing to give back the heart in my chest to Steven and reunite with Luke."

With that, Gwen sneered and left the emergency department.

Kate was rooted on the spot as she watched Gwen leave.

She bit her lip. At first, she thought her words would intimidate Gwen so badly that Gwen would no longer dare to take any action. She knew Gwen cared about Luke the most and that she would not be willing to see the last of Luke totally disappear from this world.

However...it did not occur to her that Gwen could have such a determined attitude.

Shortly after Gwen left, the door of the emergency room opened. Kate retrieved her emotions and squeezed a few drops of tears from the corner of her eyes.

She rushed into the emergency room anxiously. "Steven! Are you alright?" She ran and buried her face in the side of Steven's bed. "You had me worried sick. How did you get hurt?" she hoarsely questioned.

"How did you get yourself into an accident? I heard your father telling me that you ran away from home.

I was So scared!"

Steven smiled. He was quite touched by Kate's reaction, so he reached out his hand to touch Kate's head and looked at her face. "Where's Gwen?" Suddenly, the tears in Kate's eyes stopped rolling down. She bit her lip and looked at him with a blurred look. "Gwen? Is she here? I don't know either. It was just you in the emergency room when I came here."

Steven's eyes looked disappointed.

He remembered how Gwen was the one who pulled him out of the car after the accident, and she was the one who sent him to the hospital. Did she...leave right after she sent him here?

He was disappointed. Perhaps Gwen only cared about this body after all. Once she knew there was

nothing serious with his body, she thought she could leave. As it turned out, he was not really that important to Gwen at all.

Chapter 2714 "Steven, I know how much you wanted to look for Gwen to tell her everything," said Kate as she took a deep breath and stared at Steven spacing out. "But no matter what, you shouldn't harm yourself."

As she talked, she reached out to hold Steven's hand, and her eyes gleamed with worry. "Your mother called me this morning, telling me that you've gone mad, had hurt yourself, and ran away. Do you know how worried I was?"

She looked at him as a teardrop slipped from the corner of her eye. "After I told you everything about Gwen last night, I was so scared that you'd leave me, so I didn't sleep well. Then, I heard that you were hurt and ran away from your house early in the morning. Later, I received news that you were in an accident and were sent to the hospital.

"I was worried sick! Who knew the first thing you ask when you woke up was about Gwen..."

She wiped away her tears and asked, "Is Gwen more important than me in your heart?"

Steven felt distressed and uneasy because of Kate's words and tears. All the things he wanted to say
got stuck in his throat. Finally, he sighed and held Kate's hand. "Kate, I'm sorry for making you worry
about me."

Once Steven started to comfort her, Kate cried bitterly as tears came out of her eyes like an opened tap water. Helplessly, Steven quickly helped her to wipe the tears off her face. That caused Steven to accidentally pull the wound that the doctor had just stitched up for him. His face turned pale immediately as he groaned in pain. "Are you alright?" Kate stopped crying. She bit her lip and pressed down on his shoulder." Don't move."

Steven was slightly touched by Kate's worried voice. After a while, he looked up and stared at Kate's face.

"Kate, let's break up."

He could no longer keep holding Kate anymore. After she told him about the connection between him and Luke, he thought deeply. He kept asking if he had any feelings for Kate and if he really loved her.

Until now...he only felt nervous and anxious in his heart when he saw Kate crying. He did not want her

to cry, but not because he was worried or feeling heartbroken. Instead, he felt guilty and that she should have not cried because of him.

He knew very well that the feeling he had for her was not love. He did not love Kate. Thus, even when Kate did so much for him and he owed her a great deal, he just could not find it in him to be with her.

He could not give her what she wanted. If they continued to be together, they would only dance around in torment. It would also give Kate the impression that they were both in love with each other. Maybe it would also cause Kate to miss out on her Mr. Right! "What did you say?" Kate could not believe what she heard. Her eyes widened as she looked at Steven shockingly. "Steven, Did I... Did I hear it wrongly?" she hesitated. "Or was I hallucinating? You..."

"You heard it right; you didn't hallucinate." Steven took a deep breath and looked up at Kate's face with a solemn expression. "I said, let's break up. I don't want to hold you up anymore and let you have the impression that we're both in love with each other. "You and Gwen are the same. The person you like is Luke, not me."

Chapter 2715 Kate stared at Steven with a stupefied expression as she fell silent for a good while.

Then, she bit her lip, and her voice sounded vague. "Steven, what nonsense are you talking about? I've

always loved you. When did I -".

"Is that so?" interjected Steven, his voice cold. "Kate, before my coma, and even before I had the accident, you and I have never met. We were only bound by the marriage agreement. When I woke up, people told me you are my girlfriend, my fiancee, and that you'd done many things for me. While I was touched, I was surprised too. After all, I don't remember us knowing each other. More importantly, I don't remember any promises that we made before.

"The first time we met should be after I had my accident. You keep saying that you love me, but why do you do so? Because you had one look at me after I was in a vegetative state. Were you attracted to my body so much that you'd do anything to get me?

"Maybe there is such a love in this world, but this is obviously not the case between you and me. Every time when you look at me, I feel that you're looking at another person. Your look tells me that it isn't me that you are looking at."

Kate bit her lip vehemently and shook her head. "No, that's not it."

She reached out her hand to grab Steven's hand, her voice quivering as she pleaded, "Steven, that's

not it! I love you. It's you that I love! Why would I do all those things if I don't love you? If I loved Luke,
why would I turn Luke into you? I can just give your heart to Gwen and be together with Luke, can I?"
"No, you can't." Steven looked at her with a pair of calm eyes. "Because Luke doesn't like you. You
know that no matter what you do for Luke, he'd never like you. Just to own Luke, you turned him into
me."

He looked up and smiled at Kate. "I was curious why I'd have weird dreams and weird scars on my body. I didn't understand why you insist on me taking the military knife I didn't like and also buying clothing in the style that I don't like.

"However, I finally understand now after knowing that I'm actually Luke. You like me because you think of me as a replacement."

For a moment, Kate was startled by Steven's sensitivity and calm voice. She had the impression that the person in front of her was Luke instead of Steven, too.

Steven had always been a pure young adult. By right, he should remain in the same condition he was five years ago. How did he suddenly become so mature and smart to the extent that he could find the most useful information from all of the evidence, analyzing Kate's real intention in turn?

Kate quivered. As it turned out, even after Luke's mind was replaced with Steven's mind, logic, and
also memory, Luke was still Luke. He was still the smart and sensitive person Kate could not control.
He curled up his lips into a mocking smile as he somewhat saw through Kate's thoughts. "So, Kate,
let's break up. I'll either repay you in cash or others for the things I owe you. A lot more than what I owe
you. I won't let your sacrifice and effort for the last five years be for nothing, but forget about us being
together as a couple."

Kate bit her lip silently. She looked up and asked, "Then, are you breaking up with me to go look for Gwen?"

Chapter 2716 Steven never anticipated Kate would openly ask that question, thus it stunned him. After he recovered from his shock, he looked at Kate and sighed. "I haven't thought about that." Frankly speaking, Gwen was the same as Kate. The person they liked was the old Luke and not him, the new Steven. If he could not accept being a replacement for Luke for Kate, he obviously could not accept being with Gwen and be Luke's replacement. Nevertheless, his feelings for Gwen were different from what he had with Kate. For example, Kate knew about his situation. To be more specific, she was the

one doing everything behind his back for everything that had happened to him today.

Gwen was different. She did not have a choice at all. She was forced to accept that Luke had passed away; forced to know that Luke was still living but was turned into another person.

Furthermore, he had read all of Gwen's posts on social media. He could still remember the posts she wrote because she missed Luke so dearly, knowing she had experienced heartbreaking loss. Because of this, Steven could not place Gwen and Kate at the same level.

"I know. You're going to look for her." Kate smiled bitterly and stared at Steven with hateful eyes. "How is Gwen better than me? Why do you care about Gwen so much, no matter who you are? Can't you see how much effort I put in because of you? Can't you see the sacrifice I made for you? If you think Gwen's feelings for you are love, then what about mine? Why is mine not love?" Steven was quiet for a long time. After a while, he looked at Kate with a serious expression. "I feel bad for Gwen because she lost her loved one, and I'm the one who seized the person she loved."

"When you turned Luke into me, you should've foreseen this. If I know the truth, it's natural for me to feel guilty, and I wouldn't feel that way for no reason. She will only be a stranger to me.

"But because of you, I was forced to be the one who seized her loved one. Can't I feel bad for the owner because I'm the thief?".

He closed his eyes. The last good feelings he had for Kate had disappeared because of what Kate said.

"I'm breaking up with you. You can tell other people that you broke up with me because of my fault: bad temper, weird personality, or even having an affair. No matter what you say, I'll never deny it because this is what I owe you."

Kate bit her lip as tears came running down her face. Steven said he was in debt to Gwen, and so was she. However, Steven prepared to repay Gwen with himself, and this

was what she got in return. She would never agree to it!

She looked at Steven heatedly. "I was honest with you and told you everything. Is this how you're going to repay me? Being honest with you becomes the reason for you to break up with me so you can go look for Gwen?" She took a deep breath and stood up as she glared at him sharply. "Steven Hughes, don't forget you're only alive now in Luke's body because of my family! Do you think you can dump me after you can be on your own? Fat chance! I disagree with breaking up with you! We're not breaking

Chapter 2717 "Kate." Steven's brow furrowed as he looked at Kate helplessly. "I thought I'd made everything clear. You—"

"So did 1." Kate sneered as she looked at Steven's face. "Do you think you can just call off the wedding because you want to break up with me? It's not as simple as you think!"

Her lips curled into a cold smirk. "Don't forget that I've been traveling around the world for five years to look for a method to treat you. Do you know what motivates me to do that?"

Steven furrowed his brow and did not answer.

"It's the in–depth cooperation between your family and mine."

She knew playing the emotion card could no longer touch Steven's heart. Thus, she stopped pretending and told him everything.

"You're right. We've never met before you were rendered into a coma. My family has always been dedicated and concentrated on the investment and research of medical skills. After you were in a vegetative state, your family came to look for my family. They brought up the marriage arrangement

and asked for my family's help.

"It was then that I got to know you, despite you not being able to talk and move at that time. I was indeed attracted by your appearance. Furthermore, my goal was to travel around the world; I didn't have any interest in love or marriage. So, I thought marrying a person in a vegetative state sounded like a good idea. At least no one would control me, and I can have my freedom."

She sighed and smiled. "So, both families reached an agreement. You and I will get married while my

family and I will find a way to wake you up. As repayment, your family and my family will cooperate to fight after the largest business empire in this city—Howard Group. "I used the excuse to look for possible treatment and traveled around the world. I visited many doctors and medical organizations for consultation. Until more than a year ago..."

She narrowed her eyes as if her vision could penetrate the wall to see a further place." Until more than a year ago. I came back with several remedies to treat you after traveling, and it was during those travels that I saw your brother, Luke. He looked exactly the same as you, but he was more energetic and temperamental than you. It's something that you'll never be. A type of masculine that belongs only to a mature man."

Steven squinted, and the way he looked at Kate became even colder. In spite of that, he did not interrupt her and continued to listen.

As Kate reminisced back the first time she met Luke, she bit her lip. There was a hint of sadness and nostalgia in her eyes. "I was fond of your appearance before, but the

moment I saw Luke, I knew I had fallen in love with him. My father was stunned, too. Before that, we

never knew you had a twin brother. After that, your parents rushed over immediately to explain to us.

Only then did we know the truth about why your family abandoned Luke. Later...".

She curled up her lip. "You know it too. Luke came to us because he wanted us to save Gwen, wanting to give his heart to Gwen. After much consideration, we agreed to help him. When Luke prepared everything and chose to die, we successfully revived you."

With her arms crossed in front of her chest, she looked at Steven. "It has been five years since the cooperation between both families. We've already become one unit and inseparable. Your family has already treated me as their own.

"Are you going to destroy both families or piss off your parents just because you want to break up with

Chapter 2718 Steven's brow furrowed vehemently. It was shocking enough that Kate would go heart to—heart with him and tell him everything. Nevertheless, he did not expect her to threaten him with his parents and family business!

His eyes grew cold as he looked at Kate. He had a judgment on Kate's personality after she sent people to track him a few tinies and investigate him. Despite that, he did not anticipate her true self would be even more indifferent and evil than he imagined.

Kate laughed when Steven stared at her in silence. She looked at him indifferently. "I've said everything needed. If you insist on breaking up, I suggest you think about all the pros and cons. Of course, you can refuse to take notice of your family business and your parents. You can pretend that you're Luke who found his memory and left this city with Gwen.

"If you can accept that and not regret it in the future, you're free to do so. That's all I want to say."

She thus turned and left the room. Steven remained on the bed as he watched Kate leave the room.

He secretly clenched his hands into fists.

As Kate was about to leave the hospital, she bumped into Steven's parents and Denise on the first floor

of the hospital.

Mrs. Hughes strode toward Kate and grabbed her hand anxiously upon seeing her." Kate, is Steven alright? How is he doing? Did anything happen between him and...Gwen?

Kate smiled and flicked her hair. "The doctor had already attended to his wound. There shouldn't be any problem. Plus, if there is any problem with him, he won't insist on breaking up with me."

She put a swing on the way she said it as if it was not a big issue. In spite of that, Steven's parent's faces flushed white immediately. Denise furrowed her brow. "My brother wants to break up with you? Why?" She pursed her lips. "We know all the effort you put in because of him. If he wants to break up with you, then he's a scumbag! Did he say why he wants to break up with you? Is there any misunderstanding?"

Kate thought quickly and smiled when she saw how worried Denise looked. "To be frank, it's not really your brother's fault." She sighed. "Do you still remember Yannie?" It infuriated Denise tremendously upon hearing that name. How could she forget Yannie?

If she was never in the picture, she would have been with Thomas! His family had already promised

her that they would make Thomas engaged to her once he returned to the city In the past, Thomas had
a dubious relationship with Wendy, but she had left Thomas now. Every dog had its day, and Denise
was about to take turns to be the person standing next to Thomas. However, she did not expect
Thomas to bring a child and also a country girl back with him. He even said Yannie was the mother of
his child!

Denise was so downright infuriated with Yannie. Forgetting her was impossible.

"Her two friends came over here from Merchant City."

Obviously, Kate knew the connection between Denise, Thomas, and Howard. That was why she deliberately mentioned her name.

"One of Yannie's friends seduced your brother, and your brother had an accident because of her. After he woke up, he said he wanted to break up with me."

Chapter 2719 Denise was furious because of what Kate said. "It's not a surprise. People who are friends with that wretch are wretched themselves!"

She remembered the time she saw Yannie at the ski resort. A woman ran to Yannie and protected her.

Furthermore, she even took out the same fabricated military knife as her brother's to threaten her.

Denise furrowed her brow and looked at Kate. "That woman who seduced my brother... Is she the one who came with Joshua Lynch's wife, Luna?"

"That's her, alright." Kate was thrilled that Denise was smart to mention Gwen with her guidance. Even so, she pretended to look upset. She sighed and looked at Denise with a helpless face like her heart was broken and nothing could describe her feelings. After a while, she grabbed Denise's hand.

"Denise, I'm sure you're aware that woman is very close with Joshua Lynch's wife, Luna. They came together. You know what Joshua Lynch is capable, too. Furthermore, he's really close to Thomas now,

She wiped off the tears from her eyes and looked at Denise tearily. "Denise, I know you feel bad for me. You've treated me as a family for the past five years, but this... Just forget about it. Don't be reckless and go find her. Okay?"

and your dream to be Mrs. Howard is now... "We can't afford to offend them."

Denise felt downcast upon seeing how heartbroken Kate seemed. She did not know the actual story of how her brother managed to wake up and did not know Gwen was Luke's loved one. She only knew that a friend of Luna and Yannie tried to seduce her brother, and she successfully wooed him, so much

so that her brother wanted to break up with her sister—in—law she had acknowledged since five years ago.

Her anger spiked. She bit her lip and held Kate's hand tightly. "Don't worry, Kate. I won't let my brother break up with you. No matter how powerful those people are, how powerful Joshua Lynch is, it isn't the reason for their friend to snatch somebody else's boyfriend!"

The more she thought about it, the angrier she became. 'Who gives these women the nerve to do it?' Does she think none would dare mess with her just because her best friend is Joshua Lynch's wife? Is that reason why she could snatch somebody else's boyfriend without thinking about the consequences?' she scoffed internally. Yannie took Thomas from him, and at this moment, another woman was trying to take away her brother! She had no say in Thomas and could not let him change his mind. Nonetheless, she was not about to back down and let her brother break up with Kate! She looked at Kate. "Don't worry, Kate. My parents and I will talk some sense into my brother. He has always been a good kid since he was young. He'll listen to us once we talk to him and change his mind!" Mrs. Hughes looked at her husband when she heard what Denise said. Both of them exchanged

looks with each other.

Mrs. Hughes smiled and looked at Kate. "Denise is right. I think Steven is just blinded by that b*tch.

Eventually, he'll realize he made a mistake. Don't fret; we'll never let the both of you break up and cancel the wedding between the two families."

Kate wiped her tears away. Her head was lowered so no one saw the smirk on her face. She then said with a pitiful tone, "Thank you, Mrs. Hughes. However, I don't want to force him if he doesn't have any feelings for me anymore. There's no need to force him if he won't listen to all of you. I'll forget all the effort and time I had invested in him over the last five years. It's alright..."

Chapter 2720 The Hughes family was truly grateful to Kate for waking up Steven, and when they heard Kate mentioning it again, Steven's parents exchanged looks with each other. Eventually, Mrs. Hughes walked toward Kate and held her hands closely. "Kate, I know you're upset. I think Steven is just not in his right mind now because of that b*tch. Don't you worry, though, because we're on your side. We'll make him change his mind. He won't break up with you." Mr. Hughes nodded vehemently. "That's right, Kate. Don't feel sad. As long as we are still alive, you are the only daughter—in—law we approve of!" Kate pursed her lips and stopped crying. "Thank you, Mr. Hughes. Thank you, Mrs. Hughes." "Sweet

girl." Mrs. Hughes was relieved to see Kate stop crying. She held Kate's hand and wanted to bring her to look for Steven together.

"Nevermind." Kate sniffed, her voice croaky due to her crying. "You should all go without me. I don't think I should go. I'm...sure he doesn't want to see me." She withdrew her hand and sighed sadly.

"After I knew Steven jumped out the window and ran away from home, I had been searching for him.

It's already afternoon. My parents are still worried about him, so I need to go home and comfort them.

Steven... If there's any problem with him, please contact me anytime."

Then, she bowed politely at Steven's parents and left. The Hughes family merely watched as Kate walked away. "Kate is such a good person." Denise sighed and secretly clenched her hands into fists."

Dad, Mom, you two go ahead and visit Steven first. I want to look into the woman who seduces him!"

Her parents exchanged looks with each other and said with a smile, "Denise, we won't stop you from looking into that woman. However, you have to remember you're no match for Joshua. Don't act recklessly. Remember to come to discuss with her once you have gotten any information. Okay?"

Denise pursed her lips and nodded. "I understand."

She turned and headed to the door to leave the hospital. As she reached the entrance, she saw Kate

getting in a taxi. However, the driver was not driving toward Kate's house.

It went in the opposite direction in the west.

The sight baffled her as her brow furrowed. 'Didn't Kate say she was heading hoine? Why is the taxi heading in the opposite direction?" In the meantime, Kate, sitting in the back of the taxi, took out her phone with an angry look on her face. "Wait for me at home."

The man sounded terrified from the other side of the phone. "Kate, can't you just tell me on the phone?"

"Do you think we can settle everything over the phone?" Kate snorted. "Wait for me at home. Don't try

to play any tricks with me. I'm sure you know what I'm capable of."

It was just two simple sentences, yet the man from the other side of the phone did not dare to say anything.

After a while, he said, shivering, "I understand..." Only then did Kate hang up the phone. Soon, the taxi arrived at the destination. It was a mansion situated on the outskirts of the city.

Kate got out of the taxi. The moment she was at the door, she kicked open the door with her leg. She strode to the living room and stood beside the man who was sitting on the sofa.

She kicked at him vehemently. "I asked you to kill Gwen, and this is how you do it?"