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So Gemma was actually the child of Leanna's best friend. In her early years, the Sandels wanted Leanna to marry into a big family in Bainbridge to enhance the status and strength of the Sandel Family through her marital arrangement.

However, the other party was a prissy young master with a notorious reputation in Bainbridge, and Leanna could not bring herself to marry such a man. Upon hearing that Leanna was a beautiful woman, the young master came to Eastcliff immediately to look for her.

On that night, he ganged up with one of Leanna's aunts and drugged her with the intention of taking her as his own. Leanna almost fell into the trap, but managed to make a call to her best friend at the most critical moment. Her best friend rushed over to save her and accidentally stabbed the young master. The matter blew up and she had no other choice but to flee the city.

In order to break themselves away from this ordeal, the Sandels offered Leanna two choices—she could either marry that young master or sever her ties with the Sandles and be responsible for her own life and death! And this was the reason why she left the Sandel Family years ago.

While she was drifting around for a few years on her own, her best friend got married and had a child, Gemma. But just a few years ago, the young master from Bainbridge still managed to locate her best friend and tortured her whole family to death, leaving Gemma barely alive as the sole survivor of the incident.

Leanna's best friend left her a text message before passing out, asking her to take care of Gemma. She then found Gemma and made the burial arrangements for her best friend and the rest of her family. In order to survive, Leanna had no other way but to return to Eastcliff and announce to everyone that Gemma was her child. That young master lost interest in her the moment he found out about the news.

Back then, Old Mr. Graham was still alive and the matter only came to rest after he helped her by pulling some strings. With his assistance, Leanna started Creative Cloud Group and built it up little by little. Later, when the Sandels saw how Creative Cloud Group was getting stronger and stronger, they came to solicit Leanna and the situation ended up like how it was now.

After hearing all these, Matthew was shocked; he didn't think that there were actually so many secrets hidden behind this incident. Such a painful past lay behind Leanna's glamorous front, but the Sandels—the first family of Eastcliff—was actually posing as people with high morals who were greedy for fame and gains!

"President Sandel, you don't have to tell me any of this, actually. I'll keep Gemma's background a secret and won't tell anyone about it!" Matthew assured.

Leanna said with a sigh, "Mr. Larson, you definitely have my trust, but I have another reason for telling you all these."

"What is it?" Matthew asked.

"Mr. Larson, you've already met Gemma, so what do you think of her health?" she asked gently.

Matthew gave it a thought before answering, "Her congenital heart condition is not a serious disease. I can treat her!"

But Leanna shook her head instead. "Gemma's condition is not that simple, Mr. Larson."

"Really?" Matthew was startled. Did he not see it correctly?

"How about if I ask her to come over so that you could examine her more closely?" she suggested.

Matthew nodded and her secretary brought Gemma into the room after a while. Gemma had recovered quite a lot, but she still walked slowly and didn't dare to exercise vigorously. Looking at her once again, Matthew's brows suddenly knitted tightly together.

This child looked a little similar to Julian's, but there was no life at all in her eyes. Her whole body was pale and she was exuding a strange scent. It wasn't perfume, but a special kind of Chinese herbal smell and it was very peculiar. It was then that Matthew suddenly realized that he had made a wrong diagnosis.

That night, he was mad and agitated by Jojo and the others. In addition to the darkened lighting, he couldn't see clearly and didn't pay special attention to Gemma's condition. But when he looked at her again now, he saw that her condition was very serious!

Leanna held Gemma and played with her for a while before asking the secretary to take her out. "So what do you think, Mr. Larson?"

With furrowed brows, Matthew fixed his gaze on her and said, "President Sandel, this child is probably not alive!"