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At the sight of the gradually approaching cute little figure, the corners of Fabian's lips also slowly turned into an arc of joy.

When Lillian ran up to him, Fabian knelt down and gently took Lillian's little hand.

"Lily, it's great that you're fine." He inwardly breathed a sigh of relief. The sight of that the little cutie being safe and sound finally eased the anxious feeling he had for the past few days.

However, when he remembered that Madeline and Jeremy would be taking Lillian home, his heart seemed to sink back into the bottom of the sea.

Lillian seemed to sense that Fabian's worry for her the past few days, so she approached Fabian, raised her hands to hug Fabian gently, and then snuggled into Fabian's arms very affectionately for a moment.

Fabian raised his hand and touched Lillian's little head; his eyes filled with genuine concern.

Jeremy watched this scene and a feeling of jealousy inexplicably surged into his heart.

It seemed that he was jealous. Of course, as a father, when he thought that one day in the future, he would be handing his daughter to another man, he suddenly felt a bitter taste in his heart.

However, the little princess would grow up someday, and someday, she would have her own family, but this person should not be Fabian, should it?

At this inexplicable thought, Jeremy suddenly came back to his senses. He took a closer look at Fabian's eyes as he looked at Lillian. His eyes were actually very pure, and there was nothing complicated in them. It was just a big brother's love and care for his little sister.

Fabian hugged Lillian for a while before reluctantly releasing his hands.

"Lily, let's go to your mommy and daddy," Fabian said softly. He then took Lillian's hand and led her to where Madeline and Jeremy were sitting.

He naturally picked Lillian up to sit down beside him. Meanwhile, Lillian was also very comfortable sitting beside Fabian. She looked up at Fabian from time to time, smiling cutely.

Madeline and Jeremy saw everything.

"How did you rescue Lily from Carter?" Fabian asked curiously.

Madeline elaborated on the earlier situation, and she felt quite emotional. "It's all thanks to Shirley. She helped me in rescuing Lily smoothly. Even though Carter wouldn't do anything to Shirley, I feel that Shirley seems very pessimistic."

Having said that, Madeline could not help but worry about Shirley.

Jeremy could see through Madeline's thoughts, so he held her hand. "Don't worry, I don't think Carter will let anything happen to Shirley no matter what."

Madeline smiled knowingly, and when she was about to say something, she heard Fabian ask.

"Have you decided to take Lily back to Glendale?"

"Lily is Linnie and my daughter. Is there any problem with us taking her home with us?" Jeremy asked in a cold tone. "When you took Lily away from the hospital, it was considered a violation of the law. Just because Linnie and I did not pursue it, it doesn't mean that you weren't in the wrong."

Jeremy finished saying that with a cold expression. Suddenly, his eyes became warmer.

"But Fabian, I should thank you for taking Lily away and giving her such meticulous care."

Fabian had not expected Jeremy to change from accusing him to thanking him quickly.

At that moment, Fabian did not know what to say to reply to Jeremy's gratitude, so he said nothing, and instead, he lowered his eyes to look at Lillian who was smiling softly and cutely at him.

When he looked at that smile that was as warm as the sun, Fabian pondered for a while and conveyed his thoughts.

"I want to continue keeping Lily with me. My friend Evan is a professional pediatrician, and he specializes in leukemia. It'll be beneficial to Lily's recovery if she stays here."

After Jeremy heard that, he nodded thoughtfully and then lifted his sharp deep eyes.

"Do you really feel that way? Is this the real reason why you want my daughter to stay here?"

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Fabian's expression seemed momentarily dazed when Jeremy asked him that question.

Was this really the real reason? No. Perhaps not.

He was still a little selfish.

However, this selfishness could not be described with words accurately.

What could be summed up was that he was reluctant for Lillian to leave him.

Regardless, what qualifications did he have to say that he was unwilling?

This little cutie was originally the gem of Jeremy and Madeline, and she had her own home.

When Madeline saw that Fabian was absentminded and silent, she broke the silence.

"Fabian, Jeremy and I both know that you love and care for Lily sincerely. But our family members are very worried, and they've also missed her since she's been taken away by you for so long. I can understand how you feel, and I hope you can understand how we feel as parents too."

Madeline persuaded. At this moment, she was still siding with Jeremy.

He wanted to take his daughter home, and it was only normal for him to want that.

Although she felt that she might not be able to take care of Lillian wholeheartedly and meticulously, after thinking about it, as a mother, why should she not take care of the little princess herself?

Fabian spoke lightly after listening to Madeline's words.

"I'll head back to pack Lily's things now. By the way, I've asked Evan to come out. He knows Lily's physical condition best. So, you can find out more about it from him."

After he finished speaking, he glanced at Lillian who was grinning ignorantly. He then felt as if some treasure in his heart had been dug away.

"Lily, you should be a good girl and stay with your mommy and daddy. I'll come to play with you in a while." After Fabian said that, he got up to leave.

He neither tried to detain Lillian nor force Lillian to stay; instead, he was unexpectedly calm and compromising.

Madeline and Jeremy looked at each other and saw Fabian had turned around.

However, as soon as Fabian turned around, Lillian also jumped off the sofa.

She then followed behind Fabian and took his hand.

Fabian paused, feeling the warm and familiar touch on the palm of his hand. He felt his heart warming up and then he squatted.

"Lily, be a good girl. I'll be back soon."

Fabian raised his hand to touch Lillian's head, but upon seeing the short hair that had just grown under her white hat, his hand stopped in the air and then quietly retracted.

Lillian saw Fabian's gesture and blinked as if she did not understand what was going on.

"Okay, go back to Mommy and Daddy. Be good." Fabian smiled warmly.

Lillian initially wanted to follow Fabian, but when she heard Fabian asking her to return to her parents, the twinkle in Lillian's eyes gradually dimmed.

Fabian got up and left while Lillian stood there, blinking her clear eyes until Fabian's figure was out of sight.

"Lily."

Madeline walked to Lillian's side and asked with a loving smile.

"Lily, do you want to go back with Fab?"

Lillian looked in the direction Fabian was leaving and lightly nodded her little head.

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Upon seeing the lost look in the little princess's eyes, Madeline's heart also started to ache.

"Good girl, Lily. Fab will be back soon."

Lillian raised her eyes to meet Madeline's gentle gaze as if asking Madeline if it was true.

Madeline understood what the little princess meant and firmly promised, "I promise that Fab will definitely come back."

When Lillian heard this, the look of loss in Lillian's eyes was no longer as intense.

After returning to her seat, Lillian sat there obediently the whole time.

Madeline and Jeremy could see that the child was waiting for Fabian.

They started to recall the first meeting between Fabian and Lillian. After Fabian had rescued the ignorant Lily from Felipe, the two formed a subtle bond.

Although Fabian had always been frivolous, somehow, he gradually became more stable and mature.

He had been very good to Lily. Extraordinarily good.

He even had a fall-out with Lana because of Lily. Of course, this was also because he was a righteous person at heart, so when Lana had done something inhumane, he did not hesitate to stop and reprimand her.

Madeline's heart went soft again when she thought about this.

"Jeremy, did you see that?" Madeline asked the man sitting next to her. "Lily seems reluctant to leave Fabian."

"Yeah," Jeremy answered. Naturally, he saw the dependence and trust of her baby girl in Fabian.

"Lily." Jeremy looked softly at the little princess. "Do you miss Jack? Do you miss Pudding? And your grandparents?"

Lily nodded without thinking when she heard Jeremy's question.

Jeremy smiled and then asked, "Then, does Lily want to go home with me and Mommy to see Jack and the others, or does Lily want to stay here with Fab?"

Lillian was put in a difficult position when she heard Jeremy asking her that question.

When Jeremy saw his precious princess's adorable eyebrows furrowing together, Jeremy quickly comforted her gently.

"Lily, don't think too much. I don't mean anything else. I just want Lily to be happy. Lily can stay with whomever she wants to, okay?"

Jeremy soothed gently. He then raised his eyes and looked into Madeline's eyes.

Both husband and wife felt a little distressed when they saw that the little cutie was seemingly thinking of something.

Half an hour later, Fabian did not return, but Evan arrived.

He was very enthusiastic and professional when he informed Madeline and Jeremy of Lillian's physical condition. At the same time, he also explained in detail the bone marrow transplant operation at that time.

"Fab is really something else. Not only has he provided the hematopoietic stem cells Lily needed, but he also makes use of every second and every inch to take care of Lily's everyday life. People who don't know what's going on might think that Lily is his daughter."

Evan was saying that in a joking manner, but both Madeline and Jeremy could feel Fabian's kindness to Lily.

"Lily's body is recovering very well. Even if there were any sudden symptoms afterward, she'd recover slowly as long as she has regular check-ups, regular rests, and medication. You don't have to worry too much.

"Of course, I prefer Lily to stay in F Country so that I can personally supervise her condition, but I can also understand how you feel as parents."

Evan was very reasonable, and both Madeline and Jeremy felt that this was hard to come by.

"Thank you, Evan, you have helped Lily a lot. At the same time, you have also helped us a lot." Madeline thanked him sincerely.

"I'm just doing what a doctor should be doing. Fab's the one who has given the most," Evan emphasized.

Not long after he said that, the door of the coffee shop opened again.

Madeline looked up subconsciously, thinking that Fabian was back, but instead, a stranger came in.

However, this person did not seem like a complete stranger because he walked straight toward Madeline and the gang.

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The person walked over purposefully, and it seemed that he knew them.

Madeline then quickly realized that this man knew Evan.

He respectfully gave Evan a polite smile before facing Madeline and Jeremy.

"Are you Mr. and Mrs. Whitman?" the man asked politely.

Madeline and Jeremy nodded. "And you are?"

"He is Fab's assistant," Evan said, answering for the man.

"Fabian's assistant?" Madeline wondered, then it was as if she gradually understood something. "Is Fabian not coming?"

The man smiled and nodded. "Mr. Johnson suddenly has something important to deal with, so he can't leave for the time being. He asked me to bring Miss Lily's things over, and they're all in the car. Could I trouble Mr. and Mrs. Whitman to follow me and take them?"

After listening to the man's explanation, Madeline and Jeremy also understood. They then led Lillian out of the coffee shop together.

As they moved the things, Evan stood by and called out to the assistant Fabian had sent.

"Fab doesn't have something important to deal with, he just doesn't want to come, isn't that right?" Evan asked directly.

This assistant also knew that Fabian and Evan had a very close relationship, so he nodded and confessed without concealing anything. The man also changed his tone and stopped addressing Fabian as Mr.

Johnson in disaffection. "Young Master Johnson is reluctant to leave Miss Lily. He didn't have the courage to say goodbye, so that's why he asked me to come."

"I can't believe this." Evan sighed with a smile. "I didn't expect Fabian to fall for this little girl."

When the assistant heard this, he hurriedly explained, "Don't get me wrong, Mr. Evan, Young Master Johnson doesn't have any strange feelings for Miss Lily. Miss Lily is really likable, and I'm also fond of her. I'm reluctant for her to leave too."

Upon hearing the assistant's nervous explanation, Evan just smiled without arguing.

Madeline and Jeremy quickly moved Lillian's things into suitcases next to them, filling up a total of three twenty-four-inch suitcases.

"It's all the clothes Miss Lily usually wears and her toys," the assistant explained the situation as he stepped forward. He then brought a black box with very high-quality packaging from the passenger seat.

"This is something Mr. Johnson asked me to give Miss Lily."

As he said that, he handed the box to Madeline. Madeline took it and found the box a little heavy. She did not know what was inside, and instead of

opening it, she just smiled and thanked him.

"Well, I wish you three a safe flight. I'll go back and report to Mr. Johnson first."

"Thank you," Jeremy also thanked him. The man smiled and left soon after.

Evan also walked up to Lillian at this time before squatting slowly.

"Lily." There was a serious smile on his unruly face. "I'll see you next time, then. You must listen to your mommy and daddy. Fab and I will wait for you to come to play in F Country again."

Evan smiled and raised his hand to gently tap Lillian's little nose. He then stood up and spoke to Madeline and Jeremy.

"I'll be leaving too, then. I'll see you next time if I have the chance."

Madeline thought about stopping Evan to say something, but when she moved her pink lips, she did not know what to say.

She spaced out for a few seconds, and when she lowered her eyes, she saw that her baby princess was also standing in a daze.

Lily looked in the direction where Evan was driving away and blinked. It seemed as if she was thinking about something.

"Linnie, let's go back to the hotel first." Jeremy walked to her side. "You should take Lily up first. I'll carry these suitcases."

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"How can you carry three suitcases by yourself? Let me take one." Without speaking further, Madeline carried the black box in one hand and the suitcase in the other.

"Lily, come to me now. We'll go back to the hotel together."

Lillian heard Madeline calling out to her, but the little cutie was still looking in the direction Evan had driven away for a while before she turned to follow behind Madeline.

Of course, Madeline and Jeremy could sense how Lillian felt, but neither of them spoke.

After returning to the hotel, Madeline placed the little black box on the bed and called out to Lillian.

"Lily, this is a gift from Fabian. Let's see what's inside."

Lillian blinked her big beautiful eyes and stretched out her small hand to pull the ribbon apart. Madeline then helped to open the box.

After opening it, Madeline felt a bright light flashing into her eyes. Upon closer inspection, she discovered that inside the box was a dazzling crown studded with rhinestones.

Lillian could not speak, but Madeline saw surprise and curiosity in her big pure eyes.

The little girl would not understand, but as a girl, she would have a natural affection for such beautiful ornaments. Additionally, this crystal crown was very beautiful, and it looked custom-made.

"Why did Fabian give such an expensive thing to Lily?" Jeremy walked over. He could instantly see that the rhinestones on this crown were all genuine.

As a professional, Madeline could also see the value of this crown.

Madeline did not answer Jeremy's question. She lowered her eyes and approached her before asking with a loving and gentle smile.

"Lily, do you like it?"

Lillian nodded. Her sweet dimples danced on the sides of her lips.

"You should return such a valuable thing to Fabian," Jeremy suggested.

Madeline was of the same mind, then she sighed ruefully and guessed, "Maybe Fabian has the same views as us. We all hope that Lily will become a carefree little princess."

She smiled and sighed. As she was about to put the crown back, she suddenly found that there was a card in the box.

Madeline turned it over and saw that there was a short sentence written on it. She figured Fabian was the one who wrote this.

However, it turned out that, contrary to her guess, Fabian did not want Lillian to become a princess.

What he hoped was that Lillian could grow up stronger and more tenacious, then one day in the future, she would become a queen with sharp edges.

That was the real intention of him giving Lillian the crown.

However, this gift was still too heavy.

Jeremy asked Madeline and Lillian to stay in the hotel, then went to find Fabian following the address.

It was getting late when he arrived. The servant said that Fabian had not come out of the study all afternoon because he had some important things to deal with, so Jeremy should go back first.

Initially, Jeremy wanted to put down the box and leave, but after contemplating for a few seconds, he still decided to see Fabian.

Due to Jeremy's aura, the servant dared not send Jeremy away directly, so he said that he would report to Fabian first.

Jeremy waited patiently downstairs, and a while later, Fabian himself come down.

Fabian stared at Jeremy with neither dissatisfaction nor resentment in his eyes.

However, he frowned when he saw the box on the coffee table.

"What's the meaning of this?"

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Fabian asked directly. When he saw the gift box that had been returned, his eyes were laced with disappointment and dissatisfaction.

Jeremy lifted the corner of his lips into a soft smile and said, "Fabian, I can understand how you felt when you gifted this to Lily, but it's too expensive."

"Too expensive?" Fabian was obviously confused by this word, he then laughed. "The number one rich man in Glendale just told me that my gift is too expensive."

Jeremy understood what Fabian meant, and he still had a soft smile on his face.

"My family background has nothing to do with whether the present is expensive or not. Fabian, I know how you feel about Lily, and so does Linnie, but I don't think this is suitable for Lily," Jeremy still rejected him.

Fabian nodded thoughtfully. "You should go, then."

"I was going to leave, but I still want to formally thank you."

Fabian quickly replied, "I have received it. Jeremy, you can go now."

"Alright." Jeremy did not speak further. When he turned to leave, he turned his head again. "I also need to apologize to you. I had hidden what I knew about the Stygian Johnson Gang from you, so that can be regarded as taking advantage of your trust in me. Now I understand why you targeted me and Linnie."

The air was silent for a moment after he said that. After a long time, Fabian smiled.

"It's over now." Fabian smiled in relief. "I've thought it through, and it'll be meaningless to investigate the past. Besides, I should thank you and Eveline."

"Thank me and Linnie?" Jeremy was confused this time. "Thank me and Linnie for what?"

"Thank you for bringing Lily to this world. Lily really makes me feel worthy in the world, and she also gives me the motivation to live a good life."

Upon hearing this, Jeremy was quite moved.

After being silent for a while, Jeremy said, "You can come to see Lily anytime and anywhere. The door to Whitman Manor will always be open for you."

"Thank you," Fabian thanked him and went upstairs without turning his head.

Jeremy did not stay long either. Just as he was about to leave, his phone rang.

When he heard this specific ringtone, Jeremy answered the phone without hesitation and walked to the door.

After the call was connected, Jeremy habitually wanted to call out Madeline's name. However, as soon as he opened his mouth, he heard Madeline's slightly anxious voice.

"Jeremy, are you on the way back? Many small pink spots suddenly appeared on Lily's body. It looks like an allergic reaction, so I'm going to take Lily to the hospital."

"Okey, I'll be back soon, Linnie. Don't worry too much," Jeremy said and walked forward hurriedly.

Fabian, who had just walked up the stairs, heard what Jeremy said, and in his heart, he felt that something was wrong. Without even thinking about it, he turned around and followed Jeremy.

In the hotel, Madeline was looking at the spots that looked like tiny red flowers on Lillian's little hand as her heart became more and more worried.

She thought it was an allergic reaction, but Lillian did not feel pain or itchy.

If Lillian had some symptoms, Madeline could still tell what the cause was, but Lillian did not look sick at all.

Madeline could not wait, so she called Jeremy and told him to meet her at the hospital.

The winter night in F country was freezing. After Madeline put on some warm clothes on Lillian, she picked up the little cutie and got into a taxi.

After Madeline arrived at the hospital, she immediately brought Lillian for emergency treatment, but she was told that there was no dermatologist at this time.

Madeline could not do anything as well if there was no doctor.

She looked at the little cutie in her arms and asked uneasily, "Lily, are you really not feeling unwell? If you feel unwell, write it down on the paper and tell in Lillian blinked obediently and shook her head, indicating that she did not feel any discomfort.

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However, Madeline saw that Lillian's little hand had more pink spots than before.

It seemed that this was not a typical skin disease. Not long after, Jeremy also arrived.

Upon seeing the small pink spots on Lillian's small hands and arms, Jeremy furrowed his brows.

"Is it because of leukemia? " Jeremy guessed, but he did not have an accurate answer.

Madeline also furrowed her charming eyebrows. " There won't be many dermatology clinics opened in hospitals at night, Jeremy. What do you think we should do now?"

"Go find Lily's attending doctor."

"You mean Evan? " Presently, Madeline had a feeling that only Evan could help them solve their problems.

"Let's go back to the hotel first. I left Evan's business card in the hotel, so I have to go back first."

"That wouldn't be necessary." Fabian's voice suddenly came from one side.

Madeline and Jeremy turned their heads in surprise and saw Fabian walking towards them with a worried expression.

As soon as Lillian saw Fabian, she squirmed her little body slightly, obviously wanting Madeline to put her down.

Madeline understood what she meant and gently put Lillian on the ground.

Once Lillian got on the ground, she ran towards Fabian without hesitation.

Fabian squatted quickly and smiled warmly to greet Lillian who was running fast toward him.

"Lily." Fabian's eyes showed distress and reluctance.

Upon seeing the pink spots on Lillian's skin, he picked her up anxiously.

"I'll take you to Evan. If Lily's spots aren't related to leukemia, Evan can also contact a dermatologist to help with checking Lil's condition."

Fabian spoke and led the way.

Madeline and Jeremy followed closely and then got into Fabian's car and went to the apartment building where Evan currently lived by himself.

At this moment, Evan was about to go to the bar to have fun with his friends. When he learned of Lillian's situation, he immediately checked Lillian's physical condition carefully.

"I've treated many children, so I could be considered somewhat qualified in this regard. I can ascertain that the red spots on Lily's body have nothing to do with leukemia," Evan concluded and comforted. "You don't have to worry too much. I'll contact my colleague now and ask her to have a look at Lily. It should just be a normal skin disease."

When Evan finished speaking, he picked up his phone and contacted his dermatologist colleague.

Just when they were about to go out, Jeremy's phone rang—it was from Carter.

Madeline stopped and looked back, vaguely feeling something was amiss.

Jeremy put him on speaker. Soon, everyone in the room could hear Carter's cold and provocative voice.

"Jeremy, I know you have also come to F Country. We are like enemies on a narrow road."

Carter said and laughed. After that, he continued.

"Are you happy to see your daughter whom you haven't seen for a long time? But are you sure you can take your beloved woman and baby girl home like this now?"

"Carter, what do you want to say? Stop beating around the bush and just spit it out," Jeremy urged impatiently.

Carter sneered again. "You should be very upset and troubled by the red spots on your daughter's skin, aren't you?"

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Upon hearing what Carter said, Jeremy's sharp brows suddenly raised.

He looked at the cutie in Fabian's arms at the moment.

When they saw Jeremy's gaze and action, Madeline and Fabian simultaneously felt that something must be wrong.

Amidst their puzzlement, the person on the other end of the phone seemed to hang up.

Madeline walked to Jeremy's side. "Jeremy, who was that? Did something happen?"

Jeremy lowered his eyes and caught sight of the worry in Madeline's eyes. At that moment, he hesitated whether he should tell her or not.

Madeline also noticed Jeremy's peculiar behavior, so she asked, "Jeremy, what's the matter?"

Jeremy did not want Madeline to worry too much, but he figured this was how so many misunderstandings between them were caused in the past, so this time, he no longer chose to hide it.

"The pink spots on Lily's body aren't from skin diseases. They're manmade," Jeremy explained to Madeline in a calm tone, but his brows were twisted into a knot.

"What?" "Manmade?"

Madeline and Fabian were shocked at the same time. Evan then walked over from one side, looking confused.

"The spots are manmade? Who is so vicious to take action on a child?"

Upon hearing this, Madeline's thoughts seemed to become clear all at once.

"It's Carter, isn't it?" She met Jeremy's eyes. "Carter was the one who called just now."

Jeremy nodded. As expected, he could not hide anything from Madeline.

"That bastard! "

Fabian instantly flew into a rage, and his face suddenly turned terrifyingly dark.

However, since he still held Lillian in his arms, he could only suppress the emotions that were on the verge of exploding.

Madeline's heart was beating apprehensively. She looked at Jeremy and asked, "What did Carter say on the phone? What does he want?"

"He asked me to meet him tomorrow at the old address of Stygian Johnson Gang. He also asked me to bring Lily, " Jeremy repeated what Carter had just said to Madeline.

"You can't go, let alone take Lily." Fabian reminded him solemnly, "He must want to take action against you."

"I know, it's me he wants, " Jeremy spoke unhurriedly. After that, he looked deeply into

Madeline's eyes. "Linnie, I 've already thought about it..."

"Have you decided to go alone?" Madeline interrupted Jeremy and said what he had yet to say.

Jeremy pursed his lips and smiled, then his eyes soften. "It seems that there needs to be a resolution between Carter and me. Otherwise, he wouldn't stop."

"You can't go." Madeline stopped him with a worried look on her face. "Do you know what Carter's mentality is now? He blames you for all the unpleasant things that happened to him all this while! "

Madeline emphasized, grabbing Jeremy's hand. "The monarch throne of St. Piaf and the child Shirley aborted. He'll vent all his dissatisfaction on

you. Jeremy, you can't meet him! "

Jeremy could feel Madeline's nervousness and worry for him. Of course, he knew that, but...

"Linnie, he injected Lily with some kind of drug. I have to go."

"What? How dare he do such a thing to Lily! " Fabian could no longer control his emotions. "Where is he now? I'll go find him immediately! "

"Fabian, " Jeremy said to stop him, his gentle eyes fell on the cutie in his arms. "Fabian, I don't think you want anything bad to happen to Lily, do you?" "Jeremy, what do you mean?" Fabian frowned.

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"Lily is very dependent on you." Jeremy's eyes were very solemn. "Don't you want to take care of Lily? Prove it to me now. Prove that you can take good care of my daughter so that I can leave my baby girl with you without worry."

After hearing what Jeremy said, Fabian seemed stunned.

Before he could react, Jeremy walked up to him, bowed his head, and kissed Lily's cheek.

"Lily, Mommy and I need to take care of some business. We'll come to pick you up later. Stay here with Fab obediently and listen to everything he says, okay?"

Lillian understood that Madeline and Jeremy were leaving, so she furrowed her cute little brows in disappointment.

"Daddy. " Her little cherry blossom mouth moved, and she called out to her father softly. At the same time, there was a tinge of loneliness in her eyes.

Concordant with Jeremy, Madeline smiled lovingly at Lillian.

"Lily, Daddy and I will come to take you home once we're done with the business, so be a good girl and stay with Fab, okay?"

Being a very sensible child, Lillian did not show any unhappy emotions, and instead, she obediently nodded her head.

Very relieved, Jeremy took Madeline's hand immediately.

"Linnie, let's go back to the hotel first."

"Okay."

Without asking any more questions, Madeline finally kissed Lillian and followed Jeremy.

"Jeremy won't take the risk to meet that guy named Carter alone, will he?" Evan asked, feeling a little bit curious and worried.

Fabian looked at the door thoughtfully and frowned. "I think I also have some responsibility in this."

"Fab, what did you say?" Confused, Evan looked at Fabian who said this.

Fabian did not speak, but instead, he looked down at Lillian in his arms.

"Lily, don't worry. I won't let your parents get into trouble," he solemnly promised to Lillian.

At the hotel.

It was already late at night.

In Madeline's heart, she still felt perturbed. Additionally, she felt terribly anxious when she remembered that Jeremy had decided to see Carter tomorrow.

However, Jeremy promised her that he would think of a countermeasure tonight. When he came up with it, he would make plans for tomorrow.

Early the next morning, however, Madeline woke up

and found that Jeremy was no longer by her side.

She called him but could not get through to him at all.

Madeline immediately contacted Fabian and asked him for the old address of the Stygian Johnson Gang.

Fabian, who was on the other end of the phone, told Madeline directly that he was now at the entrance to the coffee shop where they met up yesterday.

Madeline quickly got up to wash up. She then put on her coat hastily before hurrying over to the coffee shop downstairs of the hotel.

Fabian's car was parked at the entrance. He got out of the car, opened the door for Madeline, and then stepped on the accelerator.

"Fabian, if you're here, where's Lily?"

"Evan will take care of Lily for me. Don't worry,"

Fabian told her. He was staring at the road ahead with his eyes as sharp as swords. At the same time, he was constantly speeding up.

"Fabian, why don't you go back? Tell me where the old address of the Stygian Johnson Gang and I can find Jeremy by myself."

"Do you think I will let you take the risk alone?" Fabian asked back. After that, he guessed, "Judging by how anxious you are now, I'm guessing Jeremy has gone to Carter alone, didn't he?"

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After hearing this, Madeline nodded silently.

She clenched her fingers restlessly, her eyes filled with worry.

"Last night, he told me that he'd think of a countermeasure before going to meet Carter, but I woke up just now and found that he was no longer in the room. I can't call him as well."

As Madeline spoke, she felt her heart beating more frantically.

"I suspect that Jeremy has already met Carter and something bad may have happened."

"Don't think too much, I'll take you there first. Maybe you can't call him because the place he's at has no signal."

Fabian soothed and hoped that Madeline would stop overthinking.

Madeline certainly hoped that Jeremy was presently safe, but this uneasy heartbeat seemed to be telling her that Jeremy was not safe.

It took about ten minutes by car to reach the old address of the Stygian Johnson Gang.

The sight of the big house in front of her triggered Madeline's memory.

The last time she had been here was because Jeremy thought that Lillian had been taken away by Fabian's brother, Yorick.

It was because of the incident back then Lana fell in love with Jeremy, which then caused a series of troubles to occur one after another.

Madeline got out of the car immediately and quickly ran to the gate.

The door was open, and it seemed that someone had entered this place not long ago.

Madeline entered the premises quickly. There was a smell of dust blowing over her face. It seemed that it had been a while since someone came here, and there had not been anyone who came to clean this place up.

"Jeremy, are you here? Jeremy." Madeline called out Jeremy's name as she walked in, but no one responded to her the entire time.

She felt her heart beating more and more wildly; even her voice started to shake a little.

Carter would be prepared for this appointment, so Jeremy would definitely suffer if he came here like this.

After parking the car, Fabian was about to head in when he saw a figure suddenly coming out of the entrance.

It was none other than Carter!

When he recalled that Carter had caused Lillian's skin to be covered with unknown rashes, Fabian suddenly gripped the steering wheel.

He started the car again, stepped on the accelerator, and drove in Carter's direction.

Carter was already on alert when he heard the car's engine.

He looked sideways at the speeding car. Just when he was about to dodge it, the car stopped in front of him.

Fabian had stepped on the brake.

Through the front windshield, Fabian raised his sharp eyebrows and glared at Carter, who looked slightly panicked.

Initially, he wanted to run over Carter just like this, but he thought of Lillian and also what Yorick said when he had still been alive.

He must act in accordance with the rules, be an upstanding person, and never do anything illegal.

Fabian took a deep breath. After recomposing himself and sorting out his emotions, he got out of the car.

When Carter saw that Fabian was getting out of the car, he chuckled arrogantly and disdainfully.

"I was wondering who it was. It turns out to be the second young master of the Johnson family." Carter's tone was full of sarcasm. "Why? Don't you need to accompany that little thing, Lillian? Why do you still have the sentiment to leisurely drive Eveline here?"

Fabian stared coldly at Carter who had just said that. "I won't hold you accountable for Lily's affairs for now. Tell me, why did you ask Jeremy to come here? Where is Jeremy now?"

Madeline had vaguely heard the commotion outside, so she hurried out of the house.

When she saw Carter standing at the gate so overtly, Madeline rushed over.

"Carter!"

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She ran up to Carter, her beautiful eyes shooting out a sharp, cold light.

"Where is my husband? Where did you take Jeremy?"

Carter smiled unhurriedly when he looked at Madeline whose face was full of anxiety.

"There should have been an end to the business between Jeremy and me. Isn't this fine? He wants his baby daughter to be safe, so he has to trade his own safety for it."

Upon listening to Carter's words, Madeline raised her hand suddenly and grabbed Carter's collar in an imposing manner.

"Carter, hurry up and tell me. Where is my husband?"

Ignoring Madeline's nervous questioning, Carter dismissively pushed away Madeline's hand and gave her an evil smirk.

"You can rest assured that he's still breathing and that he still has a heartbeat. He won't die for the time being."

'Won't die for the time being?'

Madeline could feel her heart skipping a beat; she was even more certain that Jeremy must be in an extremely unsafe place and was immobilized.

"Carter, you're despicable! " Madeline's eyes were full of contempt.

"And you still want to become the monarch of St. Piaf. I really don't regret exposing your true colors to everyone! "

When he heard what Madeline said, Carter's smug smile stiffened in an instant.

His original seamless plans were all ruined by the partnership between Madeline and Shirley.

Even the thought of it at the present bugs him.

Out of humiliation, Carter flew into a rage and suddenly grabbed Madeline's hand.

"Eveline, don't force me to take action against you! "

Madeline coldly retorted, "You can do it if you want. You don't have to tell me in advance. Do you think I would be so naive to think that you will be merciful to me?"

"You..."

"Let go! " Fabian went up to them coolly and pushed away Carter's hand that tightly held Madeline's wrist.

He took a step forward and pulled Madeline behind him in a gentlemanly manner.

"Carter, if you're still a man, don't bully a woman."

"Heh." Carter's face turned dark and then he sneered again. "Woman? Do you think she looks like a weak woman?"

Carter's stern gaze penetrated straight into Madeline's sharp eyes.

"Since Jeremy came to see me as per the agreement and was willing to use himself in exchange for the safety of his precious daughter, then I will also abide by the agreement and give you what I should."

Carter said as he took a piece of paper from his jacket pocket and gave it to Madeline.

"I injected the little thing with a test reagent previously developed by Shirley. The thing is colorless and tasteless, and red spots will appear within *it* hours after the injection. There wouldn't be any symptoms at first, but the symptoms will gradually become more obvious soon.

"What I can tell you is that there's no antidote for this test reagent yet. The recipe for that test reagent is written on this paper."

There was no antidote for this test reagent. Madeline's heartbeat sank, and she grabbed the paper that Carter handed over.

However, at this moment, she did not know if she could trust every word written on the paper.

Maybe this was yet another one of Carter's traps.

Noticing Madeline's hesitation, Carter smiled meaningfully. When he saw that Fabian was also looking at the piece of paper in concern, he took this opportunity to turn around. However, when he turned around, a group of armed men suddenly appeared, encircling Carter.

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When Madeline and Fabian heard the sound, they looked up at the same time.

Numerous tall men wearing special equipment surrounded Carter.

As for Carter, he seemed to know these people, so he was not particularly surprised, and instead, he just sneered.

"You found me." He raised his eyes contemptuously. When he was about to resist, a familiar voice came from behind the group of people.

"They didn't find you. I told them that you are here."

As the voice fell away, Shirley appeared in Carter's line of sight.

She slowly approached Carter as her frail body sat in the wheelchair.

However, Shirley was surprised to see Madeline and Fabian. She did not know that Madeline would be here. Although she did not know Fabian, she knew that this was Lillian's support in F Country.

Carter looked at Shirley who was gradually approaching him, and there was self-mockery in his eyes.

"Did you really tell them that I'm here?"

Seeing that Carter did not seem to believe it, Shirley smiled and replied confidently, "Of course, I told them. How would they be able to trace you from St.

Piaf otherwise?"

When Shirley answered affirmatively, Carter laughed and then closed his eyes. When he opened his eyes again, his face was already horribly gloomy.

"Do you really hate me so much that you can't wait for me to die?" Carter asked Shirley as he looked into Shirley's indifferent eyes.

Shirley looked coldly at the face which she had admired for many years, and her vision gradually blurred.

"You still have time to turn back now."

"Turn back?" Carter repeated these two words with a chuckle.

He looked at the group of people surrounding him, and his smile became even more sarcastic.

"How do you expect me to turn back? Can I start everything again if I were to turn back? If I turned back, would I still be the viscount of St. Piaf

everyone respects? Would I still see the woman who loved me so much when I turn back?"

Carter asked a series of rhetorical questions as he gradually lost control of his emotions.

Shirley's heart trembled, and she firmly squeezed the armrests on both sides of the wheelchair, forcing herself to calm down.

When she was about to persuade Carter again, she heard him laugh again.

"You want to arrest me, don't you? You want to take me back to St. Piau to punish me, don't you? Okay, come on."

Carter stretched out his arms, seemingly giving up in resisting. However, when the people who were about to arrest Carter put down their guard, Carter suddenly stepped forward and grabbed Shirley's neck.

His move surprised everyone present.

Shirley had not expected Carter to behave like this either.

Had he been driven so desperate that even if he would die, he would drag her with him too?

Shirley thought, and her heart raced, but she did not want to resist in any way.

If he truly wanted to do this, she would be willing. "Carter, what are you doing? Do you want to kill your woman?" Madeline hurriedly asked.

Carter lowered his gaze disapprovingly and looked at the unresponsive Shirley. "My woman? Heh, hehe..."

Carter laughed mockingly, but the corners of his eyes turned wet involuntarily.

"My woman called these people to arrest me." His sarcastic voice lingered in Shirley's ears.

"Shirley, is this the outcome you want? You must really want me to make amends to your brother, don't you? It seems that today is a good opportunity."

After saying that, Carter increased the force of his palm slightly.

When the armed police sent to arrest Carter saw this, they raised their guns at him.

"Carter, let go of the hostage."

"Hostage?" Carter raised his arrogant cold eyes disapprovingly. "She's not a hostage. She's just a fool who is willing to die with me." He said as he looked at Shirley who did not resist. The side of her face that was intact looked so beautiful in his blurred vision.

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"Am I right? You want to die with me."

Shirley looked forward indifferently. The cold wind blew over, and she suddenly smiled.

"Yeah, I'm tired of living for a while now. If you want to die, take me with you. I really miss my mom and dad, and Addy..."

Carter's eyes sank when he heard Shirley's words. His Adam's apple moved slightly; it seemed that it was a sob. "Okay."

He opened his lips and uttered a single word.

"Then, let's go to hell together."

He said those words of despair and tightened his hand on Shirley's neck.

Indifferent, Shirley allowed Carter's palm to tighten more and more, then she slowly closed her eyes.

"Carter, let Shirley go!" Madeline tried to stop Carter, but Fabian held her back.

"It's dangerous! Don't go there! He's a lunatic." "But I can't just stand by and watch..."

Bang!

Before Madeline could finish speaking, she suddenly heard the loud sound of a gunshot.

Her eyes were met with a glaring sight of red blood.

Carter had been shot.

His arm that held Shirley's throat had been shot, and blood was seeping through his coat.

Shirley had not expected those people to shoot.

Although Carter had committed crimes, he was still a royalty of St. Piaf. Even if they came to arrest him, they still had to ensure Carter's safety, yet they had fired.

Carter quickly released his palm that held Shirley. In reality, he had never really thought about strangling Shirley like this. Never.

Shirley was stunned for several seconds before she could react, then, at this moment, another bullet hit Carter in the leg.

Shirley's eyes turned red instantly. "Carter! "

She involuntarily called out Carter's name and stopped those people.

"Stop shooting! Don't shoot anymore! " Her eyes were red as she commanded.

"Have you forgotten who Carter is? He must return to St. Piaf unharmed! That's your mission! "

Shirley roared out, tears escaping her eyes like pearls on a broken string.

Her legs were weak, and she could not move, but she still relied on the strength of her body to quickly help Carter.

"Carter, you must hold on. Your life won't be in danger. I'll ask them to take you to the hospital immediately!"

Shirley wanted to help Carter leave as she spoke, but Carter seemed to have some difficulties in walking.

When he saw the messy tears on Shirley's face,

Carter suddenly felt that the two shots were worth it. "It's been a while."

Carter smiled and sighed self-deprecatingly.

He raised his slightly trembling palms and touched Shirley's face.

However, when his fingers were about to touch Shirley's cheeks, his palms suddenly stiffened in the air.

"Carter?" Shirley looked at Carter, who was increasingly pale, in shock.

Suddenly, Carter, seemingly drained of all strength, fell to the ground. "Carter? Carter! "

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Heartbroken, Shirley called out to Carter, and then with some force, she overturned the wheelchair and fell on Carter's body.

Upon seeing this, Madeline ran to Shirley's side immediately, trying to help her up.

"Shirley, you should get up first."

"No, I won't get up! " Shirley stubbornly hugged Carter's arm tightly.

"His life won't be in danger, Shirley. You have to take care of your body, " Madeline comforted.

However, Shirley still did not let go. She cried and shook her head. The unconscious Carter was the only person she could see right now.

"Eveline, we don't feel about this in the same way. You won't care even if he dies, but I do."

"I care about it too! " Madeline emphasized.

Shirley was stunned when she heard this. She looked at Madeline with suspicion and saw the solemn expression on Madeline's face.

"Carter hid Jeremy somewhere and I want to know where Jeremy is. So, just like you, I hope Carter won't be in danger."

After hearing this, Shirley seemed to be much calmer.

The men armed with guns from one side came over at this moment. Expression absent from the faces, they carried Carter and then placed him into a car.

After that, Madeline and Fabian helped Shirley back into the wheelchair.

Shirley wanted to go into the same car as Carter, but those people did not let Shirley get in the car.

She suddenly wondered if she had been in the wrong for calling those people from St. Piaf's to arrest Carter.

No, she had not been wrong.

If she had not done this, Carter would only keep on making mistakes again, and he would never be able to restart his life again then.

At least, now he still had a chance to change.

Madeline could not find Jeremy, so she and Fabian could only take Shirley back to the villa.

Shirley told Madeline that she had used the phone Madeline gave her to notify the authorities in St. Piaf while Carter was not paying attention.

The authorities there had been worried that they could not catch Carter. As such, when they received Shirley's report, they sent people to catch Carter overnight.

Carter had been oblivious of everything.

"I really don't want to see him continue to be so obsessed with this." In the end, Shirley sighed, tears glistening in her eyes.

Madeline could not fully understand Shirley's feelings, but she was also anxious to know where Jeremy was.

"Shirley, do you know where Carter might be hiding Jeremy?"

Shirley shook her head slightly. "I only know he'd go out today, but I don't know who he had an appointment with."

When she saw that Shirley had no idea as well, Madeline had no other ideas, but she quickly passed the paper Carter had given her to Shirley and explained the situation. At the same time, she called out to Lillian, who was sitting and playing next to Fabian.

After hearing what Madeline said and seeing the small red rashes on Lillian's arm, a look of loneliness and regret surged in Shirley's eyes.

"I should've asked the people from St. Paf to send someone to arrest Carter sooner so that he wouldn't have had a chance to move against your daughter."

Shirley said helplessly, her eyes full of guilt.

"I can't blame Carter fully for this since I was the one who developed this test reagent."

"Why did you develop such a harmful thing?" Fabian asked in dissatisfaction.

"What's your relationship with Carter? Why was this thing you developed in Carter's hands? You were actually colluding with him, weren't you?"

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Fabian blurted out all his suspicion.

Shirley was momentarily stunned, then a trace of self-blame appeared in her eyes.

"You're right to be suspicious. I used to collude with Carter, and I'd done what he wanted me to do. I was a fool with no self-respect who could not think for myself." Shirley laughed at herself.

Upon hearing Shirley's description of herself, Fabian was surprised and a little embarrassed.

Knowing that Shirley helped Madeline rescue Lillian before, Fabian coughed twice and corrected Shirley before thanking her.

"Ahem, I, I was just too worried about Lily, so that's why I didn't think before I spoke. You don't have to take it to heart. I know that you are actually different from Carter. He doesn't have a heart."

Fabian explained. He did feel that Shirley and Carter were not the same.

If Shirley had truly been that nasty, Madeline would not have been able to rescue Lillian.

After listening to Fabian's explanation, Shirley just smiled calmly.

In fact, she no longer cared about what others thought of her.

"Shirley, you had originally developed this test reagent, so you must have a way to prepare an antidote, don't you?"

Madeline asked urgently, looking at the spots on her baby princess's skin. At that moment, she only felt distressed.

Shirley gently put the piece of paper on the coffee table. "Carter didn't lie to you, and the formula is true. Also, even though there is indeed no antidote, I can try to make one. But I just don't know if I can buy the corresponding materials needed for the antidote."

"Don't worry too much about this, I can ask Evan for help." Fabian was very confident.

Shirley nodded, her expression becoming anxious again.

"Are you worried about Carter?" Madeline saw something wrong with Shirley's expression, so she could vaguely guess the reason behind it.

"Yes, I'm worried about him," Shirley replied, chuckling involuntarily.

"I know that his life won't be in danger, but when he wakes up, he will definitely be sent back to St. Piaf where he will be severely punished."

Shirley said with a long sigh, followed by a melancholic question.

"Fame, wealth, power, status. Are they really that important to a man?"

"These are very important to a man, but they must not be obtained through improper means. Carter ended up where he has today because he took the wrong path."

Madeline's answer caused Shirley to fall into contemplation.

Perhaps she was also half responsible for why Carter had become what he was today.

Back then, she never objected nor corrected him when he asked her to do those things. She merely blindly followed his instructions. If she could stop it then, the outcome might be different.

Shirley had been waiting for updates about Carter while Madeline also waited for news.

She waited not only for Carter to wake up, but she also hoped that Fabian's people could find Jeremy. However, after she waited and waited, they could not find any clues at all.

At this time, Madeline remembered one thing.

The locations of Jeremy and her mobile phones were linked to each other, Madeline immediately looked up the location of Jeremy's phone, but what she did not expect was that the location the red dot displayed was actually the old address of Stygian Johnson Gang, which was where she and Fabian had gone early in the morning.

It was already dark, but Madeline did not delay. She called a car and rushed to the place where she had gone in the morning.

After getting out of the car, she followed the red dot on the screen and walked in. It was already dark, and the big house was pitch black.

Madeline turned on the phone's flashlight and walked into the dark.

When she nearly arrived, she stopped in her tracks.

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