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Christine Bishop became infamous in both the fashion and entertainment industries after crashing the fashion week today while wearing a high quality counterfeit evening gown. Initially, she was nothing but a joke, so nobody expected her to gain traction due to the incident. On the contrary, she caught the attention of the director of JNS Group and she was confirmed as the spokesperson for the next season on the spot.

At that moment, Christine was wearing one of the unreleased pieces from the JNS Group's brand for its fall and winter collection. The attire made her look sweet and pretty while she radiated an exceptional aura. Hence, the media tried their best to fish for gossip that surrounded her and they came over to take photos of her. She cooperated without missing a beat and posed for them while working hard to promote the clothing line for Sophia.

Although Bethany maintained her perfect smile while observing Christine, who looked especially pleased with herself, the former was especially frustrated with the situation. Does she think she's awesome just because she is the spokesperson of a national fashion brand?! I am the only spokesperson for the Ronney Group in the whole Cethos region! My next step is to be the international spokesperson!

After Christine completed her task today, she was satisfied and happy. She only left after the media had finished taking her photos.

Sean was waiting by the roadside. Once he saw her walking out, he glanced at Stanley, who had lowered his head to look at his phone, while reminding, "Stan, look! Chrissy is taking photos by the street over there. You should go ahead and take a picture with her."

Stanley waved his hand to reject him. "It's too cold. Forget it, I'm not going."

Upon seeing Stanley's reaction, Sean did not press on. On the other side, Sophia wanted nothing more than to strangle Stanley, the silly man!

Christine waited for a while by the roadside before a Lamborghini soon stopped beside her. A chauffeur in a black suit and white tie came out of the car to politely open the car door for her. Then, Christine smiled courteously while bidding the media goodbye before entering the luxurious car to leave in a dignified manner.

"I can't believe she has a luxurious car!"

A group of starlets now seemed anxious. Many artists were from the same company as Christine and they were even more unsettled by the turn of events. We can forget that the village bumpkin received the spokesperson contract, but I just can't believe that the company provided her with a luxurious car! We don't even have that benefit, so what makes her so special? It seems that she must have a financial backer!

The luxurious car sped off while everybody glared at it with envy.

Sophia was waiting for her ride, but she caught sight of her family's car approaching unexpectedly. The car was parked in front of her for a while and Maddie was seated on the driver's seat. She wore a gorgeous black suit while Christine was sitting on the front passenger seat.

Maddie poked her head out of the car when she saw Sophia and the group before greeting, "Sophia, what a coincidence! I'll return the car to you in two days' time! I'll have it washed thoroughly!" With that, she swiftly sped off, as if she was afraid that others would discover that they were acquainted.

Sophia realized with a start why Maddie came over in a rush to borrow her car two days ago. It turns out she's trying to keep up the appearance for Christine. Honestly...

After the car drove for quite a distance, Christine asked with admiration, "Maddie, are you acquainted with Miss Edwards?"

Maddie answered casually, "Well, we are working with magazines, so, it's only natural to know a few big bosses. Otherwise, how could we produce news articles in the future? Come along with me next time and I will make sure you look good while your career takes off!"

Christine grinned from ear to ear in delight. "Thank you, Maddie!"

In response, Maddie smiled and appeared especially satisfied. She knew that Christine endured difficulties within the industry. Hence, she wanted to help Christine wherever possible. However, she never thought about making use of the resources from the Fletcher Family or plan to rely on her social networks for opportunities. In fact, Christine was only offered the position as a gaming spokesperson for Stanley's company after she became famous on her own accord.

Maddie felt that she was beyond happy and content to be married to Joel, so she did not have any more demands or intend to further trouble him or the Fletchers. Once upon a time

ago, Maddie and Joel became acquainted in the disaster area. At that time, he was the commander of the disaster area, but he was covered in ashes and soot while carrying out his duties in the frontline. That was the first few days in which she got to know Joel, so she had never seen him in clean clothes or well groomed. Once she had convinced her family, she actively volunteered for the mission and fought alongside him. Without realizing it, she was attracted to the powerful, cold and distant, but secretly gentle man.

At the end of the disaster relief, he was getting ready to return to Bayside City. It was at that time when he directly asked her whether she was willing to return with him to get married there.

She thought, He has always been a straightforward and direct person. He never gives me the time or chance to feel shy or maintain my reserved manner. I was in a daze when I agreed, so I brought my household registry together with my ID card and packed a simple suitcase to leave with Joel. At that time, I had always assumed that Joel was just an ordinary disaster relief army officer. However, I didn't mind it because I was in love with him, so I was sure that we would live life to the fullest despite being poor. I contacted a newspaper office in Bayside City to get ready for an interview. Upon arriving in Bayside City, we proceeded to apply for our marriage certificate in a rush on the same day. Therefore, we received the certificate the next day. He was very well behaved because he didn't sleep with me until we received our marriage certificate.

Maddie exclaimed in awe when she first arrived at Joel's house, "Whoa, the army provides such a gigantic house for you!"

Joel was dumbfounded. "Yup."

At that time, I was completely clueless about Bayside City and I used to be oblivious about the Fletchers, not to mention Joel's identity and status. It wasn't until I finally realized that Joel's grandpa, Mark Fletcher, is the same person depicted in the drama series on television that I finally connected the dots. It turns out that Joel is the third generation of the army family. Unfortunately, when it comes to a marriage between a military personnel and a civilian, there is no such thing as a divorce. I would have most probably kept my distance if I knew about Joel's identity earlier.

Even if Joel treats me wonderfully and the Fletchers are especially nice to me, I still feel like I'm from a different world as compared to them. I know deep down that he is out of my league. Therefore, I know that no matter how hard I thrive, I will never stand next to him because I am merely an outsider within his social circle.

This is why I have never informed my family in my hometown about my husband's identity. Upon learning that I'm doing well in Bayside City, my family would ask for money whenever a relative gets married. They would look for me whenever a family member comes over to Bayside City in search of a job. Some of them would even demand that I directly arrange a job for them. In fact, they would act as if such matters were expected, indeed. If I refuse to arrange these jobs for my relatives, it would only embarrass my parents since my hometown is such a small place with a tight-knit community.

If they learn about his identity, I'm sure they will try to take even more advantage of our circumstances. If that happens, it will not be simple things such as arranging work or asking for money. I'm sure that they will bring their family over to Bayside City and might even ask for money, a house or even a household registry. They might exploit Joel's name to do something despicable. I know them well because I'm from there after all.

I know that Christine isn't that kind of person, but I don't want her to be in contact with Joel and the Fletchers' social circle. That kind of place does not belong to us...

Just after Sophia and her family left to catch a meal, Bailey's car drove out of the fashion week site. He had to return to continue to watch the show in the afternoon and he was even invited to attend Anna and Jordan's engagement ceremony tonight. Therefore, he had a packed schedule for today.

However, he did not enjoy watching fashion shows and only did it for work. He wanted to take the chance to discuss the marriage union between the Adams and the Michels with Cooper.

The marriage was imperative. Both the families needed the union to keep the relationship alive. Besides, it was a promise from the previous generation and their elders urgently hoped that the two families would be connected via marriage.

The best choice should have been the marriage between Cooper and Tiffany. Nevertheless, Cooper seems uninterested and Sophia is already married. How about Betsy and Linus? Betsy is too wild while Linus is notoriously gay, so they would most probably not settle down. Furthermore, the Michels have an unwritten rule which states that their females cannot marry out... This is truly troublesome.

Although the current matter at hand was a small one, Bailey was still dealing with it. His gaze was fixed on his laptop screen, making him look occupied.

In the wintry afternoon in Bayside City, the traffic was heavy and the cars were barely moving. Suddenly, Bailey seemed to have noticed a green figure flashing past him through the car window. He looked out of the window and he saw a small figure, who was wearing a frog jumpsuit, walking along the sidewalk beside the roadside.

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The car moved at a slower speed, so when he looked out of the window, he saw the child wearing a fluffy, lush green, puffy frog jumpsuit. The child was securely wrapped in their attire from top to bottom in the jumpsuit while revealing only a small face. The child was now approaching in the direction of his car.

He recognized her upon seeing her.

Bailey glanced through the window a few times and saw her carrying a small bag on her back. The child was scuttling outside without the supervision of an adult. Nevertheless, there was another child who was about her height walking beside her—he also wore fluffy clothes with a tiger-head hat on his head.

The two children were walking along the roadside.

Bailey glanced out of his car window several times. Initially, he did not want to be involved, but then he saw a few suspicious guys surrounding the two children and took charge in the end.

“Stop the car.”

The car came to a halt and he alighted from the car. He saw a few people blocking the way of the small figure in a frog jumpsuit. He was unsure whether they had any ill intentions, but he knew the child’s home address, so he just could not stand by and do nothing.

“Hey, you are so adorable!”

“You truly resemble Carmen from ‘Where Are We Going, Dad?!’”

“Kiddo, where are you going alone? Where are your parents?”

A group of people was now surrounding the child who wore the frog jumpsuit while picking her up to toss her around. However, once the people from the Adams Family arrived, they managed to chase that group of would-be kidnappers away.

“Come over here. I’ll send the two of you home.” Bailey squatted down while opening his arms and tried his best to appear as friendly as possible.

However, the lolita was especially fierce in an adorable manner. “I don’t want to go home! I want to search for Daddy and Mommy!”

With that, she turned to run away. He had already lost his patience by then, so he strode ahead to pick her up. Then, he pushed her into the car whereas his assistant placed the other child into the car too. Then, they sped away without wasting any time.

The lolita was fuming in the car. Therefore, she refused to speak while facing her back toward him.

Bailey saw her bag, which had her name written across it, and guessed that she could have escaped from her kindergarten because only preschools would have their students’ names written across their bags. “Are you Carmen Fletcher? Are you usually addressed as Carmen? Who are your parents? Can I call your parents on your behalf?”

Carmen paused before answering, “Daddy is at Crimson House. I want to head to the restaurant in Crimson House! Here, look—it’s right here!”

She took out a small phone and there was a set of coordinates in there. The predetermined location was a nearby restaurant named ‘Crimson House’.

Bailey took the opportunity to take away her phone, which caused her to burst in anger. She threw herself forward while yelling, “Return it to me!”

He blocked her with a hand while using the other to take her phone away. Usually, that type of children’s phones would have the emergency call function installed. After switching it on, one should directly be able to make a phone call via speed-dial. With that, he phoned the number registered as ‘Father’.

On the other hand, in the western restaurant in Crimson House, Sophia and Sarah were watching the surveillance footage from the kindergarten. It was currently lunch break, so all the children were having their naps.

“Look! Sour Face is sound asleep! Carmen also looks super adorable when she’s asleep! Oh my, my babies are so cute!”

Sarah watched her baby through the video as her eyes were as bright as the stars. However, Sophia was staring at Carmen... Why hasn’t she tossed around after such a long time? She seems to be deep asleep while having a blanket covering her face.

After staring for a few minutes, Carmen still had not tossed and turned. Michael approached them in curiosity; he felt weird at the situation and was about to give the kindergarten teacher a ring when he suddenly received a phone call from Carmen.

He stared at the video screen while glancing at the number displayed on his phone screen before he answered the call. He was then greeted with a cold and distant male voice, “Are you Carmen Fletcher’s father? I picked your daughter up from the streets and we are on our way to Crimson House now.”

After that, the person hung up on the call.

Soon, it was the end of the lunch break and the other children started to wake up. Carmen was the only one still asleep, so the teacher was startled to see a... doll after removing her blanket.

Michael was at a loss for words when he saw that.

Fortunately, a few minutes later, he and Sophia welcomed Carmen into their arms on the ground floor.

“Daddy! Mommy!”

Carmen was like a nymph when she charged toward them whereas Sophia held her tightly.

“Where did you go? You gave me a scare! You aren’t allowed to head out alone in the future! Daddy and Mommy will be heartbroken if we lose you!”

Sophia held Carmen tightly; she was angry, but her heart also ached because she was still recovering from her initial fear. I would be lost if something bad were to happen to Carmen!

Carmen answered, "Nicholas is with me, so I will not get lost!"

Sophia glanced at Nicholas who was just behind Carmen. Fine, nobody would have recognized it as a robot. Carmen must have been worried that it might be cold, so she put a cotton-padded jacket on it with a tiger-head hat. That attire makes it look like a child.

Michael was feeling troubled. His eyes widened in shock and he almost fainted the moment he caught sight of the doll when the blanket was removed in the video. Did she dig the dog hole in the kindergarten again? My baby is intelligent and it's difficult to raise children once they can move around on their own accord!

He pretended to maintain a furious expression and refused to speak with Carmen. On one hand, she knew that he was angry, so she glanced at him with pitiful eyes. Soon, tears streamed down her cheeks.

"Daddy, it's my mistake. I won't dare to escape from the kindergarten in secret in the future."

Michael maintained his fierce expression. "Did you know that because of you, both the kindergarten director and your mother were so worried that they were on the verge of tears? Have you thought about the consequences when you ran out of the kindergarten?"

Sophia added from the side, "Look, even Daddy is angry. You must not run away in secret in the future, do you understand?"

Both parents were playing good cop and bad cop. In the end, Cooper picked Carmen up to take her inside the restaurant.

Bailey, who was observing the exchange from behind, was rendered speechless. Earlier, she had a fierce, but adorable expression in the car. However, she turned into an innocent and cute child the moment she exited the car. The little girl is indeed two-faced.

Michael did not expect Bailey to be the one to pick Carmen up, so he eagerly invited the man to have lunch together inside the restaurant. Bailey was preparing to head to another restaurant, but did not reject the offer since he had brought the little girl over—and it so happened that he had matters to discuss with Cooper. Therefore, Bailey entered the building with them.

"Huh, Bailey, what happened to your face?" Michael saw a gash across Bailey's chin and it was bleeding.

Bailey answered, "I fell by accident." He thought, Your daughter, Carmen Fletcher, bit me! The little girl is extremely fierce. I merely patted her head under the frog jumpsuit and she bit my chin instead.

Carmen buried her face against Sophia's embrace. The young girl was still sobbing; she still played the victim by looking wronged and cute.

It was Master Sam's treat today, so he invited everybody to order what they fancied. After the meal, they still had to rush to the afternoon show, so everybody was as busy as a bee. Nevertheless, it was his treat. Hence, it was still an amazing meal even though it was a casual one.

During the meal, everybody sat at a round table. Bailey and Cooper had matters to discuss with each other, so they sat together.

Michael held Carmen in his arms while he continued to lecture her, "You can't be disobedient just because you are adorable. Looking pretty doesn't mean that you have the permission to do as you please!"

"A disobedient baby will become a bad baby and a bad baby will gradually become ugly!"

She pouted while listening to her father scolding her.

The dishes had not been served, so everybody was either chatting or using their phones.

Sarah noticed that Betsy was constantly batting her eyelashes in a flirtatious manner at Harry whereas he had his head bowed down. He was focused on his phone while ignoring Betsy.

B*tch! It looks like you haven't learned your lesson from the last incident!

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Previously, I threw Betsy out to freeze and I assumed that she would have learned her lesson. Who would have guessed that she would have the audacity to flirt with Harry right in front of me? She is a filthy b*tch!

Sarah stood up abruptly and said, "I need to use the washroom."

With that, she immediately left and allowed Betsy to become bolder—no, she was already bold when Sarah was around to the point and she even extended her leg under the table to tease Harry.

"Come over here, Carmen. Let me hold you."

Cooper took Carmen in his arms while bending down to kiss her petite face. By that point, she had already removed the hood and coincidentally, her ponytails could support the eyelids of the frog hoodie.

"Do not ever run away from the kindergarten in secret next time, do you understand me? Today, if Bailey wasn't the one who picked you up, you could have been sold into the mountains to herd sheep! They might even beat you up every day!"

She responded quietly, "Oh."

Cooper placed her in his arms while introducing Bailey, who sat across from him, "Here—let me introduce you to him. He is Bailey. Bailey Adams. He is a close friend of mine."

Sophia, who was sitting beside them, was indignant. Bailey? Why must I address him as Mr. Bailey whereas Carmen addresses him as Bailey?

Carmen greeted sweetly, "Bailey!"

After that, Cooper introduced Betsy and Tiffany. "This is Miss Tiffany whereas she is Betsy."

Carmen greeted them politely, "Nice to meet you, Miss Tiffany and Betsy."

Sophia was still in a daze. Does this mean my father has no sense of seniority in his family?

Bailey glanced at Carmen. I didn't expect her to be Cooper's granddaughter. No wonder she looks especially familiar.

Cooper continued the discussion with Bailey in a hushed tone while she ended up in Linus' arms.

The dishes were soon served and everybody started to enjoy the meal. Linus was also looking after Carmen while simultaneously eating his dish.

Tiffany did not eat much; she went to the washroom after barely touching her meal.

In the washroom, she took out Jordan's name card and rang his number. "Not bad at all. It turns out you are truly Anna's husband. Tell me, how would you like to work with me?"

Jordan answered in a gravelly and ruthless tone from the other end of the line, "It's simple—you just have to work with me to suppress Cooper's business. The only reason why you can't get married with Cooper is because he is more powerful than you are. However, when Michel Group is slapped with a financial crisis, his only choice is to be married to you to weather through the challenges. With that, you two will naturally end up together."

Tiffany chuckled upon hearing that. "Huh! I think your goal is to defeat Cooper by using me, isn't it?" Jordan's goal is most probably not just to work together with me to land Cooper into a financial crisis. I'm sure he wants to destroy Cooper!

He answered vaguely, "It doesn't matter what it takes as long as you achieve your goal to marry Cooper, does it?"

She responded, "We'll see."

With that, she hung up on the call. Jordan has been able to acknowledge Anna as his wife, which made Cooper give up on her. I would say that in itself had caused my goal to be achieved. However, it seems like Cooper isn't the type to forget a woman easily. What is so great about Anna? Is she on par with me? She has many sons. Marrying her is equivalent to taking her four sons under his wing. Wouldn't Cooper worry for his own children?

In any case, why is Jordan adamant that I will work with him to drive Cooper into bankruptcy? How is he confident that Cooper would be left with nothing, but the option of getting married to me in the end?

Do I look like a profiteering person? It is clear that I am truly in love with Cooper... Why does everybody think that I am eyeing his money?

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At the same time, Sarah had already quietly crawled under the table.

Since the tablecloth was thick, nobody had noticed the petite Sarah, who was underneath the table and crawling toward Harry's direction.

Underneath the tablecloth, she noticed that everybody was behaving differently.

Sophia had already removed her high heels in silence and allowed her small feet to rest after sustaining torture earlier. After scratching her right leg with her left, she quietly extended her feet on Michael's lap before his large hands started to caress her beautiful legs in silk pantyhose.

Huh! They seem serious on the surface. Who would have guessed that they are already caressing each other's legs in private?

Then, Sarah continued to crawl forward and spotted Betsy, who was sitting across from Harry, slithering her feet from her high heels and actively rubbing his legs.

Harry repeatedly moved backward, but he could not afford to lose his temper because he was in a business meeting with Cooper and the representative from the Adams Family. Hence, Harry could only retreat several times.

Sarah lost her temper and quickly crawled toward them in a hurry. Damn you, wench! You, b*tch! Just you wait for me!

Sarah removed Betsy's shoes upon getting nearer to them.

Betsy was still busy teasing Harry with her leg, so she had no idea that her shoes had been taken away.

Nevertheless, Sarah was not satisfied with merely removing Betsy's shoes, especially when she had brought a bottle of cooking oil with her. As Sarah poured the whole bottle of oil under Betsy's legs, she could hear the sound it produced—glug, glug, glug.

Who gave you the permission to seduce my man?

After a while, Sarah returned to the table and she sat beside him.

She had learned a thing or two, so she turned slightly to face Harry. In reality, she extended her leg onto his lap. Hmm? This is rather comfortable! After all, nobody can see me. If Betsy reaches her leg over again, I'll kick it back to where it belongs!

Betsy tried to reach out with her leg a few times, but Sarah viciously kicked it back instead. Hence, Betsy had no choice, but to retreat sheepishly. However, she could not locate her shoes, but was embarrassed to lift the tablecloth up to search for her high heels since everybody was watching. Hence, she had to be temporarily barefoot. I will not give up. As long as I am around, I'm sure that Harry will nuzzle against my ample G-cup bosom.

Since there were many people sitting at the round table, it so happened that she was seated across from Harry and Sarah.

It was undeniable that Betsy was continuously seducing Harry and even took the initiative to have a small chat with him. "Mr. Ethan, do you have any new films premiering? I can't wait to watch it!"

He lowered his head to enjoy his meal while ignoring her.

Sarah removed a box of cooked snacks from her bag and opened it up to pick up a chicken claw. Then, she opened it up to pick up a chicken claw. She had a bite of it and alternated it with a sip of red wine; it was obvious that she was immensely enjoying herself.

There was a nearby restaurant called 'Golden Claw', which specialized in selling a variety of cooked snacks, such as chicken claws, pork feet, duck fins, duck neck, duck intestines, century eggs, and so on.

She placed the snacks on the table and the delicious scent filled the entire private room.

The Cethosian folks seated at the table reflexively swallowed. It smells delicious!

Sophia grabbed a chicken claw in a hurry too. The chicken claw tastes delicious! Its flesh is juicy, tasty, spicy and chewy too.

"Whoa, chicken claws! Give me one of those!" Stanley rushed over to grab a claw before dipping it in the chili sauce that he brought from home.

However, the foreigners at the table—the three family members of the Adams Family—paled at the sight of the dishes in front of them. Betsy, especially, seemed as if she was about to

puke. Oh, my God! Help! They are eating innards and claws! As foreigners, we struggle the most with the fact that the Cethonians eat innards! They are now even munching on animal claws!

Tiffany and Bailey turned as white as a sheet before losing their appetite. They could only watch as the others continued eating.

That was the reason why Bailey did not want to have a meal with Cooper.

I truly do not enjoy eating with Cethonians. From their point of view, everything on earth is categorized into three large groups—edible and delicious, edible, but not delicious, and non-edible and non-palatable items. Delicious foods are cooking ingredients whereas not tasty items are medicinal herbs. As for those non-edible stuff... That would be hardware and construction materials.

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Betsy could no longer endure it. In fact, she was staring at them as if they were eating sh*t!

Sarah ate two chicken claws. Then, she used her chopsticks to pick some duck intestine to compliment her rice. Betsy, who was seated across from her, had a drastic change in her expression—she could not even be bothered to search for her high heels and rose to her full height while being barefoot. However, she never expected to lose her balance and fall the moment she stood up. She realized in horror that the floor was covered with oil!

“Argh!” Betsy, who had fallen onto the ground, screamed in agony. She grabbed onto the tablecloth reflexively, but unexpectedly—

Clink, clank, splash!

She dragged all of the items laid on the table down together with the tablecloth.

Luckily, the tablecloth was rather thick, so everybody had time to respond because it was dragged across the table at a slower speed.

“Oh, sh*t!” Stanley reacted swiftly by snatching the plate of pork’s large intestine that he had his eyes on.

Betsy, who had fallen on all fours, took a lot of effort to stand up. However, she slipped on the oil again and landed on the ground with a loud thud. She had dragged the table cloth along with her this time and all of the dishes fell on her, causing her to be covered with duck intestines, chicken claws, preserved eggs and such. It was not difficult to imagine how disgusted she felt.

Tiffany stood up while slamming the table. “You, fool! Get lost in this instance!” She is nothing like I am. She is truly beyond stupid!

She noticed that Cooper was slightly scowling. To prevent his impression of her from being affected, she ordered her underlings to carry the barefoot Betsy out.

After witnessing the entire event, Master Sam broke the silence. “Let’s switch rooms.”

Harry immediately held onto the plate of Sarah’s chicken claws to head over to the new room to continue with his meal.

After their meal, everybody left together. They were ready to return to their hotel rooms for a rest while getting ready for the fashion show later that afternoon.

Michael sent someone to drive Carmen back to the kindergarten to continue with her lessons, but he did not expect her to cling onto his legs while refusing to leave. Kindergarten classes were also ending for the day, so he had no choice but to take her along. I suppose it’s good to broaden her horizons!

Earlier that morning, Sophia saw many child actors in attendance at the venue. Another guest, who appeared in ‘Where Are We Going, Dad?’ with Michael, brought his child along as well. It turned out that it was normal to bring children along during fashion week.

Michael received a job today, which was to model for the launch of a new men’s clothing line under the JNS Group.

Carmen left with him while looking pleased with herself. After arriving in the hotel room, she opened her bag. Then, she changed into a fashionable piece of clothing that she prepared beforehand. She even asked Nicholas to help her with a new hairstyle.

Michael, who was applying his makeup, turned to look at her. True enough, she had planned this a long time ago!

Sophia still had other matters to attend to, so she vanished the moment she returned to the venue. She still needed to check on the venue and the progress of its preparation.

Since Lucy was the director of the entire fashion week, she also came to inspect the show. Therefore, it was not long before the two of them bumped into each other.

The staff was busy with their allocated tasks since the show was about to start, so everybody was anxiously working on site. After making sure that nobody was around them, the two persons in charge started to chat despite the packed schedule.

“Jordan and Anna’s marriage won’t be favorable for you,” Sophia said to Lucy. Jordan might as well announce and admit to the whole world that there are four young masters in the Edwards Group and it has caused an internal uproar in the family.

It was unfavorable for Lucy to have four legal heirs suddenly competing with her for the inheritance. Besides, she had been unable to settle down for such a long time, so the higher-ups from the JNS Group were unsatisfied with her. After all, she was already past 30 years old.

She did not reveal much. “That is my problem, so you don’t have to worry about that.”

Sophia glanced around before adding, “Well, that naturally has nothing to do with me. It’s just that I’ve seen you support the Edwards Family for many years. I just find it unfair for you because there are a few people competing with you for inheritance suddenly!”

Jordan had already been busy with his other businesses a long time ago. He was merely a puppet in the Edwards Family and was rather useless in his position. From the beginning, Lucy had been involved in the administration within the Edwards Group. She had reformed the Edwards Group in such a way that it allowed the company to further improve itself. Hence, she deserved the most credit within the Edwards Group.

However, Jordan and Anna have now announced the news of their marriage. That means that he has admitted that the four brothers from the Yard Family will embrace their status as the heirs of the Edwards Group.

According to the Cethonian's tradition, the inheritance is usually passed down to sons within the family...

Lucy was extremely unsatisfied with the turn of events.

Nobody can snatch the empire that I have built with my bare hands!

In the deluxe suite of the State Hotel, Henry wore a dark expression when he spoke to Ryan, "I will never allow the two of them to get married!"

Although Anna was their mother, they did not want her to be married to Jordan.

It doesn't matter whether we are Jordan's legitimate children or not. As long as we are Jordan's descendants, we will have the right to inherit the Edwards' assets. However, it's different for Anna. If she doesn't get married to Jordan, it means that she's not his legal wife and will not have the right to inherit anything.

In reality, the Yards and the Edwards are Jordan's descendants. Both of us are the true heirs of both families' inheritance. Anna and Callum's siblings do not have the right to inherit that massive sum of inheritance.

Furthermore, once the Ronneys and Edwards are acquainted by marriage, Lucy will also have the right to inherit the Ronney Group!

She might not have the Yard family name, but she is Jordan's only daughter. What would happen if Jordan supported her by interfering in matters within the Ronney Group?

Wouldn't there be another person competing with us for the family inheritance?!

Sandra took a lot of effort to get both of us discharged from the hospital. She is now our follower; as long as we tightly cling onto the Yard Group, we don't have to worry that the Mitchell Group can't rise again!

Sandra also knew about Jordan and Anna's wedding. That matter was not related to her, but now that she was closely associated with Henry and Ryan, it only made sense for her to be in their shoes—she had to be their loyal follower.

Hence, she immediately suggested, "Our initial plan was to ruin the fashion week to ensure that Lucy and Sophia wouldn't get what they wanted. Why don't we follow our original plan to cause chaos at the engagement party? Let's discuss the rest of it at another time."

Both Henry and Ryan thought that it was a great plan. The two of them are about to get engaged soon, so we cannot allow the engagement party to go ahead as planned.

"You shall be in charge of this matter. You need to handle this well!"

She answered immediately, "Yes!" Since the morning session did not go as planned, I will personally attend to the matter this time. I have to ruin their engagement ceremony!

Meanwhile, in Anna's lounge, there was no denying that it was Jordan's last minute decision because nobody was informed beforehand. Therefore, both the Edwards Family and the organizer of the fashion week were caught by surprise because it was not in line with Jordan's usual cautious style.

Jordan was anxiously preparing for the engagement ceremony. The originally planned fashion party for the Ronney Fashion Week was switched to an engagement ceremony at the eleventh hour. Nevertheless, the lineup remained unchanged.

Callum and Cade had already changed their clothes, which gave them a new look. They came over to bid adieu for the show.

"Mother, we are leaving for the show."

The afternoon session belonged to the JNS Group as they were hosting their fashion news conference. Anna was originally supposed to attend the event with Cooper, but Jordan's appearance had disrupted all of her plans. Hence, she had no choice, but to allow Callum and Cade to attend the show.

She sat by the window and stared out of it. The evening gown for the engagement ceremony was hanging on one side, but she did not feel like changing into it despite the long delay. She was still wearing the clothes that she was in from the morning show.

It was a shame that even the most gorgeous clothes could not conceal the loneliness deep down in her heart.

She sat by the window while staring at the dark, gloomy sky outside. The lounge was dark because she did not switch on the lights. Her figure seemed to have been glued to the window frame, appearing as though the darkness could engulf her anytime soon. I am not happy at all. I don't want to get engaged, let alone be engaged to Jordan...

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Upon hearing Callum's voice, Anna turned her head to look and gave a gentle smile. "Go ahead. Don't be late."

After that, she turned again and stared outside the window in a daze.

As Callum gave Cade a glance, the worried brothers approached her and saw her lifeless eyes staring outside the window with a stoic face.

Cade hesitated before uttering quietly, "Mom, do you want me to explain to him?"

They had watched her preparing clothes for Cooper in advance, but...

With a tired face, she gave a mock smile. "You don't need to explain to him. He knows that my goal will never change, regardless of whether I'm married to Jordan or not."

She wanted to defeat Jordan, so the marriage was only a temporary concession for the bigger picture. I know it and he knows it too.

"No." Callum went over to Anna and squatted while holding her hand. "I want to tell him that you actually don't want to marry Jordan."

He had known all along that Anna was Annabel—Cooper's deceased wife, whom he loved all those years!

Jordan was the one who took her by force from Cooper! Cooper still loves her and the feelings are mutual for her too! Callum felt that Cooper was someone whom she could rely on. Only with him can she truly be happy!

Upon looking at her son, Anna felt the tears swimming in her eyes.

She thought that she could endure the situation and even look forward to her marriage with Jordan because with the marriage, she would achieve more and occupy a more powerful position. However, at that point, she did not want to marry him at all. But... Do I have a choice?

After she took a deep breath, she forced her tears back and smiled. "Alright. You don't need to be concerned about us. Both of you just need to take care of those people below and suppress our men. That will be better than anything else."

As Callum gazed at her saddened face, he knew that even he himself could never escape their conflict. We can only hope for the best by staying as one!

Both Callum and Cade then left Anna's lounge and walked out.

Even though they would benefit from Anna and Jordan's marriage, they did not want to see her attending an engagement ceremony that she resented.

However, at the same time, all parties were rallying their forces and making preparations for themselves.

In the evening, the press conference for a newly launched autumn-winter product of a fashion line under the JNS Group officially started.

It was the first product launch since the group was founded, so it also drew many attention in the industry. In the afternoon show, there were guests who showed up in the group's new product, including Christine, who attended the event in that attire. At the moment, someone had posted pictures of the eye-catching design on the internet, causing a sensation throughout the fashion industry.

If it was a solo show, they would probably be unable to invite many successful celebrities, but due to Ronneys' fame, many celebrities whom they could not invite earlier still came to attend.

The guests had already arrived during the show and there were three representatives from the Adams Group—Callum and his brother from the Yard Family, Nicole, and other entertainment celebrities. Other than that, there were also a large number of elites, buyers and reporters.

In the evening, everyone was required to walk the red carpet and it stirred the crowd when Cooper showed up while holding Carmen.

Carmen was happily in her children's attire that she stole from home. As she walked on the red carpet, she posed familiarly in front of the cameras, enjoying her happiness in the limelight.

She was practically a little princess who was loved by everyone since she was hugged by her father, brother, uncle and grandfather from time to time. She felt elated that she did not want to leave the red carpet because she really wanted all the photographers to capture her beautiful self.

Only she was capable of doing such things. If it had been any other celebrities, Justin would have sent someone to hurl that person out of the scene.

What an attention-seeking baby!

After entering the venue, Carmen brought her assistant, Nicholas, around to take pictures with other celebrities, resembling a fish in water.

As Michael walked down the red carpet, Sophia presided over the entire show while Cooper and Bailey continued to be engaged in profound conversations, and Linus brought Carmen around to meet people. Everyone was busy with their own affairs.

"Come, Lolita. Come and give me a hug!"

When Cade saw Carmen, he clapped his hands to call her over. Anna is Annabel, which means Sophia is our elder sister. If that's the case, this lolita is our niece. No wonder the more I see her, the more I'm starting to like her!

Carmen left coldly after glancing at them. "Hmph!"

However, a while later, she returned and took a picture with the two brothers before wanting to leave, but Callum had hugged her.

In the meantime, Cooper and Bailey continued with their discussion.

Bailey wore a serious look. "Fass, you should know that the Adams Group has no obligations to help you to bring Jordan down. What good is it for us to help you to defeat him?"

Cooper remained silent. If I want to take down Jordan, I must be fully prepared. I can't fight a battle without any certainty. At the moment, the safest way is to collaborate with the Adams Group.

However, he also understood what Bailey wanted—the two families needed an alliance, so both parties were eagerly hoping that Cooper and Tiffany would be married. That's impossible!

Meanwhile, Carmen had already taken pictures with everybody, so she quietly returned to Cooper's side. Then, he grabbed her and held her in his arms.

Upon seeing her, he seemed to forget all of his worries for the time being, but she continued to stare at Bailey. She probably wants to take a photo with him for her collection, but she has blackmailed him for 2000 the last time and took advantage of him. This is a little awkward.

At the same time, her stare was making Bailey anxious, so he intentionally diverted his gaze. A moment later, he turned again and saw that her face was buried inside Cooper's arms as she fell asleep.

While looking at her with a resigned face, Cooper could not help but soften his voice. "She really is a naughty little devil!" She actually ganged up with Nicholas to hack the kindergarten's monitoring system so that she could escape and plot her way in here. However, in the end, she fell asleep before the show even started.

Carmen finally woke up moments before the show started. After waking up, she continued to stare directly at Bailey, leaving him with no choice but to head to the washroom.

After taking only two steps, he suddenly heard her sweet voice coming from behind.

"Grandpa, why doesn't Mr. Bailey smile?"

Bailey immediately halted in his footsteps. That is why she kept staring at me earlier. Is she trying to see when I will smile?

He could not help but smile before shaking his head. A second later, he instantly returned to his cold face and quickly left.

While holding Carmen, Cooper gently answered, "It's because Mr. Bailey just doesn't like to smile. If he sees someone whom he likes, he'll eventually smile."

After that, he took a long look at Bailey. The sudden changes in his family, the death of his parents and the betrayal from his relatives have already taken away his right to smile long ago. He is only a 14-year-old boy. If Carmen is 14 years old, she will still remain in the loving arms of her parents, but Bailey has long been thrown into the cruel games of adults where the strong prey on the weak to survive...

When Bailey returned, she continued to maintain her stare on him.