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Since it was the first product launch since the establishment of the JNS Group, the fashion show was organized in a glamorous manner and held in Bayside City's most luxurious State Hotel. The lavish show was even comparable to what the Ronney Group had planned—due to Kenny and his team of designers exhibiting a series of new items.

As a highly regarded national luxury brand, the JNS Group had presented a stunning display this time and achieved a great outcome through its fashion show. It stirred up conversations in the fashion industry and reconsolidated the status of Cethos' fashion on the international stage. Also, it successfully brought the attention of the international fashion industry to Bayside City's fashion.

The show ended perfectly in the end, but Sophia did not dare to let her guard down at all because there were two other events tonight—the Ronney Group's fashion party as Anna and Jordan's engagement ceremony. My own mother's engagement ceremony with another man...Just the thought of it saddens me.

She then looked toward Cooper and saw him leaving with Carmen in his arms.

In the meantime, Carmen had wrapped her hands around Cooper's neck as she asked, "Grandpa, are you unhappy?"

While listening to her sweet voice, Cooper forced a smile. "No, I'm very happy."

However, she saw through him. "Grandpa, you're lying. You're not happy at all."

He remained speechless as he placed her in the car that was returning home and addressed Sophia, "You and Carmen should head home first. Don't attend the ceremony tonight."

Sophia felt something was wrong inside when she heard his words, so she quickly asked, "Dad, what are you going to do?"

Cooper did not answer her and sent them home first instead.

She thought, Listening to his tone, it seems like he's thinking of causing trouble tonight! He's afraid that if the situation turns sour, Carmen and I will be hurt. In short, there won't be peace tonight!

As he watched her enter the car, he uttered to Michael and Linus, "You two should head off too."

"Dad, let me go with you!" Linus exclaimed.

On the other hand, Michael had nothing to say. It looks like my young-looking father-in-law is going to cause a huge commotion tonight. It's better for me to not be involved in this. He then brought Sophia and Carmen home, but Linus did not want to leave.

"Dad, have you thought this through? Are you really going to do this?" Linus asked. Is he really going to lay his hands on Jordan openly during the engagement ceremony tonight? Even if he kills Jordan now, there would still be endless troubles ahead! This plan seems to be lacking some consideration! It's definitely not the right time now!

Nonetheless, Cooper smiled and patted Linus' shoulder. "What are you thinking about? How can I kill him today? I just don't want her to face everything alone."

Linus became more determined. "Then, I'm coming along!"

However, Cooper did not stop him, so the father and son attended the Ronney Group's fashion party together.

At the same time, Tiffany also quickly followed them. As Cooper's date for today's engagement ceremony, she felt that he needed her.

Stanley and Sean also left the scene to return home.

When they returned, Stanley hugged his daughter and changed his outfit as he prepared to head out the door again. Before leaving, he even invited Sean to come along with him. "Let's go, Sean. Let's go out and have some fun! I'll take you to a fun place!"

Sean was feeding Maisie in his arms when he noticed that Stanley was heading out. He was aware as to where Stanley was going. He has a date with Christine to play games together tonight. It's rare for him to meet a girl who has the same wavelength as him. I feel that I should congratulate him, but there is a stabbing pain in my heart.

"You should go on your own, Stan. I'll stay at home with Maisie."

As he spoke, he lacked the courage to look at Stanley.

However, Stanley did not insist on Sean coming along, so he said his goodbye to Maisie. "Darling, I'm going out to have some fun. I'll be back in a while. Don't miss me!"

Maisie blinked as she watched Stanley walk out the door. After he was gone, she turned and profoundly stared at Sean.

Stanley did not drive after leaving the house and instead took the subway to the location of his date.

Just thinking about it made him a tad bit excited.

Sure enough, he saw Christine when he arrived at the place. She had already changed her attire, but she was still wearing an adorable winter outfit with a pink scarf. As soon as she saw Stanley, she immediately rushed over with a flushed face. "Mr. Snow Fox, you're here!"

He initially invited her to play games with him tonight, but he surprisingly changed the location at the last minute, saying that he wanted to bring her to an interesting place.

Naturally, she eagerly came when her idol gave her a ring.

On the other hand, he was particularly excited. "I'll give you a surprise tonight. Let me bring you to a fun place!"

After that, he brought her to the side of the street.

It was a pedestrian street, so there were many people nearby. She was now a little celebrity, so she needed to lay low whenever she headed outdoors. At that moment, she did not wear any makeup and even wore a huge mask to cover her face, but her heart was restless as she followed him.

Where are we going? Christine was extremely excited. Does this count as a date? Where are we going later on? It's already night time in winter.

The two of them had walked for about ten minutes before they turned a corner and saw a brightly lit building that was several stories high ahead of them.

It looks like a... little motel. A motel? She was dumbfounded. Isn't this going rapidly? N-No. The steps are all wrong. We should be eating first, shop around and watch a movie before sitting on the carousel in the amusement park. After getting dizzy, we should sit on the highest point of the ferris wheel and affectionately talk to each other to make things official. After a few quarrels and reconciliation, our love for each other will become deeper, and naturally, we'll become regular VIP customers in hotels.

Sadly, before she even had the chance to think things through, Stanley had already gleefully walked toward the building. He opened the door first and there were many people at the entrance. The hall was designed to be glamorous and futuristic with bright lights, like a nightclub. There was also a grand dog head ornament as decoration in the hall.

She even exclaimed the moment she entered the building. Wow, what a unique hotel lobby.

After a few words with the receptionist, he joyfully walked through the lobby while Christine glanced at the name of the hotel. Dominant Network Club? Is this an cybercafé?

She hurriedly followed Stanley inside. After passing through a corridor, the space in front of her suddenly became as wide as a stadium.

Her eyes widened as they were filled with curiosity.

"What a huge cybercafé!"

The magnificent nest-like place in front of her was actually an cybercafé—the entire hall was extremely spacious and the computers were arranged in an organized fashion. There were computers everywhere as far as the eye could see. With just a simple glance, Christine saw that all the configurations of the computers were extremely high-end, based on her years of experience in live stream gaming. Even the chairs are professional gaming chairs! These are very expensive!

The cybercafé had not been opened for business yet, so there were only a handful of employees nervously cleaning the place for its final test.

In the meantime, Stanley had his hands behind his back, as if he was a king watching over his own empire. Then, he walked to the front of Christine and took her on a tour inside.

Upon looking at the magnificent venue, his eyes were full of pride. "This cybercafé was opened by me and my partner, Sean. There are 25,000 computers, which can accommodate

25,000 people while entertaining them at the same time! There is also a lounge, a grocery store, a gym, a restaurant, a bathroom and other facilities. It can even hold a massive esports event! It has the best configuration, the fastest internet speed, the most luxurious environment, the best location and an awesome experience! All six floors are cybercafés. It is the biggest in the world! There has been nothing else like this ever!”

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As Christine gazed at the magnificent cybercafé, her eyes were full of surprise and shock to the point where it seemed like her eyeballs were falling off its sockets. The configuration inside the hall was already considered high-end, but what she never expected was for it to be divided into the general area, the member area, the VIP area and the women’s area. The computers that were located further inside the cybercafé had a higher-end configuration.

“Wow. This is the gaming keyboard that I’ve always wanted to buy, but I’ve never been able to buy one! I can’t believe there are so many of them here! Oh wow! Oh my God! Is this the legendary monitor... This is the women’s area. Oh my! The decorations are beautiful! Wow, this place is practically heaven! I want to stay here for a whole day—no, I want to stay here forever! I want to take some photos and post them on Twitter!”

Upon looking at her astonished expression, Stanley felt extremely proud.

“You can take and post any photos you want. This place isn’t open yet, but it will be in a few days. I want the whole world to know that the best gaming experience in the world is in Cethos, Bayside City!”

In the meantime, Christine quickly took a photo and posted it on Twitter while Stanley stood behind her to inspect her post.

What else will I bring her here for? Christine is really famous in the esports, live streaming and gaming community. Her Twitter post will definitely bring good publicity for me. Since the cybercafé will be opening in a few days, I can make use of her fame to boost my name.

While looking at the esports empire he created, he could not help but sigh inside.

When he was a young kid, he was in the same class with Sean and the two of them skipped school on a daily basis to play games in cybercafés. Every time the school sent someone to the cybercafé to apprehend students who skipped classes, for every eight out of ten times, it would be them who were caught.

The teacher had one day asked everyone to share their dream and his goal was to create the world's biggest gaming company. Not only did he intend to produce the world's best game, he even wanted to open the world's largest cybercafé!

Everyone in the class, including the teacher, had mocked his dream and he was even punished for it.

However, when it was Sean's turn, he said, "My dream is to work together with Stan and create the world's biggest gaming company so that we can produce the world's best games and open the world's largest cybercafé."

In the end, the whole class laughed at both of them.

Yet, it was not merely plain words. That was Stanley's dream for many years and he worked tirelessly to achieve it. Now, his dream was about to be realized.

Sadly, Sean refused to follow him here today. Half of this cybercafé belongs to him.

The cybercafé had been renovating for many months and they had already asked Daniel to choose a perfect day for the opening. Now, they were waiting for that auspicious day to arrive.

"Come, let me take you to enjoy the coolest and fastest prime gaming experience!" Stanley excitedly mentioned.

Christine quickly nodded. "Yes, please. Lead the way, Snow Fox!"

After that, he brought her to the best private room which only had two seats inside, but they were able to see every computer in the hall. Anyone who sat there would have the illusion that they were a king looking over the world.

In the private room, those two seats were intended for Stanley and Sean. I'll let Christine have a feel first and I'll adjust it if it isn't suitable.

"Come, let us try the world's best prime gaming experience!" He switched on the computer and started the game in just two seconds. The internet speed had reached an extreme point because the software and hardware that he used were among the best in the world.

"Alright, Mr. Snow Fox. Wait for me. Okay, let's go. Let's fight! Don't pull back on your punches. I'm actually good at this!"

Therefore, Stanley played games with Christine in the cybercafé for the whole night...

While they played their games, Sean was still at home and quietly switched on his computer. Initially, he wanted to open the game, but he gave up in the end. Stanley said that he went out to play games with Christine, but who knows whether they are actually playing games... They probably aren't playing any games, right?

He was afraid that if he opened the game, he would not see Stanley in it...

At the same time, in the Imperial, Sophia took a bath and changed her clothes after sending Carmen home. Yet, after much consideration, she did not feel comfortable in her heart, so she changed her clothes and was about to head out the door without informing Michael.

However, as soon as she walked out the door, she could see him driving the car out of the garage. He happened to open the car door the moment he saw her coming out.

"Hubby? Where are you going?"

It was snowing outside, so Sophia wore a mink skin coat on top of her evening dress and exited with a pair of snow boots with her high heels in her bag.

On the other hand, Michael had already changed into his formal attire. "Of course I'm heading to the Ronney Group's fashion party. Hurry up and come on in since the party is almost starting."

For a moment, she was startled, but she immediately understood what he meant and quickly went into the car.

The car drove through the early spring's chill as it headed toward the Ronney Group's fashion party.

He understood Cooper well, so he knew that the latter would not do anything to harm Jordan today. Besides, the engagement was beneficial for them to bring Jordan down.

However, Michael was also oblivious to what Jordan was planning. He has had countless women beside him for the past few years and has not settled down, so why would he suddenly agree to marry Anna? Can't he sense that something is wrong with her? Without the marriage, he is merely her superior. He is the master and Anna is just the servant. If he marries her, everything will change.

No matter what, Michael needed to have a look because even if he did not, Sophia would head there herself.

In the banquet room on the third floor of the State Hotel, Anna and Jordan's engagement ceremony was underway. There were many guests at the scene, including many elites from Bayside City and from all over the world.

As the heads of the Ronney Group and the Edwards Group respectively, the union of Jordan and Anna was a perfect match made in heaven. Although it was something unexpected, it was still reasonable.

At the ceremony, she wore an engagement dress as she held a glass of wine and followed him around the Vanity Fair. Among the elites who came from all over the globe, she looked like a fish in water, as if she was a little girl completely immersed in happiness. Nobody would be able to suspect anything unusual about her at all. But, who else can understand the sorrow buried in my heart?

Anna's four sons were also present at the scene. Two of them looked elegant, handsome and eye-catching while the other two held onto their canes as they limped into the scene.

The engagement ceremony had caught everyone by surprise—even the Edwards were only notified about the situation at the eleventh hour. Before today, it seemed that only Jordan was aware of the event.

As a result, his actions left them feeling dissatisfied. After all, this is a union between the heads of two families. How can this be done in a sloppy manner?

Moreover, they were surprised that Jordan was acquainted with the Ronney Group and that he had four sons outside the family.

Even though Sam and Nicole had shown up at the ceremony together, they still kept their marriage a secret for the time being. After delivering their child last year, she publicly claimed that she had accepted a role behind the scenes when she was in fact pregnant. She regained her former hourglass figure this year and prepared to return to her work; the fashion week was her first appearance after 'disappearing' for a few months.

That was the reason why they stayed far away from each other.

As he lifted his glass toward her direction, she also reciprocated with her actions.

In an outsider's eyes, they were merely two strangers who did not have anything to do with each other.

He was the 9th Old Master of the Edwards Family whereas she was only a scandalous nobody who successfully climbed up the social ladder.

However, she was satisfied with the current situation. Actually, this is also quite nice.

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Sophia and Michael attended the ceremony together. As soon as they entered, they looked around for Cooper and saw him drinking liquor while Linus accompanied him at a corner.

"Dad!" She quickly ran over to him.

However, Cooper did not seem to drink much liquor, so his eyes were still clear. When he saw her coming with Michael toward him, he answered in a flat tone, "Hello."

At the same time, Tiffany continued to persuade Cooper to drink more. "Here you go. I know you are upset, so you should have some liquor."

She shook her huge breast while her whole body was almost resting on his lap, but he pushed the red wine that she gave him away. "I can't drink any more of this. Why don't you drink it yourself?"

However, she pushed the wine over to him again. "It's fine. This wine has a low alcohol percentage. You can drink more of it."

Even though he still refused to drink it, he could not bring himself to say no to her. Maybe the only thing that can save me now is wine. The moment the wine reaches my stomach, the cold liquid seems to temporarily numb all the pain. This is fair enough...

On the other hand, Tiffany could not wait for Cooper to down a few more glasses of wine since she could only make her move when he was drunk. I've stayed by his side for 20 years, but I never had the chance to see what kind of a man he is. I must succeed this time!

She was really excited when Cooper's face started to redden after two glasses of wine, so she pressed her huge breast on his shoulder and murmured sweetly, "Fass, how do you feel?"

Despite her efforts, his words were still lucid. "Tiffany, your breast weighs a ton and it's pressing on my shoulder."

Instantly, she was rendered speechless. Looks like he hasn't been drinking enough.

Therefore, she wanted to give him more wine, but Sophia could not stand it anymore and immediately snatched the glass from his hand before being cold toward Tiffany. "That's enough. My dad can't drink anymore. Are you trying to embarrass him in front of everyone by making him drunk?"

Tiffany smiled. "Don't worry. If he's drunk, we can let him rest in a hotel room."

Her lust was written all over her face to the point where she almost screamed that she wanted to bed Cooper.

However, Sophia was well aware of Tiffany's intentions, so she would not allow the latter to get away with it! She needs Cooper's consent if she wants to bed him!

"Come, hubby. Lend me a hand since we need to send Dad home." Sophia did not want Cooper to stay any longer and suffer the pain of watching Anna with another man, so she asked Michael for help.

After that, Michael also came to support Cooper. My young-looking father-in-law is really torturing himself. If it was me in my younger years and the woman I love is forced to be

engaged to another man, I would have gathered thousands of soldiers from the Fletcher Family. Everyone involved in the marriage won't escape my grasp as I will include them on my list of executions. Of course, Irene doesn't count because she's not worth it. However, one has to compromise in this world. The older you become, the more you think about your actions. Cooper and I know that it's for the best if we don't interfere with the engagement ceremony. The painful part is when emotions and rationality cross with each other. Now, he can only watch everything happen in front of his eyes while being unable to stop it.

However, Cooper pushed them away. "Leave me alone. I'm not that weak." I'm not leaving. No matter how deep the pain is, I'm not leaving her alone.

Not far away, Anna was surrounded by everyone like a celebrity who was with her husband and sons beside her. She had a happy family, a satisfying career, and she was loved by everyone, but not many could feel the anger and helplessness in her heart.

Occasionally, her eyes would land at a certain corner when other people were not noticing. Everytime, she could find that man and gaze into his eyes. For a moment, she felt as though she had infinite strength and courage to face everything. I'm not alone because I still have him...

He was unwilling to leave because he wanted to stay for the engagement ceremony, so Sophia had no choice but to accompany him. She thought, Sigh... Why is God so merciless toward our family?

Sitting in between Cooper and Tiffany had allowed Sophia to prevent the other woman from giving him any more wine. With Linus and Sophia sitting on each side of Cooper, Tiffany knew that she had no chance to make her move tonight because Michael was still looking at her from the side. Even if Cooper became drunk, Tiffany would not be able to drag him away, so she left with little interest.

Afterward, Sam came over with some wine and touched Cooper's glass. "Coop, are you alright?"

Cooper already had some anti-hangover drugs, so he looked as awake as usual, but his face was still slightly red. "I'm fine. I'm just thinking of something."

Sam did not seem to completely understand what was happening and left with his wine after exchanging a few words with Cooper.

However, Sam was curious about Jordan's second wife, Anna. Even though the two of them had met before, it was merely a greeting and they never had the chance to speak.

She was surrounded by many elites today, so Sam did not have the opportunity to speak with her. Upon seeing that Jordan had left and there were not many people around her, he took the chance to greet her.

"Hello, Anna. I'm Sam. I'm the ninth child in the Edwards Family. You can just call me Sam." Sam went up and politely greeted her.

Upon hearing his voice, Anna turned and saw him.

The two of them glanced at each other and felt that the other person was oddly familiar. When Sam saw Anna, he felt that her eyebrows were extremely familiar to him, but her mannerism was much different from the person whom he had in mind. Also, their background was vastly different.

On the other hand, she also felt particularly familiar when she saw him. Somehow, she felt that his name was not Sam, but in the end, she managed to suppress her doubts and touched his glass. "Hello. I'm Anna."

After a few words, the two of them parted ways.

As Anna gazed at Sam's leaving back, she still felt that it should not be his name. His name should have been Andrea or something else... Why did this weird name come up in my mind?

The more he looked at her, he also felt that she seemed familiar...

When he turned to look at her again, she was already surrounded by a crowd. Maybe she is someone whom I once met, but I've already forgotten where and when.

The engagement ceremony was about to begin and Sophia was getting anxious as she quietly tightened her fists.

Suddenly, she rose to her full height and carried her bag before saying, "I need to head to the washroom."

Michael quickly replied, "I'll come with you."

The married couple left, but unexpectedly saw Sandra and Lucy together after a few steps. The two of them seemed to be discussing something.

Sandra should have ran out of her medicine long ago, so how is she still able to move around freely...

Phantom Wolf's fake drugs had stopped production a long time ago. When Phantom Wolf was disbanded, someone had tried to snatch the formula and its production line, but since everyone wanted it, an intense war broke out in the end and destroyed the entire production line. Even if someone had the formula, it would be difficult for them to produce it anywhere else.

Did Sandra land her hands on some fake drugs again?

At that moment, Lucy and Sandra were talking about something—one had a cold and indifferent face while the other had a distorted face, which reflected all of her evil intentions.

"If you don't carry out this task, I will tell everyone, including the Edwards, about your scandal! Now that you have four younger brothers, do you still think you can hold onto your position as the heir if everyone knows about your scandal?"

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Sandra forcefully lowered her voice to threaten Lucy.

She had actively volunteered to help Henry to spoil the engagement ceremony, so she could only threaten Lucy to assist her.

However, Lucy did not seem to be affected at all. "It doesn't matter whether they dare to be engaged or not. As long as their true identity is exposed, they will still be the heir to the Edwards Group even if they are b*stards. Besides..." She glared at the delusional Sandra. "If I come out and ruin the engagement ceremony, they will have another one the next time. Also, my father will punish me afterward. I'm not that stupid. Who cares if you'll expose me? No one believes you!"

“You—” Sandra was extremely short-tempered and whenever she was irritated, her face would flush aggressively. “Lucy Edwards, don’t forget who you are! If you dare to defy me, I’ll expose your scandals!”

Lucy completely ignored Sandra, but the people who were near them repeatedly glanced at their direction. Lately, Sandra had been involved in lots of drama—including the swimming pool incontinence incident and the exposure of her drug use. There was also news from the Mitchell Group that they were on the brink of collapse, so none of the elites in Bayside City dared to approach her.

I wonder how she managed to join the fashion party today.

Upon seeing Lucy’s disdain toward herself, Sandra was frustrated, but she could not afford to fail the mission!

Without Lucy’s help, she could only rely on herself. Luckily, I came prepared!

Then, Sandra grabbed her bag and went into the washroom. In the cubicle, she took out a lighter from her bag and a huge firecracker...

At the banquet, the atmosphere was buzzing. Since the time was up, Jordan and Anna held their hands as they were about to be engaged.

After the engagement, they quickly received their marriage certificate and the wedding was already being prepared. He officially revealed his position in the Yard Group and she as the matriarch of the Edwards Family.

Many strong women around the world would soon realize that they had the same type of husbands as Anna...

In the meantime, Sophia and Michael returned before sitting beside Cooper, who was currently discussing something with Bailey.

She repeatedly glanced at Bailey. Oh my, this brat is really something! If only Carmen can be as brilliant as him at that age. But, I think it’s better for her to focus on school and exams at the age of 14.

Just as she was about to say something to Linus, a huge explosion suddenly came from the washroom. The whole State Hotel shook while the glasses fell to the floor, causing the guests to panic and screams from female guests could be heard at the same time.

“What happened?” Sophia swiftly stood up.

The guests looked at each other while the smell of gunpowder overpowered the scent of wine.

Amidst the silence, someone screamed in horror, “There’s a bomb! Someone is trying to kill us all! Run!”

There’s a bomb! There’s actually a bomb! Tonight, all the top elites from around the world are gathered here. If the bomb is detonated, the whole Bayside City will plunge into chaos!

The sudden panic threw the entire banquet into chaos as the screaming guests fled the scene. As the commander-in-chief of the scene, Lucy was also shocked. Without her orders, the on-site emergency team had already made their move to escort all the guests out in an orderly fashion. There was also a bomb squad that entered the washroom and discovered that a cubicle was blown up.

The scene was now a mess as the guests frantically rushed toward the emergency exit. In the crowd, all the furniture had been flipped over and plates were smashed on the floor. Someone even fell to the floor before being trampled by countless feet.

Amidst the chaos, Sophia, who was sitting in the corner, was not involved in the crowd as Michael quickly protected her. “Let’s go. I know where the emergency elevator is.” No matter whether there is a bomb or not, it’s not safe to stay here!

“Dad, let’s go!”

Cooper glanced at Sophia and murmured, “Linus, take good care of your sister.”

Without saying anything, he rushed into the crowd and ran toward Anna. I can’t leave her!

“Dad—” Sophia yelled, but he was instantly engulfed by the crowd.

Michael quickly dragged her to the emergency elevator and left.

In the chaos, she saw the two brothers with their cane. It was difficult for them to move around as they squeezed in the crowd, so they were on the verge of falling down.

Upon seeing them, she instinctively moved her foot. "Go to hell!"

She kicked Henry down and he happened to fall on Ryan. As soon as the two brothers fell together, she took the chance to ruthlessly step on them before escaping. For convenience sake, she removed her high heels so that she could run faster while being barefoot. Soon after, she arrived at the front of the emergency elevator and prepared to leave.

Linus had also caught up to them, but sadly... Cooper was not beside him.

Inside the elevator, she felt relieved yet worried. Looks like this engagement party is ruined, but I'm worried about Cooper and Anna.

At the banquet, Anna was not prepared for the sudden incident at all. At first, she was surrounded by many people who wanted to talk while Jordan happened to leave all of a sudden. Not far away from her, Callum and Cade were talking with a few guests.

When someone screamed 'there's a bomb' at the banquet, the crowd went wild and Anna, who wore high heels, was squeezed to one side by the crowd. Her feet were not rooted to the floor, so she was terrified that she could fall at any time.

She instinctively called out to her sons, "Son!"

However, Callum and Cade were being squeezed to another side as they desperately moved toward her.

"Mom! MOMMMM!" They shouted loudly, but they were unable to get closer toward her. As they were pushed further away, they could only watch her disappear into the crowd. If she falls and gets trampled, the consequences will be devastating!

"Mom—" At the moment, Callum felt anxious and flustered, but he suddenly saw a figure rushing toward her.

That stalwart and profound figure in the chaotic crowd seemed to be filled with strength as he squeezed through the crowd and quickly disappeared in the sea of people—just like Anna...

“Son! Aaaaah—”

In the crowd, Anna called out for her son as her whole body fell backward. She had no control of her body and there was nothing for her to grab onto. Coupled with the turbulent crowd, she thought that she would be trampled into pieces if she fell backward, but surprisingly, she fell into a pair of warm arms.

It was a powerful hand supporting her.

As soon as she turned, she could see Cooper’s worried looks. At that moment, tears flowed from her eyes like rain. “Cooper...”

Without saying anything, he carried her and entered a room in the State Hotel, which had an emergency elevator inside, instead of following the crowd to the main exit.

She remained in his arms as he ran forward. She then wrapped her arms around his neck and heard his breath and heartbeat. Her heart seemed to start beating in a strange manner. It’s great to have you...

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Cooper did not say a word as he carried Anna into the corridor. After he placed her down for a while, he quickly pressed the elevator button.

“It’s fine. I’ll bring you out of here,” he eventually spoke.

As she sat on the floor, she finally felt a gruesome pain on her foot. When she flipped her dress over, she realized that someone had accidentally stepped on her earlier in the crowd. Now, her entire foot felt painful and numb.

Her face was distorted with pain as it was covered in a film of perspiration.

He examined her foot and murmured, "Don't worry, we'll get out of here soon."

As his face came closer, she could see a trace of blood on his forehead—it was already bleeding.

When he rushed over while carrying her earlier, he had collided with many people on the way, but he could not protect himself since both his arms were holding her. Therefore, he could only brace himself and run forward. He did not even know when he injured his head.

"You're bleeding!" Anna screamed with unspeakable distress. If it weren't for me, he wouldn't have...

However, Cooper's expression remained calm and indifferent because he was not even concerned about his wound. After the elevator arrived with a 'ding' behind him, the door opened and he hurriedly carried her inside. He pushed the button for the garage before the door quickly closed again.

The moment the door closed, she suddenly kissed his lips...

Her kiss carried her tears, which made it soft and salty. As soon as the two lips connected, he seemed to return to 30 years ago when they were still teenagers. During those youthful times, they were carefree and innocent. They foolishly thought that as long as they loved each other deeply, they would spend the rest of their lives together...

Time seemed to stop at that moment where they were the only ones left in the world. Their souls combined into one and they only wanted to stay in that world of theirs forever...

Ding! The door opened, revealing that they were now at the parking lot. Michael and Sophia were already in the car and prepared to leave before the huge crowd arrived. Unexpectedly, they saw Cooper and Anna in the elevator.

The two of them looked like a mess and his head was stained with blood. Her face also looked devastated because of the tears that smudged her makeup on her face.

Upon seeing the blood on Cooper's face, Sophia could suddenly feel tears swimming in her eyes. "Dad!"

She quickly ran over to him, but he still remained calm. He uttered calmly when Linus came over, "Linus, help your mom."

Therefore, Linus swiftly took Anna from Cooper. After the heavy burden was lifted from Cooper, his body softened and he almost collapsed on the floor, but luckily, Michael and Sophia were there to support him.

“Cooper!”

“Dad!”

She held onto him while tears flowed out of her eyes.

Michael immediately helped Cooper into the car. After everyone was seated in the car, Michael quickly drove the car away to leave the chaotic place before the crowd rushed down.

In the car, Cooper removed his shoes and realized that he had stepped on an inverted glass earlier and it pierced the sole of his leather shoe. After he took off his shoe, they could see that his sock was soaked in blood.

“Dad. Sobs...”

Sophia was so terrified that she started to cry. When he saw his little sweetheart crying, Cooper hurriedly hugged and comforted her. “It’s fine. It’s just a minor injury.”

Due to the pain, he did not dare to speak in a loud voice, so he could only whisper.

She did not expect something like that to happen. As she stared at his bloody foot, her tears continued to flow.

Even though he was comforting her, his eyes were still gazing at Anna.

He looked at her and smiled. She also smiled at him, but it was a teary smile...

Anna could not stop her tears from flowing. I can’t believe he continued to carry me after sustaining such a serious injury.

Cooper suddenly reached out to her, so she placed her hand on his. Instantly, she pounced at him and hugged him while avoiding his wounds. Then, she gave him another long kiss, causing everyone to be startled.

Soon after, they arrived at a hospital and the two victims were sent in to treat their wounds.

After escaping the building, Callum and Cade immediately called Sophia because they knew that Cooper was the one who saved Anna from the place. As soon as they received the location, they immediately went to the hospital and saw Anna, who was getting her wounds treated.

She had experienced shock, so her face was a little pale and she could not move her feet. Other than that, everything else was fine.

“Mom!” Callum and Cade were overjoyed as they approached her to talk to her.

“I’m fine, all thanks to Cooper.”

Although her face was pale and distorted, it was filled with gentleness when she gazed at Cooper.

He had two wounds on his head and leg, causing him to lose a significant amount of blood. At that moment, he was undergoing a blood transfusion, but his other hand reached out to hold Anna’s hand tightly.

Upon looking at Anna and Cooper’s hands tightly holding each other, Callum felt really relieved inside. This is the first time that she has forgotten her deepest fears to engage with this man after many years. It’s because he is Cooper, the man she has loved for many years... As they hold their hands together, their fate seems to be intertwining too. After this incident, they’ve probably seen through each other and found true love.

Even though Callum was happy for Anna, he still dampened her spirits. “Mom, we should be leaving. He’ll definitely come to find you later on.”

However, she refused to release Cooper’s hand. “You two can head off. Just pretend that you didn’t see me tonight. I’m... not going anywhere tonight.”

Callum was dumbfounded as he glanced at both her and Cooper. After a quick exchange of glances with Cade, they immediately left the hospital, as if their memories of the last 10 minutes were erased from their minds.

At the banquet of the engagement ceremony, Jordan, who was at the back of the venue discussing the details with the emcee, finally noticed that something had happened. He

anxiously returned to the scene and saw that everyone was fleeing, but Anna was nowhere to be seen.

“Annie!” he shouted. There was fear and panic everywhere as her lost heel was mixed with the shattered plates. “Annie! Where are you?”

He anxiously looked around for her, but he only found Henry and Ryan hugging each other on the floor with shoe marks on their faces as they grunted. Then, they were carried away.

“Mr. Edwards, please leave immediately!” Someone came to protect Jordan, but he was still anxious and wanted to look for Anna at the scene. In the end, he only found one of her heels.

At that moment, his whole body collapsed.

The bomb squad entered the washroom where the explosion happened, but they realized it was merely a firecracker. Although there was no bomb at all, they still evacuated the whole State Hotel for safety reasons to exclude the possibility of other bombs.

Sure enough, the engagement ceremony was completely ruined.

The escaped guests gathered on the square outside the State Hotel before being transferred in groups. The incident had also alarmed the fire brigade as they entered the scene to check for bombs while there was an ambulance nearby to treat the injured.

“Alice, wake up. Wake up! Don’t go to sleep, okay...”

Upon hearing someone calling her name, Alice regained consciousness and saw Daniel’s worried face.

She then touched her head and felt a bruise.

“What... happened to me?” She was confused.

When Daniel saw her regaining consciousness, he grinned. “You passed out.”

Alice finally remembered that she attended Jordan and Anna’s engagement ceremony. When she heard someone screaming about a bomb, she instinctively tried to leave, but she

did not expect to be engulfed by the crowd. In the end, someone pushed her, causing her to fall backward. She seemed to hit her head on something before passing out.

“Daniel!”

Suddenly, she grabbed hold of him.

It was Daniel who carried her out of the scene when she was unconscious.

He hugged her tightly and responded, “It’s fine. Alright—”

Just as he held Alice tightly in his arms, Sam’s voice was suddenly heard.

“Nicole! Nicole! Where are you?”