

My Dreamy Old Husband Chapter 1356 - 1360

Clive was dead, and the murderer had been caught, but the Bishops didn't get any compensation whatsoever. Indignant, they wanted to make a big deal out of things to humiliate Cooper, hinder his daughter from marrying, and make them pay for their losses. To their dismay, the citizens of Bayside City didn't buy their stunt. Not only did the Bishops create unnecessary trouble, but Mrs. Bishop had also gone insane, running around scratching people. Alas, she was arrested and now, they were the topic of most netizens' condemnations.

They viewed the wealthy people of Bayside City as having no sense of empathy. Although the Bishops' son was dead, no one sympathized with them.

The Bishops and the Evans were aggrieved, but Stanley remained silent as he sat there all night. It was evident that he cared a lot about Christine, so this incident was a fatal blow to him.

After the doctors spent all day and all night rescuing Christine, she was finally free of danger, but she was still in a coma and was probably in a vegetative state. Unwilling to give up, Maddie brought her to a better hospital and got her admitted to the most expensive ward, which cost more than ten thousand a day. Fortunately, the Fletchers were a prominent family with a number of big businesses, so this amount wasn't that big of a deal to them.

At some point, Sophia went home, but the scene of Christine jumping off the building kept replaying in her mind.

Champs-Elysee Hotel... She must've heard someone mention it before because she had never been to this hotel.

After pondering it for a while, she looked through her phone for any relevant information, and finally found a text message: 'If you want to save your father, dress seductively, then come to room 808 at Champs-Elysee Hotel. I'll be waiting.'

The message was from an unknown number, and it was sent during the two days that Cooper and Linus were taken away.

Sophia had ignored it, thinking that it was a spam message.

However, she now had an idea of who the sender was.

She quickly got on the web to search for relevant information. Over the course of one night, news about the star's death was everywhere, and even the police had released an official statement about this incident, including the location, the names of the celebrities who were with her, and videos of the scene.

As Sophia had suspected, the location of the incident where Christine had jumped was Presidential Suite No. 808 in Champs-Elysee Hotel!

Simultaneously, other related videos of the incident had been posted online. One of the videos was more than ten seconds long, and it showed Christine sitting at the window. Someone was beside her, trying to pull her down, but she broke free all of a sudden and jumped down.

The video was taken by a fellow star who was present, and several of them had testified that Christine had indeed gotten crazy drunk. She then ran to the balcony where she proceeded to open the window before jumping down.

Moreover, the surveillance footage given by the hotel served as proof that the group of celebrities was indeed staying in room 808. They started drinking after they arrived.

For some reason, Sophia was dubious.

Why was it so coincidental that the incident took place in room 808?

And, why didn't Christine's face show up in any of the surveillance footage and videos taken by eyewitnesses?

Before the incident took place, she had given Stanley a call, so why was that action not seen in those videos?

Sophia had heavy suspicions about this matter.

After a little digging, she found out that Champs-Elysee Hotel had been bought by the Yard Family. This bit of information combined with the message she had received just made the situation even more unusual.

She figured that this incident was connected to the Yard Family in some way.

Christine jumping off the building was definitely not as simple a case as it seemed!

If it truly has something to do with the Yards...

Sophia made up her mind and went to look for Stanley.

It was the third day after Christine's fall, but she still showed no signs of waking up. She stayed in the expensive ward and there was an oxygen cylinder by her side helping her breathe. Every day, Stanley would go to the hospital to visit her; he still seemed to be in shock.

Perhaps he truly loved Christine.

Sean accompanied him every day, and Maddie would drop by for daily visits, but no one from the Bishop family came to see her, not until yesterday. Upon learning that the ward cost more than ten thousand a day, they were afraid that Maddie would leave without settling the bill—in which case the Bishops would have to pay—so they had come over to discuss the possibilities of extubation with the doctor.

Fortunately, Maddie had hired a care worker to stay in the hospital and take care of Christine. The care worker managed to stop them and contact Maddie in time. Otherwise, the doctor would've extubated her already.

Today, none of the Bishops came. They had fled far away, as they were worried that they would have to bear the cost of the ward of ten thousand a day.

Meanwhile, Sophia had given Stanley all the information she had gathered. She was an outsider in this matter, so she couldn't take charge of the situation. Stanley, on the other hand, was Christine's boyfriend, so it was best for him to handle it.

If the Yard Family were indeed involved, it would be a great opportunity!

It would also be a chance to avenge Christine!

After going through all the information Sophia had given him, Stanley grew solemn.

The happenings of that day were certainly not like how the media, the hotel, and the eye-witnesses claimed it to be.

Just the fact that Christine had gone to a hotel to celebrate with the other celebrities was enough to raise suspicions.

Thinking back to the moment before Christine jumped off the building, a lump formed in Stanley's throat. He began, "I also think that the matter isn't as simple as it seems. The day before, we had agreed to play games together on the night two days after, and she said that she would be free. She said that she wasn't busy as there was no job to carry out, no announcements to make, and no dinner parties to attend."

Stanley choked on his sobs.

He was certain that something had occurred that day!

For all he knew, the call that he had hung up on was Christine asking him for help!

Sean patted Stanley's shoulder in an attempt to console him. "Stan—"

He knew that Stanley was having the hardest time coping with Christine's accident.

All of a sudden, Stanley stood up. With Sophia's information in hand, he proclaimed, "I'm going to get to the bottom of this! I will find out exactly what went down that night!"

Bustling with energy, Stanley assigned Sophia a task. "Sophia, I'll go look at the hotel's surveillance footage from that night and speak to the eye-witnesses. I'll need you to find out where they're keeping Christine's phone. It was a gift from me—the Dragon Eye phone that you gave me during New Year's. I gave it to her, but after the incident, I couldn't find it anywhere. Help me find it. I'm sure it'll provide us with a clue."

Sophia nodded steadily, and Stanley and Sean left in a haste.

Sean had once decided that he would leave silently after Stanley and Christine made it official that they were together, but now, he simply couldn't leave. The least he could do was stay by his side, give him support, and help him find Christine's attacker.

Unfortunately, the surveillance footage and eye-witnesses proved to be of no use. All of the evidence added up perfectly and were able to withstand close scrutiny.

Meanwhile, Sophia had rushed to Michel Group and was using the company's central operating system to find out the current location of Christine's phone.

Dragon Eye phones had a built-in navigation system; during emergencies, the phone's serial number could be used to determine the coordinates of the device.

In just a short time, Linus managed to unearth the coordinates of the phone, but it was powered on and still in motion. The phone number had been changed, and it was slowly moving around a strip mall on Third Avenue.

Upon learning this, Sophia left immediately. Linus was worried about her, so he followed as well.

The two siblings rushed to the mall on Third Avenue. After checking, Linus said, "The phone is still here. It's currently at the Dragon Eye chain store!"

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There were six outlets in Bayside City selling Dragon Eye phones. The outlet at Third Avenue was one of them, and business was booming when Linus and Sophia arrived on-site. They traced the coordinates and matched it to a girl looking at mobile phones under the enthusiastic guidance of a salesperson.

The latest Dragon Eye mobile phone was launched globally only a few days ago. It was also simultaneously launched in Cethos. As a result, the new product was being sold in the store, and that girl was looking at the new product.

Linus and Sophia stood outside the outlet and observed the girl through the window. When the girl turned around, that familiar face that looked like a monkey's butt came into view. It was Tawny Bishop! It wasn't strange for Christine's phone to be in Tawny's hands. After all, Christine could have replaced her old phone with a newer model and handed her old phone over to Tawny.

However, Sophia was keenly aware of the difference in Tawny's appearance. Tawny had the same monkey's butt makeup as usual—what with her extremely exaggerated blush and

eyeshadow—but the quality of her makeup products was obviously much better than before. Moreover, she was carrying seven or eight shopping bags in her hand. Looking at the logos printed on the shopping bags, they looked to be branded luxury products. Although they were not considered top-of-the-line luxury products, they amounted to several hundreds of millions worth of clothes, bags, and shoes.

Furthermore, the handbag she was carrying was the latest product by JNS Group. It was a genuine product with a market value of over 60,000. The ring she was wearing on her finger was also worth several tens of thousands. Just then, she seemed to have chosen the new mobile phone she wanted. Reaching into her bag, she took out two other phones to pay for her purchase. Among the two phones she took out, one probably belonged to Christine. The other phone was the latest Serpent mobile phone model, which was worth over 10,000.

The Bishop Family just lost their son recently. Despite causing a ruckus, they have yet to receive a single penny as compensation. Moreover, so many things occurred back in their hometown. Where did Tawny receive so much money for her to spend so lavishly? When Sophia saw that Tawny had picked out one of the latest Dragon Eye models and was preparing to pay for it, she hurriedly made a phone call.

Inside the shop, Tawny pretentiously took out a lipstick worth several thousand and touched up her makeup while scanning the QR code to pay for her new phone. All of a sudden, the cashier congenially said, “Miss, we are having a special event to trade in older Dragon Eye models. If you have an older Dragon Eye model with you, you can convert it into an instant cash rebate.”

Tawny glanced at the Dragon Eye phone in her hand. It was the model that was launched during New Year’s and was no longer in fashion. Therefore, she traded it in for a rebate of 1,800. After backing up the existing data, she took her new phone and left in satisfaction.

Soon, Linus obtained that phone and recovered the data in it through technical means. Using the history log within the phone, he logged into Christine’s Messenger account and found something fishy going on. On the day of the incident, one hour before the incident occurred, Tawny made a call to Christine. It lasted no longer than a minute. Afterward, Tawny sent a location to Christine via Messenger—it was the Champs-Elysee Hotel!

Tawny was the one who called Christine out to the hotel! Sophia felt her heart pounding violently in her chest. As I suspected, Tawny is involved in this!

However, there was no other clue aside from that. Recalling Tawny’s unusual spending power, she immediately made another phone call to investigate the purchase records of

Tawny's credit cards recently. Then, she discovered that Tawny had been spending a lot of money in Bayside City over the past two days. How did she get so much money suddenly? Moreover, she only started spending wildly after what happened to Christine. Something is definitely up!

Following that, she found somebody to check the credited transactions into the accounts under Tawny's name recently. As expected, she found an unidentified transfer of 200,000 from an account of unknown origins. A check on the account number revealed that it was an overseas account. The transfer was done very secretly, flowing through dozens of accounts before ending up in Tawny's account. Now that I've found the root, I'll have to try my best to dig deeper.

When Linus saw Sophia putting in so much effort, he decided to personally help in her investigation. In less than half a day, he discovered the original source of that money—it came from the assistant of Bethany Nicole, a rising celebrity! Sophia felt a headache coming on upon learning that Bethany was behind this.

Could it be Bethany's attempt to suppress her juniors? Did she ask Tawny to lure Christine there to push her off the building? Did she also invite that group of lesser-known celebrities over to shoot a fake video in an attempt to conceal the truth? There are many rumors about Bethany suppressing her juniors. It is entirely plausible. Besides, the Champs-Elysee Hotel originally belonged to the Yard Family. If she is working under Henry and Ryan, then she will have a greater chance of success if she carried it out within the premises of the Champs-Elysee Hotel. It all makes sense. But, I can't help but think that this is not as simple as it seems!

Meanwhile, Stanley also found out about Bethany from his investigation. She was also present at the hotel that night, but the media kept quiet about it.

Several of them met up to share the results of their investigations.

"I don't believe this matter is as simple as Bethany making her move!" Stanley declared decisively. Even he could tell that something fishy was going on.

According to the information Sophia obtained, Bethany, Henry, and Ryan continued to maintain a threesome relationship. Perhaps, Henry and Ryan had participated in this incident too.

Now that Bethany received support from Henry and Ryan, she became the major shareholder and one of the executives of her agency. In other words, she practically turned the entire company into Henry and Ryan's harem. All the various female idols, young models, and popular actresses in the company were now their playthings!

Even so, those were simply the rumors flying around Bayside City. Even the people within the company were not aware of it. Still, that information was something Sophia obtained from various sources a long time ago. The truth was that Christine had wanted to leave the company for a long time now but couldn't due to her contract with the company.

"If this incident is related to those two brothers—" Stanley clenched his fists. His eyes were red as he said through gritted teeth, "I will never let them off!"

Sophia's expression was dark. If it's true that those two brothers are behind this incident, I'm going to uproot their entire family!

Sean went out to bring back some food. Placing the food in front of Stanley, he said, "Stan, you haven't eaten anything all day. Why don't you continue your discussion after you've eaten something?"

Stanley kept quiet. He had been running about all day long, investigating what happened to Christine. Now that he found the culprit behind the incident, he needed to eat so that he had the energy to get revenge on Christine's behalf. Linus decided to eat some too. So, all four of them ate while continuing their discussion.

Linus was quite concerned about this matter too. He never forgot about what Jordan did to Sophia. Breaking his leg was too light a punishment for him! He used Clive as an excuse to cause trouble for Cooper previously. Now, I'm going to see just how he plans to explain away his two sons' affairs!

"They have done a good job covering their tracks. It's very hard to catch them without any evidence. If news of this leaks out to them, they will surely throw Bethany under the bus instead," Sean expressed his concerns. "We lack concrete evidence. Besides, we cannot be certain that this was done by Henry and Ryan."

Stanley did not say anything, but his expression was solemn. If Henry and Ryan were truly behind this incident, things will become more complicated. With just us, we will probably be unable to do anything. Still, I will never give up!

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“Oh!” Sophia suddenly remembered something. “You should have received an invitation to the wedding of the Willemzen Family’s young master, right? I heard that Henry and Ryan will be attending too.”

The Willemzen Family was another prominent family in Bayside City. Almost half of the dignitaries within their circles would be attending the wedding of the Willemzen Family’s young master. Therefore, Stanley, Sean, and Linus also received invitations to the wedding. Even though Henry and Ryan changed their surnames recently, the Edwards Group refused to accept them. Hence, they remained with the Ronney Group and frequently attended events hosted by the celebrity circles in Bayside City—the wedding held by the Willemzen Family was no exception.

Sophia glanced at the people before her and sneered suddenly. “If we want to find out whether they are behind this incident, we can just ask them about it directly.”

Soon, it was the day of the Willemzen Family’s young master’s wedding. The young master of the Willemzen Family was one of Sophia’s university classmates. He was one of the few boys in her class, and on the day of his wedding, many of her classmates attended as did many celebrities and famous figures.

Sophia was wearing a new product from one of the brands under the JNS Group today. It was a new style of woman’s dress that had yet to be launched. It was also the first product debut she made after what happened to Cooper. It attracted a lot of attention, and she advertised her clothing line while she was at it.

Linus arrived with her, but they moved about separately after they entered the venue. Sophia was surrounded by a large crowd of people. On the other hand, Stanley and Sean were standing on the other side. All of them were waiting for the twins to appear.

Sean was wearing an alluring female outfit today. Working in the fashion industry, Sophia had met many agender people. She also came across many cross-dressers. However, she honestly felt that most men did not look good in female clothing.

Men and women were physically different. Most men had a more muscular frame compared to women. Therefore, it was easy to tell that they were transvestites when they put on

female clothing. In the entertainment industry nowadays, there were many photos of male celebrities cross-dressing in female clothing. Those photos were very disturbing; one could immediately tell that it was a man in women's clothes. They didn't even look like women, let alone look pretty. Even so, their fans continued to blindly praise them for it.

Among all the cross-dressing men Sophia had ever met, only two looked good. One was Michael and the other was Sean. When Michael dressed as a woman, his slightly feminine frame and good looks were part of the reason why he looked good. However, the most important points were the ever-important gaze and the charming posture that were unique to women. Those were not something most men could copy. On the other hand, Sean seemed like a natural in women's clothing and a wig—there were no flaws in the way he acted. His gaze was enchanting, his eyes were gentle, and his frame was not too muscular. He was quite beautiful in women's clothing.

Henry and Ryan had yet to appear. Thus, Sophia slipped through the crowd of men trying to flirt with Sean and struck up a conversation with him. "Why have you been cross-dressing recently?"

Sean seemed to be appearing in women's clothing more frequently recently. Especially this year, as he attended almost all the events on various occasions in women's clothing—some of their newer business partners actually thought that he was a woman. Sipping his red wine, he slyly said, "I also learned how to fake my voice!"

His fake voice was low with a hint of sexy hoarseness to it. He had been learning how to fake his voice and cross-dress ever since he was young. However, he shaved his head and switched back to men's clothing due to the pressure his family exerted on him. Later, he gradually broke away from his family and built up his strength. Cooper was very open-minded and would never interfere with his private life or the way he dressed. Thus, he began cross-dressing again. For him, he was probably his truest self when he was cross-dressing.

The wedding banquet had yet to start. Sitting next to Sean, Sophia chatted with him in a low voice. She glanced at Stanley, who was standing not too far away. "Stan is catching feelings for Christine. It's time for you to let go. You shouldn't waste your life away because of that stupid dog."

I can't stand watching the two of them. Stanley is not a good partner for Sean. Sean will surely meet a much better person in the future. Patting him on the shoulder, she said, "You should leave him as soon as possible."

Sean smiled with some difficulty and nonchalantly declared, "Of course. I'll be taking custody of the children and the pets!"

He smiled like a courageous woman about to face a divorce lawsuit. However, she knew that he was feeling very sad inside.

Later, the twins finally arrived. When Sophia came back from the restroom, she noticed that the twins had arrived at some point. Moreover, they were flirting with a sexy blonde. And, that sexy blonde was none other than Sean. It was obvious that they did not recognize Sean in women's clothing. It wasn't surprising; Sean was his real self when he was cross-dressing—his charismatic charm was at its strongest.

Sophia was just about to go over when Linus stopped her. "It was Sean's initiative to talk to the twins."

Due to the supermodel-like temperament and height that Sean had, Henry and Ryan were looking at him with gleaming eyes as they surrounded him. Still, Sean had them wrapped around his finger. He charmed them so well that they failed to notice that he was not a woman.

Stanley finally clawed his way out of the large crowd surrounding him. Then, he saw the sight of Sean flirting with the twins and nearly exploded from anger. How dare Sean try to seduce those pieces of trash?! Disregarding whatever strategy they had, he rushed over in large strides and pushed Henry away from Sean. Henry was practically drooling over Sean at that point. "You f*cking stay away from my woman!"

Henry staggered after being shoved aside, feeling angry. Turning around, he saw that it was Stanley, and his temper flared even higher. He insultingly said, "I was wondering why it stank. It's because the Fletcher Family is here."

Stanley looked livid. "Yes, it's me! If you know what's good for you, f*ck off! Don't let me see you again!"

Sean had been trying to get the twins to talk. He did not expect Stanley to come over and kick up a fuss. Hence, he hurriedly tried to stop Stanley. "Stan, calm down!"

However, Stanley could no longer remain calm at this point. He simply wanted to punch these beasts in the face. It took a lot of effort for Linus and Sean to stop him from attacking the twins.

At that moment, Henry and Ryan became smug. They arrogantly pointed at themselves while saying, "Go on; hit us! Go ahead and try!"

Stanley raised his fists but did not attack them. He was being held back by Sean. Sean might have looked pretty, but he was very strong. Shaking his head at Stanley, he pleaded, "Don't do it, Stan."

In response, Stanley clenched his fists tightly. Trembling slightly, he finally unclenched his fists. Both Henry and Ryan knew that Stanley did not dare to hit them right now. If he made a move, they would send him to jail immediately!

On the other hand, Sophia suddenly came up with an idea. She stepped forward and said to Stanley in a persuading tone, "Stan, don't be so impulsive. You need to think of Christine, who is still lying unconscious in the hospital. You are her boyfriend; you know she needs you—"

Christine? When Henry and Ryan heard that name, they exchanged a glance. Confirming that they did not hear wrongly, their eyes gleamed with delight. Henry seemed to have discovered something that made him extremely happy. He asked, "Did you say that Christine Bishop is your woman?"

Stanley glared at them with a grim expression. Sophia was talking to Stanley with her back to them. However, her eyes were gleaming brightly. Meanwhile, Linus and Sean also pricked up their ears.

Sure enough, the twins triumphantly bragged, "So, that wench is your woman? She's quite pretty. It's a pity she refused to cooperate with us. She would've rather jumped from the eighth floor than obey us. What a pity—"

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It truly was them, after all! Sophia knew that the twins were incredibly arrogant. They would not conceal their wrongdoings. Instead, they would be proud of what they did!

After confirming that the twins were behind the incident, Stanley's fist, which relaxed slightly just now, clenched tightly again. He looked like he could attack them at any time. His eyes were bloodshot and filled with hostility.

He more or less understood what had happened the other day. After receiving money from Bethany, Tawny must have tricked Christine into the hotel room. Then, Christine tried to call him for help when she realized that something was wrong. However, he hung up on her. With no other means of escape, she desperately opened the window and jumped out...

Stanley did not lash out with his fists. Instead, he turned around and left. Every step he took felt as heavy as a mountain of lead. Just how desperate must she have been that day?!

Henry was still laughing behind him. "The next time you get another girlfriend, let us know. We will inspect the goods on your behalf."

"Hahahaha—" The twins laughed without inhibition, impudently mocking Stanley to his face.

Stanley did not know how he managed to leave the wedding banquet. It felt as if every step he took was a stab to his heart and he felt incredibly helpless for the first time in his life. The people who harmed Christine were standing right in front of me, yet I don't have the means to bring them to justice... By the time he returned to his senses, he was standing outside.

If only I had answered that phone call... He knew that nothing would change even if he had answered that phone call. At the end of the day, they would still try to harm her, and she would still jump off the eighth floor out of despair. Nonetheless, he was racked with guilt.

Sophia was on the phone while Linus and Sean were talking in a low voice. They seemed to be discussing their countermeasures. Now that they knew the Yard twins were behind the incident, they would never let the twins get away with it. First of all, they needed to start collecting evidence.

Jordan and Cooper had faced off against each other recently. Although Jordan lost the battle, it also revealed the extent of his influence in Bayside City. It would not be easy to bring the twins down. After all, they were the sons of Jordan and Anna. Even concrete evidence might not be enough to take the twins down. Besides, Cooper and Jordan were at a truce while they recuperated after their fight. Neither of them was prepared for a war at the moment, and neither of them would fight a war without preparations.

It would be great if the Fletcher Family made a move. However, Christine did not have any substantial relationship with the Fletcher Family. There was no justifiable reason for the Fletcher Family to take action... While they were discussing their options, Sophia hung up the phone suddenly and anxiously said, "This is bad! The Bishop Family brought the police and the reporters to the hospital! They are planning to snatch Christine away!"

Upon hearing those words, everybody drove to the hospital in a rush.

Inside the hospital lobby, Mr. Bishop brought the police and the reporters along as he surrounded the hospital ward. He was about to push through the security guards and the nurses, enter the hospital ward, and bring Christine away. "Why can't I take her away?! That's my daughter! I'm going to take her away! I'm her father!"

The Fletcher Family had assigned some people to guard Christine too. At the moment, both the hospital's security guards and the Fletchers' men were put in a difficult spot. After all, Christine was not part of the Fletcher Family. She was simply Maddie's cousin. If the Bishop Family insisted on taking Christine away, they were well within their rights to do so.

The police and the reporters were here too. Thus, Mr. Bishop shouted in front of all the reporters, "My daughter is about to die! How can they kidnap my daughter and refuse to let me meet her for the last time?! My daughter is already in critical condition! Please, stop making things difficult! Let me take her away! You kidnapped my daughter! Return my daughter to me! Let me go inside!"

When Stanley, Sophia, and the rest rushed over, they saw a luxury car parked on the road opposite the hospital. It was an incredibly ostentatious car with the Edward Family's logo on it. Thus, Sophia could recognize that it was Henry and Ryan's car. Why is their car here?

By the time they rushed into the hospital lobby, the whole place was a chaotic mess. The reporters, the police, and the hospital patients were crowding about in the lobby. Moreover, Mr. Bishop had managed to successfully get his hands on Christine.

Christine had been living in the intensive care unit for the past nine days. Maddie had not only spent all her hard-earned personal savings on Christine, but she also used the Fletcher Family's money for the first time. She placed Christine in the best hospital in Bayside City, hired the most expensive doctor, brought in the best equipment, and utilized the latest technology. As a result, Christine's condition became better—so much so that she could wake up at any moment now.

As the Fletcher Family had invited the world's best doctor to treat her, she had a high chance of returning to a normal life after she regained consciousness. However, the medical costs were astronomical. Fortunately, tens of millions were just numbers to the Fletcher Family.

If she were to be taken away by the Bishop Family, the Bishop Family would not have the resources to continue with her treatment. Besides, they would probably refuse to continue providing treatment for her and she would most likely die! Even if she survived, she would be disabled forever!

Maddie arrived in the nick of time. She grabbed onto Christine's hospital bed with a death grip as soon as she arrived, refusing to allow Mr. Bishop to take Christine away. "Uncle Charles, you can't take Christine away! Bayside City has the best doctors and the best facilities! If you take her away, the rest of her life will be ruined!"

Mr. Bishop became furious upon hearing those words. He looked at Maddie as if he was looking at his worst enemy. Then, he shoved her aside unreasonably. "Get lost! If it wasn't for you, Christine would not be in this condition!" He pointed at her and screamed, "It's all your fault! You jinx! You were the one who tricked her into coming to Bayside City! It's all your fault! I will not let you harm Christine ever again!"

At the same time, the Bishop Family also started criticizing her as if she was the one that pushed Christine off the building.

She burst into tears on the spot. Even so, she continued clinging to the bed Christine was lying on despite her tears. Weeping, she shouted through her tears, "She will die if you take her away! I brought her to Bayside City; I will take full responsibility for her now that she is in this condition! I'm going to save her!"

He slapped her away, cursing at her in a rage. "Bah! You worthless scum!"

Both sides were in a stalemate. Maddie clung tightly to the bed, refusing to let them take Christine away. Thus, Mr. Bishop yelled, "Police! Why are you just standing there?! This person is trying to kidnap my daughter!"

At this point, everybody felt that Maddie ought to let go. After all, Christine was just her cousin. As a cousin, what right did she have to interfere in the Bishop Family's matters?

Maddie had rushed to the hospital alone. When the Bishops saw that she was alone, they tried to hit her. Two young adults stepped forward and grabbed her, forcefully prying her hands off the bed.

“Let go of her!” A roar rang out from among the crowd. Stanley suddenly pushed his way through the crowd and rushed over. Then, he grabbed the two people holding onto Maddie and pulled them away, one person in each hand.

“Aunt Maddie, are you alright?!” Stanley helped Maddie up from the ground. Now that Maddie had somebody on her side, she immediately grabbed Christine’s hospital bed as soon as she got up. At the same time, she yelled at Stanley, “Stan, don’t let them take Christine away! If they take her back, only death will await her!”

Stanley glanced at Christine, who remained unconscious on the hospital bed. The Bishop Family had dragged her out of the hospital ward, causing her to bounce around on the hospital bed. As a result, she looked very restless and her eyebrows were slightly furrowed together.

If she had obeyed the Yard twins back then, she would be swimming in success by now. She would have received all sorts of benefits and resources... She wouldn’t have needed to suffer so much. But, she rejected them. She would rather give up her life than bow down to their unspoken rules! I will not let her die!

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Stanley hurriedly walked over to Mr. Bishop and loudly said, “I will not allow you to take Christine away!”

When Mr. Bishop saw that the newly-arrived person was just a young man, he completely disregarded Stanley and even went so far as to unapologetically lash out at Stanley, “Who are you?! What right do you have to interfere with the Bishop Family’s matters?! Christine is my daughter! I am free to take her wherever I want! It’s none of your business!”

Stanley was about to say something when Mr. Bishop roared in his face and covered his face in spit. “Get lost! This is the Bishop Family’s matters! You are not allowed to interfere!”

Then, the Bishops tried to shove him aside. However, he refused to budge. Even if he were accused of kidnapping, he refused to move aside. Christine seemed to be extremely uncomfortable on the bed and occasionally groaned in pain. She had recovered very well—so much so that she could regain consciousness at any time. Moreover, the experts even said that she had a high chance of making a full recovery. She was still alive, but she would die if the Bishop Family took her away!

Meanwhile, Sophia rushed inside to protect Christine too. At this point, the Bishop Family was going crazy. They were determined to take Christine away even though Maddie promised to pay for everything.

This doesn't make any sense! When Clive died, the Bishop Family changed their tune quickly and went around seeking justice for their son! So, why are they not causing trouble for the hotel and the parties involved now that Christine is in this condition? Why are they trying to take Christine away despite the condition she's in?

Oh, right! It's about compensation! When Clive died back then, the Bishop Family did not receive a single penny in reparation! That's why they remained in Bayside City, petitioning for money. But, they seem pretty content this time around. The only possibility is that they have received their compensation! Then, Sophia recalled the luxury car she saw parked outside the hospital... The twins must have heard about it and made their move first! After receiving compensation, the Bishop Family lost all their grievances and left in content. They don't even care whether Christine survives or not! We cannot allow them to take her away!

Both parties were stuck in a stalemate. In the meantime, Linus and Sean also came over to help protect Christine. After a while, the people waiting in the luxury car parked outside started to become impatient and came over to check on the situation themselves.

"What's going on? Didn't I tell you to take her away as soon as possible? Are you thinking of asking for more money now?" Henry said unhappily as he took off his sunglasses. He was still wearing the clothes he wore to the wedding banquet.

The Bishop Family spoke very rudely to Maddie, but they looked like they were meeting somebody great when they saw Henry. They nodded and bowed to him while saying, "Please don't worry, Mr. Edwards. We will not cause more trouble for you."

Henry and Ryan were now part of the Edwards Family. Therefore, they brought people from the Edwards Family with them. When they saw Stanley and the others, who were blocking the way, they deliberately asked, "Who are all these people?!"

Mr. Bishop glared at Stanley and Maddie fiercely before showing a flattering smile to Henry. "Just a bunch of outsiders."

These people were no better than beasts! As the owner of the Champs-Elysee Hotel, these two 'Mr. Edwards' had already given the Bishop Family a compensation of 10 million. Aside from that, they also provided the Bishop Family with a villa in Provincial City and a car, which added up to 15 million in total. 15 million! That amount of money was enough to make the Bishop Family bow down to them. However, they had one condition: the Bishop Family had to get rid of Christine and not cause a ruckus over this incident.

With 15 million on the table, the Bishop Family obediently did as they were told. Although they knew that their actions would result in Christine's death, the temptation of the 15 million was too great. Besides, Christine was completely broken. Even if it was extremely distressing, she was about to die. She would die no matter what they did. In that case, they might as well take the money and leave.

Pointing at Stanley and the rest, who were blocking the way, Henry issued an order to his men. "Chase these people away."

He was smiling as he did so. He loved watching how Stanley looked—it was an expression where Stanley wished to strangle them to death yet was unable to do anything.

Stanley glared at the people from the Edwards Family and furiously roared, "Try me!"

However, the people from the Edwards Family were not afraid of him and continued to approach him. In the end, he took them on, fighting two guys at once. In the meantime, the Bishop Family tried several times to snatch Christine away. 10 million, plus a villa and a luxury car, was on the line!

The lobby was a chaotic mess, and the police were at a loss for what to do. Even if they wanted to help, it was a family affair. Christine's survival rate was extremely low; it was not unreasonable for her family to give up on the treatment due to a lack of funds.

Soon, the forces of the Mitchell and Fletcher families arrived. They rushed in like a tidal wave and chased away the Edwards Family and the Bishop Family. The Bishop Family glared at the Fletcher Family that stood in their way, feeling livid. They are here to snatch our 10 million away! It's 10 million! That's enough for us to do a lot of things, legal or illegal! Fortunately, the Bishop Family had another hidden weapon.

“Help! Help! My daughter is being kidnapped!” Mr. Bishop yelled at the top of his voice while pointing at Stanley and the rest.

The reporters were frantically taking photos. Henry was highly expectant, hoping that news about the Fletcher Family illegally imprisoning an individual would make the headlines tomorrow.

Stanley and Maddie knew that they were being unreasonable, but they couldn't bring themselves to let go. They were stuck at an impasse. All of a sudden, Stanley seemed to hear a weak voice coming from behind him.

“Maddie... Stan, save me—” Christine was awake! Despite being in a coma, she knew what was happening around her—she could hear and sense touch but could not open her eyes. She knew that if her family took her away, she would not survive the ordeal. Even so, her survival instincts gave her enough strength at this critical juncture to force open her eyes and beg for help.

Maddie held Christine's cold hands in hers and resolutely assured her, “Don't worry. I will never abandon you!”

Christine's voice was very soft, and the breath in her chest felt as if it could dissipate at any time. Still, she gritted her teeth and held on. I don't want to die! No matter how much money it'll cost, I want to live! I will work hard to pay off my debts!

Unfortunately, the Bishop Family seemed to have decided that she would not survive. They simply wanted the 10 million and the luxurious house. Christine looked at the people protecting her and felt tears spilling from her eyes... Despite knowing that Christine had regained consciousness, they refused to let her go. Compared to the 15 million they would receive in compensation, their disabled daughter was nothing. Thus, they tried to grab Christine again with the help of the Edwards Family.

Meanwhile, the Yard twins were watching the entire farce in amusement.

All of a sudden, Sophia seemed to think of something and yelled, “Stop! You are not allowed to take Christine away! She is married to Stan! She is already part of the Fletcher Family!”

When Maddie heard those words, she immediately caught on to Sophia's intention. If Christine is married into the Fletcher Family, we have a reason to protect her! Thus, she wiped her tears away, brought out her most imposing aura as the matriarch of the Fletcher

Family, and sternly said, "Christine is part of the Fletcher Family now. The Bishop Family is not allowed to take her away!"

On the other hand, Stanley seemed stunned. Sophia hurriedly nudged at him in response, and he finally understood what was going on. He turned to the Bishop Family and said, "Christine is my wife. Who dares to snatch her away from me?!"

The truth was that Stanley and Christine were just normal friends that often played games together. They were not even lovers. That was something he understood very clearly. But, she is my friend! I'm going to protect her! If only I answered that phone call! At the very least, I could have deterred the Yard twins from harming her!

Upon hearing that Stanley and Christine were married, the Bishops were the first to deny it. "Bullsh*t! I'm her father! Why don't I know about this?! I don't agree with this! It doesn't count even if you're married!"

Stanley smiled coldly. "It doesn't matter if you disagree with it; all that matters is the law agrees with me!"