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Kenneth felt a surge of some as his fingers brushed against Dorothy's icy lifeless skin

Are you all alone?

He wanted to ask where her boyfriend was. He wasn't here with her?

However, Kenneth dwelled on the latter part, but the look on Dorothy's face confirmed his suspicions

Although he didn't know the details, he was certain he wouldn't abandon her in such a trying time, even if she tried to push him away

"My mom. She was murdered instead of answering Kenneth's question, Dorothy simply muttered, "Someone killed her. I'm sure of it"

"Do you know who it was? Kenneth quickly asked. "Tell me, and I help you find out. If someone really did kill your mother, I would let them get with it"

Dorothy slowly turned her gaze to meet his eyes

Suddenly, her shoulders dropped

"What if it was someone from the Lopez family? Can we ever find out?"

She was scared of what they might discover if they did. What if it was Everett's parents who orchestrated it all?

Even if they could prove it would they stand a chance against the mighty Lopez family? Her mother's words echoed in her mind, hitting her with a harsh reality that they were outmatched in every possible way

The Lopez family could crush them like a bug

without breaking a sweat. How could they possibly fight back?

Was she relying on Everett?

How naive she had been! It was his parents they were up against, not some random adversaries. And now she was stuck between him and his family.

What about the baby she was carrying?

The weight of it all was too much for her to bear. She felt as if her mind was clogged. It was too hard for her to process the enormity of their situation

"The Lopez family? The Lopez Corporation?" Kenneth's eyes widened in shock. "But you and Everett!"

They don't prove us

"go talk to them "ght now? Don't worry Dorothy, I've got your bac
Kenneth turned to leave, but Dorothy weakly grabbed the hem of his shin.
He looked back at her and noticed that her face was pale and drained of color
as she slowly shook her head

'Don't go

Im just guessing I have no proof!

Kenneth frowned What about Earie? He should be here, explaining things to
you! Even if the Laper family isnt behind this, he
should be by your a dde!"

Dorothy lowered her gure 1 can't reach him mat

Kenneth fell silent with shock

"You should go too. Don't worry about me fm just string to accept everything
right now. But I know I have to be strong. There's so
much waiting for me

She had no family left in this world. There was no one to help her deal with the
abermath of her mothers death She couldn't even

fathom what to do with the hospital procedures and everything else

Doty knew how hard this was going to be.

She was even rational enough to mal drag Kenneth into this mess with her.

"How can I leave you alone in the hospital at a time like this? Kenneth was
even more heanbroken to see Dorulty trying to put on
above face.

He wished that she would let it all out, cry scream, and even lash out in anger.

Just anything but this painful stence and eene ramena.

You don't owe me anything Bouully refused his accompany

Twas afhend I can't leave you alone?" Kenneth took a deep breath. "Let me
stay with you und you get in touch with Everett,
okay?"

Doroty remained plent

Kenneth fronted 'Dorothy I'm begging you! Let me stay with you, okay?

Ive everything, everything.

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As Dorothy frished offering there sadworth, she started to fall backward Insing
consciousness.

Thankfully, Kenneth had been watching out for her. He outstretched his hand
at her bark just in time to keep her from falling

Without wanting a moment, he scoped her up in his arms and sprimed toward
the muse's station. 'Dactail Worries the doctor

Someone's father

Everett couldn't find his phone which immediately gave him an uneasy feeling. He was about to enter the room when he saw his father standing at the door, accompanied by Amendi's 'ma's physician, who had taken care of her when she was abroad. "Where are you off to? Your mother is hanging by a thread, and you want to leave?"

Need to find my phone. Everett replied while frowning slightly.

"Your phone and whatever it waits until your mother is stable? Jonathan stood firm and hiked the doorway with his imposing figure.

The doctor standing beside him chimed in. "Indeed, Mr. Lopez, your mother's condition is critical. She could wake up at any moment, but she might not wake up at all for you."

Need to make a call then I'll be back! Everett worried about work, Kevin could understand that. He was worried that Dorothy might be upset if she couldn't reach.

"Do you have any idea who your mother despises the most in this world?"

Don't think Lilian knows who you're planning to call won't allow it!

"I want asking for your permission." With that Everett tried to push past the pat. His tall frame could easily break through, but at that enticement, Jonathan spoke up. "Send her a message using my phone."

Don't make the cat. Your mother wouldn't want to hear that woman's voice.

Just

With that he hunted his phone over to Everett.

Everett didn't immediately take it; instead, he glanced at his father. "Where's my phone? Did you take it?"

"Who knows where your phone is? I just arrived. Don't you just want to talk to that woman? Under a message from my phone. If

she has any issues, she can call this.

When he saw that his father still hadn't moved, Jonathan added. "Are you really going to fall out with your parents over this?"

Everett looked at the phone being offered. Finally he took it and nodded as he sent a message to Dorothy.

It's Everett. Host my phone. If you need anything call me at this number.

Fearing his father might intercept the message, Everett exclaimed. "I was successfully sent before returning the phone."

"If she replies, let me know."

Jonathan snarled clearly. "I really don't understand what you see in that girl. How does she compare to Heather?"

"Durully is my wife. Please show some respect" Everett replied calmly For Dorothy's sake, he was now standing against his parents, regardless of the consequence His initial plan was to gradually help his parents accept Dorstity, but that seemed unlikely now So, he had to make his stance clear to prevent anyone from thinking they could nepotione. Jonathan was about to angrily retort when the doctor gave him a meaningful look. Therman goal for the day was to keep Everett there, if they kept arguing, they might just drive him away. And that would really be disastrous

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He caught the hint right away and quickly shied the topic Tverett, as long as you don't push things too far, there's always room for compromise. But if you persistently daregand everything for that woman, who's going to hair a good impression of her? Trushed over here without even getting a chance to tell her I just want to let her kagia in case the reeds me." "What could she possibly need? The one lying in the hospital bed is your mother if the dent card you fotposition at this moment, does she really have Everett didnt want to argue with his father at this moment. He just cast has eyes on the phone in his hand It seemed like she didn't need anything Dorothy felt like she had been thrown into a deepipit. She felt like she had been comumed by doriness, unable to see She wanted to scream but couldnt make a sound She wanted to run but could move Suddenly, she heard someone calling from behind her er stolthed that it was her mother's ce "Dorofty, Mommy mont be able to protect you anymore. Mammy is leasing "Dorothy, remember Mommy loves you very much" Dorothy desperately wanted to rush towards the source of the sound, but she abruptly opened her eyes. Then the somewhat dazzling white ceding at the hospital came into view The darkness was gone, and so was the wice of her mothe By her side, Keith quickly came out to hold her west, sounding liean ke an elated husband rejoicing them of his te Dorothy you'll wake Dorally slowly shihed her game to his hand

ut he was too woted and had overstepped his bounds. He quickly let go of her
rand as he began laughing awkwardly. "Um,
Karen was called away by the
Where left Drony suddenly saw a man in a bright white coat whiting in
She didit recognize him by his face, but the mon was obviously there to see
her
"Darty someone asked me to deliver a message to you."
She looked up, her vision somewhat lumed "Who are you?
Who I am not important. What's important is that you k
Dorothylenched her fists abruptly Dad Heather sens
how to proceed Otherwise the consequences youll face will be worse than just
this
he mani laughed a low more times. 'Don't tell me you have no idea et
You've offenaked
Is the Loper family threatening met Now that you've killed my mother, what
more can you do to me? Dorothy deliberately led the
man to reveal the truth to confirm her
But the man dont plicitly say it, nor did dry. He only kept laughing a laugh that
made
"Do you only have your mother asound you? No, you have many weak sports
that can be threatenens
Dorothy's heart sank "Don't you dare touch them!"
"We're not interested in im Try like them. As long as you behan, everyone
After saying this, the man adjusted his gold ummed glasses on his nose and
walked out.
The man disapprated, al she heard was the thut of the doar closing I was
Kenneth who just left, or your best friend, Karen Miller"
How could she not understand what was going on at this point?

| not something she could fight agaral
retu asice came from a distance Ste pushed the door open.
"You do kosa Kawn understood after seeing her
to her bed while paning in exon "u're pregnant! Do you know"
Dorothymistered lar day hips as the spo vin a houtain police, Please help me
keep a

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"Mr Loper's child? Karen was sil reeling in shock, barely registering what
Darsthy was sayi
Thankfully Kenneth was in the room. He promptly and the cour and clamped a
hand over his sisters mm. Durthy said to keepit

hoch hush 2 p 20

ederstand why such a thing has to be kept a secret

Having a child was a gamechanger Surely the Loper family watcher new

Should this be Dorothy's shield?"

"Do you then they would hesitate to harm

drwter they've already shown their willingness to take my mother's life?

Dorothy ad

enneth nodded, forcing as offer

If those people targeted Dorothy directly, she wouldn't be here

The might of the Loperamidied Not only the city's too revenue Gong gave

me the tying

toma City too could starcast them. Their option was a great combi spafight in
with a leather.

Karen frowned her brows:

Dorothy gave me smile as her gaze shopped to know, but on the other hand, the

doubt Everett's fuse for her but when compared to parental love, she wasn't

sure if their love was atrocious

"You're just going to let your mom's death slide?"

As a daughter I would let this go. Those who hire Band on their hands,

including Everett's parents, won't be spared

biological parents."

The parts were now meeting in opposite directions.

Karen Kighed using forward to hold Dorothy's hands wifrar weling in her eyes.

Dorothy.. Why are things start for you? I thought once

you met Mi. Losez pour tough times would he over I thought you two would

have a happy ending"

Donlaurad & biller and self-deprecatory une alade oppred on her pale face

"And the Luby?" Katen sucki

ught. "If you don't want to try to handle the procedure on your own. at me be

there with you. Understand

the baby belong? The cold will

Upon seeing her smile, Kenneth suddenly spoke up. "Dorothy you're BLU

"Don't worry" Dorothy interrupted him as she gently patted her temple. "I want

keep this child. If I brought its baby into this world

where would it be raised without both parents fathermore, the child's

paternal grandmothers murdered my mother, the child's

maternal grandmother Such an existence would be an awkward one led with

many hardships

She believed that the baby would understand it wouldn't want a baby in such

distances effect

Just like how she often wished her mother hadert given bath 1p her
Thanurge a doctor for the procedure Will make sure no one Im w Lopez family
find out about The Luby, Kennen immediately
understood Dorothy's intention.

"Thank you" She kooked at Kenneth in pult began to wash over her
He had helped numerous times, and now he might get dragged into this mess.
The paper family might even target him and
Karen

She couldn't afford to gamble on love anymose
Her heart was hardened.

Maybe was er malter's death that had snapped her back to reality or perhaps
it was because of his cas

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Inside Amanda's VIP hospital tube, there was a constant stream of doctors
popping in to check on her Everest, who had been
standing vigil by his mother's side, was visibly is. If it werent for has relect long
pe

When the

one leaving with a sigh of resignation

to worsen his parents opinion of Darathy, he would have been

physician entered and left the room for the third time we couldn't contain his
frustration anymore

"No news from Bathy!

"I would've told you if the d responded" Jonathan replied, pulling out his phone
as proof

Suddenly, Everett rose to his heading for the door

"Where are you going?")

in quickly interegled!

To smoke a oprette"

join you"

Everett owed his eyebrows as he glanced at his father. "Can you leave me
alone here?

gan nurses, and the wont be waking up anytime soon. (reed some fresh artas!
long I cant

"I need to bomow your phone therefore Jonathan could test Extended to go
on. Ive been away from the office for too lon

Aher a brief moment of thought, Jonathan

and handedown his phone

Everett dived Kevin, Joram
The father on duty exited the room, and once they were
Once the call connected. Everett quickly gave out a clear and concise order.
Get a new phone disconnected. I happened to her, I
need to know
Hospital, and contact Dorothy immediately if something has
After ending the call Everett checked his
Dorothy's number because of her lack of communication
with Dorothy, my
contact list. He suspected his later might
One Blocked
But Dorothy's number wasn't on the blocked list
Meaning that the doctor
Jonathan should have
not made any attempt to contact him.
He felt like something didn't sit right. A feeling of unease kept nagging at him
as a knot grew in his stomach
Jonathan offered her a cigarette, but Everett declined
After a moment of silence, Everett
"You young how can you determine who you
imply the in's Dorothy of no one
is fit for life? There are thousands of women better than her, you're just being
stubborn. Your mom and like

can help with your career she's respectful, and your mom adores her.
Everyone would be happy if you just agreed Why are you
going against it?
"I've told you only want Dorothy"
"Are you certain that Dorothy wants only you?"
Jonathan pulled out some pictures
on his phone all of them showing accompanying
Bela Look for yourself. This Dorothy already has a backup plan When your
mom and objected, her mother started looking for new
partners. Everett, don't let her fool you"

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"Huh?" Jonathan snorted dismissively "That's only because you're sealable
now. If you were, Kenneth would be too much of a
catch for her
hearing this, Everett's brow knitted together instantly "You've been
investigating Kenneth?"

I'm just trying to protect you. You've never given me or your mother cause for concern when it comes to your personal life. Even in college, while other wealthy kids were busy with girlfriends and partying you never get carried away with the opposite sex.

Now, suddenly, you're all head heels for this Dorothy How could we not worry about you?*

I just want what I want."

That person from beginning to end, had always been Dorothy, and only Dorothy

Hence, Everett's emotions neveilinged on any other woman. Even before he met Dorothy again, he never felt anything special for anyone else

The heating feelings he had only existed for Dorothy and Dorothy slo
You'll get this one day" Jonathan huffed as he turned to leave.

Suddenly Kevin appeared at the hospital

Upon seeing him, Jonathan was taken aback & look of surprise and annoyance instantly crossed

How could he have not anticipated that his father would get an in the hospital?

Good day. Mr. Charman, M. Lopez Kevin quickly ached nodding respectfully at Jonathan before handing a phone to Everett "Mr

Lopez, this is your new phone. It already synced all your data

"Thanks" Danett took the phone and was about to turn it on when Jonathan suddenly stopped him.

"Your mother is entically ill. Your phone might interfere with her

This Everett surprisingly followed his father's advice, not fiddling with the phone but instead looking sight at him

One second passed then two

Suddenly, Lynett's tone turned icy What have you done to Dorothy

He won't stupid he had noticed something as far as a long time ago. It was just that his mother's illness is indeed severe, and

as her son, it was his duty to stay by her

But his father repeatedly steventing him from coming Dorothy was almost as

"What could we possibly do? She's just a girl for
she's worth my time?"

Not say another word to his father, he just simply

Kevin, not fully understanding the situation quickly followed after giving Jonathan a polite side

"I haven't dealt with Dorothy yet"

Behind them, Jonathan quickly dialed his wife's number. "We've in trouble We can't hide it from Cansett anymore, he's definitely

going to look for Donaty now
“How could you let
Jonathan recalled the cold looks sons eyes just now it was distant and gloomy
as if he had toucheila nerve. It ma
made fam hesitant
follow “Do you think we
ime to discuss Amanda red from the other end of the line don’t care how
much he cares for Daily The only woman who can be
my
at My plan was to keep Dorothy hom contacting Exel for at least three days,
especially now that her mother just passed away I
want her to back off on fint own or give upon Everett, ether way they need to
break up?”

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When the phone cal ended, Jonathan didn’t bother sending runs to interne
He figured if his wife saw the look in their car’s eyes just now she’d likely he
recond thoughts as well Just from that one lock, he
had no doubt that Extml would cut with him for the sake of Dorothy
Aher leaving the hoopta, Exeril got straight into the ear
Even without being told Kevin knew where to drive
On the road Everett kept calling Dorothy but no one was picking up
Tid you get a hold of Dorothy today?
kendayoff, so it wouldn’t be far to bother about work” Ken paused before
coming. “After you
No. She said the was going for a check up. I figured she’d finally taken a day
off, inted me. I hed calling her too, but there was
still no answe
Everett’s thick news furrowed as his eyes became clued to his phone scr
The car soon arrived at the Bay Residence, and tum enue the house was
empty.
Dorothy wasn’t home
While looking at the darkening sky nutsche, he was more certain that
something had happened to Corstly
After a moment’s thought, Eversharked out another order to Keen “Dove to
the hospital where Domtty’s mother is!
“Sure Thing Mi Loper
Just as the two were about to head to the hospital, they rot ced a car driving
their war
Given then the Bay Residence was a high–end property with low owners and
verett is property was a prone area he had

specifically set aside, he was almost certain that Destiny was in the car. Just as Everett was about to open the car door he saw the car stop

A familiaque got out from the driver's side walked on to the passenger side and started talking to the person inside was Kenneth

Instead of contruing his action, Everett just watched

Soon, Kenneth bent down and helped the person in the passenger seat out, and when that small face appeared Everett's pupils involuntary comracted

If it wasnt Doroc, then no was

Seeing this. Kean, who was in the driver's seat, was stunner. Was he watching his boss get cuckolded hue?

Mr Lopez Vs. Sanchez might be.."

Before he could ing his semence, the person in the back seat had already gotten out of the car and was stilenamcicikaaly towards them.

"How are you feeling Should Kennet's was cut off midsentence when the persunhe was supporting was taken away.

Aher looking up. Doroty was already in Everett's arms

What's wrong? Are you feeling unwell? He boied down at Dorothy his spice devoid of any hint of joy arger or jealousy

Tm "Dorty's response was cold and calm, but she put on a smile for Kenneth.

"Thanks for thing me home, you should go back and sest

Kenneth glanced at Everveti. He wanted to say something but decided aga nalil

He simply nodded. Til accompany you tomorrow!

"Mmm"

Dorothy nodded, watching as he got into his car and drove away.

Everett quickly caught the key point of their conversation What is he accompanying you for tomorrow!

"Nothing"Dorothy seemed very | Here are downcast, as if she didn't want to talk to him anymore

Kevin, who had rushed best alad that they might argue, quickly interjected.

"Mr. Loper was worned about you. When you didn't answer your phone, he immediately left han parents, who were still at the hospital, to come find you

"Really? Her lose was stil devoid of any fluctuations

“Dorothy Event knew something must have happened Hy lied to catch her
gare but failed. “What exactly “appened?”

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“his nothing I’m just fired” Dorsthy evaded his outsimichland. We can talk
about it amona”

Kevin was stuck in the middle, feeling helpless. He were to say something but
couldn’t find the right worh Everett glanced at him

and spoke in his deep voice. “You shoulago insi, Kevin”

Once Kevin had left. Dorothy had already retreated into the broom

Everett stood in the foyer for a while before making his way to the bedroom
and gently pushing the door open

Dorothy was already in her, still dressed in her clothes. Her eyes were closed,
and it was hard to if she was asleep or pretending

to be Aber a momer’s pa. une, Everett was about to leave and have someone
investigate what had happened in the hospital

when Constty suddenly called out th

“Then rest, I want disturb you I sleep in the quest room ton dec

Dorothy sat up in bed woking at him seriously Her lips moved a few times but
no words come L

Everett walked back while taking a deep breath “Or should I call the doctor to
check on you?”

—

“The recess feeling won’t be cured by sleep” Domths avoided his gun and
begin talking while locking down. “Twisted

mom today and saw how wel Kenneth was

getting along with hat She’s always hoped that I would end up with Kenneth

She doesn’t want me to teach above my station with

the Lapely “What do you meant

with Kenneth, he could only provide me with a comfortable life, but it

“Everett, proudly did are to Keneth because you could offer me more career
wise. Ill wouldn’t benen my future. However I

suddenly feel tred of a ways looking up to you and the Lopez family

Everett didnt say anything. He just stared of het not taking his eyes off her for
a moment

She didn’t have the courage to look at his fact at that moment, su che just
clenched her fists and finished what she had to sap

“So. I don’t want to come..

“Dorothy Exeren suddenly interrupted

wont let you frish that sentence Tell me the truth what happened? What did

my parents say to pu

“Do you really need to ask? Of course, they told me that I’m not good enough for you. They im not good enough to be the daughter-in-law of the Lopez family What else could they say? Dorothy feigned a harshine as the nanowed her eyebrows. “I hate the condescending attitude. As if need to many their sont font it you who manipulated this whole sturiont the Lopez Tarly? I dont care! If i marry Kenneth, at least his parents wont treat me like this.”

Everett just stand at Darolty s

He couldn’t believe these words were coming out of her mouth

“In your eyes, the difference between marrying me and marrying

I was like he no longer neengrind her

this just a balance of reality and benefist

“What else could it be Everett I wasnt intented in you when was in middle school Suddenly abanatuation, i should be interested?

You’re com vel Donoty scoffed

you wered the CEO of Lopez Corporation you coulant pay for my mother’s medical treatment then her out first night together I

wouldnt bother caracting you

Her comful laugh was like a slap in the face to Everett’s pride

Dorothy thought he would be furious. She thought he would wesh out at her

The air in the room seemed to been neer of them sad wordt he comes of

i eyes lurred red, his voice trembing slightly as he said, “Yoon’t believe

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“Sull yourself.” Doothy seemed awfully tired. She was exuding a kind of exhaustion that made it seem like she couldn’t bear to exchange another word with him, o and it didn’t

In fact, she was in no mood for conversation

Her mother’s funeral was set for three days later She didn’t hire many relatives or friends, and she didn’t want Everett to know

she decided to keep it simpl

After that, the room fell into an one silence.

She steeled herself and looked at Everett. This time, she didn’t avoid his game, her eyes were

were devoid of

motion. “Can you leave now?

any

“Tak about what tomorrow? Wasn’t clear enough? Everett, I used to think that being with you would be like a walk in the park, but

now all that your furrily in just o much I cant stand their condescending attitude. I don't want to be with you anymore. Do you understand

Dorothy knew that if she only said she was breaking up because she was red he would

TI find a way to send them abroad”

is that your solution? Going abroad would make them accept me? Do you understand upon Dorothy raised her eyebrows as she enunciated each word with all her strength

be so she had to us the truth with lies

i mean? I cant stand the gap between us and this feeling of being looked down I couldrit thout you that'd be one thing But you're not worth induring al

Dorothy give me se

have a better choice Why should qve you?”

Everett's hand clenched abruptly “Tomneth”

“Yes!” Aludiof revealing her feelings Dorothy quickly averted her eyes during a scoff, making her nonchalant anitude seem more

genuine. “His parents like me, my mom thinks highly of him, and Kenneth is Kanet's relative. We're from the same world. Mr.

Lopez, h's been really hard for me to reach your level. Consider it a pond deed and

“Dorothy how can you be so cam? Eserem slowly got up and stepped back

“You're lying me and pretending Don't think I can't see it

“Sunt yourself.” She repeated the same line and then lay back down on the bed, not saying another

After what felt like an eternity, Dorothy head Everett's footsteps learn and the door closing At the same time the ears that had sorry I'm sorry”

Therepes

Although all of this had nothing to do with Everett, her so much had happened, she couldn't continue to be with him as if nothing had happened Dorothy resisted the idea from the bottom of her heart that her mother's death was elated to Exetes parents

How should she face Everett, then? What attitude should she adoet, and what mood should she be int

She would rather believe that this whole thing was just Heather's idea.

On the vast bed Dorothy med hard to cover her mouth with her hand not letting out a sound of her crying

These cruel words she said earlier were akin to cutting her own flesh. She couldn't say them a second time. So, she couldn't even notice anything and couldn't let him
When her tears had soaked her pillow and the sky was gradually lightening Dorothy took out her phone and sent Heather a message

I've mentioned parting ways with Everett He'll definitely instigate I know you'll handle the rest. I have two requests first, don't touch anyone around me again. Second, get me out of here

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Perhaps it was due to her pregnancy, but Dorothy couldn't remember when she had drifted off to sleep.

When she opened her eyes again, it was nearly noon

She hastily grabbed her phone to check the time, only to find a message from Karen but nothing the

Dorothy knew that it must have been Kenneth who told Karen not to keep eating during her pregnancy that she would call back once she was well enough to After all, with Kaver's personality, she would never think of such things

Instead of calling back immediately Dorothy got out of bed and headed to the bathroom to freshen up.

She splashed handfuls of cold water on her face, hoping to wake herself up.

After all, it wasn't that easy to know how many times she would have in

out this scene before it was over?

While looking in the mirror she stared at her haggard face and the dark circles around her eyes. Dorothy suddenly felt the urge to tell her mother

When all, there was no one left in this world who was related to her. There was no need to work herself to death to pay medical

bills. There was no one left to scold her while she waited for care for her Finally she became a motherless child

Dorothy stood in the bathroom for a while, waiting until she felt emotionally stable before stepping out

When she got to the living room, she expected Everett to be waiting for her ready to interrogate her, but surprisingly, he wasn't there.

Only her usual breakfast was waiting on the dining table, along with a note held in her

You been working too hard, so take a few days off. 11) tale a hen about your
leave Remember to eat breakfast |
Everett was trying to fum the page on yesterday. He wanted to pretend it
never happened.
If she could the wild to

Dorothy held the note and read it over and over again. She then suddenly
raised her hand, gemily touching her own belly
Willowback Unversity in the teacher' office
"Mr. Nelson, someone's looking for you. & Mr Lopez"
urrowed his brows. "Mr. Lopez
Behind the desk, Ketnett who had just taken a long leave and was about to
pack his stuff to leave the school, furrowed his
"Yeah Just go out and see who it is After a chuckle, his cofraque returned to
his own sel
Kenneth pondered for a while then decided to go out
He had thought that Extent might come in him, but he doubted it.
Wher all, he was the Mr. Lopez, the president of the entie Lopez Corporation
He could have any woman he wanted and his
status didn't make him seem lice someone who would stoop so low for low
After walking out of the pool building, Kenneth some black Maybach from
To be honest he was quite surprised
"Mr. Loper you wanted to see me Kenneth approached, merial y creparing
himself to keep quart, lest he let somethings
businessman
He was a teacher, so he couldn't qui
"Mmm" breil einguished the cigarette in his hand and looked at him. His
handsome face was all as deep as wet, but the fatigue
and gloom from sleepless night wesendent. I'm here because of Dorothy
'Ifigured
Before Kenneth could continue, he heard Everett's gravelly voice say "Please
don't take her away from me
Hun?
This statement left Kenneth utterly shocked

He thought Everett would use his stato intimidate him. He thought Everett
would offer money, he even rough would hate Want
that how they always did in the moves?
But instead, he came to plead with him?
For Dorothy, the mighty president of the Loper Capotion was wiling to humble
himself to such an extent. He was even willing to

be his mal?

“Derally.. what did she say to you?”

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Kenseth was still unclear about the situation, so naturally, he could not blurt out anything

However, Evells demeanor shook him to the core

It was clear that Deathy held a significant place in his heart, given that the profound snow that Everell was displaying was fine

“She said she was tired of being with me.

As Everett finished he subconsciously reached for his cigarettes, only to find that he had smoked the last half of the box while mating for Kenneth.

Kenneth took a deep breath, feigning composure. Seeking my help is life. The one who feels chained is the

Everett missed his eyes, meeting Kenneth’s qu

Though his eyes were heavy with fatigue, they held an innate merrily that couldn’t be ignored. Just by starting in opposition to

Kenneth; his silent, cool, and aloof demeanor was enough to squash Kenneth’s spiri

A gentle breeze stirred, lightly nuzzling the hair on Everett’s forehead

After a long moment, he rose the silence I want you to leave the country to leave here Ewart her in have no other options.

Kenneth, I don’t want to hurt anyone close to her. I know how much she values her friendship with Kane That’s why I came to you personally

The implication was clear. He’d laid the groundwork for Kenneth’s exit, and it Kenneth refused.

“Are you threatening me. Mr Lopez

resupposed to threaten you when you’re trying to take my wife away?

He admitted to the threat, and co

nd her choosing me was her decision truly love her you should respect for her

and he chuckled ‘D.1 Deathy is also someone I want to cheat, and her

I can respect everything about her but this.”

Her Teign him was a non-negotiable.

From the night he received that message and knocked on Dorothy's door, he well knew he was in as deep. He couldn't escape the hold Dorothy had on him.

He loved her cautiously and tentatively. He had painstakingly watched her take steps toward him, she absolutely couldn't accept the prospect of their together crumbling overnight. "But what can I do, Mr. Lope?? I only want Dorothy. There's only one of her in this world. Let her go to you where you could find another. Besides, her side doesn't love you, so what's the point in forcing her? You might as well let her go."

Kenneth had steeled himself before saying this.

He didn't know and didn't dare imagine what Everett would do in a rage. All he knew was that as of today, Everett wouldn't let go of his marriage easily. He had underestimated Dorothy's place in Everett's heart. He'd thought since she hadn't shown up when Dorothy's mother was ill, he didn't care much for Dorothy. But now he realized Everett probably even knew about it.

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Hearing this, Everett's face stiffened. "Did she tell you that?"

"Of course, her mother also said she was more suitable for Dorothy than you?" Suddenly Everett extended his hand and gripped Kenneth's collar, pushing him to the wall.

Because of Everett's height, Kenneth was literally hoisted up. He was barely able to touch the ground with his toes, looking extremely awkward.

"Don't meddle, you're lying."

He couldn't believe that Dorothy would tell an outsider she didn't love him.

"Cough cough."

Kenneth, caught off guard, was choking. He was unable to speak.

Soon, the sound of hurried footsteps and Dorothy's desperate cry rang out.

"Everett! Let him go!"

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The two men turned in unison, watching the jogger over and forcefully pushed Everett aside to stand in front of Kenneth. "What do you think you're doing to Kenneth?" Everett had expected such a fiery reaction from her.

Dorothy stood before him like a silent older woman, her face being radiated with an aura of caution and disapproval. Her wayward and distant gaze pierced him deeply.

"Kenneth, are you okay?"

Kenneth, still gasping for breath, managed a weak wave of his hand to signal he was okay.

Once she had confirmed Kenneth was unharmed, Dorothy turned her loyal gaze back towards Everett, ambushing him with a cold

try this all the Lopez family know how to do? Do you think that because you're the CEO of Lopez Corporation, you can trample

on everyone around you? Do we all toyed with and crushed at your whim?

Each word she spat out was sharp and unyielding. Her condemnation of him was relentless.

Earlier, Dorothy had called Kevin to discuss resigning, only to find out that Everett wasn't at the company.

Worried that Everett might come after Kenneth, she rushed out only to find Everett with his hand around Kenneth's throat.

She was terrified.

She feared that her actions might lead to Kenneth's death.

The guilt from her mother's death was already too heavy a burden. She wished she could've died with her.

So, she blurted out those words without thinking or considering Everett's feelings or the fact that he wasn't the type to harm others

without cause.

"Is that really how you see me? Everett's voice was barely audible as he was shaking in disbelief. He ignored Kenneth's presence and

lacked eyes on Dorothy.

His disbelief was palpable. He couldn't believe such accusations against him were coming from her.

Gradually, Dorothy's rational mind started to regain control.

But the damage was done. So, she decided to tear his wound even wider, so wide that Everett would lose all hope.

"Dr. what? You think you're some god in my eyes? Am I supposed to ship you? I told you yesterday. The Lopez family all

you can fuck with your ruses in the end. Truly despise in Dorothy locked eyes with Everett. The midday sun cast a light on his

chiseled features, making his eyes appear even darker and more intense.

"You know what? Every second spent lying next to you

was sheer torture. Every time you kissed me. I wanted to vomit!"

"Dorothy, Kenneth couldn't help but whisper her name.

Dorothy found it hard to hold Everett's intense gaze. She slowly turned away.

"My mother's operation is over. I learned everything I

needed to know about investment banking business. I can't keep up this

charade anymore.

"I don't believe I was all an act. Everett's face was set in stone. His eyes were filled with heavy emotions that refused to dissipate.

She just scoffed

Each laugh felt like a slap in his face.

Believe what you want it's over between us. In fact, I'm quite proud of myself.

Who knew I could make the mighty Mr. Lopez fall

form? Kerth, you better treat me right. Otherwise, Mr. Lopez is my backup."

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If what she previously said were daggers that pierced Everett's heart, then the term "backup" acted like a bullet striking him

straight in the chest. The pain was so intense that Everett could hardly breathe.

He subconsciously reached to clutch at his chest.

His handsome face turned even more ashen and weak than before

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It was a sight Kenneth had never thought he'd witness. A golden boy had just been brought low and smeared with the mud of

rejection. And by the woman he loved the most

Everett couldn't bear another second in Dorothy's presence, fearful of even more harsh words. He wrenched a few steps, stumbling

in haste to get into his car and drive

With a press of the gas pedal, the car shot out as if it were possessed

Kenneth watched as his heart pounded. He wasn't stable. What if he gets into an accident?

"I have Kevin check on him." Dorothy couldn't bear to see him hurt, but some things were out of her control

Some dreams had to be woken from when the time came

Kenneth sighed. "I know it's not my place to pity anyone from the Lopez family, but Everett really cares about you."

Dorothy tied her head back, refusing to let the tears in her eyes fall

After a long minute of silence, she finally spoke. "I appreciate your help with my mom's arrangements

"It's no trouble. Being here for you at this time is my pleasure".

Dorothy turned to him, frowning. Her brows were furrowed. "I know you'd

"You don't need to say anything. I understand. You don't need to feel guilty

You're going through a lot right now and I'm here to

help. If the roles were to do the same for me. We're even now, so don't carry any burdens."

Kenneth was beginning to understand Dorothy's character more and more. But with understanding came a chill in his heart.

Dorothy's heart was a barren desert that was devoid of water and sun.

1. un. How could anything grow there?

The fact that Everett had been able to share feelings within Dorothy was a testament to his efforts.

"After my mom's funeral, I'll have the abortion, seeing the last for between Everett and me. Then I leave this place I might not be around when you need me, but if you ever need help. I'll do my best." She spoke clearly and firmly, as she wanted to put it in writing.

Kenneth could only nod reluctantly. "Okay, shall we go?"

Dorothy nodded, but her fearful eyes were still fixed on the direction where I never had disappeared.

Whoever said she was hard-hearted and incapable of love?

She had loved life.

And it had cost her mother's life.

So, would she love again?

No, she would-

Everett

his car was speeding

dangerous and end it all.

He was pushing the pedal to the metal, as if he wished for his car

Luckily the road was wide and the traffic sparse, an accident averted.

On the call from Kevin, Everett finally picked up.

*M Lope Where are you? Theresa situation at the office that requires your attention Kevin spoke gently not wanting

'I'm not in the mood to deal with work right now. You handle it.'

It was the first time he'd ever uttered such words in his professional life.

"But the situations quite complicated would be better for you to see it yourself.

Hmm... I also have some information about

Dorothy"

'I'll be right there

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Event's car was headed straight for headquarters when his father Jonathan, called him sharply in a Kuena call.

"Where are you?"

my way to the office"

"Could you swing by the hospital first? Your mother back in the car

Everett frowned and slammed on the brakes. Haven't you guys had enough?

My mom is perfectly fine, in fact

He had begun to suspect. When they were in the hospital, his father didn't seem too worried. I felt Skebe was more focused on

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Everett had seen his father when his mother's life was really hanging by a thread, so he couldn't fool her.

Jonathan sighed on the other end. This time it's serious, to you better hurry! I can video call you if that's what it takes

Gwen what his father had just said, Excel quipped it must be fine

But he still hesitated for a moment before responding curtly and hanging up the phone

When he

was at the hospital, sure enough, his father was quickly using the emergency number

Seeing his son arrive, Jonathan hurried to him 'Everett, your mother's condition is really critical this time. I watched her struggle for breath, and then she just passed

Jonathan had seen countless major events in his lifetime, but he could never remain calm when his wife was critically ill.

In the business world they were a model couple, so Everett had always believed that he would also find his other half

for life

'What happened this time?

Jonathan didn't answer. He couldn't very well say that it was because he didn't listen to her when she told him to stop their son from seeing Dorothy could he?

"You guys should go back ahead of the medical technology there is better.

Even when I did press for an answer Instead he said in a

heavy and serious tone. "She's always emotionally unstable here

"Tune it all because of you? If you just wanted to be with Heather, none of this would have happened I was even willing to step back

and let you pretend to be with Heather, not caring about what you do in private, but you still disagreed Jarathas never understood

why his son was so insistent on being with Dorothy alone. We couldn't he just pretend to be with Heather to save his mother?!

She's just a pretty face. There are plenty of beautiful girls out there"

"That's why I suggested you guys go back abroad Everett didn't argue, he simply followed his father's line of thinking

accepted Heather,

You think we leave you can be with Dorothy? Your mother is determined no one

can stop her from doing what she wants! Even if I warned to stay out of it have to help her because of her health condition Everett don't want to force you, but then's no negation on this er min Heather, if your mother hears that you she'll probably get Better"

"Dad" Everett Buckler ly intentupled him and lonked him in the eyes Would you divorce my mom and remarry it tanked you to Jonathan was stunned This How can our situation be compared to yours? when married with children for so many years! Theres no difference Everett lowered his gaze. "You lose my mom and spoil her, and I love Dorothy son, very much. There's no difference between us Heindly thought he would find a way to solve this issue but he didn't expect things to tum outle this. After seeing his son's dejected look, Jonathan seemed to have in spaphary. He raised his eyebrows in a questioning manner and asked. 'Did Dorothy with you?

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Though the question went unanswered, his silence alone was enough Jonathan pured his lips, not adding a word more At that moment, he believed Dorothy was with his son for the money, but what did it me? She was the woman his wife had chosen for their son, and that was Dorothy picked a secluded grave for her mother ma the comer of the cemetery She didn't want her mother to be disturbed anymore that.

Aher the hospital formalities were taken care of, Bella's body was moved to a funeral home, waiting to be laid to rest following the service

Karn who need to wat

kentime off work to be he was heartbroken to see Dorothy act so stoic. Donathy have youkaten? I can ank Kenneth to get you something Please, you

Darathy turned to her managing a weak smile. I'm okay, trally. Thanks for being here, both you and Kenneth (hate that it's taking you away from work "

"Work? You're worrying about work at a time like this? Karen grasped Dorothy's hand, feeling like the woman before might quite shocking how i only took a few hours for someone to look so utely doned

It seemed like a gust of wind could knock Dorothy over at
“Everett’s people will be coming to question you soon. He

He wasn’t going to let this go easily A man who had silently!
reen show up himself. Don’t tell them anything “Dorothy knew.
into smoke a moment.

ther for so many years wouldn’t get up without digging up every last detail
“Dory, I don’t understand. Why not let Everett protect you? Why are you trying
to escape

est and quickest solution was to stay by Evere

Whether it was the threat of the Lopez family or Dorothy’s quest to uncover
the truth behind her mother’s death, using Everett
would be the easiest route. Why was she avoiding him?

Especially when she was carrying Everett’s child

Perhaps the Lopez family might even give them their blessing

“We’re simply not meant to be” Dorothy said

“Dorothy think you’re taking some things too seriously He truly loves you With
mature do anything to keep you are adnat

interacted much with Everett, but she knew anything that had transpired

If Ever went completely died Drafty she’d long since lady fa

Dismissing his chief lawyer and firing staff who had contributed greatly to the
Lopez Corporation, all for Dorothy showed how
important the way

“But we’ll keep getting tangled up” Dorothy stared at her mother’s photo. Bella
looked stern, but her eyes held a mother’s love

“My mom didn’t want us together.” “Your mom was worried you’d be
mistreated. She didn’t know how much Everett loved you”

“Everett will

Her mother’s t

face his entire family don’t think I’m worth that, and I don’t want to fight that
bale She wired and she didn’t want to involve anyone
else

I told her she couldn’t see in a bubble

Everett might protect her

about and Kenneth? What about those who cared about her

Heather and the Lopez family wouldn’t back down that easily.

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Just as Karen was about to continue her thought, Dorothy’s cell phone
suddenly rang

They both assumed it was Everett, and Dorothy even prepared herself to

disconnect the call. However, the number on the
was this.

She hesitated for a moment before pressing the answer butto

A stranger's voice came through it was a voice that Dorothy couldn't forget

"Your mom passed away

I was Maxton Sanchez, her fathe

How did you know? be you're theted" Dorothy asked instinctively, then
realized Heather must have told him.

"What kind of talk is that? We were still mamed once, you!

ne you" I should pay my respects

"No need Dorothy's voice was so sharp that cut through the wind whistling
cross the deserted cemery, making her sound even
more insurmful bit matni you lenee her alone, or else."

threatening "1

Marion chuckled "Or what? What leverage do you have to be yelling at me
now? Because you snagged anch quy? Email your

father, and you carry my blood

111 could dig it back"

Dorothy would rather have a beppar or a vagabond lar

Now that her mother was gone, he could finally legt

Heather and his mistress. He quan had the nerve to call and tub

"Tell Heather she's won But if she pushes any further, I won't hesitate to tell
Everett erything" Dorothy grimaced it was pathetic

than her only bargaining chip was still Everett "She should know what ll
happen it Event found out'

Madon fell silent.

He didn't know when Dorothy stood in Everell's heart, but if she could say tho,
she must have some confidence. They had finaly

come min far, so he couldn't run hi

"All I wanted was to pay respects to your mother. Why must you be so
hostile? Now that she's gone, the only family you have left

in this world is me. Heather mentioned you were thinking about leaving
Eldoma City Come back, and get you a job to make up

for the last years

Hah! Do you even believe what you're saying"

In the past, Dorothy couldn't be bothered arguing with him because she
sery word was a maste. But today Marton Paduly enraged her

and done nothing to stop Heaven seemed pleased with the outcome

he could make such callus comments now be must have known about
everything.

Once she uncovered the truth, no one would be spared
After ending the call, Karen looked at her and soothingly rubbed her back
“Calm down, Dorothy Remember, you’re pregnant, so
you can get upset
As soon as the word pregnant came out of her mouth everyone fell silent
Realizing her mistake, Karen quickly conected herself. Timmanly worried
about your health. Even if you’ve decided not to keep
the baby, you still need to take care of yourself After all, you and the baby are
linked right now.”

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statement in her head

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“The only family.”

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The wind was setting creating a soft sound

Karen, for once, caught on quickly She cleaned her throat. “You’re not going
to...

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"What?"

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Kenneth sighed lightly as he furrowed eyebrows. "She's not cryinging mes calmly Dealing with the presem. This indicates that she is preparing for something"

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"Do you really think that Dorothy who surely knows as well as you do that confronting the inper family would be as used as stopping a boulder with pebble, is not aware of the consequences? Kenneth's gaze shied to the car parked by the side of the road as his eyes narrowed ei vory "She's prepared for the wond P' she can get

Ever since she found out she was pregnant and immediately states that the didi wan the child, en had a ring of what she was planning

Dorothy loved Everett, that much was clear to Kenneth So how could the decide to her on abortion without any hepa The should at least have been some internal struggle. High

Kennethcominued, "So, we should convince her to keep the baby and then slowly counsel her. As the baby grows day by day

Donally became anached" Karen thought for a moment with a strange expression on nerface After a moment of silence, she

finally spoke uz "Kenneth, I thought that once Barthy finally broke up th Exetett, pou would have a chance. It might be unfair, but I res ly hope you and Daisthy can be together She's a good girl who's dying of love. But if she has Everett's child."

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"At this point this baby is the only thing keeping Derally from doing something Innish Hed be her amo!"

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Karen was the definition of impatient. Once she had an idea in mind, she would
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definitely needs someone to accompany her to the hospital. Since no one else
is around, it's either you or me. Plus, Karen's still
time to change her mind."

"Okay," Karen nodded, suddenly looking at him with a gaze fed with admiration.

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crafter away Kenneth intervened just in time i dive you home, Dorothy Haw a good chat, and be careful
I she had merely decided on a whim to keep the then she would be concerned about its safety. She would be indeseert. But if the genuinely wanted to keep it even if it was just a Teeting thought, she would instinctively open.
The seemed to freeze, and those seconds felt like in clemely
Dorothy slowly led her head. Heroes so hoarse that was almostable Cape Laby
Was not following in her mother's footsteps then?
She didnt even know what to do next. She would keep the child, and then what!
"Of course you can That way youll have a family member in this world who hates your blood Kerrett's gewus sincere warm and comforting cormously shining a warm heat on her and trying to brighten her world
Karen chimed in enthusiastically gripping Dorothy's hand when you give be, be the godmother Your baby sel debetely be beautiful art wall for you to have your haber
Their expectam gazes made Dorothy feel a complex emotion wel us within her and her eyes beganna sting
Indeed, even though she had lost her mother, there were si li people in the world who cared for her and who were always by her side.
Ti think about it
By the time they returned to the Bay Residence, if wat gemingk
Dorothy put out of the car and incretly lockedup at Evendt's apartment. The

big room light was on, she was probably working for her

She paused as if she were ranted to the spot, uniting to most Karen also got out of the car and patted Dorothy's shoulder 'Can you mara "No need I have to lace this.'

Bella was gone, and she was no longer a child. She couldn't avoidinally dl well mat for you here. Call me if anything happens! sun? Do you wat met

Dorothy forced a smile. "He wont hurt me Don't worry, you guys must be fixed, so go home and west"

"This might be the last time we see each, Karen want is spid a little more time with tim

Even Karm understood that. She nodded "Wight, well leave

Darthy watched their car pull away

lothed to enter the balding.

This time, she didnt punch in the code to unlock the door instead, she rang the doorbell As she mached out to touch the dear, she realized wasn't even acid. Through the gradually opening gee. Doruity could smell a strong scent of a corol

Without a second thought, she hurriedly opened the door and stepped inside.

Extremas sitting on the carpet in front of the sofa, pouring drink after denk down throat. The fee table was red with game bus.

Some were wil moldering

her memory, he had newer drunk to excess, alone in such a disgraceful mamei

"Eventent of you enink like this, your stomach i

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Everett's handsome face shot up to look at her

His suit was worked, and a shirt buttons had been traff in his dress. Hinly deep, soulful www now handshot. He looked like a beast Trapped in the night, Suppressed yet sharp, leaving

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"You led to

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didn't you?

Dorothy furwed her brows. "Why

"You didn't really choose Kenneth, you just saidil out of spite, right"

She quickly withdrew her hand, hiding all her concern for him and frigting aapnce "thought you could let go manly, I never

thought you could be the clingy type too What a pity don't want to continue this charade Han

Belonged to Carty could finish her sentence. Everett aggressive lips silenced her
She swallowed all her remaining words. The ones he did not want to hear
Everett's kiss was urgent, it was devoid of desire, all she could do was spring
peripherally

He desperately sought her response as he worshipped her lips and tongue
over and over again molded her into his body

But Dorothy was like a puppet She let him his way and let him take whatever
he wanted from her

found a firm bed for her

Inebriated Lowell was not willing to give up. His kiss was becoming more
and more intense pressing her down onto the carpet as
his hands

Losing all reason he began to tear at her clothes

Only when they were completely exposed to each other and only when he
ended her did Dorothy finally push against his chest,
beginning to resist

Everett, I came to sign the divorce papers! I'm not a prostitute
and solid and in desperation raised her hand and slapped him across the face
But the difference in their strength was too great. His chest was hard and
Everett's, all movement ceasing

Dorothy hadn't thought she would hit him. She was somewhat scared, after all,
she was facing a truck man who had already lost
his reason when he mistaking her in wouldn't be surprising to guess what he
would do next

But Everett didn't say a single harsh word to her

He couldn't

They just stared at each other as time slowly passed

"You've made up your mind to choose Kenner!"

Once again, that was his opening line.

When Dorothy nodded seriously saw something in Everett's eyes

He quirkily withdrew turning his back to her as she dressed up

"Our marriage was a contract The beach clause"

took, shaming in his eyes.

"know" Dorothy buttoned up her clothes. Tifiquely out a way to pay you back
No need You just have to agree to my last request and then the contract is
word. We would be even "

Dorothy was taken aback. What is it?"

“Marrying you was a calculated move on my part I do plan a wedding because I did want you to get—spicious, and did my parents and stop us

Dorothy felt

She contacted a wedding planning company We’ll pick a date have the wedding in the morning, and go city hall to get divorced in the amon

Dorothy’s hands were clenched tightly She was bandy managing to Hold back the tears that themed to spl from her eyes

“No need I don’t want a wedding

“This is my last request. Dorothy, can you please honor our agreement?”

She didn’t say anything else. She just quietly looked at his back.

After a long time, she finally made a sound of agreement. ‘K—hmm

Tracy rest here. I won’t bother you anymore.”

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Everell stepped back, picking up the flannel shirt from the couch and slipping it on as he prepared to leave.

“I’m the one who should shoulder this is your place” Dorothy’s deeply dug in her own fishing had to maintain her composure. “I’ll stay at Karen’s for a few days. I’ll handover the work I was doing properly before resigning. You can call me when your wedding preparations are done”

“Dorothy I’ve told you. I’m a clean freak”

“We’re not divorced yet, you’re still my wife, and this is your home. Are you planning to cheat on me with Kenneth at Karen’s place?”

Dorothy blinked in surprise, clearly she hadn’t expected this.

It seemed he took this issue seriously enough to even consider her stalker’s chance for her to potentially cheat on him.

Everell took a deep breath, and then his hoarse voice broke the silence. “I’ll be away on a business for a few days, so you can stay here

He quickly reverted back to his CEO persona, as if the distraught man from moments ago wasn’t him at all.

In the end, he gave in

Then sheltered as he put on a shon, opened the door, and left. His footsteps were heavy and slow
Everett didn't want to learn, Dorothy knew that
His slow pacing was an silent plea for her to stop him, even a : unt of reluctance from her would make him unt
But Dorothy bother lip hind preventing herself from uttering any sound
After hele Dorothy died up the house umid it was spotless.
is a clean freak. She always remembered f
When exhaustion made it impossible to move her hands more she fell asleep on the living room couch

In a haze, Dorothy heard the sound of an
It was a gentle dizzie
She rubbed her eyes trying to sit up from the couch, but her lack of strength, perhaps from noting properly the managed to get up by leaning on the back of the rouch
It was indeed outside. The droplets seeped through the gaps in the window, wing the finger cuties Dorothy checked her phone.
There were messages from Karen and Kenneth, but none from Ever!!
He hadn't sent her ang messages
Subconsciously, she glanced at the dining table. There were notes either
At that moment, a strong sense of loss
hard
past few days, i
made it difficult. Everbully, she
Indeed, one shouldnt possess too much
Dosted blankly at the rain hitting the window until her phone rang
She looked down to see.
She automatically assumed that the recent unknown calls were from the Lopez family members or Heater, so she answered with a cold tone
The man on ile rend clearly didn't expect her icy tone and paused for a few seconds "Do you know who would call your
It was a male voice that was somewhat familiar
Dorty immediately clenched her long something happen to Exer? "Yes. He drank so much that it caused gastric bleeding. He's in the hospital mat Derally insinclively got up to leave, but then the realized something was off. War' this Jeffrey one of Heather's
me Why would he call her at

Asensing her contusion, Jeffrey nighed helplessly,
cathes has parver Loan Exerall's remedy I know that very mu

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"I guess I'm not either." Dorothy halted in her tracks, not venturing any further
"ign now, I would only he him hope, and the date
would be impossible. Heather wouldn't gether with!

"Everett's in a coma, and doctors aren't sure when he will wake up coming or
not is totally up to you." Jeffy added at the end.

Heather does know Everett's parents are also unaware. He came to find me
directly last night"

Dorothy's lips lady drained of cola quieted in the end her wines couldn't
outweigh her concern for hi Which hospital in

Dorothy wondered il Jeffrey was trying to avoid Everetts parents. Because the
hospital he had sent Everett i was the one where

Badalways been staying not the one where Amanda Was

Of course, this was also the hospital where the found out she was pregnant

So, when the priend. She was very cautious afraid of running into the doctors
or nurses who hardened her

Fortunately today was not a weekend, so there were few people and not
murty doctors at nurves mang sund in the hospital

Dorothy followed the ward number Jeffrey had given her and son spotted him
smoking in front of the ward

Ather seeing her they look one last puff before insting his cigarette to the
ground and extinguishing 1.

"He's in there."

"Stil in a comTM

"Yep" Jettey nodded, his prescrutinizing the somewhat hard woman in front of
him "Tward to ask you something Why did you

suddenly desde 15 leave Everen? Did something happen?"

Being an outside, he didn't know about Heather's and the Lopere family's
plans. He just let that things raditaven a sudden tumm

Weren't these two previously inseparable? They even vowed to stick together
through thick and this

Nothing much I just suddenly felt like we were incompatible. There's so much
of a disparity in our backgrounds!

"Only a hand romantic like Everett would believe that they, a seasoned man of
the world, was not like Everett He wouldn't
believe such high-sounding garbage.

Dorothy looked up at him. "And what do you think?"

"I'm asking you because I don't know"

"It's because we're not compatible"

Jeffrey fell silent

Just as Dorothy was about to bypass him and push open the door to the ward by sheer coincidence, the nurse who had

discovered her pregnancy walked past them

There was no time to dodge, and their eyes met

because she was indeed very attractive

The young Dorothy, right the doctor had a vivid memory of Dorothy because she had come alone and because

it was kind of unconventional beauty, not needing any adornment. Beautiful people are

at this moment. Dorothy was so lightened that her heart almost stopped. She was speechless.

Sensing that something was wrong, Jeffrey nodded for her as she said "Body"

"I knew I couldn't be wrong" her saying that the doctor looked at Jeffrey and smiled. "Is this your husband?"

"I'm not Jeffrey immediately denied it

He would be damned if he admitted such a thing. The quip inside would probably kill!

sorry about that thought you, a handsome man and a beautiful woman, would be a couple. The straw that broke the camel's back, but he didn't

laughed and turned his attention to Dorothy saying seriously "By the way, how did it go with your husband? About the baby"

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"Doctor Dotty suddenly interjected as she tugged the doctor's lab coat and led him away've got some germs on you when I'm

feeling The data taken back by her abrupt interruption, nodded dumbly and left with a puffed expression

Behind her Jeffrey sensed something causing Dorothy's heart to flutter nervously

"What was he saying? I didn't quite catch"

"Nothing much had some issues with my medical checkup, and he wanted to follow up"

Jeffrey raised an eyebrow "Why would a follow up require a consultation with your husband?"

"Why are you prying? Daintily retorted, feeling annoyed.

The man was really missing He was always asking questions. And he was the kind of person who loved to dig

"Never mind "you don't want to tell me, can ask the doctor myself"

“Because I found out that I might be intended for life, and the doctor said I discuss it with my husband. Are you satisfied with this answer? Dorothy feigned pity, looking as if her patience was being tested, which seemed to have started Jellie.

With embarrassment and regret all over his face, he apologetically said, “Ah, I’m sorry! One last question. Did you disown Everett because of 1

“I’m not that saintly. You know the Lopez family doesn’t like me. They’ve been trying to break us up including you. Didn’t you hope that Everett and Heather would end up together? They thought it over. There’s no advantage in fighting the Lopez family. Plus, Kenneth is very good to me and doesn’t come with all these troubles, so I chose Kenneth. Dorothy realized that Jeffrey was quite hard to fool, so she tried her best to make her less pound trail.

But she didn’t expect this to enrage him. So, you please us Everett for that?”

“You”

“Then he truly is not. He treated you too well, gave you his heart and soul and even wished to hold you in the palm of his hand. Yet you missed him offhand with some nonsense about choosing Kenneth. Jethay’s fury was something Dorothy hadn’t anticipated. She frowned and whisked at him. “Weren’t you hoping for Everett and Heather to get married? But my stepping aside a good thing for you.”

Jethay paused and smacked his lips. “That doesn’t mean I can’t chastise you! I’ll relay everything you said to her. Let her see your true colors. Heather in Donomy and at her lips, which were so chapped that they cracked, causing blood to spout.

“Alright, can I go in now? Or are you going to ask me to leave now?” Sinor Jeffrey could smoke at the door she knew that we should stay by now. Therefore, whether she saw him or not it made no difference.

“You’re really heartless” they anchored and pushed the hospital room door open. “I don’t want you to see him, but I believe Turrell would want to see you. If it were up to me, I would have you in jail. No, in hell right now!”

Did Dorothy care about going to jail or not? They don’t know how much crap she was dealing with. Inside the hospital room, Everett lay quietly.

if not for the pullor on his handsome face, he would have seemed to be asleep.

He was receiving an fi dop through his left hand while the men lut on his right was beeping steadily

Dorothy quietly walked over, intending to reach out and touch his she could feel his pulse one last time, but her fingers halted mid—alt not moving father Suddenly the man on the bed called out to her “Docity”

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Just this was mough to shatter the facade Dorothy had been painstakingly maintaining

Even in he unconscious sizte, he was still calling out her name, “Forget about me. Everem”

If she could turn back time, she would have deleted Everett from he contacts that and tough wont even have joined the same as groups him. That way, she would have never crossed paths th this man apan. He had given her the most precious and parest love in the word, something that was truly unique

It was the most batat favoritism she had ever experienced in her bearily something year of M.

Alas, the Tave expence coupon had expired, and she had to go back to the real world.

Everett, with his eyes lightly shut, muttered once again, se lo munske something

Dorothy leaned in cautiously to listen, barely making out the wests.

He was

Everett’s hospitalization eventually couldnt be kept a spor

When Heather rushed to the hospital, she saw Jeffrey andmedy started complaining

“Why didn’t you tell me earlier? This is a big deal What something dangerous happened

“It was his wah not to let others know” Jeffrey raised an eyebrow “Tony sold you because couldn’t stand it?”

Heather selected something off with him “What do you mean

“He drank himself into this stone because of Dorothy But when Dantly came, she looked so incient Jeffery was fuming as he

meated her behavior. ‘If it werent for het would Evenella mom have to be rushed to the ER so many times? Yet that womanis still

ungateful, saying things then it’s stressful being with Events. The ever waTL in break up with time!

“Dorothy has always been like this. She’s cold blooded” Heather said calmly
“Othese, how could she set me us

Jeffrey scoffed ‘But sarma has its way. She had a medical examination here and found out the end conese Women could be allowed to have children she doesnt deserve it!

you say

‘Held on Heather interupted him Her eyes flickered as she assed. “Did you say Dorony

“Yes! I saw the doctor come CHET

All her. He even tesed her to discuss with her husband what to do rel my was taking tempelt, not noticing the smirk creeping up Heather’s face. With Dorothy unable to conceive, she didrit need to worry ascut any Treats She certa y dubhi want to become someone else’s mather.

im going to check of him?

Hey dont

Before Jeffrey could finish, Heather had already pushed open door to the ward

in the bed, Everett was still unconscious. His pale lips west tightly pursed, and his brows were furrowed

Rarely did she get a chance to get this close to him Heather even wished time could slow downright now Wouldn’t it be great if

he could always be this quiet and this recepties to hert

She despised his so–called chalous demeanor and eliquelle.

If only Everett was like these men at work who always ogled ter Then everything would fall into place, andla

Heatherly ached out towards Ever’s cheek, something she had always wanted to do but had the oportunity to She thought today

mas fnally the day but....

“What are you doing?”

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Event’s rewat raspy and weak, yet his gaze remained shop and Ingesing

Startled Heather withdrew her hand immediately

1. I just wanted to check your forehead and see if you have a teset ‘

“No need” Ewrents voice bom an insurmountable drachmen I was evening with a hint of desolation

When he first opened his eyes moments ago. he thought the female fque before ham was Dorothy He thought she still couldn’t bear to leave him,

But when Everett sinned his eyes to see and realized that was Heather the disappointment and the icy chill of dejection swept over him

Heard you drank yourself the hospital was tempted, Everett for others, think about our priest The whole of Leon waiting for you, yet you're sacrificing it all for a woman, just like that?

As Heather spoke her eyes welled up

She felt a mix of headache, indignation, and resentment

She was so envious of Dorothy

Why did Dorothy always have what she longed for? What made Dorothy so much better than her to be so chased by it

"That's none of your business."

Terem Wake up: Dorothy doesn't love you?" Heather's valor trembled in this world, no one cares about you more than I do! I was

willing to play your pretend pollster for your mother's sake, I was willing to take the blame for hating Dorothy I was even willing

to leave The Lopez Corporation where I've worked so hard to alleviate your troubles so you would be distressed but what has

Earthly zone besides causing you grief and trouble? When can she shed?"

"Shut up You're not one to judge Dorothy"

Even in this late, Everett could stand to hear a bad word about her

Outside Jeffrey heard their voices and quickly entered "Uh Heather today you have something to do? I can take care of Everett!

You go handle your business "

The underlying meaning in his tone was clear he wanted her in In

Heather understood the man

Healing she might have seen a bit too emotional and aggressive, she forced a sigh of resignation. Telling herself Dorothy's leaving

this time is our fault; it's her own choice Everett I hope you put yourself together

Everett remained unmoved. He didn't even spare her a glance

Reluctantly Heather got up "I do have some work to do so be going Jeffrey take good care of him and call me if anything

happen."

"Sure! I'll walk you out

With a lingering gaze at Everett, Heather finally walked out of the room in her high heels.

Jeffrey was somewhat scared of how Everett would reprimand him for calling Heather, but the moment Lynn opened his mouth,

he said "Casualty she came, didn't she? In his dream, he clearly saw Dorothy

come She sat beside him, wearing a white dress,
just as she did when he first saw her walk through the classroom
She looked worried and pained, promising she wouldn't leave She said
everything before was just a joke and that she wanted to
spend the rest of her life with

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May that heartless woman be damned

Of course, he heard that last thought out loud

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that Corstyn's insistence to this Just like Jeffrey
himself had thought earlier

Anyway They were destined to part ways. He didn't matter what the real reason
was as long as everyone got back on track.

He needed a glance at Everett's expression and wisely kept his mouth shut

Suddenly Everett said Discharge me

"What? You can barely walk straight. The doctor said you're at risk of alcohol
poisoning and need to stay at the hospital for at least
three days"

Get out! Everett protested

Jeffrey was stated "Are you joking with your own
life, will you? As you planning to risk your life for a woman.

He really couldn't understand Everett's behavior at the moment

He used to think that if he went parents meddling in his marriage was really inappropriate
Even though he also supported Everett being with Heather To him a known
quantity was always better than the unknown. But he was against the
excessive interference from the elders,

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Jeffrey was posted. How could a man fall for Dorothy?

Dorothy was just a premier than most and had a decent income. There were definitely women among age swarming around him

who were more leading, outstanding, and of higher social status

you're not going to do it. I do it myself”

with that. Everett frowned.

Jeffrey hunted over to support Tim

Don't push your body too hard

“What are you trying to do? I've handed over all of the company's matters to Keen. He can come to the hospital for any urgent

matters

“Have an appointment with a wedding planner. Have to go there now!”

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Everett had spent the whole night mulling over this, and he was finally clear about several things.

If being with him was causing her so much anguish, it would be better to set her free

Her life had always been beyond her control. He had hoped that his presence would change her trajectory and that he could help walk out of the shadows of her past. But now it looked like she was truly exhausted

It was clear to Everett that Dorothy was really tired | past few days.

You're just making things worse | something she would

not get a divorce already! Any wedding you have in just to make yourself feel better" Jeffrey said as he looked away with Everett | gloomy

Finally, Jeffrey could only sigh in resignation. "I will arrange for your discharge to the hospital's back garden, and after leaving Everett's hospital room, Dorothy left the hospital immediately before she went

Bella had spent most of her later life in this hospital, so this place became the only spot to commemorate

her on a bench in the park watching the patients come and go, each with a family member by their side

And then the thought of herself

place her mother in

her

She wasn't always there for her mother.

It seemed like karma had done its job. She wasn't even with Beka in her final moments

excuse for not coming here

She must have hated her, right? Hated her for not listening to her and for manually walking down her path.

"Mama" Getting a shot hurts! I want a hug

Suddenly a child's voice reached Dorothy's
Following the sound, she saw a little girl pouting and acting cute with her innocent
She pointed at where she got the shot as her big
eyes looked so adorably Her moment down in pick her up and kissed
her on the cheek Sweetie, once your fever breaks,
we'll go home. Mama promises to take you to Disneyland, okay? "Way! The
little girl involuntarily forgot all her pain. Her fearful eyes
were unable to her joy

Watching this, Dorothy's eyes welled up with
She she had always wanted a mother like that
One could act cute and throw tantrums in front of.
In her memory Bella's face rarely held a gleam
in

There was even a time when Dorothy did After coming home from her part
time job to the nursing home where her mother lived,
she would bury her head in her homework not speaking and not making eye
contact with her mother

She felt like as soon as her mother opened her mouth, it would be solder for
interacting with boys or for having a crush

But back then, even though she was a teenager she had to wake up before
dawn to walk to school and the work night after
school. When she got home she had homework and study to do where would
she spend the time to have a crush

Inherent

clans, the only person she paid any extra attention to was Everett, and that
was only because he was her desk mate..

After graduating from college and starting work, she began to subconsciously
reject any further contact with men, I want
something she could control it had just

Every time she felt lonely Dorothy couldn't help but

But now she only wished Bella could come back to life.

her mother Why had she indulged such thoughts in her from a young age? I
made her so unsociable.

Dorothy reached out and gently touched Bella by if I give birth to you will you
reset me in the future?

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"Dorothy! I knew I'd find you here." Suddenly, Heather's voice echoed in her
ears..

Dorothy wrenched her hand and looked up at her. "What is it?"

“Don’t tell me you’ve forgotten our agreement. You promised me you’d divorce Everett, and now not only is he planning your wedding, but you’ve also agreed to 7 Heather’s anger was tangible as she recalled the message Jeffrey had sent She had given everything to Everett and got nothing in return how despite Dorothy’s situation, Ever insisted on leaving the hospital to plant wedding This is his request. Without it, he won’t sign the divorce papers. What should I do? Take him to court?”

“Smug about what? Dorothy didn’t look at her, instead, she gazed upon the mother and daughter waking further away “You were capable of causing my mother’s death. Leaving me with nothing reminded of you Heather caught on to the undertone of her words and crossed her as if she’d kill your mother She died from Predicting her denial Dorothy could only manage a succumb Cameli dare harm anyone close to me. After all, I’ve got nothing left to lose.” Having nothing to lose, in a way with How is that my fault edhead to city hall after the wedding. Until then, I want to see you. And don’t you Heather raised an eyebrow as her gaze suddenly fell on Dorothy’s abdomen “Don’t worry, I don’t want to see you either. There’s one last thing Jeffrey said you can have children anymore is Dorothy knew one he needed countless others in upholding. This Do you want to get a second opinion know some specialists in this field” Heather’s “concern” was a facade that Dorothy saw right through. There was no doubt that she wanted to confirm the truth

“There’s no need I don’t care it’s better without children” To avoid Heather’s suspicion, Dorothy kept her gaze elsewhere as she spoke Lying to Jeffrey was easy even weren’t an observant and didn’t overthink like women did Women were keen observers Life without him, I would’ve let Dorothy after all. We share the same blood I do care about you. Honestly do much that I’d be with you” Heather attempting to close the distance between them Dorothy scoffed “Stay away! We have no relation. Neither in the past nor in the future Don’t try to cozy up to me” “Everything I said is true” Heather’s demeanor softened as if she had suddenly

let her guard down. She looked like she wanted to have a heart to heart conversation. with you. There's no other man in the world that would catch my eye" "Believe it or not, if it weren't for wouldn't compen Despite her named for Dorothy and her mother Heather "Do you know that if it weren't for Everett and my desire to be please his mother! wanted no one but Esmett im, I wouldn't have stated hard and worked so please the Lapely. To

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Heather paused and her gaze became distant for a few moments before she continued

Abelence, she sighed Her lone was now filled with a gesture. The black sheep without going is these lengths, I'd never be accepted into the Loper family I've done too much, to let you steal if you're feeling bitter, I can give you back our father."

Tohm, Everett was the driving force behind her efforts

With him, she denied her bold father He didn't matter to her at

"Keep him. I don't have a father Dorothy nonchalantly altered these words as she stood up to leave the hospital.

She didn't need him before, and she certainly didn't need him now

She wouldn't share with Maxton in This letter, nor would she ever share sincerely affection with Beuther

If one day the truth came out that it was Heather Walker, she would show mercy Dorothy held her breath and got in. She watched the landscape raced at her memories of Everett ached before her eyes like a slideshow

After weiving at Bay Residence, Dorothy didn't go in immediately. Instead, she ran in to get her phone, and called

Tweed I'm keeping the baby

Everett didn't delay the wedding because he didn't want a divorce.

On the contrary he had urged the wedding company several times to speed up

He was already And that Cathy couldn't eat and ended up insisting on divorcing him immediately

When she received Everett's message. Barotly was at the hospital with Kann for prenatal check up. While waiting for their turn,

they sat on a bench outside the obstetrics and gynecology clinic

To avoid any dry 1980

The wedding tomorrow

Dorothy's hand trembled involuntarily as she read the message.

Truthfully, she subconsciously hoped the wedding would be delayed even just

Home she pinched to quickly settle everything and brain this place

she had nothing but heartache

hand trouble with her unborn child

Tom between these feelings she felt indescribable upon seeing the message.

"What's wrong?" Karen noticed her discomfort and quickly asked

"It's nothing"

Dorothy did reply. Just as she was about to put her phone away Everett's

second message arrived.

Can he not attend tomorrow Just for one day Just for set morning

Through the message. Dorothy could almost feel well's humble pleading

The proud CEO of the Lopez Corporation was actually begging her.

She knew who the "be" in Everett's message was

It seemed her he had successfully deceived David

What a joke! She was notoriously bad at lying, but this one time someone

beloved her

Is it Everett Karen wasn't a fool. She had already guessed who it was after

single expression

"I'm trying to win you back"

Dorothy shook her head

"Will you consider it not too late."

They hadn't registered for a divorce yet, and as long as she told Everett about the baby, they would definitely not get a divorce.

"Choosing the wrong path, no matter how far you go, will never lead you back to the right way"

"What are you planning to do after leaving the Lopez Corporation?"

"I'm thinking of going abroad"

In this country it would be difficult to keep her pregnancy a secret

Event Everett doesn't know. Heather would definitely know some time for a while.

Karen thought for a moment then nodded. The one good. She discussed it with

Kerth Ahern and Erat. "Well, the chosen papers, you'll

reappear with Kerrin. Then he can take you overseas and you can give birth to your children

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*Karen, if I agree to this, it might as well not even exist"

Dorothy's principle had always been not to inconvenience anyone. about

Kenneth?

What if he found someone he truly loved and wanted to marry her she were to actually marry Kenneth just to maintain her lie, sure, the lie would be covered, but what

he future? How would he explain his previous marriage

“But he volunteered for this.” Karen said, her face full of sincerity. She talked to him about it. He’s willing to go along with the act.

He doesn’t even mind the child you’re carrying for Everett. If you agree, he can tell his parents that the baby is his. It would all make perfect sense?

“Mo”

“Why do you push people away like that? What’s wrong with Kenneth?”

Sometimes Karen really did understand what Dorothy was thinking was it so hard for her to simply nod? If she

If it were the this would be the perfect time to ask for help. Someone was willing to help, without any pressure at all. Why was it were Dorothy she would have agreed a long time ago.

He’s your own cousin, and you’re just going to let him do this? Dorothy was at a loss. He’s just so young to understand. Hell, she regretted it later.

Decisions. Whether he will regret it or not, that’s for the future to decide. But don’t you see that he really likes you? Eve never seen of them could be together.

“You have to take responsibility for their actions like this before.” Karen secretly wished

Even though Dorothy was carrying Everett’s child which worsened the situation, she didn’t feel comfortable lending her best friend to marry another

another man.

Rather than that, why not have her marry her own cousin, whom she thought of as a brother? At least she knew him well.

I know you mean well and I know Kenneth has good intentions.

Do you plan to never find someone else and raise this child alone? You’re still so young and childless. “Even if you’ve put up for yourself, you should think about me and my child. You decided to keep it. I grew up without a father.

Dorothy locked down in silence.

Yes, she knew.

I think about it later. I might look for someone.

Since she was young, she decided not to follow the same path as her mother.

She used to think that if there was a man who could enter her mother's past need a father figure" Karen inedito persuade her from another angle. should try to give it a complete family You should know how it feels to
en hallway, then her mother wouldn't have been so least he could go of the Now that she was in the same situation, she didnt want to be as stubbs her mother
But it will be tam-
She wouldn't drag such a good man down with her.
Exeren didn't receive any response from Dorothy
Their relationship suddenly felt like at had regressed to the way times in the quiet of the right ring say something to her, anything, but in the end, he
Before their union, Everell would open Dorothy's WhatsApp contact countless time couldn't think of what to say

Now his messages sank again like a stone in the ocean
In the CEO's office of the Lopez Corporation, Everett frowned, put an "track, knock"
yhen phone, stood up, and headed towards the floor-to-ceiling window
Someone was knocking on the door outside.
"Come in"
As the door opened, Kevin walked in
"Mr. Lopez, i koked into Daroy's medical examination that day"

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Upon hearing Donally's name. Exerell spun around, and his long laga caled him fly across the room.
He was still holding on til doubting that what was going on waer's the truth. What had happened thai day to make my change her attitude? Why did the change her mind souden?
was all too birame and abrupt
While looking at the pacers in his hand Exerett's handsome face darkened Dothy's mother was picked up by Kennethis people?"
"Yeah. That's what the hospital's investigator told me "Kevin continued. "They even showed me some footage of Darchy's mother

in the hospital's back garden Kenneth was with her, and they seemed happy
lacked like Domitys mom was quite taken with him."

Everell's hand clenched in anger crumpling the papers in a ball

"So, she didn't lie in me!

"n seems po

Although Kevin wanted to uncover something that could bring back Mr Insel,
he couldnt just fabricate the investigationis aus. He
had in bell the truth

Mr Lopez Tina Ms Sanchez isn't that type of person" Revin found it strange
bus.

From Dorothy and Mr. Lopez's interactions, it wasnt hard to see that there
were the feelings between them Carthy might have
been at slow but once they were homesi with each other she began being
sweet and lovely to Eve'll

How could this happen overnight?

"Perhaps the in really tired"

"Mr Lopez shall tak to Ms. Sanchez Kevin always found Domiby easy to deal
with, and he had done is best is help het in her

career, so he thought he could do something to get to the bottom of this

"Nin. His har decision. I just want to make sure she's not being manipulated.

As long as the truly wants to leave. I won't hold her
back."

Even if it hurt, be it want Dorothy to be in a place where she dicht feel
comfortable.

in the and all Keen could do was sigh. He thought they would be the any at
everyone around them

As nightfall, Dorothy took a cab back to the Bay Residence

She'd been staying with Karen these past few days, and she hadn't move her
belongings out yet. Since the was getting a divorce
was time to remove her things from Everett's house.

Dorothy chose to come at night, thinking Everett would be busy with the
company Sheknew how much work he had recently

Moving out duely would make it less painful for everyone.

She also sudired Kuens olker to accompany her choosing to tell alone.

wherein the pastward, Durothy shepped into the house

There were no shoes at the entrance.

She breathedugh of ref

It seemed like he really wasn't ho

wedding ceremony lomorrow it

Dorothy bent down to its up the shoe cabinet, placing the sippers at the door.

As she was about to stand up, she suddenly felt a shadow looming over her. Stunned, she stepped back. After looking up, she saw that it was Everett. How could he be home?

"You thought I'd be at the office today, didn't you?" Estrell's voice was hoarse. It seemed like the past bleeding incident had taken a toll on him and he hadn't fully recovered. His refined, handsome face was a pale, vinous red.

"Yes, I came to get my stuff."
"Waiting for you outside?"

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Dorothy instinctively knew who it was. "Na liell gei beked off if I always how was referring to."

"Him pick me up at Bay Residence."

What the man just said seemed to visibly lower the atmospheric pressure around the man across from her. His eyes were like ice daggers that pierced through her heart, causing her to tremble and bleed. Suddenly, Eve tilted his hand.

Dorothy flinched subconsciously before realizing that he was simply reaching for a cigarette in his pocket, lit it, and took a deep drag.

It seemed like this was the only way he could maintain his usual cold demeanor. Being a real freak, he never smoked inside the house. However, she was aware that Eve must be trying to suppress his emotions. He was afraid he might do something impulsive or something he might regret.

"Everett, you just got out of the hospital. Don't smoke." Dorothy reached out to watch the cigarette, but he extended her like he usually would with other women. Nevertheless, he decided to continue smoking. Instead, he stuffed the pack and took a few steps

back. To park your things. Tie up, hind my composure as well.

His indifferent tone reinstated their roles as boss and assistant.

Dorothy felt a lump in her throat, and her whole body began to ache. It was as if she had been struck hard.

She had been his favorite for too long; it had been so long that she had forgotten that Everett was a golden boy. He had his own

women. He was a dream partner who was meant to be adored
So long that she had forgotten Exell was a distant and cold C

“Okay” Dory responded softly and walked away
was worshiped by countless
she the wedding tomorrow could be canceled, and he
She thought Everett would leave then She even contemplated a pen has
cuentatud, there might be a chance would go correctly to
get a dire
But when she had sacked and returned to the foyer she found that Everett was
still standing thank

“How come you have Helen?”

“He didn’t come to get you, and it’s hard to get a cab here. I give you all “He
was still considerate, he just wasn’t as warm as
before Dorothy suddenly
understood how Heather felt when facing Everett
It was probably like this

His manners made him a gentleman toward women, but that was as far as it
went

Finally she found herself in the same position
beampow”

She took several deep breaths and lowered her eyes. Lexi may be
am, the former from the wedding planning company will really get you”

Dorothy was taken aback and couldn’t help blinking in surprise.

She was going to suggest canceling the wedding tomorrow

Actually I mean

“You don’t want to divorce?” Everett looked down the hallway could meet his
gaze She simply focused on his Adams instead.

The atmosphere returned to its cold tranquility. Mother then spoke other
ward.

Det helped her put her packed belongings into the trunk of the car Before
leaving Dorothy took one last look at Bay Resid

The place was once where she and Iverell shared their intimate moments.

Now who would have her last visit

Once in the car, Dorothy sent a text message to Kenneth

So, when Everett aimed at Karen’s apartment, Kenneth was already waiting
there

The two men met again Although not an hostile encounter, the atmosphere
was far from friendly.

“Mr. Lopez, thank you for bringing Dorothy home

Chapter 233

Kenneth naturally wanted to take the nutcase from Everett's hands on behalf of Dorothy

Yirl, as he wached out l'verell did lose his grip

Thus, they stood there in a deadlock

The evening breeze brushed past them, ruffling Everett's fine hair. He laughed lightly as the coldly said, "No imuble at all in helping my wile "

Fearing that the two men might start a quarrel barothy hurriedly said, "Kenseth, please take the stall qılın l've been packing all day and mind

"Bure" Kenneth raised his eyebrows with a victorious smirk playing on its lips as he turned and setsettes into the house with

Dorotty

Everett was let stand ng alone. He was frozen in place for a long whe Finally he returned to hx car, retrieved a pack of cigarettes and a light, and tone up. His gaze remains foed on the floor of the house where Dorothy was saying

He was fortung himself, wating in sa

As the cigarette was meaning its the allonto the back of has hand. The bringenter ads she lynched His favered

Time icke.

No one came nit

A throbbing an emergedal Everett's temples. His blood roiled and purged as if it were flowingbackwards with in him.

He couldn't accept that Dorothy had ferlings for another man and that she was sponta belong to someone else.

Everen stubbed out his cigarette on his palm trying to distract himself with the starp pain in an offempt to cool down, but it didn't work

Eventually he got out of the car and his long strices camed him towards the entrance of the residential in ons

Just as he entered, he heard a voice from aboar that sounded in Domin

"Yes for Td do anything (just war by my side hum now on

Everett hope in place feeling as if a bucket of or water had been poured over him. A piercing cold seeped into his bonet

Was the talking about Kenneth? She actually liked Kemeth to this extenti

Even now, Everett didn't want to use the word love to describe their relationship. He felt that he was more appropriate

The pan was so nice that he could hardly bowÉN.

Everett clutched at his chest. The overwhelming pain
Suddenly he heard footsteps about
Almost subcated him.

Kenneth's voice soon lowered. "You haven't hell yet?" Everett glanced up at
with sled with hatred and al Yes, even he Everett,
was capable of feeling such emotions. But unlike him, Kenneth looked more
shocked than anything

He didn't know how much Everett had beerhead.

"Mr Lopez avestrappang isn't exactly an appealing habit"

"Until the divorce is final, she's still my w

"That's true" Kenneth laughed lightly as she manchatantly shrugged "So here I
am not saying with her Rest assured if you can
respecters can What's you can provide for hat, I can lus!

Healing that Everell probably had heard their discussion about child visibly led
till have to thank you for taking care of her in the
past

Kenneth, if you dang beat her hady

"There's no way I would that her badly.

after going through so much trouble to be with her Kenneth cult of Just
member to my NDA"

With that Kenneth walked past him, heading straight for the eart, trying to
leath

He didn't care Inger here any longer, for fear that Everett might overhear
something he shouldn't

Chapter 234

Kenneth look each step a tad slower listening for any sign that Evriell was
trailing behind him.

A while of not hearing his foot, Kenneth quietly burred wound to check on him.
Then he had to rub his nose, wondering if he was

Things

There was shedding tears. He was actually crying

Even though he was sent the profound sadness in his eyes and the common
creeping up on his face could be hidden.

Tears slid down his cheek, staining the collar of his crisp white shirt on the wet
patch slowly earded

was sad that men don't shed tears easily only when they're truly
heartbroken

Everett must early love Dorothy At least in this moment, Kenneth didn't doubt

his sincerity for a second

After a moment's hesitation, he took out his iPhone and snapped a picture of Event crying planning to send it to Dorothy

Hebeld that if Dorothy saw this, things might take a turn Su might change har i But when Kenneth pulled up Damity's whopp contact, hs Engers frown over the 'send' button.

If Dorry got back together with Everem, he had a gut feeling that he'd lose his chance to be by Dorony's side for

Forgive him this one time for being selfish

Slently stowing away his phone, Kenneth surned and lett, not waiting for Everett any longer

He thought that of fate had arranged for Everet to hear aboji Dorothy's pregnancy it this time, then so be it If not, it was meant to be too.

Dorothy thought she would be up all night, after all, the wecking was tomonow, and she and Everett were going ther separate

There they met, who knew what the circumstances or theirgin to each other would be

But perhaps due to her pregnancy, the cited off to sleep a most as soon as she closed her eyes

She was awakened by the ning of her phone. It was a call from an un

"Hein Ms Sanchez I'm from the wedding planning company has to pick you up?"

"The down in a mottem.

After hanging up, Dorothy humedly got up to get ready

Since she was

Swing BN get her makeup done lader anywils 516 didn't bother with it herself and descended the stairs bare faced.

car parked by the cut, Dorothy walked out, opened the car door, and sat down, only is mal de Pal Exnett wat also in the car

Dorothy was taken aback.

Want the groom supposed to be waiting for her at the wedding venue on the day of the wedding?

Even if it was in pick up the bride they weren't supposed in such other at this phone

The wedding was rushed, and there was no time for a dress rehearsal This is the first time live ever done this." he warned to

many Dorothy and be with her cry step of the way even accompanyang her to try on her wedding gown

Dorothy pursed her lips, not quite understanding Exeris intentions, but it was

their last day together so she let him have his way

The two of them remained silent for the entire ride.

The diver however, found this rather unusual man had devin many newlyweds befant some of whom even argued the idea, but this was the first par awa

Upon reaching the bridal boutique. Dorothy pushed open the door to get out of the car. She looked up is End That Everett had already stepped out ahead of her extending his hand towards her.

Dorothy hesitated for a moment, but eventually chose to link arms with him. Everett had broad shoulders that provided a sense of security even when she was merely leaning on them butely

He had workout equipment at his Bay Residence home, and Dorothy had seen him working out waily in the morning chose the wedding dress for you”

Chapter 235

“Huh?” Dorothy couldn’t understand why he’d suddenly that, considering that Evere never seem like the type to seek prise Uril the now the wedding dress.

She didn’t need to ask any questions.

Dorothy knew that this wedding dress must’ve been designed by Everett Herself.

It was a piece he’s been prepsing for long time.

The snow white wedding dress was adorned with jewels and damonk, embroidered at the front were the numbers 0625, each embellished with pearls and gemstones

He wasn’t a professional wedding dress designer, but he stated drafting this chess five years ago. All the way up until he met

Dorothy again and maxed her

Everett thought them would come a day when he’d see Darty weaning the diess that he designachme

In fact, she was about to wart, just not in the way he images.

“How long did you design this for?”

“Not long “Everett’s voice was low. He didnt even look at Dorothy. “So by it on Dorality followed the assistant into the dressing room, while Exerell waited outside

His phone rang countless times, but he rejected every call

Today nothing and no one could disturb him.

Inside the dressing room, Dorothy put on the wedding dress with the help

She couldn't help but tear up when she saw her reflection
Dorally didn't know how long Everett took to design this dress or the amount
of time and effort that was put into competing it
But she knew what this dress represented

"Wow Ms. Sanchez this dress suits you marvellously! You look so beautiful!"
"Really?" The assistant thought she was crying out of joy and hurriedly brought
tissues to wipe. You lucky to have
a great

blend Mr. Lopez and you
are truly a match made in heaven. I've never seen a couple more suited for
each other if you two have a baby, they'll be
absolutely gorgeous as she rambled on, she seemed almost eager to see
what their future child would look like
The mention of a child made Dorothy's hand shake involuntarily Right, she must
always remember to hide her pregnancy from
Everyone

"Can this be tightened around the waist a bit more?"

"You're already perfect as your

"A bit tighter, please think it would look better."

Assistant naturally complied with

her request and bustled about to alter it

An hour later Dorothy finally emerged in the winding hallway and appeared in
front of Everett.

He was smiling contently not once pecking up the machine next to him. His gaze
was fixed on the dressing room

The moment he saw Dorothy a slow smile crept onto his face

"Dorothy know you'd look beautiful in this

"Thank you" Flustered by his compliment Dorothy blushed and looked away shyly
Everett rose and walked over to her taking her hand in his. "Let's go to the
ceremony"

"But aren't the bride and groom supposed to be separated before the
wedding? Dorothy had never attended, but she'd attended
a few colleagues' weddings She'd heard it was bad luck for them to be together
beforehand.

"But I don't want to miss a single second of today"

He wanted to spend every single second he could with her.

Dorothy was taken aback and blinked at
in confusion,

Everett seemed unusually romantic and straightforward today. He didn't seem like the trained and aloof Ms. Lope.

Chapter 236

The wedding venue was something Everett had brainstormed with a design. The whole place was covered in red roses, even the walkway was sprinkled. Dorothy looked at the scene before her, finding it vaguely familiar yet she could place where she'd seen it before.

Everett gently spoke up beside her. In middle school you once drew your team wedding in class.

That was so many years ago.

Dorothy remembered the art teacher teaching them how to draw scenery and composition techniques.

She had sneakily glanced at her classmates' work. They were either drawing vacation spots on their homes.

Dorothy hadn't traveled nor did she have a home, so she decided to draw an imagined grand wedding.

In her imagination, the bride and groom deeply loved each other, their eyes were only for each other. After the wedding, they

would have a happy home, perhaps even a cute baby.

She was envious of those classmates, as they could grow up in a complete family.

After all these years, Dorothy didn't think that Everett even remembered this.

It was just a random sketch.

Why a field of roses? Simply because the teacher taught them how to share that drawing.

Like a magician, Everett pulled out her old sketch.

It was not for her hands are at the bottom. Dorothy would have forgotten that she'd drawn it.

"You.. How did you get this drawing?"

Dorothy remembered that the teacher had collected. After every class, the art teacher would let their work a digemments

"I asked the art teacher for

Because of this. The art teacher knew liked you." Everett's gaze never left her.

His lips moved slightly as he continued. Then the

chemistry teacher then our homemam Bracher. They

So, they were always seated together until graduation.

Dorothy was clueless about at this.

At that time, she was focused on studying and working. She never thought about anything else.

“Dorothy you wanted to know what 0825 means, night Eventi libed his finger slowly pulling open his shirt colla revealing the number tattooed on his skin.

“August 25 was our first day as deskmates I watched you walk towards me with your backpack, and, for the first time in my life, I heard my heartbeat so clearly forced myself to look away and not stare at you it wasn’t until the break that i realized my palms were al sweaty’

Everell’s voice was low and raspy was magnetic, as if it were enchanted by some sort of mage.

Every word was slow, and every sentence was profound

Dorothy was speechless. Aside from shedding tears, she felt like she had turned into a useless person, not wing what to do where to put her hands.

All she could do was stare blankly at him, feeling the tears sneak down her cheeks, one drop her another.

“You’re crying” Everett lifted his hand and gently wiped away her Tears Dorothy you do have feelings for me, don’t you? Dorothy can we not divorce?”

Chapter 237

Corny knew this was Everett’s final plea

He had already swallowed his pride so many times, and she had trampled all over his dignity countless times. She don’t want him to go through this anymore.

Everett, siop asking”

‘Wright, stop”

He gave the officaria nod, and the wedding commenced

There were no guests, relatives, or friends. Aude from the clicari. I was ju Two of them

Dorothy could bring herself to look at Everett’s finely chiseled face or his fathomless eyes throughout the commony. She wanted to end quickly

Not just the wedorp, but all of it

“The groom may now kiss the bride

The officunt.completed his home, closed this pers, and began to pray for them.

Everett’s hands cradled her lace as his waym lipa drew near cell there was no dodance lich between them

The kiss lasted a long time.

So long that it nearly emptied Donathy’s lungs of alar

Her brain, starved of oxygen allowed him to continue kissing her she heard
Ever shape in tartar
'Dory Thale you.'

Yes, he had everyght 50.

Three years later in a small town in Exeplow City

This place was about to be developed amo amor woon dollars, aming be the
more and entertainment venniteren
rities

tlacities, and shopping malls, but it would also all course, al
sea Borse ranch and st Not only would it have a hot spring hotel, amusement
Most of the original res dents of the town had
taken the compensation and moved away. Those who remuned were sacking
up except for one fan dy who steadfastly refused
to eat.

Because of this family the company had already delayed a lot of work. The
investors were quite satser and issued an ultimatum
that this issue must be resolved

Dorothy glanced at the email on her phone, paused the cat took a deep
breath. She then put on the hard to the passenger seat

switched to flat shoes, and walked towards this stubborn family's home

This was her such visit. The first three times, she was coldly rejected and the
new worse when the was cursed at and driven

2011

"Knock, knock

'Help myne home?'"

Dorothy knocked on the door and peered inside. She didn't see anyone, but
she could certainly hear them cursing

"Get lost We're not moving! If you can just bulldone our house!

The same clin

st Star Enterprises to negotiate the compensation price for your land. We can
discuss this matter peace!.ly"

"Please don't get angry I'm here on behalf of East

"There's nothing to discuss Unless you give us hull milion dolan, were not
moving!"

Hall million?

Dorothy felt headache coming on just hearing that numbri

This house was barely over 50 square meters, and the sumunding neighbors
reaved just over one hundred thousand dollars in
compensation. Each of them had larger properties than this one if they gave

this family half million, wouldn't the others who had moved demand the same from East Star Enterprises?
'Let's talk about this. Could you come out, please?'
A middle aged man finally agreed to come out
He was fat, robust, and came out whuntej a black swedishat He was the kind of man you wouldn't want to mess with
Seeing that the person who came was a young women, he didn't take anything she said seriously. 'Can you, on behalf of Cast Star Emerprises, promise me hall million
'S. your land caricte states that your property in 5465 equena malen. At a compensation rate of founded per square meet you should receive 10,775 dollars Our manages luv said that they can round that up to an even one hundred thousand dollare.
What so you dink?

Chapter 238

If it weren't for the distance between them, Dorothy could almost feel the spittle from his maten her face.
"Our offer for the property is primarily based on the size of the land stated in the title deed. The company's offer is very generous." Dorothy was out of options. She had to bylo son with the man. He scoffedically. Don't take me for a fool know my my house stands where the entrance to your resort will be As long as I stay put, your project is stalled. You're trying to persuade me better hurry back and persuade your boss instead. My price is half million Cash only"
Dorothy chuckled at his demand Sir, K's clear you've been led some information. But did your source also mention the resort has a backup plan to relocate the entrance if regotiations far
"You Stop trying to come The man stilisted on his half million, but his tone lacked the certainty and uph
"Well, it seems my Trip was fuble. I world bother you further" Dorothy gave him a small laugh, turned on her heel, and walked away without hesitation.
Yes, she was sorting to the old inck of taking a step back to gain momentum She had tried every other method but came up empty handed it in time for a last cell
Back in her cat she pulled out her phone and dialed her boss. They, Austin, who has had access to the final draft of our project's design Bluepent? A leak of this blueprint is why George thinks he can prefs from our predicament and refuses to move"

Dendy calmly analyzed the situation. It was hard to understand. Whoever leaked the information was either related to George or had some vested interest in George's wealth. If George managed to get his hands on half million, they would Austin's voice escalated on the other end. "I knew something was fishy! I'm going to find out who did tha Just as Dorothy ended the call, her phone buzzed with a video call The car was getting study so she rolled down the window with one hand and answered the call with the other

Instantly, a pair of big grape-like eyes filed the screen, spinning round and round "Mommy" The soft, cute voice melted Dorothy's heart, instantly clearing away any work related stress. "Hiy Abigail Do you miss Mommy? hmm Aunt Karen won't let me rat chocolate!" gal pouted with drool sparkling at the comets of her mouth She was already a pro tattling Karen's voice of protest echoed in the background Takeady sneaked you two pieces. If you get your mom to scold me, she wont give you any!" Dorothy laughed helplessly "Whigal, eating too much chocolate is bad for your teeth." " told you so Karen stated to chip again Seeing that no one was on her side. Abigail burst into tears Tears dropped from her eyes like a waterfall. Just as Dorolly was about to offer another piece of chocolate to calm her down, a familiar voice sounded 1 came to check out the site. Hmm We've already lost quite a bit of time. M Lopez is considering pulling out his investment" He was striding towar Dorothy's hearted to stop beating Hebrainfooded with adenine, and she from on the spot Whendett Kevin showed up. Everett was usually not far behind She could feel a cold sweat breaking out all over her body. She even forgot to hangupdeo call with Abigail Abus voice pulled her back to mality

Chapter 239

Dorothy immediately hung up the video call, then hastily milled up the ca As she watched Kevin walk past her car while talking on the phone, her heart raced it almost felt like her heart was about to jump

out of her mouth

In reality she should be staring the car and driving away from the scene, but her eyes uncontrollably followed Kevin's figure.

Who was the ring to see?

That person?

The moment the thought crossed her mind, Dorothy felt like she had abruptly woken up

She withdrew her gaze, lowered her eyelashes, and started the car engine

Some dreams, once shamed should be left behind

After driving away from the construction site, Dorothy headed back to the office. As soon as she entered the parking lot, she saw

Austin from a distance, looking utterly exasperated while he was on the phone with someone.

Strictly speaking Austin was her boss. At East Star Enterprises, Dorothy's position as Project Director was more or less on par with his as General Manager. However, this development project was so vast that it required an experienced hand to guide.

Austin knew the ins and outs, and he was the team's preferred choice. So

Dorothy did not compete with him for the leadership role

After all, if the project was successful, everyone would share the profit. Moreover, as the junior, it was appropriate to yield

Austin calmly palmed her envelope. He waved his hand, then hung up the

phone. He checked it out. It's just as you suspected one of the designers contacted

George privately. She asked for a cut once the deal

was done" Austin was seething as he spoke "Can you imagine how much trouble she's caused! We were on the verge of losing out!

Dorothy chuckled "Well, at least we found out in time (to prevent further losses)" But what about George? Have you spoken to him?"

The blueprints had been leaked to George

"Not yet but we're close" Dorothy paused then continued "Let's have the employee who leaked the blueprints come see me.

Since she's earned George's trust, don't take advantage of that

Austin raised an eyebrow "Use her? She should be fired

"Right now solving the relocation issue is more important. We can deal with her once we've secured the land"

"Alright, then I'll leave this matter to you. Appreciate your efforts, Ms. Sanchez. Sorry to make you personally involved."

Dorothy waved it off. "It's no problem."

After changing a few pleasantries, Austin turned to leave, but Dorothy called

him back

“Austin our investor for this report project W&C Investments Inc. it is” Austin seemed puzzled by her question “Didn’t you read the tender document?”

She did, which was why she was confused to see Kevin at the construction site. Surely he couldn’t have left the Lopez Corporation?

“W&C Investments Inc. must be doing pretty well to afford such a huge investment.”

Austin waved it off dismissively if it weren’t for the Lopez Corporation acquiring W&C Investments Inc, how would they have got the most invest?”

Lopez Corporation! Dorothy was taken aback “W&C Investments Inc. is now part of

“You didn’t know in the investment banking world, who can grow without hangovers with the Lopez Corporation?”

After saying that, Austin smirked his eyes really admired the president of the Lopez Corporation You have to admit that he’s young handsome and capable The last time I

met your daughter, I thought she looked like Mr. Lopez”

Austin didn’t mean anything by it but what he said hit Dorothy when it hurt.

Haha. Really?

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“Absolutely About two years ago, I had the honor to meet Mr. Lopez. He was so charming and perfect that even, as a man, couldn’t find a woman like him. He’s tall and handsome, and your daughter really has some resemblance in him”

and

“That’s quite a coincidence. Dorothy planned to keep her daughter Abigail away from the business world as much as possible.

She wouldn’t let her daughter meet her colleagues and superiors.

Although she and Everett were worlds apart and unlikely to cross paths, she couldn’t guarantee the same for everyone around her

“You know I’ve never met your husband. He must be quite handsome, Inc. Just look at your adorable little pumpkin. Maybe one day you could bring him along for me to meet”

Austin genuinely admired the woman before him. She had clawed her way up

from the bottom to become a director. When Cast Star Enterprises was in crisis she tirelessly persuaded investors day and night. Humor had that she was even willing to give up her position on the board she couldn't secure the deals, Her husband must be quite a man in being named to such a position. "He's too busy with work, so even barely remember he's been over for die

That's a promise That

Dorothy nodded with a smile and watched him learn

As she stepped into her office in her high heels, the first thing she

I was called me vice president of East Star Enterprises.

Lane, I want to withdraw from the Everglow Creek's resort project

It took a while for the person on the other end to respond "Did you hear me right? Want this the project you volunteered for?"

"Yes."

If she had met Keyn. Dorothy would have opted out of the project. But now that she had, the need to rear dear of him and

anybody who could be lurking around him "There's an unforeseen

circumstance. My righter is having a hard time without me,

and I need to be there father. Running around would only waste Tim's given situation, I think it's best to step down.

"Oh, is that why I can manage for a house in Everglow Creek for your hand and daughter. The project will take time and the scenery here is great. Consider in business terms. All your expenses will be paid for by the company"

Lane thought there was no one more suitable for this project than Dorothy

She was diligent and hardworking She was the perfect candidate for such a

crucial project. Especially since the investors were a

branch of the Lopez Corporation,

Timothy, if you have any requests, feel free to voice them. I accommodate them as much as I can. But we can!! Dorothy rubbed

her temples. "Can I request to have no contact with the investors?"

Lane said "I'll handle this project"

I've had some history with the Lopez Corporation

rather than meet them" She had to make up a "half true excuse"

Lane laughed "Don't worry about that. We're only cooperating with MSC

Investments Inc. The Lopez Corporation is preoccupied

with other more important stuff, so they

Yet Dorothy was all worried about running into Everett

But in the next moment, she dismissed the thought

"I heard that the CEO of the Lopez Corporations getting med soon and is currently broad. So, the headquarters of the Lopez Corporation only ser

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Dorothy was engulfed by a sudden buzzing in her ears, leaving her feeling as if she had gone del

So, Kevin had rally come to Everglow City alone. Evenell didn't come because he had gone abroad to prepare for his

Had he finally green in

Did he agree to marry Heather?

Dorothy, are you still

Lane had to call her back to earth after who knew how many

Tm sony had some signal issues"

Lane continued to sincerely express how important she was Just do our best!

And if there's anything you don't want to handle, et

Austindo it. Though the company assigned him as the main person in charge of this project, your position is equally as important.

The company wants you two to support each other if he does anything that upsets you, you can tell me."

"No Austin takes good care of me"

"That's good to hear is there anything else you need to discuss?"

Having gollen tha

in the cometsation, it would be rude for Dorothy to decline any further

"No, that's all. Sorry to disturb you?"

it's okay. Once the project is successfully completed, East Star Enterprises will throw a celebration banquet for the two of you. I

also promise you a borum at the end of the year it will certainly be no less than seven pres

All that Dorthy could do was awkwardly smile. Her mind was still burring from the news of Everett's impending wedding

After ending the cal, she leaned back in her chair She remained silent for what felt like an eternity.

Wasn't normal for Everett to get married? He couldn't remain single forever because of her could he?

Other men remarry only a few months after their wives' deaths
Their ordeal together ended three years ago. He deserved to get moved and find happiness.

Composing herself, Dorothy fired up her laptop and threw herself back into work

The most important thing right now was to make money. She needed to earn enough to hire a top-notch foghacker to decode the missing surveillance footage from her mother's hospital room

Though they had deleted the video from the incident Dorothy borrowed money from Karen to buy the hospital's surveillance computer at a very high price.

Kenneth sought out several computer experts, but to no avail. It wasn't until someone suggested that the only person who could restore the video was an overbeds hacker. named yte 7 that she found a bit of hope

Actually it was her only hope

But this person's fee was incredibly high. It ranged from 30 to 50 million right off the boil.

Dorothy was unwilling to give up any chance to uncover the truth about her mother's death, even if she wasn't sure whether the stored Surveillance would reveal who agitated her mother

Meanwhile, on the highway from Everglow City to Eldora Oly

"Mr. Lopez. Take care of George within the final week dradine jōu tot"

The voice on the other end was deep and devoid of any emotion

Kevin glanced at the few parchment emeralds he held, asking. "Mr. Lopez, East Star Enterprises has sent over the detailed information about the main person in charge of the resort project. Do you want me to forward a copy to you?"

Evren paused for a few seconds. "No need This project belongs to MLC Investments inc; let them handle it."

"Wright"

After Kevin finished speaking Everett didn't hang up.

He knew that Mr. Lopez had something else to say, he waited patiently

After a long while, the deep voice finally spoke again.

"Snow about her?"

"No, nothing yet" Kevin pursed his lips. Should we keep searching?"

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Kevin sighed deeply as he hung up the phone

They had been searching for years but still found nothing. The only

explanation he could think of was that this person didn't want Ms Sanchez was ruthless in their breakup, so Kevin couldn't understand why Mr. Loper wouldn't let go.

Over the past three years, hundreds, if not thousands, of women have tried to win Mr. Loper's heart. Among them were beautiful ladies with great bodies and wealthy heiresses whose families were just as powerful as the Lopez Corporation. Yet he remained uninterested, continuing to keep a distance from the opposite sex. Rumors were even starting to spread that he was not to women.

Kevin glanced at the brown paper bag in his hands.

Since Mr. Loper said it wasn't important, he decided not to bother. He had just visited the project at Everglow City Resort anyway. The only problem was George, but once that was resolved, they could officially start. The project would be dealing directly with the Loper Corporation's head office, so he didn't need to know the details.

What was most worrying now was when would there be any news of Ms. Sanchez?

There was absolutely no sign of her.

Feeling helpless, Kevin dialed the number of a foreign private detection agency. This was the one he had hired.

Hello, I was referred to you. I'm looking for someone.

Elysian Country Willow Manor.

As soon as Everett's plane landed, he saw the headline in the business news.

The Barthog CEO of the Loper Corporation is

Getting Married?

The article took up a whole page. They were speculating about the identity of the bride, causing quite a stir in the business world.

He didn't need to guess to know that his parents had lured him overseas for his very reason. He knew it all too well.

After all these years, they hadn't given up on trying to match.

But every time they tried, Everest would react the

As the car drove into the estate, Amanda was already waiting at the man's entrance with her hands on her hips, ready to scold him.

Everett was used to this. He'd experienced it many times over the years.

As soon as he got out of the car, his mother, Amanda, asked impatiently, "Did you find that Doty?"

"Not yet!" Everett's eyes even flickered slightly when he heard Dorothy's name, and he answered calmly.

“Then who’s spreading the news about your manage? Who are you marrying”
Amanda had almost had another it when she saw
the news.

was Jonathan who calmed her down suggesting they call their son and ask
him what was going on.

He realized that, since Dorothy had agreed to leave, she couldn’t be the
woman the news was speculating about. She did seem
like the type to change her mind so quickly Otherwise, she would not have
agreed in the first

“Who I marry is my business.”

“The woman you marry will be the wife of you, the CEO of the Loper
Corporation. She mutat least be a good partner for you.

Apart from Heather, no one i

Evelt had expected his mother to say this.

The said it before, I will not many Heather

“Well, I’m telling you, I will never accept Dorothy as my daughter in law!!

Amanda was also stubborn. The mother son duo began to lock horns as soon
as they met

After Everett and Dorothy had gotten their dworce papers, he sent his mother
back overseas. Amanda and Jonathan Thought

that if they let him cool down for a few years he would forget about Dorothy
and then they could persuade him in accept Heather.

But nom news of their engagement was public.

As soon as Everett said this, Amanda fro

She hadn’t heard anything about other women in her son’s

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“Is there something else going on? I thought Dad told me you were in the
hospital.”

It was always the same trick and excuse it would be hard for him not to see
through it.

Yet, as a son, he was always scared. What if one day his father was telling
the truth and he didn’t believe it?

Regardless, she was his mother the woman who gave birth to him and raised
him

“Don’t change the subject! I’m asking you who you’re marrying Amanda’s
eyes were unblinkingly fixed on her son. She could
believe this

She was also surprised How could a woman steal his heart out of nowhere
after all these years of him being so reclusive? He

liked her even to the point of marriage?

it was even more unexpected than when Dorothy showed up

“Of course, it’s the woman I’ve been fond of

“bet you’re just trying to give me a heart attack Amanda exclaimed as she clutched her chest and breathed heavily. “You used to never be like this. Dorothy has been a bad Influence on you I was right to send her away, or else who knows what she could have done to you?”

Everett’s pupils contracted fiercely and sharply

He sensed something was off.

“You you sent her away?”

Realizing she’d let something slip. Amanda quickly changed the subject. She pretended to be unwell and started gasping for breath

Seeing this, the butler and maid hurriedly came to support her. “Madam, are you alright?”

Everett, however, was focused on finding out the truth. He stepped forward, blocking his mother and the butler from leaving

“Tell me the truth. Did you did you force Dorothy to leave?”

His eyes were filled with a storm of emotions and a faint glimmer of hope

If... if Dorothy was truly forced to leave

Knowing her son better than anyone, Amanda knew where he hurt the most.

“she truly loved you, would she have left just because I told her to?”

Everett fell silent.

Her response stabbed him like a knife, leaving him speechless

1. Since he insisted on asking, she had to make him give up on Dorothy
Everett, Heather is the one who’s best for you. Listen to your mother and marry Heather You’ve announced your engagement but haven’t revealed the bride yet. Let it be Heather, then I can test in peace
She almost had a heart attack because of Dorothy She couldn’t handle another shock

And honestly if it weren’t for Heather’s understanding of Dorothy’s personality, she might not have won

“Mother, I hope Dorothy’s departure is only because she doesn’t love me anymore, and it has nothing to do with you.”

Without even considering his mother’s request, Everett left. He returned to his car and left the mansion

On the way he dialed Kevin’s number.

“The engagement has been announced and there’s still no news?”

“Mr. Lopez, maybe maybe we should stop looking for her”

This was the first time Kevin had ever suggested this
He wasn't brave enough before
But now he couldn't hold back any longer
"If Ms. Sanchez wants to hide, we'll never find her. It's been three years, Mr. Lopez. She might even have a child with that Kenneth by now"

He was prepared to be scolded by his boss for saying this Kevin just couldn't continue watching Mr. Lopez obsess over her.

Mr. Lopez was such an excellent and devoted man was Dorothy who didn't appreciate him.

No matter how good his impression of her was in the past, all that he felt for her now was disgust

How could she be so heartless and hurt someone who genuinely loved her?

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The anticipated reprimand didn't come.

To be exact, there was no sound at all from the other end of the line.

It was clear that this wasn't what Mr. Lopez wanted to hear. The normally fast paced, no nonsense man was strangely enough, evading the issue.

Kevin didn't say anything else. He just waited patiently for his boss to respond. After a long while

In a light and tense voice that made it seem more like he was asking himself, he said, 'Do you believe she doesn't love me?

"Yes" Kevin couldn't sugarcoat this. I believe if Ms. Sanchez had even a shred of feelings for you, she couldn't have been so cold hearted. She couldn't just leave so decisively You should stop looking Mr. Lopez. You won't find someone who's deliberately hiding"

The other end of the line fell silent again

Kevin gritted his teeth and prepared for the worst. "Besides, what if you found her now, only to discover her and Kenneth in a blissful relationship? Could you bear that?"

He really didn't understand why Mr. Lopez still wanted to find her Was it just to finally crush his own hopes?

Finally, there was a rustling from the other end, but nothing was said, and then he hung up

What he didn't know was that after hearing this, Everett felt like this call was the last straw that broke the camel's back
turned out that youthful dreams couldn't be forced

Everett had thought he and Dorothy could end up together. All he had to do was slow down a bit, pay more attention, and be more careful

If everything went smoothly they would have fallen in love sooner.

If not, then they would fall in love later

But reality slapped him hard in the face. It was so hard and so painful that he had encourage to get back up.

He sat in the car as his game chifted out the window watching as the world passed him by bit by bit

After a while, Everett pulled out his phone and sent a message to Dorothy's contact.

Almost immediately, the screen displayed a message that he had been deleted by her

He just stared at unblinking

Finally his long fingers slowly removed that account from his faventes, then he tested Kevin.

[There's no need to search anymore.]

It had been three years

Sometimes he didn't understand why he needed to know about her. Because no matter what it would never be the news he

wanted Kewn was right. If he ever saw Dorothy and Kenneth together, hand in hand, perhaps even as a happy family of three could he bear it?

A few seconds later, Kevin replied

Okay. Mr. Lopez. Do you need me to handle the wedding announcement?

The wedding announcement was a desperate move to force Dorothy out into the open. There was no actual wedding Now that

he was no longer searching

No need. Being marmed will spare me a lot of hassle

He really didn't want to deal with the women who constantly threw themselves at him. He didn't care for any woman other than

Dorothy

And it gave him an easy way out.

He had thought that Dorothy would care when he announced his wedding, even if it was just a little

But it turned out to be a calm slom

He didnt believe Dorothy wouldn't know about this. The news had been out for several days back home. Everyone in the business circle knew it. Even his mother who had been in Elysian Country

knew it.

Since Dorothy knew and made no move, it must have meant nothing to her.

He put down his phone

Find a place that does tattoo removal” He coldly said to the driver.

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The sight of these numbers made his stomach churn, and the person they brought to mind was some he'd rather forget.

If he needed to start over, he had to completely let go of the past, Even if he ever ran into Dorothy again, he would never go back. He just couldn't.

After a long day at the office. Dorothy grabbed a quick meal and headed back to her temporary hotel accommodations. The

moment she parked her car, her phone buzzed with a call from Austin

I'll have the designer contact you soon. He said.

“Have her meet me at my hotel Dorothy paused for a moment before adding,

“You didn't tell her did you?”

“No. I did as you asked. That one of her friends at the office find out about it

‘Good’

Austin chuckled. If you manage to sort this out you'd be doing me a huge favour. This has been a thorn in my side for ages.

“No need to thank me.” Dorothy replied. I'm just doing my job. If the resort project falls through, I won't get my bonus.

After a bit of small talk with Austin she hung up. Not long after the doorbell to her hotel room

Dorothy opened the door to find a petite young woman

‘Hello, are you Ms. Sanchez?’

“Yes, Tamara. Dorothy stepped aside to let her in.

The girl hesitated before entering. Her eyes were shimmering with anxiety.

Just from that look Dorothy knew the girl had an inkling as to why she was there.

She was young, fresh out of college, and desperate for money. Dorothy realized that she had seen this type before.

“What's your name?” Dorothy asked as she poured her a glass of water.

“Natalie.” She accepted the water but from her demeanor alone, anybody could tell how nervous she was.

“Don't worry. Yes, you've caused some damage by leaking the design

blueprints, but the fact that I've asked to meet with you

means I'm giving you a chance to fix things. Dorothy decides to cut straight to the chase. She didn't have time to play games with a

newcomer

Upon hearing this, Natalie's face fell. "I'm sorry! I'm really sorry. I regret it, but I don't know how to fix it."

"But you were bold enough to ask for so much money. With such a large sum, I doubt you regretted anything at the time. At least not until you realized you were caught. Dorothy returned, effectively cornering Natalie."

Natalie was speechless.

"Think about

don't want to waste my time on someone who can't be forced with me if you're planning in-play games, you can leave. The company will sue you and demand you pay damages."

Natalie's face turned ghastly pale. She couldn't even blink. The water is her hand.

"No, no, I swear I'm being honest. Please, Ms. Sanchez, give me a chance to make things right. It was a momentary lapse in judgment. I promise."

She was almost ready to kneel before Dorothy.

She was no longer the Ms. Sanchez from her days at the Prosperity Consortium. Now she wielded enough power and

This was exactly the reaction Dorothy wanted. She was intimidated to make anyone think twice.

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Fooling the newbie was like taking candy from a baby.

"Call George now and let him know we've changed the blueprints. Tell him that whether he moves out or not doesn't matter anymore." Dorothy glanced at her phone, commanding her to make the call right then in front of her.

She had the station mostly under control, but she needed to tie up all loose ends to prevent any unexpected surprises.

Natalie hesitated. Her face mirrored her

"But he's very intimidating. He'll definitely yell at me."

"Would you rather be sued by the company for damages led by him? Your pick?" Dorothy shrugged with her hands spread outward.

This was not a negotiation.

Is there any other way? He'll think I'm jerking him around. He'll get back at me for sure.

"You're an adult, you need to take responsibility for your actions, right?" Dity calmly said. She then got up and opened the hotel

om door “Since you’re not willing to do it and are still trying to bargain with me, let’s just droplet the company handle it. The legal team should be in touch with you soon”

As a final note, she added. “Take care. I won’t see you out.”

Natalie didn’t dare utter another word and quickly and her hands, saying. I do a call him now please don’t sue m

She humedly pulled out her phone and once the call was commecin Dorothy signaled for her to put it on speake

Dorothy needed to hear my word of their conversa

The call was quickly answered, and an annoyed male voice came through.

“What on earth is going on? You told me the blueprints were fine, was that true? Then why did some lady show up saying you changed the blueprints and it doesn’t matter whether I move out of not

Natalie pursed her lips. She was visibly nervous.

“I had no idea it would turn out like this! But yes, they did change it”

“What Really?” The man’s voice med an octave “ee you trying to rumme?

That lady offeredime 100,000, and I didn’t even agree!

If this mess

Natale looked at Dorothy for help

Dorothy just raised an eyebrow signaling Natalie to continue

“Then jull agree to 100,000 in a lot

(il make you pay”

“it’s too late now they probably won me that much. Were you threatened or something? The man was no fool and could tell

something was off with Natalie’s

“I didn’t want you to yell at me, okay? Anyway, I told you

I’s going on. The company really is changing the blueprints. if they’re still willing to offer you 100,000, just

With a hung up the phone

She was clearly scared

“Ms. Sanchez. I did as you asked so can you let me off the hook now? Dat does Austin know about this?”

“What do you think? Dorothy countered “Al your ape, you should be focusing on improving yourself, not resorting to cheap tricks.

I’ll put in a good word for you. After all, it the tenant agreed to move, you will have made amends Hot can’t interfere with how the higher–ups decide to deal with you.”

“Will have to pay any money? Natalie asked cautiously

“I dont know” Dorothy’s words had barely let her lips when Austin’s call came

through –

She answered the call and heard a cheerful. “Coorg suddenly agreed You really did solve this issue you free now? Let’s head over to these again. The investors are also on their way”

Investors? Oh no

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From W&C Investments inc or the Loper Coupon

“I’m not entirely sure. It should be W&C Investments Inc hasn’t the Lopez Corporation shearily done their due diligence?”

That was a red

Maybe she was just being overly arteous. Kevin had already goneer and checked the project Exel wouldn’t be supervising it agai

Besides, he was preparing for his wedding overseas. How could he possibly be here?

“Wright head over right now”

News about George, who was reluctant to locale, quickly reached the headquarters of the Loper Corporation.

Kenn had a keen interest in this project, not because of its scale but because it was an Everglow City’s project. As the first billion-dollar proje WC Investments Inc., it could not only validate the returns of the project but also the capability of WC

Investments inc

Aher some thought, Kevin sen a message to Mr. Loper ler the acquisition of

Mr. Lopez, The Everglow City’s resort project can proceed now Our project director has resolved the issues, and we expect to break ground next week |

A reply came soon after

How’s the scenery in Everglow CIV?

Thinking that his boss was questioning the project’s feasibility Revin quickly sent over information about the local culture, attractions, and unique features

is a place with beautiful mountains, and clean water. It’s a perfect location for a resort. Compared to other scenic cises, its charm lies in its tranquility and primitiveness, giving off a sense of seclusion]

This was Kes impression of Ergow City during his busin

Since he was a picky person, prase for the city indirectly confirmed its charm.

After a long wart, there was sill no reply

It wasnt and Kevin was about in pack up and leave that

Book me a ticket to Eglow City Dont tell anyone ||
He needed some alone sme
am Mr. Lopez's text
Understood. Mr. Lopez
Ken was efficient He booked the ticket immediately and sent the confirmation
to his boss
As he sat at his desk, he fruly leh releven.
in all his years working with Mr. Lopez, Kevin had never seen ham take a
break. His workload was even heavier than is sudden
desire to unwind in Everglow City must
It seemed like M Lopez had trulj I go of Ms. Sanchez
It must be incredibly painful for him. He had always been attentive and caning
towards Dorothy Others might not know, but Kevin
was acutely aware of in
He was always so careful. that Danthy might get hurt by anything he did. He
wanted to be close to her while maintaining a
distance. He didnt want to repel her or
During ha relationship with Dorothy, Mr Lopez became much gentler
in his whole life, the person who probably spent the most time with M. Loper
and saw him smile the most was Dorothy
Unfortunately, his ardent affection was ultimately misplaced resulting in such
an outcome
Ren could help but heave a sigh. He then quietly prepared Mr. Lopers hotel
and transportation in Exerglow City
He turned on his computer and searched for five star hotels in Everglow City,
but

Kevin meticulously checked every hotel and finally booked an executre
at the Dreamscape Hotel.
Compared to the luxurious hotels in Eldon City the hotels there were of much
lower quality, but it was the best hotel in this area.
He just hoped that Mr. Lopez, a freak, could understands situation

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at the site while Austin was on the phone with a company executive. He
spotted her arrived and gave her a man, motioning for
her to well
Dorothy
showed up al
She nodded lightly, then her gaze shifted to George, who was not far off
Before, he had been downright stubborn. He used to speak with his chin

practically tied to the sky Now, with his sudden shift in demeanor, he seemed to be pally with the project manager.

“Dorothy Austin finished his call and approached her with a beaming face have to hand it to you. You manage

the sue at hand

be negotiating

merely speculated that there were interesis at stake Coroty raised an eyebrows a smile crossed her luscious lips. Besides, don't

celebrate quite yet. The real trouble is yet to come.”

“He's agreed, and he's even signed the papers. What roubles could possibly follow

“True, but out design blueprint hasn't actually been modified”

us at the compa

George would definitely be keeping a close eye on the resort project. If he discovered he had been deceived he would certainly

cause a ruckus at

He might even stir up drama at the marl's opening

The does anything. I call the cops

“Austin, Exerglow City isn't like downtown Unless something huge happens, la morcement won't interne. But if a local causes a

scene and it ends up on television, it could potemally tarnish the reputation of our sont projectt

Audien nodded. ‘You're certainly thorough. No wonder Lane insisted that you be involved in this project. It was a wide

“Don't get ahead of yourself with the compliments. Donathy took a deep breath, frowning her brows in thought before she

continued “This is what well do. You have a casual chat with George and try to get audio or video recording of him agreeing. This

way, we can confirm he willingly approached us

“Would this hold any threat against

“Not really” Dorothy smirked. “The main idea is to threaten him if things go awry but to placate the public. We can argue that

since George approved of the condition, its only natural for us to revert to our ongital design. He was not coerced into ageing’

“Deal' Let do it” Austin now held Dorothy in high regard and natually trusted her if go talk to George while you entertain the

investors

Dorothy felt a headache coming on at the very mention of the investors.

Over the years.

scrutinized each project carefully to avoid any interment with the Lopez

Corporation She wanted to never all
But W&C Investments he was bought out by the Lopez Corporation just when
she least expected it. Now, she was stuck between a
rock and a hard place
Fortunately this project, though considered large-scale by others, was
She rubbed her temples and checked the message
for the Lopez Corporation Everett probably would pay too much attention
Abigail can't stop crying She wants to see you drive to City for a short visit,
then drive back should be okay night)
It was then followed by another message
We would stay overnight will head back night after she sees you. She's been
giving me those puppy eyes, and I just can't say no.
Help!! Dorothy could almost picture the petulant look on Abigail's face
Reluctantly she replied.

Fine Comet)
Truth be told she missed her little getto

Chapter 249

The person in charge at WBC Investments Inc. was a woman in the business
world, although no one wanted to ignite a gender war
it was true that high ranking positions
Upon seeing her, Dorothy finally breathed a sigh of relief.
Men dominated the
She wasn't from the Lopez Corporation
"Hello, Ms. Sanchez. I'm Lana the manager in charge of this project at WC
Investments Inc Lavinia smiled and extended her
hand upon seeing Dorothy
Dorothy quickened her pace to meet her and shook her hand firmly "Hello's so
nice to meet you. I'm Dorothy!
"You're meeting me for the first time, but for years you before
Lavinia's curled up into a smile as she moved closer and lowered her voice.
used to work at the headquarters of the Lopez Corporation
Dorothy was at a loss for words.
Sensing Dorothy's tension, Lavinia laughed and explained. 'Don't worry it's
just that you were quite memorable because of your
stunning
Lavinia was just an assistant at the Lopez Corporation
"But there are no incompetent people working at The Lopez Corporation Lavinia
seemed to have more to say, but let the topic drop
Dorothy wondered how much this woman knew

Thankfully during her time at the Lopez Corporation, other than the issue with Heather causing some ser, not many knew about her manage to Everett

She had never seen or heard of Lavinia at the Loper Corporation, which meant she likely didn't hold a central role.

"Let me give you a tour of the place and show you our design blueprints."
'Sounds good' Lavinia nodded as her gaze swept over Dorothy's face once more.

She really was beautiful.

Her features weren't striking, but they were pleasing to the eye. She was youthful and radiant and she emanated an aura of purity.

Dorothy led Lavinia around the site, introducing her to the unique features of Everglöm City.

I wasn't until Karen texted her to say she had a meeting with Abigail that Dorothy handed the work over to Austin and rushed back to the hotel.

The moment she walked in the door, Abigail threw herself into her arms. Her voice was so soft and adorable that it could melt your heart.

"Mommy, Mommy, missed you so much."

Dorothy crouched down to hug her and kiss her cheek. "Mommy missed you too."

Kate walked over from behind, slowly slipping her eyes into a genuine smile.

"You know, when I took Abigail out, so many people came over to her. They all said she"

Karen, try not to let her be seen in public as much as possible. "Dorothy was worried that someone from the Lopez Corporation might recognize Abigail."

After all, Austin had compared Abigail's face to Everett's, and sadly, he wouldn't be the only one.

"It's been years, and Everett is getting married now. Even if he found out, he wouldn't do anything. He might pretend not to know you. He might be worried about you asking him for many. Karen had seen the news of Everett's upcoming wedding. So she couldn't help but roll her eyes querulously. He pretended to be so in love back then, and now he's marrying someone else. Men are naturally can't be trusted."

"Karen, Dorothy interrupted her. It's been three years, it was normal for him to imagine—OF"

The one who insisted the Breakup”

When she saw the news of Everett’s upcoming wedding she felt a strange mix
But she had let it go.

The decision to break up back then washes, so what was there to be upset
about now?

They belonged to different worlds

He was just returning to his normal

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“Right, alright, you’ve got a point.” Karen sighed in magnation. ‘I honestly
thought you’d regret it when you first broke up, especially
when you were about to go into labor really thought you’d reach out to him”
When she were in that position, she believed she would want to connect with the
most important person in her life at such a crucial
moment.

When Dorothy was in labor, she had many complications. She was bleeding
heavily, and the doctor handed her the critical
condition form to sign. Karen was outside the delivery room, bawling her eyes
out.

That was probably the hardest thing Karen had ever had to sign in her
“made my decision Dorothy resolutely declared “I chose the truth over him. I
can’t regret it now”

That wouldn’t be fair to Everett

And what about him? You can’t leave him here forever”

Recognizing the “hum Karen referred to, Dorothy’s face began to flicker with
worry. Her eyebrows tightened, and she let out a
soft sigh

“Karen, I’m doing this for

know why you’re doing it Karen injected. But this isn’t a long term solution”

“Hmm.” Dorothy added

No one understood the pros and cons more than her and no one felt the pain
of missing him more than she did

After leaving him overseas, she was the one who was always worried and
anxious.

Karen walked over to her and gave her shoulder a pat “Bring back There are
other ways to keep him safe. He doesn’t have to be

res

After seeing Dorothy’s increasingly gaunt figure, Karen knew she was
struggling too.

111 consider it. Also, since you and Abigail are here, why don't you stay for a few days? The best hotel in Everglow City is the Dreamscape Hotel can get you another room there. I haven't heard anything from the Loper Corporation about coming to Explor City so it should be fine Dorothy held her daughter tightly She was reluctant to let go, her motherly instincts were kicking in

They were already here, so a few more days wouldn't hurt

"Really" Yay Don't worry if I take Abigail out. I make sure she wears a mask.

You can focus on your work and not worry about us

Dorothy nodded and looked at Karen with sympathy in her eyes. "You've really worked hard these past

Karen winked at her "This was my choice. Many people get jealous when they find out that Abigail is my goddaughter"

Dorothy was helpless, yet also of Karen's lifestyle and since only she could be more am-minded, maybe she wouldn't be so tired.

There were no direct flights from Elysian Country to Everglow City so Everett had to first go to Eldoma City and then catch a

connecting flight to Everglow Cityport Although Everett's trip was supposed to be confidential without any entourage, Kevin had

arranged for him pick up, accommodation, and dining

Upon landing he was greeted by the pickup driver Once he got in the car, he leaned back and closed his eyes and his long

eyelashes cast a deep shadow on his lower eyelids. He removed his suit jacket in a version of relaxing

After a full day of flying he finally touched down

eyes for a quick nap. His eyebrows were slightly knitted unbuttoned the top two buttons of his shirt, which was his

The driver glanced at Everett through the rearview mirror and cautiously asked. "Mr Lopez, shall we head straight to the Dreamscape

Hotel, or..?!

"Go to the hotel