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"Pregnant?" Audrey's body trembled.

Suddenly, Gunter cheating on her with Fidelia didn't seem so bad anymore by comparison. The news that he had impregnated Fidelia devastated her even more! Just thinking about it made Audrey shrivel in disgust.

Meanwhile, Travis was so outraged that he threw a punch directly into Gunter's face.

In a flash, Gunter fell to the floor and had a hard time getting up.

As the scene unfolded, Audrey felt like the world had stopped for two seconds. As soon as she snapped out of it, she grabbed his son's arm and stopped him from doing any further damage. "What are you doing?!" she scolded.

Regardless of how mad he was, Gunter was still his father. How could Travis hit him so heartlessly?

Men had dignity. She didn't want Gunter to be mad at Travis.

Afraid that things might go even more out of hand, Audrey pulled Travis away.

"It seems that only your grandfather can deal with him," Audrey said.

She finally realized that Gunter was incurable.

Meanwhile, Travis was livid.

His body trembled uncontrollably, like a volcano on the brink of erupting.

"I'll find someone to kill that woman," he declared coldly.

Audrey didn't refute Travis. After all, she was planning to do the same thing.

"Get in the car first," she said as she held her son's hand. She was afraid Travis might do something impulsive in front of Gunter.

After taking a deep breath, Travis calmed himself down and got into the car.

As soon as he got in, his phone rang. When he glanced to see who it was, he saw Alick's name flashing on the screen.

"Something happened," Alick reported.

Travis had just recovered from an earlier fit of rage. So, when he heard these words from Alick, his face turned red in anger again.

"What did you say?"

"Something happened." After a slight pause, Alick began to explain, "I was scammed! I bought a chip from someone using the money you've given me last time. But now, that person has disappeared!"

As Travis listened, he felt his blood boil. He was so consumed by rage that he bit his bottom lip hard and tasted metal. He badly wanted to shout and curse at Alick.

Everything was going wrong. He kicked the seat in front of him so hard that the entire car shook.

Worried about her son, Audrey asked, "What's wrong? What happened?"

What made Travis so angry?

Travis blew through his mouth before turning to Audrey. He wanted to explain everything to her but decided to hold his tongue instead. His mother had already undergone untold mental suffering because of what Gunter had done. If he told her that something had gone wrong with his investment, she

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would be pushed to the brink of insanity!

"It's nothing, Mom," he said with a forced smile. "You can go ahead by yourself. There's something I have to deal with. Don't worry. Everything's fine." Travis made sure that his voice was as relaxed and steady as possible.

When Audrey saw the look on her son's face, she trusted him and didn't think too much about the matter.

As soon as Travis got off the car, he called Alick as he walked by the roadside. "Let's meet right now," he said straightforwardly.

"Okay," Alick agreed.

"Where are you? I'm heading to you." As Travis spoke, he hailed a taxi.

"I'm in the company now," Alick answered.

After hearing that, Travis told the driver the address and quickly hung up the phone.

Meanwhile, Alick glanced at the phone mere seconds after the call was dropped. He could sense Travis' seething anger just from the tone of his voice. It made Alick's lips curl into a faint smile.

The more furious Travis became, the more successful their plan would be!

Alick sat on the boss' chair and leisurely swiveled it from side to side.

The expression on his face looked totally calm and relaxed.

He didn't look like one who had been cheated.

As soon as Travis arrived, he kicked open the door of Alick's office.

With a murderous look in his eyes, he stomped his way towards

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Alick and asked, "Tell me. What exactly happened?"

In an instant, the expression on Alick's face turned melancholic.

"I've already reached the last stage of the research," he began to explain. "There's still one chip left. If we make this chip ourselves, not only will it take a lot of time and effort on our part, we also wouldn't be able to finish it on time. Thus, I decided to buy one from a foreign company instead. Of course, I made sure to sign a contract and everything. But today, I just learned that the foreign company I dealt with was in fact just a shell company. The chip sample they had given me was actually from another company! I've already called the police. I think there's still a chance we can get it back—"

"When can we get it back?" Travis interrupted quickly. His voice was starting to shake as his face darkened even more. "Also, a foreign company?" he added through gritted teeth. "You don't know what kind of company the other party is, and yet, you willingly paid them more than one billion dollars?!"

Alick denied profusely. "I investigated them carefully! But they must've been very well-prepared, and, as a result, they successfully deceived me."

"Is there any way we can get the money back?" Travis asked. The anxiety in his voice was palpable.

Of course, Travis already knew the answer to this. Alick was scammed. How could they get their money back from a foreign company?!

They must've used fake identities as well.

Where would they even begin to find them?

"I was careless," Alick said apologetically.

"Do you think I'll let you go just because you told me you were careless?" Travis wasn't stupid. He knew that Alick was at fault here. Thus, he should bear the consequences of his mistake.

"So what are you going to do to make up for this?" Travis asked,

looking straight into Alick's eyes.

Alick withdrew his gaze for a second before flashing him a flattering smile. "I didn't mean to do this—"

"I don't want to hear your excuses," Travis interrupted impatiently.

Alick scratched his head in embarrassment and said, "Well, my entire fortune is tied to this project. Even if you ask me to give you money, I'm afraid..."

"If you can't afford it, then just transfer the shares to me." Travis thought this was a smart idea. He continued, "According to the contract we've signed before, the shares are divided equally between the two of us. Now, I won't hold you accountable if you give me eighty percent while you get the rest. Let's sign another contract and make it official."

Unbeknownst to him, this was exactly what Alick wanted. He wanted to agree to it immediately, but held it back and maintained a stoic expression.

He even pretended to be a bit reluctant. "No. I promise I can return this money to you in the future. I can't transfer my shares —"


"If you don't give up your shares, what else can you give me?" Travis asked.

Alick pursed his lips and looked away.

Travis took his silence as an answer and said, "Since you don't have anything valuable, your only choice is to agree with me."

"But I'll only be left with twenty percent of the shares. Doesn't that mean I'm essentially working for you? Besides, I've invested a lot of money in this project at the very beginning. In fact, even after losing a billion of yours, I've still contributed more money to this than you. You're squeezing me with your proposal!"

Travis gnashed his teeth. Right now, he was planning to snatch

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the new product from Alick and claim it to be his own.

"If you don't agree, then give me back the lost money immediately!" Travis insisted.

Alick let out a resigned sigh before putting on a pitiful look. "Fine, fine. I can sign a contract with you. You get eighty percent. However, I have a condition. Once I return the money to you, then our shares will be even again."

Travis thought about this for a while and then agreed. "Okay. But now, the main owner of this project is me."

"Okay," Alick responded through gritted teeth.

"I'll have someone draw up the contract right now." Travis was afraid that Alick might go back on his words.

That day, before leaving the Hexagon Inc., they made sure to sign the contract.

Once the contract had been signed, Travis felt a little better.

Finally, something was going according his way.

He held the contract in his hand as a complacent smile formed on his lips.

With eighty percent of the shares under his control, he now had the final say regarding the affairs of the Hexagon Inc.

Alick was now just a CEO by name only.

However, the glee he was feeling only lasted for one night.

The following day, the Hexagon Inc. declared bankruptcy. All of a sudden, they were buried under a mountain of debts.

Travis only learned about this when he began watching the news.

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When Travis first heard the news, he told himself that the company could not be the one he had invested in. It must be another company with the same name had gone bankrupt. After all, he had just signed a contract with Alick yesterday.

He stood up and turned off the TV, covering his chest with one hand. "Calm down, calm down. My investment will be fine," he repeatedly comforted himself.

Travis waited for a while before finally picking up the phone and calling Alick.

But no one answered his call.

Finally, he decided to leave the office and see what was going on.

He walked up to the Paramount Corporation's entrance, and Audrey came in a hurry not far away.

"Hey Travis, I heard that the Hexagon Inc. was involved in a major incident recently. Is it true?" Audrey also heard the news and came here on purpose.

"I'm going there to check," Travis declared.

"I'll go with you," Audrey said.

This mattered too much to be ignored. If Hexagon Inc. really went bankrupt, not only was their money in vain, but they might also face legal obligations. After all, they had signed a contract with Alick.

"I can handle it on my own. You'd better deal with my father's business." Without waiting for her response, Travis walked towards his car.

Audrey felt flustered as she peered behind her son.

Since Gunter began having an affair, it seemed like bad things happened one after another.

The phone rang just as she was about to formulate a response. It was Stevie. He was calling to ask her to meet Robin.

"Okay, I'll be there," she replied before cutting off the call.

On her way to the car, Audrey spotted Fidelia in a nearby café. She was with Alick.

How did Fidelia and Alick know each other?

Something was fishy.

Alick and Fidelia...

Audrey's eyes widened upon realizing what could've possibly happened.

Fidelia stole a document from Isaac and gave it to her. She used this document to overturn Isaac. When the business was in disarray, Alick appeared to save the company. Then, Gunter cheated on her. This was not a random occurrence. Was it possible that someone else was behind all of this?

In the café, Fidelia seemed to feel someone looking at her. She turned around and saw Audrey not far away through the glass wall.

Thinking she had finally defeated her, Fidelia couldn't help but smile.

Indeed, the people they chose to follow would determine whether or not they achieved their goals.

Fidelia was right to put her faith in Isaac.

However, she didn't know she was also a victim of Isaac's plan.

Audrey walked across the road.

Alick and Fidelia stood up and were about to leave.

"Is it all your trick? Is Isaac behind you?" Audrey was now positive that Isaac was the mastermind.

Nobody else could have done it except him.

Nobody would put that much effort to destroy her.

Alick looked at Audrey with cold contempt and scorn in his eyes. "Travis signed a new contract with me yesterday. He owns 80% of the company through his shareholdings. He may have to pay off a massive debt."

Hearing this, Audrey's legs weakened. She stumbled and leaned on the wall for support. "No, it's impossible. He's not a fool. How could he sign such a contract with you for no reason..."

"He is not an idiot, of course. He plans to use it to his advantage." As he spoke, Alick straightened his collar. "He first invested six hundred million dollars, but it's just a drop in the bucket. Then, he handed me 1.5 billion more..."

"The company doesn't have that much money. He can't afford it." Alick's words did not sway Audrey's opinion. She knew the company's situation.

The company didn't have much money.

"Yes, he did. He sold two company projects worth two billion dollars." With a cold smile, Alick added, "But now, Hexagon Inc. has gone bankrupt, and the debt may be as high as ten billion. Now, the relevant authorities are investigating all its projects."

Audrey's face lost its color.

While she was in a state of shock, Fidelia added, "Your husband said he wanted to marry me and give my child and me a family."

Furious, Audrey raised her hand to slap her.

Although Fidelia didn't move, Alick was there to stop Audrey's hand.

He harshly let go of her hand and said, "You deserve it. You have done so many evil things. Now, it's time for you to reap the rewards of your misdeeds."

Despite the anger that caused her body to tremble, Audrey glared at Alick and said fiercely, "This is not the end. Who will come out on top is still a mystery. Don't get ahead of yourself."

Fidelia cut in, "Anyway, you're the one who's about to cry."

"By the way, the baby in my belly is not your husband's. Yes. Your husband has just been smitten with me and has proposed marriage. He wants to stay in my bed all day long. Actually, if it weren't for you, I won't get pregnant. As for me, I'm going to find a good father for my child. Thank you very much for sending me the child and also giving your husband to me..." Seeing Audrey's pale face, Fidelia felt satisfied. "Go home now. Your husband will divorce you and marry me."

"You want to marry into the Johnston family? No way!" Audrey snapped. Then she turned around to leave.

But she felt too weak, so she eventually tripped and fell.

Fidelia let out an evil laugh.

"You should go. And be careful because she may come after you," Alick said.

"I'm not afraid of her." At this moment, Fidelia was full of confidence.

She approached Audrey and said, "Gunter said you are old. In my opinion, you are a ruthless old witch. You made me lose my virginity and used me to save your son. What did I get? Audrey, you deserve to suffer!"

After saying that, Fidelia kicked Audrey hard and continued, "I'll take everything away from you. Just wait and see. Bitch, I can't be with Isaac anymore because of you. Not only will I make Gunter dump you, but I will also force you to give up all of your assets. You will end up being homeless, beaten by everyone

you encounter, and reduced to the level of a rat across the street."

Alick was well aware of Audrey's savage nature. It was not a good thing for Fidelia to lose her temper.

But he didn't stop her.

He only looked at Fidelia and sighed as if he had foreseen her miserable future.

Audrey wouldn't let her go.

But Fidelia's hunger to publicly humiliate Audrey was strong. She wouldn't miss the chance now that she had the upper hand.

Once she was finally done cursing her, Fidelia finally left.

This was the first time that Audrey had been humiliated like this.

She had never been so depressed before.

An hour later, she came back to the Johnston family's residence.

Already agitated, Gunter was on the verge of leaving.

Audrey came late.

Even Robin was upset. "Where have you been? What took you so long?"


Like a walking dead, Audrey sat on the sofa in a daze, ignoring the criticism.

Now, Gunter had completely lost his patience. He felt nothing but hatred toward Audrey. "Since you can't accept Fidelia, let's get a divorce," he said.

Audrey's dull eyes finally moved. She looked at Gunter and said, "The baby in Fidelia's belly is not yours..."

"Don't slander her again. She never said anything bad about you.

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"She was a virgin when she slept with me. If the child isn't mine, then whose child is it?" Gunter could not stand it when Audrey spoke ill of Fidelia. To him, it seemed like she was making a fuss over nothing.

At first, he thought she was being considerate. But now he realized she was jealous.

It was annoying.

"The son you raised beat me. You didn't teach him, did you?" Sure enough, Gunter took Travis' behavior to heart.

As a man, he felt ashamed that his son had beaten him.

What would happen to his reputation if the news got out?

"What? Did Travis hit you?" A trace of surprise crossed Robin's face.

"She asked him to do so," said Gunter. His finger pointed at Audrey.

The latter's heart sank.

She loved her spouse and her child with all her heart.

So how did she turn out this way?

She stood up and said, "Gunter, let's go home. Dad is getting old and needs a rest."

"You know it now? Why didn't you realize it sooner?" With an angry face, Gunter added, "Didn't you get Dad involved?"

Robin couldn't stand the bickering anymore. "You two can leave," he said.

It was none of his business.

He was in poor health and had no energy to care about their issues.

After glaring at Audrey, Gunter turned around and walked out.

Without showing any emotion, Audrey followed him.

They sat in the car in silence. Just being in the same space with Audrey made Gunter feel disgusted. His face clearly displayed his irritation.

That was no longer important to Audrey.

"Let's go home and have a talk. If you want a divorce, then so be it," she said calmly.

After hearing it, Gunter was overjoyed and quickly drove to their house.

It was not long before they arrived at their destination. Gunter parked the car and went inside the house.

He didn't care about Audrey at all.

Looking at Gunter's back, Audrey hesitated. But she quickly composed herself once she remembered that he now loathed her.

She had nothing to care about.

Audrey entered the living room, grabbed a fruit knife from the table, and stabbed Gunter in the back.