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As night fell, Ins Garden Venue was bustling with people, filled with the fragrance of perfumes and the glitter of elegant attire. Bright lights illuminated the hall filled with hundreds of relatives and friends from the Nightshade and Martinez families, shareholders, and companions

Laughter and lively conversations filled the air, as guests chatted, clinking their glasses in toasts, commenting on the romantic decorations of fresh flowers, colorful ribbons, and heart-shaped candles around them, "I wonder what the big news is today that brought us all here today!"

"Everyone here **is** either a relative or friend of the Nightshade and Martinez families. It must be something related to a marriage. Auntie said there would be a surprise, so let's just **wait** and see!"

"Matt has been standing on the stage for quite a while. Why isn't Xan here yet?" Suddenly, a song played in the hall, and a violin ensemble started to perform melodiously. Colorful balloons floated up, and the large LED screen on stage displayed a series of romantic and beautiful scenes.

There were including blessings from strangers, group photos of the Nightshade and Martinez families together, and heartfelt declarations of love.

The planner handed Matthew a bouquet of bright roses, who **took** it excitedly and walked to the microphone, "Good evening, ladies and gentlemen, family and friends! The reason we've all gathered here tonight is to share **a** moment very dear to me, and I'd like you all to witness..."

With the music, flowers, and his words, everyone understood what was happening—a proposal!

"I would like to formally propose to Xan!"

As Matthew finished speaking, Xanthea descended the spiral staircase.

She was draped in a suit jacket, wearing a pink floor-length gown that perfectly accentuated her figure. Her stunning beauty elicited spontaneous applause from everyone present.

“Xan looks gorgeous; Matt’s a lucky guy!”

“Ms. Nightshade has become even more radiant and beautiful than before!”

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In the front row Gabriel and Penelope were grinning ear to ear as they watched Xanthea. They had been waiting for this moment for so long, and now Matthew was finally going to marry Xanthea!

The Martinez family not only had a beautiful daughter-in-law but also the Martinez Group and Nightshade Group would officially unite. With the Nightshade Group’s support, the Martinez **Group** would no longer worry about financing, stock prices, or operations. **And** Matthew would also never be mocked for his humble origins in high society.

Miranda clapped with a bright smile, though her eyes betrayed mockery and disdain.

My dear sister, you must feel so happy and content right now, finally about to marry the man you’ve loved for all these years.

Too bad your man has already slept with me!

And your nightmare is just beginning. I will use any means necessary to destroy your marriage, your family, and everything you hold dear. Just you wait and see!

“Xan has finally grown up and is getting married.

Susanna, despite being mentally prepared, couldn’t help but tear up at this moment. Christopher smiled and patted her back. “This is a happy occasion, why the tears? Xan has loved Matthew for so many years. Marrying him is her heart’s desire fulfilled.”

“Matthew and Xan are a perfect match, truly a beautiful couple!”

“Absolutely! After all these years of friendship and love, their relationship is truly enviable!”

“Indeed, and now it’s all coming to fruition.”

Amidst the continuous blessings and applause, only Oliver felt restless, unable to sit still

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What exactly is Xan going to do?

Saying “yes” to Matthew’s proposal at the engagement ceremony. It would be as good as an official announcement. Backing out afterward would be impossible without irreparably damaging both her personal reputation and that of the Nightshade Group.

In the lavish banquet hall adorned with the beautiful roses and the floating balloons. The scene she had fantasized about countless times in her previous life was now becoming reality. However, the moment her high heels touched the red carpet, it felt as though she were stepping into a pool of blood.

Just the day before their engagement, she had caught Matthew and Miranda in the act of betrayal. They had joined forces to push her off a high-rise building, leading to her untimely death.

Her mother, upon hearing the tragic news, was heartbroken and fell gravely ill. Her elder brother, Samuel, had to **travel** abroad seeking medical solutions, while her father remained in the **dark**, unaware as their family assets were slowly drained away.

Since her death, Samuel hadn’t slept a wink. On his way to the company to salvage what he could, he died in a car crash that seemed more like a suicide attempt.

In a single night, the Nightshade Group was destroyed, and the family was left in ruins, with no hope of recovery.

She hated Matthew and **Miranda** with every fiber of her being!

Tears of burning intensity welled up in Xanthea’s eyes as she clenched the corner of her suit.

As the gears of fate aligned them once more, this time, the outcome would be entirely different.

Now, with her dad, mom, and brother Samuel alive and herself well and having Onion by her side, **she** would **use** all her strength to protect **and** stay with them.

From behind the crowd, Samuel, who was on the verge of tears, patted Ethan’s shoulder, forcing a smile. It was unclear whether he was comforting Ethan or himself.

“Alright, big bro, don’t be sad.”

“Even though Matthew isn’t much in every respect and isn’t **good** enough for Xan, if that’s who she likes.”

“As long as she’s happy, that’s all that matters.”

“To put it another way, marrying Matthew might actually be good. At least she’d stay close to home, under our eyes.

If she were to marry someone powerful and influential, like Orion, she’d definitely be taken away, and we wouldn’t see her as often.”

As Samuel spoke, he slightly lifted his head to hold back his tears. When he looked up to the top of the hall, he noticed a shadowy figure stood in the darkened balcony.

The figure was tall and imposing, standing there with a commanding presence, his gaze sweeping over the room like a regal king overseeing his domain.

Orion?

Why was he here?

Had he actually come to witness his sister’s engagement ceremony?

That must be some form of self-torture

Xanthea lifted her long gown and walked step by step onto the stage.

Matthew, holding a bouquet of roses, knelt before her excitedly. “Xan, I’ve known each other since we were kids. We’ve faced the storms of life together for **over** a decade, and in all these years.”

I never would’ve thought that the famous CEO of Lockwood Group would be so devoted to his love, so much so that he had not only joined a reality show with her but also come to her engagement ceremony to torture himself.”

Samuel’s teasing **voice** came from behind, and Orion’s dark lashes lowered slightly, “She’s worth it.”

Hearing this, Samuel’s body trembled as if struck by something. His eyes lit up.

Yes, Xan was worth it!

She **deserved the** best of everything, the most exceptional person!

From childhood to now, he had always believed this.

People around him always said he was overly protective to his sister, that he idolized her too much. No one truly understood him.

But with just one sentence, Orion had spoken to his **heart**.

He was indeed a rare kindred spirit, he understanding just how wonderful Xan was!.

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For a moment, Samuel felt their distance had noticeably closed, and he couldn't help but empathize, "You shouldn't be too upset either." "Although Xan is the best in the world, with your qualities, you could easily find another outstanding girl to get by with."

Orion looked at him, "I don't like to get by."

"Then you have a good vision and strong principles"

Samuel suddenly saw him in a new light, feeling a sense of regret for not meeting him sooner.

"Unfortunately, you met Xan too late. She's about to get married."

Orion's expression faltered slightly, and Samuel seemed to realize something, his **gaze** sweeping over him.

"Honestly, I don't like Matthew at all. He's foolish, cowardly, with all the wrong intentions. He's unambitious, and from top to bottom.. inside and out, there's nothing about him that matches Xan. Well, I shouldn't say that. In my eyes, no man on this Earth good enough

for Xan.

Did his words just now have negative implications?

Orion had already lost his love, and now he had to watch Xan agree to marry someone else. Hearing such words must be incredibly heartbreaking

It's truly a scene that would make anyone cry.

Considering Orion had once gifted him an expensive golf club and perfume, Samuel decided to offer some comfort, albeit against his better conscience, "If it were you, you might just be enough to match her."

"Really?" Orion's brows lifted slightly.

Samuel nodded. "Really!"

After all, no matter what he said, Xan couldn't possibly marry him. Why not offer him some consolation?

"No takebacks"

Orion smiled and gently pressed his phone.

"What's there to take back? Xan couldn't possibly... wait a minute!"

Suddenly, he realized something was off. He glanced at Orion, then at Xan on the stage below.

The suit jacket Xan was wearing—why did it look like his?

"Xan, about ten years ago, I liked you. Ten years later, I've truly fallen in love with you. In the days to come, you will be the only one in my eyes, in my heart"

Matthew's long confession moved the guests in the banquet hall. Many friends and family members were already discreetly wiping away tears

Then, with a 'zzzt, the LED screen on the stage flickered with static, distorting the warm and romantic scene.

Just as the audience thought there was another surprise in store, and eagerly looked towards the screen, they saw a shocking video of a man and a woman embracing, naked and entangled on a hotel bed!

And the protagonists of this video were none other than Matthew, who was proposing on stage, and the adopted daughter of the Nightshade family, Xanthea's sister—Miranda!

Someone screamed in horror and soon the entire banquet hall was in an uproar, with everyone looking shocked and appalled.

"What is this?"

"My God! Matthew and Miranda?"

"Are my eyes deceiving me? This is absolutely outrageous, to the extreme!"

Gabriel, Penelope, Christopher, and Susanna stood up the moment they saw the video, their faces pale **and** filled with disbelief.

"This can't be real!"

Everyone could **doubt the** authenticity of the video, everyone except Susanna

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On the first day she brought Miranda home after **adopting** her, while helping her bathe, she noticed an oval-shaped birthmark on Miranda's chest. Now, it was unmistakably clear before her eyes, making her feel dizzy and almost faint.

"Ah-

Miranda was caught off guard by the sudden video, her face losing color as she screamed in shock. The glass of red wine in her hand spilled all over herself, making her tremble uncontrollably

The video, the video. Where did that it come from?

This wasn't the one she had recorded! It wasn't the one she had recorded!

Someone was framing her; someone was out to get her!!

"Matt, you and Miny... how could you?"

Following everyone's gaze, Xanthea looked curiously at the LED screen and saw the scandalous, obscene video. She immediately covered her mouth, disbelief and heartbreak evident, and collapsed **on** the stage.

The microphone captured her heart-wrenching sobs, resonating throughout the entire banquet hall,

"You slept with Mirry!"

why? Why w

would you do this?! One is the **love** of my life, and the other is the sister I cherished the most. Why would you betray me like this?

"Have you been deceiving me all these years, cheating behind my back?"

"You, you all, and the Martinez family, what am I to you? I don't want to live anymore, I just can't"

“Xan, what are you talking about?”

Matthew, who had been lost in his confession, finally turned to see the explicit scene on the screen.

Instantly, his pupils dilated, and his face turned ghostly pale, as if he had just been struck by frost.

This video... How did it get played?

Miranda! It had to be Miranda! She did this to con in him!

“No, no, no, this isn’t real; this isn’t real!”

His brain couldn’t process anything, and he could only mechanically wave his hands at the everyone, repeating. “This video is fake, fake! Someone deliberately edited it to ruin **my** wedding with Xan!”

“Don’t believe it, please don’t believe it!”

“Bang!”

Unfortunately, Ethan had already rushed onto the stage and punched him hard in the face.

In the hall, all the relatives and friends swarmed up to comfort and console Xanthea, while cursing at Matthew.

“Matthew, you bastard! Do you know how good Xan is, how much she loves you? How dare you cheat her with that shameless slut, **you’re** despicable!”

Don’t waste your breath on this scum! Let me handle him!”

“Matthew, the pain you’ve caused Xan today, the humiliation you’ve brought to the Nightshade Group, I’ll make **sure** you and the Martinez Group pay back a thousand times over!”

At the balcony, Samuel was just about to ask Orion if the suit Xanthea was wearing belonged to him when he saw the screen downstairs

Instantly, his face turned livid, his eyes filled with fury, and his pupils seemed to turn blood-red

“Beast, you’re courting death!”

His fists clenched with a cracking **sound**, and he rushed down the stairs like the wind, his furious gaze seeming as if he was truly going to kill someone.

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"Listen to me, just let me explain!"

Matthew trembled under the scorn of the crowd, even his swollen lips twitching uncontrollably. "It's not what you think."

"Matthew, I'm gonna kill you!"

Samuel charged through the crowd, grabbed Matthew by the collar, and **swung** his fist heavily.

His veins **bulged** with each punch, his furious demeanor resembling a madman. Matthew's face became a bloody mess, his teeth flying out with splatters of blood. The sight nearly made Miranda collapse in fear.

"Stop, please stop!"

"He can't take anymore, he'll die"

"Mr. Samuel Nightshade, please, show some mercy. Let's talk this **out**"

Gabriel and Penelope cried and begged as they rushed to intervene, while the other relatives and shareholders of the Martinez family retreated in fear, trying to distance themselves. Matthew's betrayal of Ms. Nightshade with his stepsister had completely enraged the Nightshade family!

The Nightshade family would never forgive him; they just hoped they wouldn't be caught in the fallout!

Samuel, who adored Xanthea beyond measure, and had once beaten up street thugs just for bothering her. Now, having seen the video, he might actually kill Matthew, and possibly even her

Miranda's face turned pale. Taking advantage of everyone's attention being focused on Matthew, she tried to run toward the exit with shaky legs.

But just as she reached the door two men in black suits and sunglasses blocked her path.

“Ms. Moore, where am you going?”

“Who are you?”

“Why are you grabbing me? Let go of me, let go of me!”

The bodyguards ignored her protests and dragged her back towards the stage. Her terrified screams drew everyone’s attention. “Miranda, the Nightshade family has raised and protected you. The elders treated you as one of their own, and Xan cherished you like a sister. How could you do something so despicable and inhumane? Do you have no heart?”

“A lowlife will always be a lowlife, even if it was adopted by the phoenixes, it can’t change its nature!”

“Sister, no, Miranda! **When** we went to the orphanage to find a companion, we didn’t even notice you at first. Do you remember how you knelt in front of Xan, battered and bruised, begging her to take you in?”

You sobbed about how miserable you were, how you couldn’t survive anymore. If she hadn’t softened and adopted you, could you have the status and success you have today? Not only are you ungrateful, but you also repay kindness with treachery. How heartless can you be!

“Miranda, why? Just why?”

Miranda was thrown onto the stage by the bodyguards like a piece of trash, her hair disheveled and clothes askew. She looked around at the crowd, who seemed ready to drown her in their rage, and she trembled like a falling leaf.

“No, no, it wasn’t me.”

“I didn’t”

She wanted to deny it, to argue back, but the high-definition cameras had captured her face and birthmarks clearly. Even if others didn’t recognize it, her parents **would**.

Samuel saw her and slowly released Matthew. His bloodshot eyes resembled those of a predatory beast ready to devour its prey.

After dealing with Matthew, it was her turn.

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She suddenly screamed loudly, as if driven mad by fear, and threw herself at Christopher and Susanna, wailing and sobbing. "Dad! Mom! I'm sorry, I didn't mean it. It was all Matthew, he **coerced** me!"

As she spoke, her eyes filled with tears as she pointed at Matthew it was him; it was him! He always had bad intentions towards me, he drugged me, and took me to the hotel when I **was** drunk. I wanted to **escape** but I couldn't."

You vile creature, **you** deceitful and shameless whore!

She climbed into his bed, recorded this video, ruined his proposal, destroyed his reputation, and shattered his life.

Now, she had the nerve to turn on him!

He wanted to tear her apart!

Matthew, beaten to the point of dizziness by Samuel, struggled to his feet.

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Matthew's face was twisted with rage and covered in blood, charging at Miranda like a wild beast. He wrapped his hands around her neck and squeezed with all his strength "Bitch! Die, you **bitch!**"

"Help, someone, please."

Miranda's face turned a ghastly shade of blue, her eyes bulging as she struggled desperately, but the onlookers merely watched with cold indifference, no one stepping forward to save her

Just as Miranda beneath him was about to suffocate, Matthew released his grip. She

tried to flee, only to be brutally shoved down the stairs by him

The steps of the Iris Garden Venue stretched over thirty feet, and Miranda tumbled down, crashing heavily onto the floor in the middle of the hall, her clothes in tatters and lying motionless as if lifeless. The crowd gasped in shock.

Xanthea gasped too, her amber eyes welling up with tears as if scared by the brutal scene

That's so scary.

"Xan, don't be scared!"

"They're just biting each other back. They got what they deserved!"

"Mhm"

Xanthea snuggled into the embrace of her aunts, hiding the smile that she couldn't suppress.

It felt so good!

In her previous life, watching them **push** her down the stairs filled her with hatred. Now, seeing them tum on each other and fight to the death was utterly satisfying!

From the balcony, Orion watched the cunning little **fox** in the crowd, her performance so vivid it was as if a few fluffy tails were wagging proudly behind her. She was adorable. **Amused**, a soft smile touched his dark eyes.

"Xan, Xan, believe me, it was Miranda who framed me!"

"I don't love her, not at all. My heart belongs only to you, only you."

After shoving Miranda down the stairs, Matthew, like a beaten **dog**, crawled to Xanthea's feet begging for forgiveness.

Xanthea frowned in disgust **as** his bloodied, dirty hands reached for her skirt.

With a loud "thump, he was kicked down the steps again, prompting another round of gasps from the onlookers.

Xanthea had been pretending before, but now she was genuinely startled.

She turned her head and saw Orion?

When did he get here?

"Serves them right! Those deceitful, shameless dogs!"

"Someone gets these filthy creatures out of here. They're an eyesore

The crowd pointed and jeered at Matthew and Miranda at the foot of the steps.

Orion approached the frightened girl, his long lashes casting shadows over his gentle expression, "Are you happy now?"

Yes, yes, yes!

Happier than ever! Second only to the day they made their relationship official!

Xanthea nodded eagerly, her fingertips hidden in the long sleeves of her coat, lightly tapping his hand. Before she knew it, he had grasped her hand firmly.

Started, she instinctively tried to pull away but couldn't

Xanthea widened her bough eyes at him, seeing the mischievous glint in his dark eyes.

He seemed to enjoy teasing her in public, taking pleasure in her evident nervousness.

This recall He was intentional, knowing she couldn't reveal their relationship here!

Cousin, say something about this disgraceful pair.

Phyllica Nightshade suddenly turned around and noticed what was happening

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Xanthea tensed, fearing she would shout it out loud. To her surprise, Phyllis did shout, but she covered her mouth in shock, exclaiming, "Oh my god—what a handsome man!"

Xanthea: Damn it, this family's cursed genetic trait of being suckers for good looks!

"How could this happen?"

One was the adopted daughter she had raised, and the other, a son-in-law she had watched grow up. They were as close as family; how could they betray Xanthea in such a vile manner!

Susanna looked at Matthew **and** Miranda lying on the ground, feeling both furious and heartbroken. Overcome with anger and heartbreak, she felt the world spin and fainted.

"Mom! What's wrong with you?"

"Susanna, wake up!"

"Auntie Auntie!"

Mom-

Xanthea rushed over in a panic, and Ethan picked her up, “Quick, get Dr Alex”

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“Mom, wake up, please wake up!”

“Don’t let anything happen to you, please.”

In the hospital room, Xanthea clutched Susanna’s hand tightly, her eyes brimming with tears, sobbing uncontrollably.

She remembered in her past life, her mother had fainted upon hearing the news of her death and never woke up again.

Her elder brother had searched all over the country for renowned doctors, but no matter how famous the doctor or advanced the technology, they couldn’t diagnose her condition or **wake** her up. She remained like a living dead.

She thought that by changing the outcome in this life, everything would be different, but.

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The guests at the Ins Garden Venue had all been sent away, leaving only the closest members of the Nightshade family anxiously pacing the hallway

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“I be alright Susanna will be alright”

“it’s all Matthew and Miranda’s fault, those scoundrels. They made my sister-in-law faint from anger. We can’t let them off!”

“**She** has always attached great importance on relationships. Seeing her adopted daughter commit such a disgraceful thing must have

broken her heart”

Onion stood outside the hospital room, looking through the glass at the tearful girl inside, his dark brows knitted with concern.

After completing his check-up, Alex put away his instruments and reassured Xanthea, “Ms. Nightshade, there’s no **need** to worry too much. Madam has only fainted temporarily due to excessive grief.”

“Temporary fainting? When will she wake up?”

“Soonest by tonight, latest by tomorrow”

“Really?”

“That’s good to hear

Xanthea pressed her small face against her mother’s hand, all the chaotic thoughts in her mind dissipating

The door to the hospital room opened, and the family and friends in the hallway immediately crowded around.

“Alex, how’s my sister?”

“Is Susanna feeling any better?”

“Everyone, please rest assured. Madam fainted due to acute emotional distress, which caused a temporary **lack** of oxygen to her brain. She just needs some rest and she’ll wake up very soon.”

“Really?”

“That’s such a relief; I was afraid”

Just as everyone was about to go in and see her Alex stopped them.

“Madam is very fragile night **now and** needs to rest quietly. **Please** don’t disturb her, or any noise might upset her again. Ms. Nightshade can take care of **her** alone inside.”

“Winght, alright!”

Everyone sighed in relief, finally feeling at ease.

Oliver noticed standing outside the hospital room, staring intently at the girl inside, his **brows** knit with worry. He couldn’t help but walk

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“Mr. Lockwood, there’s no need to worry **too** much. As long as my sister is alright, Xan won’t be sad.”

“Orion?”

After the initial shock, Samuel noticed him and wondered why he was still here.

Orion saw Samuel’s bloodstained righthand, the skin torn and blood dripping down his fingers.

He took out a handkerchief, “Here, wype it.”

Only then did Samuel realize how much he was bleeding. “Thanks”

Tonight was supposed to be a joyous occasion, but Matthew **and** Miranda had ruined it. He wished he could deal with them himself!

Tonight, Mr. Lockwood must have found it amusing. Isaac, see our guest out“:

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Before Orion could respond, Oliver quickly said, “I see Mr Lockwood out

In the circular corridor.

“I’m sony, Mr. Lockwood. I know you and Xen are together now, but given today’s situation, it’s not appropriate to discuss it,”

Orion: “Hmm.”

He just wanted to hold Xannie.

Oliver thought of the video and the security around the banquet hall, and asked, “Was today’s incident arranged by you?”

“Xannie.”

“Xan?”

Oliver was surprised. No **wondel** Xan had been acting strangely lately, and quickly shifted her affections. She must have known about the affair between Matthew and Miranda for some time

“M/Lockwood, thank **you**, truly. Thank you!”

He suddenly expressed his gratitude solemnly, and Orion's brows furrowed in confusion. Oliver smiled, "Xan has liked Matthew for so many years. Xan must have been heartbroken when she first found out. Thank you for being there for her."

"It's what I should do. Mr. Lopez, from now on, you can call me Orion."

Oliver was slightly taken aback, then burst into laughter, "Alright, alright!"

It seemed they were destined to become family!

Indeed, blessings often come in disguise. Compared to Matthew, Orion was worlds apart. This was the excellent son-in-law he had always envisioned for his niece!

Late at night, Xanthea kept vigil by Susanna's bedside, and unknowingly fell asleep. When she opened her eyes again, she found herself lying in bed.

How did she get back to her room? How was her mother? Had she woken up?

She rushed out of bed and ran into Samuel at the door.

"Xan, you're awake? How are you feeling? Any discomfort?"

"Where's Mom? Has she woken up?"

"She's awake and eating now."

"Really? That's wonderful!"

Xanthea jumped up in excitement.

It's different, still different. Her mother wouldn't

Things were different indeed. Her mother wouldn't faint and never wake up for those seconds!

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"I want to go see Mom!"

"Hold on a second."

Just as Xanthea was about to run out, Samuel stopped her.

“What’s wrong?”

“Alex said Mom just woke up, her mood and mental state are still pretty unstable. She needs some good rest. I’m worried if you go now, seeing you might upset her again,”

“You’re right. Let Dad take good care of her for now. Ill go see her later.”

Seeing her cheerful expression without a trace of sadness, thinking she was just holding back her sorrow, he suddenly gave her a tight hug.

“Xan, I’m so sorry, so sorry!”

“Samuel, what’s

gotten into you?”

“It’s all my fault for being so careless, for not fulfilling my duties as a brother, for not discovering the true nature of those two cheaters earlier, that I caused you so much pain and suffering! Don’t worry, I will never let them off. **Even** if they don’t die, they’ll wish they had!” As he spoke, his voice was filled with hatred, as if he truly wanted to devour them alive. Xanthea laughed and patted his back in consolation. “It’s okay, Samuel. You’ve already stood **up** for me. You looked so cool beating them up last night!”

“Xan, if you want to cry, just cry. You don’t have to hold it back in front of **me**.”

“Why would I cry?”

Samuel looked at her in astonishment, “Aren’t you upset?”

“Why

hy would I be upset over those scoundrels? I’m glad I to have seen their true colors sooner than later!”

“Really?”

“**Of** course.”

That’s good! I’m relieved!”

Samuel hugged her tightly again, overwhelmed with joy. “My Xan is indeed a smart and bold sweetheart, you truly hate!”

uly **know** how to love and

He had thought she would be heartbroken and unable to recover, given how long she had liked Matthew. He never expected her to bounce back so quickly!

“**Samuel**, you’re choking me!”

“Xan, don’t ever fall in love again. Don’t let those deceitful men trick you. Just stay with me, I’ll take care of you for life!”

Huh?

Xanthea, still coughing, suddenly heard something shocking, blinking in disbelief.

But she had already..

“Samuel, we can’t just stop eating because we choked once, right? There are many good men out there besides those insincere jerks.”

Like Orion!

“What do you mean?”

Samuel frowned at her words, expecting her to be moved and agree. But instead, she seemed undeterred by the incident and still had a romantic heart. Truly a hopeless romantic!

“What I mean is... Matthew is just an exception. You can’t judge everyone based on him!”

“That wouldn’t be fair to others.”

Her murmurs were sterly interrupted by Samuel,

“Remember how you once said you liked Matthew, how **you** praised his character and how well he treated you?”

“I **was** too naive then.”

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“So, from now on, you must listen to your brother in everything and never go against my decisions!”

Having once handed in the wrong test paper, Xanthea completely lost her right to speak

Great it backfired!

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She had planned to announce her relationship with Orion to her family once her mom woke up. Now, it seemed
If she said anything. Samuel **alone** would cause an uproar. What should she do?

“Alright, Xan, let’s not dwell on these unpleasant things anymore: I take you out for some delicious treats!”

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“Alright.”

After finishing her meal, Xanthea sneaked into the bathroom and turned on her phone. Her call log was flooded with missed calls from Orion, some even in the middle of the night, which made her heart skip a beat.

She had been so worried about her mom yesterday that she hadn’t even had a moment to text him back. He must have been worried

sick

“Ring, ring, ring

The phone rang for a few seconds before it was answered, but the first thing she heard wasn’t a man’s voice, but a standard, fluent foreign greeting.

“Orion, huh? Where are you?”

“At the office. Orion, holding his phone, quickly walked out of the meeting room. “Xannie, how’s everything?”

“It’s fine. Mom woke up!”

“That’s a relief. And how about you?”

“Me? I’m as lively and eating well, feeling **great!** Now that I don’t have to see Matthew and Miranda when I wake up, even the air feels fresher

“Is that so?” He chuckled lightly. “My little crybaby, your voice sounds a bit hoarse.”

His voice, deep and slightly raspy as though tired yet relieved, made Xanthea remember how she had cried her eyes out the day before, making her awkwardly scratch her head.

Because of the events from her past life, she had indeed overreacted when **her** mother fainted last night.

“I was just too anxious. Hey? Orion, did you not sleep last night?”

“I did.”

“Liar! I saw the call log: you called me at night.”

“Slept for half an hour”

“Slept for half an hour”

“Half an **hour** counts as sleep?!”

Xanthea was immediately worried, **while** Orion’s eyes softened with a faint smile.

He too wanted to sleep, but every time he closed his eyes, all he could see was her tear-streaked face.

“You haven’t slept a bit, why are you at the office?”

“I had some urgent matters”

“What could be so urgent? Nothing is more important than your health. Go back and get some rest!”

“I can’t sleep alone. How about Xannie comes over to keep me company?”

His suddenly flirtatious tone made Xanthea’s face flush. “What do you mean by keeping you company?”

He wouldn’t dare suggest sleeping together, would he?

“To do some exercise with me. When I’m tired, I’ll naturally fall asleep.”

So, it was just exercise!

“**Sure**, what kind of exercise? Do I need to bring some gear?”

“Gear?” Orion’s eyes narrowed slightly, his voice suddenly becoming **incredibly** sultry. “**Didn’t** know you were into that, Xannie.”

“Xanthea was puzzled, “What do you mean by that?”

“You want to use some gear for foreplay Exercise.”

“Orion, you pervert!!!

“Xan, what are you shouting about?”

Outside the bathroom, Ethan stopped in his tracks upon hearing her shout.

Xanthea hurried to cover up, “No, nothing, I was just practicing my anal exercises!”

“Oh, **Ryan** has arrived to take you to the set.”

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Got it, I’ll be night out!”

As soon as **Xanthea** collected herself, she heard Orion laughing on the other end, his laughter bewitching.

“Orion! Orion Lockwood!”

“**Is** Xannie practicing how to call my name more sweetly? There **is no** need.”

Even without her calling, she could make him lose his mind. If she did call.

“Orion, if you keep being so improper, I’m hanging up!”

He immediately quieted down, and Xanthea huffed proudly, glad he listened.

“Before we got together you seemed so cold and noble, uninterested in women. Now you’ve completely changed! No, it’s just your **true nature** showing!”

Orion smirked, “Not really.”

He indeed wasn't interested in women, except **for** her.

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"Stop arguing! Well, Orion, I was planning to tell my family about our relationship last night, but then mom just

"I know. Once she feels better I'll visit personally."

"Wait! Maybe **we** should discuss this thoroughly. Samuel is really concerned **about** me dating right now. If you just show up..

Before she could finish, a foreign voice came through from the other end, informing Orion that the other party has considered it and is ready to sign the contract now.

Kannie, I have to hang up."

"Huh?"

Xanthea wanted to say more, but the call had already ended.

Was he really that busy with work? Or was he upset? Upset because she hadn't made their relationship public yet.

She wanted to, more than anyone, but just thinking about how Samuel punched Matthew last night gave her chills.

Samuel was still fuming. If he got mad at Orion, it would be a disaster. She needed to come up with a foolproof plan.

Suburb of Crestwood, Realm of Illusions filming site.

"Phoenix, they've been completely dealt with. Where are you headed next?"

"Ignite Camp,"

"Ignite Camp? Are you crazy?! That place is a hellhole now, everyone is in danger, it's completely fallen under the ICE Alliance's control. Any rebellious leaders have been tortured to death or left crippled. Going there now is putting yourself in grave danger!

Plus, Maximus believes you orchestrated the downfall of Ignite Camp. After the last time you tricked him, he'll kill you on sight!"

"It's okay."

Phoenix looked off into the distance, her icy amber eyes showing rare tenderness, "That place was once my home, with countless brothers who fought alongside me, and... Maximus, I have to save them."

Hawke looked at her worriedly, wondering if she'd make it back this time.

"Cut"

p the microphone and said to Xanthea with satisfaction, "Great job, Xanthea! You nailed the eye acting"

Kevin picked up

"Thank you Director. If there's nothing else, I'll wrap up for the day!"

"Hold on!" **Kevin** called her **back**, "Xan, there's one last scene, and then we'll wrap the shoot."

"The series has been a hit on all the major TVs and networks, and the sponsors very pleased with our production and have decided to hold a wrap party at the Grand KimTai. As the lead actress, you must attend!"

"Sure, I'll definitely... Wait, is Benjamin going too?"

"Of course, he's the male lead. I'll inform him right away"

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Xanthea scratched her head awkwardly. After what happened last time, how was she supposed to face him?

"And don't forget about the theme **song** I mentioned before. The lyrics and music have already been sent to your email. Just record it and send it directly to Elijah"

"Got it!"

It was almost 8 p.m. when they wrapped up, and Xanthea couldn't wait to check her phone and her WhatsApp, but there was not a single message from Orion,

Was he still busy?

Even *if*

he was, he could've at least sent a text, right? Could he **be** angry? Should she call to explain?

Thinking this, she dialed his number. The phone rang for a good ten seconds, but no one answered. In the end, it was even hung up!

She stared at her phone in disbelief.

He actually dared to hang up on her? That was too much!

She decided not to call again. If she did, she'd be too clingy!