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In Leanna's bedroom, Cassandra looked at her with a serious expression, causing Leanna to become obedient.

"Cassie..." Leanna said cautiously.

Leanna was a queen, but at the moment, when she was in front of Cassandra, she was cautious. She was afraid that even a single glance would make Cassandra unhappy and leave.

Cassandra coldly asked Leanna to extend her hand.

Leanna obediently reached out, and Cassandra checked her pulse. Cassandra's expression became solemn as she said, "Have a good rest. Let others handle everything. You'd better not worry about anything else before I detoxify you."

Then she looked at Harper and said in the same cold tone, "The same goes for you. As my patient, if you don't follow my instructions, I will terminate the treatment at any time."

Cassandra looked up at Darren and asked, "Are there any traditional herbs in Queen's Palace?"

Darren was stunned for a while. Then he shook his head. There were hardly any traditional herbs.

Cassandra snorted lightly, looking at Darren. She said with sarcasm, "After the years in Zosteylor, have you forgotten all about our traditions? When modern medicine couldn't solve the problem, you never considered traditional medicine?"

But considering the fact that Darren could abandon her, his own daughter, Cassandra thought that it made sense for him not to remember traditional medicine.

Darren was speechless.

He had no choice but to silently endure the mockery. He was afraid that Cassandra

would get angry if he with her.

Leanna looked at Cassandra, her eyes shifting from confusion to delight. She asked, "My dear daughter, are you going to detoxify me?"

Cassandra frowned and said impatiently, "Ms. Leanna Stark, or I should say, Your Majesty. I think there might be some misunderstanding. I'm Cassandra Yates, and

my grandmother is Blossom Yates. She adopted me. So I grew up without parents. Don't call me like that. I am not your daughter. Please call me Dr. Yates or Faye."

The first time Leanna called her that, she was busy seeing off Kenneth, so she didn't make it clear to Leanna. But now, she couldn't bear to hear Leanna call her Cassie again.

Leanna was puzzled. She didn't understand the reason why Cassandra said that. She asked, "Why? You are my daughter, aren't you? We look so alike, don't we?"

Suddenly, she seemed to realize the reason and said, "My dear, are you blaming me and your father for abandoning you back then? We had no choice. At that time, we couldn't afford to take you with us. After all, your brother was born with poison in his body. Neither I nor your father wanted to abandon any of you. However, we have no choice. If we left your brother, he would definitely die. We couldn't bear it. Both you and your brother are our children. How could your father and I be willing to leave you?"

"But it was so urgent that we had to make a choice. We considered many possibilities, even if ... We thought that at least you could survive, and we would meet one day. But if it were your brother, the Yates family might not have been able to cure him. And if the Yates family failed to pick him up in time and he went to another family, as someone born with poison in his body, who would save him?"

As soon as Leanna thought of the decision they made, she felt painful. Despite her own weakness at that time, seeing her children made her feel fulfilled.

However, fate played a cruel joke on her. Kamila was about to hold the ascension ceremony, and she wanted to seize control of Zosteylor. Leanna couldn't just stand by and do nothing.

Therefore, shortly after giving birth, she and Darren left. However, at that time, they really couldn't take both children with them. They had clearly informed the Yates family, but somehow, something went wrong.

Cassandra disappeared from the hospital.

She wasn't in the Ya

residence, and nobody could find her.

Cassandra looked at Queen Stark silently. She didn't want to hear the explanation. So she said, "I'm going to give you an injection, and you can have a good rest."

Leanna refused without even thinking about it and said, "No, no. My dear, tell me first. How did you come here and why?"

Cassandra snorted coldly. Looking at the hypocritical people in the room, she slowly stood up and said, "Your dear husband kidnapped Hugo, who is the most important family to me. I'm here for him. Is there any problem with that? As part of the deal, I'll cure you and Harper, and from then on, we'll be even."

Leanna stood up abruptly and replied, "No! What do you mean by saying that we'll be even? I owe you so much, my dear. Don't you want Mom to make it up to you?"

"Make it up? The best way you can make it up to me is by staying away from me. Are you willing to do that?" said Cassandra.

Cassandra thought that she didn't need them to make it up to her. She could gain anything she wanted by herself. She could get anything that she didn't have. She didn't need their care.

Leanna's eyes were instantly filled with tears, and she burst into tears.

Cassandra was a little annoyed and said, "Calm her down first. When she's calm, I'll move on to the next step."

Looking at Hugo, she sighed and said, "You stay here with her. If there's a problem,

come to me.

She couldn't proceed with her work without the patient's cooperation.

All she could do was wait.

"Okay. I'll take care of it here. Ms. Yates, you can go and have a rest," replied Hugo.

In the room, Cassandra sat on the sofa and looked out of the window, lost in thought. She didn't even notice when Harper entered. He brought a cup of coffee and some desserts.

"Seeing that your door was open, I came in without your permission." Harper placed the items on the coffee table, appearing cautious.

"Thank you." Cassandra didn't say much. But she advised, "You should also rest. You need to be in good spirits to deal with the detoxification process."

Cassandra felt a little speechless. There were no traditional herbs in Queen's Palace. She didn't know how she could proceed with her work.

Therefore, she asked Harper, "Can you call your two brothers over?"

Harper nodded. After a while, Vincent and Theodore arrived. When they learned that Cassandra wanted to see them, they were somewhat surprised.

“Cassie, is there anything that we can do?” They seemed awkward, unlike those of men who had been battling in the business world for years.

“Find all the traditional herbs I need as soon as possible, and then I can start the detoxification process.” Cassandra handed the medication list to Theodore.

“Okay, I’ll do it right away.”

Cassandra nodded and added, “If you’re unsure about anything, ask Hugo. He can help you.”

“Okay.”

After closing her eyes to rest in the room for about half an hour, Cassandra slowly opened her eyes. Unexpectedly, as soon as she did that, someone knocked on the door.

Cassandra opened the door to find Darren standing outside. “Cassie, I’d like to talk to you.”

Cassandra leaned against the sofa with her legs crossed. With that posture, it seemed that she was going to have a negotiation instead of a chat.

“Mr. Yates, I don’t think there’s much to say between us,” said Cassandra.

Before Darren could say anything, he was met with Cassandra’s refusal.

“Well, let’s talk about what happened back then. I want you to know everything before you hate us, okay?”

Darren frowned. It seemed that he didn’t expect Cassandra to hate him like that.

He thought, 'What should I do now?'

"Well, go ahead," said Cassandra.

She thought, 'I'd like to hear what kind of story you can come up with.'

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Darren took a deep breath and began to talk about what happened eighteen years

ago.

Back then, Leanna was still a girl in her twenties. She was confident, positive, straightforward, and good-looking.

After Darren and Leanna met, they fell in love with each other and soon enjoyed an intimate relationship. Darren's father was also very satisfied with Leanna. Darren and Leanna had thought that they could live happily ever happily.

However, upon receiving the news of her pregnancy, they learned that her parents were seriously ill and she needed to return home to care for them.

At the time of their hasty marriage, he hadn't gone to visit Leanna's parents. So he went back with her, only to discover her true background. She was actually a princess of Zosteylor, which came as quite a shock to Darren.

Ulrich Stark, Leanna and Kamila's father, was seriously ill, and their mother cried every day. Ulrich intended to pass the country's affairs to Leanna, but at that time, Leanna did not agree. Instead, she felt that her sister, Kamila, who was full of ambition and aspiration, was more suitable. And the country would surely prosper under Kamila's leadership.

It was Ulrich who said that Kamila was very ambitious but quite petty, unable to tolerate others, and not suitable to be a leader.

Somehow, these words reached Kamila's ears. She fed Ulrich slow-acting poison and accelerated his death, then poisoned Leanna as well. Therefore, the Queen's Palace was not safe to stay in for long.

Staying there too long would be life-threatening.

Ulrich gave the token of succession to Leanna, and Darren and Leanna fled

together. However, as Leanna was poisoned, she couldn't truly take on the position of leader. Moreover, Kamila often handled state affairs, and many people supported her. It was unlikely they would willingly accept Leanna, who only knew how to have fun, as their leader.

Therefore, they had to run away with the token at that time.

Without the token, Kamila couldn't succeed on the throne to be the leader. Even if she held power, she was far from that position.

During that time, Leanna struggled against the poison. But she was pregnant, and doctors dared not administer medication, urging her to terminate the pregnancy. She refused to do so.

Even if she knew the child would be born with poison, she didn't want to give up the child. So, she didn't take medication or detoxify herself. Instead, during her pregnancy, she painstakingly rallied the people left for her by Ulrich.

They were finally able to return to the Queen's Palace officially, but Kamila set them up. They didn't care about the danger, but Leanna was pregnant. She didn't want to take risks, so she wanted to wait a little longer.

To be on the safe side, they went back to Clusia. Instead of going back home, they stayed in the county town around Drieso, where medical technology wasn't too bad. They stayed there for two months until Harper and Cassandra were born.

When they were born, Darren had the doctor examine them. Harper was found to be carrying the poison in his body, while Cassandra was healthy. Leanna cried but also felt extremely lucky.

They thought that at least one of the babies was healthy and Cassandra could grow up healthily.

Their happiness didn't last long. On the third day after Leanna gave birth to Harper and Cassandra, they received news that Kamila had obtained the succession token and was about to hold the succession ceremony.

Then they couldn't sit still and let it happen. They had to stop the ridiculous

ceremony.

However, they didn't know what to do with the two children. After Leanna gave birth to the children, her body was very weak. Combined with the poison, she was almost exhausted. Darren and she couldn't take both children with them.

They watched Harper and Cassandra in a dilemma, unsure of whom to take.

However, the danger was approaching. Kamila's men had found them, leaving them with little time to think. If they didn't leave immediately, all of them would be in danger.

Darren said to Leanna, "Leanna, let's take Harper and leave Cassandra to my father. My family will take good care of her. It's not far from Drieso here. It's only a three-hour drive or any hour by plane. She will be fine."

He made the decision, but Leanna didn't fully understand it. Both children were

theirs, so she didn't know the reason why they should have to make such a decision.

“We simply can’t take both children with us. You’re too weak now. We can take Harper with us. When you detoxify your body, he can get detoxified too. While Cassandra is healthy, my father will take good care of her,” explained Darren.

Leanna disagreed and argued, “But what if Maximilian doesn’t pick her up safely? What if she goes missing?”

Darren had been turning it over in his head, and then he threw out an idea. “I’ll hack her DNA file. When anyone runs a DNA test, the system will mess with her results, making it look like she’s part of Benjamin’s family. This way, nobody can track her back to us or to my dad.”

“But I’ll tell Dad everything. When they see her, they can do the DNA test at the military hospital. I won’t change the system or data there, so they’ll be able to make sure who she is,” he added.

There was no more time to convince themselves.

The reason why Darren chose Benjamin’s family was that he had helped Benjamin once and hoped for him to repay his kindness. In addition, if Cassandra was unfortunately missing and found by Benjamin’s family, they would inevitably go. visit Maximilian’s family.

Then Maximilian would definitely be able to see her. As long as he saw her, he would surely recognize her.

They made a quick decision and left with Harper in their arms, leaving behind the necklace Darren often wore to Cassandra. They hoped it would make it easier for Maximilian to pick her up.

However, he hadn’t expected that there would be an accident. The nurse held Cassandra everywhere to look for her parents but failed to find them. When Maximilian and the others of the family arrived, the nurse just left with Cassandra in her arms. They only knew that Cassandra was lost, but they had no idea where to find her.

They exposed Kamila’s conspiracy, presenting the true token of succession. With the support of their followers and those who only recognized the token, the majority supported them. The succession

ceremony, which was designed for Kamila, became Leanna's. As a result, Kamila was sent to the military court for disrupting national security and forging the token. But she escaped on the way.

Kamila, who should have been in prison, had been lingering outside for so many

years.

When Leanna's succession was settled, they began to look for Cassandra. They wanted to see if she had been taken back to the Yates family. If so, Darren would sneak back and pick her up because Kamila was no longer a threat, and he could have Cassandra back with them.

However, when he hacked into the Yates family's surveillance, he found no trace of Cassandra, only hearing their guilt for not picking the child up.

With Cassandra gone missing, Darren felt like he was losing his mind. The hospital surveillance only showed a nurse carrying her away, with no clear identification of the nurse because all the nurses wore masks.

When Leanna knew that Cassandra was missing, her health deteriorated further all of a sudden.

She had fainted for several years.

The poison in Harper's body was also making him painful. Therefore, Darren couldn't leave. He had no choice but to take care of Leanna and Harper.

And he was searching for Cassandra, which was quite difficult because there were no clues.

Darren could only pray that Benjamin had found Cassandra and raised her

up.

He had checked the surveillance of Benjamin's house and found that they did have a baby girl.

Without further thought, Darren believed it was Cassandra, so he stayed with

Leanna and Harper, feeling reassured.

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Then, when Leanna woke up, Darren checked the surveillance of Benjamin's house again and found that everything had changed.

The girl was already a few years old, but there was no trace of him or Leanna. Then, Darren heard Benjamin say, "Let's treat the child as our own daughter. After all, she has no parents. Look how much our sons adore their little sister."

Darren was dumbfounded to hear that.

He realized that the girl was adopted by Benjamin, and she wasn't Cassandra.

With Cassandra missing for several years, there might be all kinds of accidents...

Darren suddenly panicked and dispatched many people to look for Cassandra. However, their actions were noticed by Kamila, who also sent people to search for Cassandra.

In just a few years, every time they found a girl who was likely to be Cassandra, that girl would inexplicably be killed. Over time, Darren couldn't let innocent girls die anymore, so he had to temporarily stop looking for Cassandra.

After listening to Darren's explanation, Cassandra showed little expression, even colder than before.

Darren felt guilty and said heartbrokenly, "Cassie, it was all my fault. You can blame me or even not accept me as your father, but your mother is innocent. She risked her life to give birth to you and Harper. She even fell into a coma for several years because of the poison in her body, almost not waking up.

“If someone must bear the responsibility for the mistakes of the past, you can blame only me.”

When he saw Cassandra’s attitude towards Leanna, he felt extremely painful. He realized that Cassandra didn’t forgive him at all, nor did she forgive Leanna. But, in his opinion, Leanna did nothing wrong.

He was the one who made the decisions, so he would bear the blame.

“Mr. Yates, is that your explanation?” Cassandra asked coldly.

Darren replied, “Cassie, when you become a mom, you will understand why we did. this in the first place. Your mother had just given birth, and she was weak. I couldn’t carry both you and Harper with her. Harper and your mother were both poisoned, and if there was a way, both of them could be saved, I...”

“Enough. There is no need for further explanations,” said Cassandra.

In her opinion, Darren was just a self-righteous man..

In his explanation, or rather, his version of the story, everything was how he perceived it, how he thought it was.

And that led to her tragedy.

She thought, “Was he out of his mind? How could he change my genetic data, making Benjamin consider me the daughter of his family? Did he think his family was so big that Benjamin’s family had to visit it?

‘In this modern world, no collateral families should pay respects to the main family’

Cassandra said, “First of all, I’m grateful to Ms. Leanna Stark for giving birth to me, but as for accepting you all, I’m sorry, I can’t do that.” She let out a light scoff, a hint of disdain in her eyes. Then she added,

“Aren’t you good at hacking? You can find out what I went through in Benjamin’s family, and then we can talk about whether I should forgive you or not.”

She thought that if he could still bring about it, it would only show that he hadn’t realized the problem.

In this life, she only spent two months with Benjamin’s family. But in her previous life, she had endured two years, only to be tortured to death in the end.

And all of that was due to Darren’s ideas and arrogance.

She felt ridiculous. His explanation wasn’t meant to persuade her but to provide her with answers.

Darren didn’t quite understand what Cassandra meant, but seeing Cassandra refuse to communicate, he simply said, “Well, you can rest first.”

Then he walked out of the room and saw Vincent. Vincent asked in surprise, “Dad, have you finished talking with Cassie?”

“Well, just finished. What are you doing here?” said Darren.

“I wanted to ask Cassie what she wants to eat tonight,” said Vincent.

It was almost seven o’clock in the evening. Darren and Cassandra had been chatting inside, and no one dared to disturb them. So Vincent had been waiting outside, thinking that if they didn’t come out soon, he would knock on the door.

Darren was just about to speak when Hugo interrupted him. Hugo pushed the serving cart over and said, “Don’t worry, Mr. Darren and Mr. Vincent. I have prepared dinner for Ms. Yates. Just leave it to me.”

With that, Hugo pushed the cart past Darren and Vincent, knocked on the door, and went inside.

Vincent was a little helpless. If he knocked on the door, he might not be able in at all, but Hugo could.

He really wanted to be Hugo, who could accompany Cassandra.

Watching this, Darren was also a little jealous.

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However, he quickly suppressed it and turned to Vincent and asked, "Has Cassie been mistreated by Benjamin's family?"

He thought that he would definitely make Benjamin pay if she had!

'How dare he mistreat my daughter!'

Vincent's expression stiffened, feeling embarrassed as he said, "Dad, you can search online for Cassandra's and Samantha's Twitter accounts. Then you'll know what Cassie has been through.

"We didn't investigate it clearly at that time and tried to approach Cassie rashly. As a result, Cassie's classmates criticized Harper severely. Dad, don't push Cassie too hard."

It was all useless because they said too much and did too little.

In this world, explanations were the most useless.

If possible, Vincent wanted to be a friend of Cassandra's at first, instead of crazily trying to get closer to her and making her feel disgusted.

Darren didn't look well. He felt that a lot of bad things must have happened for Vincent to say so.

"Let me make it clear first," said Darren.

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The next morning, when Cassandra woke up, her face looked grim because she hadn't slept at all.

This was a very unpleasant thing for her.

She didn't know if it was the unfamiliar surroundings or something else that made her unable to sleep.

She had slept fine in the camp and even at Kenneth's house, but in this place, she couldn't get a good night's rest.

Vincent checked the time and knocked on Cassandra's door. Cassandra grunted

and said, "Come in."

Seeing that it was Vincent, her expression darkened.

Vincent looked at Cassandra and said with a gentle tone, "Did you rest well last night? I brought you breakfast." He showed her the tray in his hand..

"Do I look like I slept well?" Cassandra replied irritably.

Not only was she already annoyed by the lack of sleep, but now she was being asked if she slept well!

Vincent was speechless.

He said, "You can have breakfast first, and then you can take a rest."

"No, thanks." Cassandra added, "Just leave me alone. I'll have breakfast myself."

She didn't really want to communicate with the Yates family.

She took out her phone and happened to see a message from Kenneth that said, "I've arrived home. Have a good rest."

His words made her feel relieved. Then she glanced at the breakfast and frowned.

She wanted to have breakfast prepared by Kenneth.

But she endured it, considering the current situation.

Foreign habits were not to her liking, especially having tea so early in the morning.

After breakfast, Cassandra went to Leanna's bedroom.

Seeing her coming, Leanna couldn't help but be excited. Leanna said, "Cassie, you are here!"

Leanna didn't know until yesterday that Cassie's name was Cassandra Yates. It was really fate that they were both named Yates.

Darren stood nearby, feeling guilty and heartbroken, his eyes showing a mix of complex emotions.

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Cassandra frowned, wondering why Leanna still called her Cassie. She said in a cold voice, “Don’t call me Cassie again.”

Leanna was stunned and disappointed. Her eyes were full of depression. She said, “Cassie, can’t you still forgive me and your father?”

Cassandra thought, ‘Forgive?’

‘How?’

‘Because of Darren’s mistakes and his self–righteousness, I had been tortured for two years in my previous life.

The family relationship I had desired was all fake.

‘It wasn’t them who suffered torment to death, so of course they could ask for my forgiveness without thinking.

‘How could I forgive them? If I had died because of someone else, I would have been calm in the face of all this. But I died because of Benjamin’s family.

‘It was Darren’s mistake that caused my death.’

Cassandra took a deep breath. Considering that Leanna had taken the risk of giving birth to her, Cassandra didn’t just say “no” indifferently. Instead, she said, “Ms. Leanna Stark, let me tell you a story. Would you like to hear it?”

“A poor old woman picked up a newborn girl. The little girl grew up drinking the simplest vegetable soup, and baby formula was a luxury for her.

“The old woman had no family and regarded the little girl as her own family. Therefore, she tried her best to take care of the little girl until the little girl grew up, went to school, and spent money. Although she was poor, she didn’t let the little girl do any heavy work.

“When the little girl was ten years old, the old woman couldn’t hold on and fell ill. In order to save her, the girl went to beg some men, one after another. At such a young age, she had a debt of 100 thousand dollars. However, the old woman’s illness required a lot of money, and the 100 thousand dollars couldn’t last long. The girl couldn’t keep borrowing money to save the old woman. So, she started studying desperately, learning everything she could, especially things that could.

earn her money. She even learned medical skills. However, just as she started earning money, the old woman passed away.

“The girl treated the old woman as her only family. But she lost her family. Because she was loved by the old woman, she longed for family very much. She simply felt that if a stranger could be so nice to her, then her biological parents would definitely treat her better. Finally, when she was almost an adult, she found the so-called biological parents.” Cassandra looked at Leanna and asked faintly, “Do you know what happened later?”

Leanna shook her head. She didn’t know, but she felt sorry for the little girl.

Cassandra smiled lightly and said, “Her so-called biological mother and brothers. conducted a DNA test with her and her biological father. They found her, and she was overjoyed. She gave up everything she had before adulthood and followed her biological mother and brothers back home.

“As a result, the adopted daughter of the family had expanded the bedroom to the girl’s room. She had to sleep in a storeroom. Her brothers disliked her, and whenever the adopted daughter cried, all the blame fell on her. Being locked in a dark room, scolded, and beaten became a routine. Sometimes she couldn’t even have a proper meal, or the food was spoiled. Those days were much worse than before. She also faced school violence, but she endured it silently, not wanting to cause trouble for her family.

“During the SAT, even though her results were good, her family insisted she give up her chance to go to university for the adopted daughter.

“But she foolishly thought her family just couldn’t accept her temporarily, so she tried her best to please them. In the end, she paid the price. She was stranded on Desert Island for a month by her own family. She barely grew up but died at the hands of her so-called family.

“In the end, she was told that she wasn’t part of the family because her biological father had made a mistake.” Cassandra looked at Leanna and asked faintly, “Ms. Leanna Stark, after experiencing all this, does that little girl still need her biological parents?”

Leanna was taken aback by the question. She thought, ‘Does she need her biological parents?’

‘Does she really need them?’

“What else did she need in such a life and experience?”

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“Living worse off than a stray dog because of familial ties, what use are those ties?”

Leanna responded indignantly, “Of course not. If given the chance, she could live just fine on her own.”

Cassandra chuckled and said, “I agree.”

She then turned to Darren and asked, “What do you think. Mr. Yates?”

“I...” Darren didn’t know what to say.

He had a strong feeling that Cassandra was talking about herself. Everything she said about the little girl aligned, except for the part about the death.

He regretted that he had been so impulsive these days and insisted on explaining.

He thought, 'I was pushing her so hard, right?'

Cassandra snorted and said sarcastically, "It seems that Mr. Yates doesn't know it.

"So, please don't ask me whether I accept you or forgive you again. Apart from giving me life, what I have experienced in my life is abandonment. You are the least qualified to ask for my acceptance and forgiveness."

She suddenly stood up and continued. "Take good care of yourself these couple of days. When Theodore brings back the herbs I need, I'll start detoxifying. Before that, if you need anything, just ask Hugo for help."

Hugo nodded slightly, indicating that he was there. And Cassandra left directly.

Hugo felt heartbroken when he heard what Cassandra said just now. He thought, 'Wasn't that what Ms. Yates had experienced?

"But what about the death? Didn't she cut ties with Benjamin's family just two months after returning?

'Did something else that I don't know happen?

'No one had experienced what she had."

"Hugo, may I ask how many years have you been with Cassie?" Darren walked to Hugo's side, and his tone was very respectful. Although he didn't need to be so

respectful considering his position, he did.

"More than seven years, Hugo replied with some melancholy. Darren felt envious that Hugo had been with Cassandra for so long.

“Then do you

know...” Darren continued.

“Mr. Yates, please don’t inquire about Ms. Yates from me unless she consents. Otherwise, I won’t say anything.” Hugo interjected, leaving Darren disappointed.

Leanna was stunned for a moment and asked, “Did... Cassie live hard before?”

Before Hugo could answer, they heard an explosion outside!

“What’s going on?” Darren asked coldly, with some worries in his tone.

He escorted Leanna to the council chamber, where everyone approached her and said, “Your Majesty, Kamila has initiated another war and bombed several places.”

Leanna’s expression turned cold. She hadn’t expected it to happen so soon.

“Then we must prepare for battle, mobilize all our forces, and capture Kamila alive. Only then can this war be stopped,” she commanded.

A lot of people have died in this country.

If the fighting continued, even more would perish, and they would suffer a great economic recession.

Leanna couldn’t bear to see it happen. Ulrich entrusted the country to her, and she had the responsibility to ensure its prosperity and well-being.

Someone replied, “Our people are already on it. I believe we will capture Kamila

alive soon.”

As they discussed their plans, another explosion echoed from outside.

Meanwhile, inside her room, Cassandra remained silent.

In a country torn apart by war, it was the ordinary people who suffered the most.

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“Ms. Yates, why don’t you go back first? You can tell me the detoxification method and the herbs needed, and I’ll stay here,” said Hugo. He was worried. The ongoing war made the place extremely unsafe.

While it was unlikely that the enemy would target the Queen’s Palace, there was always the risk of bombs being dropped or accidental casualties.

No matter how powerful Cassandra was, she was still vulnerable to physical harm. Hugo thought, ‘What if there is danger? What if she gets injured?’

‘I have lived for half a lifetime and have grown indifferent to life and death, but Ms. Yates is different. At just eighteen years old, she is in the prime of her youth and shouldn’t be staying in such a perilous place.’

Cassandra’s face darkened, and she said in a cold voice, “Hugo, I took this order. I should stay here. I’ll contact some people and send you back later. You should go back first.”

In her opinion, it was her duty, and she shouldn’t let Hugo stay there.

She had thought she could at least have a few more days of ceasefire. By then, Leanna’s poison would have been mostly removed, and they could handle their own affairs and recuperate.

There was no need for her to stay there any longer. The reason why she let Hugo stay there was that she didn't want to cooperate with the people in the Queen's. Palace, and she didn't want to have too much contact with them at all.

Kenneth and Jeremiah had more important matters to attend to and needed to return soon.

She was unwilling to let Hugo stay there, and she didn't expect the war would

come so soon

Cassandra thought, 'Why are Theodore and the others too slow? They haven't prepared the herbs yet!

"That's so annoying!"

Hugo said, "I'm not going back. I'll stay here. Ms. Yates, it's you who should go back. You have more important things to do than stay here."

He knew that Cassandra had other identities, such as being part of the National Security Bureau and the Information Security Department. When wars broke out in other countries, the nation should be on high alert.

Hugo was right. After the outbreak of the war in Zosteylor, the Information Security Department had been gathering its people.

It was just that Cassandra was absent.

"Without me, the department won't collapse, and besides, I can do my work remotely. There aren't many people who can attack the security systems I've set up," said Cassandra confidently, lifting her eyebrows. She was confident.

“But...” Hugo wanted to say something more but was interrupted by Cassandra.

“Well, Hugo, I left you here yesterday because I thought they would ceasefire for at few more days. I was thinking that we would go back once I detoxified Ms. Leanna Stark and Harper. I thought it wouldn’t take long. But now that war has broken out, if you don’t leave now, it will be dangerous.”

She didn’t have many family members, but they all had a close bond with her, and they were all chosen by her and cared for her in return.

Therefore, she would do her best to protect the family that she accepted.

“Ms. Yates, the more you say, the less likely I am to leave. I won’t leave you. If you want me to leave, then let’s leave together. Hugo said with deep sincerity, “You’re my master. Wherever you are, I’ll be there too. I don’t care about other things as long as you’re safe.”

He didn’t consider his life important at all compared with Cassandra’s.

Cassandra sighed and looked at Hugo with a serious expression. She said, “Hugo, I have never regarded me as your master. You are not my subordinate. You’re my family, irreplaceable family to me.”

Since the death of Blossom and her encounter with Hugo, he had taken good care of her for several years..

Hugo had been there for her when she fell ill. During her first menstrual period, he gave her the first glass of warm water. And when she went abroad, he cared for her with meticulous attention. He took care of her as Blossom did and made her feel warm and comfortable.

He was just as important to her as Blossom had been.

“I know it. I’ve always treated you like my granddaughter, so I won’t leave,” Hugo said with a gentle smile. “Well, I’ll go check on Her Majesty now. Ms. Yates, you should get some rest.”

He left briskly, not feeling afraid because of the war outside. Instead, Cassandra's words had made him feel content.

However, he thought that the place was ultimately unsafe, so it was best to leave as soon as possible.

As soon as Cassandra sat down in the room, Kenneth's video call came.

It wasn't that he hadn't tried to video call her to confirm her safety immediately, but he didn't expect the conflict to erupt so soon, and he wasn't adept at making video calls yet.

While Yannick was trained to make a report again, Kenneth rushed to the superior's office and pulled Yannick out.

Cassandra raised her eyebrows and answered the video call.

Kenneth said anxiously, "Cassie, how's everything going? Are you okay? I'll arrange for a plane to bring you back."

Kenneth didn't care about the treatment of Leanna and Harper.

He thought that other people's lives had nothing to do with him, and he couldn't bear to see Cassandra risk her life to treat others.

In his opinion, Leanna was useless because she wasn't able to quell internal strife within her own country.

Cassandra paused for a moment.

But she felt warm in her heart. In this world, having someone love her was enough.

“You don’t have to. Don’t send anyone. I’ll stay here for a few days. Don’t worry. I’ll be fine,” said Cassandra.

And she thought she wouldn’t let herself be in danger.

“No, it’s too dangerous where you are. It’s not safe at all. Bombs are being dropped. sporadically. What if you get hurt?”

Kenneth was worried. Then he ordered Yannick and said, “Gather a group of

people and leave in half an hour.”

“Yes, sir!” Yannick saluted!

“Wait, Yannick. Stop!” said Cassandra.

Yannick was a bit puzzled. He couldn’t understand why he still felt such a strong sense of oppression from Cassandra, even through the phone.

He didn’t know who he should listen to now.

“Ken, it’s not me you should care about now. Don’t worry. I’ll be fine. During the previous war, did you see Queen’s Palace get hit by mistake? Trust me, at most...” Cassandra paused for a moment. She continued, “As long as Theodore can get the herbs I need today, I’ll be back in five days. Just give me five more days.”

Kenneth shook his head without thinking. He said, “Five days is too long for me to rest assured.”

He thought that anything could happen in five days.

Cassandra said, "It was already the fastest. Well, if there is any danger in the Queen's Palace, I will evacuate immediately. There's a consulate and an army here. I'll go find them, and then wait for your people to come pick me up. Is that acceptable?"

Kenneth suddenly realized that the consulate hadn't been evacuated yet according to the original plan, which was supposed to happen in half a month. However, in an emergency situation like this, it would probably be evacuated in a short time. The consulate was a safe place, so he could inform people there beforehand.

He replied, "OK. If anything happens, I'll have some people from the consulate come pick you up. You and Hugo must go with them. I'll wait for you to come back

to Drieso."

"Okay, I understand," said Cassandra.

She knew Kenneth and the others who cared about her in Drieso, so she would try her best to go back safely.

Suddenly, there came a series of knocks on the door.

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It wasn't Hugo knocking on the door. Cassandra hung up the video call with Kenneth and opened the door.

It was Harper. Cassandra frowned and was about to say something when Harper grabbed her hand and ran outside.

Cassandra was stunned by his inexplicable action. Then she suddenly broke free from Harper's hand.

"What the hell are you doing? Are you out of your mind?" Cassandra was a little annoyed. She thought, 'What's wrong with him? Why did he suddenly drag me and run out without saying anything?'

“Cassie, hide first. The people in the meeting hall are looking for you. Mom and Dad can’t hold them back anymore.” Harper looked really worried, and his tone was a little anxious.

He thought, ‘I have to hide Cassie somewhere safe.’

“Why are they looking for me? They have to line up for treatment,” Cassandra said angrily. She thought, ‘Why are the people in this country all so weird?’

“No. Those people don’t believe that you are Mom’s daughter and not Zosteylor’s princess. Mom wants to pass on the position of Queen to you, so those stubborn old men can’t stand it anymore.”

Harper also didn’t know why Leanna suddenly wanted to give her position to Cassandra.

He thought, ‘Isn’t that a disguised way to restrain Cassie? Mom gave birth to her but didn’t raise her, and now she even wants her to inherit the throne of Zosteylor. Cassie will hate us more!’

Sure enough, Cassandra’s face darkened at once. She thought, ‘What did he say?’

‘Give me the throne? What the hell is wrong with her?’

‘What is it? A compensation or an encumbrance?’

“You guys are really ridiculous. Have you ever asked my opinion? You abandoned me and accepted me at will. And now you even want to give such a mess to me?

you have other choices?”

Don’t you

Cassandra got angry instantly. The coldness in her eyes completely froze Harper.

Harper's hand paused. He wanted to say something, but he didn't know what to say.

He thought, 'That's not what we meant..

'Mom just wants to take her in as soon as possible, and she knows that she doesn't have much time left.'

Cassandra was furious and shouted coldly, "Take me to the meeting hall."

Harper was shocked by her voice. Hugo, who came from the other side, was also looking for Cassandra anxiously.

"Ms. Yates, they're looking for you with guns in their hands!"

Harper was startled. He looked at Cassandra and said, "Cassie, come with me. Just leave it to Mom and Dad."

"They are your parents, not mine. No one can control my life, especially the two of them. They don't deserve it!" Cassandra turned to Hugo and said coldly, "Hugo, take me to the meeting hall."

"Ms. Yates..."

"Now!"

Hugo could only listen to her. He decided that if something really happened, he would stand in front of Cassandra to protect her.

meeting

Cassandra had the noise inside as soon as she arrived at the door of the me

hall.

“Your Majesty, how can you be sure that she is your child? The DNA can be fake. What if she’s a spy sent by our enemy or other countries?”

“That’s right. You said she was Clusian, but Clusians are also not all good. Last time when you signed the Evacuation Operation Agreement with the Falcon Special Operations Force, we were already very opposed to it, and now you even adopt a Clusian as your daughter!”

“I’m not adopting her. She’s the kid I lost when I came back to stop Kamila’s plot. She’s my biological daughter,” Leanna coughed.

The more Cassandra heard, the more annoyed she became. She pushed open the door of the meeting hall with a bang.

Then she said in an arrogant tone, “Who said that I am Ms. Leanna Stark’s daughter? Why do I have to admit it once she wants to accept me?”

Leanna and Darren turned to look at Cassandra in surprise. They didn’t expect her to come here.

Darren hurriedly walked up to Cassandra and said in a worried but low voice, “What are you doing here? Leave. We’ll handle it.”

Cassandra pushed Darren away and smiled disdainfully. “Leave? And then let you decide my future life?”

Cassandra strode towards Leanna and then asked coldly, “Have you asked for my opinion? Have I accepted you? Who allowed you to decide my future?”

“You were the one who abandoned me before, and also the one who wants to accept me. And now you even want to decide my life. Do you think that I should be controlled by you and listen to you all my life?”

There was resentment in Cassandra’s heart, which could not be erased.

Leanna’s face with surprise turned pale. She took two steps back weakly. She didn’t expect that her daughter would hate her so much.

Leanna thought, ‘But if she hates me, why is she treating me and even willing to stay here?’

Leanna’s eyes were full of sadness and disbelief. She looked at Darren as if she was asking, “What’s going on?”

‘Why does our daughter hate me so much?’

“Cassie, do you hate me so much?” Leanna’s face was pale and her lips were slightly trembling.

The officials were surprised to see the face which was almost completely the same as the Queen’s. Some had wavered, but some thought Cassandra was scheming.

“Humph, do you think you can pretend to be Your Majesty’s daughter after having plastic surgery? Who the hell are you? Tell us the truth!” That person took a handgun from his waist, pulled the trigger, and aimed it at Cassandra.

Hugo reacted at once and stood in front of Cassandra. When Darren came back to himself, he was already slower than Hugo, but he still walked to Cassandra and stood in front of her.

“Anthony, put down your handgun. Let’s keep it between me and Leanna!”

Anthony didn't care about it at all. He had made contributions before, and was the first to stand out to support Leanna. He didn't think it was a big deal even if he killed this spy here today.

"Mr. Yates, you are the prince consort. How could I do anything to you?" Anthony even took two steps forward and threatened Cassandra, "Say it! Who the hell are you?"

Cassandra bypassed Darren and Hugo and walked slowly toward Anthony. "I think it's none of your business," She glanced at the muzzle and said disdainfully.

"Then I can dispose of you as a spy. You had plastic surgery, made yourself look like Her Majesty, approached her, and pretended to be her daughter. What's your intention?"

Cassandra snorted coldly, sneered, and glanced at Anthony with contempt.

Seeing that Cassandra was so close to Anthony, Darren, Leanna, and Hugo were really nervous.

"Cassie, come here. Let's talk calmly." Leanna was scared. If Anthony shot Cassandra, she couldn't stop it at all.

"Anthony, put down your handgun. I won't let off you if you dare to shoot her!" Leanna threatened Anthony, but it didn't work.

"Your Majesty, as long as she tells us her intention, I won't hurt her."

Cassandra looked at Anthony as if she was looking at a fool. The disdain in her eyes was so obvious.

"You ask me what my intention is? Why don't you ask your dear Queen and prince. consort? They kidnapped my person. If I don't come here, should I wait for

you to

send my person back?"

Cassandra paused. Then she turned to look at Anthony with indifferent and murderous eyes and said coldly, "I really hate it when someone puts a handgun against my head."

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Cassandra moved really fast, leaving them no chance to react. Even Anthony who was holding the handgun didn't react in time.

With a bang, Cassandra hit Anthony on the nose. Then she quickly grabbed his wrist and twisted it. Anthony cried in pain.

The handgun was dropped, and Anthony's hand was broken.

"Talk nicely next time. If you dare to put a handgun against me again, I'll cut off your hands!" Cassandra's voice was incredibly cold.

But her tone was also fearless and confident. Hugo was really excited, and he still remembered to pick up the handgun on the ground.

Cassandra let go of Anthony's hand and said disdainfully, "Loser."

She took over the handgun from Hugo's hand. That idiot had pulled the trigger, so it was easy to fire accidentally. It was not safe for Hugo to hold it.

Cassandra took the handgun and pointed it at Anthony. His hand was broken, and his face was really pale. Seeing the muzzle point at him, he trembled with fear. He had pulled the trigger. If Cassandra didn't

pay attention...

"What exactly do you want?"

Cassandra looked at Anthony playfully and thought, 'What a loser. He's already scared? He was so arrogant just now!

"I just want to tell you to put the gun away."

Suddenly, a gunshot sounded. Everyone present's heart trembled. They closed their eyes and opened them again.

Then they found that everyone was safe and sound. Only a hole had appeared on the ground in front of Anthony.

Cassandra withdrew her hand, turned it backward, and handed it to Anthony. "Here you are."

Anthony took the handgun with trembling hands. He still didn't want to give up and asked, "Who are you?"

"Who am I?" Cassandra chuckled. "Since you asked sincerely, I'll tell you.

"I'm Cassandra, a native of Drieso and a student of Juset University. I was an orphan since childhood, but I have good talent and have learned some medical skills since I was a child. Your prince consort kidnapped the person who is in charge of my company. I'm just here to take my person back.

"I saw you h

some family issues. I have always been helpful and reluctant to see other people suffer, so I was about to help your queen, but..." Cassandra shook her head and said with disdain, "Looks like you're not willing to let me help you."

Anthony didn't believe it at all. He thought, 'Her Majesty has said that this woman is her daughter.

'She even wanted to give her the throne. That belongs to Her Majesty. Why should she give it to someone else?

'Even if she wants to do it, it should happen when she is dying, but not now!

"As for the throne that Ms. Leanna Stark said, I really have no interest in it. I live a free life without parents. Why should I be the leader of a country and considerate to others?"

Cassandra wasn't a saint. She didn't have to be concerned about and help common people.

Leanna's eyes were full of disappointment, and Darren's eyes were also filled with complicated emotions.

Cassandra ignored Anthony and turned to Darren. She said coldly, "Mr. Yates, don't forget our deal. If you and Ms. Leanna Stark break the rule again, I can leave at any time. You can have a try if you don't believe me."

Then Cassandra ignored them and glanced at Hugo. "Let's go."

Hugo followed behind Cassandra and left directly.

Cassandra's voice sounded outside the meeting hall, "Check if Theodore has already gotten all the herbs. If not, let him pay and you do it."

"Okay, right away."

This mess started and ended because of Cassandra.

In Leanna's bedroom, Leanna asked confusedly, "What deal did you make with Cassie?"

Darren kept silent. He didn't know how to explain it to Leanna. She wouldn't be able to take such a thing at all.

"Don't worry. It's not a big deal." Darren sighed. He was not ready to tell Leanna yet. He was afraid that she could not take it, so he could only coax her softly, "Let's not mention the matter of reuniting with our daughter first, okay? When you get better, we will think about how to make up for her. We can bring it up after she forgives us, okay?"

No matter how hard they tried, it would only backfire, and even make Cassandra hate them more. Darren didn't want to see that happen.

Leanna was even more confused. She didn't understand why Darren did this. She thought, 'Our daughter is right here. We can reunite directly. Why should we make a detour?

'And also the throne. We've agreed to pass it on to Cassie. What's all about it now?'

"No, my daughter is right in front of me. Why can't I reunite with her? Are hiding something from me?"

Leanna shook her head. She couldn't accept Darren's explanation at all.

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She had been waiting for her daughter for 18 years, and she didn't want to wait any longer.

"I'll tell you when you get better, Darren said helplessly.

"No, tell me now. Is it related to me?" Leanna had a hunch. It must have something to do with her. Darren would only compromise when it came to something that related to her.

*Leanna, your health is the most important thing. Cassie said that you should take more rest and don't worry about anything. Just leave these things to me first, okay? We'll just postpone it temporarily, not forever. Come on."

Darren tried his best to persuade Leanna. He was also exhausted, but he still had to support his family.

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The poison in Leanna's and Harper's bodies hadn't been removed, and they hadn't reunited with their daughter yet. Darren couldn't collapse now, so he could only balance everything in the middle.

"You must have made a deal. If you don't tell me, I will ask Cassie. I believe she is willing to tell me."

Darren didn't know what to say. It was true. If it were Cassandra, she would definitely tell Leanna without hesitation. The more direct, the better.

Darren sighed and said calmly, "I can tell you. But you must control your emotions, okay?"

Leanna nodded, and then Darren said, "I did have made a deal with Cassie..."

Meanwhile, Hugo found Theodore and asked coldly, "Mr. Yates, have you gotten all the herbs that Ms. Yates needs?"

Seeing that it was Hugo, Theodore was very polite. He shook his head and said, "Sorry, I haven't collected all of them yet. We still need two more. We can't find any in the whole country."

Theodore pointed to the medicine cabinet beside him and scratched his head awkwardly.

Hugo took the list, looked at the medicine cabinet, and checked all the herbs one by one.

The last two herbs were actually quite common, but they might not be valued in foreign countries, so they rarely appeared. Now they couldn't even find any of them.

"Ms. Yates has said that you get the money ready and leave the rest to me. I'll have someone transport them from abroad. You just need to arrange the plane and pay the bill."

Hugo thought, 'If I handle it, we'll get the herbs tomorrow.

'If we wait any longer, Ms. Yates will go mad!'

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Hugo confirmed it repeatedly and asked seriously, "Are you sure only these two are left?"

Theodore was a little confused because Hugo had already asked him three times. He finally gave up. "Hugo, how about this? You have to transport the herbs from Clusia, anyway. Just transport all of them on the list."

Because even Theodore was not sure whether only the two herbs were left after Hugo asked him repeatedly.

Theodore thought, 'Just get another set. I'm rich enough, anyway. We can handle the rest afterward.

'Hugo asked me like that must be because Cassie was getting impatient.

'Now Zosteylor is in a turbulent situation. If I can send Cassie to a safe place as soon as possible, I'll do it at once.

'But Mom only has three months left. She didn't have more time to wait.

'Sorry, Cassie.'

Hugo ignored what Theodore said and called someone to transport the herbs.

After finishing arranging everything, he was about to report it to Cassandra. The preparation could start, and the herbs would definitely arrive tomorrow.

However, Darren stopped Hugo halfway.

"Hugo, I have something to ask you." Then Darren grabbed Hugo's arm and walked toward another room.

"Wait, Mr. Yates. What are you doing?" Hugo was forced to go with Darren. He was a little confused.

He thought, "Is he gonna kidnap me again?"

The room wasn't the Queen's bedroom. It looked like a study.

Leanna was sitting at the desk seriously, waiting for them to arrive. When she saw Hugo, she immediately stood up.

She walked up to Hugo and bowed slightly. Her voice was a little tired and hoarse, "Hugo, I'm sorry for calling you here."

Darren let go of his hand holding Hugo's arm. Hugo patted his clothes angrily and said in an impolite tone, "Your Majesty, Mr. Yates, why do you want to see me?"

Hugo couldn't be polite to Cassandra's father at all. He had forgotten about all his

manners.

“Hugo, I’d like to ask you about Cassie’s previous life. Don’t worry. I won’t be so eager to reunite with her anymore. I just want to know how she was before.”

Leanna’s tone was humble, with pleading and expectation, and her eyes also looked quite sincere.

Leanna had learned everything from Darren. She knew that Cassandra didn’t live well before. However, the information on the Internet was unilateral. She thought that Hugo must know more since he had been working for Cassandra for so many

years.

Leanna thought, ‘If... If I really owe her that much...’

Perhaps it was because he was old, Hugo couldn’t stand that kind of sincere eyes.

Hugo asked uncertainly, “Are you sure you’ll not disturb or force Ms. Yates anymore? If you push it too hard, she will not be able to bear it.”

Darren reached out his left hand, made a swearing gesture, and promised, “Don’t worry. It will never happen again. If not, I won’t be able to see Cassie again for the rest of my life.”

Hugo thought, “That’s what I want.

“We’re enough for Ms. Yates.

“I can tell you, but you must keep your promise, Hugo warned them. He thought, ‘Even if I can’t take Ms. Yates, out of this Queen’s Palace, other people can. If they upset her again, we can destroy this place.

“Sure,” Leanna answered directly.

Hugo sat up straight and said slowly as if he was recalling something, "When I first met Ms. Yates, she was less than 11 years old, and she was really thin and light.

Blossom also didn't have much time left at that time.

"Ms. Yates was malnourished and growing up, but she took all the good things at home to the hospital..."

Hugo was lost in his memory. Cassandra was young but so stubborn back then. She spent all the money borrowed from Lucas and also made some achievements with what she studied hard. Sylvia sold her first design draft for 200 thousand dollars, but Sylvia provided 120 thousand dollars.

Hugo felt distressed for such a stubborn child. He was alone all his life and was even hunted by others, so he already didn't wanna stay alive. But then fate let him meet Cassandra. She was so poor but still had to take care of her sick grandmother and Jeremiah who was growing up.

He couldn't imagine how Cassandra got through all the hard times. Therefore, he made up his mind to take care of her as his family.

Cassandra was very defensive and vigilant against everyone. It took Hugo nearly a year to gain her trust. It was because Blossom passed away, and Cassandra had no family left. Hugo's company gradually softened her heart.

Hugo had seen Cassandra suffer too much all these years. Once, the people who were hunting him went to Rootland Village. Hugo was seriously injured and Cassandra cured him. At that time, she hadn't learned any fighting skills yet, but. from then on, she had one more thing to learn, melee combat.

It was also since then that Hugo had regarded Cassandra as his little master.

After Blossom passed away, Cassandra still didn't give up looking for her family. She wanted to reunite with them. So when she learned that Benjamin was her father, she used Modern Beacon Synergy to double the market value of Yates. Group.

She also knew about Yulissa, so she wanted to be like her and be a child who was loved by her family. Then she gave up everything and went back to the Yates family.

However, Cassandra came back in two months and became even more indifferent than before.

Darren and Leanna listened to all these silently. They knew that the story could be

told in several sentences, but the past was actually more painful.

“Ms. Yates has already experienced the so-called family affection once. She was quite happy when Mr. Maximilian Yates found her. She thought she had found her real family. You had your difficulties, but it’s true that she was abandoned by you and then given up by Mr. Maximilian Yates. No matter how much she was longing for family affection, it has gradually been consumed.”

Not to mention that when Cassandra met them, she saw that Harper and the other two adopted sons were all with them. She couldn’t feel worse.

Hugo thought, ‘It happens again and again.

‘Why can’t fate be fairer and treat Ms. Yates better?

‘If it doesn’t want to give her family affection, why did it let those so-called family members disturb her again and again?’

Leanna fell into silence. Tears in her eyes dripped silently. She thought, ‘I was

wrong.

‘I was so self-righteous. I didn’t know what happened clearly and just tried to reunite with Cassie directly. I hadn’t thought what had happened to her.

'But I've already pushed Cassie farther. What should I do afterward?'

"Hugo, please tell me how we can make Cassie forgive us?" Leanna's words were also what Darren wanted to say.

Hugo didn't know what to say.

He thought, 'Can I say that it's impossible?!'

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When Hugo went back to Cassandra's room, it was already night. He didn't expect that those two people could be so annoying. He was almost unable to get out.

"Ms. Yates, I've already arranged everything about the herbs. They will be there tomorrow," said Hugo.

"Sure. Go back and take a rest. We can start the treatment after the herbs arrive. tomorrow." Cassandra didn't ask why Hugo came back so late.

She closed her eyes in an irritable mood. She could not fall asleep soundly in the Queen's Palace.

She kept having nightmares, and the same person kept showing up. She thought, 'Who's the young man in

my dream?

'He was so badly injured. Has he survived?'

When Cassandra got up every morning, she had a bad headache because she didn't sleep well. The acupuncture could only relieve it for half a day.

At this moment, Cassandra was very sleepy and wanted to sleep, but she couldn't fall asleep at all.

After Hugo left, she lay in bed and kept tossing and turning, but she still couldn't fall asleep.

Then she picked up her phone and clicked on the chat box with Kenneth. She typed for a long while but still deleted them all in the end.

She thought, 'No, I'd better not disturb him. He has so many things to do.'

As soon as Cassandra put down her phone, she received a message from Kenneth. [?]

Kenneth kept looking at the chat box and it showed that Cassandra was typing, but he didn't receive any message. After waiting for a few minutes, there was still nothing. He couldn't bear it

anymore.

Then he sent a question mark.

Cassandra: [Aren't you busy? I won't disturb you. I'm going to bed now.]

Kenneth: [I'm not busy. Take a good rest. I'm looking forward to meeting you.]

Perhaps Kenneth's words worked. Cassandra felt relaxed instantly. Although she didn't sleep until dawn, she still slept soundly for three hours.

As for Kenneth, he was supervising the staff to load herbs in Whitecrane Hall.

Although the Falcon Special Operations Force was ready to fight, and a war could be started at any time, it was not that tense.

So Kenneth applied to go to Zosteylor. It was for two things. The first thing was to organize the evacuation of consulate staff and ensure the integrity of information. The second thing was that the head of the information security department of the National Security Bureau was now in Zosteylor, so he had to protect her.

The superiors didn't approve of these two things. Kenneth had no choice but to use his trump card.

"My wife is there. I have to keep her safe!" Kenneth's words stunned his superior.

"Are you serious?"

After all, Kenneth was the youngest commander. So far, he hadn't even held a girl's hand. They had gotten him all the daughters of the military families, but he didn't like any of them.

But now Kenneth said that his wife was in Zosteylor.

This was breaking news!

"Of course. My girlfriend is Zosteylor, and the situation is dangerous there. I have to protect her. If anything happens here, I will be right back!"

It seemed that this was true. So the superior approved of Kenneth's application happily.

Therefore, Kenneth would go to Zosteylor to meet Cassandra with those traditional herbs.

The next day, Cassandra woke up early in the morning. She sat by the window, carefully studied Leanna and Harper's poison, and matched the herbs.

Hugo was doing his job. He gave Leanna a physical examination.

Then he said, "When all the herbs get here, we'll start to detoxify you two. Just leave the other affairs to others."

Leanna nodded and said, "I know."

Darren held her hand and said, "I promise you that I will defend this country."

About noon, the herbs arrived. When Cassandra went to check them, she found something wrong. There was a person wearing a hat and mask. She felt him very familiar, but she didn't think he would show up here.

Who are you?"

He was not Theodore's person and also not theirs.

Kenneth smiled and then took off his hat and mask. His familiar and handsome face appeared in front of Cassandra.

Cassandra was stunned. She thought, 'Why's Ken here?!'

She quickly walked up to him and said softly, "What are you doing here? It's really dangerous here."

Kenneth gently held her in his arms, put his chin on her head, and said softly, "Of course I know, but you are here. I have to stay with you, of course.

"But..." Cassandra thought, 'What about the base?'

"Don't worry. I was approved to come here. You have no reason to drive me away. Besides, I've brought all the herbs you need. Aren't you gonna praise me?"

Kenneth was a little disappointed, and even his eyes were a little dim.

He thought, 'Why isn't Cassie happy to see me?

'She doesn't want me to be here?

'She's not happy to see me?

Cassandra burst into laughter. It was the first time she laughed during these days. "Alright, you're the best.

"Let's talk about it later. Get the herbs back first." Cassandra was smiling, and her eyes were bright again. She was in a much better mood than before.

There was more joy and less bitterness in her eyes.

"Sure. Leave them to me."

Kenneth said to her. He was here to help her.

The faster they finished Leanna's issue, the earlier they could go back.

After all the herbs were placed, Darren said, "Mr. Zelinski, you really love Zosteylor. You have come here three times in less than a week."

Kenneth was here during the Evacuation Operation. After it finished, he went home and then came back here at once. When Hugo was fine, he flew back. And now he came here again.

"I have no choice. My most important girl is here, and I have to keep her safe."

It meant that he didn't believe their words at all. In a country that was having a war, it was still dangerous even to stay close to protect Cassandra. Besides, they were just left in the Queen's Palace and could move freely.

It was obviously dangerous.

Darren was speechless.

He knew from Harper that Kenneth was Cassandra's boyfriend, but he felt that the age gap between them was so large that they didn't suit each other.

He and Leanna were only three years apart, but Kenneth and Cassandra were nine years apart.

Darren felt that Kenneth was too old.

Cassandra was a little happy to hear that, but she didn't forget the real business.

"Hugo, take a few herbs to make medicine for Ms. Leanna Stark and Harper. They have to take a medicinal bath for two hours." Cassandra said several herbs' names and Harper's medicine needed one more.

"Okay, I'm on it," said Hugo.

Hugo knew the proportion of those herbs. He just needed more casseroles.

Cassandra didn't say something else to others. She grabbed Kenneth and left. Darren looked really disappointed. It seemed that Cassandra had no intention of forgiving them.

She didn't even want to say a word to them.

Chapter 290

In Cassandra's room.

Only then did Kenneth have time to take a good look at Cassandra. Seeing the dark shadows under her eyes, he felt distressed for her.

"You didn't sleep well these days, did you? You have dark shadows under your eyes."

Kenneth felt distressed for her and rubbed her head.

Cassandra nodded obediently. "Yeah, I don't know if it is because I'm not used to this bed or something else. I just can't sleep well here."

Hearing this, Kenneth felt even more distressed.

He thought, 'She's never picky about beds. She just doesn't like this place.'

During the Evacuation Operation, the conditions in the camp were dozens of times worse than here, and Cassandra could still sleep safely, but she couldn't fall asleep here.

Kenneth couldn't find any other reason except that she didn't like this place.

"Alright, I'll stay with you and have a good sleep tonight." Kenneth thought that maybe she could have a good sleep with someone familiar around her.

When Cassandra saw Kenneth, it seemed that her defense in mind collapsed at

once.

She had no guard against him at all, and she even felt much relieved.

The people in the Queen's Palace all had an intention for her. They didn't just treat her well for nothing.

She didn't want to stay here. It was depressing and uncomfortable.

"I'm hungry."

It was a little strange to say that now, but it was Cassandra's truest reaction when she saw Kenneth.

Kenneth's cooking skills had made her picky.

In the past, Cassandra could eat anything that wasn't bad. But these days, she didn't even eat much of the food that Hugo cooked.

Hugo was probably wondering if his cooking skills had declined these days.

Kenneth smiled gently and said, "Wait for me. I'll cook for you."

He walked out of the room and asked Theodore to take him to the kitchen.

Theodore didn't know what Kenneth was going to do, so he went with him.

Then he saw Kenneth rummage through the ingredient cabinet in the kitchen. About ten minutes later, he finished preparing all the ingredients.

There was seafood, beef, beef bones, pork, and many vegetables. He matched all of them well.

Theodore couldn't help but ask, "What are you doing?"

Theodore thought, 'Is he gonna cook?'

‘But we have chefs. They will get every meal ready and deliver it.

“Can’t you see? I’m gonna cook.” Kenneth rolled his eyes at Theodore and thought, ‘He really knows nothing about cooking.

“I know you’re going to cook. I mean, we have chefs. If you want to eat anything, you can just let the chefs cook it and bring it to you.”

Theodore pointed to a dozen chefs standing beside him and thought, ‘Aren’t these enough?’

“They can’t cook the flavor I want.” Kenneth thought, I’ve learned some special cooking skills for Cassie. How can they easily imitate that? Ridiculous.

“I’m cooking for Cassie. She hasn’t eaten anything here these days, right? She has only eaten the food made by Hugo,” Kenneth complained, but he didn’t stop. He was handling seafood and beef skillfully.

Theodore was speechless.

It was true. When they delivered the food on the first day, Cassandra almost didn’t eat anything. Then Hugo started to cook for her, and she could eat about half of it.

Although they felt distressed for her, they had no solutions.

They added more chefs, but they just couldn’t make the food that Cassandra liked.

“Are you sure it’s eatable?” Theodore doubted it.

He thought, “The commander of the Falcon Special Operations Force as well as the richest man in the world can cook?”

Is it really eatable?”

It turned out that the food Kenneth cooked was not only eatable but also really good.

More than an hour later, Kenneth made four dishes and one soup. They all looked very appetizing.

Theodore was attracted by the fragrance that filled the whole kitchen.

He felt that he had underestimated Kenneth.

This was the best meal that Cassandra had had during these days. She almost finished all the seafood, and she also drank a bowl of soup. Each dish was small- sized, so she had almost finished them all.

Only the seafood and beef stew was large-sized, so about one-third of it was left.

“Alright, you can’t eat any more. You might have a stomachache.” Kenneth stopped Cassandra.

Cassandra looked at him with accusation in her eyes.

“You can eat later. I will be responsible for your meals these days, so don’t eat too much, or you will feel uncomfortable.”

Kenneth asked someone to come in and take away the plates. Cassandra looked at those empty plates and realized that she really had eaten too much.

Then she took some digestion pills.

Not long after they enjoyed their time together, someone knocked on the door of Cassandra’s room again.

Cassandra frowned and felt a little annoyed.

When she opened the door, she found that it was Hugo. She asked, "What's wrong?"

"Ms. Yates, after Ms. Leanna Stark and Harper took the bath, the water turned black, and their lips also became dark."

Cassandra frowned and then went back to her room to get her bag. "Let's go take a look."

"I'll go with you."

Cassandra checked Leanna and then Harper.

She thought, "There's something wrong. They should look great after taking a bath. How could this happen?"

She patiently checked and even felt their pulse.

Then she found that they were poisoned again.

Cassandra was speechless.

She thought, "The Queen's Palace is supposed to be heavily guarded.

'Even a fly can't leave here alive. But someone poisoned them here?'"

Seeing her solemn expression, Darren asked anxiously, "How is it? What's going

on?"

“Mr. Yates, are you sure that the people around you are reliable?” asked Cassandra. “What... What do you mean? Do you mean Leanna and Harper...” Darren already had a thought in his mind, but he didn’t want to admit it.

“Look into the people around you. They were poisoned again when they took the bath.”

Cassandra thought, ‘Damn it!

‘Don’t let me find you, you brat. You made me can’t go home early.

“What?!”

Theodore and Vincent also gathered around them. No wonder their lips turned black and purple.

“It’s fine. Don’t worry. This medical bath has counteracted part of the toxicity. I’ll change my prescription. Take more baths these days.”

Cassandra thought, ‘One more poison to detoxify, and my time to go home has to be postponed again.’

“Okay, thank you.” Darren’s voice had a hint of flattery, and his eyes were full of distress and affection.

“Sure, remember to transfer Hugo the treatment fee for detoxifying the second poison.”

Darren didn’t know what to say.

He didn’t expect this to happen.

“Find out those people as soon as possible, or I won’t be able to save Ms. Leanna Stark even if I’m an immortal if she gets poisoned with different poisons every day.

“Okay, I’ll look into it right away.” Darren was really obedient.