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After they returned to the hotel, Kenneth suddenly asked, "Are you hurt?"

"No."

Cassandra couldn't have been injured because the attackers were not even close.

"Then go to bed early. I'll take care of the rest."

Cassandra wanted to say, "Of course, this is your business. They're coming for you." But she didn't.

"You, too. Just leave the interrogation to Yannick."-

Although she didn't know which force Kenneth belonged to, she at least knew that he was a member of the country's forces. Thus, his safety was important.

## "Are

you worried about me?" Kenneth was inexplicably in a good mood, feeling thrilled.

'Is she caring about me?' he wondered.

Cassandra was dazed. "You can say so. After all, you are one of my few dining companions."

Kenneth couldn't help feeling a little disappointed. It turned out that she only treated him as a dining companion.

However, it didn't matter. At least their relationship had eased. Cassandra had always been respectful yet somewhat distant from him, but she walked with him naturally and even protected him that day. That could be considered small progress.

"I will definitely take good care of myself in order to continue being your dining companion." Kenneth chuckled in a low voice and said, "Good night."

When Kenneth returned to his room, his face changed completely, exuding a murderous and cold aura. "Who sent them?"

Kenneth was exasperated, and the consequences would be destructive.

"They are people from the Zelinski manor," Yannick replied.

It seemed that Kenneth's stepmother, Harriet Zelinski, had sent the people. After Kenneth took over the company, he made the Zelinski family the world's richest family. Although his father, Hector Zelinski, and his grandfather, Tyler Zelinski, had no

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problem with it, Harriet was not happy about it.

Harriet wanted everything of the Zelinski family to belong to her son, Conrad Zelinski. Seeing Kenneth and the Zelinski family grow stronger day by day, she couldn't hide her ambitions anymore.

She thought Conrad had grown up and could take over everything in the Zelinski family. However, Tyler didn't consent. That was probably why she had sent people to kill Kenneth in Spaunia.

After all, if Kenneth died in a foreign land as she planned, it would be more justified for Conrad to take over the family.

"Conrad is an adult now. He can play with something exciting," Kenneth said.

Since Harriet dared to send people to kill him, he would also send somebody to have a good time with Conrad.

"Got it." Yannick couldn't help shivering. He didn't understand why he felt a hint of chill on an early summer day in May.

"Don't kill him. You can send over as many people as she has sent us today."

Those people who almost got Cassandra into trouble deserved death.

When Cassandra woke up, she heard a knock on the door.

She opened the door and saw the hotel receptionist. "Ms. Yates, three people are looking for you at the front desk. We are unable to drive them away. Please go downstairs to deal with it."

'Three people are looking for me?' she wondered.

"Are they from the Yates family?"

"Yes."

"What about calling the police?" Cassandra frowned slightly. Her peace was disrupted early in the morning.

"I'm sorry, we have already called the police, but the older lady insisted that you were her daughter and that we stopped her from coming to you. It has caused a problem for our hotel. I am very sorry. Please come with me to deal with it."

The receptionist was troubled. Cassandra was from the music association, and the

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association had ordered them to meet all her requests. They felt ashamed that they could not fulfill her request when she made one.

"Wait a moment. I'll get changed and then go downstairs with you."

'She is a noblewoman in Drieso, after all. Why does she act like a shrew? Doesn't she feel embarrassed? Or is she shameless for the sake of her son and daughter?' she thought.

Soon, Cassandra arrived at the lobby downstairs, only to see Miranda, Yohannes, and Yulissa sitting on the couch waiting in indignance. The police were still standing by.

"Hello, mister. I'm Cassandra Yates." She pointed at the three people and said to the police, "Those three have nothing to do with me. Please feel free to do your job, mister."

The police looked at each other. It was different from what they had just heard.

Hearing Cassandra's words, Miranda burst into anger instantly. "You brat! Do you have a heart of stone? Just tell us what we can do to make you forgive Yohan."

When she was about to continue scolding, Yohannes glared at her fiercely, reminding her of their purpose.

Marcus had said that as long as Samantha, who was also Cassandra, forgave Yohannes,

he would let Yohannes off the hook.

"I told you that I don't have the copyright. Besides, my fans want me to pursue the matter. Your family... has nine people at most. Samantha has 90 million fans. Who do you think I should listen to?" Cassandra flashed a wicked smile with a hint of smugness in her eyes as if she was showing off. "The minority obeys the majority. I'm sure you understand, Mrs. Yates."

Miranda wanted to tear her mouth apart upon hearing that. 'That brat really pissed me off!' she cursed inwardly.

"Cassie, what do you want? I'll make it up to you as much as possible, okay?" Yohannes

said.

Music was too important to him, and he wanted to gain a foothold in the music industry, so he could not afford to be banned. He would agree to any of her conditions. as long as he was not banned.

Cassandra had goosebumps and suppressed her disgust. "Please call me by my name. You don't deserve to call me Cassie."

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She would only let Blossom call her nickname. However, Blossom was gone.

Yohannes said indignantly, "I'm serious."

If time could be turned back, he wished to travel back more than two months ago. If he had shown kindness when he met Cassandra back then, Cassandra would have treated him differently now.

Cassandra said coldly, "I don't care whether you are serious. It has nothing to do with me. If you bother me again, I will make you unable to play the violin and piano for the rest of your life!"

Yulissa said, "Cassandra, music is really important to Yohan. Can you..."

"No!" She turned to Yulissa and said, "Yulissa, don't you know who is responsible for Yohannes' misfortunes? Taking without asking is considered stealing. You stole my thing, put your name on it, and gave it to him. Now, the lie is exposed. Isn't that your responsibility? Why did you come to me? I didn't ask you to steal my stuff and give it to him. You guys know what? You deserve it!"

Miranda said, "Cassandra, I don't care what you say. You must forgive Yohan now and have the music association withdraw the lawsuit. Otherwise, I won't let

you off!"

'My daughter is not considerate like Lisa. Why isn't Lisa my daughter?' she thought.

Cassandra looked as if realization dawned upon her. "Oh, is that what you guys are talking about? I can talk to Mr. Sullivan about it. Don't worry."

Miranda was delighted and thought, 'I knew that brat still cared about us. Sure enough, she is ignorant.'

"Then you call Mr. Sullivan now." Yohannes was also surprised. He hadn't expected it to go so smoothly. Although he had been insulted, the result was good.

Cassandra calmly took out her phone and called Marcus. "Hello, Mr. Sullivan. Yeah, they've come for me. Mr. Sullivan, my attitude is that the plagiarist will never have a chance to have my forgiveness. I'll sue whoever ought to be sued. They should be punished for stealing the fruits of others' labor!"

Cassandra smirked inwardly,/Surprise!'

The Yates family was dumbfounded.

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Marcus nodded with a proud look on his face on the other end of the phone.

He knew that Cassandra would not compromise again for the sake of the so-called kinship.

He thought Forgiveness? They won't ever get that from Cassandra again'

Marcus hung up the call with satisfaction. It was time for him to move on to the next step.

He picked up the landline phone on his desk and said "Warren, please come to my

office."

Taking out the statement he prepared in advance, he had Warren announce it to the public

Meanwhile, in the hotel, Yohannes broke down instantly when he heard Cassandra's words.

"Cassandra, you're forcing me to a dead end! I bet you must be thrilled to see me like this! Yohannes last shred of hope was diminished

Just now, he thought everything would have a second chance for change. He thought that Cassandra still cared about her own family and that his crimes could be erased because he had a sister named Samanna

He thought. As long as she agrees to help, in the future, I would never need to worry about my career in the music industry.

But what's become of it now?

She is going to investigate the matter thoroughly and even asked the music association to investigate me!

How could she be so cruel?

'She wasn't like that when she just returned to the Yates family!

"Cassandra, are you for real? How could you say something like this? He is your brother! How could you do this to him? Why are you so cruel? Do you even have a heart?" Miranda screamed hysterically.

She fumed inwardly, How could she be so cruel?

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'I let her take charge of things because I believe in her capabilities. How dare she pretend to obey orders and betray us?'

"Sorry. I don't." Cassandra tilted her head with a smile that didn't reach her eyes. It even looked cold.

"Cassandra, how could you do this? You'll ruin Yohannes!" Yulissa said with a pained look.

However, she was actually overjoyed as she thought, 'She is really dumb!

'If I were her, I would use this matter to bargain with the Yates family. She would get whatever she wishes. She wants so badly to return to the Yates family, right?

'She is so stupid to drive Yohannes to a corner!

'I should really thank her!'

Cassandra sneered. "Aren't you the one who destroyed him? You stole my music score and gave it to him, saying that it's an original piece created by yourself. Unexpectedly, you guys screwed up. What a pity. There's nothing I can do to help you guys. If you had been nice to me when I first returned to the Yates family, at least the copyright of this song would still be in my hands, then what I said would have

been useful. Now, it's too late. The copyright owner is the music association, and Marcus alone doesn't have the final say in the music association. Yohannes has harmed their interests. Do you think those guys from the music association will let him go? And you. I can't believe you're trying to push all the blame away. Aren't you the culprit? If you hadn't stolen the music score, would this tragedy have happened? Aren't you the one responsible for his downfall?"

Yulissa was scared out of her wits by Cassandra's words. Her face turned pale when she saw Yohannes' angry eyes.

She knew that Yohannes had been brainwashed successfully by Cassandra!

Miranda wasn't about to tolerate her precious daughter, whom she had raised for 18 years, being treated this way. "Cut the crap! All of this is because of you. You'd better get the music association to withdraw the complaint and lift the ban, or else you'll regret it!"

"I'd like to know how you plan to make me regret it!" Cassandra paid no attention to them and turned to the police nearby. "I've severed ties with them, and there's an official announcement from their end that proves it. Their actions are unrelated to me. They've disrupted the hotel's order, so I'd appreciate it if you could handle it impartially!"

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Yulissa was a little confused by Cassandra's fluent Spaunian. She thought, 'How does she

know Spaunian?

'Damn you, Cassandra!

'Why don't you just die?'

After informing the police, Cassandra went back upstairs.

She left Miranda cursing non-stop.

Yohannes had completely broken down. Without anyone noticing, he collapsed on the floor and slowly closed his eyes.

Upstairs, outside Kenneth's room, Cassandra knocked on the door.

Kenneth's expression changed, and he became alert when he heard the knock.

Yannick, too, grew vigilant and asked warily, "Who is it?"

"It's me, Cassandra."

The murderous look on Kenneth's face disappeared at this moment.

He then put on a relaxed and approachable demeanor.

Cassandra entered the room to see Yannick there too, and Kenneth was holding a laptop.

'Are they working?' she wondered.

"Are you busy? Am I bothering you guys?" Cassandra asked politely, moving softly to avoid making too much noise.

"Nope. There was a meeting this morning but it just ended," Kenneth said seriously.

Yannick immediately turned to look at his boss in shock.

He exclaimed inwardly, 'Boss! Can you stop lying?

'Are you not aware of how busy you were this morning?

'Don't think I didn't notice that when you heard it was Ms. Yates knocking, you immediately dismissed the meeting, leaving everyone joining the online meeting puzzled.

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'You've literally just ended the video conference, and now you're already lying with a straight face, saying that you're not busy!

'If you're not busy, how did you become the world's richest man?'

However, the moment he turned his head, he met his boss' murderous look.

Hence, he could only remain silent as he turned his head away.

In fact, he tactfully left the room, leaving his boss and Cassandra alone.

"What brings you here?" Kenneth asked.

'It's Cassie's first time visiting me after staying here for a few days,' he thought.

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"Nothing. Those from the Yates family ruined my day early in the morning so I came to improve my mood," replied Cassandra.

Confused, she wondered, 'In the past, I would have gone to Modern Beacon Synergy or the music association for a stroll, but today, I didn't. Could it be due to last night's

incident?'

Kenneth's face darkened. "They came to find you again?"

"Yeah. Let's not talk about it." She wanted to teach them a lesson on her own, and she would avenge herself.

"Have you interrogated the man who was arrested last night?" she asked.

She was concerned about this because someone might be after her life.

"They came for me. There are some people who don't want me to live," Kenneth replied. as he thought, 'Too bad. They are going to be disappointed.' He then continued, "But

that you're involved in this mess."

I'm sorry

"Who is so bold to try to harm you? Do you plan to retaliate?" Cassandra asked.

She thought, 'It doesn't matter to me that I get involved. I don't care about such things. In my previous life, he did everything for me and protected me with his life. So, it's only natural that I go through life and death with him in this life.'

Cassandra was surprised by her own thoughts.

Another thought crossed her mind. 'Go through life and death with him? Is that the correct phrase to use?

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'It should be...

'Forget it. Nothing sounds appropriate.'

"Of course I'd retaliate. Harming my... I will make sure she pays," Kenneth answered.

Actually, he wanted to say, "Harming my woman."

However, he was afraid that Cassandra would overthink it and might even think of him. as a pervert, so he didn't say anything.

However, the man Yannick contacted had gone to deal with that person's beloved son.

Kenneth couldn't wait to see a good show. He wondered if he could enjoy it with Cassandra.

He then thought, 'Ah, forget it. I'd better leave a good impression on Cassie.

'What if I scared her away?'

"Can I see what happened?" Cassandra asked.

She was curious to see who was so dumb to mess with him. Perhaps, in the future, she could find a chance to avenge Kenneth.

She was willing to do that for him solely because of the kindness he had shown her in her previous life.

"I don't think we have a chance as those people were in Clusia now, but I'll tell find anything." Kenneth smiled wickedly.

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He felt that Cassandra was not as innocent as she seemed and had many secrets hidden in her mind.

He mused, 'Those who keep many secrets must have suffered a lot of difficulties. I don't think there's a need for the Yates family's existence. It's disrespectful to Cassie to leave them an extra penny.'

"Cassie, what will you do with the Yates family?" Kenneth changed the topic without further discussing the kidnappers.

He wanted to know Cassandra's stance toward the Yates family.

Cassandra frowned, and her eyebrows twitched unconsciously.

She wondered, 'Did he just call me Cassie?'

"It'll lack the fun if the prey dies too easily," Cassandra replied.

She wanted to take her revenge slowly.

She wanted the Yates family to get a taste of losing their last hope and panic after they were pushed to the edge of the cliff.

By that time, they would try anything in a desperate plight out of anxiety.

She wanted to make them feel hopeless on the verge of collapse.

Just like their seemingly vague "kinship" that gave her hope but forced her into the abyss in the end.

She swore inwardly, 'They have to experience it.

"So you do have an idea?" Kenneth asked with interest.

"Sort of. You'll see." Cassandra smiled evilly and met Kenneth's shimmering eyes.

Soon, she averted her gaze from Kenneth's.

There was a moment's silence in the room. Suddenly, Cassandra said, "Mr. Zelinski, have we met each other before?"

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There was no inexplicable kindness out of nowhere, so no one had the duty to be nice. to anyone.

Cassandra was not a blockhead and could sense that Kenneth was kind to her.

However, she could not figure out how and where they knew each other.

"I'll tell you about it in the future," Kenneth replied.

He added inwardly, 'Come to me when you recognize me.'

"So, does that mean we do know each other?" Cassandra was a little curious about when

she met him.

"I'm not telling," Kenneth retorted.

Cassandra was rendered speechless.

She thought, 'Well, I guess we can't keep the conversation going

"Get lost! Get out of here! I don't want to see any of you!" Yohannes shouted.

In the condominium, Yohannes was venting his anger. On the brink of collapse, he felt that his future was forlorn.

"Yohan, don't be like that. There might still be a favorable turn," Miranda comforted.

She mused, 'He's exaggerating. It's no big deal to be unable to perform and participate in the competition.'"

"It's all Yulissa and your fault. Would it end up like that if you were nice and respected Cassandra? Would she let the music association ban me?" Yohannes asked.

When he woke up in the afternoon and read all the notices on the internet, he nearly passed out from anger as he felt his vision turn dark, knowing his future was forlorn.

"Yohan, how can you blame me? Because of you, Yulissa and I were also criticized by Cassandra," Miranda said with displeasure.

However, she did not say something rude to Yohannes. After all, he was her biological

son.

Miranda resented Cassandra internally. She scolded inwardly, 'What a cruel brat!'

Yohannes did not listen to Miranda and continued ironically, "Cassandra is right. I was in a bottleneck back then, but now there is no room for people with plagiarism and

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infringement in this society. And I can't believe Yulissa stole someone else's thing to pretend to be original. Now I lost everything and have even been banned!"

He added, "Should I even have to be grateful to her now? When Cassandra returned, you were so eager to knock through her room with Yulissa's, causing her to sleep in a storeroom. Now, it's us to ask for her forgiveness, but you're still overbearing. What a good mother and sister after you acted all elderly to scold her while Yulissa was adding fuel to the fire at the side. Are you happy now that I'm ruined?"

When Cassandra hadn't returned to the Yates residence, although Yohannes was unconcerned with Cassandra, who had been found, he still intended to get along with her peacefully even if they were not close. After all, she was his biological younger

sister.

However, when practicing his musical instrument at home, Yohannes heard Yulissa want to extend her bedroom, saying that there was no room for her clothes and bags.

Without a second thought, Miranda agreed and knocked through the room Leonardo had prepared for Cassandra with Yulissa's, renovating into the latter's. Yulissa also took the opportunity to prepare another room for Cassandra.

It turned out to be a storeroom.

At that time, Yohannes was unconcerned with Cassandra, so he was not against it.

However, with hindsight, he realized Yulissa had ulterior motives when he recalled it at

the moment.

Yohannes cursed inwardly, 'How vicious of her! Yulissa deceived me with her teary eyes and aggrievance expression, making me believe her wholeheartedly with her innocent face. But what do I get in return? Banned by the music association. I'm only 22 years old. There are still decades for me to go through in the future. Could it be that I'm going to be blacklisted forever? It's fated that I have no luck with music for the rest of my life.

"Yohan, how can you blame me for that? I did it for you. You were in a bottleneck back then and couldn't do anything. I just wanted to help you, but... You can't blame me for that!" Yulissa argued.

Yulissa was very panicked internally. She wondered, 'How did he know everything? But why didn't he expose it?'

"How high–sounding of you. You even blame others for your own mistakes." Yohannes subconsciously snorted and added, "Ha! We're the same. We all assumed that it was all

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Cassandra's fault instead of ours, but we didn't know that we were the ones who made a big mistake."

The moment Yohannes fell to the ground, he somehow became clear-headed over something.

However, he still could not accept the fact of the music association's verdict.

"Mom, Yulissa, please go back. I don't want to see you for now."

Yohannes admitted that he stayed for a reason.

Some thoughts, once confirmed, he would regret and want to make up for.

He wanted to make up for Cassandra, his biological younger sister, not just because he wanted to please her due to her identity as Samantha, but because it was his sister who he wished to make up for.

Miranda looked incredulous and disappointed. "Are you going to kick us out?"

She thought, 'What an ingrate. Lisa and I came all the way here just for him, and now he wants to drive us away.

'Such a heartless son. How disappointing.

"Mhm. I've bought you return flight tickets. You guys return first. Yulissa has school to attend," Yohannes said.

He mused, 'They can go anywhere they want as long as they don't stay here!'

"You heartless son. Who do you think Yulissa and I came all the way here for? We went so far here as to watch your competition. Now, you want to drive us away. I'll tell Benjamin and let him teach you a lesson," Miranda said disappointedly but was more furious that Yohannes had arranged flight tickets to send them away.

"For me? Mom, can you stop making it up? Although I have no time to browse the trending topics of Yulissa in Clusia, that doesn't mean I'm disconnected from the internet. I can read it as long as I browse through them. Leo told me that he asked her to come here for relaxation, not for me. So, stop saying it's for my sake."

Yohannes mercilessly exposed Miranda. Apparently, he didn't care about them

anymore.

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In the Zelinski manor at the Drieso of Clusia, the lady of the Zelinski family and Kenneth's stepmother, Harriet, anxiously paced up and down in the living room, as there was no news about the killers who were sent to Spaunia, and she could not get through Conrad on the phone.

Little did she know that Conrad was having a celebratory party at Twilight Bar the night before as he knew that his mother, Harriet, had sent dozens of killers to take Kenneth's life and everything in the Zelinski family would be his in the future.

So, Conrad celebrated in advance, which showed early signs of his failure in the future if he kept immersed in that state.

After having a great time with the beauties, Conrad forgot his vigilance and was even clueless about being drugged.

When he woke up again, he was splashed with a basin of water.

The weather in May was relatively chill at night. So he was woken up by the cold when a basin of cold water was splashed on him.

Looking at the 20 to 30 people standing before him, Conrad panicked and said, "Who are you? Do you know who I am? I'm a son of the Zelinski family. How dare you kidnap me! I bet the Zelinski family will make you regret kidnapping me."

In the face of danger, Conrad had the guts to give warning.

"Our target is the son of the Zelinski family, Conrad," one of the kidnappers said.

It meant that they had captured the right person.

"W–What do you plan to do? Asking for money? How much do you want? How about 200 million dollars? Enough? 400 million dollars? Say an amount. I'll definitely satisfy you," Conrad asked.

Money did not matter to him as long as he could be released and kept alive.

"We don't want money. We only want to give you a taste of your own medicine, that's all!"

The leader suddenly ordered, "Guys, teach him a lesson! Remember to keep him alive."

Yannick commanded to keep Conrad alive without much restriction, so it was up to them to punish and torture him as they wanted.

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He thought, 'How dare these people have a desire for Mr. Zelinski's belongings. They must have a death wish.

Conrad kept shouting, "Ah! Don't beat me, stop it! The Zelinski family won't let you off casily! Stop hitting me, don't hit my stomach! I'm sorry! I was wrong! Stop it! Stop it! I'm the son of the Zelinski family. The Zelinski family will never let you off!"

The leader stood aside, cooperatively picked up the camera, and took a video of the

process.

The leader mused, 'Mr. Yannick Zelinski mentioned that Mr. Kenneth Zelinski wanted the video in high definition.

'So I must not shoot it with the phone. What if my hands shake, causing it to blur and making him unhappy?'

After taking the video, he allowed his men to have a rest and resumed in ten minutes.

Meanwhile, he returned to the base with the video, exported it, and sent the high- definition video to Yannick through his email.

He thought, 'I wonder if Mr. Zelinski is satisfied with it'

He sent a message to Yannick on WhatsApp: [Mr. Yannick Zelinski, the video has been sent to your mailbox. At present, Conrad's leg is fractured, and his other leg has a high. chance of fracturing as well. Do you think this is appropriate?]

[That's okay, as long as he's not dead.] Yannick replied.

He then downloaded the video and showed it to Kenneth.

Kenneth watched the video without saying anything.

After a long time, he said, "Shorten the video to half a minute and send it to Harriet."

He wanted to let Harriet experience the feeling of despair by sending the video to her.

Kenneth thought, 'She should understand the situation with the number of people at the beginning of the video.

At the Zelinski manor in Drieso, Harriet suddenly got a notification from her phone with a ring. It was an unfamiliar email. She launched it impatiently.

Then, she was shocked that her face turned pale.

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She mused, That's my son! Why did he get beaten up? No one dares to lay a hand on Conrad in Drieso. Why did those people bully him alone? Wait. It has 25 people.

Her expression reddened out of anger from pale.

She cursed internally, 'Damn Kenneth! I can't believe he knew my doing so fast and was aware I had sent so many people to kill him. And he even took revenge on Conrad! That means he's fine. How dare he do that when he's fine: Kenneth. I'm going to skin you alive!

Harriet made a call and ordered. "Hurry up and find Conrad. He's been kidnapped!"

Her voice attracted Tyler Zelinski's attention from upstairs. He went downstairs to Harriet and asked, "What's wrong?"

"Tyler, please help Rad. He's about to be killed by Kenneth's men. Why is he so cruel to Rad? He's his younger brother!" Harriet cried loudly as if it were Kenneth's fault!

After all those years, Kenneth still could not come to terms with Harriet and Conrad.

Obviously, Tyler didn't believe her words. "Don't jump to conclusions without getting a clear investigation!"

"I..." Harriet was at a loss for words.

She knew it was Kenneth's doings because he was getting back at her.

However, she could not say that to Tyler.

Harriet could not tell him that she was the initiator who had sent people to kill Kenneth. She believed Tyler would not care about Conrad's safety if he knew the truth.

"Tyler, Rad has been obedient and sensible since childhood. He has never had a grudge against anyone. I really can't think of anybody else except Kenneth." Harriet burst into

tears.

However, she was full of resentment internally.

She scolded inwardly, 'How stupid for that old man to defend Kenneth at such a

moment.'

"Tyler, why don't you call Kenneth? You can find out the reason after you make a call."

She was only worried about Conrad at the moment as she had no idea of his condition.

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She was concerned if he was hurt badly after being beaten like that in the video.

Harriet thought, 'Kenneth, there's no way I'll allow you to hurt Conrad.

Seeing that Harriet was so certain, Tyler also hesitated and decided to make a call.

It was Kenneth he dialed.

Tyler heard a voice sounding lazily on the phone. "What's the matter?"

"Did

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your men take Conrad away?" Tyler's voice was also cold, as if he was not his grand, but a stranger.

"Yes, how can I help you?" Kenneth replied.

"What is wrong with you? Let him go now!" Tyler could not believe Kenneth had indeed taken Conrad away.

"Why don't you ask the reason for my doing?" Kenneth asked.

"But you shouldn't do that even though you have a reason behind this. Your mom is worried. Get someone to send him back," Tyler replied.

"Grandpa, I have only one mother. As for the one in the Zelinski manor, she's just a mistress and doesn't deserve to be my mom. Please watch your mouth." Kenneth's words kindled Tyler's anger.

"Bastard, how dare you!" Tyler scolded.

"Besides, I'm just giving Conrad a taste of his own medicine. Harriet sent 25 people after my life, and all I did was hire the same amount of men to play with him, but now, you guys are frustrated and unable to play along with it."

Before Kenneth hung up the phone, he added, "What a loser."

The next day, it was early in the morning in Spaunia.

"Mr. Zelinski, what should we do now?" Yannick asked.

"Break Conrad's legs until they can never be healed and send him to the Zelinski manor," Kenneth ordered.

Kenneth tried to act in his kindest soul and help Conrad all the way back to the Zelinski

manor.

Meanwhile, someone knocked on the door.

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Yannick opened the door, and it was Cassandra.

"This is for you. It'll improve your sleep quality." Cassandra handed Kenneth a small

bottle.

Kenneth took it confusedly and put it near his nose to sniff it.

He was stunned and thought, 'It smells good, and it makes me feel good too.'

"Is this for me?" Kenneth asked.

"Yes, tell me when you've finished using it. I'll prepare another one for you," Cassandra added.

She had some knowledge of medical skills, so she found Kenneth had insomnia long ago. It did not seem to be that serious before, but it got worse at present.

She felt that she could not put it off any longer, so she made an aromatherapy candle the night before.

Without materials for an aromatherapy candle, Cassandra went to Modern Beacon Synergy's laboratory in the middle of the night.

Finally, it was done at noon, and she brought it over to Kenneth.

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Kenneth held the bottle in his hand as if it were a treasure, but his slightly trembling hands had exposed his excitement.

He was so excited that he even wanted to hug Cassandra and tell her that he was the big boy who lived under the same roof as her back then.

However, he could not scare Cassandra away as he could not afford to lose her if she ran away from him.

"Thank you. I like it very much," Kenneth responded.

He liked it, indeed. In addition to being a gift from the girl he longed for daily, she was the only person who noticed his insomnia without telling her.

Kenneth could not let go of such treasure like Cassandra under any

circumstances.

Cassandra secretly breathed a sigh of relief and thought, 'I'm glad he likes it.'

"Tomorrow is the final of the Camille International Music Competition. I may return home the day after tomorrow. Can you finish your work by then?" Cassandra initiated

another conversation.

"It should be. Then, shall we go back together?" Kenneth took the initiative to invite her.

He pondered, 'Since Cassie asked, she must want to return with me. Does it mean that I'm special to her?'

"Sure," Cassandra said.

Then, the room fell into awkward silence after their conversation ended. Kenneth was afraid that his enthusiasm would scare Cassandra. Meanwhile, Cassandra wanted to know more about him, but she found that they had very little topic to talk about.

She did not have social anxiety, but she indeed was poor at socializing.

"You..." Kenneth and Cassandra said simultaneously.

"You go first." Kenneth smiled, making Cassandra dumbfounded. Although she wasn't obsessed with good–looking men, she had to admit that Kenneth was the most handsome and charming man she had ever seen.

"It's nothing. Since there's nothing else, I'll go ahead. Remember to plug in the diffuser when using that candle. Change it frequently and come back to me after finished using

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it."

Kenneth nodded in response to show that he understood.

After Cassandra left the room, Yannick planned to take the aromatherapy candle in Kenneth's hand and put it away.

However, he noticed Kenneth did not intend to give it to him.

Yannick thought it was better not to use such an unidentified thing.

"Mr. Zelinski, you can't use this aromatherapy candle," Yannick suggested bluntly.

Although he was happy for Kenneth to pursue Cassandra, that did not mean he allowed Kenneth to use the unbranded product given by Cassandra.

"Give me a reason," Kenneth said.

He did not raise his eyelids, and his voice was emotionless.

Yannick seemed to realize that he had crossed the line.

"Mr. Zelinski, if you want to use this aromatherapy candle, let me find someone from the testing laboratory to check whether it is safe for usage."

Yannick could only compromise by giving that suggestion.

After all, Kenneth was the nation's warrior and team leader of Falcon Special Operations Force.

Yannick could not lower his guard as he knew Kenneth had many enemies wanting to

harm him.

He was determined that those things must be authenticated for Kenneth's usage.

Kenneth's expression darkened, and he lifted his eyelids slightly to look at Yannick. "Are you saying that Cassie will hurt me?"

Yannick remained silent. He could not make any guarantee, but he knew taking extra precautions was better than anything.

"I'll give you a chance." Kenneth handed the aromatherapy candle to Yannick and continued, "Take it for appraisal. You have one day on it."

Kenneth trusted Cassandra would never hurt him.

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She would not harm him, even if she could not remember who he was.

In the Zelinski family's private hospital at Drieso of Clusia, Harriet waited anxiously outside the operating room for Conrad after he was found. However, his legs seemed injured, and they had yet to know the test result.

Tyler and Hector Zelinski, who was Harriet's husband and Kenneth's father, also arrived at the hospital.

Harriet immediately wailed and complained, "Darling, Kenneth is so ruthless. Rad is his younger brother. How could he be cruel to lay a hand on him?"

Harriet had to make Kenneth pay for it. Even if she could not make a move on him, she had to make him give up his belongings from the Zelinski family.

Instead, after she said that, Hector slapped her in the face.

Harriet's eyes widened in disbelief. "Why did you hit me?"

Hector replied coldly. "Do you think I don't know what you've done? Why? You can send killers to Spaunia to take Kenneth's life, but you want Dad and me to find justice for you after he takes his revenge on you."

Even though Hector did not meddle in the matters that did not mean he was clueless

about them.

If Harriet dared to make such a move by wanting to take Kenneth's life, Kenneth could not be blamed for revenge.

Hector mused, 'But, indeed, he was too ruthless. He wasn't hurt at all. Why did he want to torture Conrad until half-death?'

Harriet was a little flustered. She did not dare to look at Hector. "I don't know what you're talking about."

Hector added, "I don't care whether you understand me. Remember, what goes around comes around. You can't blame Kenneth for what happened since you were the first to start all this. You're on your own now." After saying that, he sat on the lounge chair at the side and ignored her.

Tyler sighed and said, "Harriet, what belongs to Rad is his. Kenneth won't covet his things. But if you want something that doesn't belong to you, you can't blame others for what you've done."

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Everything in the Zelinski family will belong to Kenneth in the future because Viona Zelinski was the contributor to their achievements at present

Without Tyler's daughter—in—law, Fiona, the Zelinski family could not achieve such a powerful status. Although they were an influential family, it could only be known as the wealthiest family in Drieso, However, under the leadership of Kenneth's mother, Fiona, it gradually became the top in the country, and with the development under Kenneth, it became the world's richest family.

Therefore, it was natural for Kenneth to inherit everything from the Zelinski family.

Morcover, he was the most excellent descendant of the Zelinski family. It was the best option to hand over everything from the Zelinski family to him.

As for Conrad, he was like a spoiled rich kid who hung around day by day but had high ambitions, always longing for things that did not belong to him.

Tyler knew very well the intention of Harriet to marry Hector back then. However, to marry into the Zelinski family, she had signed an agreement stating that she and Conrad had to waive the inheritance right of the Zelinski family.

Greed had no limit.

Tyler could not believe Harriet wanted to end Kenneth's life so that Conrad could naturally inherit everything from the Zelinski family.

Harrict was not convinced as she mused, 'Why does everything belong to Kenneth? They belong to Conrad,

"Remember what you signed when you married into the Zelinski family. No one will benefit from it if we show it out openly," Tyler reminded.

If the parents loved their children, they would always have a long-term consideration for them.

Hector hadn't been close to Kenneth for so many years, as he wanted him to grow up with maturity. So, he made Kenneth feel abandoned by the family, which made him desperately work hard for improvement.

Hector hadn't expected Kenneth to be so excellent and successful.

Although Kenneth hated him, Hector felt pleased with his achievement, and that was enough for him.

Harrict did not anticipate that Tyler would warn her with the previous agreement. She

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made a lot of effort, wanting to marry into the Zelinski family, and finally forced the lady of the Zelinski family, Fiona, to her death.

She thought she had a chance but did not expect Hector to insist on rejecting his marriage with her. Without having a choice, she could only get herself pregnant with his child through a scheme and force him to marry her. However, Harriet had to sign an agreement before getting married.

She mused, 'I'll never recognize such nonsense agreement. Even if I do, that would only happen after Kenneth's death!'

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The Camille International Music Competition entered the final round, and Yohannes' incident did not seem to affect the progress of the competition.

After all, a person who had been banned by the music association would be unable to stand out for the rest of his life unless the ban was lifted!

The competition went well without the presence of someone like Yohannes.

However, there was a slight flaw in the otherwise perfect circumstances as the scene of the competition became a venue for people to be starstruck.

Almost all of the audience and the contestants were Samantha's fans.

In addition, Samantha's true appearance was enough to triumph over any actress.

That was undoubtedly a surprise to them! After the top three contestants were finalized, Cassandra was ready to leave.

However, in the underground garage, when she was about to get into the car, she was frightened by the figure who suddenly rushed out. She was furious. "Yohannes, are you crazy? Just tell me if you have a death wish!"

Yohannes also realized that he had done something wrong. However, at that moment, he was too desperate.

"Cassie, I'm sorry. It's my fault. I scared you just now. I apologize to you!" Yohannes voluntarily admitted his mistake. Moreover, he was on his best behavior and was surprisingly gentle.

However, that method was ineffective against Cassandra.

"Mr. Yates, you don't understand human language, do you? I told you not to call me Cassie. All of you don't deserve it. Get the hell out of here."

She thought, 'What tricks is he trying to pull again? He's truly resorting to every conceivable means to be forgiven.'

"I'm not leaving. Cassie. I came here to apologize to you. It was my fault in the past. In the future, you'll be my only sister, okay? Don't be mad at me."

After listening to Yohannes expressing his stance, Cassandra wondered if he wasn't going to consider Yulissa his sister anymore since he said Cassandra was going to be his only sister.

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Cassandra thought, "That's funny. Unfortunately, it's all too late. Yohannes contemplated on everything in the past two days and found that Yulissa was just a goody–two–shoes. She pretended to be innocent to win sympathy while secretly doing evil things.

After staying at home for so long, Yohannes always heard Yulissa say that Cassandra bullied her. However, he had never seen it before. Everything she said had always been a one-sided statement. Yohannes thought, 'However, what did I do previously? I trusted Yulissa unconditionally, and we thoroughly punished Cassie. Moreover, shortly after her arrival, we locked her in a small dark room, not to mention for three days straight. Why was I so cruel at that time?'

"Yohan?"

Yohannes thought Cassandra was calling him. He even responded happily.

"Yohan, my foot! Do you think I'm still the fool who just returned to the Yates family? Do you still I'll still readily do whatever it takes to get your approval? Now, who do you think you are? Do I have to forgive you if you ask me for forgiveness? Dream on! Let me tell you something. Yohannes, it's impossible for me to forgive you or the Yates family for the rest of my life. We can never reconcile!"

Cassandra didn't need Yohannes to pretend to be affectionate and assume a brotherly

role before her at that moment.

"Cassie, it's not like that. I really know I was wrong. I will change. I'm really willing to change. Don't do this. I don't expect you to forgive me right away, but at least give me a chance, okay?"

Yohannes was a little anxious and flustered. He wondered if Cassandra had truly misunderstood him so deeply.

However, how could that not be the case?

Although he hadn't hit her in their previous life, the cold look in his eyes had clearly implied to Cassandra that she wasn't worth the trouble of getting his hand dirty.

Cassandra thought, 'What did he say? That's right. He told me he would require me to compensate with my life if something bad happened to Yulissa. Will I ever forgive someone like him? No! Never!'

Cassandra snorted. "If you want me to forgive you, fine. I'll forgive you if you die. Otherwise, there's no room for negotiation."

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Yohannes was frightened by the look in Cassandra's eyes. She hated and resented him.

He thought, 'She loathes me! Are my previous mistakes truly unforgivable?'

Yohannes didn't give up and asked, "Do you hate me so much?"

He thought, 'Do you despise me so much that you want me to die? Have I truly committed such heinous sins?'

"Yes!"

Then, she added, "Yohannes, you'd better never appear in front of me again. Otherwise, being banned will not be the end but the beginning of your nightmare. If you don't believe it, feel free to give it a try."

Cassandra ignored Yohannes. She thought, 'Is there really nowhere else for him to be?'

Subsequently, she returned to the hotel to pack her luggage.

At the hotel, inside Kenneth's presidential suite.

Yannick put the aromatherapy candle sent by Cassandra in front of his boss respectfully.

"Mr. Zelinski, I'm sorry. It was me who thought ill of others. I apologize to you and Ms.

Yates."

Yannick couldn't calm down for a long time.

He had people from the testing laboratory and clinical laboratory do the tests together.

Finally, he found that the bottle of aromatherapy candle was not only harmless but might also effectively relieve Kenneth's insomnia.

However, he couldn't be certain because Kenneth had previously tried many medicines and hired plenty of famous perfumers, yet his insomnia couldn't be alleviated.

Yannick didn't harbor much hope as to whether the aromatherapy candle sent by Cassandra would be effective, but since it was harmless, he figured Kenneth could use it.

He had been glared countless times by Kenneth since the day before.

"Did you get the results?"

Yannick lowered his head further, thinking, 'I was wrong!'

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Yes

"In that case, put it away for now, I'll use it when I return to the country."

Kenneth gave the orders. He believed in Cassandra, so he had never doubted her.

"Okay, I'll arrange the schedule,"

"That won't be necessary, I'll go with Cassie. Don't be a third wheel." He thought, 'You're all eyesores

Yannick was rendered speechless.

He wondered if Kenneth was disdaining him.

"Til book a plane ticket, then."

Yannick had planned to arrange a private plane back home, but he didn't expect Kenneth to want to take the plane with Cassandra, not to mention forbidding him from tagging along.

He thought. That's impossible. It's no big deal. I'll just buy economy–class tickets for myself and first– class tickets for Mr. Zelinski and Ms. Yates.

Thinking of something, Kenneth suddenly went out, leaving Yannick in a daze.

Yannick thought. Where is Mr. Zelinski going? Why didn't he tell me anything?'

Arriving outside Cassandra's room, he knocked on the door and opened the door. "It's time to have our meal. Do you want to go downstairs to have our meal?"

It turned out he was going to invite Cassandra to dine together.

"Okay."

The next day, they flew to Drieso on the same plane.

What Cassandra did not notice was that Yohannes was also on board.

In order to keep a certain distance from Cassandra, Yohannes chose economy class this time. As a result, the journey was very uncomfortable for him.

Moreover, he had to endure for multiple hours.

Yohannes thought, 'Forget it. I'll persist. Once we're back in the country, I'll have plenty of time to beg for Cassie's forgiveness. When I return home, I'll expose Yulissa's true

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colors and have them chase her out!'

Back in Drieso, Cassandra and Kenneth both went back to Springmount Townhouse.

However, Cassandra didn't expect the Yates family to wait for her at the door.

When she saw Leonardo, Benjamin, Yulissa, and Miranda, her good mood dissipated. "What are you doing here?"

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Cassandra's cold attitude made Benjamin and the others uncomfortable. He frowned and said, "Cassie, come home with me. It was my fault. Please give me a chance, and I will make it up to you."

Cassandra seemed to have heard a joke and could not help laughing.

She laughed so hard that her stomach ached. "What did you say? Make it up to me? Don't you think it's too late?"

Benjamin's face darkened at once. He did not expect her to choose to do it the hard

way.

However, he remembered his main task today was to take Cassandra home, so he could not let her affect his emotions.

It was hard for them to enter, so they could not let their efforts be in vain.

They followed Hugo and said a lot of nice words to the security guards before they could come in. Unexpectedly, he came to her humbly, but she still pushed her luck.

Miranda could not stand Cassandra's arrogance.

"Cassandra, come back with us. Maybe we can give you what you want. What future can you have here with an old man?"

She did not expect her daughter to degrade herself and live with an old man. If she had not followed Benjamin to the place today, maybe she would not have found where Cassandra lived.

Cassandra looked at Miranda with hatred in her eyes. "Do you think I need your pity? What do you think of the Yates family? The savior? Do you think the Yates family, who used to have tens of billions in assets, is still the same as before? Why are you still so full of yourself?"

Cassandra could not understand them. 'Isn't it important to know one's limitations? Why doesn't Miranda? What gives her the right to look down on others and be so arrogant?'

Miranda looked a little gloomy, not knowing whether she was ashamed or angry. "Stop making sarcastic remarks and come home with us. It is such a hot day. Do you know how long we have been standing here to wait for you?"

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Miranda scolded inwardly, 'She didn't even show any concern when she saw us! How dare she still mock us cynically? She is not as sensible as Lisa!'

"Mrs. Yates, I didn't ask you to wait here. On the contrary, I can have the doorkeeper at the door escort you out," Cassandra said indifferently.

Miranda was about to scold her, but Benjamin stopped her.

They came on a mission, and it must not be ruined by anything else.

Lucas was going to hold a welcome party for Cassandra. It would involve everyone from the upper class but the Yates family.

In the Yates family's current situation, they could not afford to lose Lucas as a safe haven. He still had several pieces of land worthy of development. If he could give the projects to the Yates family, they would soar to new heights.

However, Sylvia had said that working with the Yates family was to go against her. The Qualls family and the mayor were behind her, so no one dared to offend her.

Therefore, it was the Yates family's only chance to turn things around.

Cassandra was now Benjamin's daughter. Benjamin wanted to use that to make Cassandra work for the Yates family and get those lands for them to develop.

"Cassie, don't listen to your mother's nonsense. We have realized that it was our fault for ignoring your feelings. It won't happen again! Your mother and I will treat you well in the future, and so will your brothers," Benjamin said affectionately.

His attitude was so sincere that Cassandra almost thought they had really recognized their mistakes.

However, a leopard could not change its spots.

It was impossible that they would recognize their mistake.

"What's your purpose?" Cassandra did not want to be involved with them. It was annoying that they blocked her outside the door when she was about to arrive home.

Benjamin smiled and said lovingly, "We have no agenda. We just want you to come home with us. You have been outside long enough. Enough sulking. It's time for you to come back!"

He had come to pick her up in person. If she did not show them some respect, it would be out of line.

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"Wouldn't I know what you have planned? Mr. Yates, there is no need to act like loving parents in front of me. Do you think you and Mrs. Yates have done a good act?"

Cassandra mercilessly exposed him.

Leonardo frowned, and his face darkened.

He wondered why Cassandra could be so indifferent to them as if she were a different person. She used to be happy for a long time when they said a good word to her.

He could not understand the situation at the moment.

They had coaxed and said a lot of sweet words, yet she did not listen to a single word they said. Instead, she was being sarcastic and mocking them.

"Enough, Cassandra! Do you know who you're talking to? Be respectful." Leonardo tried to use his demeanor as a big brother to teach Cassandra a lesson.

"Then, what's your attitude? How dare you talk to me like that?"

"Cassandra, if you're still mad at me, then I won't show up. Mom and Dad really want to take you home. You don't need to be harsh and hurt them so much," Yulissa said pitifully, as if she was wronged, as she defended her parents and Leonardo.

Cassandra really found Yulissa to be utterly irritating.

Yulissa always said she would not show up, yet she often showed up in front of Cassandra.

"Ah!"

Cassandra kicked Yulissa in the chest and sent her flying ten feet away and falling flat on her face.

"Ouch! It hurts!" Yulissa covered her chest and wailed.

Miranda, distressed, hurriedly helped her up and said, "Oh my! Lisa! Are you all right? Where did you get hurt?"

Yulissa cried, "Mom, my chest hurts so much..."

'Damn you, Cassandra! How dare you kick me? I'll never let you come back to the Yates family!' Yulissa cursed inwardly.

Seeing that, Leonardo had forgotten their purpose and scolded, "Cassandra, you've

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gone too far. How can you kick Lisa? Apologize to her now!"

Benjamin's eyes had a raging storm brewing within them, yet he was still trying to suppress his anger.

Leonardo went to check on Yulissa.

At this time, Miranda rushed to Cassandra regardless of everything. She raised her hand and prepared to slap Cassandra. "You vicious brat!"

However, the slap did not fall. Instead, a faint pain came from Miranda's wrist.

Cassandra grabbed her hand and sneered, "Mrs. Yates, do you think I'll get beaten again? I have warned Yulissa not to show up in front of me. Since she insisted on coming here for a sense of presence, I could only grant her wish! Does it break your heart? Then, why do you want to act and fake familial love in front of me and deceive me into going back to the Yates family? What are you trying to use me for?"

Cassandra had just returned, and she did not know what had happened recently in the country.

Therefore, she could not guess the purpose of the Yates family.

Unexpectedly, Kenneth showed up after getting changed.

"Of course, it's for the glory of the Yates family. You're the daughter of the Hathaway family now. They want you to introduce the Yates family at the welcome party and help Yates Group to get some business cooperation. I guess they want to use you to get those lands from Mr. Hathaway."

Cassandra finally understood.

She shook off Miranda's hand, causing the woman to almost fall to the ground.

"Get lost!"

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When Benjamin and the others got home, they found that Yohannes was back.

Yulissa had already told the family about what happened in Spaunia, but they didn't expect things to become like that.

Yulissa was surprised to see Yohannes' return. But she still felt a little angry at the thought that he had driven her and Miranda away. Yet, she didn't show it on her face.

"Yohan, it's good to have you back. You can rest at home for a while," Yulissa spoke first.

However, Yohannes didn't seem to appreciate her kindness. Instead, he snorted coldly and passed her by.

Benjamin and Miranda's face darkened. They wondered what he had done during the time he was outside and changed his attitude toward Yulissa.

Benjamin questioned in a deep voice, "Yohan, what's your attitude? Your sister greeted you. How dare you treat her like that?"

'The relationship between their siblings had always been good. Why is he becoming like this? How could he ignore his sister? Is that the etiquette I have taught them to deal with things?' Benjamin thought.

"I have only one sister, and that is Cassie. Not any random nobody can be my sister!"

Frowning, Leonardo's expression was grim. He didn't expect Yohannes to say such a thing. Yohannes used to pamper and adore Yulissa so much. What happened? Why doesn't he even want to recognize Yulissa? Is it because Cassandra is Samantha? Did they make a deal? Cassandra is our sister, but only if she wants to return to the Yates family!'

"What are you talking about? Lisa has done so much for you. How can you treat her like this? Do you still have a conscience?"

Miranda walked toward Yohannes while talking. She was so disappointed in Yohannes and added, "Because of you, she has been hiding in her room crying these days. How can you say those kinds of words and make her sad? You don't deserve to be her

brother!"

Miranda wanted to slap him to make him realize the reality. She couldn't believe he blamed everything on a girl.

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Valissa grabbed Miranda's hand aggrievedly and said with tearful eyes, "Mom, don't blame Yohan I understand he did this to me because of Cassandra."

Yohannes replied bluntly. Yes I did all these because of Cassie. Didn't you always say that you would move out as long as she was willing to come back? Then do it. Move out

He firmly believed that as long as Yulissa got out of the Yates family, Cassandra would come back

Therefore, he had to kick Yulissa out.

"Nonsense! What are you talking about? Lisa is your sister. How can you kick her out?" Benjamin scolded coldly and thought. Yohannes is simply outrageous! It's not up to him to decide for the family!

Yohannes snorted and his face became more gloomy than before. He glared at Yulissa menacingly as if she was not his sister but his enemy.

"Sister? I don't have a sister who ruined my career."

Who would want a sister who ruined his future? I dared not want it! Whoever wants her, take her away! Yohannes thought.

Benjamin suddenly froze. His cold face changed, and his tone softened a lot as he comforted Yohannes. 'It was an accident. Why do you care so much? Lisa didn't mean it Besides, she did it for your own good."

What kind of logic is that? Yohannes was shocked and seemed to understand Cassandra's previous feelings.

Everyone only spoke up for Yulissa and only cared about her, regardless of others' feelings.

Yes, she did it for my sake. She was so good that she went to Cassie's room to steal the music and told me that it was original. When Mr. Sullivan exposed it, she bit her head off and denied it. She knew Cassie was Samantha, so she wanted to smooth it over and resolve things peacefully. It's all for my own good that I am now banned by the music association and am forced to stop all of my performances! My future is ruined in her hands. Well, she did all this for my own good, right?"

Not being able to perform or stand on the stage would be a pain in his life.

And the culprit was still enjoying the protection of his parents. He felt an overwhelming irony hanging thick in the air.

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"You should blame Cassandra for all these. She just needed to say one word, and you can get away with it, yet she didn't help you. You should blame her, but not Lisa!"

Miranda couldn't bear to let anyone scold her daughter like that. She brought Yulissa up. Without Yulissa, she might have gone crazy long ago.

Therefore, in her eyes, only Yulissa was her daughter, while Cassandra was just someone related by blood.

"Hurry up and apologize to Lisa! How can you say that to your sister?"

Yulissa stood aside and sobbed as if waiting for Yohannes to apologize.

"Mom, are you hexed by her? It's obviously her fault. Why do you blame Cassie and ask me to apologize? Am I wrong?"

'Is that what it feels like to be wrongfully accused? It was clear that I was telling the truth, and everyone knew it. But in turn, I had to take care of the wrong party's feelings and comfort her. Cassie must have been feeling this way at home in the past two months. As long as Yulissa cried, everything would be others' fault, Yohannes thought.

Raymond, who came back from outside, happened to hear Yohannes' words. Sarcasm soon filled in his eyes.

He understood Yohannes' feelings because he had gone through that, too.

"That's right. In Dad and Mom's minds, everything about Yulissa is more important than us, even if it's a trivial matter like she cried. Yohan's future is not important, and neither is my hand. Only Yulissa is the most important one for the whole family."

Raymond had held back that grudge for a long time.

He wanted to vent, but Leonardo asked Miranda to take Yulissa to Spaunia just to relax.

As for him, his right hand was crippled, and his left hand couldn't move as well.

Yet, his parents seemed to ignore the culprit who caused all that.

When he thought of the fact he was abandoned by Yulissa, whom he had been doted on for so many years, on the winding road, and pretended to look for him after in order to make him blame himself, he felt disappointed and devastated with her.

Raymond's words almost made Yulissa slump to the ground. 'What is Ray talking about? Did he not like me anymore? No! It can't be true!'

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Yohannes agreed, "Indeed. In that case, I have nothing to do with this family anymore. You all don't care about Cassic, but I do. From now on, Cassie has only one brother and only one family left. You'd better never show up in front of her."

But I am not qualified to appear myself. How could I ask the others to do so? It doesn't matter. I will coax and pester Cassie unceasingly in the worst case. She is always soft- hearted. I'm sure I can get her forgiveness!' Yohannes thought.

Yohannes' luggage had not been unpacked, so he simply dragged the suitcase and left.

"Yohan, wait for me."

Raymond stopped Yohannes, asked him to wait for a while, turned toward Benjamin, and said, "Dad, Mom, and Leo, you should live a good life. From now on, you don't need to worry about me. Take care!"

Then, he walked toward Yohannes and said, "Yohan, I'll go with you!"

Lucas and Sylvia went to Springmount Townhouse.

They sat opposite Cassandra obediently and looked at each other awkwardly. It was Sylvia who took the initiative to break the silence. "Cassic...\*

"Sylvia, why didn't you tell me in advance that you were going to organize a welcome party?"

She was caught off guard.

When the Yates family mentioned that to her, she had no idea about it at all. It was Kenneth who told her. Otherwise, she would still be kept in the dark.

She thought, 'Aren't they just afraid I won't make it back in time while they depart?'

"Cassie, you're already a member of our family. It's normal for us to hold a welcome party for you. Don't be unhappy. Consider this a way to satisfy my own desire. I've wanted a daughter all my life. You could have been my daughter long ago, but..."

Sylvia thought, 'You insisted on reuniting with the nuisances that are Benjamin and Miranda. You must have regretted your decision now, right?'

The more Sylvia thought about it, the more distressed she felt. She thought, 'This welcome party must be held. I want everyone to know that Cassandra is my child and no one should even think of bullying her!'

Cassandra was a little helpless and had to compromise. "I didn't say you can't organize the party. It's just that you should have told me first. I wasn't prepared at all."

Cassandra knew that Sylvia treated her sincerely and wanted her to be their daughter. Still, Cassandra figured someone like her probably wasn't worthy of that privilege.

"You don't need to prepare anything. You just have to show up stunningly. You will be my nominal daughter from now on. You can do as you please in Drieso in the future!"

Lucas patted his thigh in agitation.

However, he wasn't entirely right. With Cassandra's current abilities, she could already do as she pleased in Drieso, and no one could lay a finger on her.

Cassandra was rendered speechless, thinking, "That's not necessary.'

Eventually, Cassandra compromised and let them do what they wanted.

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They were one of the few people in the world who treated her sincerely.

At that time, if it hadn't been for the 100 thousand dollars Lucas spent to save her grandmother, Cassandra might have become an orphan at the age of ten. If it hadn't been for Sylvia's assistance, Elaine wouldn't exist now.

Cassandra thought, 'In my previous life, I hurt them. In this life, I'll be patient and avoid upsetting them again. Therefore, they can do as they wish as long as they're happy.'

On the 25th of May, a welcome party was held at the Hathaway residence in Drieso.

Most of the famous people in Drieso attended that party. As Lucas personally organized the party, he also drafted each invitation letter in person.

For the guests, receiving the invitation was a kind of recognition.

That way, it would make the guests feel more prestigious to attend such an event.

A guest asked, "Do any of you know the insider news about this welcome party hosted by Mr. Hathaway?"

Another guest replied, "I know this. The girl Mr. Hathaway wants to take as his goddaughter is the Yates family's biological daughter, but the Yates family had treated her badly and even sent a statement breaking off relations with her. However, this girl was raised with the support of Mr. Hathaway, and Mrs. Hathaway accompanied her as she grew up. They liked her so much that they couldn't wait to adopt her as their goddaughter."

Another guest said, "I've heard about it too. The Yates family dotes on the imposter while practically abusing the real daughter of their family!"

Another guest said, "I participated in the charity gala last time. Yulissa is really despicable for setting Cassandra up in that manner. If I were Cassandra's mother, I wouldn't let someone like Yulissa go. However, Benjamin and Miranda shifted all the blame onto Cassandra. Perhaps Cassandra is now thoroughly hurt and disappointed

with them."

Another guest chimed in, "Alas, she's such a pitiful child. She must be extraordinary for Mr. Hathaway to take her as his goddaughter."

One of the guests responded, "Don't you know? Cassandra is amazing. She's actually the famous Elaine, as well as the renowned songwriter, Samantha, in the entertainment industry. These two statuses of hers could already allow her to do as she pleases in

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Drieso without needing to rely on anyone else."

"Doesn't that mean the Yates family had cast away a real gem?"

"Who can they blame for their poor judgment? I should warn all of you. Mrs. Hathaway previously declared that if any of us dared to invite her and members of the Yates. family to the same banquet, that would be an act of opposing her. I suggest none of you provoke her."

The ladies gathered around and chatted with each other. Miranda and Benjamin's faces turned pale after they heard that.

Yulissa and Leonardo also looked pale.

They felt like the Yates family's reputation was being dragged through the mud.

They were utterly ashamed.

The Yates family used a lot of connections and even spent tens of millions of dollars to get an extra invitation from someone.

Unbeknownst to them, all the money they spent went into Lucas' pocket and finally into Cassandra's bank card.

Benjamin was willing to pay to attend the party. That proved the Yates family wanted to gain some benefit from Cassandra. Lucas was curious to see what tricks the group of monsters and freaks could pull.

Therefore, he asked the man the Yates family approached to deliberately make things difficult for them for a long time. In the end, the Yates family forked out 100 million dollars. The man handed the sum to Lucas, and Lucas gave it to Cassandra, considering that amount as compensation for the Yates family's years of maltreatment toward her.

Unexpectedly, after the Yates family members entered the venue, all they heard were derogatory remarks about their family.

Benjamin knew that Cassandra's current identity could bring glory to the Yates family, which was why they insisted on attending the party.

They wanted Lucas to admit that he had stolen their daughter in front of everyone, and since Lucas had snatched Cassandra from them, they should be compensated.

No matter what, Cassandra was still a member of the Yates family. Regardless of the Yates family members' willingness to accept her, they wouldn't allow anyone to take advantage of them.

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Benjamin thought, 'Since Mr. Hathaway wants to take Cassandra as his goddaughter, he'll have to give us lands in exchange!'

Yulissa's countenance became contorted. Her malice was evident.

She thought, 'Why? Why is everyone praising Cassandra? I'm the role model they should be complimenting. Why did everything change when Cassandra came back?'

"Welcome to the welcome party I hosted. This is my wife, Sylvia."

That was Lucas' habit. Whenever they attended an event together, his wife would stand next to him whenever he gave a speech. Moreover, he would also introduce her in a grand manner every time.

The audience applauded.

Sylvia asked Cassandra to stand between her and Lucas. Lucas stretched out his left hand and introduced, "This is the protagonist of today's banquet. She's also the only child my wife and I have wished to take as goddaughter for so many years. Not long ago, she formally joined the Hathaway family. Therefore, from now on, she will be a child of the Hathaway family."

Holding Cassandra with one hand, Sylvia added, "From now on, I will deem anyone who dares to bully Cassie to be opposing me. Whoever upsets her upsets me. When I'm upset, I'll make sure the culprit pays a dear price!"

Her threatening speech brimmed with her protectiveness toward Cassandra.

However, at that moment, Benjamin suddenly stepped forward and said, "Mrs.

Hathaway, that's not right. Cassie is a member of the Yates family. Did you seek my

opinion before letting her in your family?"

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The appearance of Benjamin surprised everyone present.

<sup>'</sup>Didn't Mrs. Hathaway say that the Yates family is prohibited from showing up where she is? Why is the Yates family invited to the banquet held by themselves? Mrs. Hathaway would surely be infuriated!' everyone mused.

As expected. Sylvia's face changed in an instant.

"Who let you in? Get out!"

Leonardo stepped forward and said with a serious expression, "Cassandra, do you truly intend to acknowledge Mr. and Mrs. Hathaway as your family? Your biological parents are still around. Because of you, the family is crumbling. Yohan and Ray have left home. Our once-happy families are on the brink of collapse, yet you wish to consider others as your parents. What about us?"

Leonardo didn't know what his father was thinking. He really wanted Cassandra to go home and live in peace with Yulissa. Cassandra was also the child of the Yates family, so it was normal for her to return to the Yates residence.

Therefore, he wanted to stop this welcome party. Yulissa also promised him that she would get along well with Cassandra in the future and that things like before would never happen again.

Unexpectedly, Cassandra just chuckled when she heard what he said. Her eyes were full of sarcasm as she sneered. "What does it have to do with me? If I remember correctly, we have cut off our relations as evidenced by the statement issued by the official account of Yates Group. How come it doesn't count when it comes to you, Mr. Leonardo Yates?"

She added, "Yohannes and Raymond ran away from home. However, you don't examine the reasons within yourselves. Instead, you blame me for all of this. Mr. Leonardo Yates, I have never encountered someone as shameless as you. I speculated that Yohannes ran away because he couldn't face a sister who had ruined his future, and one has to ask Mr. Benjamin Yates and Mrs. Yates for the reason Raymond ran away from home."

Everyone's expression changed.

Those outsiders were anticipating a spectacle to unfold.

'Wow! Is there a new gossip topic here? Surely, there's no shortage of gossip when the

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Yates Family is involved, everyone thought.

Leonardo was dumbfounded. Indeed, this was the reason Yohannes revealed himself. He knew about the reason Raymond left home too. He felt sorry for Raymond, but he couldn't take out that much cash.

Leonardo felt helpless, but he was already persuading his father to hire the miracle doctor!

Because it was unrealistic to get the medicine from Kenneth.

"Let's wait until the welcome party is over. After that, come back with us. Let's discuss about it." Leonardo looked at those weird gazes and couldn't stand them. He could only whisper to ask Cassandra to follow them back first.

"Go back? That's not your purpose, is it? Why don't you tell me what Mr. Benjamin Yates wants exactly?"

Cassandra ignored Leonardo. Instead, she swiftly inserted a silver needle into one of his acupoints.

Leonardo instantly went mute. He was so shocked that his face turned pale. He tried to open his mouth to speak but could not say anything.

Yulissa walked to Leonardo with concern and said, "Leo, what's wrong? Why can't you speak?"

She reached out, wanting to pull the silver needle out.

"I advise you not to move it. If you want your brother to become mute forever, just pull it out as you wish."

Yulissa was initially intimidated, but upon reflection, she deemed it improbable for Cassandra to possess the skill to mute people by blocking their Lower Skull Acupoint.

Not believing Cassandra's words, Yulissa reached out her hand again, but Leonardo dodged her advance nimbly.

Fortunately, Cassandra only muted him but didn't paralyze him.

Yulissa's hand hung in the air awkwardly. She was at a loss for what to do. 'Damn it! How could Leo not believe me?' she thought.

A smile crept up Cassandra's lips as she observed the scene. Her voice was melodious,

but everyone could detect the sarcasm laced within her words. "See, your dear brother

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doesn't believe you. After all, your disbelief broke Raymond's hand, and your

confidence ruined Yohannes' future. If you withdraw the needle, Leonardo will be mute forever!"

Hearing this, Miranda hurriedly pulled Yulissa aside and said, "Calm down. Take your brother to the hospital later."

Miranda would rather believe in Cassandra's words than take the risk.

"Mr. Benjamin Yates, please begin your performance." When Cassandra observed that everyone was composed, she redirected her focus toward Benjamin.

With Kenneth's reminder, her plan had been expedited.

It was just that Benjamin remained unaware of it.

She wondered whether the Yates family would thank her after knowing that she had prepared such a big surprise for them.

That scene must have been spectacular!

Unfortunately, the Yates Family still had about 7 billion dollars in their possession at the

moment.

Cassandra felt she had left too many assets for them.

But rest assured, she would make sure they spent them out.

"Cassie, you are a member of the Yates Family. What ulterior motives could I possibly have? I just want you to come home with us."

It was challenging to openly admit that he was targeting the lands. Otherwise, he would become a laughingstock among their competitors.

If words went out that he traded his daughter for a few plots of land, he feared he wouldn't be able to hold his head high in the future!

"Are you sure you don't want to bring it up? Your request might be considered if

you speak up now. However, once the opportunity is lost, it will be lost forever." Cassandra's words stirred quite a commotion in Benjamin's heart.

'Indeed, only if I speak up now and Mr. Hathaway agrees to it publicly, would there be assurance that he won't backtrack on his word! Otherwise, what if Mr. Hathaway goes back on his words in the future?' Benjamin pondered.

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"Since the Hathaway family wants to recognize you as their goddaughter, they must present us with a meeting gift. However, up to now, the Hathaway family has made no move at all..."

"I see. They snuck in here to try to reap benefits."

"What an eye-opener! I didn't believe what you said just now. Now, it's so embarrassing!"

"Why is the Yates family so shameless?"

"Yeah, their dignity means nothing when it comes to benefits. Yates Group's market value has been declining consistently. They've incurred more losses in the past half- month than in previous years. How can he not be anxious?"

"I suppose Benjamin has some grand plans while he still has the resources. I think he's eyeing several plots of land owned by Mr. Hathaway, which are indeed worth developing.

"If you want benefits, no problem. I've prepared them for you!" Cassandra was in a jubilant mood. She couldn't wait to witness Benjamin's reaction.

Benjamin was a little vigilant about what Cassandra wanted to do.

"I intended to share the good news with you after my SAT. Since you can't wait, I'll reveal it now. I own 45% of the shares of Yates Group. As the largest shareholder, I invite you to attend the appointment ceremony of the new Chairman of Yates Group

tomorrow."

Boom!

Benjamin couldn't hear Cassandra anymore.

What does she mean by having 45% of the company shares? What appointment is she talking about? How could she have the shares of Yates Group? She must be lying to me!' he mused.

"You brat! This joke is not funny at all!" Benjamin didn't believe Casandra had the capability to achieve this.

"Believe it or not, you'll find out tomorrow."

Hearing that, Lucas realized that Cassandra must have leveraged the power of Modern Beacon Synergy. Otherwise, someone like her, who disliked troubles, wouldn't have purchased shares of Yates Group. Instead, she would have let it go bankrupt. Acquiring

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its shares was rather unnecessary.

However, he knew that Cassandra surely had her own plans.

For instance, Yates Group would change its ownership, and the Yates family would be ousted from the company.

Or perhaps she would push for a change in the name of Yates Group.

It was more likely that she would aim for the latter. Most probably, Yates Group would cease to be a part of the Yates family. It would undoubtedly be a devastating blow for Benjamin.