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"I know how the hotel treated you this time. So, are you going to work for them?" Randal asked playfully.

Anna frowned and felt there was a deep void in her heart.

She knew that the Carousel Hotel had really treated her badly in handling the fire. It was the employees of the security department that should have been responsible for the fire, not Anna, the lobby manager. However, Anna was the only one who was suspended.

However, Anna knew who told them to do this.

Wayne did this because he didn't want me to leave. He was using his power to get back our personal grudge. So, if Randal invited me

to work at his company, I could certainly agree. And, I have the right to do so.

Anna thought to herself.

"Well, then what kind of job would you ask me to do? Are you doing this because you value my ability to work? If you are

sympathizing with me, or because you like Scott, then I'm sorry, I won't accept your favor."

Scott looked extremely embarrassed when he heard the last word.

"Oh, I certainly think you're capable. Anna, I think you are qualified for a better position. I have no idea why Wayne only made you a

lobby manager." Randal said firmly, as if he had already decided to let Anna work in his company.

"Well, like what?"

"How about being my executive secretary?"

Before Anna could say anything, Scott said reluctantly, "No way! Randal, she can't be your secretary. Forget it! Anna, don't say yes

to him. You know, he's not a nice guy."

When Anna saw how anxious Scott was, she felt helpless. She then looked at Randal and said, "Oh, thank you for your kind proposal,

Randal. But, I don't think I can work for you. You see, Scott knew you long before I did. But, he told me that you're not a nice

person."

Randal didn't seem to want to argue any more. He raised his eyebrows slightly and said, "Well, it looks like you don't want to leave

the Carousel Group. So, I'm not going to persuade you anymore. If you change your mind, you can call me."

"Oh no, it's not like that. I can certainly leave Carousel. But, I just think that your company may not be the one for me. So, I'll find

to make mean you're don't want to talk about that right now." Anna conversation. felt that although the Wilson and the Wrights were close, they tell Randal some bad intentions for some unknown reasons. So, she thought she'd better watch him. going to resign or not?" As soon as they slippers and looking for the kettle in the kitchen. She said, with her back to Peace, "Well, yes. there. You know, I've always liked to make a clear personal matters." reluse Randal's offer? I think being his executive secretary off her party dress. She then put on an oversize down on the couch. You know, he wanted to dale Scott. So, is to do business, not charity. When he knew I would lose my job, he definitely didn't do it out of pity. Maybe, he wanted Anna thought. to disagree with her. She said, "Oh, Anna, I think you're overthinking it. If you I think you should have a water boiled. Anna made two cups of tea, handed one to Peace,

not as easy as you think. Besides, I can't tell him the truth now anyway. If I tell him and we happen to

kids would be his. He's so rich and powerful, and there's no way

very mighty one in Birmingham. And, if Wayne really wanted Tammy back, fight back no Wayne knew that both children were his, he you would that simple." the first do you think? What do you want from Wayne? You've always thought that Wayne asked too much of you, being fair to him? He doesn't even know then the and tapped her on the shoulder. She said, "Anna, you should your friend, I'd like to say a few words. I think that you should tell Wayne the truth no reason for you to panic. Don't forget that Jasper will support you. room, Anna sat alone in the living room and cons when I dated Wayne. But I didn't think there was anything wrong with been taken away from me by Wayne five years ago. So, I have every night and reason to resent Anna thought. called Karl after seeing that there Falling in Love With A One-Night Stand

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Anna had mixed feelings when she realized that Peace had just been sarcastic. She felt that Peace meant that she was a scheming

woman and was getting a lot of benefits from hiding the secret from Wayne. However, she was the only one that knew she was doing it

because she wanted her kids to get along well with each other.

Then, Anna also began to doubt herself. She even felt a little uneasy when she met the two children at the Wrights' house in the

afternoon. When she heard Peter compliment her on how well she treated Matthew, she even blushed.

Matthew is my own son, so surely, /'ll be good to him. Anna thought to herself.

After lunch, Tammy and Matthew rested in Anna's arms. Tammy couldn't stop talking and looked like she enjoyed the environment

of the house.

"Mommy, you haven't come here with Mr. Wright for a long time. What happened?" Tammy suddenly said.

"Oh, he's very busy. An accident happened in the hotel, so he's got a lot to deal with."

"But why aren't you going to work?"

"Because I've been on vacation lately, honey. Then, I can spend more time with you two. Are you glad about this?"

"Of course!"

Speaking of that fire, Anna turned her head and rested her chin against Matthew's head.

She said, "Matthew, honey, I'm so sorry. You were in the freezer that day, so I didn't see you. I'm really sorry."

Matthew had been quietly listening to the two of them. After Anna said this, Matthew immediately stood up and took his drawing

board. He then wrote, "it's okay! I know that if you saw me, you would definitely take me out."

Seeing how cute and sensible Matthew was, Anna couldn't help but gently rub his head with relief and said, "Matthew, you're a

good boy. You know, I'll never leave you behind."

Matthew immediately wrote on the drawing board again, "Really???"

He showed a nervous expression and had written three question marks. He looked as if he really didn't believe that Anna would

be there

Anna immediately reassured him. She didn't know why he was

Then, she felt

said, "Mom, Matthew is worried that Mr Wright will date another

womed about it too."

tell her what

the past few days, especially Charlotte's mother. Evelyn always came here and brought

the kids to know about it, but then he realized he couldn't

himsell anymore.

seriously, "No, I don't want someone else to

couldn't help butteelleartbroken when she saw his aggrieved and pitiful expression. So, Anna

else be your mom, honey. But if that

made a few phone calls aller walking out of Peter's study. Then, before dinner, there were many cars

Almost all of the people

did he ask us

have no idea what was going on, and

something happen to the

in the company was on fire.

company alone!"

was discussing. Meanwhile, a man, who was in his fifties, sat aside and did not

man gave off a shady aura and

think is happening? He hasn't called us for a long

man's gaze turned somber as he listened to his son. He said unhappily, "Who the hell knows?! Just wait and

to announce something

told her to go downstairs

themselves, she went to the first

they were shocked by the sight before them. The dining area was filled with people. At that moment, Anna

servant said, and his words drew

was the only child in the Wright family. He was in his thirties, still

the child's

Peter said as he waved

she realized that everyone was looking at her.

a seat with

know that you would invite so many guests here. How about we

and visit

go." Peter smiled and gave Anna a comforting

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"Madam, please watch your step. There's a threshold here." The maid said.

After hearing her words, Anna immediately put her hand on the door frame. She asked, "By the way, where are the kids? It's too

crowded here, and I think you should take care of them."

"Don't worry, I've sent them back to their rooms. Besides, there are nannies to take care of them. It's cold now, you need to go back

to your room to warm yourself up."

"I'm fine, thanks. I'll stay here to clear my head."

Anna pulled her hand out of the maid's hand, waved it casually, and asked her to leave.

Afterwards, she stood alone under the porch. The cool evening breeze blew on her and made her smell the roses. In the breeze, Anna

felt that she was sober a little.

Then, she sat down by the beautiful stone table in the courtyard.

"Anna, are you all right?" A man asked.

Hearing that, Anna froze and then looked at the man.

The man was in a grey suit and he was at about the same age as Wayne.

At that moment, Anna remembered that this man was the first one to stand up and congratulate her during dinner. Anna

remembered that Henry had introduced him to her as Wayne's cousin.

"I'm fine, thanks." She replied. She then did her best to pretend she was sober. Knowing that the Wrights were a decent family,

Anna decided that she couldn't act rude.

Anna noticed that the man was very handsome and cute. When the man heard her answer, he immediately came out from the

porch.

Then, he put a plastic bottle on the table and said, "Hi, I'm Wayne's cousin. Here are some pills. You must have drunk a lot of wine

just now, right? if you take one, you won't feel dizzy. I noticed that you were walking a little wobbly when you left just now. I was afraid

something would happen to you, so I followed you. I hope that I didn't scare you."

Gee! But you did scare me! If you don't want to be abrupt, then why don't you just leave me alone? Anna thought to herself.

She then nodded politely but

Hey, Anna, when did you and Wayne meet? How come I never heard him mention you before?" The

bring up the

much wine. She glanced at him and said, "Oh, it's not a big deal. We just met a couple of

apo."

have decided to marry you so quickly. You

bit hasty."

felt like laughing when she heard that she said, "What? Ile wants to marry me? Oh, no, that's impossible.

his extend back. So, I's probably planning to break up with me

her words, the man seemed intrigued. Ile asked, "What? It seems that he made

what he'd done, and

lecture humlor you."

Annd asked, shoving

over. Then he frowned and glanced at her

I don't care if he wants to marry me or not! Even if he wants to, I won't say yes! You know, a lot of men are

is? Anna, look at the way how he looks down on others. He can be so condescending. So, tell me, how did you

head to look at the man in front of her. At that moment, she blinked and

Wayne,

looked melancholy and frustrated. However, these complex emotions

even more beautiful.

him, she made Wayne's

gorgeous! No wonder Wayne decided to marry her so soon. The man thought to

you're so drunk. Shall I take you

her. He had just

And he was terrified after recognizing

He said

walked towards them and took Anna

all her cloth on, he said grimly, "Richard Wright, how dare you! Believe it or not, if you ever lay your hands on my things

l will

finished, he carried Anna

blew on him and dried his sweat. He looked at them

turn into a knife

you go too far. One day, you won't be able

ALL

kicking the door to the room shut, Wayne carried Anna into

turned on the tap.

The moment she opened her

asked, "Are you sober now? Tell me, what did

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Anna had been very aloof towards him in the last few days. Finally, Wayne couldn't keep his cool for much longer.

It was the first time that he found himself totally out of control.

Instead of remaining calm and composed, he grew enraged and made rough love to her. Even though he knew it would make Anna

disappointed and harm their relationship.

Wayne panicked after they had sex because he noticed how upset and desperate Anna looked.

Just as he was pulling the quilt over her, he heard her say dully, "is that what you want? Wayne, are you happy now?"

Wayne's hand trembled as he held the corner of the quilt. He hung his hand in the air for a long time before attempting to place it on

her shoulder.

"Don't touch me! Go away!" she snarled as Wayne's palm touched her face.

Anna said it with her teeth clenched. Her face was pale, as if she was exhausted. She trusted Wayne so much that she believed he was

her soul mate and the love of her life. So, she never imagined that Wayne would do something like this to her.

Hearing that, Wayne looked a little chagrined. He remained silent for a long time before leaving the room without saying

anything,

But he realized that there was nothing he could do about it since it had already happened. There were a lot of problems between

them, and explanations alone would not solve them. Wayne realized that he had done an awful and terribly wrong thing. However, he

was unable to say anything to apologize to Anna.

The room fell silent as soon as he walked out the door.

The light in the living room was dim. And the bedroom door was half-open. Anna could see the light coming in from outside, which

made the room seem less cold and solitary.

had been terribly let down by Wayne. Although it was nearly midnight,

saw her mother, she rubbed her drowsy eyes

what's wrong?"

dressed, and let's

asked in a raspy voice, "Mommy, where

"Home."

As she was about to leave, she noticed a little boy

and his gaze remained fixed on her as if he could see that she was

Anna yelled out his name, her voice filled

she would not hesitate to take him away with her

children back to America right away. So, they would never

heart.

aware that she would lose all she had worked so hard for in the last few

enraged, he

she closed her eyes. Finally, She made up her mind to leave

she heard someone suddenly said something in a hoarse

maybe because he hadn't spoken in a long time. Despite this, Anna could tell with to his bed. By and seemed unwilling to and forced herself not to cry. She said, "Matthew, with me. But, it's not the perfect time to it, he'll be pissed, and I'll never see you again. Honey, trust me, I'll never years ago, Anna escaped to America. She did this because she was afraid that the man who took would find out about Tammy. And she spent the past six years only seen her son once before she found him. So, she missed him and wondered how he was leave the city she couldn't leave him. She thought that even if Matthew away with that moment, she felt that Matthew let go himself under the covers. His soft sobs came from under heartbroken.

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"Matthew is your brother."

The dim streetlight shone on Anna as she cried aloud while holding Tammy tightly.

Three days later, Anna went to the HR office again to turn in her resignation letter.

The employee looked at Anna in surprise and said, "I'm sorry, Miss Gabriel. But we can't let you resign. As you know, you are now

suspended from work. So, you have to wait for the hotel..."

"I'll sue the company if they won't let me go."

Anna simply cut her off. The employee couldn't help but be frightened by Anna's expressionless face.

"No matter what you will say, this is my resignation letter. Since I have given it to you, I am resigning, whether you allow it or

not."

As soon as she finished, Anna walked out of the room without saying a word.

The employee could do nothing but stare blankly at her back.

"Anna, Is this the end? You really don't want to work here anymore?" Peace asked Anna after she got into the car.

Anna buckled her seat belt and raised her eyebrows. She replied, "I sent out my resume to a few companies last night, and I already have two interviews for next week. Let's go, Peace. Oh, you know what we should do? We should celebrate it! I will be free for a whole month before I get my next job. So, I can have dinner and hang out with you these days."

Peace asked with concern, "Really? Are you sure you can find a new job that quickly? Anna, don't get me wrong, but you just quit without Wayne's approval. So, I'm worried that other companies won't dare to hire you."

"Don't worry, honey. It's not like he owns all the hotels in Birmingham. Even if I can't get a job, I can still make a living. Anyway, I've got it all figured out."

Peace slowed the car down a bit and asked, "Oh? Anna, what are you going to do?"

"Oh, I'm sorry, I can't tell you right now. But I'll let you know when I'm ready."

Peace smiled and looked relieved. She said, "Really? Oh, that's great! So, you have a plan for your future. If I had known, I wouldn't

have felt worried about you."

But, in fact, Anna was from a wealthy family. So, it didn't matter if she had a job or not. All she had to do was get her father to give her money. Besides, since she had made up with her relatives on her mother's side, they would also support her. So, she could definitely

still live carefreely in this city.

taking place at the Carousel Group's headquarter while Anna and Peace were out shopping. When the fire

much because the PR department had dealt

it happened due to the company's negligence in safety, this accident drew the government's

them. Therefore, all of the Carousel Group hotels were temporarily

outlook was bleak.

that what you've got? Is that the loolprool

and stern tone, Wayne questioned everyone

work like this, you might as well just retire

the folder

as soon as possible. No one is allowed to

time, so all of you must be alert. If anyone drops the ball, then get the hell out of the

left the room with their folders in their hands and sighed with worn out and exhausted. with Mr. Wright lately? He seems things have happened lately. A fire in the hotel a few days not well done. I heard that his son almost died he "Getting married? It's not gonna happening! It seems values his son so much, and Anna puts that boy in danger. Also, they probably won't even want to pretend to be okay. Actually, I heard Is he always been a Did you see the way he just scolded... Ahem, Mr. saw Karl walking toward their conversation and said, "Good morning, you two. I got I'd make it to the awkwardly and said, "Oh, you should feel glad that you missed it. Otherwise, you might have yelled at by Wayne." He yelled continue when the verge of saying something inappropriate. Look, we've got nodded, then sitting alone in the conference room. The projector was left on, so the screen behind Wayne was glowing in was a little dim, and the faint blue light on Wayne made

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"Only Anna can change you", echoed in Wayne's head.

Karl gradually calmed down and then sat back on his chair. He glared coldly at Wayne and said, "Only Anna broke all your boundaries

and changed your principles, and she even made you doubt yourself. She's the first gray area you've encountered in your life. Just admit it, Wayne, you can't live without her anymore."

Wayne frowned. Karl had just said exactly what he was thinking, making him feel uncomfortable. So he glared at Karl and said

coldly, "Stop staying in my company and get your ass back to yours."

Then, he left the conference room straight away.

Karl rubbed his chin and smiled teasingly, thinking, Wayne is so stubborn!

Wayne had too much of a smooth life over the past thirty years. Even though his parents hadn't gotten along, it hadn't done him much harm. He was always the coolest kid in school. However, After his father's death, he lost the only tenderness and joy he had.

At Wayne's father's funeral, Wayne's mother finally made a change. She decided to never leave home again and stop chasing her

so-called dreams and freedom, and to just take care of him.

However, Wayne was calmer than anyone else at that point. He told her in front of the entire Wright family, "How much money do you want? Go to the finance department and get your money. After that, don't ever show up in front of me again in your life."

Wayne was such a ruthless man. But, he had compromised with Anna many times.

Karl, as a bystander, knew better than even Wayne what he had done.

Afterward, he called Peace. He said to her gently, "Hey, baby. When are you available? Let's go camping! I've got everything ready, I saw the weather forecast, and it will be nice lately."

Peace stayed as calm as she could and said, "Oh, let's just wait a little longer. Anna's not in the mood these days, I'm afraid."

"What's wrong?" Karl asked and sat up straight. At that moment, his instincts told him that something was wrong.

After a brief period of silence, Peace said, "Something's happened to Anna's father."

Anna's father, Frank, suddenly fell seriously ill in the morning and was taken to the hospital. He still hadn't come out of the

operating room at that time.

Luckily, Anna had been to her father's nursing home and had the phone number of his doctor. Anna

the call, Anna rushed to the

that Anna and Frank were father

deliberately shunned him because she thought that he was the one who made her mother

aware that Frank

for the main bedroom, and her birthday presents were all the most expensive and rare. Even when she was tricked by Allie into going to the didn't scold her he was even delighted and said that it was the first time Anna had and her mother hated She was spoiled by her father, so Allie hated sure thngs will be fine. The doctor said that your father is just in temporary shock. nothing bad will happens," sitting with Ana in front of the operating +25 Points word since 3\*25 Points turned pale. Anna found herself dizzy as she looked at that light for too long front of her eyes. that moment, two people were making their way down the hall, and their jumbled footsteps distracting impatient glare into the and Allie stumbled across the scene. With her hands She said, "What happened She said, "Mom, please don't cry. My dad alright." but he never listened to me. It's a good thing he was in a nursing has fainted at home then! Oh my God, Frank, you can't leave without you!" "Mom, don't cry." that, Peace felt like she was going to throw up. She lowered her voice and are good at acting! They're saying that room. She glanced

now. Please be quiet!"

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Allie froze as Anna hit her, and it took her a long time to come back to her senses. When she looked up, everyone saw a clear red

fingerprint on the left side of her face.

She trembled and covered her face, staring at Anna as if she couldn't believe that she would do that. She said, "How dare you hit me,

# Anna!"

"1 slapped you for Dad! Dad is still in the operating room, for God's sake! When Dad wakes up, I hope you'll apologize to him."

Allie's heart thudded, and she bit her lower lip. She remembered that she had just gotten so angry that she had accidentally said that Dad was going to die.

She didn't expect Anna to remember that and won't let it go.

"We're in a hospital now, and the operating room is right here! If you want to cry and make a scene, get out and fool yourself wherever you want. But, if you want to stay, just shut the fakup!" Anna said. Her voice was low, but her every word was very firm and

assertive.

Allie looked furious. She tried to break free of Shirley's grip and argue with Anna.

At that moment, Peace, who had been silent, said indifferently, 'Allie, didn't Anna's slap wake you up? You'd better shut the hell up

before security comes. If you keep shouting and disturbing the operation, I might hit you. But even if that happens, the police won't

blame me."

"You..."

"Allie, it's okay, stop it."

Shirley immediately shielded her daughter behind her. Although she looked embarrassed, she apologized, "I'm sorry, Allie was so

upset just now. So, she said what she shouldn't have said. Well, we certainly hope that Frank will wake up soon. We're going to take a seat

over there, and we won't say anything anymore."

Shirley was aware that this was a critical moment in determining her and her daughter's fate later. So, they couldn't leave there no

matter what. She had to stay here with her daughter even if Anna would humiliate them. Anna glanced at them indifferently. She just sat down again without saying anything. A while later, the doctors and nurses had dispersed the onlookers. And the hallway was quiet again. Everyone in the hallway could hear the clock ticking, as if it slowed their heartbeat. Did you hear what she said about what she says, she won't get a penny more. As long as your father never wakes up, you and I are the legal heirs to most of his property. Anna will get no more than no way she can take can you be so sure that my father won't wake up? What if 'what if', dear. Even if he wakes up he won't believe what her mother was saying. She hesitated for a moment and said. "Mom, are you do this! After all, but he only cares about his youngest we have to do now is get through the next few days. "Bofil. Mom" lasted for more than six hours. Just as the doctors were walking into her delicate palms. Yet, she acted as if she was how is fine for now. But, he's going to be in a sigh of relief, and Peace then immediately her mother stood in front of the ICU bear to leave Frank. inside the ward through the window. Frank had a number of tubes devastated. She bowed her head and wiped her tears away doctor. liver function is severely degraded. In fact, anyone at his age and habits. You know, I've told you about this before. He fainted today, and

need to be prepared for there no give him medicine to keep his body in this are damaged, it's almost impossible for them to it. Thank you, she heard the doctor's words, she still immediately not know out to her and asked, "By the way, Miss, I just looked elements within Mr. Gabriel's blood is abnormal. So, does he usually felt somewhat puzzled. She replied, "Yeah Oh, is there anything wrong with of them at home." and often got sick Frank

prescribed by the hospital. Also, there are some foods he can't eat. I'll list what he can and can't eat, and then please show it to his caregiver. When Mr. Gabriel wakes

anything."

got it.

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"She didn't even call us once. You know, at that time, Anna didn't graduate from college and didn't have a job. But, she was living very comfortably there. So, you can imagine why." Allie said viciously.

Wayne became discontent. He asked, "So, why should I believe you?"

"Oh, of course you may not believe me. But you can absolutely check this thing out yourself. She was a medical student at a good university, so she could have had a perfect job and a promising future. But why did she leave in such a hurry? Yet, if she was doing so well in America, why did she come back? Well, I guess it was because the person who gave her money there broke up with her. She didn't have

any money, so she came back here to ask us for money. Wayne, she's not as perfect and noble as you think."

Wayne stood up, straightened his cuffs, and said coldly, "What do you mean by that? I get it. Maybe, you don't want me to help her. So, you can get all the money of your family. I know what you want to do, and I won't listen to your bullshit anymore. You've already wasted ten minutes of my life, and that's enough."

He then walked away.

Looking at Wayne's back, Allie's expression was extremely embarrassed. After a while, she finally came back to her senses. She sneered and thought, Wayne would definitely look into that after listening to my words. Then, he would find out that I was telling the

truth.

It was true that Anna was pregnant at that time, and the proof was Tammy, a five-year girl. It was also true that she went to America

without telling anyone why, and the whole Gabriel family knew about it. Allie checked whether Anna depended on any man in America,

but she couldn't find anything because Anna's profile had been revised. However, she knew she could solve everything with money and know everything through the Internet.

Allie thought, As soon as Wayne finds out about Jasper Thomas, he would know everything. Although it's a little difficult for me to

get my dad's money, I will definitely get it all.

Frank was in a coma for a week before he woke up. At that time, the hospital had moved him to a general ward.

Since Anna had quit her job, she had nothing to do. So, she visited Frank every day at the hospital. Whenever Tammy didn't need to

go to swimming lessons on weekends, she would bring her there, too.

"Come here, honey, let me see you." Frank waved toward Tammy, looking very amiable.

Anna was peeling an apple at that moment. She handed Tammy a slice of apple and said, "Honey, give this to your grandpa."

Tammy smiled and nodded. She walked to Frank with that slice of apple, and said in a sweet voice, "Grandpa, have some apple. It's

sweet."

you, honey. The apple you gave me

"Yes, that's what my

smiled as she felt resigned. She said, "Okay, honey, have some of these too.

grandpa needs some rest."

said, "That's okay, Anna. I'd love to talk to Tammy. It seems like this surgery was quite worth it because

to spend more uime with you

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and said, "Hey. Dad, don't say good rest for few days, have you? Anna, I'm feeling much better have a good sleep. Or, you may be lired when you go to I've quit my job, and I don't know where I should work next." Anna came right out with at her words and asked, "You quit? Really? Tell me, what happened? Oh, I see. Did you with him. Forget it, Dad, worry. Anyway, I think you should get the time. Anna, just make sure to off as if he was then, a knock on then opened the door. She saw a middle-aged Anderson, hi," she Frank's legal advisor. He had come to the hospital several times recently to talk to Frank about the that Anna was present. But Anna felt it was inappropriate for her to listen, so they give you some privacy. Come on, Tammy, to Frank and waved to then became said, "Mr. Gabriel, Anna's daughter is so cute and looks just like like Anna," Frank seconds of silence and said, "Well, let's get down to and said, "I have finished putting in five hundred million dollars as you requested. Also, I have revised your will according to your request. I just want to make

estate to Shirley."

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Wayne clicked on the email he received from Gabe, and then saw some photos. The first photo was a marriage certificate with two

signatures with the date on the bottom, and the second one was a current marriage status of a U.S. citizen. Also, there were some family

photos.

There was a resume attached, and it belonged to a man called Jasper Thomas.

He graduated from Yale University and became a famous designer. Also, it only took him three years to take his startup clothing

company public. Later, he was the head of a Fortune 500 listed group. It was an impressive resume.

Even Wayne had to admit that this man was very outstanding. But, what upset Wayne was that Anna and Jasper were together

before Jasper became successful. They married in the United States on Valentine's Day four years ago.

Wayne couldn't find any other reason why she married this man except the fact that they loved each other.

And, to this day, they hadn't divorced.

The room was terribly quiet, and Wayne could hear the water dripping from the bathroom faucet.

After a long time, there was a loud "bang" in the room. The large computer smashed on the floor with a huge noise.

Immediately afterwards, the computer was covered by various dark-coloured folders and thick books. The red wine glass was

smashed on the wall, leaving a blood-red mark there. The broken pieces of the glass fell in the corner and shone a cold, saint light.

The whole study turned into ruin in just a few seconds.

A maid came immediately after hearing the sound. When she stood in the doorway and saw the scene, her face turned pale with fear.

She said, "Sir, you..."

"Get out."

"But, sir, your hand..."

"Get out!!!"

There was a sudden thunderstorm outside the window, followed by heavy rain

look like a gloomy ghost. The maid was so frightened by the

he had crushed pierced his hand, making blood sliding down his slender fingers. His scarlet blood dripped on the floor

off at her home as he held an umbrella for her. He asked, "Anna's dad is awake, isn't he?

we should

tomorrow. I think it should be okay, because the doctor said her dad is doing pretty well right now. If he recovers well, he can probably live

with his jaw dropped," "A few more years? My goodness, is that how you comfort Anna? And she would you?"

him and said, "I don't think there's a problem with

her years ago! And, if Anna's grandfather hadn't died, he wouldn't

treated her pretty well. Besides, you

talking like that! Frank knew that woman killed Anna's mother, but he

doesn't deserve our sympathy"

wam't surprised because he had beard what had happened to the Gabriels. Since Anna was a friend of

what had happened in that family belore had even made

internet was that once the news was printed, there was no way to retract

family. Allie's

a baby. Frank's wife was so angry that she died before they could even

doctors cut open her belly, they found that

absurd, so Frank would definitely be suspicious about that. However, he still married the mistress

with her mother's family for

She snickered and said, "He was so nice to

her like this, the damage he did to Anna could

as a tool. And, none of them in her family was good

Olivia Gabriel, was very close to Anna's aunt Selina. Also, their

death, everyone thought Selina was interested in raising

her own daughter. However, no one expected that she would let Anna's grandfather raise her. After

her out of the house straight

see Frank live a rich and happy life years later. Selina didn't

who died so tragically, so she sent Anna

decades. Then, she finally got over

this way, she gave

Gabriel family. Also, when Anna was suffering all those things

## Chapter 190

190 Say It again, If You Dare

It had been raining heavily for several days in a row, and the rain washed the whole city clean. So, in the morning after the rain, even the air was refreshing and light. Unfortunately, it only lasted a short time. It was noon soon after the sun rose. After that, the city was

immersed once more in the endless slumber of summer.

Karl locked himself in his house for several days. Every day, the maid would go to his house to clean it. By the fifth day, she finally couldn't stand the foul smell coming from the bedroom anymore. So, she called Madison Xavier, Karl's sister.

"Karl, hey!" Madison walked straight inside the house after she opened the door.

Karl lived in a two-flat apartment. The door on the second floor was sealed to make it an open bedroom, while the first floor was the

living room. Madison was there when the house was in construction. As she hoped, the apartment was elegant and pretty in a refreshing

way.

When Madison saw the neat doorway, she praised in her heart that the maid had really worked hard. She'd just gotten downstairs

and caught a whiff or something foul. She covered her nose and shouted downstairs, "Karl, don't you tell me you s't the room! It f\*\*\*\*g

stinks! Do you have monkeys in your house?"

However, no one responded to her.

Madison hesitated for a moment. She finally overcame the discomfort and nausea she felt and took the first step downstairs. The

first floor seemed like a dump to her, with drinks, snacks, and other things strewn about on a coffee table covered in takeout boxes.

"S\*\*t! Are you f\*\*\*\*\*g playing dead? I already know you can call for takeout."

Madison then gol angry. She pulled the quilt with one hand and picked up a take-out box on the table with the other and then said,

"Damn, do you believe I'll put this on your head? I'm so damn busy..."

Before Madison could finish her sentence, she saw that the box had not been unpacked. Then, her expression immediately changed.

She asked, "Karl, you haven't eaten these days?"

She found that none of the takeaway boxes piled up on the coffee table had been opened.

what alarmed her even more was that the person under the covers hadn't moved at all, lifted the entire cover. Then, she froze in surprise, staring at the toy out in anger and threw it on the

"Karl Xavier, \*\*k you!"

looked very innocent. It rolled around on the floor, and the bell around its neck rang for a

Seconds.

left Karl's apartment with her bag. Her

dare you trick me! Madison thought

just finished lunch and were sitting in

without

and similed, as if laughing at hersell. She said, "What reason? Oh, I don't think that's a reason. I think it

problem, anyway. You know, he's a rich playboy who loves fooling around. So I'd better not spend the rest of my

he has changed. And, you have recovered. The doctor said that as long as you stay emotionally stable, right?"

the eyes and said, 'Oh no, Anna, I'll never recover, and there's no such thing

I'm back to normal, but it just doesn't hit me right now. I'm like a ticking time bomb

the years I was in the army were some of the most peacelul times of my life.

way. You see, nothing

her that people were not allowed to have emotions there. Peace

this for the rest of her life, so she chose to leave and start a new life. She wished she could live her life

want Karl to trap you; it's that you don't want

the head.

was laughing heartily. But when she heard Anna's

expression on her face, she thought she had said

shoulder to a place

outside the pavilion.

shaved his beard, but he had a stain on his

him, making him look

a short meeting at the hotel. He would spray unique perfume and put hair

on.

him? Anna

Anna immediately stood

she realized that she was deliberately playing it cool.

enthusiastic, even when she argued with people. Peace was like

with great energy

made myself very clear the other day. What are you doing now? Are you trying to make

with you? Wake up, we're not in a TV show and you're