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"He has had a lot of things to deal with recently. I'm afraid he will not have time to see you." Linda frowned. Rose sighed and continued, "He has to clean up some mess at the company. Your father is quite troubled since Elisa is not laying low and has many supporters. Linda, he is too occupied to come to see you now." Rose was worried that Linda would get keyed up again. Although she did not go crazy this time, she had almost lost it. Linda frowned. "So this is what you are bothered with." "Yes." Rose sighed helplessly. Linda fixed her eyes on Rose. She could still sense something wrong. The look on her mother's face was too weird. However, a knock sounded on the door before she could ask anything. "Madam, Mrs. Wickam is here to see Ms. Linda." Linda and Rose's expressions changed instantly. They exchanged glances, and there was disbelief on their faces. Why did she come? Was she here to check on the situation again? However, Rose looked guilty the next moment. She said immediately, "Just say that Linda is resting and is unable to see anyone now." Rose got up and said, "Perhaps the Wickam family has something up their sleeves again. It would be best if we don't see them." There was a flash of coldness in Linda's eyes as she asked, "Do you not wish to see what games she's up to?" Rose immediately replied, "There will be nothing interesting about it. I will meet her later. You rest first." Then, Rose got up and left. Linda watched Rose as she left. Mother's mood is abnormal

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about her intentions but couldn't. It might raise Monica's suspicion toward her. Monica might have come today to test her. When Rose thought about this, she was reluctant to speak to Monica any further. She merely nodded. "Thank you for making an effort to come." Monica glanced at Rose with an amused face. "Why are you unwilling to talk to me any further? Are you feeling guilty?" Rose's heart skipped a beat. She almost displayed fear on her face. She tried to look aloof and frowned. She gave Monica a puzzled look. "What do you mean? Why would I feel guilty? Why do you still look unsettled after punishing us for the huge uproar last time? Are you still angry about the past?" Rose looked so unhappy that anyone would have thought that she really didn't know anything. Monica nodded with a smile. "The heavens are watching. Retribution will come sooner or later. I hope you can keep up with your pretense. My son does not fancy putting up fights, so he is willing to let you go. But I am not so generous. I shall let you go this time, but if there is another time, don't blame us for being cruel." Rose's face turned uglier. She looked a little pale. She was obviously startled by Monica's words. As expected, the whole family knew that Norman had been up to some mischief. But there was nothing Rose could say. Monica obviously did not want to look at her anymore. She snickered and left. Rose stood in place. Her heart pounded faster and faster. She immediately took out her phone and called Norman.... Everything seemed to go on smoothly for the next three days. But the Benett family was on pins and needles. They were afraid of retribution. But... The Benett family didn't know that Monica had come because the Benett family pissed her off by being despicable. Gareth had made it clear to Monica that he would not do anything about this and didn't need them to do anything. But Monica was so furious she didn't want just to sit there and do nothing. So she went and gave the Benetts a warning. This would ruin their mood more and make them less brazen. After all, they would need to work together in the future and share many common interests. Monica could not do anything to the

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fist. Vincent chortled with glee. His shiny white teeth gleamed as he smiled and said, "You are getting rougher. But I know you hit and curse at me because you like me, don't you? It's how you show your affection." Rachel looked at him angrily. "You are a sicko!" "See! You are cursing at me again! I think you really do like me a lot." Rachel was so furious she could feel her head spinning! "You are insane! You appear out of nowhere and spurt nonsense. Aren't you afraid that your girlfriend would be displeased if she saw this?" Vincent put his arm on Rachel's chair boldly. Rachel was taken by surprise. She immediately moved away from his arm, fearing he would touch her. Anger instantly filled her beautiful eyes. "What are you trying to do?" Vincent sat on his chair nonchalantly and leaned closer to Rachel. Rachel's breathing quickened, and she quickly moved further from him. "Stay away from me!" "Why? We have such a close relationship. Why do I have to stay away from you?" "Are you psycho? Who is close to you?" Rachel's eyes were full of disgust. She wished she could kick this man far away. "Go away. Don't get in our way." "Don't be such a joy killer. It's fate that we met each other here. This meal will be my treat. Order anything you want." Elisa was sitting opposite them. Her lips twitched at several instances as she watched them fight. The two of them always acted like enemies. "Go away! Who wants your treat? Do you think we can't afford this meal? Stop appearing in front of us, you annoying rat!" "Don't you think that you are too arrogant? A long line of women would die to have me treat them to a meal. But I wouldn't even go if it was their treat. Yet you are behaving so haughtily even though I offered to treat you to a meal. With such a rough and impolite attitude, how

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refused to talk to Vincent anymore. She was so vexed! She had never won a single argument with Vincent. Although they were both lawyers, their charismatic skills were totally different! Perhaps only Elisa could defeat Vincent. Vincent was satisfied. He stopped teasing her for fear that she would explode. By then, it would be more difficult for him to get what he wanted. He smiled and said, "Okay, I won't tease you anymore. Look at the menu and see what you'd like to have." "We have ordered our food. You can order what you want. You should go to another..." Just as she was about to continue her words, she could sense a sharp gaze on her. Rachel stopped speaking at once. She dared not say anything more. She could continue swearing at Vincent. But sometimes, the air Gareth gave off made her a little scared... Elisa frowned slightly. She turned around and looked at the man beside her. "Are you going to eat at another table?" The look in Gareth's eyes turned colder. He stared at Elisa quietly. Elisa shrugged. "I'm afraid that all of us will not be able to enjoy our meal if we sit together." Now that Gareth always appeared around her and approached her, she felt a little disturbed. Moreover, she had not settled everything with Carle yet. She was afraid that Carle would get intimidated if he saw photos or videos of her with Gareth. Vincent laughed. "Don't be like that. I will stop teasing Rach. We're only having a meal. Why don't we change to a larger table?" Elisa frowned quietly. She had made it evident that she didn't want them to stay. But Vincent had already gotten up and walked toward Elisa. Elisa got up right away and beckoned Rachel. Rachel understood right away. She snorted coldly at Vincent, "Only a ghost would want to sit with you and eat! Please don't ruin my mood! I don't want to vomit what I eat!" Her lips curled up with satisfaction when she saw Vincent's face darken. Then she followed Elisa and went to sit at another

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away when she was still young. Then, her father married another woman. This woman had conflicts with her, and her father did not care for her. Rachel hated her father, so she left home. She met Vincent's

mother and was adopted by her. She had grown up under Vincent's mother's wings. But... Her health deteriorated, and she passed away suddenly three years ago. She left Rachel a crystal necklace before she left. Rachel cherished and kept it like a treasure. But... Vincent kept asking her for the necklace. She always got infuriated by this request of Vincent's. As for Vincent... He grew up in the Shane family. His parents divorced because... His mother cheated. But... Vincent was often in the dark regarding the truth, so he carried a love-hate feeling toward his mother. He did not understand why his mother would give up such a good family. What was so good

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loud exclamation, many people turned to stare at them. Elisa got nervous suddenly. But when she saw Rachel at a loss for words, she sighed helplessly, "You..." Rachel smiled awkwardly. She grabbed Elisa's arm and pulled her. "Let's go. We should talk outside." Soon, both of them were in the car. Just as Elisa was about to start the engine, Rachel grabbed her hand and said, "Elisa, he must have an ulterior motive for wanting to get back with you. You..." "I know." Elisa knew she was right. There was still a look of disbelief in Rachel's eyes. "I still cannot believe this, although he has an ulterior motive. Gareth is a cold and arrogant person who hates when others challenge him. Now, he is asking you to get back together?" This was not like him at all. Although Rachel did not understand Gareth well, she had been friends with Elisa for a long time. She still knew a little about him. Elisa smiled forcefully. She didn't really care. She started the engine and drove home. Rachel stayed with her here today because they had just finished moving houses. Rachel had planned to sleep over at her place. Soon, Elisa arrived at her father's old villa. She had cleaned her uncle and aunt's room but kept her father's room as it was. Elisa could not help but feel sad when she entered the villa. When Rachel saw her calm and quiet face, she sighed, "Elisa..." Elisa raised her eyes and smiled at Rachel. "I know. I'm just not used to coming back here yet." Rachel nodded. She spoke in a helpless tone. "Are they the real reason

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"Moved?" Carle was surprised. He could not help but pry, "Why didn't you tell me you were moving?" "The moving company did everything. Rachel ordered everything for me. I didn't have to do anything. Moreover, how could I let you help me with your current state?" Elisa chuckled gently, "You should be taking care of your body. We can talk about the rest after you have recovered." "I miss you," Carle sighed. He could not see Elisa often because of his health problems. Moreover, Elisa was very busy. He was afraid that he would disturb her. Most importantly, he felt uneasy. He was worried that Elisa had agreed to be with him out of pity. Otherwise... the current state they were in now did not seem like any normal romantic relationship. Was it because he wasn't romantic enough? But Elisa never seemed to like him. He could arrange various romantic scenes for her and speak all kinds of sweet words to her. But... Elisa always refused him with multiple excuses. There was nothing he could do. At this moment, he wanted to ask if Elisa had accepted him out of pity... But he dared not ask. He was afraid that the answer would be worse than he expected. "What would you like to eat tonight? Why don't I go over? I'll make dinner for the both of you." He wanted

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ever belonged to him?... Three days passed. Elisa was transferred to Gareth's company for work. Although it was a collaboration between Wickam Group and Benett Corporation, only Elisa went. The rest were all Gareth's employees. Elisa appeared like personnel with solid internal endorsement. Everyone had to

listen to her except for Gareth. Today was Elisa's first day at Wickam Group. Gareth had prepared a private office for Elisa. Her office here was more luxurious than the one she had at Benett Corporation. Moreover... Elisa frowned slightly. Why was the office layout similar to Gareth's? Thomas noticed Elisa's frown as soon as he turned to her. He avoided her gaze in guilt and did not say anything. After scanning around, he said, "Ms. Benett, you will be working here from today onward. You may contact me if you need anything." Elisa

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had never liked his things to be the same as others. So what was he doing? Elisa frowned lightly. There was a strange look in her eyes. Gareth was making a huge sacrifice just so that she would make up with him. Elisa did not go to the lounge. She sat in her office chair and turned on the computer. After transferring the information from her flash drive, she went through it to ensure nothing was wrong. Then, she took out her data folder. Suddenly, the phone on her desk rang. Elisa picked it up. "Hello." "Ms. Benett, everyone's ready for the meeting. You can come to the conference room on the top floor now. We will start in ten minutes." Thomas sounded as polite as ever. Elisa replied, "Alright." Elisa tidied her stuff after hanging up and went upstairs to the conference room. Everyone was already there when she entered the conference room. Thomas smiled at Elisa when he saw her. "Ms. Benett, this is your seat." Elisa followed Thomas. Her pupils widened for a bit when she saw that it was the first seat on the chairman's right. Everyone stared at Elisa. She had a black suit on today. Her long hair was put up into a simple bun. Her beautiful and delicate face was calm and a little serious. She emitted an aura a queen would have. It was slightly intimidating. Everyone knew who Elisa was as she would always appear with Gareth in the media in the past. Thomas did not even need to introduce her. But there were some new employees in the company who might not know about Elisa and Gareth. So, when everyone arrived, Thomas smiled at them and spoke, "Ladies and gentlemen. I'm sure everyone here knows who Ms. Benett is. She is the niece of the CEO of Benett Corporation. She will be handling our collaboration with Benett Corporation this time. Everyone shall follow all of Ms. Benett's instructions in the future." The 'everyone' he meant applied to all who were present except Gareth. Nobody dared to utter a single word. They merely stared at Elisa. Elisa nodded and greeted everyone. "Hello, I'm Elisa Benett." Everyone nodded in response. The look in everyone's eyes was different. Some had admiration, and some had doubts. This is a huge and important collaboration. Is this young and inexperienced woman going to be in charge? Was Mr. Wickam blinded by her beauty? But didn't the two of them fight? Was this a profitable business? Why did it seem suspicious? Gareth slowly walked in while everyone was sizing Elisa up

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great proposal! Moments later, an elite-looking businesswoman in her thirties nudged her silver-framed glasses before speaking, "I have a question, Ms. Benett." A look of recognition flashed in everyone's eyes. The woman was Hazel Becker, one of the leading professionals in the company. Though she was not the most experienced, her capabilities were very outstanding. She even gained recognition from Gareth. She was quick-witted and sharp with her words, thus exuding an air of credibility. Needless to say, she was well-respected in the company. Based on her tone, everyone had doubts that Elisa could fare well. Thomas