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a weird trend again?" As she was speaking, she opened Twitter. However, as soon as she saw the trending page, her expression immediately changed."What is going on?"She immediately checked the hashtag and read through the comments and the photographs. When Elisa told them the situation, they felt a chill down their spine. Sheena was enraged, especially since she had just received the news; Rachel already had some time to digest the information."How did this happen? How dare they touch you! Don't they know you're a favorite of Gareth, Will, and Carle? How dare they do that!"A thought occurred to Rachel, who said fearfully, "This is not just a harassment case! Elisa, they're doing this to hurt you! Someone hired them to do that!"Elisa's silence was considered tacit approval."Jerks! *ssholes! Could it be Linda again?" Sheena's voice was laced with fury. Though all she knew were from the online comments and Elisa's brief explanation, she could feel how dangerous it was. With that thought in mind, she said, "Fortunately, you know self-defense. Otherwise, they..."Her voice trailed off fearfully. She couldn't bring herself to imagine the situation otherwise. Elisa chuckled. "I'm fine. Don't worry about me.""Ugh..." Sheena grunted angrily. "Those motherf*ckers deserve to die!"She couldn't help swearing. Though Rachel was also enraged, Sheena's outburst made her laugh. "What are you laughing about?" Sheena asked. "I'm laughing at you. Impulse can be a devil...""B*llshit! Those criminals need to be punished severely. They deserve to rot in hell! I'm so mad!" Sheena said irately. She hated people like that the most. On top of that, they even attempted to hurt her best friend. Elisa smiled. "Calm down. Look at me – I'm fine. The

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the call history she had just discovered because doing so felt dangerous. She didn't want to put anyone else at risk.Since she only requested more surveillance on Linda, the mastermind probably wouldn't mind since they couldn't find anything deeper than the surface level.The police were efficient. With help from Wickam Group, they quickly caught all the suspects.Though the suspects had someone powerful backing them up, the mastermind wasn't on par with Gareth at all.They had no one else to blame apart from themselves – it was entirely their fault, and they deserved the punishment....After that, things seemed to have settled down. The time had arrived for the lawsuit Elisa promised to help Anita with.It was rumored that Anita's ex-husband found a capable lawyer to help him out.Elisa didn't care because it was a strong case for them. She didn't mind at all how impressive the other lawyer was.However, her gaze froze when she saw who it was.He smiled at her cunningly as though he was saying, 'What a coincidence, Ms. Benett."Anita was also taken aback when she saw him. "I didn't know Mr. Shane was the defense lawyer."Elisa

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their seats.Sheena and Rachel also arrived to witness the proceeding. Rachel wanted to learn something from this experience; her best friend was a top-notch lawyer.Meanwhile, Sheena was there to pass her time. When Rachel saw Vincent, her face instantly darkened.She had been chatting with Sheena, so she didn't look at the panel. She had complete confidence that Elisa was going to win.Before arriving, she even wondered if there were anyone who dared to be the defense lawyer for the opposition.However, as soon as she lifted her head, she spotted him.Sheena was also surprised to see him. "Perhaps he already knew that Elisa was taking this case.""Hasn't he conceded defeat? I can't believe he still wants

to take the challenge even after losing to Elisa last time.""This proves that he's in her league! He might get a chance to win by continuously trying.""He's toxic! Elisa mentioned that Anita's case would be a definite win – there were solid points in their favor. I'm sure Vincent knows that too. Since that's the case, there's nothing for him to learn here. He should find a case where he can fully utilize his capabilities," Rachel said disdainfully.Sheena burst out laughing. "Do you know how many cases Elisa has taken lately? If the case was that simple, Anita wouldn't be so worried about it. Just because Elisa is in charge, you think it's easy." Rachel was silent upon hearing that. She has a point. She pouted in silent approval of Sheena's points. "Plaintiff, it's your turn to speak." The plaintiff was Anita's ex-husband. He had long wanted to take their son away from her. The child had been with her most of the time. Apart from that, he had also done a lot of damage to the situation. An average lawyer might think that the plaintiff might win this case; even Anita herself didn't have high hopes. However, Elisa found a few points that were spot on. It was the reason she was confident of winning the case. Vincent started speaking, "My client would like to have custody of the child. First, Ms. Golding has no time to be with her son; she cannot provide him with a happy childhood. Second, there are many rumors about her and different men. If she marries another man, the child might suffer. Meanwhile, my client can promise that he will never remarry. Third, the child once called my defendant to complain about the ill-treatment of his

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Kids nowadays don't understand their parents' well intentions, so he probably complained to you about it. But are you sure you want to use this reason to get custody of the child?" Mr. Park was Anita's exhusband, Stanley Park. Vincent stayed calm and remained silent. However, Stanley lost his cool. He wanted to retaliate but didn't dare to do so after looking at Vincent. Elisa continued. "Apart from that, Mr. Park was an alcoholic during their marriage. Not only did he hit them, but he also didn't care about the child at all. Is this true, Mr. Park?""Of course not!" he replied indignantly. Elisa looked at the judge. "Your honor, I have submitted the videos and voice recordings as evidence." Stanley was surprised to hear that.Why did you ask if you already had evidence? "I don't believe a man like him, who drinks and sleeps around all day, would take good care of a child.""Sleeps around? Please don't slander me!" Stanley's face darkened. Elisa didn't even look at him; her gaze remained on the judge. "Your honor, we also have evidence for Mr. Park's infidelity during their marriage." Stanley was beyond surprised to hear that. What the hell?Meanwhile, Anita was pleased to see that.She used to think this was a difficult case, but unexpectedly, Elisa found the evidence for her. When she knew that, she became so excited that she didn't even know how to thank Elisa. Even Vincent's face darkened. He turned to Stanley and asked in a voice so quiet that the microphone couldn't pick it up. Stanley was the only person who could hear him."You cheated on her? If you continue to lie, don't blame me for not helping you.""Y-Y-Yes.""What Elisa said just now – is it true?" Stanley blanched. He didn't reply, but his lips were trembling. The expression on his face was answer enough. Vincent's face darkened again. He hated dishonest clients they were usually problematic in court. However, Elisa was not done yet. "That was all about his life. I would also like to mention that Mr. Park has never been a dutiful father. The child also spent a few days with Mr. Park, but what did Mr. Park do? He handed the kid to the nanny and went out to have fun for the entire day. Are you trying to get

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anxious while Vincent looked glum. As soon as the judge asked an officer to play the videos and voice recordings, everyone's face darkened. What Stanley said in the voice recordings was awful and

inhumane, and the video was unseemly. Everyone fell silent, and their thoughts toward Stanley changed entirely.Even Stanley's family felt embarrassed for him; they wanted to leave immediately.When Anita saw that, her face also darkened. The video and voice recordings proved that she had been cheated on pathetically.Ha. I'm now the laughingstock of the entire world, but I don't care. I can take anything the world throws at me for my son's sake. This is nothing at all. I couldn't accept this back then, but now... I've already put it behind me.Apart from disgust, she had no other feelings toward her exhusband.When Vincent saw the evidence, his expression hardened. "You're going to lose the entire case by not telling the truth." His cold glance swept past Stanley's face.Stanley's expression immediately changed. Never did he think his wrong-doings would be exposed.I hid them well! Even if Anita wanted to look for evidence back then, it would be difficult. After so many years, how did they resurface? He had no idea how this could

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Elisa and her friends were right in front of him. When Rachel saw him, she let out a cold snort. "You rarely lose a case. Don't you think this one is ridiculous, Mr. Shane?" It's his fault for trying to compete with us.Vincent's face grew darker. He swept his gaze across her figure, but he suddenly remembered Jeremy's words when he was about to retaliate. In that instant, an irksome feeling rose within him. He ignored her and left.Rachel had no clue what was going on in his mind. She gave a sarcastic chuckle as she spoke to Elisa. "Thanks to you, we saw him run away with his tail between his legs. It felt so good!"Otherwise, he would always render her speechless.Elisa didn't comment on it and twitched her lips.Just then, Anita smiled at her. "Elisa, I won't elaborate on how grateful I am to you, but I will never forget this. Thanks for everything." Elisa shook her head with a grin. "It's not a big deal. I did what I could; you don't have to take it so seriously. But, it seems that your ex-husband is not easy to deal with. You have to be careful." Anita nodded. "Don't worry. I'll take note of him." After exchanging pleasantries, she went back home. However, Stanley glared at them sinisterly as they left. Elisa got into the car with Rachel and Sheena.Rachel was behind the wheel while Elisa and Sheena sat in the backseat.Thinking back upon Elisa's shrewd speech just now, Sheena chuckled."When I didn't know you were a lawyer, I thought you were very analytical and logical. I'm sure if Carle were here, he would fall in love with you. Though I'm a woman, I find you incredibly attractive." Sheena spoke from the bottom of her heart. Since Rachel was driving, she didn't join the conversation. However, she couldn't help herself upon the mention of Carle." Elisa, did Carle reach out to you about the incident?" Naturally, she was referring to the harassment incident. Sheena

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this while.""I was also surprised to hear that. Since he already made it clear, I didn't ask further. I don't want to give him false hope," Elisa replied calmly, with a tinge of curiosity.Sheena took a deep breath with a conflicted expression on her face.Finally, she explained, "He's acting weird because of me. I'm not sure if I've done something wrong."Rachel could hear that something was off. Just then, she spotted a parking spot and pulled over without hesitation.Elisa merely looked at Sheena quietly, waiting for her to elaborate. Since she had already started the conversation, she would spill the beans. However, Rachel was impatient. As soon as she stopped the car, she turned to look at Sheena. "What happened? What did we miss? Something is definitely off here. Tell us! I even stopped the car for you."Sheena sighed helplessly before telling them what had transpired the other day.Elisa and Rachel were

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follow your gut. We need such experiences to experience life differently."Looking pale, Sheena gave a bitter smile without replying.Elisa lifted her head slightly and looked ahead. "Though I regretted meeting Gareth, I don't regret the effort I put into the relationship, and I don't regret falling in love either."Rachel arched her eyebrow. "You didn't regret pouring your love to someone, but you regret that the recipient was him. Am I right?"Elisa smiled. "Yeah."Sheena's gaze flickered, but she remained silent. Elisa held her hand again and said, "Just do it, and don't overthink things."Sheena took a deep breath and nodded. "Alright. I'll try." Though she was tempted to try harder, she remained rational about the situation. I can't bug him all the time. Otherwise, he might be even more disinterested. What if... we can't even be friends? I don't want to lose him. Even if I am just a friend to him, I'm willing to do that just to be able to see him. Though I'm on the losing side in this relationship, I don't mind.After chatting for a while, Rachel started the engine again.Knowing each other's thoughts, they stopped talking about the matter entirely and made some jokes on different subjects....After sending Elisa back to her place, Rachel said, "Lend me your car, Elisa. I'll

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silently.Will placed the takeaway on the dining table and started opening them. "Just eat a little, alright?" Elisa's frown deepened as she watched him enter the bathroom to wash his hands as though he lived there. After walking out of the bathroom, he saw the expression on her face and smiled. "You don't like this?" "Recently, you like to show up without any notice." Elisa cut to the chase.Will flashed a weak smile. "I know you don't like it, but I can't see you if I don't do that. Why don't you visit me more often?" Elisa had no intention of replying to his question.She also went to wash her hands in the bathroom before sitting at the dining table opposite him.Will gave her a takeaway box containing food made by his chef back home.Though it was just a takeaway, it contained everything she needed.Elisa tucked in without any comments, but Will started chit-chatting, slowly easing her frown.Will was an easy-going, observant person. If he was willing to show his best self, he could create a lighthearted atmosphere and make himself amiable.However, Elisa was even more guarded toward him.Shooting a glance at him, she thought, He's very good at making others lower their guard. I'm worried that he might see through me one day.Regardless, she was not worried that she might fall for him. After all, she had suffered enough with Gareth, so she was not interested in