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Charlie ended up drunk, but luckily, the cabin had a bed, and Jarvis and Ernest helped him get onto it to rest.

Rebecca also took advantage of the moment to go outside and have a look around.

In all her life, she had never seen the ocean before.

The Mitchell family wasn't struggling financially. They took annual vacations, but they never took Rebecca with them.

"There are speedboats over there. Do you want to try it out?" Jarvis asked Rebecca with a smile.

Rebecca looked at the speedboat and then back at Jarvis. She thought about it for a while and finally nodded her head. "Yes."

"Alright! Let's go have fun together!" Jarvis decided happily right away.

Ernest also started laughing. He rented a speedboat from the cruise staff.

Ernest and Jarvis took Rebecca with them onto the speedboat and had a thrilling ride on the sea.

Rebecca had never felt such a sensation before. The speedboat was racing through the water, occasionally dashing into the waves, which was both dangerous and exhilarating.

Her heart was pounding, and after the excitement and tension, her nerves seemed to be open. She felt refreshed, comfortable, and happy!!!

After riding the speedboat, they returned to the cruise ship.

Jarvis bought three fishing sets, handing one each to Ernest and Rebecca and keeping one for himself. The three of them fished together on the cruise ship's deck.

It took Charlie three hours to wake up, and when he opened his eyes groggily at first, his consciousness was still somewhat hazy, but gradually, he became more alert.

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Charlie remembered that he had come to the West Sea, and he had brought Rebecca along.

"Becky!!" Charlie panicked and instantly sat up in bed, then hurriedly ran outside.

“Why did I get drunk? Where is Becky? What if Becky gets lost again? Becky is unfamiliar with this place and needs my care. How could I get drunk?”

Charlie thought to himself, even wanting to slap himself, but when he rushed to the door, he quickly remembered

Ernest and Jarvis.

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Charlie took out his phone and called Jarvis.

Then, he felt relieved.

Rebecca hadn't been lost. She was now fishing on the deck with Ernest and Jarvis.

Charlie put away his phone and walked happily towards the exit.

On the deck, he searched through the fishing crowd and indeed saw Rebecca.

Charlie smiled happily, walking towards Rebecca.

Rebecca seemed to sense Charlie's gaze, and she slowly turned around to see him. At that moment when their eyes met, Rebecca couldn't help but laugh, and Charlie laughed happily, too.

“Hey Becky, fishing isn't fun. It's all a guy thing. I'll take you on a speedboat ride instead, okay? Speedboats are way more fun!” As soon as Charlie arrived, he didn't stop talking.

Ernest proudly said, “We've already taken her out on the speedboat earlier.”

Charlie was shocked, then incredulously thought, “How could this be? Shouldn't I be the one taking Becky for joyrides on the sea? How could Ernest and Jarvis beat me to it?”

“Okay, speedboats are really fun. I want to go on them again,” Rebecca said with delight, looking at Charlie.

Ernest froze in his tracks.

Charlie's eyes lit up, then he looked challengingly at Ernest and exclaimed happily, “Sure, I'll rent a speedboat right now!”

He thought to himself, “Becky is my sister after all. She’s definitely going to side with me. Ernest is trying to make me jealous. He’s dreaming.

If Charlie had a tail, it would have been wagging so fast it would leave a blur.

Rebecca packed up her fishing gear and followed Charlie to go out on the speedboat.

She wasn’t lying when she said speedboats were fun. Riding in one was truly comfortable, and the feeling of speeding across the sea made her mood broaden.

Rebecca and Charlie spent a long time riding on the sea together, and by the end of it, they had enough fun, and it was getting dark.

The speedboat docked, and Ernest and Jarvis were ready to leave.

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Charlie took Rebecca to board the plane.

They took another three–hour travel, and finally, just before nine o’clock at night, they arrived back in Maeloria.

The Carter family’s driver was waiting for them at the airport entrance, and they got into the car together and went

home.

Charlie planned to sleep at home that night.

Meanwhile, Janet arranged for the paparazzi to secretly follow Charlie and Rebecca, and they finally managed to capture evidence of Charlie and Rebecca returning to the mansion together.

The paparazzi were ecstatic, holding their cameras and frantically taking pictures, thinking to themselves, ‘We’ve been waiting so long and finally got it. What sensational news!’

But their happiness didn’t last long. Three bodyguards in black suits appeared behind them.

A few minutes later, the paparazzi were grabbed by the collar by the bodyguards and thrown into the villa’s living

room.

Patrick, Debra, Charlie, Rebecca, the housekeeper, two nannies, and two babies were all in the living room.

Everyone stared at the three paparazzi who the bodyguards had brought in.

They were a bit scared, in fact, very scared, wondering what to do..

“Were you spying just now?” Charlie stared at the paparazzi with a mixed expression of amusement and disdain.

The paparazzi shook their heads frantically to deny it but then quickly realized they needed to respond and hurriedly said, “We’ll delete them now, right now!”

They immediately opened their cameras and deleted all the photos they had sneaked.

Charlie watched them finish and then personally took their camera to examine it carefully to make sure all the photos were gone before returning it to them.

“Becky, call the police,” Charlie said to Rebecca next.

Rebecca snapped out of it and nodded. “Okay!”

Stalking, peeping, and taking secret photos were all illegal activities, and they could report it to the police for help.”

As soon as the paparazzi heard this, they turned pale and begged for mercy, “Mr. Carter! We’re sorry, we were wrong, really! Please forgive us. We’ve deleted all the photos, and we won’t cause you any harm at all!”

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Charlie smiled coldly, “You deleted the photos, and I should let you go?”

“What if I hadn’t found you? Would I be the unfortunate one tomorrow?”

The paparazzi were speechless.

Rebecca gave the paparazzi a chilly look before resolutely making the call to the police.

Half an hour later, the police, or rather Bryce in his police uniform, arrived at the door with colleagues.

They had received the police call just now.

Rebecca blinked, surprised. "Bryce?"

Bryce looked at the family members and finally focused on Rebecca. His gaze softened, and he gave her a doting smile.

Bryce nodded at them calmly as a greeting, then formally asked about the case before leading the paparazzi away.

Not only was Rebecca shocked, but Charlie was also at a loss for words.

After Bryant and his police colleagues took the paparazzi away, Charlie suddenly woke up and turned to Debra and Patrick. He said, shocked, "Dad, Mom, why is Bryce here?"

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Debra and Patrick exchanged a discreet glance and then looked at Charlie and Rebecca, smiling,

"We've moved to Macloria now, so he also wanted to live together with us, and he applied for a transfer and was transferred to Maeloria," Debra explained with a smile.

Charlie snorted, "It's because Becky is here that he deliberately transferred over, isn't it? Hmph, I know his mind all

too well!"

Patrick pretended to scold Chuck, "Chuck, don't be so harsh. Bryce also wants to take better care of Becky."

Charlie kept grunting like a pig, almost blowing air out through his nose.

"Okay, you've played with Becky all day and then took such a long flight. You must be tired. Let's eat dinner first, then hurry and take a shower to rest!" Debra urged with a smile.

Charlie could only follow and take Rebecca to eat, then encourage her to take a shower and go to bed, saying,

"Early to bed and early to rise is good for health."

Charlie didn't dare to delay either. He had to catch the early morning flight back to the set to continue filming. The

movie wasn't finished, and he still had to go back and continue shooting!

Janet had bought gems for Cynthia's birthday present in Alagua City. When she came back home, she noticed that

Theodore's grandparents no longer came to see her.

At first, Janet didn't notice anything amiss. Before long, Cynthia's birthday had passed, and Sam and Melissa

stopped showing up, not even calling her.

Sam and Melissa used to be very concerned about Arthur, visiting almost every day to check on Arthur and urging her to give Theodore custody.

Sam and Melissa even wanted to take Arthur away to raise themselves, but she didn't agree because she knew very well that Arthur was the biggest bargaining chip she had if she wanted to marry Theodore!

Sam and Melissa just wanted Arthur, and if she handed Arthur over to them now, she wouldn't lose the qualification to negotiate anymore

So, no matter how much Sam and Melissa tempted her, she didn't fall for it.

On the contrary, she took advantage of Sam and Melissa's concern for Arthur to remind them that only after she married Theodore could Theodore obtain Arthur's custody.

Everything went smoothly, and each time Sam and Melissa visited, she took great care of them, trying hard to please them.

After several months of effort, Sam and Melissa were touched by her. The most obvious sign was that when they visited Arthur at her house, their attitude towards her had become much kinder.

Janet thought that as long as she persisted, she could change Sam and Melissa's minds. Persuading them to agree to her marriage with Theodore was just a question of time.

However, these past few days, she suddenly had a bad feeling.

It had been three days since Sam and Melissa had come to visit Arthur, and not even a video call to see Arthur.

At first, she didn't realize there was a problem. But after two days, Sam and Melissa still didn't react, as if they didn't care about Arthur anymore.

Janet felt uneasy and even had a bizarre idea. "Could Sam and Melissa have secretly transferred Arthur's custody while I was away?"

Janet thought this was very possible, especially since they were part of the Edwards family...

She immediately called the nanny, Mary, over and started questioning her. At this point, she noticed Mary was hiding something and was clearly not herself.

Janet had been working as an actress for several years, and sometimes, to play a role well, she often studied various ways to express emotions. Mary's performance clearly indicated that she was lying.

Janet was furious and then questioned Mary.

Mary couldn't stand up to Janet and, after being interrogated for an hour, she panicked and confessed everything.

After telling the truth, Mary knew that she was going to lose her job. She had been taking care of Arthur these months and being criticized and bullied by Janet. All the accumulated anger poured out at once.

"Why are you feeling so good?"

"You don't even know who the father of your child is. What a shameless bitch!!"

"Give me this month's salary. I'm not doing this job anymore!"

Mary said imperiously and then demanded in a very unhappy tone.

She had taken care of many children before, but this was the first time she was taking care of a child for a mistress.

She would never mention this to anyone else in the future, as she felt it was inauspicious.

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Janet was already extremely angry, and Mary cursed before she could, causing her to burst into a rage all of a sudden. "Mary, watch your language.

"Is this how your company trains you to talk to your employer?"

Mary folded her arms and said fiercely, "None of your business about my company!"

"Give me my salary now, or I'll put online the fact that you were hooking up with Theodore, forcing your sister

Rebecca to divorce Theodore.

“I want all the fans to see what a despicable bitch their favorite actress is!

“Oh, by the way, that precious baby isn’t Theodore’s!

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“I’m curious how many men you’ve slept with that you don’t even know whose child you have. And you want to use this bastard to force your sister Rebecca to divorce Theodore? Disgusting!”

Janet trembled with fury and slapped Mary across the face with a fierce swing of her hand.

Mary was not someone to be messed with.

Brought up in the countryside, Mary was strong. As soon as she raised her hand, she tightly clutched Janet’s slim

arm!

Janet’s arm suddenly felt as if it was about to be broken, causing her excruciating pain.

Janet screamed in agony, “Ouch! Let go! Let go!!”

Mary snorted coldly and pushed Janet away as if throwing away trash.

Then she grabbed a tissue from the table next to her and began wiping her hands as if simply touching Janet had

dirtied them.

“Give me four hundred thousand, or I’ll post online the photos of the paternity test proving that Arthur isn’t Theodore’s child. I want the whole country to see what a despicable person Best Actress Janet is!” Mary began to extort.

Janet was stunned, her eyes wide open. She looked down on Mary and was shocked by Mary’s demand. She couldn’t believe it. “You’re extorting me?”

“I’m going to call the police!” Janet trembled with anger and said loudly.

Mary sneered, “Do you dare?”

“If you dare to call the police, I dare to upload your affair with Theodore, forcing Rebecca to divorce Theodore, and the fact that Arthur isn’t Theodore’s child to the internet!” Mary threatened again.

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Janet’s beautiful face was twisted with anger as she glared at Mary. “How dare you!”

Mary smirked, “You guess? I’ve got nothing to lose. I’ll just serve a few years in jail and then go back to the countryside to take care of my own grandson. But you better watch out if news gets out...”

“Shut up

“Shut up!” Janet shouted fiercely.

Janet gasped for breath. She closed her eyes and took a deep breath but was still unable to calm down. She took another deep breath. She was going mad with anger.

“There must be something wrong with that paternity test. Arthur is Theodore’s. I didn’t sleep with any other man... I’m not that kind of person. Arthur is definitely Theodore’s son!

“There must have been some mistake.”

Janet was anxious to explain to Mary, but it also felt like talking to herself.

Janet suddenly thought of Rebecca.

She thought, ‘Rebecca keeps delaying the divorce. It must be Rebecca who did this.

‘She bribed the doctors to change the results of Arthur and Theodore’s paternity test. Sam and Melissa mistakenly thought Arthur wasn’t Theodore’s child, and then they came to disdain and distance themselves from me!’

Once this thought popped up, it couldn’t be suppressed.

Janet imagined Rebecca’s face in her mind and wanted to come in front of her right away and slap her hard, tearing her face apart.

She thought, ‘If it weren’t for Rebecca refusing to leave Theodore, I would have married Theodore long ago! How did things turn out like this?’

“Rebecca did it. She must have paid the doctor in the hospital to change the paternity test results!” Janet looked at Mary and said in a deep voice.

Mary had nothing to say, inwardly thinking, 'She's completely insane. Blaming others for her own mistakes!'

Turning her head, Mary gazed at Arthur in the crib. No matter how many times she looked, she felt there was no resemblance between Arthur and Theodore.

Before, it was just a strange thought, but now, with the paternity test results out, everything seemed to make

sense.

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Mary's scornful look was too obvious. Her turning to look at Arthur also caught Janet's attention.

Following Mary's gaze, Janet also looked at Arthur in the crib.

At that moment, Janet suddenly realized that Arthur had no resemblance to Theodore at all.

Janet suddenly thought of another possibility: Arthur was the one who had the problem.

Maybe the child she and Theodore had was switched in the hospital.

Janet thought and then added, "My child might have been switched. If that's true, then the paternity test report will definitely show non-paternity."

Mary sneered, "Switched? How many months is Arthur now? Haven't you seen his facial features? Although he doesn't look like Theodore, he does look like you!"

"I think you better stop guessing wildly and think about which men you've slept with and find Arthur's real father as soon as possible."

Janet fumed angrily, "Just shut up!!"

Mary rolled her eyes and urged, "I don't want to get involved with your mess, just give me the money now, I want to leave today!"

She didn't want to stay in a mistress' house for a single minute longer.

Mary thought, 'I don't know who the father of this child is. What if the man has a wife who is not a nice person...? One day, if she finds out and comes here, it's bound to be

a big fight. If I continue to work for Janet, what if she thinks I'm an accomplice to the mistress? I can't afford to lose face like that!"

Janet was so angry that she was exhausted. She finally calmed down enough to caution, "Arthur must be Theodore's child! He couldn't possibly be someone else's, don't talk nonsense! Defamation is illegal. Be careful. I will sue you!"

Janet was silent for a while before saying again, "I will give you the money, but you can't leave quite yet. You need to take care of Arthur for a while longer, wait for the new nanny to arrive, and then you can leave!"

"Then I want a raise!" Mary jacked up the price.

Janet was infuriated. "You are really..."

Mary mocked, "Arthur doesn't have legal status. Taking care of such an illegitimate child, first, it will tarnish my reputation, and secondly, I could be in danger.

"What if the man's wife comes seeking revenge?"

"As I take care of Arthur, she will consider me an accomplice to you. What if she hits me, too?"

"Such a risky job requires at least triple the pay!"

"You're extorting me!" Janet said angrily.

Mary rolled her eyes. "I'm just analyzing the risks rationally. If you can't afford it, go find someone else to help you.

"Don't bother me!"

Mary's piercing eyes stared at Janet, reminding her, "By the way, the forty thousand and the salary for this month, can you transfer it to me now?"

"I know you have the money. To you, it's just the price of a dress. There's no need for you to be so stingy, right?" Mary urged again.

Janet was speechless with anger.

"If you don't give it to me, don't blame me..."

"Shut up, I'll give it to you now!" Janet shouted loudly.

Janet immediately transferred 402,000 dollars to Mary on her phone, 400 thousand for Mary's extortion, and an additional two thousand for half a month's salary. It was now

midmonth, and Mary had worked for half a month, making her salary exactly two thousand.

“Show me the photos of the paternity test and delete the negatives!” Janet said, looking at Mary coldly.

Mary hesitated for a moment before saying, “I can give you the photos, but the negatives... I have many dummy accounts and have saved multiple copies. I can’t remember all the passwords, so I might not be able to delete them all.”

Janet’s face contorted in anger. “Are you fooling me?”

With a sincere look, Mary turned to Janet. “Ms. Mitchell, why would you think that? I’m just getting old, and my memory isn’t what it used to be.”

Janet laughed sardonically, fixing her gaze on Mary, and said coldly, “Mary, if I remember correctly, you should have a grandson in school back in your hometown?”

Mary’s expression changed, and she watched Janet warily. “What do you mean?”

Seeing her fear, Janet let out a sigh of relief and sneered, “Nothing much. I just wanted to remind you not to go too far. Otherwise, it will be a lose–lose situation for both of us!”

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The next day, Charlie got up so hastily that he didn’t even have time for breakfast before rushing out.

Rebecca finished feeding the babies and had her own breakfast. Then, she got ready to start training her acting skills in preparation for the audition.

A few days a

ago, Lynn had sent her a script, and after reading it, she found out it was a TV series adapted from a novel. However, unlike Charlie’s hit show *Reverse Days*, which had high name recognition and was a major production, the drama she was about to audition for was considered average in terms of both the original novel and the production’s positioning. But Rebecca wasn’t discouraged. On the contrary, she was very aware of her

current status.

She was still a newcomer and had a lot to learn in terms of fame and acting skills.

She knew she couldn’t leap straight to primary production and needed to progress step by step.

Over the past few days, she had used her free time to read almost the entire novel, which helped her understand her character.

Now, she needed to manage her expressions and try to portray the character's emotions and personality flawlessly.

She returned to the company's training room and replayed the scene in her mind, imagining herself as the character.

Lynn was by her side, pointing out problems.

This went on for three days. On the fourth day, they both arrived at the Aotori Shooting Base in Aotori City to audition for the TV series Lovey Princess.

Rebecca was competing for the lead role of Elizabeth Dalton in the play.

However, while waiting in line to audition, Rebecca unexpectedly saw an acquaintance, Lesley.

Lesley also spotted her.

The moment their eyes met, both of them froze, and the atmosphere became tense.

Everyone at the scene was there to audition for the leading role of Elizabeth, so Lesley was also trying out for this

role.

people.

Actresses came in and out one by one. When they went in, they had nervous but expectant faces, but when they came out, they all looked dejected.

Finally, Lesley stepped inside.

Rebecca suddenly felt inexplicable tension, wondering, "Will Lesley succeed?"

A few minutes later, Lesley also emerged from the room.

There were still several people ahead of Rebecca in line, who entered and exited one by one. Rebecca followed slowly.

A few minutes later, another actress, Annie, came out. She walked over to Lesley and excitedly said, "Lesley, how did you do? I think I performed really well, maybe I'll get it!"

Lesley glanced at the enthusiastic Annie, not knowing what to say, and couldn't help but steal a glance at Rebecca.

Annie followed Lesley's gaze and also spotted Rebecca. She furrowed her brow and leaned closer to Lesley, whispering, "That's Becky, right? The one who was with you guys in that variety show last time? A fan of Charlie's?"

Lesley thought Annie was stupid. Rebecca was more than just a fan but Theodore's legal wife.

After working in the entertainment industry for a long time, Lesley became smarter and realized she couldn't tell anyone the secret. Otherwise, everyone would know Janet had hooked up with Theodore, who was already married.

If Janet found out the information came from her, she would be in trouble.

After all, she was still employed by Evergrande Entertainment.

Janet was a pillar in Evergrande Entertainment, and even Evergrande Entertainment's executives had to give way to her. If she offended Janet, it would be easy for Janet to deal with her.

"She's just a fan, and she thinks that just because Charlie took her on a popular variety show, she can shine on her own. What a dream!"

Annie taunted, and, more importantly, she raised her voice on purpose, hoping Rebecca would hear.

Rebecca indeed heard, and she glanced at Annie, albeit briefly. Rebecca didn't have time to worry about Annie's taunts, as it was her turn to go in. She took a deep breath and headed towards the audition room.

Lynn had been occupied with something earlier and had temporarily left, not staying with Rebecca. By the time she arrived, the audition for Rebecca had already started.

Although Lynn was a bit anxious, she felt relieved knowing that Rebecca had been training hard these past few days.

Given Rebecca's dedication, Lynn believed there shouldn't be many issues in securing the lead role.

Lynn's appearance also startled everyone in the waiting area..

Passersby might not recognize Lynn, but those working in the entertainment industry know otherwise. Lynn had trained several acting legends and queens and several renowned actresses' top agents and was virtually known to

all.

At the sight of Lynn, everyone instinctively held their breath, afraid to make a sound.

Many people began to feel uneasy, thinking, 'Why is Lynn here?'

'This is just an audition for a small TV series!

'Lynn is so skilled and successful. The actresses she manages, no matter who they are, wouldn't possibly come to audition for a low-budget TV show, right?'

'If her actress wants to be in this series, then the female lead is definitely hers.'

'Or maybe Lynn is actually here for something else? Not for the audition?'

As they thought about this, they also felt that this TV series was indeed worth trying as it got someone as important as Lynn to pay attention. They all believed that if they shot the series well, it might become a hit.

Those who had already auditioned started hoping they had been chosen.

Those still waiting in line were more nervous and excited than ever before, wanting to get the female lead role

even more.

"If this series becomes popular, we might also become famous."

While everyone was imagining this, Rebecca's audition had ended, and she came out.

Lynn immediately went over and asked, "How did it go?"

Rebecca nodded with a smile. "I think it was good."

Lynn smiled back and nodded. "Great, then don't worry about it now. Let's go back and wait for the news."

Rebecca nodded. "Okay."

As Rebecca and Lynn talked, they prepared to return to the hotel together.

Everyone at the scene who saw this moment stood there in shock, thinking, 'Was that girl just now...under Lynn's management? Was Lynn really here for the audition? No way! The main point is that Lynn brought a newbie. Does Lynn have a new talent? Is that the girl?'

Realizing this, everyone became excited and quickly took out their phones to take secret photos, which they then posted to various groups to gossip with their friends in the entertainment industry.

Lesley and Annie were also shocked, especially Annie. She couldn't believe Lynn was actually Becky's agent.

She thought, 'With Lynn's reputation, how could she possibly manage someone like Becky who's a newcomer?'

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However, compared to Annie, Lesley regained her composure quickly after the initial shock and understood the situation.

She knew Rebecca's identity wasn't ordinary, and it wasn't surprising that she followed someone as influential as Lynn. But many people didn't know the truth.

When Rebecca returned to the hotel, she checked the babies.

The nanny had also brought the babies over to the hotel to stay with her, as Rebecca was there for the audition. Since she had some free time, Rebecca wanted to spend a while with them.

"Take a break here for two days. The results should come out by then. I have some other things to take care of, so I can't stay with you the whole time. If you need anything, you can call me. I'm nearby and will come right over," Lynn told Rebecca.

Rebecca quickly agreed, "Okay, I understand. Thank you Lynn. Just go ahead and take care of who

do."

Lynn nodded and then left.

After Lynn left, Rebecca fed both babies one by one and played with them with toys for a while.

In the afternoon, Rebecca went to visit Charlie on the set of Reverse Days.

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Everyone was excited to see her, and Rebecca generously ordered a bunch of delicious food, asking the store to deliver it to the shooting location.

“How was the audition this morning?” Charlie took a break after finishing a scene and asked Rebecca with a smile.

Rebecca nodded with a smile. “I felt confident, but I ran into Lesley during the audition.”

Charlie was surprised. “Lesley?”

Rebecca nodded.

“Did she make things difficult for you?” Charlie asked again, slightly worried.

Rebecca shook her head. “No, we didn’t even get to talk, she seemed to be with someone else. We were both there to audition for the female lead role in Lovey Princess.”

“Lovey Princess?” Charlie murmured, then laughed and said, “Becky, if you pass the audition, I’ll go find that director later. I can guest star in your show and boost your popularity.”

Rebecca laughed out loud and couldn’t help but say, “Charlie, if you do that for every show I’m in, then I’ll have you in all my dramas.”

Charlie raised an eyebrow. “Is that a problem?”

“No, not at all!” Rebecca smiled.

Charlie also beamed with a bright smile.

He wanted to do so not just for the fun of it but also because the entertainment industry was too complicated. If he didn’t stay with her, Becky could easily become the target of some internet trolls who spread vicious rumors, like “using charm to further oneself and selling herself for opportunities.”

Many keyboard warriors these days enjoy speculating about others with the worst intentions and feel jealous of those who are doing better than them, saying nasty things without any guilt.

As a woman, Rebecca could easily be targeted by such people if she attended shoots alone, and they would use her as an outlet for their dissatisfaction.

However, things would have been different if he had been there. As long as he was present on set, everyone would understand that Rebecca was under his protection.

Once Becky received her divorce license and made their relationship public, she would become the most favored princess of the Carter family. Any disparaging remarks would crumble on their own.

Rebecca stayed there in the afternoon, too, watching them film and learning acting techniques.

The Edwards family had been having a rough time in recent days, with Melissa being hospitalized after realizing that Janet's child was not Theodore's.

Melissa never liked Janet, feeling she was beneath them behaviorally.

However, because Janet gave birth to Arthur, she loved him and had put up with Janet all along.

"After all, it's adults who make mistakes, not children, and the child is innocent," she thought.

Arthur was Theodore's lineage and a boy at that. So, they must take Arthur back to the Edwards family to take care

of him.

They had negotiated with Janet for so long just for Arthur. Day after day, for months on end, they were running out of patience. But the paternity test finally revealed that Arthur was a bastard, not part of their family at all.

Melissa thought, Janet is really bold, using a bastard to fool us. Does she think we're idiots?"

Theodore had been trapped in the hospital these past few days, facing Melissa's interrogation.

They needed Theodore to clear the air about whether Janet's child was indeed his, and the truth shocked them.

It turned out Theodore himself orchestrated the whole thing.

A year ago, Janet presented Theodore with a heap of evidence proving that Rebecca was a slut before she got married, sleeping with many men and even getting pregnant and having an abortion at seventeen.

Her parents were so afraid that the promiscuous Rebecca would ruin their family's reputation that they changed her college application and sent her to a rubbish university in Harzan, far away.

Theodore initially didn't believe it, but when he had it investigated, he discovered that everything Janet said was

true.

From then on, whenever he saw Rebecca, Theodore felt disgusted.

He couldn't accept that his wife was that kind of slutty woman.

During that difficult period, he didn't notice that Janet was always by his side.

Janet, wanting to sleep with him, slipped a drug into his drink while he wasn't paying attention and then went to

the hotel room he had booked to wait for him.

But on that day, he happened to have left a document at home, so after dinner, instead of going to the hotel room, he had the driver take him back home straight away.

When he arrived home, the drug kicked in, and he stumbled into a sexual encounter with Rebecca that night.

That night, Theodore felt defiled by Rebecca, disgusted and dirty.

After he sobered up, he left that home that very night and never wanted to see Rebecca, that dirty woman, again.

After that, he was utterly repulsed by the sisters Rebecca and Janet. Both of them were rotten through and

through!

What made him even more disgusting was that Janet didn't give up after her first attempt failed. She tried to plot him again not long after.

Theodore definitely wouldn't be fooled again.

He was planning to turn around and leave, but just as he was preparing to go, he wanted revenge.

Because of Janet's plotting, Rebecca had a night with him. Of course, he couldn't let Janet get away with it scot-free.

He quickly came up with a new plan. He intentionally diverted Janet's attention, making her look in another direction, and then switched their glasses while Janet wasn't paying attention.

Janet drank the wine laced with drugs.

Then, he escorted Janet into a room and found a lecherous and greasy old man at the banquet to "serve" Janet right.

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After Theodore arranged everything that day, he felt somewhat at ease and decided not to concern himself with the Mitchell sisters' affairs any longer.

However, he did not expect that, two months later, he would unexpectedly hear from a friend that Rebecca was

pregnant!

Rebecca was two months along, which meant there was a good chance the baby was conceived that night.

Theodore's heart was once again thrown into turmoil. He was frustrated,

But before he could figure out what to do, Janet came bouncing up to him, beaming with joy as she said she was

pregnant, too.

She seemed oblivious to the fact that the man that night wasn't him, happily thinking she was carrying his child.

At that moment, Theodore suddenly felt a surge in getting back to Rebecca.

If Rebecca made him feel so uncomfortable, then he needed to make her feel the same way.

He had people find out Rebecca's prenatal checkup schedule and then deliberately took Janet for a checkup at the

same time, ensuring Rebecca would witness it.

Janet, shameless as she was, flaunted their relationship in Rebecca's face as soon as they got to the hospital.

Theodore would never forget that day. Seeing Rebecca's pale face as Janet gleefully informed her that the child

she was carrying was his and even advised Rebecca to terminate her pregnancy filled him with a twisted sense of

satisfaction.

He felt so good that day!

Rebecca deserved that!

She was just paying the price for messing around!

Theodore realized that revenge could be a hell of a drug. Seeing Rebecca in pain was like a shot of adrenaline to

his heart.

So, he allowed Janet to continue her antics, letting her flaunt and show off in front of Rebecca.

He couldn't help but feel good every time Rebecca broke down.

Later, Janet persuaded him to divorce Rebecca.

How could he ever be interested in someone like Janet?

He could never be attracted to a woman as despicable as Janet in his lifetime!

But the idea of divorce had been tempting.

Rebecca was filthy and not fit to be his wife.

After pondering for a few days, Theodore had someone draft a divorce agreement and force Rebecca to sign it.

He saw the devastation on her face again, even more desperate than before.

But for some reason, when Rebecca finally signed the divorce papers, and they were one courthouse trip away from being officially over, he felt...surprisingly unsettled.

Every night, he couldn't shake the memory of Rebecca's gentle care while he was in a coma.

A vegetative person wasn't completely oblivious. In those months before he woke up, his mind was clear.

During that time, Rebecca was the only one who was stuck by his side and took care of him.

The caregiver was rough and careless, causing him pain and discomfort during baths. He wanted to lash out, but he couldn't control his body, let alone speak or fight back.

Whenever Rebecca was home, she'd take over, bathing him with gentle, careful hands.

Her touch was always light, gentle, and careful, making him feel comfortable.

Theodore realized he'd gotten lost in his memories and quickly snapped back to the present, focusing on his grandparents. He selectively shared parts of the story involving Janet.

Melissa was utterly baffled as she heard this, but she knew one thing for sure and quickly asked, "Theodore, did you say Rebecca used to fool around with others? And she had once terminated her pregnancy at seventeen?"

Theodore's face darkened at the mention of this, and he nodded. "Yes."

"That's impossible!" Melissa immediately denied it without a second thought.

Her

gaze was firm as she looked at him. "Theodore, before you married Rebecca, we did a background check. Rebecca was definitely a good and diligent girl!

"The Edwards family wouldn't have accepted just any woman for you, even if you were in a coma!"

Theodore was stunned by her words, He stared at his grandmother blankly.

Sam frowned as well. He stared at Theodore, questioning, "Theodore, who did you have investigate this matter?"

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'Investigate?' Theodore instantly thought of Wyatt.

Wyatt was his college friend. They had known each other since university and had always been close. However, Wyatt didn't come from a well-off family, so after graduation, he had to look for jobs everywhere instead of inheriting a family business like the rest of them.

Theodore knew Wyatt was good at grades. So, he immediately had Wyatt stay and join the Edwards Group as his assistant.

Wyatt had proven himself to be a remarkably capable assistant during his years working with Theodore.

However, now that Theodore started to think about it, Wyatt seemed...a bit odd when things came to Rebecca.

Wyatt and Rebecca were not very close, yet he repeatedly spoke well of her, suggesting that Theodore should trust Rebecca's character.

When Theodore was exacting his revenge on Rebecca, Wyatt even tried to stop him, warning him several times that he might regret it.

With that in mind, Theodore suddenly stood up and said, "Grandma, I have to go. I'll be back later."

He then left in a hurry.

Melissa watched her grandson's retreating figure with a sigh. She couldn't help but think that there must be some kind of misunderstanding between Theodore and Rebecca.

As she pondered the situation, Melissa's thoughts turned to Rebecca's two children, and a smile returned to her face.

At least Rebecca's children were the true blood of the Edwards family. They needed to talk to Rebecca about changing the children's last names to Edwards.

At the Aotori shooting base, Rebecca had been waiting all day when she finally received a notification from the Lovey Princess crew – she had passed the audition! The director, Ruth Porat, wanted her on set the next day for promotional photos.

Thrilled, Rebecca quickly messaged Charlie to let him know she had landed the role!

She did it!

She had won the lead role in Lovey Princess all on her own!

Not only that, Rebecca shared the good news with Lynn as well, bursting with excitement.

Charlie was busy filming and didn't see her message right away.

Lynn, however, saw it immediately. But unlike Rebecca's excitement, Lynn was calm and didn't seem to be surprised.

This was exactly what she had anticipated. She had been keeping a close eye on Rebecca during rehearsals and knew she had a natural talent for the role.

She replied, smiling: [Congratulations.]

Lynn understood what it meant for a newcomer to land a role through their own efforts. It was definitely something to celebrate, even if just a little.

[Thank you, Lynn, for looking out for me these past few months. I wouldn't have improved so quickly without your constant coaching and guidance.] Rebecca's message popped up immediately.

Lynn looked at the message and chuckled.

Rebecca was a kid worth investing in.

Gratitude was a rare commodity these days.

[You earned it through your hard work. Keep it up!] Lynn typed back after a moment's thought.

[I will!] Rebecca responded almost instantly.

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After the conversation ended, Rebecca couldn't suppress the happiness bubbling inside her.

Debra watched her daughter, a warm smile spreading across her face.

Her daughter deserved to be this happy.

With this thought, she quietly slipped out.

Meanwhile, Charlie had just finished filming a scene when his phone buzzed with a call from his mom.

"Mom, what's up?" he asked cheerfully.

Debra had been busy with Rebecca lately and hadn't been on his case as much. Plus, Rebecca had just scored a starring role. He figured this call was probably good news, or at the very least, not a lecture.

"Becky just got the lead in Lovey Princess. I want you to invest 20 million dollars in the production in the name of the Carter family. Make sure they get the script and casting right.

"I always heard about those diva actors who go off script and turn a good story into a total mess that nobody wants to watch.

"Tell the director to keep those kinds of actors out of the production. And take care of the casting for the other roles. Get people whose acting skills and looks are great. They better don't have terrible tempers.

“Whatever may cause Becky any trouble, make sure it won’t happen.”

On the other end of the phone, Charlie listened to his mom’s instructions with mixed emotions.

He was happy because he had already thought of these arrangements. As long as Rebecca could pass the audition, he would take care of everything.

But a bitter taste rose in his mouth at his parents’ blatant favoritism. Rebecca decided to become an actress, and suddenly, they were tripping over themselves to pave the way for her. But when it came to him?

Charlie remembered how his dad had paid the production crew to make things difficult for him, to give him a hard time, and push him out of the industry.

“Absolutely, I’ll get right on it,” Charlie replied happily, despite his thoughts.

After all, it was Rebecca whom their parents adored.

He wanted to spoil Rebecca, too!

Rebecca didn’t know anything about what they did. She was still riding high on landing the role. She couldn’t resist cracking open the novel again, eager to dive deeper into her character.

Meanwhile, on the set of the low–budget web series Lovey Princess, Ruth was dumbfounded by the sudden arrival of Charlie, one of the best actors in the country.

Her mind raced, trying to make sense of it all, but she couldn’t help but feel a surge of excitement. As a smart woman herself, a wild, almost absurd theory started to take shape in her head.

Just yesterday, they had auditioned for the female lead and met an actress named Becky. Not only was she stunning, fitting the image of Elizabeth from the novel, but her performance also perfectly matched Ruth’s vision.

After carefully reviewing all the audition tapes, Ruth had made her decision and cast Becky as Elizabeth.

She had sent out the casting announcement that very morning.

Ruth had assumed their production would follow the usual course, with the script being finalized, production commencing, and the series eventually being released online.

But this morning, after sending out that message, Charlie had unexpectedly shown up on set in the afternoon, asking specifically for her...

Ruth immediately thought of Becky.

Before deciding to cast Becky as the female lead, they had actually looked up her information online.

This industry was tough, and many outsiders knew that if any actor with a bad reputation appeared in a show, it could drag down the entire production, flushing months of hard work down the drain and potentially getting the show pulled.

Nowadays, production teams were extremely careful about vetting actors to avoid anyone with a tarnished reputation.

Becky was a newbie, a blank slate. There was barely any information about her online. It was just a recent appearance on a reality show and rumors of her being in the Reverse Days production.

How could a newcomer like Becky get into a major production like Reverse Days?

It didn't take a genius to connect the dots to Charlie.

According to online sources, Becky had made her debut on a reality show where she was introduced as one of Charlie's biggest fans...

Long story short, the only person on the whole crew with any ties to Charlie was Becky, the newly cast lead actress. So, was Charlie here because of Becky?

Ruth quickly confirmed that Becky was indeed the reason.

Charlie had just invested 20 million dollars into their production!

Ruth's knees buckled, and her heart skipped a beat. She even instinctively held her breath, too stunned to react. en instinctively held her breath, too stunned to react.

Her eyes locked onto Charlie, burning with disbelief. She was worried that it was just a dream.

"How much did you say you were investing?" she asked, her voice trembling. "I'm sorry, I must have misheard. I've been pulling a lot of overtime lately, and my ears are ringing. Could you please say again?"

Ruth forced herself to calm down, her hands shaking as she carefully inquired, her lips quivering.

Charlie understood what 20 million dollars meant to a small production team, but he just smiled and said again, "I

want to invest 20 million dollars on behalf of the Carter family. You heard me right.”

Ruth’s eyes widened in shock as she stared at him.

“Not only that, I also hope to have a cameo role in this series,” Charlie continued.

Ruth, almost jumping out of her seat, replied, “Of course! How about the prince? No problem, I’ll tell the actor right away. We can replace the original lead. If you want it, the role is yours!”

Charlie’s mouth twitched, and he explained, “Not the lead role, just a cameo.

“You can pick any minor role you like, and we’ll keep the rest of the cast as planned. It’s best if it fits in with the

original story.

“But these actors have to be good-looking and talented. We can’t let them drag Becky down.”

Ruth was stunned, her mouth slightly agape as she stared at Charlie in confusion. Charlie...wasn’t going to play the male lead?

He only wanted a small cameo in their production?

‘Why?’

If Charlie agreed to play the male lead, their show would surely be a hit!

“But Mr. Carter,” Ruth stammered, unwilling to give up, “if you were to play the male lead, you’d be perfect! This show would be a guaranteed hit!”

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“Becky is the star of this show, Charlie stated simply.

Ruth was taken aback for a moment and quickly recovered, nodding. I understand.”

Deep down, she was reeling. Charlie was investing 20 million dollars specifically to showcase Becky!

Having a star like Charlie in their production would be a massive coup, but...

Charlie wasn’t just a star. He was a supernova!

If he played the lead, he'd outshine everyone else. Even if Becky gave an amazing performance, it would be hard for her to stand out next to Charlie's blinding brilliance.

But Charlie wasn't taking the lead role. He was using 20 million-dollars to support Becky!

Ruth silently upgraded Becky's status within the crew from leading lady to absolute VIP. From now on, she was to be treated like royalty – no exceptions, no missteps, and absolutely no offense given. They had to pamper her to the max.

Becky had the looks and the talent, and now, thanks to her, the biggest hurdle for their production, funding, had been

cleared.

By hiring mostly unknown actors, the crew kept costs down and freed up a lot more cash to play with.

Twenty million dollars was enough to give everyone on the team top-notch gear!

With everyone decked out with the best resources, a solid script was all they needed to make the show a smash hit! The more Ruth thought about it, the more pumped she got. She started daydreaming about how she would flaunt it to those who had laughed at her, claiming she was washed up and couldn't direct a decent project to save her life once they became a hit.

Did she lack talent? Hell no. She just didn't have enough money!

The entertainment industry was incredibly tough. Everyone thought the directors were king, but without funding, they were nothing!

Money was the true king!

Terrible costumes and makeup, investors shoving in talentless divas who demand script changes... It was a miracle the author even recognized their own story. They had been through hell.

Becky, on the other hand, was perfect. She had got the looks, the talent, and the financial backing to make this project soar. Plus, she never meddled with the script. Her only demand was just to make this the best damn show it could be. She was like the sugar daddies of the 80s and 90s, throwing money at passion projects with no strings attached.

With everything settled, Charlie left the Lovey Princess crew.

He had a few scenes to shoot tonight, but it was still early. He got plenty of time to swing by the hotel and see Rebecca and the adorable twins.

Charlie slipped away from the set, hoping to avoid any attention

But after a few blocks, he realized someone was following him, making him instantly alert.

The result of being followed was that he couldn't find an opportunity to visit Rebecca and the two little ones all afternoon, which left him utterly frustrated.

Charlie returned to the set, feeling pissed off.

Joe noticed Charlie back early and looking so downcast. Curious he walked over.

"Charlie? What's wrong? Why do you look so down?" Joe asked with concern.

Charlie waved his hand dismissively. "Nah, it's nothing"

Noticing Charlie's downcast mood, Joe had a lightbulb moment. He decided to switch tonight's scenes, bringing forward the more tragic parts. This way, they could capture Charlie's current mood perfectly.

Hearing this plan, Charlie looked up at Joe abruptly, confusion written all over his face.

Joe gave him a sly smile, "Look, Charlie, you're a veteran actor, and everyone knows you've got the chops. You're immersing in such real emotion. Why not go with it? It might be more real than anything you could act."

Charlie was speechless.

Taking his silence as agreement, Joe was delighted. He grinned. "If you don't mind, I'll let the other actors know?"

"Whatever, Charlie grumbled.

Joe left with a spring in his step, clearly thrilled.

Thanks to Charlie's genuine emotions, his sad scenes went exceptionally well. They worked straight through till midnight, nailing the most critical and heart-wrenching scenes.

Amazingly, they nailed those scenes in one take! No retakes were needed!

As Charlie stepped off the stage after the final scene, Joe looked at him in astonishment. "Charlie, what the heck happened to you this afternoon?"

He had thought it was just a minor issue, but now he was starting to worry it was something big.

Something that must have made Charlie incredibly sad and upset!

How else could he have pulled off those gut-wrenching scenes so perfectly, without a single flub, all in one take? It was mind-blowing!

Charlie rolled his eyes, too tired to explain.

“Come on, just tell me. Maybe I can cheer you up a bit,” Joe said in concern.

He figured if he knew what was bothering Charlie, he could help manage his emotions better during future projects. That would make filming way smoother!

Genuine feelings would certainly lead to a killer performance!

Joe thought to himself, suddenly looking forward to working with Charlie again.

Charlie could almost see through what Joe was thinking. He was speechless. “Fuck off. Go home and cheer your wife up. Mind your own business.”

Joe rubbed his nose, a bit flustered. He couldn't help but check himself in the mirror.

Had he been that obvious?

Charlie had actually seen right through him!

Back at the hotel, Lesley and Annie anxiously waited for the audition results for Lovey Princess. They were a full day behind Rebecca in getting the news!

The following day, Rebecca had already packed her bags and headed to the set to prep for the photo shoot when they got the news. They weren't chosen for Lovey Princess,

Lesley had seen it coming. Sure, she was a little bummed but not totally shocked.

Annie, on the other hand, was different. Annie felt she had nailed the interview and was confident she would be chosen!

Why they didn't choose me?' Annie thought about it and quickly recalled how she ran into Lynn and Becky during the audition.

She suddenly had a hunch that Becky had snatched the lead role in Lovey Princess!

Becky was tight with Lynn now, a major player in their industry. For a small-time production like this, Lynn would totally pull some strings for her people, wouldn't she?

With Lynn's extensive network, she could easily secure a role for anyone she wanted in a small production like Lovey Princess. Just one word from her to the director could get everyone else out of the running.

As Annie thought about this, her face grew darker.

Sure, using connections to snag roles was common practice in showbiz, but of all people, it had to be Becky....

"Becky? Who is she, anyway? She used to be a nobody!"

She was just some fan of Charlie's who got lucky at one of his events and somehow managed to break into the industry. And then, bam! She appeared on a show with the famous actor Charlie right after her debut!

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Why did Becky have such good luck?

She had just entered the industry, yet Charlie was featuring her, and Lynn became her manager. Why?

Annie couldn't help but seek out Lesley to vent her frustrations.

As Lesley watched Annie's face twisted with anger, a wild thought popped into her head...

On the last reality show, she'd failed to help, Janet, and her agent scolded her fiercely after the show ended.

Her agent had made her buy the latest clothes from Glamour Closet to apologize to Janet, but Becky had scooped up even better stuff from the same store, so she couldn't hand out the dress that cost her a fortune.

She ended up spending tens of thousands again to buy a designer handbag for Janet's agent, Lisa. She begged Lisa to put in good word for her, and Lisa reluctantly agreed, barely managing to smooth things over.

After that incident, Janet seemed to have cooled down, no longer making her life difficult or sabotaging her career.

But that didn't mean things were back to normal.

The company hadn't given her any new opportunities for months since then.

Like most of the other artists at the company, she was on her own to find auditions. The only way to get on a production crew was to pass an audition.

She couldn't just be assigned to a crew by the company anymore.

Lesley heard that Janet was looking at scripts and would soon start taking on roles and filming again

Given Janet's fame, the scripts she received were certainly not simple. Landing even a third or fourth lead in a major production would be a far better career move than fighting for the lead in some cheesy web series.

What was more, even in low-budget web dramas, the lead roles were often decided way in advance. They could run themselves ragged every day, but in the end, they were just there to make someone else look good.

Lesley gave Annie a few noncommittal responses to get rid of her.

Once alone, she opened WhatsApp and sent a message to Lisa.

[Lisa, I have some news. I'm not sure if I should tell you.]

At Evergrande Entertainment, Lisa was helping Janet choose scripts when she received a message from Lesley. She frowned as she read it.

[What's it about?] Lisa replied.

Lesley hesitated for a moment, pressed her lips, and carefully replied: [It's about Becky. Not sure if Janet would be interested.]

Becky?' Lisa frowned, feeling odd.

"What are you looking at?" Janet noticed Lisa's distraction and immediately frowned, displeased.

Lisa snapped back to attention and looked at Janet, quickly explaining, "Lesley just sent me a message. She said it's about Rebecca... Becky. She wants to know if you'd be interested."

"Rebecca?" Janet's expression hardened. She didn't look happy.

Lisa nodded and held out her phone, showing Janet the message from Lesley.

Janet took Lisa's phone and sent a message to Lesley.

[What news? What has Rebecca been up to lately?

Janet intentionally used Rebecca's real name, not her stage name. Becky. Lesley paused for a moment, and it clicked. This must be Becky's real name.

Lesley felt a surge of excitement, thinking that "Lisa" was interested in Rebecca, or rather, in Becky's information.

If she could use this opportunity to win Janet's favor again and then ask Janet to bring her along for the next filming project, maybe...she might have a chance.

[Lisa, I heard Janet's looking at scripts. Is Janet about to start filming something new? Do you think I could....ask Janet for a favor?]

Janet looked at Lesley's messages and instantly understood her intentions. Bringing someone into the crew wasn't difficult for Janet at this point.

She thought for a moment and typed: [You want to join the crew with me?]

On the other end. Lesley stared at the latest message in the chat box, her mind blank for a second. Then, she quickly realized that the person chatting with her wasn't Lisa but Janet herself!

Lesley was growing excited. She quickly typed back: [Janet? Is that you?]

Janet didn't deny it. She admitted it straight away and pressed for information about Rebecca: [Yes, it's me. What was the news you mentioned?]

Lesley's face flushed red with excitement.

She wondered if this could really work.

If she leaked information about Becky to Janet, would Janet really help her get into the crew?

With that in mind, Lesley quickly understood. Yes, Janet was just a mistress, while Becky was the legitimate wife of Theodore, and of course, Janet would be desperate for any information about her.

Lesley couldn't help but smirk. Janet thought she was hot stuff, but in the end, she was just an ignorant mistress.

Despite her disgust, Lesley knew Janet was her only way to stay in the industry. She had no connections and no other options.

[Janet, I was hoping to play the second or third female lead in your new drama. Is that possible?] Lesley asked, negotiating terms rather than offering information.

Janet sneered at the request. ‘She want the second lead? How dare she?’

Lesley waited anxiously for a response, but there was none.

She messaged again: How about the fourth female lead?] Her tone was more cautious this time.

From the beginning, Lesley knew she had no chance at the second lead. It was a crucial role, often as significant as the female lead in some dramas.

But negotiating was all about playing the game. If she’d asked for the fourth lead from the start, Janet might not have given it to her. Lesley aimed high first, asked for the second lead, and then lowered her request, increasing her chances of snagging the fourth lead.

[Sure.] As expected, Janet quickly replied to her message.

Lesley breathed a sigh of relief, her excitement barely contained as a smile spread across her face.

[I’ve been auditioning for a role at the Aotori shooting base these past few days, and guess who I ran into during the audition? Becky!]

[Becky was actually in line with us, auditioning for the lead role in Lovey Princess.]

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Lesley continued: [Lovey Princess is just a low–budget web series. I thought I would definitely get the part, but do you know what happened?]

[After our auditions, we saw Ms. Fox picking up Becky. Everyone was speculating that Becky is the new artist Ms. Fox is currently mentoring.]

[Also, both Annie and I received our audition results for the lead role in Lovey Princess today. We both failed.]

[Annie thinks the lead role definitely went to Becky. She said it might be because Ms. Fox pulled some strings to secure the role for Becky.]

‘Lynn Fox?’ Janet and Lisa both saw the message, and their faces darkened almost simultaneously.

Lisa scoffed, “No way. Lynn’s not mentoring anyone new, especially not someone like Rebecca. She’s way too old. By the time she gets famous, she’ll be past her prime. This industry is all about youth. Lynn wouldn’t be dumb enough to waste her time on Rebecca

Janet sneered, "That's not up to you. Figure it out. I want answers today."

Lisa's expression changed, and she quickly agreed, "Okay"

She took the phone and hurried off.

If Lynn were actually mentoring someone new, it would be huge news. Unless she was keeping it a secret, it wouldn't take much to find out the truth.

Lisa spent half the day digging around and returned that afternoon with her findings.

"It's true," she reported to Janet. "Lynn's got a new protégé, and her name is Becky."

Janet exploded, smashing everything in the dressing room. Cosmetics, mirrors... Everything shattered to pieces.

Lisa hid by the door, afraid of being hit.

But still, Janet grabbed her and slapped her hard across the face

Lisa, not one for fighting, was stunned. It wasn't until her cheek burned with pain that she realized what had happened.

Janet had hit her?

What did Janet think she was, a punching bag?

Lisa wanted to lash out, but seeing the fury in Janet's eyes, she held back.

She couldn't afford to lose Janet. As long as Janet kept landing roles, Lisa would keep getting those fat bonus checks. If she crossed Janet, she'd return to square one. And besides....

Becoming a movie queen wasn't Just about talent. It was about connections and luck. And if they didn't have those, well, they needed money.

Lisa was well aware that she wasn't like Lynn, who navigated the entertainment industry with ease with every connection she needed.

She'd managed to make Janet a movie star, mostly because Janet parents were willing to spend money. They'd invested heavily, pulled strings, and snagged top-notch scripts for Janet, allowing her to rise to fame.

Janet was angry now because she had been so unlucky lately!

After going through the ordeal of childbirth, she'd assumed the child was Theodore's. She'd been convinced that once Theodore divorced Rebecca, she could step into Rebecca's shoes and become the lady of the Theodore family.

But things hadn't gone as planned.

A few days ago, Janet had taken the child for a paternity test. The results confirmed that while the child was hers, there was no biological link to Theodore.

Janet couldn't accept it. She'd secretly taken the child to Rainbow City for another paternity test, hoping for a different outcome. But the results remained the same.

The child was indeed her own, but it was certainly not Theodore's.

Janet still refused to believe it. She continued to take the child to different places for paternity tests.

No matter how she tested, the results were always the same.

Janet went completely mad.

Eventually, she couldn't hold back and called Theodore, and then... Theodore told her the truth.

That night, Janet ditched the baby. They drove to a desolate area and after checking that there were no cameras nearby, she just left the baby there.

Back in the car, they started the drive back to Macloria.

However, on the way back to Maeloria, Lisa couldn't suppress the consciences she had left. Without Janet's knowledge, she contacted a friend overseas and asked them to anonymously report an orphan baby to the police officer using a foreign IP.

She just hoped that the child could survive.

After returning to Maeloria, Janet seemed like a completely different person. She never mentioned Theodore or anyone from the Edwards family again. She couldn't even stand hearing the word "Ed".

The mere sound of the name "Ed" was enough to make her face turn livid.

She had thrown herself into her work, meticulously choosing scripts.

However, the anger she had suppressed finally exploded today.

News of Rebecca's flourishing career was like acid, burning through her composure and driving her to the brink of madness.

In a fit of rage, she tore through the lounge, smashing anything she could get her hands on.

After venting her rage, Janet turned to Lisa and suddenly slapped her hard across the face again.

Lisa was caught off guard. She felt a burning pain as her face was slapped to the side.

She couldn't believe it. Janet actually hit her again?

"Why? Why does Rebecca get to debut with a top agent like Lynn, while I'm stuck with you, such trash?" Janet's eyes were bloodshot as she glared at Lisa, shouting in frustration.

Everyone was born equal.

Lisa could tolerate it the first time but not the second!

"You think you're so good?" she snapped back in frustration. "If you're so great, why don't you just do what Rebecca did? Find yourself a sugar daddy to bankroll your career! I'm sure they'll get you the best agent, the best resources, and shoot you straight to the top!"

But as soon as the words came out, Lisa realized she'd gone too far.

Panic set second."

in as she quickly looked down and mumbled, Janet... Im so sorry, I shouldn't have said that. I just lost it for a

Regaining her composure, she quickly comforted Janet. "Janet, you're actually amazing. You've always worked hard and made it on your own. Rebecca only got where she is because of Charlie. Without him, she wouldn't be able to compete with you.

Janet looked at Lisa, murmuring, "Charlie?"

Lisa nodded eagerly. "Yes, Charlie! Janet, don't you see? Rebecca's success is all thanks to him. I bet even that collaboration with Lynn was Charlie's doing. There's no way Rebecca could have pulled that off on her own."