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“That girl once saved Neil’s life, and he likes her, but I don’t think it’s a good idea, especially after she caused a scene at your engagement party. Has she considered you to be a member of the Jackson family? Neil has already repaid her, yet she still brought disgrace to the family! Neil is grateful for saving his life and hasn’t held it against her, but she only saved him, not the entire Jackson family. I won’t be as lenient as he is.” Harry said coldly, his face stern.

Ethan didn’t expect Harry to be so understanding. He was almost moved to tears, feeling that someone finally understood his troubles. Ethan gritted his teeth. “You’re right. But Uncle Gabriel and Grandpa are both enchanted by Gina. One day, she might even become my uncle’s wife.”

“if Gina were just a rural woman, there would be immense opposition from within the Jackson family to her joining us. But she has so many hidden identities.” In this way, Gina could be considered a match for the Jackson family.

Harry scoffed, “A match for the Jackson family? At such a young age, she is achieving such success, isn’t it suspicious? Who knows what means she used to reach her current position?”

Upon hearing Harry’s words, Ethan suddenly felt like an enlightenment had struck him. “That’s right, why didn’t I doubt how Gina attained such a high financial status? Maybe she slept her way to the top!” Ethan thought viciously, nodding in agreement. “You’re right. We must thoroughly investigate Gina’s background. We can’t allow such questionable individuals to enter the Jackson family. As a member of the Jackson family, I also bear responsibility for this.”

Harry looked relieved and patted Ethan on the shoulder. “Your awareness is truly a blessing for the Jackson family.”

Suddenly changing his tone, Harry said, “Ethan, among the grandchildren of the Jackson Family, I have high hopes for you. It is just that you lack a shining opportunity.”

Ethan felt recognized like never before and was suddenly filled with joy. "You're too kind; you flatter me." Then, with a hint of jealousy, Ethan added, "With someone as outstanding as Uncle Gabriel around, there's hardly any chance for me to shine."

At seventeen, Gabriel started the Jackson Group with Neil's savings. Initially, no one had much faith in Gabriel at such a young age. They thought Neil was dabbling in some small business and his most beloved son would probably squander the money he had saved. But Gabriel exceeded everyone's expectations, making the Jackson Group a business leader. He led the entire Jackson family to achieve social mobility and immeasurable success, and he was also recognized as a business genius. Although Ethan and Gabriel were of different generations, their ages were relatively close. Ethan had always been compared to Gabriel since he was young as if he were merely a backdrop highlighting Gabriel's exceptional brilliance. SEARCH the FindNOVEL.net website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Harry chuckled meaningfully. "No matter how outstanding one is, if there's no time or opportunity left, there won't be a chance to continue shining."

Ethan didn't quite understand Harry's meaning. He wondered, "What does it mean there was no time left? Could he mean that after Gina bewitched Gabriel, he only focused on romance and neglected his career? Oh, it even had a hint of being a weak ruler. But even so, the Jackson Group's power remained firmly in Gabriel's hands.

Harry continued to encourage Ethan. "Ethan, don't be so pessimistic. If you work hard, who knows, maybe you'll be in control of the Jackson Group."

Ethan was taken aback. He hadn't expected Harry to be so supportive, even suggesting something akin to seizing power. He glanced around nervously, afraid that someone might have overheard Harry's words and that they might reach Gabriel, causing Gabriel to suspect him of harboring rebellious intentions.

"Such words are not to be spoken lightly. Besides, Uncle Gabriel is still young, and the Jackson Group will undoubtedly be passed down to his children. How could it possibly fall to me?"

"Silly child, as long as you dare to think and act, nothing is impossible." Harry continued to lead him.

Ethan was momentarily stunned; he pondered, 'What dare to think and act? If I want to get the Jackson Group, the only way is for Gabriel to die! Oh, wait, If Gabriel dies? Could his implication be to have me kill Gabriel to take his place? How could I dare! Ethan shuddered, feeling a chill down his spine. He couldn't quite decipher the intentions behind his words. Was he overthinking it? Perhaps Harry meant for him to work hard and earn Gabriel's approval.

In any case, Ethan might dare to kill Gina, but he wouldn't dare to harm Gabriel. Ethan cleared his throat nervously, "Please don't tease me like this."

Harry chuckled dismissively and didn't say anything further.

Gina returned home and received information from Michael. "Gina, the diamond mine auction you mentioned earlier is scheduled for two days from now, I've arranged your flights and accommodations," he said.

Michael was always meticulous, and Gina trusted him completely, "Okay," she replied.

"Gina, regarding the incident where Lucas Harris, also known as Cole Yale, framed you, I have already uncovered the truth. However, when I went to submit the evidence, the police asked me why I was resubmitting evidence that had already been submitted. That's when I found out that Gabriel had already submitted the evidence to the police before me."

While in the detention center, Gina wasn't worried about being falsely accused successfully. She knew Michael would help her get out of trouble.

"Yeah, I know you are not idling around," Gina said. "Thank you for your hard work"

Michael chuckled, realizing that he did want Gina to know that he hadn't been idle and that his efforts had been in vain. However, he also felt that Gina

seemed to have found another source of support. He sighed softly. "Gina, can ask you one more question? What is your current relationship with

Gabriel?"

"Friends," Gina replied.

"Are you romantically involved?" Michael asked cautiously.

"No," Gina replied.

"Oh..."

"What's wrong?" Gina asked.

"It's nothing." Michael replied

"Alright, I'll hang up then," Gina said.

"By the way, Gina, I'll accompany you to the diamond mine auction and assist you with the subsequent purchase procedures," Michael said.

“Okay,” Gina didn’t refuse. Michael had been with her for a long time, and she had become accustomed to him assisting her.

“Right,” Michael’s tone carried a hint of pleasure. He asked again, “Gina, when can you return to Orista City?”

“I thought I mentioned that the investigation into the massacre was resolved, didn’t I? Why? Are you tired of handling Quaria and want me to return to take over?” Gina joked with Michael, a rare moment of banter between them.

“No, it’s just that you’ve been away for so long: I got a bit worried. Worried that you might disappear like you did a few years ago, suddenly out of reach and untraceable, Michael confessed. In reality, he was apprehensive about Gina staying where Gabriel was.

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“I won’t,” Gina said. The memories of the year she lost contact with Michael had now faded from her mind, leaving her unable to explore even for herself.

“Alright then,” Michael said. He didn’t want to hang up, but he knew it wouldn’t be appropriate to keep bothering her..

“Okay,” Gina replied,

After hanging up the phone, Gina received a call from Dylan Thomas. “Gina, do you have time? Could you come over?”

“What’s going on?” Gina asked.

Dylan fell silent for a moment. “Ella and the others are at the hospital. They’re at the hospital entrance with a banner, hoping to get your forgiveness. They’re begging for a chance to meet with you,” Dylan explained.

“Chase them away,” Gina said, her tone indifferent.

“I want to do that too, but... Ella is kneeling at the entrance, refusing to leave no matter what. And your brother James, wasn't he in a wheelchair after the accident? Now he's lying on the ground, throwing a tantrum,” Dylan explained, sounding increasingly troubled. “They're asking to see and talk to you once, not necessarily for your forgiveness.”

Gina didn't have much of a reaction. A few days ago, she had been unfairly accused, which had taken a toll on her. Now was the time for her to recover. She didn't want the Miller family's actions to disrupt the regular operation of Prover Hospital. “Okay, I got it. I'll be right there,” she said.

Dylan sighed. “Isn't this just emotional blackmail? Gina, don't let your guard down.” Dylan saw through the Miller family's true colors as an outsider. He knew their desperate plea for Gina's forgiveness was motivated by her newfound social status and wealth. Their attitude now was far from what it used to be.

Gina responded with a faint “Okay.” She wasn't going to soften her stance. When the Miller family sent Olivia with property transfer documents to the detention center, asking Gina to sign, she knew she could never feel an ounce of pity for them in her entire life. They valued the glory and wealth Gina, as a prestigious figure in Prover Hospital and a judge in major competitions, could bring to the Miller family. She would never let them have their way.

As she arrived at the entrance of Prover Hospital, Gina saw Ella kneeling on the ground while James lay there, causing a scene. Hearing the car's sound, Ella turned her head and saw Gina, her eyes lighting up. She hurriedly tried to get up, but her legs were numb from kneeling, almost causing her to fall back to the ground. She struggled to stand up and, after a moment of dizziness, said, “Gina... Miss Miller.” Ella quickly corrected herself, remembering Gina had once told her not to call her by her name. Finally seeing Gina, she didn't want to do anything to upset her.

Gina glanced at the three of them: James, Liam, and Ella. Suddenly, she remembered the previous scene when they had broken out a fight in the ward. It was ironic how things had turned out.

Liam helped James back into his wheelchair. Seeing Gina arrive, Dylan noticed the Miller family finally behaving more appropriately and felt a sense of

relief.

“I'm here. Whatever you need to say, say it directly,” Gina said, her expression cold and her tone brisk.

“We just hope to make amends. We've wronged you in many ways, but your brothers and I have realized our mistakes. We want to do something to compensate for what we've done to you.”

Gina was uninterested in what they had to say. She responded bluntly, "I don't need any of your apologies or attempts to make amends. No matter what you do, I will never forgive you. Don't waste your time." During the year she spent with the Miller family, Gina had forgiven them countless times. She endured their insults and mistreatment, choosing to tolerate rather than retaliate, believing that with time, they would eventually accept her and treat her sincerely as family. However, they repeatedly disappointed her until she was utterly disheartened

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Ella's face turned pale. "We truly don't seek your forgiveness; we just want to do our best to make amends!"

Gina sneered. They attempted to wear her down and hope she'd relent. Unfortunately for them, Gina was never one to be easily swayed. She would have ceased to exist long ago if she were that soft-hearted.

Liam said, "Gina, don't you love designing? The position of design director at Miller Jewels is still reserved for you!"

Before Gina could respo

Ella shot Liam a glare. Was her foolish son out of his mind? Considering Gina's current status and position, there was no way she would be interested in the design director position at Miller Jewels.

"What nonsense are you talking about? Gina holds shares in Miller Jewels, and you want her to be the design director? Is that how you make arrangements?" Ella scolded, feeling it was too strange to call her daughter "Miss Miller." She couldn't help but call her by her name instead. Seeing that Gina didn't correct her, Ella felt slightly relieved.

Gina couldn't be bothered to correct Ella. After all, it was her mouth, and Gina was tired of repeatedly reminding her.

Liam lowered his head and remained silent.

Gina sneered. "Are you genuinely trying to make amends, or are you trying to drag me back to work as a laborer? Do you expect me to design for Miller Jewels? What kind of joke is this?"

"It's not like that, Gina. Liam, he's just not good with words. Please don't hold it against him," Ella hurried to explain, then glared at Liam. "If you can't speak, then don't speak. No one's treating you like a mute," she scolded.

Ella looked at Gina with a gentle smile. "Gina, if you're willing, the president position at Miller Jewels is yours for the taking."

James, who was nearby, was taken aback. Ever since their father's stroke, he and Noah had been managing Miller Jewels together, with him as the president and Noah as the vice president. However, Noah took over the reins after James's accident and hospitalization, leaving James feeling quite unsettled.

To his surprise, he couldn't even hold onto the position. James felt a mix of anxiety and frustration. "Mom..." he began, unable to accept the situation. Before he could continue, Ella warned him to keep quiet.

"I'm not interested," Gina refused decisively. Since she had decided to have no more dealings with the Miller family, she was determined to stick to her decision. The shares were rightfully hers, but apart from the twenty percent stake left to her by her grandmother, she had no interest in anything else. from the Miller family.

Ella still couldn't let it go. She felt Gina's firm attitude was because their apology wasn't sincere enough. Glaring at her two disobedient sons, she scolded, "Why am I the only one speaking? Are you two mute? Have you forgotten how you treated your sister before? Apologize properly to her. Otherwise, why did you even bother coming?"

Liam felt uneasy. His rib, which Gina had interrupted, had only started healing.

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However, Gina was no longer the same as before.

Liam could only reluctantly say, "Gina, I'm sorry for what happened before."

Ella once again hinted at Liam with her eyes, indicating that his apology wasn't strong enough. Liam gritted his teeth and went straight to his knees before Gina "I apologize to you, hoping you can calm down!" Then he bowed to her.

Gina, indeed, was impressed by his theatrics. Yet, there wasn't the slightest ripple in her heart.

Liam remained kneeling, hoping that Gina would kindly ask him to rise. However, he knelt for what felt like an eternity without hearing those words from Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

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Ella found it increasingly difficult to watch the scene unfold. However, she couldn't afford to offend Gina. So, she cautiously suggested, "Gina, your brother has sincerely apologized. Would you like him to get up first?"

Gina chuckled and replied, "If he enjoys kneeling, let him be."

Her words left them speechless; they hadn't expected Gina's heart to be so cold and unyielding

James realized even more that they might not be able to gain any benefit from Gina. However, the reason he came with Ella to see Gina wasn't solely for an apology but for another purpose.

Gina explicitly requested, "If you truly want me to calm down, then stop disrupting the order and attracting attention at the entrance of my hospital. Leave, understood?"

James, unwilling to leave things unresolved, mustered up the courage to say to Gina, "Gina, I deeply regret my past actions, and I know I don't deserve your forgiveness. Moreover, I've faced repercussions-I'm now confined to this wheelchair, a disabled man! Perhaps it's divine justice for my past deeds. My car inexplicably malfunctioned, leading to the accident. It's my punishment, and I deserve it!"

James explained that his car had a flat tire due to a nail on the road. After taking the tire to the repair shop, he had an accident. He suspected foul play by someone at the repair shop, but investigations found no evidence. The repair shop had surveillance footage showing only the tire being replaced, with no tampering. Despite his efforts, James couldn't determine the cause of the brake failure. Ultimately, he had to accept his misfortune.

Having listened to James's confession, Gina felt that he had a clear understanding of his guilt. Without any sympathy, she responded, "Yes, you got what you deserved. But what does that have to do with me? Are you trying to garner sympathy from me?" Unfortunately for him, she wasn't buying it

James turned embarrassed and decided to cut to the chase. "I came here today because there's something I want to ask of you."

Ella looked at James in astonishment. What could James possibly be asking for? He hadn't even discussed it with me before coming here! We hadn't even given Gina a chance to change her impression of us, and now he was asking for her help with something, Wasn't this making Gina's impression of us worse, thinking we were after her money?' Ella's expression immediately turned sour as she thought,

Gina firmly declined, "What makes you think you have the right to trouble me?"

Despite the unpleasant taste of being refuted, James gritted his teeth and adopted a more composed tone as he addressed Gina, "Gina, I'm not asking for any favors. I hope you can secure a spot for me at Prover Hospital for treatment. If I don't receive treatment there, my legs might never recover, and I don't want to live as a disabled person. We'll cover all the medical expenses, and I hope you can accommodate this request."

The beds at Prover Hospital are typically fully booked year-round. Although many people vacated their beds when Gina was initially admitted to the detention center, the truth coming to light caused the beds to be reserved once again. Going through the formal application process is troublesome, and James doesn't want to wait that long. While Gina was still in detention, James held onto a fantasy. If Gina agreed to transfer her assets to them to save her life, then Prover Hospital would essentially belong to the Miller family. This way, he could smoothly enter the hospital for treatment. However, his dream was shattered when Gina refused and was falsely accused. With no feasible arrangements from his family to admit him to Prover Hospital for

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treatment, he had no choice but to reluctantly seek Gina's help.

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James concluded with a moral plea, "Gina, I believe that as the successful director of such a prestigious private hospital, you must possess a compassionate heart. Can you please treat me as an ordinary patient? I know I've wronged you in the past, but my leg injuries need treatment, and that's a separate matter. I trust you won't show favoritism and let personal grievances cloud your judgment, right?"

"I run a hospital, not a charity. Why should I accommodate someone I barely know?" Gina said.

James decided not to give up. "I know you still harbor resentment, so, understandably, you won't help. I can wait. I'll keep waiting here."

Understanding his intention, Gina decided to leave him be. It seemed he intended to stay put at the hospital entrance, like a piece of gum stuck to the ground, impossible to pry off no matter how hard one tried.

On the sidelines, Dylan couldn't bear it anymore. "James, you're an adult now. Can you please stop being so shameless? Are you planning to stay at our hospital entrance forever?"

"What's it got to do with him?" James thought, casting a glance at Dylan.

In the past, they often liked to mention in front of others that they had severed ties and Gina had no relationship with the Miller family anymore, but Gina was the one who gave them the agreement to cut ties and sign it. She might be even more ruthless than them when it comes to being ruthless!

Ella was momentarily at a loss. James was using moral pressure on Gina, which would surely upset her. However, Ella also wanted James to be able to heal his legs, and he had mentioned that they would cover the medical expenses as usual. They were merely asking Gina to help b y p a s s the application process, a simple favor that wouldn't be too much to ask. Considering this, she found James's request reasonable and decided to remain silent.

Gina said, "As long as you fulfill my request, I can arrange for you to be admitted for treatment immediately."

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James's eyes lit up. He hadn't expected that Gina would relent to his persistent postering. Though it **was** a shameless tactic, it proved effective. James knew he couldn't negotiate with Gina, so he quickly responded, "Please, tell me what you need!"

"First, during the two days I was falsely accused and held in detention, Jason posted two provocative tweets that **had** a severely negative impact on Prover Hospital, causing losses of at least 20 million dollars. Moreover, not long ago, a woman showed **up** at my doorstep and threw paint at me, leaving a death curse. While she insisted to the police that she did it because she didn't like me, my investigation revealed that this woman was a crazed fan of Jason, who he incited to carry out the act. It has upset me," Gina said.

Upon hearing these words, the three of them tensed up involuntarily. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

"So, you want me, as the older brother, to teach Jason a lesson?" James asked.

"Teach him a lesson? He did something wrong: doesn't he need to **face** the consequences?" Gina retorted coldly.

"Of course, he needs to." James quickly responded, inwardly breaking into a cold sweat. He couldn't help but marvel at how the tables had turned; he never imagined seeing the day when he had to be so humble before **Gina**

“I want Jason to compensate Prover Hospital for its losses and withdraw from the entertainment industry. You must accomplish both tasks without exception,” Gina stated firmly. Gina had once lent a helping hand to Jason, assisting him in making him famous in the entertainment industry. It could be considered a gift she had given to the Miller family. Now, she was reclaiming it.

James fell silent for a moment.

“If you can’t do it, then don’t bother me. If you insist on loitering at the entrance, I can remove you. Or perhaps **you** want to end up being fully **paralyzed**, lying at the hospital entrance,” Gina threatened bluntly.

Jason’s heart skipped a beat as he listened to Gina’s tone, realizing she wasn’t joking. He swallowed hard, acknowledging that he had indeed overstepped earlier. He lowered his head and said, “I **will** do my best...”

“So, are you leaving now?” Gina’s tone was stern. “I don’t want to see you. If you don’t want me to change my mind, disappear from my sight

immediately.”

The Miller family understood that it was best to leave things as **they** were and reluctantly departed.

Unable to bear the separation, Ella took a few steps before turning back; seeing Gina’s departing figure, a surge of motherly love overwhelmed her. “**Gina**, make sure to eat more regularly. Look at how thin you’ve become. It breaks my heart just seeing you like this,” she said, her voice filled with

concom.

Gina didn’t look **back**, mocking, “Your concern comes a bit late. Did you notice I’m thin **today**? For someone who doesn’t know, they might think today is our first meeting.”

Ella was left speechless. James tugged at her sleeve, indicating that she should leave quickly and not express her sudden overflow of love here, lest it upset Gina further.

Dylan rolled his eyes dramatically at the backs of the three, muttering, “Thicker skin than a fortress **wall**.”

He felt somewhat indignant on behalf of Gina. “If he ends up being admitted, I’ll find a way to make him uncomfortable!” he exclaimed, wanting to help

Gina vent her frustrations.

Gina smiled. "No need for that. If he's admitted, he'll be another patient needing care. Normal treatment will do. I know you want to stand up for me, but

there's no need for that."

Dylan sighed. "Gina, you're just too kind."

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Is that so? Gina felt indifferent about it. In truth, James had a point. Her compassionate heart was responsible for her ability to establish such a

successful hospital.

The three returned to the Miller family home. Jason **rushed** over. "Mom, bro, how did it go? What's Gina's attitude toward us now?"

They reached a consensus in their quest for Gina's forgiveness and return to the Miller family. They understood that directly asking for forgiveness from Gina wouldn't work. Gina wouldn't forgive them outright, it would be a prolonged battle.

Ella glanced at Jason but remained silent. Jason felt a bit confused because he sensed resentment in her gaze. What had he done wrong?

James cleared his throat awkwardly. "Jason, we'd like to discuss something with you."

Jason had a sense of foreboding. "What is it?"

"Take a seat, let's talk." James gestured towards the sofa.

Jason sat **down**, and James wasted no time getting to the point. "Jason, as you know, I've had this leg injury for a while now. It's not getting better at Central Hospital. I need to go to Prover Hospital for treatment if I want a chance to walk again."

Jason nodded in agreement.

"But getting a bed at Prover Hospital is extremely difficult. However, Gina is the director there. If she's willing to help us out, getting me admitted for treatment would be a simple matter. You wouldn't want to see me stuck in a wheelchair forever, would you?"

Jason nodded subconsciously.

“Alright, I won’t beat around the bush with you then. Gina said she could help me bypass the application process, but on one condition: you must leave the entertainment industry.”

Jason’s composure vanished as he rose from the sofa. “What does she mean? Is she deliberately making things difficult for me? After all the struggles I’ve been through in the industry and finally gaining the opportunities I have **today**, **she** wants me to quit. I won’t agree to that!”

James was interrupted by Jason before he could finish speaking. Feeling that his position as the older brother was undermined, his expression darkened, and he emphasized, “I’m not done yet.”

Jason could only patiently listen as James continued, “Furthermore, those two tweets you posted had a very negative impact on Prover Hospital. In just two days, they caused the hospital to lose over 20 million dollars. Gina also mentioned that you’ll be responsible for compensating these losses.”

Jason was furious. It wasn’t that he couldn’t come up with the 20 million dollars; after all, he **had** earned a fortune from endorsements and even held global concerts. Jason had several million dollars in liquid assets. However, he was reluctant to compensate Gina with that money.

After James finished speaking, he continued to put pressure on Jason. “Jason, whether my legs can recover depends on you. I know these demands are tough for you, but we’re family. When the time comes to help each other, we should. Don’t you agree?”

Jason gritted his teeth and **said**, “Fine, I can compensate, but I won’t agree to quit the entertainment industry!”

James’s expression darkened. “Gina said you have to both compensate and quit the industry. These two things are non–negotiable. Otherwise, she won’t **agree** to arrange for my admission.”

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Jason was stunned for a moment before he cursed, “That b**h i”

Jason still wanted to scold Giria, but Ella slapped him. Jason was stunned. “Mom, what are you

you doing?”

“Why did you scold your sister like that? Didn’t you become famous in the entertainment Industry because of the song your sister wrote for you?”

Jason was speechless and did not know how to refute.

James finally saw the hope of healing his legs. He did not want to fall at the last hurdle. “Jason, just agree. It’s true that without Gina’s help, you wouldn’t have been able to make a name for yourself. She did you a favor, and you owe her. Aren’t you in the wrong for letting your crazy fans harass and curse

Jason was instantly angry. “Why? Did I ask her to help me? She wanted to be a good person. I didn’t beg her to write the song. As I said, I agree to compensate her. But she wants me to leave the entertainment industry? No way.”

James was also anxious. “Why are you being stubborn? Don’t you know how much your career has been affected by the two Twitter posts you posted? Your popularity has collapsed, and many of your fans have left you. Your agency told you to go home and rest. Do you really think they’re asking you to rest? They’re planning to shelve this matter and blacklist you so that the company won’t be affected.”

Jason suddenly remembered that Gina seemed to know the higher-ups of Star Entertainment Company.

If she really wanted him to stop appearing in the entertainment industry, wouldn’t it be better to contact the higher-ups? Yet, she used such a method to disgust him.

James was still saying, “You’ve let her down. It’s only right for you to pay the price

Jason was instantly enraged. “No, James, how could you have the cheek to criticize me? Back then, Gina was unconscious in the hospital after the fire. You asked Gina to give Olivia a blood transfusion and wanted to drain Gina’s blood dry.

“Yes, I admit that Gina is my benefactor.

“But I’m not the only one who’s indebted to her. If you and Noah hadn’t passed off the jewelry Gina designed as Olivia’s and sold it, would Miller Jewels be where it is today?

“Why aren’t you guys repaying her kindness by giving her Miller Jewels? Stop guilt-tripping me. Your legs are c**d, but I didn’t cause it. Every injustice has its perpetrator and every debt has its debtor. You should target whoever c**d you.”

James' crippled legs had always been a sore point for him. James was angry and hateful because he could not find the person who tampered with his car. When he heard Jason shouting and refusing to cooperate, his anger surged.

James picked up the ashtray on the coffee table and throw it at Jason. Jason grimaced in pain when his checkbone was hit.

Jason instantly flew into a rage. "Why did you hit me? Why didn't you take your anger out on Gina? It was not difficult for her to arrange for you to be hospitalized. Her subordinates just needed to say so. Yet, she deliberately made things difficult for you. You don't dare to fight her head on, so you came home and took your anger out on me?"

So what if you're my eldest brother? I've long been annoyed with you."

As Jason spoke, he stepped forward and started a scuffle with James. Meanwhile, James was still sitting in the wheelchair. It was obvious that he was not Jason's match. Soon, he was knocked to the ground by Jason.

Jason cursed. He had nowhere to vent his grievances and anger, so he said bluntly, "You can't even hit me. It's easy for me to hit a c i p l e like you now."

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James instantly went crazy. "I'll f**g kill you!"

Ella did not expect James and Jason to fight.

Liam was stunned as he watched from the side. Ella shouted at Liam in disappointment, "What are you still looking at? Pull them apart."

Liam snapped out of his daze and pulled James and Jason apart, pulling Jason to the side.

Both Jason and James had bruises on their faces.

"Are you crazy?"

Ella already had a headache, yet James and Jason still fought in front of her. She was in despair.

Jason snorted and wiped the blood from the corner of his mouth. "James, you want me to give up my career to fulfill your wish? Dream on, that will never happen in this life!®"

After saying that, Jason left without looking back.

At the airport.

David followed Gabriel to Eldoria to participate in the diamond mine auction.

“Mr. Jackson, I heard that the mysterious person ranked second on the world’s richest people list will also be attending this auction. Looks like we will face quite a bit of competition this time.” Search The FindNovel.NET website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

After all, the second richest person in the world was unlike the world’s third richest person, whose wealth was far behind that of Gabriel, forming a wealth gap.

The total assets of the world’s second-richest person were only slightly less than Gabriel’s. Gabriel could be surpassed at any time.

Gabriel was a little speechless. He had never paid attention to these silly rankings.

*So what? I’m determined to get the diamond mine,” Gabriel said.

That was a gift he had made up his mind to buy for Gina. It was also a surprise he had prepared for her.

David fell silent. Gabriel truly deserved his reputation. Was Gabriel determined to get the diamond mine?

David wondered how much Gabriel loved Gina.

David really suspected that if Gina said she liked the CEO position of Jackson Group, Gabriel would have relinquished the position to her. David did not expect the wise and powerful Gabriel to have fallen head over heels in love. It really shocked David.

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Meanwhile, Michael accompanied Gina to board the plane.

“Gina, Remember saying that the massacre back then seemed to have something to do with the Miller family. Then, what is the connection you found?”

Speaking of the connection, it was actually back then, after the couple who adopted Gina were killed, and even their entire family was killed. As their adopted daughter and last remaining family member, Gina went to the funeral home to see them for the last time.

Everyone died in a very tragic manner.

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Since then, Gina had made up her mind to find out the truth behind the deaths of the couple and their family, as well as to find their missing son, whether he was dead or alive.

After leaving the funeral home, Gina went to the police station and asked to see the photos taken at the crime scene. At that time, the police were shocked. Gina was a young girl who had just been adopted, but her adoptive parents had been killed. Gina was about to become a pitiful orphan again. The scene was too bloody. The police were worried that Gina would be traumatized if she saw the photos. At first, they did not agree to let her see the photos. Subsequently, under her insistence, the police showed her the photos.

At first, Gina didn't see anything unusual in the photos. However, because of her good memory, those photos left a deep impression in her mind. Later, she realized that in the photos taken at the scene of the couple's death, they seemed to have tried to use their blood to write a few symbols on the ground before they died.

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Of course, all this was just Gina's guess because the bloodstains were similar. After the couple were killed, the bloodstains scattered freely might not have been the clues left behind by them in a hidden way before they died.

Later, Gina came into contact with Morse code by chance.

Recalling the photos she had seen back then, she was almost eighty percent sure that the bloodstains that looked strange to her back then seemed to be clues left behind by the couple before they died. She tried to use Morse code to crack the information the couple tried to leave behind. After she deciphered it, she realized that the message they wanted to convey was actually very short. It was just the words, "The Miller family of Norwood."

And there was more than one Miller family in Norwood,

Back then after Gina was reunited with her family, she did not immediately think that the death of the intellectual couple was related to her own family.

It was confirmed in subsequent investigations that the Miller family of Norwood was her original family.

During the year when she was looked down on and insulted by the Miller family, she did not choose to leave not only because she had illusions about the so-called kinship. She also wanted to investigate whether the massacre back then was related to the Miller family or one of them.

However, after investigation, she realized that the Miller family had zero interaction with the intellectual couple for most of their lives. They were completely unrelated. The clues were cut off again.

She began to wonder if this matter had nothing to do with her original family, In that case, which was the Miller family of Norwood in the clue left behind by the couple?

Michael listened thoughtfully. "Is there a possibility that the Miller family related to this murder case might not be that Miller family?"

Michael thought of something else. "By the way, I heard from you that Lucas was called Cole before he changed his appearance. Lucas was just an identity he fabricated.

"He could actually use his identity as Lucas to infiltrate the Miller family as a butler for so many years without being exposed. Does that mean that identity has completely covered his true identity?"

"Could it be that the person involved in the massacre is him, which means that it's Lucas, aka Cole?" Michael said.

Michael's words reminded Gina.

Gina frowned and said, "I really didn't think of this before. Thank you for reminding me."

Gina had the urge to go back and investigate now.

Michael understood what she was thinking and said, "There's no hurry. Let's buy the diamond mine first. Now that Lucas is locked up in prison, he can't escape."

Gina lowered her eyes. "I can't help but be anxious."

Although the couple had only taken Gina in for a short period of time, that was definitely the happiest time of Gina's lonely childhood.

Gina grew up in Clago Orphanage. She was smart and had good grades but didn't like to talk much. Therefore, the children in the orphanage liked to

isolate her. However, she didn't care.

She had no friends and family. She was used to being alone.

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The children in the orphanage were adopted one after another. The director often lamented Gina's excellence and felt sorry for her because of her cold and dull personality. As Gina did not know how to please any adoptive couple, no one wanted her.

Until that couple appeared.

That day, as usual, Gina thought she would be rejected again like an inconspicuous product on the shelf after the adoptive couple picked and chose. However, when the couple heard from the director that Gina's grades were good, their eyes lit up. After learning more about Gina from the director, they decided to adopt Gina

Gina, who had been adopted, was quite calm about it.

She felt that the couple liked her only because she was smart. They did not adopt her because they liked her. It was impossible for her to feel true kinship with the couple.

Coupled with the fact that the couple's son did not welcome her, she decided to return to the orphanage. The first step was to make the couple abandon

her.

Hence, after the couple arranged for her to go to school, she deliberately fared badly. She thought the couple would be greatly disappointed in her, but unexpectedly, they did not say anything nasty to her

Gina could not forget what the couple said to her back then.

The woman said gently, "is our Gina not used to the new environment? It's okay if you don't do well. If you are willing, I'll get your brother to tutor you, okay?"

Without waiting for Gina to reject him, the little boy immediately rejected Gina with a disgusted expression. "I don't want to. She's not my sister either. I don't have a sister.

Later on, Gina accidentally heard the couple's conversation.

“When we adopted Gina, we were worried that someone promising like her would have her talent buried if she continued to stay in the orphanage without proper guidance. But now, after she came home with us, her grades have plummeted. Is there a problem with our education? If it’s because of us that her talent can’t be unleashed, it will be a pity,” the woman said. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Her husband comforted her. “Don’t blame yourself Perhaps she’s just not used to the new environment yet. If she was really not as outstanding as before, wouldn’t it be good as well to be an ordinary and happy little girl?”

Outside the door, Gina suddenly felt a lump in her throat after listening to the couple’s conversation,

It turned out that their original intention of adopting her was not because they thought that her grades were good. It was not because she was smart that they liked her.

Instead, they had good intentions and did not want her talent to be buried without proper guidance. They wanted to give her help and support.

She no longer deliberately did badly on the exams and tried to integrate into the family.

Unfortunately, the little boy refused to accept Gina as a new member of his family. He became even more rebellious. He often went against his parents. Gina did not want the originally loving family relationship to fall apart because of her. Therefore, she decided to return to the orphanage. Unexpectedly, before she could say goodbye to the couple, their entire family was murdered.

When Gina saw their dead bodies, the staff of the funeral home thought that she was frightened. Her face was unbelievably pale, her eyes were red, and her thin figure trembled slightly.

It was not in Gina’s character to scream and cry hysterically.

Only she knew that the sorrow in her heart was about to drown her. The silent extreme grief almost made her unable to breathe,

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She had a family for a short time and then lost it immediately.

At that time, the ten-year-old Gina clenched her fists and swore to find the murderer. She wanted them to die a thousand times more tragically.

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Michael realized he had misspoken and felt a little uneasy. “I’m sorry, Gina. I didn’t think how you feel and said the wrong thing.”

Gina shook her head and smiled. “It’s okay. I’m not angry. Let’s get my diamond mine first.”

Cole was in prison and shouldn’t be able to escape. But Gina insisted on auctioning the diamond mine. So, she could only ask Michael for help.

As Gina boarded the plane, she entered the quiet cabin’s suite. The airline’s stewardess noticed she was flying alone and handed her a doll as a companion so that Gina wouldn’t get bored. She smiled faintly and placed the **doll** next to her. After the flight attendant left, Gina binge-watched her favorite show before falling asleep.

Michael entered her suite and looked at the sleeping Gina. He only saw her from afar because he knew Gina was a light sleeper. She woke up easily from the lightest stimuli. Hence, Michael worried that if he got any closer, Gina would wake up.

Michael stayed to ensure she was okay before turning to leave. In the corridor, he happened to see Gabriel’s figure and frowned. ‘He’s in this flight too? Is he following Gina to Eldoria? But why didn’t Gina mention Gabriel boards the same flight?’

However, Michael thought about it. Even if Gabriel **wanted** to travel with Gina, Gina didn’t need to tell him. After all, he was the one who met Gina **first**.

Michael’s thoughts made him chuckle lightly. As he was looking away, he saw a sexy woman pass by Gabriel and suddenly fall into Gabriel’s arms. Gabriel frowned and quickly pushed the woman **away**, and Michael heard the woman’s frantic **apology**, “Sir, I’m so sorry. I think I tripped over myself,” the woman said shyly.

But David was skeptical “No, your movements looked deliberate. I saw how you used your left foot to trip your right foot. What you did just now was an old trick and is outdated. But you can hit on me if you want. You’re **a** shameless woman, aren’t you?”

The woman blushed at David's words and angrily **said**, "You're the shameless one!" She glared at David and tidied her hair while charmingly smiling **at** Gabriel. "Sir, do you mind giving me your number?"

Gabriel didn't budge. Just as he was about to refuse, someone suddenly **asked**, "You seem to have good luck with women,

huh?"

Gabriel raised his head and looked at the other end of the corridor. He saw Michael walking over with a faint smile. Seeing him, Gabriel frowned. He had never seen Michael before. But Michael knew him. Gabriel thought he might have met him at some social event but didn't bother remembering him.

David, on the other hand, recognized Michael. "Mr. Jackson, he is Quaria's CEO, Michael Clark,"

Gabriel didn't feel like chatting. But out of courtesy, he wouldn't ignore him after Michael took the initiative to talk to him. He **said** calmly, "Mr. Clark, your words are **too** flattering"

Afterward, Gabriel glanced at the woman. "My answer is no. You can leave."

But the woman refused to give up. "Why? Do you have a girlfriend?"

Gabriel didn't want to waste his time with her. Whether he had a partner or not was none of her concern.

To avoid further conflicts, David decided to chase the woman away. "Look, can you stop pestering him? **Save** some face for yourself, will you?"

"Hmph! it's good that you at least answer. Otherwise, I'll be thinking you were mute." The woman glared at David **and** Gabriel before leaving.

As the woman left, Gabriel **took** off his suit. He threw it to David and said, "Throw it **away**."

David **was a** little surprised. Every suit he had was custom-made. One suit worth a hundred grand, and it would be a pity to throw it **away**. "Is he throwing his suit away because a woman fell on him just now?"

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David was no less shocked. He didn't expect his boss to act in such a way. "Is he mysophobic? That's a first!"

Michael asked as if they were close friends, "I heard Mr. Jackson doesn't get close to women. At first, I didn't believe it. But after seeing it myself? I guess the rumors were true. Do you reject having physical contact with women?"

Hearing his question, Gabriel's eyes twitched. Not only was Michael trying to find something to talk about, but he was also asking such a strange question. Where is he going with **this?**"

David was also a little confused. However, as Gabriel's assistant, he was excellent at assessing situations. He knew Gabriel didn't want to talk with Michael, but he couldn't reject him directly. He knew he had to mediate on Gabriel's behalf.

"Mr. Clark, do you plan to **talk** about business collaboration with Mr. Jackson? If that's the case, I'd be happy to exchange contacts. But if not, Mr. Jackson

is a little tired and needs to rest. It's not a good time to chat."

Michael chuckled softly. "I see." He turned around and suddenly stopped in his tracks. Then, he turned to ask, "Mr. Jackson, are **you** on a business trip?"

David was flabbergasted. "Why does he keep throwing questions? Didn't I make myself clear? Does he know basic human decency?"

"What about you, Mr. Clark? What are you planning to do in Eldoria?" David threw the question back to Michael.

Michael suddenly smiled. "I'm accompanying a friend for a vacation"

David found Michael's answer was odd. "Why does he look proud when saying it? What is he proud of?" He stared at Michael puzzledly. "Such an interestingly odd person."

"Then I wish you a pleasant vacation, Mr. Clark. Goodbye." David said politely. Meanwhile, Gabriel also felt Michael's answer was strange. **But** he didn't

bother to pay much attention..

The twelve-hour flight came to an **end**.

Gina quickly got off the plane. She looked up and wanted to look around. But then, she noticed Michael turned sideways **while** rubbing **his** shoulder. Gina frowned. "What's wrong?"

“No big deal, I think I slept in the wrong position.” He rubbed his shoulders as he spoke. Gina felt Michael’s behavior was odd but didn’t question him. She was more concerned about the auction the next day at ten o’clock.

Michael and Gina arrived at the auction the next day. After verifying **their** ID, they entered the venue and sat in the VIP seats. The host began to bid the diamond mine at five hundred grand.

Hearing the opening price, Gina and Michael were not in a hurry. They assessed the **guests’** interest by waiting for others to bid. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

When the bid reached around 270 million dollars, Gina felt it was time to start bidding. She signaled for Michael to raise his sign. But someone else raised their bidding, so Gina made Michael bid one hundred million dollars.

Instantly, the auction hall fell silent. The diamond **was** indeed valuable. But with a price of 300 million dollars? Others thought the value wasn’t worth it. Therefore, many were discouraged from bidding higher.

“300 million dollars going once!”

*300 million dollars going twice!”

“300 million dollars going...”

“340 million dollars!”

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David looked around and didn’t see anyone raising the bid. He felt it was settled and silently prayed no one would raise the price again. ‘But aren’t all the guests in the crazy rich list?’

According to his judgment, spending millions or billions of dollars was like pulling a ten-dollar bill. David was confident the diamond mine would be Gabriel’s, but his heart kept pounding anxiously.

“340 million dollars going...”

“360 million dollars!”

“400 million dollars!”

Two voices sounded from different directions and David’s face turned pale. He was about to ask for Gabriel’s opinion when the auction host shouted, “Sold for 2.2 billion dollars!”

David was dumbfounded. “What’s going on?”

On the other side, Michael’s hand froze mid-air as he glanced at Gina, and Gina frowned. “Wait. Shouldn’t there be a three-second rule? Why does the host make the deal directly?” She asked.

Michael explained, “The person who bid 400 million dollars just now is from the Atkinson family.”

The Atkinson family had great wealth and influence. They were famous for playing from behind the scenes and their influence mustn’t be underestimated. Perhaps the host finalized the deal directly for fear of offending them. The others present didn’t raise any doubts either. They had reached a tacit understanding. There was no need to offend the Atkinsons over a diamond mine.

Gina had heard of them, but she had never interacted with them. Regardless, the auction’s outcome left her feeling gutted. Michael could tell how Gina felt and asked, “Gina, do you truly want this diamond mine?”

“Yeah.” Gina nodded. “The diamond mines under Dale Group’s name are about to reach 30. I wanted to reach that number by buying a mine from this auction, but I miscalculated.” Gina felt like she was losing control of everything and didn’t like it.

Seeing her, Michael felt guilty. “I’m sorry. If I had investigated in advance that the Atkinsons were coming, L...”

“No, it’s not your fault.” Gina shook her head. She had some regrets, but she knew she had to move forward. She planned to fight for it one last time.

Michael tried to stop her. “You want the Atkinson family to transfer the diamond mine’s ownership to you? Gina, are you insane? They’re not good people. You better not mess around with them!”

But Gina smiled casually. “I’m just talking to them, not robbing them. Relax, I won’t offend them.” Of course, Gina was not afraid of offending them. But they won the auction fair and square, so asking nicely was the best option.

Michael accompanied Gina to the WIP seat of the Atkinson family. A blond man in a white suit sat with three armed bodyguards surrounding him. When the bodyguards saw Gina and Michael approaching, they raised their guns at them without hesitation.

Even with a gun to her head, Gina didn't show the slightest bit of fear. The blond man with brown eyes saw how calm she was and became interested. He didn't plan to talk to her at first, but Gina's courage had earned her his attention.

The man stood up and told the bodyguards, "What are you doing? Pointing a gun at such a beautiful lady? You truly don't know how to show mercy."

After the man finished speaking, his eyes were filled with interest as his gaze landed on Gina. The moment their eyes met, Gina was stunned. She suddenly felt a strong sense of familiarity in his eyes.

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guns when the man smiled at Gina. "What? Do I look good in your eyes?"

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Gina didn't look away. She didn't know if it was her imagination, but she felt that the man in front of her looked like an old friend, only slightly different.

Gina subconsciously looked down at the man's hands and saw he wore black gloves. She suddenly wanted to know if his fingers were all intact. 'Does he wear gloves to hide his broken finger?'

The man sighed. "I assume you're looking for me, but why aren't you talking? Is it because it's inconvenient for you to talk? Then let the man behind you state your business, although I'm not interested in talking to a man."

Gina returned to her senses and answered, "I'm Gina Miller." She watched the man's face closely. There was no change in his expression.

The man raised his eyebrows. "What a nice name. A beautiful name for a beauty. It's all pleasing to the eye."

Michael, who stood behind Gina, wanted to curse. The man was glib-tongued and had a promiscuous appearance. He felt disgusted. Michael wanted to take Gina away, but Gina seemed to have no intention of leaving. So, he decided to stay for her sake.

"Your name?" Gina asked.

“Max Max Griffiths.” He answered.

“Now, can you tell me why you’re looking for me?” Max asked.

Gina lowered her eyes slightly. “I want to ask if you can sell this diamond mine to me, I can buy it at a higher price.”

“So that’s the case, huh? Well, I’ll have to think about it.” Max added, “I’d like to have a private chat. I want to speak to you in person. Not to your assistant. I want to talk to you. Also, make sure that you’re the one who replied to me when I contacted you.” He saw Michael as Gina’s assistant.

“No problem.” Gina agreed.

Michael was a little surprised. Gina had always hated frivolous men, and Max matched the criteria. Yet, she was willing to give her personal information to him. Michael felt a little uncomfortable.

“Gina?” Gabriel’s voice sounded.

When he heard Gabriel’s voice, Michael’s face stiffened. Gina turned around in surprise and saw Gabriel and David. “You... are here to auction for the

diamond mine?”

Gabriel planned to buy the diamond mine and give it to Gina as a surprise, but he didn’t expect to meet Gina there. He felt a little helpless. “Yes”

Gina was quite amused. “Wait. So, you were the one who kept raising the price with me just now?”

Gabriel didn’t know whether to laugh or cry. “I didn’t know it was you.”

Michael turned around and faced Gabriel. He smiled at him and David with a fake smile. At least he looked polite by doing that. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Gabriel’s expression changed slightly. He looked at Michael standing beside Gina and felt he was an eyesore. He suddenly understood something. The ‘friend’ Michael was talking about on the plane was Gina. Realizing this, he unconsciously clenched his fists.

Gina turned to look at Gabriel, and the smile on Max’s face disappeared. He tried to talk to gain Gina’s attention. “Miss Miller, I think I have a change of heart. If you want to buy the diamond mine, I’d like to invite you to a meal. Let’s talk about it in detail later, okay?”

Max looked around, especially at Gabriel, Michael, and David before adding, "There are too many people in here. It's inconvenient."

Intuition told Gabriel that Max seemed to have improper thoughts about Gina, and his eyes gradually turned cold. "Sir, I also want to buy your diamond

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Max **looked** at Gabriel with a faint smile, analyzing the situation, "Looks like you aren't just an acquaintance of Miss Miller, but **you** have a close relationship. She wants to buy this diamond mine, yet you're competing with her? That's not your real intention, You want to buy it and give it to her?"

Gabriel frowned deeply. Max had pointed out his true intention, spoiling his surprise for Gina. However, since he had come all the way here and met with Gina, he was sure she would be able to guess it for herself. At this thought, Gabriel's expression relaxed slightly.

Max. continued. "But I don't want to give you this opportunity. I want to talk to Miss Miller alone."

There seemed to be a hidden meaning behind Max's words.

Gabriel's face darkened.

The smile on Max's face became more obvious. He smiled and spoke to Gina directly, "Miss Miller, let's go. I don't know if this is your first time here, but I must take you to try the delicacies. Or you can tell me what you like to **eat**, and I'll take you there.

Gina did not think much about such details and answered, "Let's go."

Max laughed and said, "Miss Miller, you're more anxious than I thought, aren't you? Can I take it that you're looking forward to having dinner with me too? I'm honored."

Max raised his eyebrows as he finished speaking.

"Let's go." Max glanced at Gabriel and swaggered past him, motioning for Gina to catch up.

Gabriel grabbed Gina's arm and said, "Gina, I'm not trying to restrict your freedom, but... Maxis a dangerous person..."

The Atkinson family wasn't easy to deal with, and Gabriel was sure Max was no different.

Gina said calmly, "It doesn't matter. I won't put myself in danger. Even if I am in danger, I will have a way to get myself out of the situation." Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Michael looked at Gabriel, who was still holding Gina's arm and felt a rise of annoyance. He said sarcastically, "Mr. Jackson, you're overthinking. Gina is more capable of protecting herself than you think."

Gina wasn't someone overly delicate.

Even though Gabriel knew Gina was capable of protecting herself, He couldn't help but worry. At the **same** time, he was also jealous that Gina had readily agreed to Max's invitation.

However, Gabriel reminded himself that her foremost intention was to purchase the diamond mine.

Max, who was walking in front, turned around **and** said, "Miss Miller, what's wrong? Have you changed your mind?"

Gina gently removed Gabriel's hand and turned to follow Max. "No."

Gabriel watched Gina leave and sighed.

Michael passed by Gabriel and intentionally sneered before quickly **leaving**.

Fuck, Mr. Jackson, why do I feel like they're targeting you? How did we offend them?" David complained.

Gabriel looked at David speechlessly. He wanted to say something but hesitated. "Forget it, you won't understand."

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David was so stunned, he couldn't answer.

"What don't understand? No wait, **what** am I supposed to understand?" David thought.

"Dig into Max." Gabriel's instructions pulled David's thoughts back.

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While on the way back to the hotel, David had already looked into Max's background, so he could fill Gabriel in once they returned.

"Mr. Jackson, Max is the youngest son of the head of the Atkinson family. He grew up in Mosnioca. Although he seems to be a little wild, he's very capable. He manages the Atkinson family's business in various countries, and they're ranked as the third richest companies in the world. I heard that he's very likely to inherit the family business. In addition, be..."

"What else is there?" Gabriel asked.

"He's a playboy and toys w

with women."

The veins on Gabriel's forehead bulged. "Find out where he took Gina,"

"Okay"

"You can't hold your liquor well? Or are you afraid that I'll drug you?" Max smiled innocently as he clinked his glass against Gina's.

Gina still did not drink. "The wine here is not to my liking."

"Alright." Max shrugged. "I won't force you. Don't worry."

"You said you took your mother's surname and she's a local here. Do you come back often?" Gina looked straight into Max's **eyes**.

"Of course. I accompany my mother to visit her **family** a few times, but I don't stay long

"Does that include friends?" Gina asked.

Max paused for a second, then smiled and said, "Miss Miller, you surprise me."

"What do you mean?" Gina asked.

"I thought you were a girl with a cold personality, and you wouldn't bother much about other people's matters. Or is this just interest in me?"

"You're being narcissistic," Gina responded.

Gina wanted to confirm if Max was the missing child of that couple. His eyes looked too much like theirs.

However, Gina knew **she** couldn't find out his identity this way.

Instead of getting angry, Max smiled and said, "Fine."

Gina saw that he did not take off his gloves and asked, "You can't take off your gloves?"

Max said helplessly, "I'm a little **obsessed** with cleanliness, so I'm used to wearing it. I never take it off except **when** I'm sleeping."

Back then, Gina had found a piece of the boy's/right pinky finger.

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This was the first time that Gina had felt such a strong desire to confirm someone's identity.

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"If he really is that boy, what has he gone through all these years? Why did he suddenly become a member of the Atkinson family? Does he want to find the one who was responsible for hurting him? If he wants revenge, I can help him. **Gina** thought.

Max was smiling cheekily, but Gina felt that his smile never reached his eyes.

Max put some food into Gina's bowl and said, "Miss Miller, if you want to buy the diamond mine, I can resell it to you, but I'll have to charge you more"

Gina raised her hand and grabbed his right hand. The moment she touched it, Gina confirmed that there was something solid where his pinky finger

should be.

However, Gina could not tell if it was a prosthetic finger or not. She would need him to take off his gloves to confirm it.

Max was a little surprised. "Miss Miller, if you want to hold my hand, all you need to do is ask. I'm still getting some food for

ryou."

Gina calmly let go of his hand and pushed it **away**. "I don't need you to help me. You said you need to charge more. How much are we talking about?"

*500 million dollars.”

Gina frowned. “That’s too expensive.”

It wasn’t that she couldn’t afford it, but she felt that Max was being unreasonable by wanting to earn 100 million dollars from this resale.

“No bargaining.” Max said.

Few people dared to bargain with the Atkinson family.

“I’m not buying it, then,” Gina was not good at bargaining either.

Max raised his eyebrows and said, “Well, that’s a shame.”

“I’ll be going now,” Gina said as she stood to leave.

“Miss Miller.”

Max stopped her and said, “Although our deal didn’t go through, we can still be friends, right? Don’t delete my number immediately, alright?”

“I won’t” Gina wouldn’t stop interacting with Max until she found out whether he was that missing boy.

“Don’t lie to me,” Max emphasized, as if he was worried.

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have no reason to lie to you,” Gina said calmly.

“Wait a minute. You’re my guest. Let me show you out.”

Max stood up and walked Gina downstairs.

Gabriel was waiting downstairs.

Max curled his lips into a cold smile at seeing Gabriel and walked quickly to him. Noticing Gina walk down soberly, Gabriel heaved a sigh of relief. Then, he looked at Max expressionlessly.

Max's face turned cold. "Are you following us?"

Before Max's voice died away, his three bodyguards raised their guns again and aimed at Gabriel.

Gina was also surprised. Why was Gabriel there?

"He's not giving up. He wants to buy the diamond mine. **Max**, he doesn't mean you any harm," Gina suddenly said.

Gabriel understood Gina was trying to ease the atmosphere because she did not want them to have a conflict.

Gabriel was not afraid of offending the Rothschild Family, but Gina did not want Gabriel to cause unnecessary trouble because of her, so she tried to smooth things over.

Gabriel restrained his coldness and echoed, "Yes, Mr. Griffiths, I want to buy the diamond mine. I don't want to give it up.

"It seems you haven't agreed to sell the diamond mine to Gina, right?"

Max sneered. "That's right, I said 500 million dollars. Miss Miller thought it too expensive, so we haven't settled the deal."

"I'll buy it," Gabriel said.

Gina was stunned. Max said Gabriel wanted to buy the diamond mine for her, but she did not think so. Maybe the Jackson Group also wanted to develop the jewelry business. So, she did not say anything.

"The price is my offer for Miss Miller, not for you," Max said shamelessly.

Gabriel said calmly, "Mr. Griffiths, please make your offer."

"As for you, I want to sell it for 600 million dollars."

David, standing behind Gabriel, **widened** his **eyes** in shock. Wasn't Max a scammer?

That was an incredibly exorbitant price!

"No, Mr. **Griffiths**, you."

Gabriel raised his hand to interrupt David before David could finish his sentence.

Deal, Gabriel agreed.

Max was surprised. "Mr. Jackson, that's impressive. My man will contact you soon."

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After that, one of Max's bodyguards approached and exchanged contact information with Gabriel, Gabriel asked David to give the bodyguard his contact information, but David found the bodyguard did not offer them Max's private number, but the bodyguard's.

Max was trying to annoy them.

"Goodbye, Miss Miller," Max turned his head and said goodbye to Gina with a smile, Gina did not respond.

After Max left, Gina asked Gabriel, "Why did you buy this diamond mine?"

"It's for **you**." Gabriel's **eyes** were filled with sincerity.

Gina did not expect that. "It's too... too expensive. He was ripping you off. Also, why did you want to buy this diamond mine for me?"

"Have you forgotten? Didn't you tell me that you like diamonds? You didn't like the Hosken bags I bought you previously, but you didn't want to embarrass me, so you accepted them. Gina, I **want** to give you something you like."

Gina compressed her lips. "Thank you."

She desired this diamond mine so that her raw stone sales company, Dale Group, could own 30 diamond mines in total.

Max had raised the price by 100 million dollars, and Gina had planned to give up. Unexpectedly, Gabriel had bought it for her without hesitation.

Gina was touched.

However, she was not someone who would show her emotions openly. No matter how emotional she **was**, she always looked calm.

Gina did not know how to thank Gabriel.

Gina did not want the conversation to end there. "I'm sorry for letting you spend so much money and letting Max earn 200 million dollars for nothing..."

Although making money was the simplest thing for Gina now, she was not pleased to see others make 200 million dollars effortlessly from Gabriel.

Max had fleeced Gabriel.

Gabriel was rich, indeed, but 200 million dollars was not a small sum.

Gabriel could not suppress the corners of his lips no matter how hard he tried. "Gina, are you feeling sorry for... my money?"

Gabriel wanted to say "for me," but he was afraid if he said it too bluntly, Gina would retreat. He knew Gina was shy and slow to warm to. It might have the opposite effect **if** he flirted with her too often.

"I feel sorry for you for being a sucker," Gina said.

"If you're happy, then everything is worth it" Gabriel beamed.

"Mr. Jackson only shows such a gentle expression in front of Miss Miller!" thought David.

Gabriel had spent 600 million dollars to buy the happiness of the girl he loved. That was so like him.

David's heart ached for the extra 200 million dollars Gabriel had **spent**. That was 200 million **dollars!**

It was not 2,000 dollars or 20 thousand dollars!

Max was an unscrupulous businessman!

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However, the Rothschild Family also had a reputation for being unscrupulous. Max must have inherited it from his family.

"It's alright. I'll earn

back the 200 million dollars from the Rothschild Family," Gabriel said.

Gina thought before she said, "I'll help you."

Gabriel said joyfully, "Okay."

"Gina, I'll **take** you back to the hotel."

Back at the hotel, Gabriel asked **David** to check out of the hotel he had booked and stay in the hotel where Gina was.

"He got a room downstairs at Gina's.

"Shall ask David to buy us tickets home together?" Gabriel asked tentatively.

"Alright," Gina **agreed**.

"Good night."

"Night"

Back in her room, Gina was lying on the bed. Michael sent her a message. "How's the negotiation going? **Gina**, did Max do anything to you?"

"No, why are you worried about this too? Have you underestimated me? I won't be at his mercy if he wants to do anything to me. Besides, they might not be my match."

Even though Max's three bodyguards were all armed.

When he saw the word "too," Michael felt uncomfortable. Michael was not concerned about Gina's safety because Gabriel was worried about her. Michael

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