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Olivia heaved a sigh of relief. Fortunately, Mason was st*pid. She managed to fool him with a simple excuse. "Alright, help me buy the rat poison first. I want those with potent chemical properties. We can't let those rats survive."

Mason felt that Olivia's tone was a little strange. It was as if she despised rats. It was understandable to hate those rodents, but her hatred looked excessive. The hatred in her eyes was as if she wanted to tear the rat into pieces. Mason knew she wouldn't display such a resentful gaze even if she hated rats.

Curious, Mason asked, "Did a rat once bite you?"

The corner of Olivia's eyes twitched. "I was almost bitten. Rats are so disgusting. So, hurry up and buy a rat poison. Please, I beg you!"

"Okay."

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Mason immediately went to buy rat poison from a nearby store. The shop owner said this is the most potent. Remember to be careful when you use it. Wear gloves. But if your skin touches it, remember to wash your hands."

"Yes, I remember." Olivia nodded perfunctorily and prepared to leave.

Mason was still a little worried. "Olivia, you've settled with your new boyfriend. Don't forget about what you said. I'll be waiting for you."

Olivia pretended to be touched. "I will. Don't worry."

On the other side, Andy was about to pick up Cathy from work at the intersection she mentioned. When he went downstairs, he accidentally bumped into a man walking towards him.

The man wore sunglasses and a mask in broad daylight, but his blond hair was still exposed. Andy thought he must be a new junior employee. He said annoyedly, "Use your eyes when you walk!"

I'm sorry." The man immediately apologized. For a moment, Andy shook his head and had nothing to say.

Then, he lectured the man, "Watch where you're going next time, seriously!" With that, Andy left.

The blond man knocked on the door of Olivia's apartment unit. But there was no answer.

'She's not at home? Where is she?"

When Olivia called him, he was busy and didn't have the patience to listen to her. Besides, he never liked to talk on the phone, so he came to look for Olivia. To his surprise, Olivia was hot home.

Forget it I guess it's nothing important. He could only blame himself for making this trip. He had been recruiting Olivia for so long, but Olivia hadn't done anything impressive. He wanted to reconsider his decision. As how he abandoned Cole, he thought he had to fire Olivia. The man didn't want to hire people who did nothing.

The next day, Cathy packed the freshly fried pumpkin pie and prepared to give them to Cina. She had specially asked Gina the day before if she would come to Medicine Land before preparing them.

After getting ready, Cathy went into the bedroom to wake Andy up. "Andy, didn't you promise to send me to work this morning? Why are you still sleeping? Didn't you go to bed early last night?"

Andy felt a little guilty. "I didn't sleep well last night and had a nightmare.

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Cathy sighed and frowned. "Don't feel pressured anymore because of the repair fees. Didn't I tell you we'll go through this together?"

Andy looked very touched as he hugged Cathy. "My dear, I'm so glad I have you!"

Alright. Don't be clingy. Hurry up and wash your face."

"Okay."

Andy stretched his body. His mind was still in a daze. Last night, he slept with Olivia again. Moreover, it was in the living room of their rented house. It was an exciting night, causing him to stay awake for more than an hour and come several times. Andy felt his ballsack was empty when he woke up that morning.

Cathy told Andy to stop when they arrived at a nearby intersection. Surprised, he asked, "Why don't you let me send you to the entrance of Medicine Land?"

"Miss Miller won't allow it. Just drop me off here. Hurry up and go to work, Cathy said as she left the car.

"What a strange policy," Andy muttered and left.

When Cathy arrived at the surveillance room of Medicine Land she saw Gina and was surprised. "Miss Miller, how did you get here so quickly? Do you want to see the growth of the medicinal herb? I can take you there."

Gina shook her head. Tve already seen it just now. You said you have something for me. What is it?"

"She's waiting for me on purpose?" Cathy was flattered and presented a box. "I made a pastry. Today, it's pumpkin pie!!

Gina opened it and took a look. The pumpkin pie's color was vibrant. It was still warm from the oven and smelled fragrant She wondered if it tasted as good as it looked.

Cathy looked at Gina expectantly. "Miss Miller, when you said I'm a good baker, I was flattered. But the thing is, my boyfriend doesn't like to eat pastry, yet my hands are always itching to make one. Do you want to take it?"

"Alright, I'd love to." Gina accepted it.

Cathy was joyful to hear it. "Great! I'll return to work then."

"Go ahead."

After receiving the pumpkin pie, Gina left Medicine Land. Gabriel sent a message asking what she was doing and Gina took a photo of the pumpkin pie before sending it to Gabriel.

Gina: [Want to try it together?]

Gabriel replied within seconds, Gabriel: [Sure, where are you? I pick you up.]

Gina: [Don't I'll meet you at Jackson Group, okay?]

Gabriel: [Alright!]

After learning that Medicine Land had started planting, Cina would often wake up early to visit Medicine Land. Gabriel would also wake up early, hoping that Cina could find him anytime she needed him. He looked forward to the day Gina asked him to visit Medicine Land with her.

Although a Medicine Land date sounded odd, Gabriel felt that every second with Gina was meaningful. The location and titne didn't matter.

At Jackson Group, it was still early. The employees had yet to come to work. After all, it was not working hours yet. Gabriel was waiting at the door to welcome Gina personally. He chose to arrive early to avoid sensation and discussion among

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employees.

Gina got out of the car and walked to Gabriel. "Didn't you say you'll be waiting at your offices

"I can't wait to meet you," Gabriel said.

Gina was stunned for a moment. She laughed and said, "Impressive, Mr. Jackson. You can always seduce people without much effort. It gives me the impression that you've practiced many times."

Gabriel hurriedly denied it. "You mean like attending pep talks about dating? Gina, you have to believe that some people don't need to practice when it comes to attracting someone. What if they're talented?"

"Are you boasting?" Gina asked.

Tm trying to make a point," Gabriel said seriously.

Hearing that, Gina smiled. "Have it your way. Let's talk in your office.

"Okay" Gabriel took the pumpkin pie box from Gina's hand before walking in.

In the office, Gabriel placed the box on the coffee table. Gina opened it and the smell wafted around the room.

"What do you think?" Gina asked.

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Gabriel thought Gina made the pie. "It looks delicious,"

Try it, Gina said.

"Alright." Gabriel picked up a piece and was about to eat it as he added, "I didn't expect you to have a hobby of making pastries."

"I didn't make it." Gina shook her head, picked up a piece, and ate it..

Hearing that, Gabriel was stunned. "Did you buy it?"

"No, someone gave it to me.

Gabriel's expression changed subtly. "Male or female? They gave it to you so early in the morning?"

Gina raised her eyebrows. "A friend gave it to me earlier this morning."

Gabriel grew uneasy. He frowned and said, "I didn't know you liked to eat pies. From now on, I'll get someone to send it to you daily."

Gina frowned and asked, "You want to get someone to

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to buy pies and send it to me?"

"But I like this kind of handmade pastry. Have I told you my friend made it?"

"I'll learn it! Starting today, I'll learn about baking" Gabriel said desperately.

"So, who gave this to you? Can you tell me?" Gabriel was about to go crazy. He didn't know who gave Gina such a pleasant- smelling pie behind his back.

What made Gabriel even more desperate was he later found out that the person knew Gina liked homemade pastry. He felt like he had failed as a lover.

"It's from a girl," Gina observed Gabriel's reaction and answered while still frowning.

Puzzled, Gina added, "Wait, haven't I told you it was a gift from my gal?" Realizing the awkward situation, she chuckled. "So you think you have a love rival? Don't overthink it, okay?"

Gabriel said worriedly, I'm also worried if it was a girl. You're so pretty that a girl might turn bisexual for you."

Gina laughed. "What are you talking about? She has a boyfriend.

Only then did Gabriel feel relieved. However, he refused to eat the pumpkin pic. "You know what? I won't eat it since you didn't make it."

Gina shook her head and teased, "Really? Then what about the food you've eaten since you were a toddler? Didn't your nanny cook them? And what about the food in the restaurant, cooked by a female chef? Can you guarantee that you've never eaten any food made by other women?"

Gabriel was speechless for a moment. I, I didn't mean that. It's just that I don't want to eat this pastry."

"Alright." Gina smiled. She realized that teasing Gabriel was somewhat fun.

Gabriel also looked joyful. He realized that recently, Gina had become more open and talkative in front of him.

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The office door suddenly opened. Gabriel frowned and turned around to see Harry.

When Harry saw Gina, his expression turned stiff. "Gabriel, you came early to the company for a date?"

Gabriel's face turned cold. "Uncle, the shareholders' meeting doesn't start until ten o'clock. Don't you think you're also coming too early?"

"I'm old and struggled to sleep. I might as well come to the company to take a look. Why? Do you think my presence disturbs you!

"I do have something I want to talk to you about before the shareholders' meeting, and I hope you have the time to listen." Harry looked at Gina with an unpleasant look. He was just short of asking Gina to take the initiative to leave.

Sensing Harry's unpleasant look, Gina stood up and said, "Please excuse me. I have to go back to work."

Gabriel's face looked disappointed, but he didn't want to make an issue out of Harry because he was busy talking about relationships and didn't put his heart into the company's matters.

From when Harry came in, Gina never made eye contact with him. She knew Harry hated her, and she would never look at someone who didn't like her.

As Gina walked out. Harry walked in, but he insisted on walking in Gina's path. Gina didn't care and bypa*sed him. meanwhile, Gabriel followed behind to send her away. "Gina, I'll send you downstairs."

Harry insisted on interrupting. "Why? Can't she take the elevator alone? She's a grown-up, and she knows how to press a button. Gabriel, I told you, I have something to talk to you about!

Gina looked back at Gabriel. "There's no need to send me off. I'll see you after you get off work"

"Alright, Gabriel said reluctantly.

Harry snorted coldly to express his dissatisfaction with Gina.

Just as Gina was about to walk out the door, she suddenly felt a sharp pain in her stomach. She frowned and couldn't help but spit out a mouthful of blood. She knelt on the ground and curled out in pain. Thin beads of sweat began to appear on her forehead.

Gabriel was shocked by this scene and rushed forward. "Gina?"

"What happened?" Harry turned around and saw a pale Gina being hugged by Gabriel. Seeing a blood stain at the corner of her mouth, he was also a little surprised.

Gina only thought of one possibility. "The pie, I think it's the pie Send me to Prover Hospital, please. It hurts..."

Gabriel didn't dare to waste a second. He carried Gina and rushed to the elevator.

Harry was stunned on the spot. When he regained his senses, he chased after Gabriel. "Gabriel, can't you get someone to send her to the hospital? Also, the shareholders' meeting has been postponed before. Don't tell me you plan to postpone again!"

Gabriel was too panicked to talk about the meeting. He ignored Harry and entered the elevator.

Harry was furious but immediately thought of something. "There's no way she suddenly fell ill. But who poisoned Gina? She can't die. At least for now!" He took out his phone and made a call

Gabriel put Gina in the backseat and drove away. Gina endured the pain in her stomach while taking painkillers to help with the pain. But soon, she spat out a few mouthfuls of bright red blood. Gabriel saw this scene from the rearview mirror and

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felt extremely anxious. "Gina, we're almost there. You'll be fine!"

"Find, find Dylan... Let him examine me... Just do it!" After saying those words, Gina fainted.

At Prover Hospital, Gabriel, according to Gina's request, looked for Dylan. Dylan quickly assessed the situation and arranged everything. He rinsed Gina's stomach. Before heading to the hospital, Gabriel had asked David to take the pumpkin pie on the table for testing.

Dylan frowned while explaining. "The test results are out. We found a highly potent rat poison in the pie, and the dose was enough to bring down ten people. Since rat poisons are colorless and odorless, they mix easily with food and are impossible to detect."

Gabriel's face looked terrified and enraged. He clenched his fists and his gaze was cold,

"Mr. Jackson, do you know who gave the pie to Gina?" Dylan asked.

I asked David to investigate. We don't know yet. Gina only said that it was from her gal."

Dylan frowned. "I guess whoever this girl is, she has a good relationship with Gina.

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Gina wouldn't have eaten anything that were sent by a random person. This realization made Dylan angry. "Gina trusted her so much, but she tried to kill her with poison? What a snake!"

At that moment, David walked into Dylan's room. "Mr. Jackson, we've found the person who made the pie," David said solemnly.

"Let her in." Gabriel's tone was cold as ice.

Cathy was still oblivious about what had happened. When she was brought over to see Gabriel, she was quite nervous.

The moment she saw Gabriel, Cathy didn't dare to make eye contact with him. She said with her head down, 'Mr. Jackson, why are you looking for me?"

Cathy thought it must be because of Andy's past action. "Is it because my boyfriend scratched your car? Don't worry, we're already working hard to earn money. We'll definitely cover for your car's repair. We won't go back on our word!" She said sincerely.

Gabriel ignored Cathy's nonsense and went straight to the point. "You put rat poison in your pumpkin pie, didn't you?"

Cathy was shocked. She lifted her eyes and looked at Gabriel. His cold eyes were filled with restrained anger as if he wanted to throw her off a cliff. Cathy unconsciously broke out in cold sweat and hurriedly denied, "I didn't! How could I possibly put rat poison in my food?"

Cathy returned to her senses and asked, "Miss Miller, did something happened to her?" search the (F)indNOvel.net website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Gabriel didn't have the patience to deal with her. "Then why is this box of pumpkin pie that you made has rat poison in it? Tell me the truth, and you'll have the luxury of a quick death!"

Cathy was mortified. 'Is he going to kill me? But why? What did I do wrong?"

Cathy quickly shook her head, "Mr. Jackson, I made my pumpkin pie with organic ingredients, and Miss Miller has been kind to me. Why would I repay her kindness in such a twisted way?"

"So you're saying that someone framed you?" Dylan chimed in

Cathy nodded her head repeatedly. "I can guarantee that when I made the pumpkin pie and delivered it to Miss Miller, I did't put any chemicals in it. There should be no problem with it

"But after your pumpkin pie fell into Gina's hands, she had been carrying it alone. Then, she went to see Mr. Jackson. Co it be that someone put rat poison when she carried it? Or did a ghost put rat poison while you were mixing the custard pic had put Gina's life in grave danger, and Dylan refused to buy Cathy's words.

"I-I don't know! But I bet on my life that my pumpkin pie is no the problem. Could it be Miss Miller ate something e today?" Cathy guessed in a daze.

David suddenly interrupted, "Mr. Jackson, after investigation, we found out that Cathy and Olivia are friends,"

David's words made Dylan and Gabriel even more suspicious of Cathy.

Gabriel recalled about Olivia and her cheap friends such as Lily Allen, Hazel Baker, and the list went on. They once colluded with Olivia to frame Gina. Because of this, Gabriel looked at Cathy coldly, "Did you plot something with Olivia? You and that b*tch plans to kill Gina, right?"

"No, absolutely not!" Cathy cried out in fear.

"So she framed you?" Dylan asked.

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Cathy thought for a moment and answered, "No, I didn't even tell her. Baking that pumpkin pie for Miss Miller was my initiative. How could she possibly put rat poison in the pie?" Although Cathy knew there was a deep hatred between Olivia and Gina, she didn't want to wrongly accuse Olivia

"Then did

ou tell anyone else?" Dylan asked annoyedly.

Cathy's heart skipped a beat. "I told..."

Dylan continued to ask, "Who did you tell? Tell us!"

Cathy started to stutter. She wasn't someone who was good at lying. Moreover, she had always remembered her mother's teachings and treated others sincerely. However, she didn't want to implicate Andy.

Gabriel didn't have the patience to waste a second with her. He immediately instructed David, "Check her phone."

Cathy was flustered. She knew she couldn't hide it even if she wanted to. She could only break down and admit it. "I only told my boyfriend, but he didn't touch my pastry at all. Moreover, he had no motives to poison Miss Miller"

"Mr. Jackson. I can guarantee that the pumpkin pie I made is definitely fine. There's something fishy about this! Are you sure Miss Miller isn't poisoned by something else?" Cathy retorted with a pale face.

Gabriel wouldn't easily believe her. Cathy, Andy and Olivia. One of those three people should be the culprit. Gabriel didn't plan to let any of them off. If it wasn't for the fact that Cathy was extremely timid, Gabriel would have taken her to the police long ago. He used his remaining rationality and empathy to restrain himself.

With a cold face, Gabriel pointed at the pumpkin pie on the desk. "You keep saying that there's nothing wrong with your pie, and Gina might ate something else that caused her to be poisoned. If so, do you dare to eat it?"

Cathy looked at the pumpkin pie on the table. She was in a panic and had no idea what she had to do to prove her innocence. So, she made up her mind and nodded. "I'll eat the ple."

Without hesitation, Cathy grabbed a piece of the pumpkin pie and ate it. After she finished eating, she explained, "Mr. Jackson, I believe this will prove my innocence. I know you won't harm a good person. You might've done something that caused Andy to scratch your car, and I admit we were wrong, but I won't admit to something I didn't do. I won't lie anyone!"

Gabriel wasn't interested to hear Cathy's words. Before Cathy could make a solid point to prove her innocence, no matter how sincere she sounded or how innocent she appeared, Gabriel wouldn't stop suspecting her.

Afterward, he said to David, "Bring Andy and Olivia over, especially Olivia. Don't let her escape.

"Yes."

Hearing Gabriel requesting David to bring Andy over, Cathy started to panic. "Mr. Jackson, I told you, this matter has nothing to do with my boyfriend!"

"Whether it's related or not, it's not something that can be determined with your one-sided words," Gabriel said coldly.

Cathy wanted to say something, but in the next second, the poison started to take effect. Her stomach was in pain, and she spat out blood. Her legs went soft and she knelt on the ground. Before she fainted, Cathy asked, "Mr. Jackson, Miss Miller.... how is she?" Then, Cathy fainted.

Dylan saw that Cathy had fainted from the pain. It was impossible for him to leave her in the lurch. He asked Gabriel, "I'll get someone to pump her stomach. We can't delay it. If we're a second late, she might lose her life!" He indirectly asked Gabriel to make a quick decision.

Gabriel nodded in agreement. If Cathy was proved to be the culprit, he would leave Cathy to succumb to the pain and die. But it seemed Cathy had made a solid point of her innocence, and Gabriel wasn't someone who would kill the innocent.

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At the same time, Olivia was relaxing in an apartment, feeling excited. By that time, she knew Gina had taken a bite of Cathy's pic.

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Olivia had mixed a lethal dose of rat poison into the pie's ingredients. There was no way Gina could survive. "There's no way she'll survive! The more she thought about it, the more excited she became. I hope you burn in hell!"

"It's such a pity that you can't bring along your wealth and glory! Olivia muttered to herself.

She knew Gabriel might suspect her immediately, but Olivia thought she had executed her plan flawlessly by not leaving any trace. Gabriel had no evidence and had anything to prove her involvement. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

There was a knock on the door. Olivia got up to get it and saw a blond man. He wore sunglasses and a mask. After opening the door, he questioned, "Did you poison Gina?"

Olivia was shocked. "You, how did you know so quickly?"

The blond man recovered from his shock and grabbed Olivia's neck. He pulled her into the house and closed the door. "Are you crazy? Who asked you to do this? Who asked you to poison Gina?"

Olivia felt a little uncomfortable being choked. She didn't understand why the blond man was so angry. She coughed and argued, "Isn't letting Gina die our common goal?"

"I told you, she's worth a lot of money from head to toc. If you poison her, her organs will be damaged. You've ruined your chance to earn buck loads of money, Bi*ch!" The blonde man shook off Olivia's shoulder and threw her on the floor.

Olivia said indignantly, "So what? Gina is dead. Why are you panicking? If you want to harvest someone's organ, harvest mine as her replacement. Kill me. I have no regret as long as that bi**tch dies!"

The blond man sneered. "Die? Do you think Gina can die so easily? She has been rescued, and Gabriel will come for you

soon!"

Olivia's face turned pale. "She's not dead? How is that possible? How is she able to survive after I put in a lethal dose? Are you kidding me? Isn't she human?"

The blond man looked at Olivia's shock coldly. "If you don't believe me, just wait for Gabriel to take you away. I don't think Gabriel or Gina will let you off this time."

Afterward, the man intended to let Olivia fend for herself. He turned around and left. As for Olivia, she broke down. Gina was not dead. It seemed impossible to kill her.

Olivia stepped forward and grabbed the blond man's arm. "Please, help me!"

The blond man was amused. "Help you? On what basis? What value do you have to deserve my help? And how can I be su you won't do anything clumsy?"

"I overestimated you, Olivia. I thought Cole's ruthlessness was nothing compared to you. I thought you could take ove father's job. But reality proved you're just a woman who can't do anything right."

Olivia panicked to the extreme. Although she didn't know the blond man's name, she knew he was her only hope of surviving Gabriel and Gina. That man was her last straw.

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try my best to find the source of the goods you want, Sir. Please, give me a chance. Please, on the account that my has worked for you for so many years and didn't snitch you until his death, help me. Please!" Olivia was so desperate that mentioned her father, whom she hated most, as reinforcements.

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The blond man sneered. "See? I said you're st

*pid, and you prove my point just now. Your father is just a mere do you think he is? Do I need to care about his or his daughter's feelings?"

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"I'm sorry. I'm sorry. I said something wrong. Sir, I have a candidate who can be a good source for you. Please, give me another chance to prove myself."

The blond man said disdainfully, "It's been so many days. You had so much time to prove your ability but failed. In addition, you've done such a st*pid thing. Saving you is purely a waste of my time. You're on your own, Kid."

Just as the blond man was about to open the door and leave, someone knocked on the front door. The blond man and Olivia were both stunned. Olivia went forward and saw David through the peephole.

Olivia turned to look at the blond man in a daze. "One of Gabrie's men is here."

The man covered his face, and Olivia couldn't tell how he felt. Regardless, Olivia decided to take a gamble.

"Sir, please help me. If not, I'll open the door and ask David to bring us along. Gina has always wanted to find my biological father's information, but she has no clue." Olivia explained in a low voice.

The blond man sneered. "Are you threatening me? Who are you to threaten me?"

Olivia remained calm and said, "I'm not threatening you, Sir. The moment you found me, we were in the same boat. I'm willing to die, but I can't die before seeing Gina die! You saved me once, and I don't mind sacrificing myself for you."

The knocking on the door became louder and louder. David felt like smashing the door.

The man sneered. "How troublesome. If only he left sooner, he wouldn't have to run into one of Gabriel's men. No matter what, he couldn't expose his identity.

The man grabbed Olivia's shoulders and whispered, "Do not admit that you poisoned her. Use whatever reason, but you can't let him know that you've poisoned Gina. If Gabriel doesn't release you within three days, I'll help you."

Olivia had the blond man's protection. Although she was still a little nervous, she knew she was safe. She nodded to show she understood what must be done.

The blond man hid in her bedroom, and Olivia opened the door. David coldly said, "Olivia, Mr. Jackson wants to see you."

Olivia's acting skills came into play. She asked innocently, "Mr. Jackson? Why is he looking for me?"

"You know the answer." David didn't have the patience to explain and deal with Olivia. She was a pathological liar. So, he said to the point, "Come with me."

Olivia didn't dare to show her panic. She had to pretend that nothing had happened. She had to.

Olivia sighed. "Alright, Mr. Jackson wants to see me. With my lovly status, how can I reject his order? Let's go."

Olivia and David got into the car. They went straight to Prover Hospital. When they arrived, Olivia pretended to be "Why did you bring me to the hospital? Is Mr. Jackson sick?"

David didn't care about Olivia's question at all.

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David brought Olivia to Dylan's office. She saw Andy was already inside. He knelt on the ground and explained himself frantically as if possessed, "Mr. Jackson, we didn't poison Miss Miller. Please, believe us. We wouldn't dare to harm her, even if we were brave enough!"

David pushed Olivia without mercy, and she staggered into the office. When Gabriel saw Olivia, he couldn't control his

and kicked Olivia's knee. She knelt in pain. "Mr. Jackson, what are you doing? Do you think you can kick people for no reason because you have power and influence?"

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Gabriel squatted down and grabbed her neck. "You poisoned her

Olivia's heart trembled. Gabriel's oppression was too strong. He choked her roughly as if he wanted her dead. "What poison? I don't know what you're talking about!" Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Dylan didn't buy her words and shouted, "Enough with the charade! You secretly drugged the pumpkin pie that Cathy gave to Gina, didn't you?"

"What pumpkin pie? Why are you accusing me? I admit to what I've done before, but why should I admit to something I've never dog 2

Olivia refused to admit it. She was betting they wouldn't dare to do anything twisted to her without evidence. But she knew she wouldn't escape Gabriel's harm. At that moment, staying alive was the most important thing for her.

Suddenly, a nurse ran over and knocked d on the

the door. "Dr. Thomas, Miss Miller is awake."

Upon hearing this, Gabriel didn't want to waste his time with Olivia. He rushed out of the room and came to Gina's ward. There, Gina lay on the bed with a slightly pale face.

"Gina!" Gabriel couldn't suppress the anxiousness in his voice. He gently hugged Gina and burrowed his face into her neck. "How do you feel?"

I'm fine. I guess the poison isn't enough to kill me, huh?" Gina said jokingly.

I'll make whoever poisons you pay the price!" Gabriel's gaze became sharp. "This matter has something to do with Olivia and Cathy," He said coldly.

Gina agreed with the first half of the sentence, but she didn't think this matter had anything to do with Cathy.

Cathy had coincidentally woken up and went to Gina's ward weakly. "Miss Miller?"

Gina was shocked to see how pale Cathy was. "Cathy? What's wrong with you?"

"I..." Cathy looked at Gabriel and dared not to speak.

Gabriel shook his head and said coldly. "She said there was nothing wrong with her pumpkin pie, so I asked her to

Cina was even more surprised. "Well, the point is, I'm fine now. Are you alright, Cathy?"

Cathy immediately knelt beside Gina's bed. "Miss Miller, I swear I didn't poison you. My boyfriend is also innocent. believe me!" Cathy knew pleading before Gina was her and Andy's only ticket out.

"But I did give you the pumpkin pie. So, in a way, I am responsible. Miss Miller, I can accept whatever punishment, but swear I won't do such a twisted and heartless thing to you. Miss Miller, I... Cathy said while crying.

"Don't feel so guilty, Cathy. Get up. I'm still weak from the poison, but the doctor has cleaned my stomach. Please, don't Gina comforted.

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Gabriel frowned and said sarcastically. "Gina, you don't have to worry about her. Although she ate that poisonous pie, she only took a small bite. She knew how much pie she had to shove into her mouth to save herself. But you, on the other hand, almost finished an entire box!

When Cathy heard this, she felt an incredible guilt and disappointment. She ate the poisonous pumpkin pie to prove her innocence. But in the end, it seemed pointless.

Gina smiled, "What can I say? It tastes so good. I like it very much. I couldn't help but eat more."

Suddenly, Gina remembered something and asked. "Anyway, where's Olivia? I need to call her"

Gabriel quickly got David to bring Olivia and Andy to Gina's ward. When Andy saw Cathy kneeling on the ground, he hurriedly hugged her. "Cathy, are you alright?"

Cathy shook her head silently. Meanwhile, David kicked Olivia to make her kneel. Olivia looked up and glanced at Gina angrily.

Gina stared coldly at Olivia. "What's with that look? Are you angry about something? Is it because you failed to poison me to death? You must be disappointed to see me alive, right?"

Olivia felt guilty. She didn't expect Gina to see through her. She broke out in a cold sweat and avoided Gina's gaze. "You said that I poisoned you. But do you have any evidence? If you don't aren't you slandering me?"

Olivia chuckled and continued. "But go ahead, sue me, Gina. I know you have the power and influence. I can't win against you. If you want to pin such a crime on me for no reason, I am powerless to fight back. I've been unlucky all my life, and we hated each other. You have all the reason to mess with my life."

Gina ignored Olivia's words. Instead, she turned to David and asked, "Have you found any records of her buying a rat poison?

David shook his head. "No."

"As expected. Olivia never wants to get her hands dirty, and I believe she asked someone else to buy it. C

Gina said casually

Olivia's heart skipped a beat. She had underestimated Gina because, in the past, Olivia could always get away with anything she did. But at that moment, she finally understood that Gina took her time to study her pattern. Gina waited for the right time to strike. Whatever Olivia was plotting. Gina would think of it too.

Olivia panicked but was determined to deny her doing no matter what. It would be good if she could hold on until the blond

man came to save her.

David also thought of something but didn't find any urgency in checking Olivia's phone contact list. Even if she called someone, Olivia would probably delete it afterward.

Gina sneered. "Olivia, such a solid argument, and did I feel a little taunting? I won't do anything to you before I have evidence. But I've known your pattern. Hence, you'll be on top of my list in this case. You should feel honored."

Gina chuckled and added, "You think you can kill me by putting a lethal dose of chemicals into a pie? Don't be ridicu Also, don't try to deny yourself. I know my death was your ultimate goal. You willingly sacrifice your life as long as yo see me die first, right?"

Gina's words accurately hit Olivia's sore spots. Her heart was beating so fast that it felt like it was about to jump out of chest. Even so, she refused to admit it. "Gina, you make a seemingly solid point, but show me the evidence! If you dare kill me without evidence, let me tell you, I won't let you go. Even if I become a ghost, I will haunt you for eternity."

Olivia was anxious. Gina had become the biggest threat she had in her life. Meanwhile, Gina asked calmly, "Why do you keep thinking I want to kill you? I don't want you to die."

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Olivia was frozen in disbelief.

She thought, 'Could it be true that Gina didn't want me dead? How could that be? Search The FindNøvel.net website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

e not going to die just yet. You still owe me that money, and it's time to settle the

Then, she heard Gina's serene voice. "You're not debt."

Olivia was shattered, her anger leaving her speechless. "You...

Gina offered Olivia a faint smile.

Her gaze then shifted to Andy. "Cathy, you claim she only confided in you about the pumpkin pie incident. So, who else did. you disclose it to?"

"I swear, I haven't spoken to anyone else!" Andy asserted earnestly

It wasn't worth boasting about such a trivial matter!

Gina had been scrutinizing Andy's every expression and confirmed he was telling the truth.

"You're free to go now," Gina said calmly.

Andy and Cathy exchanged bewildered looks.

Cathy, still uncertain, ventured cautiously, "Miss Miller, you're not holding me accountable, are you?"

"No blame to lay at your feet. You, too, were manipulated by someone with malicious intent."

Andy and Cathy breathed a collective sigh of relief. Andy followed up on Gina's statement with a question, "Miss Miller, does this mean Mr. Jackson misunderstood us?"

"Gabriel didn't have the full picture. In his haste, he jumped to conclusions."

Gina clarified.

Defiantly, Andy spoke up, "Miss Miller, given the circumstances, this isn't something that can be brushed aside with a simple assurance from you and Mr. Jackson's misunderstanding. Cathy risked her life by eating that poisoned pumpkin pie to prove her innocence. I can't let this slide."

Gabriel fully trusted Gina's judgment, believing the couple to be innocent. He was ready to take responsibility for his

actions.

Getting straight to the point, he asked, "What kind of compensation are you looking for?"

Andy's eyes gleamed with interest, and he was about to speak when Cathy suddenly tugged at his sleeve. Andy glanced at Cathy, and she shook her head.

Both Mr. Jackson and Miss Miller held prominent positions, and Cathy worried that Andy's audacious demands might complicate matters that could otherwise be resolved.

Gina took the initiative, "Cathy, Prover Hospital will cover all your future medical expenses, and if either of you ever falls ill in the future, you'll receive free treatment at Prover Hospital"

Cathy was astonished The medical expenses at Prover Hospital were already beyond the reach of ordinary people, and Gina's offer of unlimited free treatment was exceptionally generous.

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Thinking about the generous salary Gina offered for harvesting medicinal herbs, as well as retaining Cathy's nursing job at Prover Hospital even though she couldn't work due to her condition, left her with no reason to be dissatisfied.

However, Andy interjected from the sidelines, "Free treatment? Medical care at no cost? Miss Miller, you're well-versed in compensation, but your offer seems vague. Cathy and I are both healthy and rarely get sick. Your compensation seems like a fantasy. Can we get something practical?"

Cathy was shocked by Andy's audacious remarks.

She glared at Andy, her anger palpable. "What did you just say? Im sorry, Miss Miller. Andy's not in his right mind...

Gina remained composed. "And what compensation are you seeking?"

Andy said firmly. I can't stand seeing Cathy being mistreated!"

"Mr. Jackson, the compensation I seek is for you to waive the repair costs for your car that we would have had to cover he asserted.

Cathy couldn't conceal her astonishment as she glanced at Andy

Sensing Cathy's scrutinizing gaze. Andy coughed lightly and pressed on. "Cathy, you mentioned you're ready to stand by me through this, to shoulder the responsibility of fixing the car together. If Mr. Jackson agrees to waive the compensation, it would ease our burden, wouldn't it?"

Cathy remained silent.

Even Olivia, observing from the sidelines, could discern Andy's facade. He was just a scoundrel looking out for his interests, yet dared to claim it was all for Cathy's sake....

It was ridiculous.

Olivia smirked quietly, keeping her head down.

The one who ate the pie is Cathy, and it's her right to make demands, not yours," Gina addressed Andy,

Andy felt indignant, realizing that everyone present had seen through his intentions. To salvage his pride, he said. "That's because I wasn't present when Cathy ate the poisoned pie. I would have gladly taken her place if I had been there!"

Then, Andy grabbed Cathy's hand. "Cathy, you've been wronged because of me. I failed to protect you."

"Miss Miller, Mr. Jackson, can you finally agree to my request? You were the ones who mentioned compensation earlier, weren't you? Are you trying to pin the blame on us now? Cathy and I are just ordinary people. If you want to play dirty we have no choice but to accept it!" Andy's expression betrayed a sense of oppression.

"You don't need to spout all this nonsense to provoke me. You claim that if you were present, you'd willingly take poisoned pie for Cathy. It's easy to speak fine words, but actions speak louder. How about you demonstrate it by rest of that pie? Since we're in a hospital, I'll promptly arrange for someone to get your stomach pumped. How do sound?" Cina raised an eyebrow, her tone challenging.

Andy panicked "Miss Miller, you're treating lives as if they're worthless! You know that pie is poisoned, yet you wan

"No matter how much you cat. I'll convince Gabriel to waive your car repair expenses and offer you an additional 200 thousand dollars. How does that sound?" Gina asked again.

Andy was tempted but ultimately refused. "No, I won't risk my life for that 200 thousand dollars. What's the point of h money if I'm dead? I won't eat it!"

"Since you value your life so much, spare me the lofty words," Gina's voice chilled.

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Andy remained silent in opposition, but Cathy suddenly spoke up. "Miss Miller, if I had the right to make demands, my request would be the same as Andy's. We hope Mr. Jackson can waive the repair expenses. Thank you."

Andy was thrilled, embracing Cathy. "Cathy, I've always known you're the best to me!"

Gina's expression turned icy as she looked at Gabriel Gabriel, do you agree?"

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"Agreed, Gabriel responded casually, Repair costs meant nothing to him, understanding Gina's subtle hint that he should comply.

"Thank you. Cathy sincerely thanked Gina and Gabriel.

Andy couldn't wait to pull Cathy away, fearing Gabriel might change his mind and demand compensation again.

Before leaving, Andy turned to Gina and Gabriel, "Miss Miller, Mr. Jackson, I seem to have some clues about the poisoning

incident."

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Gina turned her gaze toward Andy. "What clue are you referring to?"

Andy explained, "On the day you were poisoned, I encountered peculiar man near my rented place. It was broad daylight, yet he concealed himself completely as if avoiding being seen."

"Is that all?" Gina inquired.

"That's... all," Andy replied somewhat hesitantly, realizing he hadn't provided much helpful information that could be

considered a clue.

"Did he have any distinguishing features? Why did you find him peculiar?" Gina's question jogged Andy's memory.

"I remembered one thing. He had a distinctive feature: golden hair, quite unconventional! He looked like a ruffian, a rogue. I found him strange because people in our neighborhood usually recognize each other, yet he was unfamiliar. His demeanor didn't seem trustworthy!"

A blond man....

Olivia's heart skipped a beat.

The fact that Andy encountered the blond man, and worse, Andy disclosed it to Gina!

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"Darn it! man blabbering about everything?

"Alright, I understand," Gina acknowledged. This clue was still somewhat broad but not entirely worthless.

As Andy prepared to leave, he couldn't resist another attempt. "Miss Miller, I've given you a clue. I'm not letting you off the hook for the repair costs without something in return: Speaking of which, Miss Miller, do you have any enemies?"

"Enemies targeting you, poisoning you, and dragging us into it for no reason. Clearly, we're innocent bystanders in this mess. If it weren't for this incident, we wouldn't be caught up in all of this. It's only fair to compensate us, don't you think?"

Andy seized the opportunity to bargain for himself.

Cathy couldn't bear it any longer. "Let's go."

Andy waved it off. "Alright. Let's go."

But just a couple of steps away, Andy turned back. "Miss Miller, Cathy hasn't fully recovered from the poisoning. She still needs further treatment at Prover Hospital. Can you waive the medical expenses, like you mentioned earlier?"

"Of course, Gina replied calmly.

"That's enough, Andy," Cathy couldn't tolerate it any longer. Andy was pushing his luck too far.

"Alright then, This is for your good. Come on, let's get you settled in at the hospital," Andy said, guiding Cathy away.

Olivia remained kneeling on the ground, her heart racing with anxiety at the mention of the blond man. She kept her fixed on the floor.

"You should depart as well," Gina said calmly.

Olivia was taken aback, looking up at Gina lying in the hospital bed. "You're letting me go?"

Gina's expression was indifferent. "You won the bet, didn't you? Without evidence, I can't pursue legal action against you. I'm allowing your departure because I lack grounds to do otherwise

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"But remember, time will reveal all secrets. Cherish what little freedom remains to you."

Olivia trembled with anger. Gina spoke as if releasing her was a favor. She vowed to reclaim her power and crush Gina once again!

Not daring to linger, fearing Gina might change her mind and detain her, Olivia rose to her feet. Her legs felt numb from kneeling for so long, and she stumbled out of the room.

Gabriel shot a cold glare at Olivia's retreating figure, his eyes expressing a desire to tear her apart.

As Gabriel's gaze shifted back to Gina, his piercing demeanor softened into a tender warmth, "Gina, are you letting her go?"

Though Gabriel contemplated imparting a lesson to Olivia, he deferred to Gina's discretion on handling the matter.

"Shouldn't we give her a taste of her own medicine before setting her free? Gina remarked casually.

"If it'll make her think twice, perhaps, Gabriel conceded...

"No, she won't learn from a mere thrashing. Her hatred toward he runs deep, and mental torment can be more enduring than physical pain. Violence won't resolve the issue. Setting her free is granting her the chance to either mend her ways or face her demise. If she wishes to challenge me, I'll oblige, but she must be prepared to face the consequences," Gina explained.

Gabriel nodded in comprehension.

The door to the ward creaked open, and Michael hurried in.

"Gina! Are you alright?" he exclaimed.

Taken aback by Michael's sudden appearance, Gina replied, "I'm fine, nothing to fret about."

"How can you look alright with that pale complexion? Michael's voice trembled with concern, entirely disregarding Gabriel's presence at the bedside.

"Aren't you supposed to be in Oriata City?" Cina remained composed despite Michael's agitation.

"I hurried over as soon as Dylan informed me about your poisoning. They say it was ten times the regular dose. Are you truly alright?" Michael persisted, his worry palpable.

"I seem fine now, don't I? Gina responded calmly,

"But Dylan mentioned there might be lasting effects on your organs," Michael continued, glancing at Gabriel before continuing sarcastically, "If only you still had the Spirit Orchid. I would've come in handy now."

Ignoring Michael's implication, Gabriel turned to Gina. "Forgive me, Cina. I've exhausted the Spirit Orchid."

With a disdainful snort, Michael pressed on, "Medicinal herbs are scarce. Wouldn't it have been prudent to keep so reserve? What if someday, someone close to you gets hurt and needs it? Wasn't that worth considering?"

Though Michael didn't mention anyone by name, his accusation against Gabriel's selfishness was unmistakable.

Gabriel's expression turned icy as he shot Michael a glance, tension thickening between them.

Gina couldn't quite comprehend the underlying tension between them. Had there been no prior conflicts? Then why d she sense this mutual animosity?

"Michael, it's not simply a matter of keeping the Spirit Orchid or not. Setting that aside, nobody could have predicted the events of today. Besides, the amount of the Spirit Orchid I gave Gabriel was already limited. He got injured while protect me, so I provided it to aid in his recovery. I don't need it now, and it's unfair to blame Gabriel," Gina explained. SEARCH the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

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Her unwavering trust in Cathy was why she hadn't been cautious about the pastries Cathy sent over.

Gabriel couldn't help but smirk upon hearing Gina's defense. He shot Michael a meaningful glance, almost as if claiming a silent victory.

Michael glared back at Gabriel and took a deep breath. "Gina, you don't seem to be in good spirits. You should rest more. Some people don't realize that patients have limited energy and keep bothering them by lingering in the hospital room."

Gina remained silent, feeling the atmosphere growing increasingly tense.

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"Alright, you both can leave now," Gina said.

Gabriel remained silent while Michael followed suit.

Glancing at the time, Gabriel spoke, "Gina, there's still some business at the office. I'll swing by later once it's wrapped up."

"Sure," Gina nodded.

Gabriel and Michael left the hospital room one after the other, leaving Gina feeling weary as she drifted off to sleep.

Olivia left Prover Hospital, her heart pounding with fear. Her hand trembled as she took out her phone, nearly causing her to drop it. She needed to figure out her next move.

Gina realized the poison might have been procured for her by someone else. If she found out it was Mason, everything would be over.

Olivia thought, I lacked confidence in keeping Mason from revealing her involvement. I needed to find a way to silence him... Should I silence him permanently? I felt uneasy. Silencing him didn't seem like a foolproof solution. Perhaps only death could truly seal his lips... Was I contemplating ending Mason's life? I didn't want to bear the weight of taking a life, especially before facing the inevitable perils of the underworld. I couldn't risk paying with my life for Mason's demise. Moreover, Andy had divulged details about the blond man to Gina.

Olivia's mind felt like a whirlwind of confusion. There were too many complexities to untangle.

She focused on calming herself down and pondered her next move. Eventually, she resolved to contact the blond man. Messaging the number he had called her from, she arranged a meeting. [We need to talk. Not at my place.]

Returning to her rented room, Olivia received a message from the blond man, providing her with an address.

Without hesitation, Olivia set out once again.

She arrived at a bar.

Olivia located the private room where the blond man was seated. He lounged on the couch, leisurely sipping his drink, his. face still concealed. "What a surprise. Gina didn't tear you apart. She just let you go."

Olivia wasn't in the mood to entertain the blond man's banter. Getting straight to the point, she said, "The day you came looking for me, someone spotted you. They found you suspicious and informed Gina. Now, she probably suspects ye the one who poisoned me."

The blond man's demeanor changed. "What?" he exclaimed.

Recalling the encounter with Andy, he became agitated. "Why would he think I'm suspicious?"

"Because you were completely covered up, and your blond hair is too conspicuous, Olivia explained.

Just for that?" The blond man chuckled, rising to approach Olivia. Suddenly, he grabbed her by the throat. "Are you to deceive me? Are you the one who told Gina about me?"

His grip tightened with each passing moment.

Olivia glared at him, her frustration evident. "What do I gain by telling her?"

"Didn't you mention Gina's keen interest in tracing Cole's connections? Logically, you'd betray me to earn her forgiveness."

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"Why would I bother coming here to give you a heads-up?"

"To prevent any doubts from creeping in," the blond man stated in a chilling tone.

Olivia erupted, "Enough of your self-righteousness! We're in the same boat now, aren't we? My grudge with Gina won't vanish because I didn't betray you. It's a matter of survival between her and me!"

Olivia's teeth clenched as she finished, her eyes filled with hatred on the verge of spilling over.

The blond man released Olivia. "What's the name of the accuser

"Andy, he lives next door to me. Remember, you can't come knocking on my door anymore," Olivia coughed twice, rubbing her sore neck where she'd been choked.

"He can't stay," the blond man said casually, as if taking Andy's life was as trivial as a speck of dust.

"You... you going to kill him?" Olivia asked.

"He's messed with my plans," the blond man replied with a hint of malice.

"If you kill someone, how do you deal with it? Olivia inquired.

The blond man looked at Olivia and chuckled, "What's this? Are you trying to learn from me?"

Olivia pursed her lips.

I can make him disappear without a trace. Can you?" the blond man laughed.

Olivia remained silent. Sear*ch the FindNøvel.net website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

The blond man grew curious. "Who's on your h

hit list?

"The one who helped me procure the poison. If Gina finds out about him, she'll eventually trace it back to him. Once she has evidence, she can send me to prison."

In the past, Olivia had schemed against Gina, but Cina always managed to slip through her fingers. Otherwise, Olivia's actions would have landed her in prison for years. Olivia used to Vescapes were just luck, but now she realized Gina had some skills.

Still, Olivia couldn't fathom how Gina survived such a hefty dose of poison. It was beyond belief.

"Prison? What's there to fear? I have ways to get you out as long as you're alive. But you've got to be useful. You said you found the source, so where is it?"

Olivia's heart skipped a beat. She had only mentioned finding a potential source in desperation, hoping to appea She hadn't expected him to remember.

"You lied to me?" The man's patience wore thin. "Olivia, I've got limited patience. This isn't a game. Looks like you worthless, of no value. Our partnership ends."

Olivia panicked. "I didn't lie to you. I did find a potential target, but you've got to give me time. Let him willingly ag the test. If I bring him to your place for matching, won't he smell a rat?"

"And then he turns the tables and rats us out, putting us both in hot water. What then?" Olivia said.

The blond man fell silent for a moment. "You've thought this through," he remarked. "I just hope you're not all talk. Bu you're as sure as you sound, then I'll trust you've got your target lined up. Best bring him to me soon; organs in demand fetch quite the price."

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But what good was a hefty profit? Right then, he owed Gina a hefty sum, and as soon as that money landed in her hands, it was drawn right over to her.

Yet, Olivia had her agenda. She locked eyes with the blond man. I'm willing to do your bidding, but you'll ensure my safety. won't you?

Though Olivia wasn't sure of the blond man's standing in the criminal underworld, anyone involved in such deadly dealings: must have significant power backing them. She could align herself with that power, use it to ensure her survival.

"Of course," the blond man nodded. "If you perform well, excel even, I'll be sure to reward you handsomely."

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"I don't want any other reward. All I desire is Gina's life. I want her dead." Olivia's eyes blazed with fury. search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

"You can rest assured. Our goals remain aligned, the blond man patted Olivia's shoulder reassuringly.

"Alright then, until our paths cross again. I look forward to seeing you bring your catch when we meet again. Awaiting good news from you."

Gina woke from her slumber, habitually checking her phone, but found no messages from Gabriel.

He must be occupied, Gina thought.

She rose from her bed, preparing to head to the restaurant for a meal. Despite the availability of room service, she felt the urge to move around.

"Ginal"

As Gina heard her name called by a familiar voice, she frowned but kept walking without slowing down. Nevertheless, the person behind her quickened their pace and soon caught up.

Ella stepped in front of Gina, blocking her path.

"Gina, what's wrong? You look pale, are you feeling ill? Where does it hurt?" Ella's long-dormant maternal concern seemed to awaken at that moment, and she eagerly expressed her concern.

Gina glanced at her indifferently. "It's none of your concern."

A pang of hurt flashed in Ella's eyes, "Gina, I do care about you."

Gina looked at her and let out a wry chuckle.

Remember that year when she returned to the Miller family? One night, she had a fever. She went to the kitchen to get some water and medicine. Ella heard the commotion and rushed over, her words tinged with sarcasm.

"Why are you running around when you're sick? Don't infect the whole family, you troublemaker."

"It's just a fever."

"A fever? Who knows if you're telling the truth or not? Did you catch some strange illness in the countryside to curs What rotten luck!"

At this moment, Ella gazed at her with a caring expression, genuinely expressing her desire to show concern.

However, Gina was now devoid of any longing for familial bonds or expectations of family care

"Mother? Please spare me the title. It disgusts me," Gina retorted with a steely gaze

Ella's expression paled, stunned by Gina's unyielding demeanor.

Yet, Ella persisted in attempting to portray her maternal affection "Gina, I understand you may seem tough on the sur but you have a soft heart within. You must have arranged for Jason's admission to Prover Hospital, right? Otherwise, ho could he have been admitted so promptly? I know deep down you still have us in your thoughts."

"I realize Jason and I may have mistreated you in the past, but those times are behind us. Whenever you're ready to embr us again, we'll be here. Take your time; reconciliation requires patience."

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Gina, listening to Ella's words, felt as though she were being subjected to a form of self-hypnosis.

However, Gina dispelled Ella's illusions with a direct rebuttal. "You're mistaken. I didn't orchestrate Jason's hospitalization. It was merely a stroke of luck. Another patient canceled their reservation, and Jason was the beneficiary."

Ella couldn't believe it, convinced that Gina was refusing to acknowledge her involvement. "The timing is just too perfect, Gina. I know Prover Hospital is well-managed, but I'm still worried. I've been occupied with looking after James lately and neglected you. It's my fault, so I'd like the chance to make it up to you, alright?"

Growing impatient, Gina responded curtly, "I don't need it. And your attempts to please me are laughable. Your display of maternal affection is for the director of Prover Hospital, not for me. Let's end this. I have no interest in your performance."

Ella widened her eyes, appearing utterly heartbroken. "Gina, do you see me as your enemy now? I'm sorry for our past mistakes. I owe you an apology. I'll apologize, even if it means kneeling before you!"

With tears streaming down her face, Ella knelt before Gina.

Gina remained impassive.

Here it came again.

Gina had grown immune to Ella's attempts at manipulation, but it was almost comical how Ella persisted in resorting to such emotional tactics. Unfortunately, Gina no longer acknowledged Ella as her mother, so she couldn't be swayed.

Gina remained stoic as she walked past Ella.

Ella's sobs echoed, but they failed to elicit any reaction from Gina

"Ella!" Noah hurried over. "What's happening? Why are you kneeling?"

Noah looked up and spotted Gina's figure, "Gina, stop right there! What did you do to Ella?"

Noah helped Ella to her feet and then swiftly caught up to Gina,

Once again intercepted, Gina's expression darkened. "Td rather not resort to violence, but if you keep provoking me, I'll consider taking legal action. Coincidentally, we're right by the hospital. You can seek medical attention here."

Noah's frustration was evident. "Gina, I know you're a big shot now, with all your fame and wealth flaunting your power. But we haven't been bothering you lately, have we? What did you do to Ella to make her upset so much?"

"And making her kneel!"

"It wasn't Gina's idea for me to kneel. It was my own choice. I hope that by doing so, Gina can forgive us."

Noah was momentarily speechless. "Ella, what's the point in talking to someone so heartless? We'll never measure standards in this lifetime!"

Noah sneered, "Didn't she imply that our interest in getting close to her was solely because of her role as the hospit director? Gina, are you really that naive? When you returned to the Miller family, why didn't you reveal your true id Why keep us in the dark about how capable and impressive you are?"

"She went as far as pretending to be a simple country girl, leading us to misunderstand her! And that's what set off everything that followed!"

Noah's implication was clear-it was all Gina's fault for pretending to be a "country girl" from the start.

"You didn't disclose your hidden identity because you never truly considered us family, fearing we might ask for your he right?"

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"Mom, I just want y Noah mocked.

you to wake up. We are nobody, and she is Ms. Miller, the director of Prover Hospital. We're not a family."

"So you know it. Great." Gina smiled.

Noah was about to fly into a rage.

Ella slapped his shoulder angrily. "Shut up!"

But he continued. "Gina, don't think that we have to be grateful to you just because you let Jason get admitted to your hospital. It's a trivial matter to begin with. You are the hospital director. It's not a big deal, easy like taking candy from a kid."

Gina said indifferently. "Then you should also know that kicking him out is also something easy. Do you want me to give it at try? Then Jason must be grateful to you, right?"

"No, Gina. He didn't mean it. Please don't argue with him. Noah, apologize to Gina." Ella said hurriedly.

If Noah had not interrupted, she might have been able to soften Gina's heart.

Noah did not want to be resented by his brother. He apologized reluctantly, I'm sorry. I said something to blame, come for me alone. Don't implicate my family. They are innocent" Noah looked righteous.

"You're a family, so you should share it. If I want to take revenge. I'll definitely target all of you."

Noah was shocked. "You!"

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"So, watch your mouth. If you dare to offend me, none of you will have a good ending. I promise." With that, Gina swaggered off.

"You've ruined everything!" Ella glared at Noah.

Noah said helplessly, "Mom, didn't you hear what she said just now? She hates us all. She is threatening us. She's a heartless beast. You can't make her soft-hearted."

"Don't slander your sister. As long as I persevere, Gina will change her mind one day!" Ella affirmed.

Noah snorted and turned to leave.

In Jackson Group, after the shareholders' meeting, Harry went to Gabriel's office.

"Harry, you said that you have something to discuss with me. What is it?" Gabriel asked.

Before Harry got down to the point, he added some sarcastic words. "Do you have time to talk to me? Don't you need to accompany your Gina? After all, the shareholders' meeting was postponed by you to the afternoon. Gabriel, you have no been so willful and irresponsible before."

Harry wanted to scold Cina, but he was afraid that Gabriel would fall out with him.

"If you don't want a talk, you can just leave, Gabriel said coldly.

Harry's expression changed. His nephew talked like he was the superior. Although he could not stand Gabriel's dedication to Gina, there was nothing he could do.

Harry felt embarrassed and snorted. I've found a medical project that I want to invest in.

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"Medical project?"

Jackson Group had not been involved in the medical industry before. Gabriel was curious as to why he suddenly wanted to march into the medical business.

"Do you have a plan?" Gabriel asked.

Harry did not like Gabriel's questioning tone. He was clearly his elder but had never enjoyed his respect. "Oh, I've got someone to prepare it." Then Harry made a call. "Come up."

A moment later, there was a knock on the door.

"Come in," Gabriel said.

A man walked into Gabriel's office. "Mr. Jackson. Long time no see. You probably don't remember me. Please let me introduce myself again. My name is Ibrahim Rosario. I'm an internist."

Gabriel recalled this name. Previously, Jasinine caused his father to fall ill and go to the hospital. Harry had introduced Ibrahim to treat him at that time.

However, Ibrahim did not intervene in the end. It was Gina who saved his father again.

Things didn't go well back then.

Gabriel glanced at Ibrahim's hair. He remembered that it was not dark brown previously, but Gabriel did not pay much attention to this detail.

"Dr. Rosario is an internationally renowned doctor. I'm also very optimistic about our project. I believe that Jackson Group will achieve a lot in the medical field in the future." search the FindNovel.net website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Ibrahim smiled. "Thank you. Mr. Neil, this is the business proposal. Please take a look."

Gabriel took over the document and flipped through it. This project was about medical examinations. The goal was to develop an all-in-one machine that could reduce the cost of medical checkups. It seemed to be very beneficial to the general public.

"An all-in-one medical examination machine? Although I don't know much about the medical aspects, it seems very difficult."

"That's right, Mr. Jackson. It's reasonable for you to have concerns. However, it's precisely because this project is so difficult to achieve that no one has tried it yet. Jackson Group is financially powerful. Coupled with the fact that I've led a professional team, I believe in time, we will definitely be able to achieve this great goal," Ibrahim said with anticipation.

Harry chimed in, "If we create this product and let ordinary people undergo full-body checkups in then Jackson Group, the Jackson family, will be remembered forever."

Ibrahim nodded. "Yes."

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Gabriel's heart did not change much after listening to their speech. Before all their goals were achieved, no matter how nice the words were, they were just empty words.

"I will consider this project. Gabriel did not agree immediately."

Harry was not surprised by Gabriel's hesitation. He said, "Gabriel. I'm just informing you. After all, you still need to sign the subsequent funding. Your father has already agreed to carry out this project."

Gabriel was a little surprised. "Really?"

"Of course. Do you think I need to lie to you?" Harry snorted in disdain.

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He called Neil directly. "Neil, I've talked to Gabriel about that medical project. I can understand that he has concerns, but time waits for no one. Dr. Rosario doesn't insist on working with us. If such a good project falls into someone else's hands, I'm afraid we'll regret it for the rest of our lives!"

Neil also hoped that Jackson Group was not only a business leader, but also a very socially responsible company that could benefit society. When he heard about this project, Neil was also optimistic. Who didn't want to become a great person and leave their name in history?

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