

# When She Stops Playing Nice by Hale Saxon

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Gabriel found Ashley's behavior somewhat perplexing.

Nevertheless, he still served her some food.

Ashley, seeking conversation, remarked. "Miss Miller, I've heard you have a strained relationship with your family?"

Setting down her fork, Gina responded calmly. "Miss Jackson, are you referring to the Miller family? They've disowned me. so I no longer consider them family."

Ashley pondered for a moment. "I'm not particularly keen on pring into your family affairs, but how can you simply cut ties with your blood relatives?"

Gma didn't want to hear about the Miller family from anyone's lips but remained composed. "Miss Jackson, you mentioned not being interested in why I severed ties with the Miller family. That's because you don't understand. It's okay. Sometimes, I feel that blood relations aren't as crucial as they're made out to be. If my supposed family doesn't love me or even hurts me. I can choose to distance myself"

"That's absurd

Ashley's sudden anger blazed as she declared. "Family ties are as unyielding as bone and sinew. Do you think they can bet severed at willll. I think you're just cold-blooded"

Seeing that Ashley's beliefs were utterly opposite to hers, Gina didn't bother explaining further. She realized that it would be

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But Ashley persisted. "Did I hit the nail on the head? The moment you walked in with that haughty demeanor, it made me uncomfortable. Gabriel, have you truly set your sights on her to be my future sister-in-law? A woman who can abandon her. family without a second thought-do you honestly believe she could love you sincerely?"

Gabriel's expression darkened. "Enough, Ashley. If you're deliberately picking a fight with Gina today, please leave. Don't disrupt us

Ashley flared up, setting down her fork. "I'm your sister! Could I possibly harm you? Is she off-limits to criticism? She's not even your girlfriend yet, is she? And yet you're siding with her?"

"Don't blame me for speaking plainly, but with her lack of refinement, it's hard to picture her fitting into high society! Since she walked in, has she done anything besides saying hello? Shown any bit of concern for me?"

"No matter how I phrase it. I'm technically her elder, right? Even if she's pretending, couldn't she fake a bit of warmth for me? My 4 million dollars brooch, even if tossed into the water, wouldn't it at least make a splash in response?"

Gina calmly returned the brooch to Ashley. "Miss Jackson, here's your brooch. You can gift it to whomever else you please."

"Furthermore, you're Gabriel's sister, not mine. I don't regard you as my elder. I believe there's nothing impolite in my behavior. If you find me lacking warmth, that's your issue, not mine. Today marks our first encounter, and you're simply a stranger to me. I can't engage in friendly conversation with you

Ashley grew more angry as she listened. Impressive. You've truly outdone yourself with your twisted arguments. Who can outwit you? You haven't even stepped foot into the Jackson family, yet you're already putting on airs. If you wish to be accepted into the Jackson family, disrespecting me won't cut it! Do you comprehend the concept of hierarchy?"

Gina couldn't help but chuckle. In this modern age, everyone stands equal. You're not superior, and I don't need to be

inferior

"You you" Ashley was seething with anger.

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"And one more thing." Gina added, "I've never implied that I'm eager to become the daughter-in-law of the Jackson family

Ashley widened her eyes, pointing accusingly at Gina. "Gabriel, did you hear that? What does she mean? She doesn't care about being part of the Jackson family or marrying you. Harry was right; she's just leading you on. Aren't you going to wake up and stop letting her toy with you?"

“Gina’s words are wonderful, Gabriel retorted without hesitation, countering Ashley’s accusation.

“From the beginning to the end, I’m pursuing her, hoping she becomes a part of the Jackson family and my wife. It’s my decision alone, Ashley. Stop meddling”

“I’m meddling?” Ashley exclaimed, pointing at herself in disbelief “Ridiculous! I bought a gift for our meeting and willingly asked to meet my future sister-in-law. I’ve already humbled myself enough!”

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Angrily, she retrieved the brooch and placed it back in the shopping bag. “Fine, have it your way! Let’s say my taken for granted! I’ll find someone worthy to give this gift to. Some people lack artistic sensibility and fail to appreciate its beauty. Wearing such jewelry would be a waste!”

Gina interjected, “Miss Jackson, if you wish to return the item, I can assist you in explaining the situation to the Quaria store. Once they understand, they’ll likely accept the return.”

Ashley smirked sarcastically. “Are you out of your mind? Couldn’t you have considered the facts before speaking? If there’s nothing wrong with the jewelry itself, why would they entertain return?”

“Because I’m an exclusive designer for Quaria and acquainted with the CEO.” Gina revealed only this much about her status.

That sufficed.

Ashley couldn’t believe it. “Are you saying you’re an exclusive designer for Quaria?”

She couldn’t stomach the reality. She liked the Quaria Jewelry, but the thought of someone she despised working there was disgraceful. It stained Quaria!

In that instant. Ashley made a spontaneous decision. She vowed to figure out a way to get Gina out of Quaria!

Gina nodded. “Alright, so do you need to return the item?”

Ashley didn’t want Gina’s assistance. She coldly snorted, “No need. I can afford this 4 million dollars.”

With that, she grabbed her bag and stormed out. At the door, Ashley couldn’t resist turning back to Gabriel. “I will never agree to you being with her!”

Gabriel couldn't suppress a chuckle. Your disagreement won't change anything."

Ashley was on the verge of exploding. She hadn't anticipated Gabriel showing her no respect in front of an outsider. Unbelievable!

Alright, did he think her disagreement was just empty words?

She would find a way to make it happen!

With that, Ashley stormed out of the room.

Now, only the two of them remained. Gabriel, feeling a tad uneasy, asked, "Are you angry, Gina?"

"Sorry, I didn't expect Ashley to treat you like that."

Gabriel felt a pang of remorse.

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Gina shook her head calmly."I'm not angry. But I'd rather steer clear of unnecessary interactions with your other kin from

now on."

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She was worn out from dealing with this tedious relationship.

"Alright, this won't happen again in the future," Gabriel said gently.

At Blossom Grand Hotel. "Ashley!" Jasmine exclaimed with excitement upon seeing Ashley Jackson. "I can't believe you came back to visit me." she said, deeply touched.

That wasn't why she returned; Ashley did not say it explicitly. Looking at Jasmine with concern, she sighed. "My poor Jasmine."

Jasmine felt even more aggrieved and said, "Ashley, do you remember who I am? You once said you would arrange a marriage for me with Gabriel

"Of course I remember, and I still think that way." Ashley reassured her. "But how is your recovery going? There won't be any lasting injuries, right?" It wouldn't be ideal to bring a daughter-in-law with disabilities into the Jackson family.

Jasmine hadn't understood the underlying meaning in Ashley's words, but her mother, Hannah, did. "No, no, don't worry. Jasmine's treatment is arranged at Prover Hospital, which has top-notch international medical resources. The doctors have assured us that Jasmine is recovering well and won't be left with any lasting injuries," she explained. After finishing her explanation, Hannah felt a sense of foreboding, realizing that by praising Prover Hospital, she also inadvertently praised

Gina

Ashley didn't notice these subtleties. What caught her attention were the varying depths of scars on Jasmine's face. "Will these scars ever heal?"

Due to Jasmine's multiple fractures and the focus of her treatment being on her body, coupled with Hannah's reassurances and the advancement of medical aesthetics, there was no need to worry about scars remaining on her face. Jasmine shifted her focus to recuperating her body, considering she spent most of her days in bed, even if her face was unscathed, it was still difficult for her to muster the courage to see Gabriel.

"It's possible. I'll contact the best cosmetic hospitals for scar removal, Jasmine said.

Ashley nodded thoughtfully. "Yeah, girls care a lot about their appearance. The face is essential."

The Jackson family's daughters-in-law also represented the family's image. While Gina may have been beautiful, she lacked discipline and didn't possess a refined demeanor. On the other hand, Jasmine was different. With the longstanding relationship between the two families, Jasmine was seen as obedient, primarily because she listened to Ashley. This kind of daughter-in-law was considered well-mannered, something Gina couldn't compare to

Reluctantly, Jasmine began to confide in Ashley. "Ashley, I don't know what Gina has done to Gabriel; he's completely devoted to her, ignoring everything else....

Ashley comforted Jasmine, saying, "Don't worry, Gina can never become my sister-in-law with me around. Right now, your priority is to focus on getting better and appearing in front of Gabriel in the best possible condition."

"Okay." Jasmine nodded vigorously.

At Quaria, Michael entered the reception room. "Miss Ashley Jackson," he greeted.

Ashley began to size Michael. He was pretty handsome and seemed to be a talented individual, despite his young age, being the president of Quaria.

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Ashley, maintaining the dignity of being a member of the Jackson family, said, "Mr. Clark, I would like to talk to you. I represent the Jackson family and the Jackson Group's interest in investing in Quaria." [SEARCH THE website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.](#)

Even though she hadn't directly involved herself in the Jackson Group's business dealings, her father, Harry, held the shares, making him a shareholder. So, her statement was indeed accurate.

Michael wasn't too surprised. Considering the time Gabriel had been entangling with Gina, he assumed Ashley was representing Gabriel in extending goodwill to Quaria. "Certainly, Miss Jackson. How much capital do you intend to invest?"

Ashley took a sip of water nonchalantly. "Jackson Group can provide whatever amount of capital is needed. My request regarding Quaria is quite simple. If you agree to a small condition of mine, our cooperation can be quickly finalized."

Michael didn't believe Ashley's request would be as minor as she implied. "Miss Jackson, please go ahead and tell me."

"I heard that Gina Miller is your exclusively hired designer at Quaria. If you dismiss her, I will invest immediately."

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Michael was somewhat surprised. "Miss Jackson, as far as I know, Miss Miller is involved with your cousin..."

Ashley smirked sarcastically. "They haven't even established a proper relationship yet; it's just some ambiguous connection. Unless you are worried that if you dismiss Gina Miller, Gabriel might cause trouble for Quaria?"

Michael couldn't help but find it amusing. "That's not the reason at all."

Then just fire her directly," Ashley said impatiently.

“Impossible. Michael replied just as directly.

Ashley was puzzled. “Why can’t you do it? As a president, don’t you have the authority to fire someone?” She found it incredulous that he would lack such authority.

“I don’t have the authority to fire her,” Michael said..

Ashley chuckled in exasperation. “Isn’t she the exclusively hired designer you brought in? If you can’t fire her, then who can? Your chairman?”

Michael joked, “Perhaps it depends on the mood of our chairman. If our chairman is in a good mood, they might dismiss this exclusive designer.”

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Ashley sneered. “Fine, then tell me how I can meet with your chairman. I’ll talk to him directly!”

At first, Ashley thought that Gina could become an exclusive designer at Quaria, an internationally renowned luxury brand, because of Michael’s support. Now, it seemed that he was just a superficial support for her. Gina’s actual backing was the chairman, the founder of Quaria. There were many speculations about who the founder of Quaria might be, but Ashley leaned towards the idea that the founder was a stylish older man. Given her clear understanding of Gina’s background, the possibility of her being treated as the founder’s daughter could be ruled out. That only allowed Gina to have an inappropriate relationship with this founder.

Feeling angry at this realization, Ashley thought, “This shameless woman refuses to commit to Gabriel openly and toys with him behind the scenes, is that it? Today, not only will I make her leave Quaria, but I’ll also expose this matter, making Gabriel see her true colors once and for all!”

Michael shrugged. “Our chairman is in the company now; there’s no need for special arrangements to meet our chairman. I can have her over

Ashley’s anger subsided slightly upon hearing this. Michael seemed to have some insight, recognizing her status and offering to bring the founder himself. Ashley instinctively straightened up. “Alright, then hurry up and bring him to me!”

“Alright.” Michael nodded.

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Three minutes later, Gina arrived at the reception room.

Ashley was facing away from the door. She heard footsteps approaching and prepared to meet the founder in the best possible condition. After all, it was her favorite jewelry brand, and she was curious about the founder's identity.

As Gina approached Ashley, Michael spoke up. "Miss Jackson, this is the founder of Quaria, Miss Gina Miller. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality."

Ashley was about to introduce herself when she heard Gina's name, which felt like a bolt from the blue. She widened her eyes in disbelief and turned abruptly. "Y-You're the founder of Quaria? How is that possible? I don't believe it! How old are you? Quaria has been established for six years already. Are you both trying to deceive me?"

Gina said calmly. "Quaria was founded by me when I was fifteen. Is there a problem with that?"

Ashley was stunned and couldn't find words to respond for a moment. Finally, she said, "I don't believe it!" Ashley couldn't accept this and continued believing that Michael and Gina were playing a trick on her.

Gina said calmly, "If you don't believe it, then so be it."

Ashley felt like a weight was pressing down on her chest. "You need to provide some convincing evidence! Otherwise, how can I believe that you're the founder of Quaria?"

Gina chuckled. "I don't need you to believe. Whether you believe it or not, I am the founder of Quaria, and that's enough."

Ashley took deep breaths, one after another, to calm the anger in her heart.

Michael added casually, "By the way, Miss Miller is not only the founder but also our chief designer at Quaria"

Ashley felt like pinching herself at that moment. She felt like blacking out because she adored every piece of jewelry designed by the chief designer. It took Ashley quite a while to recover from the shock.

"Can I ask you a question then?" Ashley asked.



“You may, Gina replied.

“As the founder and exclusive designer of Quaria, you must have been involved in designing the upcoming new products. So, can you tell me when Quaria’s new products will be released

Gina blurted out, “Next Tuesday. Then she asked in return, “Miss Jackson, I’ve answered your question. Now, I’d like to ask you: are you here to see me fire myself?”

Ashley’s face darkened, appearing momentarily defeated. “Alright. I admit it. You’re quite capable, and I can’t do anything about it.”

Gina said calmly, “But I’m also curious why you are targeting me I don’t think there’s any grudge between us.”

Ashley became angry. “You’re toying with Gabriel. That’s a grudge right there. Gabriel is not getting any younger, and he’s the only son of my uncle. He’s still unmarried. You know how much my uncle wishes to see Gabriel marry and have children. Yet, you intentionally string him along. What are your intentions? If you like Gabriel, accept his proposal, become his wife, and have children with him. If you don’t like him, then stop delaying him!”

Gina replied calmly, “But he’s only 26 years old, right?”

“Is 26 years old still considered young? People in the same circle are already onto their second child,” Ashley growled.

Gina seemed puzzled. “Miss Jackson, you seem insistent on Gabriel completing life’s major milestones, like getting married

and having children. So, have you already completed your major life milestones?”

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“Of course. However, I’ve been divorced. But now, I’m also looking for a new partner. I believe having a companion by your side is important in life, Ashley said confidently.

Gina continued to ask, “Do you have children then?”

“My ex-husband had some issues, so we didn’t have any children Ashley said without hesitation.

Both Gina and Michael were speechless. Ashley did not need to be so explicit with them.

“Alright, consider today as if I never came,” Ashley said, picking up her bag.

The more Ashley thought about it, the angrier and more speechless she felt. Ashley didn’t know how to face Quaria Jewelry in the future. Should she stop buying Quaria’s jewelry altogether? But she genuinely loved Quaria’s designs. Ashley was torn. After much consideration, she decided not to buy any designs by Gina. She would separate herself from the jewelry she designed and consider other designs from Quaria unrelated to Gina.

At the appointed time, Gabriel arrived to pick up Gina after work. After dinner together, they returned to the Blossom Grand Hotel. As they entered the lobby, they noticed Ashley sitting on the sofa.

The moment their eyes met, Ashley sighed. Here they were again. She still hadn’t recovered from the embarrassment of seeing Gina as the founder of Quaria earlier. She approached Gabriel and said, “I want to go home. Please take me back to Norwood

Gabriel felt like Ashley was intentionally being difficult. “I’ll have David take you,” he said.

“No.

you must take me back yourself. It’s been so many years since I’ve been to Norwood. Is it that difficult for you to take me there?” Ashley insisted.

“Ashley Jackson, I’m not in the mood to deal with your unreasonable behavior. Gabriel said, almost on the verge of losing his temper despite her being his cousin.

“You’ve been with her for so many days and still can’t go back?” Ashley pointed at Gina. “Isn’t there a lot of meetings waiting for you to attend at the Jackson Group? What’s the problem with you accompanying me back? Is there an issue?”

“Yeah, Mr. Jackson, why don’t you return to Norwood with her? Why do you keep hanging around Miss Miller?”

Max’s lazy voice came from somewhere. He had just returned from outside and overheard Gabriel and the others talking.

At the sound, Ashley turned to look and caught sight of Max. At that moment, a flash of admiration glimmered in her eyes.

Max noticed Ashley's direct gaze and glanced at her before diverting his eyes away.

"You have no business here," Gabriel said, feeling annoyed at the sight of Max. He didn't want him anywhere near Gina. He thought, He thinks he can take advantage while I'm away in Norwood? Dream on."

Before Max could respond, Ashley suddenly reproached Gabriel "Gabriel, can't you speak properly? Is this gentleman saying something wrong?"

Gabriel was puzzled.

"If the Jackson Group has matters to attend to, you should go back," Gina said. "You've been with me for several days already.. I don't want to keep monopolizing your time, and the Jackson Group needs you, too."

Gabriel frowned but said nothing. Ashley seized the opportunity, "Alright, tonight, you're returning to Norwood with me."

Cabriel looked at Gina with a conflicted expression. He didn't want to be apart from Gina, nor did he want to neglect his work. Moreover, he didn't want Ashley's persistence to disrupt Gina's peace indirectly.

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Let's get rid of this troublemaker first: Gabriel thought as he answered Ashley with a stern face, "Okay,"

With a satisfied smile, Ashley then turned her gaze to Max. Td like to have your contact information," she said.

"Me?" Max was surprised.

Ashley nodded solemnly, "Yes"

“Why?” Max asked.

As a woman approaching her forties, Ashley felt hesitant to express her intentions directly due to her personality. “There’s something I need to discuss. Let’s connect on WhatsApp and chat there,” she said.

Max became even more puzzled, but seeing Ashley’s serious demeanor, he grew somewhat curious about what she might want from him. And it seemed that Ashley disapproved of Gabriel being with Gina. In that regard, their thoughts seemed to align without the need for discussion.

Max hesitated for a moment before giving Ashley his contact information. Having obtained it, Ashley wasted no time and immediately grabbed Gabriel, “Alright, hurry up and pack up to take me back to Norwood.”

Feeling helpless and eager to get rid of Ashley as soon as possible, Gabriel glanced reluctantly at Gina. Seeing Gina nod, indicating that he could accompany Ashley, Gabriel glanced uneasily at Max nearby. Max raised an eyebrow nonchalantly, seemingly announcing to Gabriel: “While you’re away, it’s a good time to poach your potential partner.”

As Gabriel clenched his fists, restraining the urge to punch Max in the face, Ashley pulled him away and followed her towards the elevator. Finally satisfied, she was determined to take Gabriel back to Norwood tonight, away from Gina! Glancing at Gabriel, she noticed his expressionless face and cold gaze, wondering what was going through his mind.

Gabriel thought, ‘Getting this troublemaker out of here tonight might not be a bad idea.

Gina and Max waited for the next one. Max was somewhat surprised and said, “I thought you would take the same elevator as Gabriel.”

Gina was straightforward. “I don’t want to be around Ashley,” she said. Even if it was just for a short while in the same space, Gina maintained her attitude toward people she didn’t want to be around.

Max teased. “It looks like she isn’t easy to get along with.” Max was confused and muttered, “What does she want by adding my contact information?”

Gina suddenly smirked. “She probably wants you to be her second-time partner.”

Max’s eye twitched. “Are you joking with me? Very humorous.”

Gina said thoughtfully, “I happened to hear her say it herself-she’s been looking for someone to settle down with again. Otherwise, why would she ask for your contact information the first time you met?”

Max felt amused and disbelief. "She was over ten years older than me..." He didn't consider that angle when Ashley asked for his contact information.

Just as his phone vibrated, Max received a straightforward message from Ashley. [Do you have a girlfriend?]

Max frowned and did not bother to reply to her. Instead, he deleted her contact information.

Entering the elevator, Max rubbed his forehead, and his reaction provoked Gina's laughter.

Max gave her a sad glare and said, "Are you making fun of me?"

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"I'm not," Gina replied, tips-pursed in denial.

Max sighed helplessly. I'm not interested in being someone's second-time partner.

"Yeah..." Gina nodded, almost laughing out loud again.

Max feigned dissatisfaction as he approached Gina. "Still making fun of me? Was it really that embarrassing?"

Feeling that he was too close, Gina instinctively distanced herself from Max.

Max realized that Gina resisted his sudden approach, so he stopped.

Gina changed the subject. "You mentioned you were returning to find someone. Did you find them?"

Max shook his head. "Not yet. He's hiding pretty well. There's no trace of him in Oriata City. I must prepare and head to the next city to look for him."

"Is he your enemy?" Gina asked.

Max frowned and pondered momentarily before saying. "He's a betrayer of our family."

Gina thought of the Atkinson family. Max, the Atkinson family's youngest son, took his mother's last name. His mother is of local descent.

Gina asked. "Did your mother return with you?"

Max nodded. "She did. She came back to visit some of her friends"

Gina wanted to confirm something, so she asked. "Can I meet your mother?"

Max wanted to tease her a bit, asking why she was so eager to meet his parents, but he was also afraid she might dislike them. "Sure, when I go to Norwood, let's set up a time for you to meet her."

Gina hinted indirectly and said. "I've also been looking for someone.

"Oh? Is that so?" Max questioned with interest. "Is he someone significant to you?" he asked.

Gina wasn't sure how to respond, so she changed the subject again. "Why do you always wear gloves?"

"I have a bit of a cleanliness thing," Max said casually.

"Can I see your hands?" Gina asked.

"Of course you can." Max took off his gloves.

All ten fingers are intact—no missing ones.

"What's wrong? Do my hands look good?" Max teased. Then, he slowly put on his gloves.

Despite all the signs suggesting Max might not be the child of that knowledgeable couple, his eyes made Gina unable to be sure he wasn't. If Max was indeed the one, Gina didn't know what he had been through, why he had concealed his identity. or why he had erased his past self. Perhaps being Max Griffiths was his safest identity. Her probing and indirectness were also due to the many uncertainties, not wanting to dig deeper only to find it was all a misunderstanding.

Gina didn't respond. Max smiled and said, "Well, I guess they're not great-looking."

As the two arrived at their rooms' designated level, they ran into Gabriel and Ashley. Gabriel's expression was icy, while Ashley looked displeased.

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Ashley just noticed that Max had outright deleted her contact information. Seeing Gina chatting and laughing with Max now made her angry. However, Max was tactful enough not to reject Ashley's request for contact details outright face to face.

Max also noticed Gabriel's unfriendly demeanor. With Ashley present, he felt awkward and decided not to provoke Gabriel further. He said to Gina, "I'll head back to my room first." SEARCH THE website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

"Okay" Gina nodded.

Gabriel walked briskly up to Gina. "I'll come back to accompany you in a few days."

Gina smiled. "I might be heading back to Norwood in a few days."

"Then I'll come to pick you up," Gabriel replied.

"Let's talk about it when the time comes," Gina said.

Ashley urged Gabriel, "Let's go. I want to get home quickly."

Gabriel, impatient, ignored Ashley and walked into the elevator. Ashley glanced at Gina, clearly showing her displeasure. Gina quickly looked away, avoiding Ashley, and walked towards her room.

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The next day, Gina was busy following up on the new product launch. She headed to Alison Hammond's office to discuss some details. As she arrived, she overheard Alison's anxious voice saying, "What? Okay, I understand." Alison hung up the phone and then noticed Gina standing at the doorway.

“Is there something you need, Miss Miller? I’m sorry, but can it wait until I get back?”  
Alison looked anxious.

“What happened?” Gina asked.

Alison swallowed nervously. “Jade Arnold, whom I assigned to oversee the processing center in the neighboring city... something happened to her. She said someone broke into her place last night and did something terrible to her. I need to go and check on her.”

“I’ll go with you,” Gina said. Quaria was her company, and when something happened to one of her staff, she couldn’t ignore

it.

Alison was slightly surprised, but this wasn’t the time to question why Gina wanted to come along. She nodded and said, “Alright.”

The distance wasn’t far, and they arrived at Jade’s hotel an hour later. Gina and Alison went to Jade’s room.

Jade was huddled at the head of the bed, clutching a blanket. When she heard the noise and looked up to see Alison, her expression showed some resistance.

Jade, how are you? What exactly happened? Did you call the police?” Alison asked. However, Jade seemed reluctant to communicate with her. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Gina sensed the situation and told Alison, “You go outside. I’ll talk to her.”

Alison nodded with concern and left the room.

Gina patiently asked, “Can you tell me what happened?”

Jade was a bit shaken. There was a power failure last night at the hotel, and someone took advantage of the chaos to break into my room and do something to me. I managed to defend myself, and he failed. The power returned quickly afterward., so nothing else happened, but I’m terrified now. If I report to the police, what if I have no evidence?”

“He touched you, so his fingerprints might be on your clothes. Don’t worry; they can find him,” Gina said.

“I-I don’t want to call the police. I don’t want this; I don’t want others to know about this.” Jade was naturally reserved and feared that if this incident got out, it might be misinterpreted, and she would become gossip fodder.



Jade timidly glanced at Gina. "Miss Miller, do you think I'm lacking in courage?"

Gina shook her head. "I understand if you don't want to call the police; it's your choice. But would you at least like to find that person and have him apologize to you?"

"...1..." Jade stammered.

"What's wrong?" Gina asked gently.

"I have a suspect in mind, Jade whispered.

"Who is it?" Gina asked.

"Alban Stone, my colleague who came with me to the processing center, has a crush on me. I rejected him, but he didn't give up and kept pursuing me. Also, although I couldn't see the person's face due to the power failure last night, I felt a ring on

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his pinky Alban always wears it on his pinky and said he would take it off when he's attached. Besides, I recognize the faint scent of cologne on him," Jade explained.

Allan certainly wouldn't admit it based on her words alone. Jade felt upset and didn't know what to do. It could have been avoided.

Feeling overwhelmed, Jade criticized, "If Miss Alison had agreed to assign someone else to work with Alban instead of me, this wouldn't have happened. I clearly said it would be awkward for me to work with him, but she thought it was a minor issue. If the hotel hadn't restored power last night, wouldn't it have become a bigger problem?"

Gina was surprised. "You've already brought this up with Alison before?"

"Yes, and Miss Alison is usually very serious. I hardly dare to talk to her too much for fear of making her angry," Jade said, her voice trembling with sadness, on the verge of tears

Gina wasn't exceptionally skilled at comforting others. "Don't worry, I can help you handle this even if you don't want to report it."

"Really?" Jade was somewhat skeptical. It wasn't that she doubted Gina's ability to handle the situation-after all, Gina was personally recruited by Michael as a designer with a mysterious and impressive background. It's just that Jade hadn't expected Gina to be willing to help her.

"Yeah, I'll talk to Allsan right now," Gina affirmed.

Jade hesitated, "Miss Miller, even though I want to confront All face to face, I don't want to see him right now. 1-I'm scared

This morning. Alban knocked on the door as if nothing had happened, asking her to continue to the processing center together. Jade felt her heart wrench. Why was the person who had done wrong acting as if nothing had happened while she, the victim, had to be afraid?

"But... but I want to see how Allsan tries to defend himself," Jade said.

Gina understood. "You want to listen in on the conversation, right?"

Jade nodded, indicating that was pretty much what she meant.

"Alright, I understand," Gina replied.

Ten minutes later, Alison called Alban back to the hotel. Gina was in Jade's room, preparing to question Alban. Because she didn't want to confront Alban face-to-face, she went into the bathroom. It felt like sticking her head in the sand, but Jade didn't want to see Alban now.

Alban sat down on the sofa. "Miss Miller, Miss Alison, did you call me to report on the supervision situation? The models are doing great, and production has been smooth..."

"I didn't call you here for that," Gina paused and asked bluntly, "Last night, did you take advantage of the hotel's power failure to sneak into Jade's room and attempt something inappropriate?"

Alban hesitated for a moment, then composed himself. "Miss Miller, what are you talking about? I don't understand."

Jade, hiding in the bathroom, silently cursed Alban for his shamelessness.

Gina's gaze fell on the ring that Alban wore on his pinky. "Jade said she touched your ring last night."

Alban's heart skipped a beat at this detail, something he hadn't considered, but he remained defiant. "What the hell? I went to bed early last night. I didn't even know the hotel had a power failure. Miss Miller, what's going on here? Let's not make baseless accusations. Just because that person did something inappropriate and also touched a ring, does that mean it's me you're suspecting? Am I the only one in the world who wears a ring on their pinky?"

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Gina watched Alban's performance silently. After he finished speaking, she calmly said, "Then take off the ring. I'll test it to see if Jade's fingerprints are on it"

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"What if there are fingerprints? What does that prove? We're colleagues; it's normal to have some contact, Alban argued defiantly.

Jade, hiding in the bathroom, couldn't stand it any longer. Suddenly, she remembered a detail she had unintentionally overlooked. Gathering her courage, she pushed open the bathroom door and said, "Last night, the person who tried to force himself on me took his clothes off. I scratched him forcefully on his back. I have long nails, so there must be marks!"

Gina's cold gaze fell on Alban. Alban inexplicably felt a chill down his spine and swallowed nervously.

"Take off your clothes," Gina ordered.

Alban clenched his fists. "I'm just saying, even though times have changed, we haven't reached a point where women can just falsely accuse men of wrongdoing. Do you three want to see me take my clothes off?"

Alban's audacity exasperated Alison. "Just show us your back so we can see if there are any scratches," she said.

Alban gritted his teeth. "I disagree. I have my dignity."

Gina stood up. "I don't want to waste time listening to your nonsense," she said curtly.

Alban smirked. He worked out daily, Jade was a coward, and Alison was as thin as a rail. He could handle all three of them without any problems.

Alban also stood up. "Gina Miller, don't put on airs here. Do you think I don't know how you got into Quaria? You climbed into Mr. Clark's bed. What right do you have now as someone who used her position to question me? I suggest you mind your own business!"

Smack! Gina delivered a resounding slap across Alban's face. Alban was immediately infuriated. "You...."

He wanted to hit back, but as soon as he reached out, Gina grabbed his hand and swiftly twisted it behind his back. Alban felt a sharp pain and was surprised to discover how strong Gina was

He felt like he was about to have his bones broken. "Ah! Stop, don't twist my hand; it hurts so much!"

Gina let go of Alban's hand, not because she wanted to let him off the hook, but because she found him dirty and didn't want to touch him anymore.

Alban thought Gina had let her guard down and tried to catch her off guard. However, Gina swiftly kicked him to the ground before he could act. Not giving him any chance to pull more tricks, she planted her foot firmly on his neck and remarked, "Maybe I should have worn high heels today, something sharper."

Alban sensed the implicit threat in her words-if he angered her further, she might cut his throat. Reluctantly, he had to admit that he was no match for Gina. "Please, stop stepping on me, he pleaded, "I can't take it."

"I'm not in the mood to let you take your time answering my questions. Just respond with yes or no, Gina said.

"Alison, get ready to record, Gina said to Alison.

Alison snapped out of her daze and quickly opened the recording app on her phone.

“Did you sneak into Jade’s room with ill intentions last night? Answer me, Gina demanded, pressing down harder.

y-yes, it was me. I lost my senses for a moment. I like Jade so much. I had a bit to drink last night, and my head was dizzy. When the power went out, I originally wanted to check if she was scared, but then the alcohol got to me, and I just... I’m sorry; I know I was wrong and deeply regret it. My behavior was inexcusable, but I didn’t cause Jade any actual harm, did I?\*

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Jade, enraged, retorted, “That’s because I defended myself well and kicked you, stopping you from continuing your assault!”

Alban had a remarkable tolerance for pain, whether grabbed or kicked by Jade. He endured it all without making a sound to avoid being identified. However, after working together for a year and seeing each other almost daily, Alban completely underestimated how well she knew him. Alternatively, he was too foolish and arrogant to think he wouldn’t be recognized.

Alban couldn’t help but feel a bit dissatisfied. He didn’t understand why Jade was so relentless, mainly because he hadn’t succeeded in his intentions. He even dared to say, “You dare to act. If your kick had seriously injured me, do you think you could escape responsibility?”

“You...” Jade’s eyes welled up with anger.

Gina frowned and said, “As of today, you are no longer an employee of Quaria and will not receive any compensation.”

Alban had anticipated and accepted this outcome, feeling that being fired wasn’t a big deal. He still had a knack for design. and could easily find another job. He even felt a bit smug, thinking that Gina’s imposing stance couldn’t harm him, could it?

Jade felt touched that Gina had directly fired Alban. It eased her mind considerably.

Alban pretended to show remorse and said, “Okay” Gina then moved her foot, finally allowing Alban to stand up. However, a hint of wariness was in his eyes as he looked at Gina.

Gina asked Jade, "How do you want to handle this matter?"

Jade still insisted on not involving the police. After all, she hadn't been harmed, and even if she did report it, it probably wouldn't lead to any serious consequences for Alban. She was just glad to see him kicked out of Quaria. Of course, an apology was essential. "Apologize. Get your knees down and apologize to me," Jade demanded, her voice filled with anger,

"Jade Arnold, you're being unreasonable!" A man's dignity is precious! How could he casually kneel to her?

"Yes or no?" Gina asked coldly, exuding an oppressive intensity.

Alban felt his legs involuntarily weaken. He knew that if he refused, he would likely face another beating. With a sense of humiliation, he knelt and lowered his head to apologize to Jade. I'm sorry. I shouldn't have acted so recklessly towards you last night. I realize I caused you psychological harm, and I'm deeply sorry

Jade didn't find Alban's apology sincere enough. Summoning her courage, she stepped forward and slapped Alban. One slap wasn't enough

to vent her frustration, so she delivered another. Looking at Alban's swollen face, her heart finally felt calmer

Alban gritted his teeth in anger.

Gina decisively ended the matter, telling Alban, "You can pack up and leave now. And watch your mouth; don't speak out of turn." Gina warned Alban against retaliating against Jade or spreading rumors afterward. Jade herself didn't want this incident to become public knowledge, so it was important for all parties involved to keep it confidential.

Alban nodded. "Got it, got it."

"Get lost," Gina said, not wanting to see this nuisance in her presence anymore.

Alban quickly left as well.

Jade was particularly moved, her eyes welling up with tears. "Miss Miller, thank you... She hadn't expected Gina to be righteous, standing up for her like a heroine.

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As a specially hired designer, she could totally ignore this matter right?

“It’s good that you’re fine.” As the person in charge of the company, Gina naturally could not allow such a pest to continue staying in the company.

Jade did not know how to thank Gina. She cried excitedly and gratefully. Gina casually took a piece of tissue and handed it to Jade. “Calm down first. I’ll give you a break. I’ll tell Michael Clark about your break. Don’t worry, I won’t say that you are taking a break because of this. Alison, find two other people to supervise the work.”

“Alright.” Alison nodded. Right now, she still had a lingering fear. If Alban succeeded this time, she really didn’t know how to face Jade from now on. After all, she had to admit that this matter could have been avoided from the beginning.

Alison sincerely apologized to Jade. “I’m sorry. When you told me that you didn’t want to work with Alban, I should have taken it seriously. I’m sorry for indirectly hurting you.”

Jade did not say anything. She really could not forgive her as soon as Alison apologized. Alison could understand Jade’s feelings.

“Take care,” Gina said and left. Alison followed Gina.

After arriving at the corridor, Gina turned around and instructed, “If there are similar situations in the future, you have to pay more attention.

“Yes.” Alison nodded in agreement.

“Come with me to the processing center,” Gina said.

“Okay.” Alison nodded.

Gina sent a message to Michael while walking. [Inform the industry that Alban Stone should never be hired.]

Michael replied immediately: [Okay.]

In an unlicensed clinic in the suburbs of Norwood.

After so many days, Olivia finally came to visit Mason, whom she had abandoned in this small clinic.

The medical conditions in the small clinic were not good. It was already lucky that Mason did not die from postoperative infection. However, now, he had become a cripple who could no lift his hands, shoulder, or speak.

The moment he saw Olivia, Mason's eyes were filled with hatred

Olivia sat beside his bed in a good mood. "Don't look at me like that if you don't want to become a vegetable."

She was threatening him.

Mason could only close his eyes in pain. He really regretted falling in love with such a vicious woman. He wanted to save himself and take revenge on Olivia, However, his body was too weak now. He could not even leave this unlicensed clinic.

He wanted to escape, ask for help, find Gina, and tell her what he knew so they could send Olivia to prison.

Olivia looked at Mason. She actually wanted to kill him to silence him. After all, Mason knew too much now.

However, Dr. Jacquard was unwilling to help her with this. She did not dare to do it personally. Mason still had his family.

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She was afraid that she would not be able to deal with Mason's family. She took Mason's phone long ago and occasionally pretended to be Mason to tell his family that he was safe.

However, after what Mason did, Olivia realized that cleaning up the aftermath was a big problem. She was a little curious about how her biological father had been in the organ trade business with Dr. Jacquard for so many years without being caught. He even secretly used a fake identity to work for the Miller family for so many years to accompany her. Clearly, Cole Yale had done a good job cleaning up his mess without Dr. Jacquard's help.

She had to think carefully about how to deal with the aftermath and protect herself. It was impossible to sell a person's organs and throw them into an unlicensed clinic. She could not live like that.



Then, Olivia continued talking to Mason. “Do you still remember that I told you I was going to have an interview at Quaria in Onata City?”

Mason ignored Olivia.

Olivia did not mind. “Guess who I bumped into? Gina! This b\*ch is always haunting me wherever I go. What’s even more hateful is that she actually knows Quaria’s CEO. They are probably very close.”

Olivia sneered and could not help but curse. “Why? Why are all the men around Gina noble, rich, and powerful? The men around me are so cheap and disgusting. As I’m sure you’ve guessed, Gina saw me, so I wasn’t even eligible for an interview. I was kicked out.”

If it was in the past, Olivia’s pride would never allow her to say this out loud. However, now that things had come to this, if she did not say it out loud and vent the anger in her heart, she would feel too uncomfortable.

When her reputation was ruined and her engagement was canceled, she was no longer the daughter of the Miller family. When her biological father turned out to be a murderer, her pride had already shattered.

Mason could not speak. Otherwise, he would definitely say, “You deserve it.”

However, he opened his eyes and smiled mockingly at Olivia.

His smile stung Olivia. Olivia was upset that she had nowhere to vent her anger. It was as if she had suddenly discovered the

you opening to vent her anger. She slapped Mason’s face. “Even you mock me? Do you know that I only told such an embarrassing thing because I treat you as one of my own? Mason, I think you still don’t understand the situation, right? Your life is in my hands.”

Olivia vented her anger on Mason. She kept pinching and hitting Mason, but he could not make a sound. [SEARCH THE WEBSITE TO ACCESS CHAPTERS OF NOVELS EARLY AND IN THE HIGHEST QUALITY.](#)

Olivia only stopped when her hands were sore. She smiled a little morbidly. “Actually, I have to admit that although you’re cheap, it’s true that you’re good to me. However, you shouldn’t threaten me by telling Gina that I let you buy rat poison. Otherwise, I wouldn’t have attacked you.”

Olivia lied. For the sake of money, she would still collude with Dr. Jacquard to sell Mason’s organs. It was just a matter of

time.

Mason's face was red and swollen, and his arms were all bruised.

Olivia calmed down after venting her anger. "Alright, I should go I'll come and see you next time. You just have to stay I'll take care of you for the rest of your life. It won't be a problem Be good."

Olivia stood up and walked out of the unlicensed clinic.

Her phone rang. It was a call from Ethan,

"How is it? I asked you to investigate who the mastermind behind Mike is. Have you found anything?" Ethan asked.

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She did not manage to find anything and was threatened by Dr. Jacquard not to investigate. He even asked her to think of a

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way to deal with Ethan by herself. Before this, she did not know how she should make it up. However, at this moment, she had an idea. "The mastermind behind Mike is... Gina."

"What?" Ethan thought he had misheard. He was a little angry. "Olivia, do you think I'm a fool?"

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"Do you him."

think I'll believe that Gina hired someone to kill herself Ethan was very angry. He felt that Olivia was playing with

"On the surface, Mike wants to kill Gina, but their real target is Jasmine Bush." Olivia had learned about Jasmine's accident from Ethan's complaints previously.

She did not forget that Jasmine had recognized the wrong person and treated her as Gina before beating her up. She was also very happy that something had happened to Jasmine. However, Jasmine was lucky enough to survive. Olivia felt that Jasmine was as annoying as Gina.

Ethan was stunned. "Why would she kill Jasmine?"

"Jasmine tried to take Gabriel from her. Haven't you seen Gina's true colors? She looks like she doesn't care about anything. but in fact, she fights for everything! When she first returned to the Miller family, she started to curry favor with others and wanted to take away all the love from her family. That's why I targeted her! It's all Gina's fault for forcing me to come this far!" Olivia became more and more agitated as she spoke.

"She wants to kill me now. Jasmine made her unhappy just like the. She has the ability and means, of course, she wants to kill Jasmine-She had already figured out that Jasmine would come that day, she even prepared a scapegoat. Even the scapegoat has been prepared. Didn't you notice that everyone involved in this matter has offended Gina?" Olivia guided patiently.

She continued, "It's the same for Mike. He used to work for the Bush family's engineering team and was in charge of a resort project in the countryside. Coincidentally, that place was Gina's godmother's hometown. Gina also had a piece of medicine land there. Mike dug up Gina's medicine land, so Gina asked him to compensate her a lot of money. Mike couldn't afford it and lost his job. He was even sent to jail. Also, he had escaped from prison when he came to stir up trouble. Gina had the ability to get him out of prison and even made the best use of him. After such a thing happened, not only was she unscathed, but Gabriel felt even more sorry for her. Moreover, Gina successfully made Gabriel mad at you."

Ethan was a little shocked and felt that what Olivia said made sense. "Then, evidence. Do you have any evidence?"

Olivia said, "Ethan, are you an idiot? What's Gina's status now? How can she let people find evidence against her? Do you think she will give people any chance to find evidence?"

Ethan pondered. "Then how did you find out about this? Although it sounds reasonable, there's no evidence... Could it be that you made it up?"

Olivia almost choked on Ethan's question, "Because I found out that Gina used money to appease Mike's parents."

"There's such a thing?" Ethan was surprised. "Olivia, I didn't expect you to be so capable and thought of investigating Mike's parents."

At first, Olivia did not think that she could find out anything. She pretended that she was Mike's friend and went to look for Mike's parents purely because she wanted to try her luck.

She tried to see if she could find any clues. Unexpectedly, she learned from Mike's mother that Gina had met them.

To be precise, Mike's mother had let it slip.

Mike's mother did not tell Olivia why Gina was looking for them Olivia simply made up a story to tell Ethan.

Ethan was a little agitated. "I'll get Mike's parents here right now. I've been the scapegoat for so long and was almost killed by Gabriel. I'll definitely make Gina pay the price."

Olivia said, "You don't have to look for them. There's no point. They won't testify for you."

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She thought. My story is going to be exposed if he looks for them."

Ethan said. "Why? Did Gina threaten them? Oh, give them the money. I can give them more money!"

"It's not about money. Gina definitely will make them unable to speak if you look for them. Do you think that Gina will give you the chance to bring them to Gabriel to testify? Furthermore what do you think will happen after that? Gabriel is bewitched by Gina. Will he apologize to you and make Gina pay the price? Ethan, can you use your brain! It's really tiring to talk to you" Olivia felt thirsty as she tried so many ways to trick Ethan

"Alright. You're smart and you're good, but I can't accept this. That bi\*ch Gina is too scheming. She actually planned such a meticulous scheme. She took revenge on everyone who offended her in one go." Ethan could not help but sigh.

"I know that right now, you definitely want to take revenge on Gina, but you can't do it openly. She's playing dirty, so you should play dirty too, Olivia reminded Ethan.

Ethan was deep in thought. Then I have to think about it."

It was not that simple to fight with Gina.

"Alright, take your time to think about it. I happen to have something to discuss with you," Olivia said.

"What is it?" Ethan asked. SEARCH the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Olivia said, "Didn't you say that you wanted me to participate in something when I found out who was behind Mike? Was it a project you were working on?"

Coincidentally, because she sold Mason's organs and because Mason trusted her and brought a few friends to Dr. Jacquard's clinic to sell blood, a buyer has chosen the organs of Mason's friends. In time, she would be able to earn another sum of

money.

Ethan was so confident that the project in his hands, would succeed, he even said that once it succeeded, his name would go down in history.

Olivia did not care about being famous for generations. She only wanted to make money now. She wanted to do everything she could to make money.

She wanted to become richer and more powerful than Gina.

Then, she could step on Gina ruthlessly.

"Yes, I did. However, do you have money? Don't you still owe Gina a large sum of money?" Ethan could not help but mock Olivia. "If you don't have money and can't invest, why should I pull you in? I'm just saying that I will give you a chance. However, I'm already giving you a lot of face by giving you a chance. Many people want to work with me, but they don't even have the chance to meet me."

In fact, Ethan was completely bragging.

This was because Harry had instructed him not to make a big fuss about this project. They wanted to do something big in silence. Moreover, the Jackson Group was rich and did not lack investment.

There was no shortage of investments, but the project fees had to be approved by Gabriel before they could be allocated. This gave Ethan a headache. He didn't feel good to ask Gabriel for money.

Furthermore, Gabriel had almost wanted to kill him.

Ethan really hated Gabriel currently.

Fortunately, Harry said that he could ask him for money if he was short of funds.

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Olivia rolled her eyes and thought, Ethan is still the same and likes to brag all the time."

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Olivia couldn't be bothered to argue with Ethan. "Alright, when I have money, I'll come and invest. You won't go back on your word, right?"

If she wanted to make a comeback, she needed a certain amount of capital. Ethan was the only resource she could grab now, although it was not a good resource.

"No." Ethan said nonchalantly.

He felt disdain and thought, 'With Olivia's current state of poverty, when would she be rich?'"

Olivia said, 'I helped you find out the truth, Don't you have any other way of thanking me? Ethan, didn't you say that you're no longer the same as before? Don't be as stingy.'

Ethan snorted coldly. The reason why he asked Olivia to investigate was not because he could not investigate it himself, but because he did not want to alert the enemy and had to protect himself.

He thought, "How dare Olivia use this as an excuse to ask me for anything and call me stingy?"

He said, "Trbuy you a drink." SEARCH THE website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Olivia was so angry that she laughed. She said sarcastically. "I don't want alcohol. How about give me several thousand dollars?"

have a party tonight. The people I will meet are all famous people. Wouldn't it be better for me to bring you in than give you several thousand dollars?" Ethan paused. "It's a good opportunity for you to find a sugar daddy who can support you for the rest of your life."

After taking over the project given to him by Harry, Ethan decided to focus on his career, so it was important to accumulate connections.

He had spent a lot of effort so he could participate in tonight's banquet.

Olivia ignored Ethan's sarcasm. "Alright, I'll believe you this once. See you tonight."

Before the release of Quaria's new products, there would be a banquet that invited VIPs who had spent more than millions of dollars to attend. They could view the new products in advance and VIPs could book the new products they liked at the banquet.

For the first time, Gina appeared at her company's banquet. However, as a specially hired designer, she was not eye-catching. but her outstanding appearance was very attractive.

A few socialites holding champagne gathered together and discussed softly.

One asked, "Which family is that girl from? I've never seen her at the Quaria banquets before. She's so beautiful. I wonder if she's taken."

Another said, "Her figure is also very good... She doesn't seem to have put on makeup! Oh my god, is there really someone who can be born beautiful to this extent?"

"Who is prettier, she or me?" A discordant voice interrupted their discussion.

The socialites looked in the direction of the voice and took the initiative to greet her. "Miss Barnes,"

Elaine Barnes disdained their respectful greetings and said impatiently, "I was asking you a question just now. Answer it."

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A person said, "Of course, it's you, Miss Barnes. You're so good-looking!"

"What's so nice about me?" Elaine wasn't satisfied with this answer.

The person answered, "You are bright, generous, and elegant. She can't be compared to her."

Elaine sneered. Of course, she knew that they were flattering her, but she liked the feeling of being superior.

Moreover, she hated it the most when someone stole her limelight.

In the past, she had always been the center of attention at the Quaria banquet.

This time, Gina appeared out of nowhere and stole her limelight. She was very unhappy.

Elaine walked to Gina and raised her glass. "Hello, can we get to know each other?"

Gina nodded calmly. "My surname is Miller."

Elaine searched for her family and realized that no prestigious family in Oriata City had that last name.

Moreover, people would recognize Gina if she came from a prestigious local family.

The corners of Elaine's lips curled up as she asked directly. "How much did you spend at Quaria?"

Gina replied, "I'm not a consumer."

Elaine saw that Gina did not have a staff member's name tag and was not wearing the waiter's clothes. She raised her eyebrows. Then how did you come in?"



Gina said, "I'm a designer."

Elaina asked, "Where's your work pass?"

Gina replied, "I don't have one."

Elaine was so angry that she laughed. "You're a designer. Why don't you have a work pass? Also, aren't you supposed to entertain the VIPs? Why are you standing here? Is the work of a designer from Quaria so easy? Or are you simply pretending to be a designer to sneak into the banquet?"

Gina did not like to talk to strangers, especially when she sensed a trace of hostility from the other party's tone.

"I don't have to explain anything to you," Gina said indifferently.

Elaine snorted coldly. "I've spent more than 200 million dollars in Quaria a year. If you're really the designer of Quaria, then a VIP like me is your boss. You have to answer whatever I ask you!"

Gina did not want to interact with her, nor did he want to start an argument and ruin the atmosphere of the banquet. Just as she was about to leave, Elaine blocked Gina's way. She was about to flare up. "How dare you give me an attitude?"

"Miss Barnes!" Zelda walked over to help Gina out. "Hello, long time no see. I was looking for you just now, but you are so dazzling. I saw you in the crowd at a glance!"

-After hearing the flattery, Elaine's expression softened a little. She asked Zelda and pointed at Gina unhappily, "Is this your

colleague?"

Zelda nodded. "She's the designer specially hired for this new product, Gina Miller. Gina, this is Elaine Barnes. She's been a regular customer of Quaria for five years. She is our Diamond VIP

Zelda tried to hint at Gina with her eyes, asking Gina to be more polite to Elaine. After all, Elaine's family was powerful and

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not someone they could afford to offend.

Even if Michael was present, he had to be polite to this young lady who was not to be trifled with.

Elaine saw that after Zelda's introduction, Gina was still as cold as ever. She was extremely dissatisfied. "Where's Mr. Clark?"

Zelda realized that Elaine was about to flare up. She did not dare to put in a good word for Gina. She swallowed her saliva and said, "Mr. Clark was just chatting with a few customers at the male VIP's side. Miss Barnes, what's the matter? Do you need me to call Mr. Clark over?"

"Yes, call Michael over. I want to fire her," Elaine said arrogantly, "Who does she think she is? Why is she putting on such a long face?"

Zelda was embarrassed. "Miss Barnes, you might have misunderstood. Gina is like this. She's not giving you a long face. She's just usually expressionless and doesn't like to smile..."

You don't like to smile? You still have to smile when you see me Elaine glared at Gina. "You have to smile until I am satisfied, then I will not let Michael fire you."

"Michael won't fire me," Gina said calmly.

Zelda gasped. She thought, "What is Gina doing? Of all people, why does she have to offend Elaine? This time, even Mr. Clark can't protect her."

Elaine was completely enraged. "Where did you get your confidence from?"

Zelda still wanted to salvage the situation. "Miss Barnes, Gina's facial nerves are damaged and she can't smile!"

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Elaine sneered. "Face nerves damaged? Why? Because....."

She scanned Gina from head to toe in disdain. "Did she have a plastic surgery?"

She thought, I knew it. How can someone be this pretty? She must have done a lot of plastic surgeries. However, her face seems natural'

Zelda smiled awkwardly and did not know how to answer Elaine She knew that Elaine could not stand others stealing her limelight. However, it was quite awkward that Elaine was mad simply because others looked prettier than her..

Seeing that Zelda did not answer, Elaine thought that she had tacitly agreed with what she said.

Elaine felt much better. She raised her hand in disdain and wanted to touch Gina's face. "Tell me, where did you do the plastic surgery? The effect is not bad. Introduce the doctor to me. My friends who love beauty will need it."

She wanted to touch the bridge of Gina's nose to see if it was real

She even wanted to rub it hard to make Gina's fake nose crooked Elaine felt that it would be funny if that happened.

Gina slapped her hand away.

After thoroughly infuriating Elaine, Elaine gritted her teeth and raised her hand to slap Gina.

"Miss Barnes, long time no see. Michael grabbed Elaine's hand that was about to hit Gina.

"Michael, let go!" Elaine said viciously.

"What's wrong? Why are you so angry today? Can you calm down first? We haven't seen each other for a long time. Are you planning to cause a scene at the banquet today and not catch up with me?" Elaine could tell that Michael wanted to protect Gina.

However, she didn't want him to have his way. Elaine mocked, "Aren't you usually very busy? You didn't even have time to have a meal with me."

However, she had only invited Michael once. After being rejected once, her pride would not allow her to invite him a seco time.

Michael said, "I was really busy a while ago."

Elaine probably felt that it was not good for them to be in a deadlock like this, so she did not exert any more strength in her hands. Michael also let go.

Elaine's attention shifted to Michael because she felt that Gina, a jewelry designer, was not qualified to talk to her.

She felt that Gina should feel honored that she had taken the initiative to talk to her.

Elaine thought, 'How dare you ignore me? I will remember this, Gina. None of the people I hate will have a good ending.'

'What's your relationship with her? Is she your lover?' Elaine's words attracted the attention of the surrounding people.

Michael shook his head. "She saved my life."

Elaine was a little surprised. "So, in order to repay her, you arranged for her to come to Quaria?"

Michael looked around. "I don't want to talk about personal matters in public."

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Elaine snorted coldly. "Don't tell me you think that I'm interested in your private matters?"

"No. I wouldn't dare," Michael said respectfully.

His attitude pleased Elaine, but Elaine still could not swallow the anger of being ignored by Gina. "You refused to fire her. Do you want to bear the consequences?"

"It's my honor." Michael lowered his stance step by step. Although he was not close to Elaine, he knew very well how to deal with her.

He had to be humble in front of her and treat her like a princess

Elaine was very satisfied with Michael's reaction. "Alright, give me one of all the new products this time. Also, I want the mysterious chief designer of Quaria to design a piece of jewelry for me for free. I don't care if it's a bracelet or a pair of earrings. It can be anything"

Zelda silently sucked in a breath of cold air. This request was over 20 million dollars. Only Elaine dared to ask for that.

She still could not understand why Gina was so stubborn. It was obvious that Gina was not to be trifled with

However, the fact that Gina was Michael's savior also surprised her. Zelda thought. No wonder Gina is so fearless. It turns out that Mr. Cirk will protect her at all costs.

Zelda was really envious.

Michael did not even frown. "Okay."

Elaine was satisfied and looked smugly at Gina, who had a cold expression on his face. This way, you should be able to repay her for saving your life. Gina, right? You better not let me see you again. If you appear in front of me again, you won't be as lucky as today."

After saying that, Elaine turned around and left. She did not want to waste too much time on Gina because she was not qualified.

Michael glanced at Gina "Gina, are you alright?"

Gina said. "I'm fine."

She did not want to get into a conflict with Elaine at her brand's banquet.

"I'll clean up the mess. With that, Michael followed Elaine.

Zelda was still a little afraid. She thought, Fortunately, I backed Gina up. Otherwise, Mr. Clark might hate me However, I might never be this bold again. I want to get close to Gina, however, I will not Irish my life doing so.

for it.

Zelda only dared to approach Gina when she saw that Elaine had walked far away. "Gina, you should avoid meeting Elaine from now on. Her family is very powerful."

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Although the main organization of the Barnes family was overseas, their influence in the country could not be underestimated.

Gina understood. However, there was no need for her to be afraid of the Barnes family.

She did not want to cause too much trouble. However, if Elaine still took the initiative to find trouble with her, a conflict would definitely be inevitable.

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Gina was mentally prepared. She knew that Zelda was reminding her out of goodwill, so she nodded at her. "I understand.

Zelda looked at Gina's calm and cold expression and was really a little curious. She didn't know whether Gina was scared or

calm.

She started gossiping with Gina. "Gina, does Mr. Clark like you?"

Gina shook her head indifferently. "No."

Zelda asked, "You also know how much money Mr. Clark will lose if he agrees to Elaine's request, right? He agreed immediately for your safety. If he doesn't like you, why did he do it for you?"

"It's because I saved his life. Gina emphasized.

Moreover, Quaria was actually her company. However, Michael also had shares. Of course, Gina knew that Michael agreed to Elaine's unreasonable request because he did not want to cause a dispute. She did not have any objections to it. However, she would not be touched.

Zelda couldn't help but laugh.

She thought, "Even though you saved his life, he still suffered a lot for you. How can you remain indifferent to him? Is it because you don't like him? Your standards are way too high.

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