

# When She Stops Playing Nice by Hale Saxon

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Just as they were about to leave the casino, Ben, who had been following behind Chuck, couldn't hold back any longer. "Mr. Atkinson!"

Chuck turned back impatiently. "What?"

"Why didn't you hit that manager?" Ben couldn't hold back his frustration. At his age, he had never endured such humiliation before. He couldn't bear it.

He couldn't bear this humiliation.

Chuck frowned. "Are you kidding me? Do you know whose casino this is? We're not scared of the Barnes family who owns it, but there's a crazy person among them. If you get on his bad side, he'll make your life miserable. It's a hassle, and I don't have time for it."

In short, Chuck felt that Ben wasn't worth angering the Barnes family.

Ben was speechless. "But, he's just the casino manager, right?"

Chuck lost his patience. "Didn't I just tell you? There's a lunatic in the Barnes family. No matter how small the matter is, once he gets crazy, he'll find a reason to harass us. Even if I had hit a coffee server today, he'd find a way to bother us."

"And, do you think too highly of yourself?" Chuck asked with a cold smirk.

"I've helped you out of the casino, that's enough," Chuck reiterated.

Ben was indignant. "Mr. Atkinson, I've been working for you for ten years!"

"Ten years... huh. Haven't you benefited in those ten years as well? Besides, I haven't even settled the trouble you've caused," Chuck replied with a sardonic smile.

Chuck knew that a woman named Gina had started investigating his "business" operations.

Ben broke down. He had overestimated his relationship with Chuck. He calmed himself down and decided not to ask for more. "I'm sorry, Mr. Atkinson. These past few days have been unbearable for me. So, I'm venting my resentment."

"Alright, I'll take you home and make sure you're settled. I'll ensure your standard of living won't differ too much from before. Come on, pull yourself together," Chuck said nonchalantly

"Okay." Ben knew when to stop.

As they stepped outside, Chuck noticed a Maserati parked nearby with a stunning woman standing beside it. Her face was cold and composed as she stood there, giving off an air of aloofness. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Chuck instinctively was amazed. At the same time, Gina's gaze fell upon Ben. Upon spotting her, Ben felt as if he had seen a ghost.

How could Gina be so persistent and find him?

Ben realized that Chuck was still obsessed with Gina's beauty and did not know the seriousness of the problem. He quickly pulled Chuck. "Mr. Atkinson, she is Gina!"

Chuck was stunned for a moment before he came back to his senses. He asked Gina, who was not far away, "Miss, why are you looking at us?"

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“Is it me who caught your attention?” said Gina.

Chuck still had the mood to joke, while Ben was almost speechless.

Ben was afraid that Chuck would take it lightly. “Mr. Atkinson, she’s not that easy to deal with. She’s a scary woman.”

Chuck did not seem to be listening to Ben.

Gina said indifferently, “I’m looking for someone, the one beside you.”

Chuck smirked and replied, “Miss Miller, Mr. Presley is my friend. What do you need from him?”

Seeing Ben hiding behind Chuck, seeking protection, Gina deduced that this man must be Ben’s boss.

“Settle accounts,” Gina said succinctly.

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Chuck understood that Gina wanted to investigate all the evil deeds that Ben had done, which would harm his interests. However, Chuck did not think that a woman and an entrepreneur like her could be so capable.

But if Gina insisted on fighting, Chuck wouldn’t prioritize protecting women either. He disliked problems.

Chuck kindly reminded, “Miss Miller, this is Mosnioca, not Shyran, and it’s not your territory.”

“I don’t want to waste time with you. I’m taking Ben with me,” Gina said bluntly.

Chuck realized that this woman was quite stubborn.

He smirked. “Funny, I’m not in the mood for chitchat either.”

He pulled out a pistol from his pocket, ready to shoot. “Miss Miller, if there’s an afterlife, do you think you’ll regret meddling in things that aren’t your business?”

Chuck thought that Gina would surely be scared when he revealed his gun, but Gina maintained her cold expression, leaving Chuck slightly stunned.

Chuck did not notice that Gina's fingertips were holding a long and thin silver needle. Just as she was about to use her strength to insert the silver needle into Chuck's acupuncture point and immobilize him, another car stopped beside her.

Max stepped out of the car and greeted Chuck, "Hey Brother, what a coincidence! But why are you pointing a gun at m friend?"

Chuck frowned. He'd never liked this man anyway. "What's that got to do with you?"

Max continued to smile. "Of course. If you dare to shoot, then I will shoot too."

Max also took out his gun and aimed it at Chuck's head. Chuck sheered. "Are you crazy? For a woman?"

Max did not answer Chuck's question.

Gina was a little surprised that Max would rush over.

"When did you return to Mosnioca?" Gina asked.

"About the same time as you came to Mosnioca," Max replied.

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Unaware of a man's sudden arrival, Ben began to urge recklessly "Mr. Atkinson, shoot now. There's an old saying in Shyran, 'Cutting grass and removing roots, and now is a good time.'"

Chuck was about to shoot, but suddenly the sound of sirens echoed nearby. Chuck was stunned. "Max, did you call the police?"

Chuck wasn't afraid of the police, but with everyone armed now, the police could perceive them as extremely dangerous. Choosing to shoot could result in them being shot down directly, and he didn't want to die under such unclear circumstances.

Chuck had no choice but to lower his gun first, and Max followed suit. He replied, "It wasn't me."

Instinctively, Chuck glanced at the casino exit. Sure enough, a figure had flashed past. Someone from the casino must have called the police.

That person was meddling in other people's affairs.

Chuck was speechless.

The police arrived and said, "Someone called the police and said that there might be a gunfight here. Please cooperate with our investigation."

Finding no signs of conflict at the scene and no casualties, the police noted that the individuals carrying guns had valid permits, and the types of guns were legally permissible. They then left.

Taking advantage of the lull in the police investigation of Gina and Max, Chuck swiftly led Ben away.

After the police investigation, Max half-jokingly asked, "What did my brother do that he has offended you?"

Gina briefly explained, "Your brother seems to be involved in an extremely nefarious business chain. I was actually tracking Ben, and that's how I found out your brother is his boss."

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Otherwise, why would Chuck protect Ben?

Max understood. "It seems you've set your sights on my brother."

Gina hesitated. "You're not going to stop me, are you?"

Max deliberately said, "What do you think?",

"You can't stop me, but I can understand that you two, as a family, will stick together."

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Max smiled. "How could I stop you? You've set your sights on my brother, and he's also got his eyes on you. I won't stop you, I want to protect you."

Gina said calmly, "I don't need protection."

Even if she was alone, she could protect herself very well.

"Alright, alright. Who knows, maybe I can help you?" Max asked.

Gina was puzzled. "Chuck is your brother. If you help me, wouldn't you be opposing your family? Wouldn't that be bad for you?"

Max smiled indifferently. "What's the big deal? Our family isn't all that united anyway."

"I don't want to drag you into this," Gina said.

"What's this about dragging me into it?" Max glanced around and lowered his voice as if sharing a secret with Gina. "If you take down my brother, it would actually be good for me."

"How so?" Gina asked.

“My mom is my dad’s fifth wife, and Chuck’s mom is his second wife. If Chuck’s side loses, my mom and I might get more of the family’s assets.”

“Fifth wife...?” Gina was stunned.

Max understood what surprised Gina. “Yes, my father has five wives.”

“Are they all legally married?” Gina asked in disbelief.

“Of course not. Only the first wife has a marriage certificate. The others only have status, without marriage certificates.”

“Alright...” Gina smiled. “So, according to what you’re saying, I can cooperate with you.”

“Okay. You can instruct me anytime,” Max gestured as if inviting Gina.

“Yeah, if I need anything, I’ll find you,” Gina nodded.

Gina glanced at the casino and frowned.

Max followed her gaze to the entrance of the casino. “What’s up? Fancy a little gamble?”

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“No, I’m not interested,” she said, just knowing it was the Barnes family’s casino, feeling a bit repelled.

“Where are you going now?” Max asked.

“Back to the hotel.”

“Let’s go to my place.”

“What for?” Gina asked, puzzled.

Max said calmly, “Didn’t you say before that you wanted to see my mom if you had the chance? How about now?”

Gina fell silent.

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Seeing that Gina was silent, Max joked, “What’s wrong? Are you afraid to go? Because our Atkinson family doesn’t have the best reputation, and you’re worried about your reputation being tarnished?”

Gina shook her head. “No, I’ll go.”

“Mosnioca isn’t the only place with a bad reputation. Your Atkinson family isn’t the only one, right?” Gina said, amused.

Max was amused. “From what you know, who else has a bad reputation? I’ll compare and see which family comes out worse.”

“The owner of this casino, the Barnes family.”

Max’s smile faded a bit. “The Barnes family... Ha, they’ve connected with local nobility and are nearly cleaning up their image. Alright, this round goes to the Atkinson family. We’re known for our shady deals and broken promises. But I have to make it clear first. I’m a good person. Do you believe me?”

Gina hesitated for a moment. “We’ll see.”

Max looked hurt. “You didn’t say you trust me.”

Gina awkwardly smiled.

“By the way, you mentioned that my brother is running a very nefarious operation. What exactly is it?” Max asked.



Gina glanced around. Standing here and discussing business might attract too much attention, especially since the police had just been here, and there were still people lingering around, curious about what was going on.

Max also noticed the issue and looked at Gina. "Let's go. We can talk in the car."

In the car.

"At first, I discovered that Zach Presley, the obstetrician-gynecologist in my private hospital, was involved in an illegal scheme to produce male babies and sell harmful remedies," Gina recounted.

Max asked while driving, "He did this directly in your private hospital? That doesn't make sense. Patients who go to your private hospital for treatment are either wealthy or influential. How could they be deceived by such low tactics?"

"No, he didn't do this directly at Prover Hospital. Instead, he collaborated with doctors from other hospitals. He used his identity as a renowned gynecologist at Prover Hospital to attract women who were desperate for boys, thus increasing the sales of his so-called remedies," Gina clarified.

"I stumbled upon this by chance as well. Unfortunately, once the investigation led to Zach, it hit a dead end. The

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investigation stalled. Zach's father, Ben Presley, used to be one of the leaders at Prover Hospital. When I dealt with Zach, Ben appeared deeply distressed, as if he was willing to sacrifice his own son for the greater good. He didn't hesitate to cut ties with him."

"But at that time, I also found Ben's behavior suspicious. However, there was no evidence to prove his involvement until

now..."

"I discovered that while Ben wasn't selling the so-called male fertility remedies, he was marketing a type of snake oil under the guise of being a miracle cure by a healer named Genevieve. The main ingredient is human bone ash. Although it's not exactly poisonous, I still need to find out where those bone ashes came from. I need to investigate thoroughly." Gina's expression turned serious.

Now she was pondering if Ben specialized in aiding individuals with the handling of corpses from unusual deaths.

When Max heard this, he raised his eyebrows. "The father and son even have their own 'specializations'?"

Gina fell silent.

"What's wrong? Isn't it funny?" Max asked.

Gina shook her head. "No."

Her mood was a bit heavy now, and she couldn't find it in herself to laugh.

"We still have a bit of a journey to my place. Are you tired? Maybe you should rest for a while. I'll wake you up when we arrive," Max suggested.

"Alright." Gina closed her eyes to rest.

Before long, she fell asleep. She had a dream where she was transported back to her childhood.

She found herself back at the Clago Orphanage, sitting alone under the willow tree in a daze because she was not very

sociable.

The staff of the orphanage all thought she might have autism and did not like to play with other children.

The cleaning lady noticed her sitting alone again and sighed. “This child looks so lovely, but she doesn’t talk much. Otherwise, she’d be so charming!”

“I wonder if she’s sick. It’s like those poor kids with disabilities. If they’re sick, no one wants them. It’s unfortunate, but at least the orphanage can take her in and give her a place to stay, which is already pretty good.”

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“It is not easy for the director either. She truly has no funds to treat you sickly children, the cleaning lady sighed as she tidied the area.

Gina did not speak, but she listened attentively. At that moment, she decided that she would make a lot of money in the future and donate to the Clago Orphanage so the director could have the funds to help children with disabilities.

She had achieved that goal.

Gina remembered the first time she donated to the Clago Orphanage, the director refused, saying, "Gina, now that you are making money, the most important thing is to live your own life well. The expenses of the orphanage are still manageable."

Even though Gina tactfully expressed that donating millions of dollars was just a tiny fraction of her wealth and would not deplete her substantial assets, the director refused.

Gina had to persistently plead for a long time before she finally succeeded in making the donation.

Previously, she had donated 300 million dollars to the Clago Orphanage, far exceeding the treatment costs for the children who needed medical care. Gina donated it without hesitation because she knew the director had a great vision of creating a world without homeless or hungry children.

The money Gina gave was not only used to construct the orphanage. The director also often made charitable donations.

Max stopped the car and saw Gina sitting in the back seat, seemingly sleeping soundly.

He exited the car and opened the back door, intending to wake Gina. However, he was momentarily lost in thought as he looked at her long, curled eyelashes. This scene felt familiar to him.

Suddenly, he felt the urge to touch Gina's face, but just as he was about to, Gina slowly opened her eyes.

To avoid awkwardness, Max redirected the hand that was about to touch Gina's face to her shoulder and said, "Hey, what a coincidence. I was just about to wake you. We have arrived at my house."

Gina raised her eyes and saw a European-style villa in front of her.

"Did you sleep well just now?" Max asked.

"Yes, I even had a dream," Gina replied casually.

"What did you dream about? Can you tell me? It was not about Gabriel, was it?" Max asked, his tone slightly sour.

"No, it was kind of like a memory dream, a mix of real and unreal events. I dreamed about my days at the orphanage when I was a child," Gina said as she looked up to observe Max's expression.

She thought most people would be curious and ask her something upon hearing the word "orphanage," but Max did not seem surprised by the revelation.

She thought she would soon find out whether Max was indeed the son of that couple.

Following Max into the villa, he knocked on the study door.

"Come in," a gentle female voice called from inside.

Max opened the door, revealing Faith, who was sitting at the desk reading a book. She thought it was only Max coming back and did not look up until Max said, "Mom, I brought a friend home. She said she wanted to meet you."

Faith looked up and was stunned by Gina's beauty. She greeted, "Hello."

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"Hello, Mrs. Griffiths. My name is Gina," Gina replied politely.

Faith was slightly taken aback upon hearing the name Gina.

Max said, "Mom, why don't you chat with Gina for a while? I will stay outside."

Gina felt Max intentionally avoided the situation and thought, 'Why?'

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She did not understand but did not ask much, either. Watching Max leave and close the door, Gina heard Faith say, "Miss Miller, please have a seat."

Gina sat down as she was told.

"Miss Miller, if you have any questions, feel free to ask," Faith prompted with a smile as she put down her book.

Although she was over forty, she was still very beautiful and dignified.

Gina got straight to the point and asked, "I want to know if Max is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson."

They were the well-educated couple who had once adopted Gina for a while.

Recalling the past, Faith became slightly sad and said, "Yes."

Confirming that Max was the boy she had been looking for all along, Gina felt a bit happy. He was still alive and had not been dismembered and discarded. This was the best news. It seemed she was right when she felt that Max's eyes resembled Mr. Jefferson's when she first saw him.

However, as an adult, his appearance did not resemble Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson at all.

Gina thought this was not surprising. Max might have had plastic surgery.

"I heard him mention you before. He always said that he actually had a sister." Faith said.

Gina was stunned. When Mrs. Jefferson brought her home, Max did not like her.

At that time, Max was not called Max yet...

Gina asked, "What has he experienced all these years?"

Faith sighed and began to narrate, "Back then, when his family was massacred, I was actually the first one to discover the Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

scene.

"I was good friends with Mrs. Jefferson. That day, I went to visit her at her place as usual. But I discovered a house full of bodies and Max was the only one with a heartbeat. I was about to take him to the hospital when the murderer, who had not yet left, found us.

"The murderer was very well covered up, and I did not know his identity. I had to escape with Max, who was barely alive. Fortunately, with the help of Mr. Willie, I managed to save Max. Since then, Max has been my child. He needed a new identity to protect him because the one who killed his parents knew that leaving any roots would bring endless trouble. So, when Max grew up, I had him undergo plastic surgery to change his looks to resemble Mr. Willie. You might think Max looks a bit mixed-race, but Max was already a very handsome child..."

"Is Mr. Willie your husband?" Gina asked.

That is Willie Atkinson.

“Yes,” Faith nodded in response. Ten years ago, she met Willie in Shyran, and Willie said it was love at first sight for him. Soon, they fell in love.

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But later, Faith found out that Willie had hidden the fact that he was already married and even had four wives back in his home country of Mosnioca.

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She could not accept this reality and wanted to break up with Willie. That day, she intended to find Mrs. Jefferson, her good friend, to talk about this sad matter, but unexpectedly, she witnessed that tragic scene.

She could never forget that she had agreed to marry Willie to protect Max. Although they did not have a marriage certificate, they held a wedding, and she became a member of the Atkinson family, ensuring a secure life for herself and Max. Willie had indeed deceived her feelings, but Faith was very grateful to him by now. After all, one cannot have everything. Willie provided shelter for them, so she no longer longed for so-called love.

“Why is it that Max is unwilling to tell me these things directly? I tested him before, but he was unwilling to reconnect me,” Gina asked.

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Although they had only briefly been siblings, she always remembered him as her “brother.”

“Because he felt guilty,” Faith said.

“After you were adopted, didn’t he dislike you? He always rejected you and wanted to drive you away. Later, he discovered that you wanted to leave on your own to restore peace to their family and stop the arguments caused by your presence. He suddenly found you a bit pitiful. So, the day before the massacre, he had changed his mind and wanted to tell you that he had decided to accept you as his sister truly.

“But it was too late,” Faith said, her sorrow overwhelming her, causing her to cough violently.

After all, Mrs. Jefferson was her dear friend, and recalling the past was like reopening an old wound.

Gina understood. Finally able to confirm that Max was indeed the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson, she felt a sense of happiness. She thought about what Michael had told her earlier that someone, like her, was investigating the massacre from years ago. It must have been Max.

“It seems you two were destined to be siblings. You have met again as adults,” Faith remarked. “Miss Miller, Max grew up safely because of the protection of the Atkinson family. His identity must never be exposed. Otherwise, the hidden demons who want to eradicate all traces will come after him.”

Gina nodded in response, “I understand.”

She would protect Max, to repay the warmth and love Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson had given her. Even though it was brief, the time she was adopted was the happiest period of her childhood. [SEARCH THE WEBSITE TO ACCESS CHAPTERS OF NOVELS EARLY AND IN THE HIGHEST QUALITY.](#)

“Are you investigating what happened back then?” Faith asked.

Gina nodded in reply. “Yes.”



Faith's nose tingled with emotion as she approached Gina and took her hand. She said, "Good child... I believe the truth will eventually come to light. Thank you for your hard work."

"It's not hard work; it's something I should do," Gina replied with a determined look in her eyes.

Faith sniffled and said, "Go talk to Max. I think he has a lot he wants to say to you too."

Gina nodded and walked out of the study into the living room. Max was sitting on the sofa. This time, when he saw Gina, he seemed a bit uneasy. He asked knowingly, "What did you two talk about?"

"Long time no see," Gina said with a smile.

Max lowered his head and was silent for a moment before replying, "I'm sorry."

"When we were kids, I should not have bullied you and tried to drive you away."

Gina didn't mind and replied, "It's okay. It's all in the past. It was normal for you to fear losing your parents' love. But now, I would not call you 'brother' anymore. It feels a bit awkward."

Max chuckled. "Alright, I also prefer it when you call me by my name."

"But what about your finger?" Gina asked, and she thought, 'Didn't he have part of his right pinky cut off back then?'

Max took off his glove. His pinky looked complete and well-formed, but in reality, a prosthetic covered it. He removed the

prosthetic, revealing a slightly deformed pinky, and explained to Gina, "After the finger was cut off, it was reattached using a toe. It doesn't look very good, so I made a prosthetic to make it more presentable."

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'So that's how it was, Gina pondered in understanding.

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“Have you been investigating the real culprit behind our parents murder?” Max took a deep breath and finally asked this heavy question.

Gina nodded in response, “Yes... but progress has been slow. However, I’ve found out some things. Besides your parents, some of your family members were poisoned.”

“Poisoned?” Max inquired.

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“Before your parents’ deaths, wasn’t there someone in your family who got cancer?” Gina stated. Her words triggered Max’s memories.

Max replied, “My aunt and uncle were both healthy and had no family history of cancer, but they both died of it.”

That matched Gina’s recollections. She remembered that some of the Jefferson family members had died in a manner identical to Emily’s, clearly from poisoning, but the final medical diagnosis had been cancer, leading to their deaths being classified as natural.

Gina thought back to the incident at the hospital, where an assassin disguised as a nurse had poisoned her. The toxin was still dormant in her body, attacking her immune system intermittently. If her immune system was compromised, various illnesses could ensue.

Gina realized this toxin was not as simple as she thought. It wasn’t instantly lethal and was likely a very potent virus.

‘If I hadn’t been skilled in medicine and hadn’t taken care of my health, I might have succumbed to complications or cancer by now.

‘Could this toxin be related to the deaths of Mrs. Emily and the others?’ Gina wondered.

“Let’s take things one step at a time. Since the enemy is hiding, let’s first deal with my brother Chuck’s situation,” Max suggested.

Gina agreed, “Yes.”

She absolutely would not allow Chuck’s evil business chain to continue, and she did not intend to let Chuck g

“What do you need?” Max asked directly.

“The ledgers of his evil business over the years,” Gina said.

“The ledgers...” Max mumbled as he fell deep in thought.

After a while, he said, "I have a good idea where Chuck usually keeps important things."

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"Mr. Chuck, Gina wants to investigate our business. This woman is tough and quite resourceful," Ben reported. While he didn't want to praise Gina and diminish his own standing, the facts were the facts. "Why not strike first and make her disappear from this world forever?" he suggested.

Chuck glanced at Ben on the sofa and sneered, "Afraid of a woman? You've lived this long for nothing, it seems."

Ben was taken aback and explained, "Mr. Chuck, you might not know, but Gina's boyfriend is one of the richest men in the world."

Though it seemed he was now the second, with the top spot held by a mysterious figure. Ben did not care about the exact ranking; what mattered was that Gina and her backer were formidable.

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"The richest man in the world? Huh," Chuck scoffed. "So what? In this world, money alone isn't enough to call the shots! You need connections and power, too. This is Mosnioca, not Shyran. What can Gina do to me here? Does she have ties with any nobility or royalty?"

"No matter how capable she is in Shyran, here in Mosnioca, she can't touch me," Chuck said confidently.

Ben found Chuck's reasoning sound. The Atkinson family was not just a name to be trifled with.

'Gina? Who did she think she was?' he contemplated.

However, Ben had another question and he prompted, "But, Mr. Chuck, why is your brother helping Gina? They... won't join. forces, will they?"

Chuck sneered in disdain. "My brother? He's just a useless fool."

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"A parasite of the family," Chuck thought, feeling a strong disdain for Max.

Reassured by Chuck's immense confidence, Ben relaxed and replied, "Mr. Chuck, you're right. I was overreacting and making a mountain out of a molehill."

"Alright, I'm tired. I need to rest. Since you can't stay in Shyran, continue working for me here in Mosnioca," Chuck said, stretching lazily.

"Understood!" Ben nodded in response.

Chuck went upstairs and returned to his room. Feeling inspired, he decided to visit his secret room to admire his "great achievements." He walked to the bookshelf and pressed a hidden switch on the wall.

A beam of light scanned Chuck's eye, and a mechanical voice declared, "Iris scan successful."

The bookshelf automatically moved aside, revealing the door to the secret room. Chuck pushed it open and entered. Inside were several boxes of gold bars and antiques, but most importantly, his business ledgers accumulated over the years.

He used a key to unlock the safe on the shelf.

As he opened it, Chuck was shocked to see the safe completely empty. For a moment, he couldn't believe his eyes. How could it be empty? Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Chuck, refusing to accept this, overturned the safe, but nothing fell out.

Realizing something major had happened, Chuck angrily smashed the safe onto the floor, completely losing his composure. He yelled, "How is this possible? D\*mn it, how is this possible?"

His mind raced, 'The secret room requires an iris scan. No one but me should be able to get in, not even a fly!

'And the safe's lock and key are custom-made, the only pair in the world. How could anyone open it?'

Chuck gritted his teeth, left the secret room, closed it back up, and ran into the hallway, shouting, "Ben, get up here!"

Ben, who was about to return to his guest room, was startled and thought, 'Why is Mr. Chuck shouting like a madman?'

Ben felt a bit afraid but had no choice but to rely on Chuck's protection. He could not pretend not to hear, so he went upstairs. Facing the enraged Chuck, he asked nervously, "Mr. Chuck, what's wrong?"

Without a word, Chuck grabbed Ben by the collar and dragged him into the room, forcing him in front of the scanner.

Seconds later, the scanner finished and declared, "Iris scan successful!"

"F\*ck!" Chuck cursed, punching the circular scanner, shattering it instantly.

Someone had hacked the system, altering the program to allow any iris to be recognized as valid.

Ben saw the secret room open and was still confused, asking, "Mr. Chuck, what's wrong?"

Even more infuriated by the question, Chuck snapped, "What's wrong? The ledgers are gone! No, they've been stolen!"

Chuck found it unbelievable and unacceptable that his ledgers could be stolen.

"It must be Gina!" Ben said as he immediately thought of her.

At this moment, Chuck also felt Ben was right. After all, who else but Gina would want those ledgers?

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Chuck gritted his teeth and spat, "I underestimated her."

'And Max, he must have helped Gina. Those two d\*mn pests!' Chuck pondered.

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Chuck grabbed whatever was nearby and smashed it, shouting, "So what if you took the ledgers, Gina? You can't do anything to me!"

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The family dinner at the Jackson family's residence in Norwood was more pleasant since Gina was abroad and could not attend.

As such, Harry's mood was much improved.

However, Gabriel arrived fashionably late.

When Gabriel sat down, Harry began his sarcastic remarks, asking, "What? You did not want to come to the family dinner without Gina? You are so late. If you were any later, the food would be cold."

Gabriel's face was stern as he retorted, "I had business to attend to. Didn't you always want me to focus on my career, Uncle Harry? Now that I am, you are making snide remarks?"

Harry felt humiliated by Gabriel's blunt response.

Ashley, also dissatisfied, added, "Gabriel, since when did you become so sharp-tongued? My father did not mean any harm."

"You might think so, but I don't," Gabriel replied coolly.

Neil coughed twice, wanting to avoid an argument at the dinner table, and said, "Alright, alright, everyone, let's say less. Harry, didn't you say you had some good news to announce today?"

Although Harry was displeased, he held back his anger, took Neil's opportunity, and replied, "Yes, but this good news is me to announce. Ethan will share it."

Harry looked proudly at Ethan, who appeared confident and poised, beside him.

Ethan's parents hadn't attended the family dinners for a long time. One reason was Gabriel always brought Gina, whom Ethan's mother found irritating. Since Gabriel protected Gina, Ethan's mother preferred not to see them. Another reason was that Ethan's mother could never forgive Gabriel for nearly strangling her son.

This was unforgivable. Now, she did not even want to see Gabriel.

Neil was a bit surprised and asked, "Oh? Ethan, what good news do you have to share?"

Ethan proudly announced, "Grandpa, the all-in-one medical examination machine project I'm overseeing has secured a 100 million dollar investment from the international firm, Sci!"

Harry beamed with pride and praised, "Ethan, it looks like you've got a lot of potential! Keep it up and become another business genius in our family!"

Ethan smiled and said, "I must thank you, Uncle Harry, for your trust and mentorship. Without your support, I might never have had the chance to shine."

Ethan subtly implied that Gabriel had been deliberately holding him back, and not allowing him to excel. Otherwise, he would have shone long ago.

Ethan sneaked a glance at Gabriel, not wanting to miss any reaction, eager to see how Gabriel would respond to his rise.

To his dismay, Gabriel showed no reaction at all. This indifference irritated Ethan, who felt that Gabriel did not take him

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seriously. Sci was an internationally renowned investment firm. How could Gabriel not react?

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Though annoyed, Ethan was still happy. Maybe Gabriel was just calm now. After all, an investment alone did not mean much. If the all-in-one machine project succeeded, he could be immortalized in history!

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By then, Gabriel would envy him and have to look up to him!

Unwilling to let it go, Ethan addressed Gabriel, "Uncle Gabriel, you previously insisted that I spin off the project from the Jackson Group. Have you changed your mind now?"

Ethan was testing Gabriel's attitude, also wanting to give Gabriel an out.

Ethan would agree if Gabriel wanted to bring the project back under the Jackson Group now. There would be no chance for that in the future!

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"No," Gabriel replied without hesitation.

His response made Ethan feel awkward. Ethan smiled coldly and said, "Alright, that's fine."

Neil said, "Ethan has his own successful career. That is something to celebrate!"

Neil glanced at Isaac, signaling him to bring a few bottles of good wine.

Isaac quickly complied. Just as Neil was about to pour himself a small glass for a sip, Gabriel interrupted and said, "Dad, have you forgotten? Gina instructed you not to drink while you're recovering."



Neil, craving a drink, replied, "Just a small glass would not hurt."

Gabriel frowned and reminded him, "Dad, just because Gina isn't here doesn't mean you can indulge and ignore her advice."

Neil, who was eager to have a taste, tried to ignore Gabriel's words, but Gabriel took out his phone, ready to call Gina.

"Stop, stop, alright, I won't drink. You all can have some," Neil said, feeling a bit wronged. He did not want to bother Gina over such a minor issue, especially since she was handling important matters abroad. He did not want Gina, who was far away in another country, to worry about his health.

Displeased by the interaction, Harry found it absurd that Gina could still affect their family dinner even when she was not present. He thought of her as a persistent nuisance, like a lingering ghost.

He remarked, "It's just a small drink. Is it really necessary to be so strict? Isn't that also bad for his health if it makes my brother unhappy?"

"Between alcohol and a bad mood, Gina knows which one affects health more," Gabriel retorted sharply, not showing mercy towards Harry.

Harry's expression darkened, and he felt a surge of anger.

"Alright, alright, let's not argue over this. I should not be drinking now anyway. I'll wait until I'm fully recovered. I should listen to Gina. Otherwise, I won't be able to drink at Gabriel and Gina's wedding, which would be a real regret!" Neil said he felt overjoyed at the thought of Gabriel and Gina's wedding. As he grew older, he cherished such hopes.

'A wedding?

'It's not certain that woman will even get into the Jackson family, Harry thought to himself.

Not wanting his moment of glory overshadowed, Ethan started discussing his efforts on the project with Neil, which helped the latter part of the meal pass without further disputes.

However, Gabriel seemed a bit distracted. He was wondering what Gina was doing far away in Mosnioca.

He hated every second they were apart, finding it excruciatingly difficult.

At Windsor Castle, Lisa reviewed the ledgers Gina had given her "The Atkinson family has a poor reputation. It would be best if such a malignant family could disappear.

However, they are divided into many branches, and not all of them are evil. Some have made significant contributions to our nation's economy.

"If the Atkinson family can reform, that would be ideal," Lisa stated with a smile. "In the past, we had no evidence to prove the Atkinsons were involved in shady businesses. But now, with the ledgers you provided, Miss Miller, things will be much easier. The upcoming cleanup operation will be smooth, and the Atkinson family cannot refuse a search with this evidence."

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This matter would immediately boost Princess Lisa's reputation among the public, giving her a chance to compete with her brother for the throne.

Gina also hoped this matter could be resolved quickly. Every minute of delay might mean another person being harmed by those dreadful drugs made from ashes or another naive pregnant woman drinking a concoction supposedly to ensure a male child, only to develop a tumor and have no one to turn to.

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She and Princess Lisa had a mutually beneficial relationship. [search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.](#)

"Gina, you are absolutely, absolutely a godsend! You appeared when I was lost and gave me new hope!" Lisa exclaimed, hugging Gina excitedly.

Gina, somewhat uncomfortable with Lisa's enthusiasm, gently pushed her away.

Lisa apologized and said, "Sorry, I was too happy. Did I offend you? I see you as a good friend."

"It's okay," Gina replied.

Gina paused and added, "Since that is the case, Lisa, let's resolve this matter now."

"Are you in a hurry to return to Shyran?" Lisa asked.

"Once the matter is handled and there's nothing else, I'll return. I'm not really in a hurry," Gina said.

"I understand. After all, your loved one is waiting for you," Lisa said with a smile.

With that, the two set off.

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At Chatsworth Manor, Willie was watching a movie, in the home theater with Faith and Chuck sitting beside him.

Max sat in the row behind them.

Suddenly, a servant knocked on the door and reported, "Mr. Willie, a Miss Miller is here with a friend, saying they have something important to discuss."

Upon hearing the name Miller, Chuck knew what was happening and thought, 'Gina Miller, that wretch, is she so eager to settle scores?'

'Huh, let's see if she has the capability to do so.'

Chuck turned to Max and asked, "That Miss Miller, she is your friend, isn't she?"

Chuck had no evidence that Max had helped Gina steal the ledgers. As such, he couldn't cause trouble for Max directly. He felt a burning anger. If not for his father's presence, he would have wanted to beat Max, this traitor, on the spot.

"Yes," Max replied.

Chuck sneered. He mainly wanted to hint to his father that Gina was acquainted with Max, implying that Max was colluding with outsiders to undermine his own brother, which was utterly disgraceful.

-Willie, curious, questioned, "Why didn't your friend come to you directly? Why does she want to see me?"

"Dad, you'll understand once you meet her," Max said.

Willie said nothing more and turned to Faith, saying, "I'll come back to watch the movie with you later."

“Alright,” Faith nodded, feeling a bit uneasy but still agreeing.

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Willie stood up to leave, with Chuck following closely behind. Max also stood up, preparing to go along.

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Faith pondered, ‘Miss Miller is Max’s friend, so it’s understandable he wants to see her. But why is Chuck going along?’

“Why are you following me? You’re not a child. Do you need to tag along for everything the adults do?” Willie questioned.

“I don’t want to watch the movie,” Chuck offered a casual excuse

“Alright,” Willie said, not pressing further.

Walking ahead, Chuck glared at Max fiercely, mouthing. “I know it was you.”

Max remained unfazed. Indeed, he had informed Gina about Chuck’s hidden stash. He knew about the secret room in Chuck’s bedroom because Chuck had inadvertently revealed it to him.

Gina had handled the rest of the ledger theft herself. Max had wanted to help, but there was nothing he could do.

Gina also seemed to prefer not involving him too much, perhaps not wanting him to be seen as a “traitor” to the Atkinson family.

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The three entered the living room and saw Gina and her “friend

The “friend” wore sunglasses, making it difficult to see their face.

Gina greeted politely, “Mr. Willie.”

Despite the Atkinson family’s reputation, Willie had protected Max. Without Willie’s protection, Max might have died long ago, so Gina was certainly respectful towards Willie.

Therefore, Gina Miller was definitely still polite to Mr. Wiley.

“Miss Miller, hello,” Willie said, glancing at the woman wearing sunglasses on the sofa. He asked, “Who is this?”

Lisa removed her sunglasses, smirking as she surveyed Willie and the others.

Willie immediately recognized Lisa and greeted her, “Princess Lisa? What brings you here?”

Chuck was stunned when he saw Lisa. Gina coming alone was not frightening, but bringing a royal princess with her? That was shocking!

‘This is impossible!’ Chuck screamed internally.

Lisa got straight to the point and stated, “Mr. Willie, it’s a pleasure to meet you, but unfortunately, I am not here for a social visit. I am here to... apprehend a criminal.”

Lisa’s gaze fell on Chuck, whose expression immediately grew serious.

Seeing his son not refuting, Willie sensed something was wrong and coldly demanded, “What is going on, Chuck?”

Chuck stammered, “I...”

Lisa said, “Let’s have Miss Miller explain as she investigated this matter.”

Gina took out the ledgers from her bag, placed them on the coffee table, and explained, "Mr. Willie, Chuck has been impersonating Dr. Genevieve in Shyran, selling illegal drugs for years, amassing over 400 million dollars. His action has been extremely heinous."

Willie knew that Chuck dabbled in some illegal businesses, but as long as his son was not caught, he looked the other way. However, now that the evidence was in front of him, it was time to face the consequences.

He certainly wanted to protect Chuck, but with Princess Lisa present, it seemed very difficult.

Willie took a deep breath, knowing that denying the facts was futile, and admitted, "I failed to educate my son properly."

Lisa responded, "Mr. Willie, Chuck must face legal punishment. Do you agree? His selling of illegal drugs in Shyran has harmed its citizens and could affect international relations between our countries. Today, I will take Chuck into custody to face justice. Do you have any objections?"

Before Willie could speak, Chuck went berserk. He lunged at Max, grabbed his collar, punched him hard in the face, and yelled, "You traitorous sc\*m! It was you! You and your so-called friend, Gina, set me up! You b\*stard!"

Willie recalled that on the way here, Chuck had mentioned Gina was Max's friend. It seemed Chuck had anticipated Gina's visit and knew what it meant.

Willie was deeply disappointed in Max!

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He had protected Max, his foster son, for years, treating him as his own, yet Max had sided with an outsider to bring down his biological son!

But now was not the time to dwell on it. Willie did not want to make a scene and shouted, "Enough, stop it!"

Chuck and Max, already grappling with each other, stopped fighting at Willie's furious command.

“Quiet down,” Willie ordered.

Max and Chuck stood silently to the side.

“Princess Lisa, I will certainly explain this and ensure Shyran receives a proper response, but I have one request: do not imprison my son,” Willie proposed.

Lisa frowned and asked, “Mr. Willie, are you joking? Your son is the mastermind.”

“The mastermind could be someone else,” Willie said bluntly.

Lisa’s expression turned serious, and she demanded, “Mr. Willie, what do you mean by that?”

“Princess, our Atkinson family may not have a good reputation, but we have made significant economic contributions to Mosnioca. hope you can consider my proposal,” Willie said.

Lisa did not want Chuck to escape justice and said, “Mr. Willie, understand you want to protect your son, but Miss Miller can speak on behalf of Shyran. You need to consult her opinion as well, not just mine.”

Willie looked displeased as he turned to Gina and asked, “Miss Miller, we will ensure proper compensation and corrective measures. From now on, I will strictly discipline my son. Is there no need to push things to the limit?”

Gina retorted, “No, Mr. Willie, it’s not about pushing things to the limit. Chuck deserves his punishment and must face the consequences of his actions.”

Moreover, Chuck had tarnished her name as Dr. Genevieve...

Chuck gritted his teeth, wishing to smash Gina’s head with the ashtray on the coffee table.

Struggling to stay calm, he said, “Gina, don’t you want to take Ben away? I will hand him over to you. He can be the mastermind. He has been fully responsible for the drug business all these years. Arresting him is the same as me.”

Gina coldly responded, “Both of you need to be arrested.”

Chuck could not hold back any longer and yelled, “You b\*tch! Can’t you understand human speech?”

“Chuck! Show some respect to my friend! You have no right to yell at her!” Lisa snapped.

Seeing the princess speak, Willie scolded Chuck, "Shut up!"

"Miss Miller, do you really insist on having the princess arrest my son?" Willie questioned.

"Absolutely," Cina answered firmly.

Willie was filled with anger but had no outlet for it. He glared furiously at Max. Max, noticing Willie's look, understood that Willie blamed him for aiding Gina in bringing Chuck to justice. Willie's anger was understandable.

Whatever punishment Willie decided for him, Max was ready to accept it.

"Miss Miller! May I have a word with you?" Faith asked as she entered the living room. She had been listening in the hallway and knew the whole story.

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Gina looked at Faith and agreed, "Okay."

Faith addressed Princess Lisa, "Princess Lisa, my apologies, but I need to speak with Miss Miller privately."

"That's fine," Lisa nodded in response. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Faith led Gina into the study.

Meanwhile, Willie was still determined to protect his son. A sudden thought struck him, and he said, "Princess Lisa, you usually don't concern yourself with such matters, do you? Aren't you about to get married?"

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"No, I currently have no plans to marry," Lisa stated. Fortunately, Daniel's infidelity provided a convenient excuse to avoid discussing relationships.



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Next, **she** could devise a plan to seize the royal heir's position slowly.

Willie also discovered Lisa's ambition at this moment and stated, "It seems that Princess Lisa is not interested in marriage, but she must be very interested in the position of heir, right?"

"Mr. Willie, speak your mind, Lisa said.

Willie continued, "Princess Lisa, I must protect my son. If you cannot agree to my request, I think I might have to find an opportunity to talk to Prince Alan, the current heir. Perhaps Prince Alan, considering the economic contributions the Atkinson family **has** made to the country, will agree to my conditions.

"Anyway, both the prince and you are members of the royal family, so either of you handling this matter would satisfy Shyran. What do you think?"

Willie knew that Lisa wanted to use the fight against crime to **make** an appearance in front of the public. If he gave this opportunity to Prince Alan, Princess Lisa would have no way to gain prominence.

He could also remind Prince Alan that his sister intended to compete with him for the position of royal heir.

He thought that Prince Alan might even thank him for alerting him to the potential "threat" posed by Lisa.

Lisa realized that Willie was threatening her, but she did not want her brother to benefit from her efforts. However, how could she explain it to Gina if she did not take Chuck

away? She also wondered what Gina and that lady were discussing in the study. With a cold expression, Lisa first stabilized Willie and said, "Let us wait until Miss Miller finishes talking with your wife."

Willie nodded, "Of course, but I also hope you will seriously consider what I just said."

Faith looked sincerely at Gina in the study and said, "Miss Miller, I have a request for **you**." Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

As she spoke, she **was** about to kneel before Gina. Gina quickly supported her and said, "Mrs. Griffiths, what are you doing?" "I am begging you," Faith said.

"Mrs. Griffiths, you do not need to kneel to ask me for something. Just say what you need." Gina stated.

Faith shook her head and replied, "No, I must do something to show you my sincerity"

"Tell me, what do you want from me?" Gina asked, puzzled.

Faith begged, "I beg you, spare Chuck, agree to Mr. Willie's request, and let Ben take the blame as the mastermind and take him back to face the law. Faith's request was something Gina could not accept, but she still listened to Faith explain why she was pleading for Chuck.

"Miss Miller, I am not pleading for Chuck; I am pleading for Max," Faith said.

Faith said, "Max helped you find evidence of Chuck's crimes, right?"

Gina could not deny it, she nodded.

Faith said, "Chuck did wrong and deserves to face the law, but Mr. Willie loves his child very much. Even though Max is not his child, he still treats him as **his** own. But... If Mr. Willie becomes disappointed in Max and reveals **his** identity, those who want Max dead will come after him."

As Faith spoke, **she** choked up

Cina, with a serious expression, **patiently said**, "Mrs. Griffiths, actually, I can protect Max."

Even without the protection of the Atkinson family, she would still protect Max—the only bloodline left by Mr. and Mrs.

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Faith shook her head and said, “Miss Miller, it is not that I do not trust you, but... I do not want Max to feel guilty toward Mr. Willie. I am sorry, I should have apologized to you first. I should not morally coerce you, but Mr. Willie’s kindness to Max is immeasurable. I do not want to see Mr. Willie disappointed and at odds with Max. So, I am begging you, spare Chuck just this

once.”

Gina sighed. If she had not come to Mosnioca and met Max, if the rest of the Atkinson family **had** not known she was Max’s friend, then Max would not have been implicated.

She could protect Max, but she did not want to see Max lose the warmth of a family after just regaining it.

She could protect Max from physical harm, but the mental and emotional pain of being estranged from his “father” was something she could not help him overcome.

The warmth and happiness Max currently had with his family were hard-earned. Gina believed Faith’s words that Willie treated Max as his own and loved him deeply. Otherwise, Max would not have been able to act so arrogantly under the Arkinson family’s name.

Seeing his “sons” fight would definitely disappoint Mr. Willie and might even lead him to retaliate against Max to protect Chuck

Gina could understand their difficulties and replied, “Mrs. Griffiths, I agree. I will spare Chuck this time.”

Faith broke into a smile through her **tears**, “Thank you, thank you!”

Faith added, “I know that asking you like this might seem like coercion, making you repay Mr. Willie’s kindness to Max on our behalf, but from now on, Miss Miller, if you need anything, please do not hesitate to ask. Do not think I am useless; at the very least, I still have my life, and I am willing to use it to repay your kindness today.”

Gina shook her head and replied, “Mrs. Griffiths, you are overreacting”

“Let us leave it at that for now. I want to resolve this matter as soon as possible.” Gina said.

“Yes, yes, Faith agreed, not wanting to waste Gina’s time.

When **Gina** walked out of the study, everyone else was still waiting in the living room.

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Gina turned to see Lisa's slightly troubled look. She had a good guess as to what was troubling Lisa because she was indeed wavering on sparing Chuck.

Lisa had her own considerations, and now Gina also had her own concerns.

She told Lisa, "Lisa, I think we do not need to discuss this anymore."

Lisa hesitated to speak. Gina was so smart, she must have guessed that what she wanted to say was to spare Chuck and let Ben take the blame.

From Gina's reaction, there seemed to be no room for negotiation on this matter.

But Lisa was unwilling to give up. After all, if Chuck was not spared, Willie might seek her brother's help, affecting her plans...

Lisa wanted to make one more effort, 'Gina, I really have something important to tell you."

Cina looked at Lisa and said, "I know what you want to say."

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Lisa paused to listen to what **Gina** was going to say next.

Gina immediately declared, "**Mr.** Atkinson, I can agree to let Chuck off the hook for once."

Willie looked at Lisa after he saw Gina **was** willing to relent. Lisa immediately nodded. "Miss Miller's opinion represents mine."

Chuck heaved a sigh of relief. He did not dare to be too smug. He only looked at Max provocatively and said reluctantly. "Princess Lisa, I'll hand Ben over to you immediately. I'll do my best to cooperate with the subsequent investigation. I'm also willing to compensate the victims who bought the illegal medicines."

In Lisa's opinion, Chuck's attitude of admitting his mistake was good. She was more satisfied with the outcome of the matter. She nodded **and** said, "I hope you can recognize your mistake and repent and correct it from now on."

"I will." Chuck lied through his teeth.

Then Chuck made a phone call and called Ben directly from his villa to the manor. When Ben saw Gina, he was not afraid at

all.

However, Ben quickly recognized Princess Lisa beside Gina. He was instantly terrified.

At that moment, Chuck said, "Princess Lisa, the mastermind behind selling the illegal medicines is here. You can take him

away."

Ben instantly reacted when he heard that. Chuck had called him over to hand him over to Gina.

"Mr. Chuck, what does this mean? I'm the mastermind?"

Chuck could not be bothered to waste his breath on Ben,

Ben was horrified. He still wanted to struggle. He crawled to Chuck and knelt to beg him, "Mr. Chuck, you can't treat me like this. I've worked for you for ten years. I've worked hard even if I didn't contribute!"

Chuck kicked Ben away impatiently. "Enough. I've never mistreated you in the past ten years. Get lost."

When Ben saw Chuck was unreliable, he cursed, "Bustard. Asshole. Heartless thing. You'll die horribly!"

Lisa quickly called someone in, took Ben under control, and waited outside. She then stood up and bade farewell. "Thank you for your cooperation, Mr. Atkinson. Sorry to bother you. Gina. Let's go."

Gina nodded and left with Lisa.

Chuck stared at Gina's back with his hands clenched. Although he had avoided jail time, the follow-up compensation would hurt him badly. He was not done with Gina!

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Chuck's **gaze** fell on Max. He would not let go of Max, the traitor, either. Therefore, Chuck started to attack Max again the minute Lisa and the others left.

Of course, Max was not to be outdone and fought with Chuck.

Chuck pressed Max to the ground. "You bastard. Did you help Gina steal the account book?"

Max mocked Chuck. "You've done **those** outrageous things, and you'll have to pay the price sooner or later. You should thank me for giving you a chance to repent!"

Chuck ground his teeth. "What right do you have to judge me? You bastard!"

He threw a punch at Max but failed. Max lifted his knee to Chuck's abdomen. Chuck was in pain and was at a disadvantage, so he was pressed to the ground by Max.

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Max punched Chuck several times in a row.

Suddenly, someone grabbed Max's hand. Max looked up and saw Willie.

"Dad... Maxx was stunned,

Willie hauled Max to his feet and slapped him. Max froze in place. Chuck saw his father was helping him and was pleased with himself. He wanted to hit Max back, but Willie pushed him away. Chuck was puzzled. "Dad?"

"Haven't you fought enough?" Willie scolded.

Chuck realized his father was angry, so he did not continue to hit Max.

Willie asked Max, 'Am I not good to you?'

Max's pupils constricted. "Yes."

"Then why **did** you **help** an outsider to betray our family?" [search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.](#)

Max frowned. "But Max did something wrong, didn't he?"

"Yes. But it's not your turn to judge him. You have disappointed me, Max. A family should be united. So, you've never treated us as a family, have you?"

Faith stepped forward and grabbed Willie's arm. I'm sorry, Honey. Max knows **his** mistake. Don't be **mad**. Max is not an ungrateful child. He treats us as a family."

Willie closed his eyes. He did not want to hear anyone pleading for Max. He asked, "What did you help Gina and Princess Lisa with? Tell me the truth."

Max said bluntly. "I only said that Max might have put the account book somewhere. I didn't do anything else."

Gina did not let him a

im get too involved in the matter.

However, Willie didn't trust Max, and Kennen didn't trust Max even more. "You're talking nonsense. You're just trying to get away with it

Max gave Chuck a bad look. "Believe it or not."

Then Max turned to Willie and said, "Dad, I'm telling the truth. However, I... I did betray our family, according to you. I don't think I was wrong

Willie took a deep breath and covered his heart. Max held him in time. After a long time, Willie told Max, "Get lost. I don't want to see you now."

"Okay..." Max nodded and turned to leave.

On the other side.

Before Ben was put into a police car for temporary detention in Mosnioca, Gina had a critical matter to ask Ben.

"Where did the ashes in those medicines come from? Tell me the truth."

Although Ben knew he was doomed, he did not want Gina to have her way. Hence, he said stubbornly, "I don't want to tell you.

I don't want to talk now or later. The law will judge me. It's not your turn."

Then, Ben sneered **as** if he was a little smug.

He **saw** Cina seemed to **care** about the ashes, so he insisted on not saying anything

It made Cina anxious

It was also the last futile and ridiculous resistance he could do, but he was happy to do so.

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**Gina** was running out of patience with Ben. "If you don't want to talk, I can shut you up forever."

Ben panicked. "What do you mean? Are you threatening me? Didn't you want the law to punish me? Why? Will you go above and beyond the law to deal with me? Are you going to kill me directly? What right do you have? Stop trying to scare me!"

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Lisa played along. "Mr. Presley, no one wants to break the law and kill you. However, what if you suddenly come to your senses.

you know you've committed a heinous crime and think you've done many evil deeds and can't redeem your sins? What if you choose to give up your life? It is possible, isn't it?"

Ben immediately broke out in a cold sweat when he heard Lisa, the royal princess, talk like that.

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Lisa smiled and hugged Gina's **arm**, saying, "Gina, we're good friends. If you have any troubles, you can tell me. I'll help you

solve them."

Gina smiled. "Thank you, Lisa,"



The smiles of Lise and **Gina** were so terrifying to Ben. Weren't they conspiring to murder him openly?

Ben weighed the pros and cons inwardly. Up until now, The medicine he sold had not caused any deaths. His final sentence might be life imprisonment, but there was still hope for him to live. However, if he continued to argue, he might very well die. Ben's psychological defense was broken.

"The ashes were collected from various orphanages in the country!"

Gina's heart skipped a beat when she heard the word orphanage.

"What orphanages are there!" Gina asked anxiously.

"Many, so many... Ben replied fearfully.

Gina ordered. "Make a list. Now!"

"Okay, okay."

Ben nodded profusely. Then, Ben was locked **up in** the escort vehicle. Lisa got someone to prepare a pen and paper for **Ben**. Ben wrote down the name list without stopping.

Ben **was** temporarily transported from Willie's mansion to the country's jail.

Ben gave the list to Gina before going to jail.

When Gina saw the C

Clago Orphanage on the list, her anxious heart became even more uneasy.

The Clago Orphanage was the orphanage that Gina had once taken in. Not long ago, she had donated **300** million dollars to the Clago Orphanage...

Norwood.

Ethan slept until the afternoon.

He heard his doorbell ring non-stop as soon as he woke up.

Ethan got up impatiently and walked to the balcony to see Olivia standing at the door.

What did Olivia want when she came knocking on his door?

He saw the nanny talking to Olivia through the door.

The nanny **was** probably chasing Olivia away.

Ethan changed his clothes and went downstairs to meet Olivia. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

“Mr. **Jackson** is resting. Miss Miller, please leave. I can’t open the door for you!” The nanny was still persuading Olivia. “Miss Miller, if you were still Mr. Jackson’s fiancée in the past, it wouldn’t be a big deal for me to open the door for you to enter. **But** things are different now, aren’t they?”

Olivia rolled her eyes and wanted to curse. However, she ignored the nanny when she saw Ethan walking toward her.

The **nanny** also heard the footsteps. “Mr. Jackson, **you’re** up.”

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Ethan nodded and said, “Let her in.”

“Sure thing”

The nanny quickly opened the door for Olivia and walked away.

Olivia looked warily at Ethan. “I should call you Mr. Jackson now, right? Calling you Mr. Ethan can no longer reflect your **status** as a successful **man**.”

Ethan sneered. “What’s going on? Did you smear honey on your mouth when you went out today? You talked sweetly.

“Also, don’t call me Mr. Jackson. **Call me** Mr. Ethan.”

Calling Ethan Mr. Jackson gave **Ethan** a feeling that he was hearing people calling him Gabriel Jackson. When he was called little Mr. Jackson, he would feel he **was** inferior to Gabriel. Ehen felt comfortable hearing people call him Mr. Ethan.

Olivia was too lazy to pretend. “Sure, Mr. Ethan. Didn’t I hear that you got SCI’s investment? I especially came to congratulate you. Let’s go in and talk?”

“Hey.” Ethan blocked Olivia’s way. “I didn’t invite you in, did I? Not everyone can enter my house. Say it here if you have anything to say.”

Olivia was furious. Damn, Ethan. However, Ethan's business was indeed improving. Olivia had no choice but to smile apologetically. "Alright, Mr. Ethan. Let's talk wherever you say,

"Mr. Ethan, do **you** still remember what you said before? You **said** I could invest in your **all-in-one** medical examination. machine project when I **have** money. Is it right?"

Ethan had indeed said that but did not answer Olivia directly. "You have money now? How much do you plan to invest?" "One million dollars," said Olivia.

When Ethan heard one million dollars, he laughed and mocked Olivia, "One million dollars. Did I hear wrongly? I thought it was 10 million dollars. If it were 10 million dollars, I would consider it. One million dollars. Do you think my project is small?"

Olivia endured it. I only have this much money for the time being"

Then you can **save** more. Ethan yawned and prepared to ask the **nanny** to see Olivia off.

Olivia panicked. She grabbed Ethan's arm and said, "Ethan, you broke your word. Back then, you said I could look for you to invest as long as I had money. You didn't say how much money I had to raise before I could invest, right? I do have money on hand now. How can you be so shameless?"

Ethan pulled Olivia's hand away in disdain. "Olivia, it's only been a few minutes, and you can't pretend anymore? You kept calling me Mr. Ethan just now, but now you're calling me by my name?"

"Get this straight. You're the one who wants to invest in my project now. I'm not the one begging you to invest. Besides, I don't care about your one million dollars."

Ethan dusted his sleeves in disdain.

Olivia gritted her teeth, Ethan had always liked to pretend. Now that he had gotten lucky and made it into a project, he was even more pretentious.

Ethan looked at Olivia's unconvinced expression and said, "Olivia, look at how exasperated you are. It's funny. Do you remember how you scolded me at the engagement banquet back then? You said I'm **a** good-for-nothing and a parasite of the Jackson family. I need to rely on Gabriel to **give** me food mercifully!"

Olivia **was** speechless. "You're holding a grudge. So, were you only trying to fool me when you said I would invest when I got money?"

"Holding a grudge? You bitch. You had scolded me before so many people back then. You still won't allow me to hold a grudge?"

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It would be better if they did not mention the past. Olivia exploded at the mention of the past. "What about you? Didn't you also scold me? You even beat me with your mother. Ethan Jackson, you –

Digging up their old scores, Ethan and Olivia got mad simultaneously and almost into a fight.

Olivia calmed down first. "Alright, let's not talk about the past anymore. Now is not the time to talk about it. After all, it's all Gina's fault for what happened at the engagement party. Gina deliberately caused trouble at our engagement party."

Ethan also felt Olivia was right. Their engagement party wouldn't have ended so badly if it hadn't been for Gina. After all, Ethan could kick Olivia out even if he found out Olivia's private life was messy later. They wouldn't have to make a scene and let others see them as a joke.

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