

## **After the Divorce CEO Realizes He's the Stand-In Lover By Madison King**

Chapter 161 The Graham family is on the decline

"Mrs. Graham, how are you? Are you feeling better?" Natalie asked when she saw that Linda's breathing had stabilized.

Her eyes were filled with worry and anticipation.

Though Linda's breathing had stabilized, her symptoms had not eased thoroughly. The turn was superficial.

After all, this situation was not unprecedented in the Graham family before.

Of course, the Graham family asked for more. They wanted Linda's condition to be improved internally, with no possibility of endangering her health.

Linda took a deep breath and felt that the uncomfortable force in her throat had been completely

relieved. "I feel much better now," she said.

"Thank you, Nana."

Linda looked sincere.

Natalie pursed her lips and stood up while speaking, "It's okay."

"Mrs. Graham, you should pay more attention to your health and never be so emotional, otherwise

there is still a possibility of getting sick."

Natalie's tone and expression were serious.

Linda nodded repeatedly, "Okay, I see, Nana."

Seeing that Linda was better, Natalie felt a little relieved.

A very cold voice suddenly came from behind, "You have already done such a thing to the Graham

family. Do you think she can stay calm?"

Natalie frowned.

She turned back and looked at the speaker, "Julian, I helped Mrs. Graham. I've been working hard to help her out of danger. You are ungrateful. You are even sarcastic about me."

The man ignored her words.

He kept questioning, "Why did she get sick?" Julian's voice was so calm that Natalie was lost for words.

The man's questioning hovered in her mind.

Natalie said nothing.

Julian had a sour face and looked straight at her. A pair of eyes were sharp as if they could tear open her and see her true thoughts.

Natalie was silent for a long time. Julian continued, "It's all thanks to you."

Since she was unwilling to admit it, he would speak for her.

Natalie's face instantly turned a bit pale at his words.

Julian clearly saw the change in Natalie's expression, but he remained expressionless and said,

"Why are you lying?"

He kept questioning.

Natalie pursed her lips.

She did lie.

Why did she lie at that time? Natalie was no longer known.

"I'm asking you a question, why are you lying?" Julian continued.

Natalie still didn't speak.

"Julian, how could you speak to Nana like that?" Linda suddenly stood up and interrupted him.

"Nana just saved my life, how could you treat her like this?"

Julian was cold and stern. "Then how could she treat the Graham family like that?"

“That’s the hard work of generations of the Graham family...”

Julian couldn’t say more. He felt sick.

Natalie raised her eyes, and after some struggle in her heart, she said, “I did lie. I apologize to the Graham family.”

“Nana, there’s no need to apologize.” Linda waved her hand repeatedly after hearing this.

“You just need to let the Graham family go...”

Before she could finish her later words, Natalie continued, “But even if I admit that I gave you authorization, Hazel International Hospital won’t help the Graham family.”

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Linda’s words got stuck in her throat. She just thought Natalie would let go of the Graham family and make the dean of Hazel International Hospital willing to cooperate with the Graham family.

“Nana...”

Julian frowned at the words and said, “What do you mean by that?”

“What do I mean, Mr. Graham? Aren’t you clear?”

The two of them looked at each other, and Julian clearly felt provoked.

“I’m not sure.”

Julian replied word for word.

He spoke calmly and politely, he tried his best to control his temper. But the sullen and sarcastic.

tone still couldn’t be concealed.

Natalie ignored his sarcasm.

She remained expressionless and said, “Since Mr. Graham chose to play the fool, I’ll just speak up.”

“What kind of person is the dean of Hazel International Hospital? I think the Graham family knows

better than me. I’ve only been with him for a while and I’ve almost known what kind of person he is.

With your observation ability, you should have known him much better than me.”

Natalie’s voice was not loud, but it was enough for everyone to hear clearly, “He is a businessman

who only seeks profit.”

“The Graham family no longer can’t bring any benefits to Hazel International Hospital. Why would he help the Graham family?”

“For the sake of you?”

Natalie said while looking at Julian.

The meaning behind the words was self-evident.

At this moment, Júlian was on the decline. The Graham family could not get its prosperity back

anymore.

Upon hearing this, Julian couldn’t help clenching his teeth and his face was unusually sullen.

Her words were so harsh!

Emotionally, he almost wanted to come forward and hold Natalie. But after saying this, Natalie turned around directly, leaving him behind.

Hugh quickly followed her, looking back at Julian as he walked, to prevent Julian from attacking Natalie because of anger.

The black Maybach drove away from the white building.

Natalie sat in the back row. Although she escaped from the suffocating environment just now, her face remained pale. She was clearly in a low mood.

Her heart was in a chaotic state.

Hugh was driving in front of him, and he clearly felt the pressure inside the car.

He looked at Natalie’s expression in the rearview mirror and said, “Do you really want to do this?”

Natalie raised her eyes at the sound.

After seconds, she withdrew her gaze and looked at the scenery outside the car, “Even you think it’s inappropriate?”

“You think I made a mistake, don’t you?”

Natalie looked out the window and realized that the weather had unknowingly turned cloudy, with the hazy sun hidden in the gray clouds and mist.

Just like her mood.

The scenery outside the window was monotonous and boring. Natalie’s mood was worse.

“I think you did the right thing.”

Hugh’s voice sounded.

“You do?” Natalie’s tone was full of incredulity.

“If you gave this authorization to the Graham family, it can indicate that Julian is not lying.”

“But beyond that, nothing else will happen. Hazel International Hospital will not cooperate with the Graham family.”

“So, even if you admit that you gave this authorization to the Graham family... nothing will change.”

“Don’t blame yourself anymore.”

Hugh comforted her.

This was the first time Natalie heard him speak so much at once. She listened attentively and

slowly said, “Thank you, Hugh.”

Actually, what Hugh said was clear to her.

She was just not ready to give up on the Graham family... Although she had braced herself for it before, she found it uneasy to do that

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“However, the Graham family has the largest pharmaceutical company in Los Angeles...” Hugh’s tone was calm.

His casual words lowered Natalie’s mood a bit, and she said, “If you were a Graham, you would absolutely hate me, wouldn’t you?”

“I can help the Graham family, but I just watch them go bankrupt.”

Moreover, she was the legitimate daughter-in-law of the family. How ironic it was.

"You're right," Hugh said seriously when he saw Natalie feeling very guilty.

"Don't blame yourself too much."

"Really?" Natalie was in a state of confusion, muttering softly to herself.

Although this is asking Hugh, it is actually more like asking herself.

Her feelings were mixed. She didn't know exactly what she thought.

The car roared past.

They quickly arrived at the entrance of Greenlife villa.

Natalie looked out of the window, and the weather had unknowingly turned cloudy and sunny. The dark sky had turned azure and cloudless.

She opened the door and slowly got out of the car.

The weather was really nice now." The wind blew on Natalie's face, and she felt a refreshing

sensation.

Natalie took a deep breath and said, "Hugh, you can go back."

"Come drive me to the laboratory tomorrow."

Hugh looked at her, with a slightly complicated expression in his eyes. He was a little worried

about her mental state.

Natalie smiled and said, "Stop looking at me in that way."

"My mind and mood are in chaos now. There's nothing else wrong with me. You can rest assured

to leave."

Hugh nodded.

Natalie watched as Hugh's back disappeared from her sight. She adjusted herself and tried to forget what had just happened.

She slowly walked back to the villa.

Her hand had just reached into my bag to take out the key when she was stopped by someone.

Natalie was startled. She retreated and shouted, "Who is it?"

That person didn't answer.

As soon as Natalie's exclamation of surprise subsided, a figure flashed past her. His moves were sharp and swift. In almost a few seconds, the person who stopped Natalie was shackled.

Natalie frowned. She saw Hugh restrain a short woman by hands.

Natalie was surprised to see Hugh, whom she had asked to go.

The person in Hugh's arms suddenly struggled, and the commotion came to Natalie's ears. She regained consciousness from her earlier thoughts.

She narrowed her eyes to look at the person. When she saw the person clearly, she was startled.

"Mrs. Graham?"

"What are you doing here?"

Natalie's eyebrows furrowed tightly. She quickly waved to Hugh and said, "Free Mrs Graham."

Upon hearing this, Hugh freed Linda.

Natalie quickly took Linda from Hugh's hand. She helped Linda and looked behind her, "Didn't

Julian come with you?"

Linda couldn't have come alone. Julian must have followed along.

Natalie thought so and turned her head to look behind the woman. But there was only a low-key car behind Linda. The distance was too far for her to see the license plate clearly.

But she could be certain that this car was not the one that Julian often drove.

Linda suddenly grabbed a corner of Natalie's dress and said, "Julian didn't come, I came by

myself."

Natalie was forced to come back to her senses, and she refocused her gaze on Linda.  
“Really?”

“Hmm.” Linda nodded.

Natalie’s eyes were wide open. Linda had just returned to normal. How could Julian have let Linda

run so far alone?

Could he rest assured?

\*Julian didn’t want me to come, so I come here myself.” Linda spoke softly, “Nana, I came to you without informing you. Forgive me.”

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Before Natalie could finish her words, Linda suddenly seemed to be a bit unstable.

“Mrs. Graham!” Natalie could only quickly help Linda.

Linda supported her head with her hand and her voice was a bit weak. “I’m sorry. I just recovered, my body hasn’t fully recovered yet... I can’t stand stably.”

“You are too weak,” Natalie said in a worried tone. “You just recovered from such a dangerous situation. You’d better have a good rest. You shouldn’t have come to me.”

The latter part of her words already carried a sense of blame.

Linda knew Natalie was already a bit angry, so she quickly explained, “Nana... I just wanted to talk to you about the Graham family... I don’t feel well, I can’t wait any longer.”

“Don’t be angry.”

Linda’s legs were soft and shaky as if she couldn’t support them anymore. At this moment, she was fragile to the point of falling down if Natalie let her go.

Natalie couldn’t bear to blame Linda, who was so weak.

Natalie looked at Linda’s noticeably emaciated face, feeling both angry and resentful.

After a while, she could only choose to compromise, “If you have anything to say, just sit in the

room and say it?

After all, Linda’s body mattered most.



“Hugh, come help us,” Natalie turned his head and shouted to Hugh.

The two of them slowly helped Linda into the room.

Entering the room, Natalie immediately turned to find the medicine Linda often took. Hugh’s movements were slightly stiff when he slowly helped Linda to the seat.

Linda’s condition had improved somewhat. But to ensure her safety, it was better to take some

medicine.

Natalie went upstairs to her bedroom and opened the drawer to search for pills for Linda, but they

were inside.

Natalie frowned. She remembered putting it here. Where else could they be?

She went downstairs to search in the study but failed to find them.

In flipping the room, a cardboard box was knocked down by Natalie, and the contents poured out. She quickly squatted down, wanting to put them away.

There were all some old things inside.

Natalie picked up items one by one, including books, keychains, tickets, and so on. None of these things were used by her when studying abroad.

During the pickup, a small object caught Natalie’s eye, which was a pure black wooden box with bamboo carvings. There were mountains, water, and poetry on it.

Natalie’s breath stagnated.

She slowly opened the box. Inside the box was a small piece of soft cotton paper. An exceptionally

exquisite pin was wrapped.

This was a gift from Henry.

“Nana, what are you looking for?” Linda couldn’t help but ask when she saw Natalie was so busy.

The Graham family is in urgent need of help.

Natalie was interrupted by Linda’s voice. She held the pin in her hand and said, “I’m looking for pills for you, but I forgot where to put them.”

Linda said, "There's still some in the Graham's residence. You don't have to look for it. I'll take the

medicine when Mook back at the house." Lind stood up.

Natalie couldn't put down the pin in his hand in time. Upon seeing this, she quickly went to help

Linda, "Sit down quickly."

Linda sat back in place.

"Nana, are you really not willing to help us anymore?"

Natalie pursed her lips.

"If you want to talk about this matter, save your effort..." Natalie was determined.

With a splash.

Linda suddenly knelt down on the ground, her hands tightly intertwined, and tears rolled down.

"Mrs. Graham, what are you doing?" Natalie's pupils suddenly narrowed.

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"Get up, you can't do this..." Natalie was startled by Linda's behavior. She was at a loss.

Linda was Henry's mother. How could Linda kneel in front of her?

It was unreasonable.

Moreover, Natalie had long regarded Linda as her own mother. A mother couldn't kneel down for

her daughter.

It didn't make sense.

Natalie couldn't accept it.

Natalie's mixed mood became even more chaotic, and she even felt a strange headache.

She felt sorry for Linda. Linda was even willing to kneel down to her for the sake of the Graham family... This behavior made her feel at a loss and unsure of what to do.

“Mrs. Graham, you can’t do this. Get up quickly!”

But Linda didn’t seem to hear, and she still knelt on the ground, unwilling to get up.

There seemed to be tears on her face.

“Nana, I can’t let the Graham family be ruined in my hands, I can’t...”

Linda was half kneeling on the ground, pulling Natalie by the clothes with one hand, and pounding herself with the other hand. It seemed that Linda blamed herself deeply.

“The Graham paid much effort to go through that upheaval. Now... we can’t go back to the same

old path...”

Linda spoke, and the tears in her eyes immediately welled up.

“Mrs. Graham, please get up!” Natalie repeatedly retreated, trying to forcefully pull Linda up.

Linda refused to get up. She raised her arm and grabbed Natalie’s dress, “Nana, I can’t get up.”

“Nana, let go of the Graham family, please.”

Linda grasped Natalie’s clothes while muttering to herself... There were endless tears in her eyes.

No one would not feel sorry when seeing such a scene.

Moreover, Natalie had seen how energetic and positive Linda was before, and Natalie felt

uncomfortable about what happened now.

“Mrs. Graham, just stand up. We can have a good talk.”

Natalie knew Linda wouldn’t stand up unless she agreed to help the Graham family. Therefore, she gestured at Hugh who was standing by.

“Hugh, come help.”

“Help me lift Mrs. Graham up.”

Hugh should have stood awkwardly aside. Upon hearing this, he immediately regained his composure and strode to Natalie.

He wanted to help Linda up.

But Linda was clearly unwilling to be supported by him. Hugh reached out and wanted to hold

Linda's arm. But Linda repeatedly hid back. Hugh failed.

He furrowed his brow and looked at Natalie.

Hugh was accustomed to staying in the army. There were only men in his army and he didn't know

how to deal with such a case.

Linda was a woman. He couldn't treat Linda like his brothers in the army.

Linda looked sad and weak. He couldn't force her to do anything.

Natalie understood his thoughts from Hugh's gaze at her. She looked at Linda, who was still

kneeling on the ground.

Next second, she also knelt down on the ground with a thud.

Linda was startled by a splash. She looked up and saw Natalie kneeling directly in front of her in a pure white dress.

The dress was crumpled because Natalie was kneeling. But Natalie knelt without hesitation.

The delicate dress was ruined by this.

"Mrs. Graham, since you don't want to get up, I can only kneel with you."

That was the only way.

Linda was stunned and lost for words.

Natalie's action directly shattered her idea.

"Mrs. Graham, if you can't get up, then I'll keep kneeling like this. Anyway, I'll be with you."

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Linda slowly released Natalie's dress.

Natalie was pretty determined. Linda stopped the tears in her eyes and spoke seriously, "Nana, are you really unwilling to help the Graham family?"

"I promise you, this is the first and last time."

Linda said with a serious expression.

Natalie murmured Linda's words in her heart.

Natalie shook her head. This was not the first time... Three years ago, she had offered help for the

Graham family to go through the trouble.

Natalie found it a little absurd. It seemed that Linda knew it. Linda must have felt that the Graham

family had overcome that difficulty because of Julian.

But this was not important.

Natalie had no intention of letting the Graham family know it, let alone Linda.

Natalie lowered her head and remained silent.

"Nana, you really don't want to help the Graham family?" Linda got Natalie before Natalie could

answer.

Linda let out a lament.

Fine.

The expectations were completely dashed. Linda suppressed her emotions and tidied up the

mess in her heart.

As if making up her mind, Linda said, "Nana, forgive me. I was too impulsive just now."

She took a deep breath and said, "I'm sorry." She knew she had put Natalie into a dilemma.

Natalie was startled by Linda's sudden acceptance of this fact. She said, "Mrs. Graham, you..."

"I just feel sorry for the Graham family, and even more so for Julian's father..."

“And his brother...”

“I should have told you about Julian’s brother, right? The business of the Graham family was his great work. Before he passed away...” Linda choked up

She couldn’t continue speaking.

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When she heard something about Henry, her heart trembled.

She held the pin even tighter.

She knew that was Henry’s hard work....

And now she was going to personally destroy it...

Natalie also had tears in her eyes... Henry meant too much to her.

Although she tried to forget him, it was useless.

Natalie was silent for a long time. Linda wiped the tears, looking at Natalie’s hands.

In Natalie’s hand was a small safety pin, which kept flipping through her slender fingers.

Linda fixed her eyes on it.

The pin was so familiar to her.

It was... Henry’s?

Linda’s pupils suddenly narrowed. She lowered her head and studied this pin. She was not

mistaken... it was Henry’s!

“Nana, how could you have it?” Linda’s eyes were filled with confusion.

Natalie quickly placed the pin behind her, and she held back the overflowing tears. “This pin...”

Linda knew Natalie was hiding something from her.

Linda was even more puzzled. “Nana, my son also has one.”

Natalie pretended not to understand, "Do you mean that Julian also has one?"

Linda shook her head seriously and said, "No."

"It's Henry," Linda's tone was very affirmative.

Natalie's grip on the pin became even tighter.

"Nana, do you know Henry?" No, this pin... Linda knew how important this pin was to Henry.

Linda shook her head and took back what she had just said. Nana and Henry were definitely not ordinary friends..

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"Henry?" Natalie frowned and repeated the name.

"Who is Henry?"

Linda raised her eyebrows and said, "Don't you know Henry?" Linda's big eyes were fixed on Natalie

as if she didn't want to let go of any subtle expression on Natalie's face.

"I have never heard the name..."

Natalie's eyes were innocent, and her face was calm and puzzled. "Who is Henry?"

She looked at Linda and their eyes met. Of course, Natalie knew that Linda didn't believe it. But after all, she had been with Niki for so long.

Niki had influenced her a lot.

She had gotten Niki's skills.

It was easy for Natalie to deal with Linda.

"Mrs. Graham, why are you looking at me in this way? Does Henry mean a lot to you?" Her eyelashes trembled lightly and her tone was also curious.

Linda stared at Natalie, but she didn't find anything wrong. She slowly withdrew her gaze.

She sighed.

"Well, forget it."

Linda was unwilling to say more. Natalie didn't force her. Instead, Natalie changed the topic. "Mrs. Graham, it's getting late too. You'd better go back now."

Linda's thoughts had drifted away. When she heard Natalie's voice, she only roughly turned to look.

outside. The sun was setting in the west, and it was indeed getting late.

Linda turned her gaze back and lowered her head without speaking.

Natalie clenched the pin and held it behind while Linda's mind was wandering. Then Natalie asked,

"Mrs. Graham."

Linda regained consciousness.

"Wana, what did you just say?"

Natalie frowned and wondered what Linda was thinking. Did she think of Henry?

Henry passed away so long... Now she finally missed him.

Natalie frowned and repeated, "It's getting late. You'd better go back now."

Linda looked confused. She shook her head repeatedly, "Nana, I feel something wrong."

"What's wrong?"

"Show me this pin please..." Linda said and leaned towards Natalie's hand, wanting to take the pin

directly.

But she couldn't touch the pin after groping for a long time.

Natalie looked expressionless at Linda's movements.

Linda's hands, due to proper maintenance, were delicate and fair. When Linda's hand touched hers, it felt like she was touched by a cold ice block.

It reminded Natalie of Julian. She felt a wave of disgust in her heart and straightly withdrew her

hand.

"Nana, where's it?" Linda kept searching.



“Mrs. Graham, it’s really getting late. You’d better leave now.” Natalie unconsciously stepped back.

“I want to take another look. Can you show it to me?” Linda pleaded. Natalie could see a hint of

despair in her eyes.

Natalie couldn’t bear such a gaze.

She felt depressed at it.

Natalie compromised. This pin was indeed Linda’s son’s... Linda did have the right to see it.

Thinking of this, Natalie slowly extended her hand back, wanting to take out the pin. But halfway

through, she suddenly had an idea, “Mrs. Graham, I will show it to you. Can you stand up now?”

Linda was unwilling to stand up. “Nana, I’m sorry to you, and so is the Graham family. I should have

knelt down. Well, you are the one that should get up.”

Natalie frowned and said seriously, “If you don’t get up, I won’t take it out.”

Linda raised her eyes.

Natalie was firm.

Linda hesitated for a while and stammered, “Fine.”

Natalie felt happy. She was going to stand up and help Linda up from the ground.

But due to kneeling on the ground for too long, Natalie’s legs had become somewhat stiff. She

couldn’t stand up.

Upon seeing this, Hugh immediately came to help Natalie.

Natalie shook her head and said, “Don’t worry about me. Help Mrs. Graham up.”

Linda had been standing longer than her. Linda’s condition would be worse.

Hugh didn’t follow Natalie’s order.

He still tried to help Natalie up.

Natalie frowned, saying, "Hugh, help Mrs. Graham up. I can do it myself. Don't worry about me."

Hugh didn't change his mind.

Natalie looked at him. After seeing Hugh's calm but exceptionally firm gaze, she sighed. "Fine, help

me up first."

Although she was Hugh's boss, Natalie knew that Hugh was stubborn and it was not easy for her

to change his mind.

With his help, she sat on the sofa, bending down to rub her calf.

On the other side, Linda was also helped up by Hugh. She sat next to Natalie as if she had not felt

any pain at all.

She spoke to Natalie, "Nana, can you show me it now?"

Natalie nodded, took out the pin, and handed it to Linda.

Linda held the pin trembling. Before she could hold it firmly, her eyes were full of tears. "This pin....

is exactly the same as Henry's..."

After saying this, Linda seemed unable to hold back any longer. Tears welled up, and her heart ached.

The emotions that had been suppressed for many years seemed to burst out at this moment. She couldn't suppress the longing for her son anymore...

Natalie looked at Linda, who was losing control of her emotions. Her eyelashes trembled lightly and she slowly held Linda in her arms.

Natalie said in her heart, "Henry... It turns out that I am not the only one to remember you."

"Your family is also remembering you."

Natalie hugged Linda, patting her back. Linda's hysterical cries lingered in her ears.

Natalie thought, "Henry, you gave it to me during the snow that year."

Natalie still vividly remembered that snowy day, when the snow was particularly heavy, fluttering in

the air.

That was the first snow she saw abroad. She had once thought she might be lonely. But unexpectedly, she was accompanied by a man who loved her.

After some time, Linda's crying finally stopped.

She slowly sat up from Natalie's arms and wiped her tears. "I lost control," she said.

"My son Henry once had one... His grandmother gave it to him. It was nearly a family heirloom."

"His grandma told him at that time that he could give it to the girl he loved most."

Natalie was stunned and muttered, "Is it a family heirloom?"

Her gaze was fixed on the pin, only feeling her mind buzzing.

"Yes, this pin is a heirloom of the Graham family. Unfortunately, there is only one pin, and it was given to Henry. Julian doesn't have one."

"At that time, Julian also wanted it. He had been angry with Henry for a long time because of this pin!" Linda said with a smile. The old scene came to her mind.

Natalie was stunned. Henry gave the pin to her at their third meeting.

At that time, they were unfamiliar.

At that time, it snowed heavily. The two met by chance. When Natalie accepted this gift, she thought it was just an ordinary one. That was why she took it.

It turned out that Henry gave her such an important and meaningful present on their third chance

meeting.

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Natalie stared intently at the brooch clenched in Linda's hand.

How could Henry...?

Did he really decide to marry her the third time they met?

At that time, she hadn't even exchanged a few words with him...

"Nana, this brooch isn't from Henry, so where did it come from?" Linda asked, her voice filled with melancholy, as she gently caressed the brooch.

"Ah..." Natalie snapped out of her thoughts and scratched her head after hearing Linda's question.

She couldn't think of a good reason on the spot, so she casually replied, "I... I bought it somewhere

before."

"Bought it somewhere?" Linda's mind was puzzled because only the Graham family had this

brooch.

She picked it up and examined it closely, left to right, top to bottom... It undeniably looked like the

Graham family's brooch.

"Nana, are you really saying you bought it from somewhere else?" Linda asked seriously.

Natalie felt uneasy inside, but she didn't show it on her face. She simply nodded and said, "Yes..."

Linda fell silent.

After a while, she raised her gaze and said, "Nana, Auntie wants to ask you for a favor."

Upon hearing Linda's request, Natalie leaned back, her body tensed. "Auntie, I've already said I don't agree..."

Linda shook her head and interrupted Natalie, "It's not about helping the Graham family... It's about this brooch. Can you give it to Auntie?"

Upon hearing those words, Natalie's pupils shook abruptly. Linda wanted this brooch?

"Nana, can you? Please?" Linda's eyes were filled with pleading.

Her eyes still tinged with redness from crying, trembling lips carefully cradling the brooch as if it were an extremely fragile treasure.

"I... Natalie was momentarily speechless.

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This brooch was the first gift Henry had given her... and now she knew its true significance.

If Linda hadn't revealed this matter today, the meaning behind this brooch, she might have let go of

1.

But now that she knew, she couldn't let go of this item with special meaning...

Linda blinked nervously, tears glistening on her long eyelashes.

"Auntie no longer needs your help with the Graham family... You just need to give me this brooch,

and then I'll leave."

Linda would rather have this brooch? Was she willing to give up the Graham family for it?

Natalie pursed her lips.

Instead of making an immediate choice, she spoke calmly, "Why?"

"Why would you choose a brooch over the Graham family? Especially when this brooch might not even be the Graham family heirloom... It could even be a fake brooch."

"Are you really going to make that choice?" Natalie stared fixedly at Linda.

Linda didn't hesitate for a moment and replied, "Yes."

"Is it possible? Nana, Auntie knows this brooch isn't from the Graham family, but Auntie..." Linda didn't finish her sentence. "Or maybe Auntie can buy it from you? How much did you spend when you bought it? Auntie will pay double the price."

This brooch is just too similar, incredibly so...

After Henry left, Linda couldn't keep anything... As for the reasons why she couldn't keep anything,

she didn't want to dwell on them anymore.

After encountering this brooch with so much difficulty... she must keep it, no matter what.

Although this brooch doesn't belong to Henry, Linda sees it as her last straw, and she must hold

onto it.

Besides, this brooch was just something Nana casually bought outside... It shouldn't have any special meaning or value to Nana either.

Linda believes that what she's doing isn't asking too much... If it really was too much, she wouldn't have the audacity to ask Nana for the brooch.

At this moment, Linda couldn't find many words to say, so she could only repeat in a despondent

tone

"It's not about the money. "Natalie choked up and couldn't speak.

"Then Nana, tell me, what do you want? If Auntie can provide it, I will definitely give it to you."

What if, what if this brooch is Henry's?

What if Henry accidentally lost it, and Nana happened to buy it? What if?

The more Linda thinks like this, the more her eyes sparkle, and the more she develops feelings for

this brooch.

Natalie's eyelashes trembled, and she remained silent, but instead, she stood up.

Linda saw Natalie stand up directly and realized that she didn't want to give her the brooch. The woman quickly grabbed onto Natalie's clothes.

A kind of desperation flashed in her eyes as she murmured, "Nana, this is Henry's last possession."

Natalie was stunned, feeling a shock in her mind, and she didn't react for a moment. "What did you

say?"

"What do you mean by Henry's last possession?" Henry only had this one thing left?

There's nothing of Henry's left in the Graham family? Just this one thing?

Linda seemed to hear what Natalie was saying in her heart, and she spoke sorrowfully, "Henry only has this one thing left... Auntie wants to keep a memento for herself."

When Natalie heard this, she felt like her world had collapsed. Her voice raised involuntarily, "Henry

is your son, and you heartlessly lost all his belongings?"

Natalie heard this sentence, suddenly felt thunderous, the voice can not help rising. "Henry is your

son, you are so cruel to lose all his things?"

"Now that they're lost, why bother pretending to want this brooch?" She continued.

Linda was startled by Natalie's sudden outburst. She wanted to explain, but the words couldn't

come out.

"I..." The memories of Henry's recent passing were something she didn't want to recall.

"Just go," Natalie said, her voice filled not only with anger but also with exhaustion.

She didn't want to see anyone from the Graham family anymore.

"Linda panicked. "Nana, let me explain... I didn't lose Henry's things."

"You didn't lose them? Are you suggesting that those things ran away on their own? Without your approval, would the household staff dare to dispose of those items directly?"

Natalie no longer wanted to hear Linda's excuses.

Linda chased after Natalie, watching as she was about to go upstairs... With a determined heart,

she finally spoke.

She reluctantly uttered, "After Henry left, Julian burned all of his brother's belongings, not leaving

anything behind.."

Natalie halted her steps.

Julian burned all of Henry's belongings??

Why would he do such a thing??

Natalie turned around. "Did Julian really burn them?"

Linda nodded. "I didn't want to bring it up... but I was afraid you wouldn't believe me."

"Didn't you truly want to keep some of Henry's possessions? Can you understand a mother's

feelings?" Why did Julian burn Henry's belongings? Why?

Natalie felt nothing but anger in her heart. Henry loved his younger brother so much, why did he

have the right to do that? What right did he have?

"Nana, you've already said that you don't want to help the Graham family, but aside from leaving

Graham Group to me as his mother, the only thing Henry left behind was this brooch..."

"I only want to keep one of the two... as a keepsake for myself."

Natalie was taken aback. She didn't expect Linda to be so desperate to protect the Graham family, solely because of Henry.

She hesitated and asked, "Can I choose either one of the two?"

Linda lowered her gaze and nodded. "I don't want to let Henry's spirit in heaven see me being heartbroken. To see me, the mother who claims to love him, unable to protect his belongings."

"With only these two things left, I can at least protect one of them. Since Graham Group cannot protect it, I want to protect it for Henry."

As she spoke, it seemed like she remembered something.

"I wonder if Henry had a beloved girl. If he did, I will personally give this brooch to the girl he loved."

Linda sighed as she spoke.

Natalie was startled, and she instinctively wanted to say something.

Fortunately, she quickly realized and held back her words, silently answering Linda in her heart.

He did.



She have figured something out. She said, "I hereby grant you the authority. Go and save the

Graham family."

As for the brooch, she wanted to keep it for herself.

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Linda was stunned. "Nana, what did you say?"

"I said I'm willing to grant authority to the Graham family and help them overcome this crisis," Natalie lifted her gaze, speaking calmly and unhurriedly.

"Really?!" Linda's usually composed voice carried a hint of excitement and anticipation."

"Yes."

Natalie replied calmly, looking down at the brooch tightly clenched in Linda's hand. "The Graham family left this brooch for Aunt Mills. Please return it to me."

What?!

Linda, who was momentarily overwhelmed by excitement, just remembered that she was still holding onto the brooch.

"Nana, do you want this brooch...?"

Did Nana, just for this brooch, even choose to help the Graham family? Was she not mistaken?

Linda inquired, her eyes probing cautiously.

Linda's gaze towards Natalie suddenly became cautious, although she had doubts in her heart, she

only showed a hint of inquiry.

"Yes."

Natalie nodded, reaching out to retrieve the brooch.

But halfway through extending her hand, Natalie was stopped by Linda's gaze. She froze. "Aunt,

what's the matter?"

Linda quickly waved her hand. "It's nothing, it's nothing," she muttered, glancing at the object one

last time.

She made up her mind and handed the brooch to Natalie.

After all, it belonged to Natalie, and while Linda desired it, she understood that she couldn't take

something that wasn't hers.

Moreover, between Graham Group and the brooch, the brooch was always the second choice after not getting Graham Group. Linda clearly knew what to choose, so she straightforwardly handed

over the brooch.

Natalie lowered her head, taking the brooch.

She knew what Linda was thinking.

Deciding to explain directly, Linda said, "Aunt Mills, this brooch was quite expensive when I bought

it... and it holds a special meaning for me. That's why I wanted this brooch."

"Otherwise, I would have given it to you as a gift."

"No need, no need. It's yours, and Aunt shouldn't have asked for it," Linda replied while nodding

appreciatively. "Nana, thank you so much!"

"You are the Graham family's benefactor!"

Natalie shook her head. "I wouldn't consider myself a benefactor," as long as Julian doesn't bother

her anymore.

"In that case, you should leave now. It's getting late, and it's not safe for the driver to be on the

road."

Linda repeatedly agreed, "Yes, yes."

She picked up her bag from the table and wiped away the half-dried tears on the paper with care.

“Nana, can I go now?”

Natalie nodded. “Take care on your way.”

Just as Linda took a step forward, she hesitated and turned back. Her voice sounded uncertain,

“Nana... Aunt...”

“What is it?” Natalie was about to sit down but stood up again upon hearing Linda’s voice.

“Aunt was wondering if you could write a power of attorney for me right now. I haven’t received it yet, and I’m feeling uncertain.” The woman’s tone was meek.

Natalie frowned. “Are you asking for it now?”

Aunt Mills immediately requested her to produce the authorization letter. Why the rush? But then she thought to herself, after all, it’s a crucial matter concerning the family, so Linda being anxious

is normal.

Linda nodded, “Is it possible?”

Natalie didn’t think much, “Well, it is possible, but I don’t have the authorization letter at home right now, I’m afraid I need to go to Dr. Nancy’s lab to get it.”

“That will take some time.”

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Linda nodded repeatedly, “It’s okay, Auntie doesn’t mind waiting.” all she wanted was peace of mind.

“Alright then, I’ll ask Hugh to go to Dr. Nancy’s lab.”

Natalie turned her head and looked at Hugh Graham, “Could you please go to the lab and get a copy of the authorization letter? It should be in Dr. Nancy’s sealed box.”

Hugh stood there motionless.

“Hmm?” Natalie frowned.

She suddenly remembered that Hugh didn't know the layout of the lab. "Then I'll have Ryan bring it," even though it was already late, she didn't want to disturb Ryan anymore, there was no other choice now.

Ryan quickly delivered the authorization letter. He arrived at Greenlife villa in no time.

He was wearing a black coat, looking a bit disheveled. He walked in with big strides, holding a bag

in his hand.

"Doctor..." Before he could finish speaking, Natalie hurriedly approached, eager to get the

authorization letter.

Linda looked at this young man who suddenly appeared.

Natalie blinked her eyes, subtly indicating Ryan, who immediately understood that he had let

something slip.

He glanced around and saw Linda, then quickly corrected himself, "Doctor... Assistant, I brought

the authorization letter for you.

Ryan cleared his throat, as if he still felt it wasn't enough. He continued, "Don't ask me for help in

the future. When I go to the lab, it's to learn from Dr. Nancy, not to deliver things for you, the

assistant."

Upon hearing this, Natalie raised her eyes and blinked.

She immediately understood Ryan's intention and after a while, she said, "Understood. If you ever need help, you can also come to me. We're all working under Dr. Nancy, so we should help each

other right?"

"Yes, yes, help each other," Linda quickly interjected, trying to smooth things over for Natalie.

After all, it was her who made Natalie sign the authorization letter today, which caused her to

upset her colleague.

Ryan pretended to be reluctant, his words filled with impatience.

“Well then.”

Ryan pulled out a chair and sat down.

Natalie took out the authorization letter from bag and casually glanced at Ryan sitting beside her. “Would you like some tea?”

Before she could finish her sentence, she blinked her eyes. Was he wearing a pure black leather

jacket inside that coat?

Why did it feel like there was a hint of dark red color... somewhat like blood?!

Natalie furrowed her brow, squinting to get a closer look at the garment inside, to see if it was truly

stained with blood.

However, it seemed that Ryan noticed her gaze and quickly covered the outer coat, wrapping the

garment inside.

“What are you looking at, Nana?” Auntie’s voice reached her ears, forcing Natalie to snap out of her

thoughts.

She waved her hand dismissively, saying, “It’s nothing, I’ll help you seal Dr. Nancy’s document now.”

Natalie unfolded the authorization letter and took out a red seal from the cabinet. With fluid and

decisive movements, she pressed the seal down without a hint of hesitation.

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“Here you go.”

Linda took the seal and thanked her repeatedly, saying, "Nana, thank you so much."

"No problem," Natalie replied, waving her hand.

Throughout the time spent with Linda today, she had heard Linda's gratitude countless times...

Evening at the Graham residence.

The atmosphere inside was heavy and suffocating, as if it was barely maintaining a calm facade before the impending storm.

Linda stepped out of the car, holding the authorization letter, and walked slowly into the Graham

residence.

As soon as she entered, her eyes fell on a delicate figure.

Frowning, she questioned the woman, "Who allowed you to come here?"

Upon hearing the accusation, Niki turned her head, her initial temper subsiding when she saw it was Linda. She replied, "I came to help the Graham family... to offer my assistance."

"the Graham family doesn't need your help," Linda responded harshly.

What did she mean by not needing her help?

"The Graham family is on the verge of... of bankruptcy," she thought her assistance would be considered a kind gesture.

This old man actually said they didn't need her help, acting like some superior emperors?

"Who said the Graham family is going bankrupt?" Linda frowned..

Just as she finished speaking, Julian happened to enter, supporting Grandpa Graham as they

walked in from outside.

Grandpa Graham had a cane in his hand, angrily tapping it on the ground as he spoke, "Linda, how could you unreasonably argue with Natalie in front of the Hazel International Hospital Gate, crying and making a fuss..."

"Even if the Graham family goes bankrupt, we must not lose our dignity," his words were followed by the sound of the cane striking the floor heavily.

Seeing the two of them enter, Niki stood beside them, her eyes showing innocence and agreement.

“I have obtained the authorization letter.

Linda suddenly announced.

“Tomorrow, I can resume the normal operation of New Bleomycin Drug’s supply,” she said.

Upon hearing this, Grandpa Graham dropped the cane he had raised to scold Linda. It made a loud “thud” as it hit the ground.

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## Chapter 167 Gratitude

Niki was the first to speak, her face filled with indescribable joy. “Aunt Mills, what did you say?”

Upon hearing the news, the worry on her face gradually faded away, leaving only immense delight.

Raising an eyebrow, Niki thought Natalie still had a bit of conscience, not standing by and watching

the Graham family meet their demise.

However... Her eyes flickered as a mischievous smile formed on her lips. Whatever Natalie did for

the Graham family, she gained nothing in return.

Julian would not marry Natalie just because of what she did, but Julian would still marry her!

Natalie’s plan to regain her position in the Graham family by authorizing Linda had backfired.

Niki turned her head to look at Julian, but his face displayed no signs of joy. Instead, there was a

hint of seriousness and dissatisfaction...?

Frowning, Niki wondered why Julian didn’t seem too pleased. But her frown lasted only a moment

as she composed herself.

The woman continued to smile. "Julian, aren't you happy? With the authorization, Graham Group can finally overcome its difficulties!"

Julian remained silent.

An impatient voice rang out, "What does Graham Group's situation have to do with you?"

"I..." Niki clutched her skirt, unable to articulate her thoughts clearly.

After all, she was going to marry into the Graham family. How could it not concern her?

But Niki also knew that Linda didn't want her to marry into the Graham family... On this joyous occasion, she didn't intend to stir up trouble or make Linda unhappy. She didn't want any negative

consequences.

Seeing Niki's hesitant and fidgety behavior, Linda's displeasure became more apparent.

How could such a timid and fidgety attitude be worthy of Julian?

In her mind, Linda strongly resisted, choosing to ignore Niki altogether.

However, Niki wasn't offended. She couldn't contain her smile and secretly rejoiced that she hadn't

left Graham Group at this moment.

Otherwise she would never be able to return.

"Julian, did you hear that? Aunt said she obtained the authorization," Niki hurriedly approached

Julian, taking hold of his sleeve with excitement.

Julian helped Grandpa Graham to the sofa and then looked at Linda. "Natalie agreed to authorize

you?"

His tone was calm and devoid of any jubilation.

Linda nodded.



Upon hearing this, Julian narrowed his eyes, his gaze profound, as if contemplating something.

Suddenly, an elderly voice sounded, full of age and wisdom, "Really? That's fantastic! The Graham

family is saved!" It was completely different from the usual dignified manner.

Grandpa Graham trembled as he stood up, his once white hair, marked by worries, now appeared

radiant.

Even his excitement was reflected in a rosy glow. It formed a sharp contrast with Julian's

expressionless face.

There was a sharp contrast with Julian's expressionless expression.

"Dad, please have a seat," Linda approached Grandpa Graham, who was visibly excited, and helped

him sit down.

"Nana is a kind-hearted girl. Despite you openly driving her away at the banquet."

"she still chose to set aside past grievances and granted us the authorization."

"If it was someone else, they wouldn't have been as magnanimous as Nana, willing to grant the

authorization to the Graham family," Linda said, glancing at Niki with a meaningful look.

Niki noticed the gaze and furrowed her brows. Was Linda talking about her?

When did she become so petty?

Grandpa Graham stroked his beard and nodded. "I remember now. Nana was truly wronged in the

last incident..."

His tone was full of regret.

"Nana is truly kind-hearted. When you were unwell, she stayed by your side every step of the way,"

Grandpa Graham reminisced about the moments Natalie had spent in the Graham family.

“Yes, Nana has had a difficult life. She did so much for the Graham family, yet she was still driven

away. Just thinking about it makes me feel ashamed,” Linda expressed her deep sense of shame.

However, Julian completely ignored their previous conversation. He just furrowed his brows and inquisitively asked, “What did you use to exchange for the authorization?”

Linda blinked, not fully understanding Julian’s meaning.

“What did you use to exchange for the authorization from Natalie?” Julian repeated his question. “She wouldn’t have given it to the Graham family for nothing.”

What did Julian think of Natalie?!

Did he believe that she had a hidden agenda when granting the authorization to the Graham

family?

Linda was furious, but before she could speak, Niki spoke up, “Could it be that Natalie didn’t agree

to the authorization because of Julian?”

“Is she using it as leverage to prevent a divorce?”

Julian narrowed his eyes.

“Nana didn’t ask for anything!” Linda glanced at Niki in annoyance.

“Really? She didn’t make any requests or demands?” Julian seemed skeptical.

...Linda furrowed her brows. She spoke up, “At the time, I thought Nana wouldn’t agree, so I wanted

to ask her for a brooch...” Now that she thought about it, Linda felt that the brooch resembled the

one in the Graham family.

“But Nana later gave the authorization to the Graham family and kept the brooch for herself.”

“Brooch? What brooch?” Julian keenly caught the keyword.

“Ah...” Linda didn’t want to continue.

She knew that as soon as she mentioned the brooch, Julian would remember Henry.

The relationship between the two brothers wasn’t good to begin with.

Ever since Henry’s passing, Linda had hoped that Julian’s hatred towards his brother would

diminish and he would remember the good in him.

But to her surprise, Julian’s resentment only grew stronger, which was something she didn’t want to witness.

Linda changed the subject, “Dad, it’s getting late. Let me help you upstairs to bed?”

However, Julian didn’t want Linda to change the topic and held onto it tightly. “What was that

brooch you mentioned just now?” He demanded.

Linda remained silent.

They confronted each other.

The sound of a cane hitting the ground interrupted their standoff. “Regardless of whether Nana

demand something in exchange for the authorization, she is the benefactor of the Graham

family!”

“If she is willing to grant us the authorization, it is our honor as the Graham family!”

“Do you care about what Nana used as leverage?” The old master became increasingly agitated,

and the rhythm of his cane striking the ground grew faster.

Each strike echoed in Julian’s heart, and he pressed his lips together without saying a word.

“Tomorrow, invite Nana to have a meal alone and sincerely thank her!”

Gratitude was highly valued in the Graham family, and Natalie helped them through difficult times.

It was only right to express their appreciation.

Besides, Nana was already a member of the Graham family.

“What?!” Niki widened her eyes and couldn’t help raising her voice in excitement.

The fact that the old master wanted Julian to invite Natalie to dinner alone was unbelievable!

How could that be? With Natalie’s seductive personality, she would surely latch onto Julian and

never let go!

She couldn’t allow that.

Hearing Niki’s voice, the old master coldly glanced at her.

“Did you hear that?” He turned to Julian, who remained silent throughout.

Julian wore a distant expression, his eyes filled with a hidden coldness.

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“You can’t invite Natalie to dinner,” Niki’s face turned ugly, her tone filled with a hint of sadness.

“I’m talking to Julian, not you,” the old master slammed the table upon hearing Niki’s voice.

Startled by the old master’s actions, Niki fell silent...

And hid behind Julian.

Julian furrowed his brows and pulled Niki behind him.

Suddenly, a man’s hand reached out, catching Niki off guard. She could only turn halfway before.

being embraced by the man..

His breath surrounded her, familiar yet unfamiliar. Though mixed with an unfamiliar feeling, this

presence undoubtedly provided her with a great sense of security at that moment.

She half-lay in Julian's embrace, hearing his soft voice. Julian lifted his head, facing the old master

directly. "You don't need to trouble Nianer."

His calm and composed voice undoubtedly stood up for her. Niki looked up, her eyes instantly

shining with a new light.

"Brother Julian..."

Grandpa Graham coldly observed as his grandson shielded the woman behind him.

He snorted, "I'm asking you a question! Are you willing to invite Nana for a meal at our house?"

Julian remained silent.

Grandfather Graham Group cane struck the floor with greater force, causing the entire floor to

tremble.

With an imposing air, he gazed at his grandson and asked once again, each word enunciated, "Answer me, are you willing or not?"

Niki clenched her fists.

She held her breath, afraid to even exhale, eagerly awaiting Julian's response.

Since Julian hadn't answered yet, Linda grew anxious. "Julian, Nana has done such a huge favor for the Graham family, and you won't even invite her for a meal?"

"Even if Nana hadn't resolved the matter for the Graham family today, you would still have to treat someone to a meal, wouldn't you?"

As Linda spoke, she furrowed her brow and inquired, her tone probing, "Could it be that you have feelings for Nana and that's why you don't want to see her?"

"Of course not."

Julian finally spoke this time, perhaps out of spite, and immediately rejected Linda's earlier words.

So why are you hesitant to see Natalie? "Linda looked at her son, as if her gaze could penetrate him, looking straight at Julian's inner feelings.

“Why are you looking at her like that!” Grandpa Graham watched the two locked in a gaze, his voice

filled with rage.

Niki quietly pulled at him with her hand behind her, and looked at him with pitiful eyes full of

reluctance

“Why are you looking at her like that!” Grandpa Graham watched the two locked in a gaze, his voice

filled with rage.

“Tell me, are you willing or not? The men of the Graham family have never been so indecisive.”

Annoyed, Julian furrowed his brow, not bothering to lift his eyelids. His clothes swayed as he

moved, his gaze icy cold.

Then came a voice devoid of any fluctuation, “Do I have any other choice?”

“Since Nana is so eager for me to invite her to the Graham family, then I will invite her.”

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Julian actually agreed? Nana was filled with such intense hatred that she felt her molars might

shatter.

After saying these words, Julian strode away, not looking back, and walked out of the main gate of

the Graham residence without a word.

“Where do you think you’re going, you brat?”

Grandpa Graham watched as Julian, so impolitely, left the Graham residence without even turning his head. “Are you feeling wronged by inviting Nana to dinner, huh?”

Linda quickly placated Grandpa Graham, “Dad, calm down. I’ll have a good talk with Julian later.”

Julian’s willingness to invite Nana for a meal already made her very happy.

Niki watched as the corner of the clothes she was holding disappeared from her grasp. When she looked up again, Julian had already walked out of the door without a word, so she hurriedly

followed suit.

“Julian, wait for me!”

Niki followed closely, gasping for breath as she barely caught up with Julian.

\*Julian, are you really going to invite Natalie to our house for dinner?” She stopped, struggling to

catch her breath.

“Mm,” Julian’s stern face showed no expression.

Julian didn’t even bother explaining, just giving such an answer?

“Julian, you haven’t really rekindled your feelings for Natalie, have you?” Niki’s smiling face wrinkled

with concern.

She seemed visibly insecure.

Julian turned his head. “No.”

“How could there be no? I can tell you to have something for Natalie, otherwise, why would you agree to let her come to the Graham Group for dinner?”

“You know very well that I don’t like her.”

Julian never appeased women. He paid no attention to Niki’s coquetry and complaints at the moment, just furrowing his brows.

“Don’t be unreasonable.”

“I’m not being unreasonable,” Niki said, feeling wronged.

Julian’s patience had reached its limit. However, he coldly walked away, ignoring Niki behind him completely.

Seeing Julian’s attitude, Niki became desperate. “Julian, I beg you for one thing!”

“When you invite Natalie to the Graham residence for dinner, can you take me along too?”

She had to settle for this approach, accompanying them to the scene to make sure Natalie wouldn't cause trouble and seize Julian's heart.

As soon as she finished speaking, the man in front suddenly turned around and walked towards Niki.

Startled, Niki asked loudly, "Julian, did you agree? You're not letting Natalie come to the Graham Group for dinner?"

She knew Julian still loved her!

Her voice was so loud that even the security guards at the door turned their heads.

But before Niki's smile could fade, the man bypassed her and walked straight into the Gu mansion.

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Niki stood frozen in place, watching Julian walk back inside... The security guards nearby

exchanged curious glances, and Niki could only awkwardly purse her lips, hoping to hide her voice

from earlier.

"What are you looking at? Is there something interesting?" Niki couldn't help but glare back at the

two security guards, feeling indignant.

The bodyguard silently averted his gaze.

After a short while, Julian emerged again with the authorization letter in his hand. Without saying a

word, he opened the car door and started the engine.

Niki quickly composed herself and jogged around the car to the passenger seat. She opened the

door and got in without uttering a word.

Sometime in the evening, after bidding farewell to Linda, Natalie received a phone call from Hazel

International Hospital Hospital.



However, this was an expected call.

“Director, what’s the matter?” Natalie had just finished bathing and was sitting, combing her hair,

her head bowed as she inquired.

“Just now, Julian came with a letter of authorization.” The director stroked his beard, his tone

pensive. “But I couldn’t find any problems with this letter of authorization. There is no suspicion of

forgery.”

The authorization letter was flawless, with complete handwriting and a secure anti-counterfeiting

code.

But since Natalie hated the Graham family so much, why would she give them authorization?

Before the director of Hazel International Hospital Hospital finished speaking, Natalie interjected.

“Well, I gave that authorization letter to the Graham family. You can directly negotiate the contract

with them.”

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Upon hearing these words, the director of Hazel International Hospital Hospital frowned.

Didn’t Natalie say she wouldn’t authorize the Graham family? Why did she end up giving it to them after all?

“Miss Spears, are you sure about this?”

“Yes, I’m sure. You should quickly sign the contract with the Graham family,” Natalie replied.

When she handed over the authorization letter, she knew that Graham Group family would still choose to cooperate with Hazel International Hospital, but she didn’t expect Julian to arrive at the

doorstep of Hazel International Hospital right after Linda left and deliver the authorization letter.

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Dean of Hazel International Hospital was puzzled, but for the sake of his own Santos Coffee and the future development of the hospital, he still smiled and nodded,

“Okay, then I’ll sign a contract with the Graham family.”

Natalie faintly replied.

The phone hung up.

In an antique room, Julian stood at the desk of Dean of Hazel International Hospital, coldly watching the man in front of him hang up the phone.

Dean of Hazel International Hospital put down his phone, picked up the authorization letter, carefully flipped back and forth, sighing,

“This authorization letter is unexpectedly authentic.”

“Didn’t Natalie swear that she wouldn’t give the authorization letter to the Graham family? How can

you still get the authorization letter? How did you do it?”

His gaze was teasing, with a hint of appreciation in it.

Hazel International Hospital only accepted authorization, and as long as there was authorization,

he will sign.

Moreover, the authorization was still given by Natalie to the Graham family, indicating that Natalie

still cared about the Graham family.

As long as Natalie still cared about the Graham family, then the Graham family still had value to

Hazel International Hospital.

Julian stood in place, expressionless and not intending to answer him.

He just spoke coldly, with few words, "Sign it."

There was an obvious impatience.

Seeing the man's attitude, Dean of Hazel International Hospital was not angry either. He touched

his beard and said,

"After all, Natalie is the daughter-in-law of the Graham family. It's not surprising that you can get

authorization."

"Apart from Natalie's persistent obsession with you and your former relationship, there's no reason

why your family can get authorization again."

Julian's expression changed slightly.

He knew that Natalie agreed to Linda and gave the authorization to the Graham family for the sake of their former relationship.

After all, she didn't want to see the Graham family go bankrupt.

But this was not the reason why Dean of Hazel International Hospital can question the Graham family.

He looked a little angry and spoke coldly, "Are you looking down on Graham family?"

Dean of Hazel International Hospital raised his eyes and saw that Julian was a bit angry.

He repeatedly waved his hand and smiled, "No, no."

"Graham family is recognized as the largest pharmaceutical company in Los Angeles, and I naturally dare not look down upon it....."

After finishing this sentence, he stopped looking at Julian and said, "Hannah, bring me my seal and

pen, I need to sign."

Hannah stood aside and heard the sound, taking out a quaint seal and a low-key pen from the

room inside.

She placed both in a disc and presented them to Dean of Hazel International Hospital.

The man took the seal and quickly signed the simple authorization letter, followed by sealing.

After all the actions were completed, he picked up the document and handed it to Julian standing

in front of him, "Done."

Julian looked up and took over the authorization letter. He glanced faintly at the content inside.

The signature just signed with a pen was still wet.

The red seal was very striking, signifying the completion of everything.

After checking that there were no issues, Julian held the authorization letter in his hand.

Dean of Hazel International Hospital, with a kind smile on his face, extended his hand to Julian and

said,

"We have a pleasant cooperation."

His friendly face was completely different from his indifferent attitude towards the Graham family in the morning, with a peaceful and magnanimous demeanor.

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Julian didn't care much about the significant attitude difference of Dean of Hazel International

Hospital.

This world was originally a jungle, with no justice or morality.

Whoever had the strength had the right to step on others' heads and laugh wildly, and whoever had

the strength can snatch the last dinner from others' mouths.

Julian understood this truth from a very young age.

He smiled slightly, but it seemed to contain infinite meaning.

Holding the authorization letter in one hand, he lazily reached out the other hand and shook hands with Dean of Hazel International Hospital, saying,

“Have a pleasant cooperation.”

He understood this truth, but it did not mean that the Graham family can be bullied by others.

He will never forget all the grievances and humiliations suffered by the Graham family at Hazel

International Hospital.

Julian held the authorization letter in his hand and strode out of the white building where Dean of

Hazel International Hospital was located.

Niki stood in front of the car in a long dress, originally trembling with the wind.

When she saw Julian coming out from inside, she quickly welcomed him and said, “Julian, how did

it go? Has the dean signed yet?”

“Yes. “Julian replied.

“That’s great, the Graham family’s crisis has really been overcome!”

Niki was filled with joy, and her small face was filled with excitement from the bottom of her heart.

Julian unexpectedly didn’t get into the car directly this time.

He paused and stood in front of Niki with a rather lazy tone, “Are you so happy?”

“Of course, I’m happy! Graham family has come out of the crisis!”

The smile on Niki’s face was genuine.

Julian looked at her bright smile... with a momentary trance. A smiling face in a summer many

years ago reappeared in front of him.

The smiling eyes were same, but Julian suddenly felt that the smiling face in front of him and the smiling face in memory seemed different.....

Julian frowned unconsciously.

After he fell into the water at a young age, did he really see Niki when he opened his eyes?

“Julian?” Niki saw that Julian was suddenly stunned, she suppressed her smile and reached out her

palm to wave in front of the man.

“Julian, what’s wrong with you? What’s up?”

Julian’s expression at this moment was not the expression of relief after being under high.

pressure, even more serious than his previous expression.

Niki had a bad premonition in her heart.

Julian recalled, “It’s nothing.”

The woman frowned, thinking she knew Julian well.

The man’s expression indicated that there was clearly something in his heart, so how could it be

nothing.

But she couldn’t ask, and could only angrily retract the words in her mind.

Julian’s face was like an ice sculpture, and he finally glanced at Niki, as if there’s a layer of fog in his

eyes.....

Was he thinking too much?

Who else could it be if it weren’t Niki?

He restrained his doubts and turned around.

‘Julian, where are you going again?’ Niki quickly spoke as she saw Julian turning around and

leaving.

Previously, the Graham family was in a precarious situation and was entangled in the matter of being authorized to expire, which could lead to bankruptcy if they were not careful.

So Julian always stayed in the office of Graham Group building for a whole day.

Niki had not been alone with Julian for a long time.

Now that this thorny matter had finally been resolved, she must seize every opportunity to spend

time alone with Julian.

To firmly grasp Julian's heart.

"Go find Natalie."

As soon as he said that, it immediately angered Niki.

"Julian, what are you doing with Natalie?" Niki followed closely behind Julian, following closely and relentlessly.

"Invite her to dinner."

Julian strode ahead, dressed in a pure black woolen coat with a fur collar, only wearing a thin black V-neck cashmere sweater inside.

The already cold bone looked sharper because of this woolen coat.

"Julian... could you not go....."

Niki was a bit desperate.

She had said this many times, and Julian had also heard it many times..

Perhaps he was impatient, and Julian suddenly stopped and turned his head. "Niki, can you stop making trouble without reason?"

Julian was mad at her because of Natalie? Saying she's making trouble for no reason?

Niki's eyes widened, filled with disbelief.

"Natalie helped the Graham family overcome difficulties, and this meal is inevitable.

Although the Graham family doesn't need your help, you should at least be more reasonable, understand?"

As soon as he said that, Niki's lips trembled.

The man seemed to have not finished speaking yet, and then he spoke again, "Can you be sensible?"

In the cold air, he appeared unusually cold, with Niki's pale face reflected in his dark and deep eyes.

Extremely embarrassed.

Julian's words instantly turned into ice skates and flew towards Niki.

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Niki's face turned pale. Julian never said such heavy words to her.

"Julian, what do you mean by that?" Niki's eyes immediately filled with tears, making a tearful and heartrending expression.

"Do you think I'm a drag on Graham family, right?" The woman said intermittently and out of breath.

Julian looked at her.

Niki continued, "I am not as good as Natalie. She can help the Graham family, but I cannot... Niki

was already very upset about this matter."

"Previously, Niki intended to help Graham family, but ended up failing. Niki felt very uncomfortable,"

but Julian's words hurt her so much.

It's obvious that he's complaining that she can't help the Graham family like Natalie.

Niki became more and more angry as she thought, still immersed in her own world, crying.

uncontrollably.

After she had almost finished speaking about all the grievances in her heart, she looked up and the

man in front of her had already disappeared.

Julian?!

He actually abandoned a weak woman on the street.....? Niki couldn't believe it, and her already



very angry mood became even worse.

She was so angry that she threw the bag in her hand onto the ground, and the precious limited-edition bag fell on the dusty road, instantly stained with dirt.

Niki frowned and looked at the bag that had fallen on the ground.

The pure white and flawless white plush was stained with both pitch black and dirty dust,

appearing both dirty and disheveled.

The woman laughed mockingly at herself.

How much like her.

woman who can be discarded by Julian at any time... First love? It's really ridiculous.

Sure enough, men were just unreliable!

Niki was furious. She had just bent down to pick up her bag, but suddenly changed her mind.

She was wearing six-centimeter-high heels and slowly walked over, kicking fiercely on the white

bag.

The bag, which was already covered in dust, instantly became muddy.

She kicked once, twice..... several times later, Niki finally felt that she had resolved one percent of her anger in her heart.

Niki felt that she had originally had love for Julian, but after so many days of neglect, she had found that men were unreliable.

She still had to rely on herself to get something.

However... Niki's eyes darkened. She still had to fight hard to get Julian. After all, she must grab what Natalie liked!

She will definitely make Natalie who dared to take her man away pay the price she deserved!

"Miss Linch..." suddenly came a frightened voice nearby, trembling with a hint of fear, as if seeing something terrifying.

Niki turned her head.

A bodyguard wearing a black suit stood in front of her, with a strong body and robust physique.

But the expression on his face was completely different from his very strong body.

He must be startled by Niki's recent actions.

Niki saw the newcomer clearly, and almost immediately withdrew her previous hostility, her expression becoming soft and weak.

She touched her hair uncomfortably.

The woman disguised her tone and said, "I... just dropped my bag on the ground... and then I saw a bug inside, which scared me.

That's why I wanted to kill it directly, I didn't scare you, did I?"

Niki didn't expect that Julian had sent a bodyguard. She thought Julian had no conscience and left her alone.

The bodyguard blinked, as if he had not yet emerged from the shock of the visual impact just now.

"Did Julian ask you to come sad

Niki's tone was soft, which was completely different from she had just used when she was fierce.

The man involuntarily rubbed his eyes and couldn't help but wonder if he had just misread.

Seeing the man somewhat stunned, Niki patiently asked again, "Did Julian ask you to come and

pick me up?"

"Ah right..." the bodyguard recalled, "Are there any bugs?"

"Let me help you take a look," he said as he crouched down and carefully examined the bag.

Niki quickly waved her hand and said, "It's too dirty, so I won't bother you. Since Julian asked you to

pick me up, let's go quickly."

"It's quite cold outside, too. I don't want to stay outside for too long." Niki hugged herself tightly

with her arm.

The bodyguard saw this and patted his head, "I almost forgot. Mr. Graham just specifically asked

me to bring a blanket over."

"Oh?" Niki raised her eyebrows.

"He said you didn't wear something warm, afraid you might catch a cold."

The bodyguard quickly trotted to the car and picked up the small blanket.

Niki took the blanket and put it on her body, instantly warming up a lot. "Let's go."

"What about this bag?" The bodyguard's gaze turned to the pure white plush bag covered in mud.

Niki didn't turn her head back and spoke arrogantly and lazily, "Leave it."

She didn't need a bag covered in mud.

Julian drove to Greenlife villa. He was so familiar with the route that as if it's the way back to

Graham family.

The car stopped at the entrance of the villa, and the man got off the car.

He looked up at the second floor of the villa, and the window opening was pitch black with no

lights on, as if no one was inside.

Julian frowned and reached out to open the cuffs of his overcoat, looking at the watch on his

wrist. It was time for dinner at 8 pm.

Was Natalie not here?

Where did she go at this time?

Julian leaned back against the car, standing in place, quietly looking at the pitch-black window on

the second floor for a while.

Finally, he lowered his head and lit a cigarette.

Under the dim glow of the cigarette end, his expression even appeared a hint of desolation.

After the cigarette was ignited, the man did not put it in his mouth, but kept rotating the cigarette,

as if admiring the flames emanating from the cigarette end.

A cigarette slowly consumed and eventually completely extinguished.

Julian shook off cigarette butts and once again looked up at the window on the second floor of

the villa.

The lights still hadn't turned on.

Somehow his already indifferent expression, after a cigarette was burned out, now looked like ice,

like impatience after waiting.

Julian sat back in the car, and started the car and then disappeared.

The car had just left Greenlife Villa when a black car brushed past Julian's car and headed towards

the villa where Natalie was located.

Natalie sat in the car, with Ryan beside her.

Her gaze casually turned to the car outside the window. Wasn't this car... owned by Julian?

The car was very fast, as if venting the driver's anger.

She squinted her eyes to carefully see the car, but in the end, she could only barely see the license

plate number.

That's right, it's Julian's car.

Natalie raised her eyebrows, lost in thought. What was Julian doing in Greenlife Villa?

Ryan, who was driving on the side, noticed the change in Natalie's expression and said, "Doctor,

what's the matter?"

Natalie shook her head and said, "It's nothing."

Ryan was also very insightful and didn't ask much.

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"Jerry just contacted me and said that the problem with the capital chain has been solved.

This batch of drugs will be produced soon and then smoothly put on track."

"Is it?" Natalie nodded, seeming that Dean of Hazel International Hospital's movements were quite

fast.

Ryan parked his car at the door, unbuttoned his seat belt, and spoke coldly, "Congratulations,

Doctor."

Natalie was confused and said, "What?"

"After the official production of this drug, which doctor collaborated with the Lance family, it can not only make the Lance family one of the few companies in Los Angeles that can compete with

the Graham family....."

"And your international reputation will increase significantly."

Ryan was genuinely happy for Natalie.

Natalie smiled and said, "This medicine has not been put into production yet. There are still some

flaws that need to be modified."

Ryan nodded and said, "Doctor, don't worry, I will definitely work with you to complete this

medicine."

“Okay,” Natalie nodded with a smile in her eyes.