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Ushe dies... However, Samuel's plan was interrupted before he could finish his sentence, as the front door was forcefully pushed open.

George stormed in, his face filled with uncontrollable anger, and kicked Samuel, "You stum, you still haven't learned your lesson. You muke mistakes and then try to blame Zacharias!

"Do you think Zacharias will survive once he's in there? Are you trying to take his lifer

Upon hearing Samuel's words at the doorway, George trembled with rage.

"I... I didn't mean to," Samuel was kicked to the ground. He trembled in fear and looked to James for help.

James rubbed his temples in frustration, closed his eyes, and pretended not to see..

Samuel had crossed the line.

Scarlet sneered at George. "Do you even remember what it means to come home? Or that you have a son? You've let that young troublemaker run wild. Do you have any dignity left? What gives you the right to interfere in Samuel's affairs now?"

"Shut it! Even if I've lost my dignity, I'm still better than you! This is about a life!"

Lately, their home had become a battleground whenever George returned.

James, feeling extremely irritated, pulled Samuel up and left the noisy house directly.

Once outside, James looked at his disheartened brother and reassured him with a pat on the shoulder, "Don't worry, I'll handle it."

Then, with his suit jacket in hand, James left the house.

Samuel nodded, feeling somewhat relieved yet still burdened by the weight of the situation.

He spent the whole night tossing and turning, unable to sleep. He couldn't help but **make** several phone calls to Joseph to inquire about the woman's condition. Even though Joseph said she hadn't stabilized yet, he couldn't shake off his worry.

When it came to matters concerning his own interests, he still trusted his own judgment. more than anything else.

He decided to personally assess the situation at the hospital. Yet, dropping by the hospital.

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without a valid reason could attract unwanted attention.

So, he tagged along behind Fanny's car as it made its way to the hospital from the Sanders Family's residence.

Fanny wore a surprised expression. "Samuel, why do you suddenly want to visit Christopher?"

Knowing Samuel's impulsive and carefree nature, it seemed out of character for him to make a specific trip to see Christopher.

Samuel shrugged and offered a vague explanation, "Well, we're practically family now. If Christopher is in the hospital, it's only right for me to pay him **a** visit."

Fanny remained skeptical.

Fisiting a patient empty–handed? Is that *proper etiquette?*

Nevertheless, she decided not to dwell on such matters. As long as he stopped his reckless behavior, that would be fine.

Her primary concern now was looking after Christopher, who had been injured in a car accident after buying her gifts. Lately, her unofficial mother—in—law, Teresa, had been giving her the cold shoulder and blaming her for Christopher's condition.

She was really innocent.

The other party was being completely unreasonable.

Once inside the hospital, Samuel casually inquired about Christopher for a few moments before making an excuse to leave, claiming he needed to find Joseph.

Joseph's office was empty, and a nurse informed him that he was on rounds.

So. Samuel sat in his office and waited.

After waiting for a while with no sign of Joseph returning, he couldn't resist and started going from one **ward** to another to look for him.

But he had no idea which one was the woman he had accidentally bumped into, which only. made him more frustrated.

"How's the patient in Room 323 doing?"

"She's still unconscious but showing gradual improvement."

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"Dr. Lockwood truly lives up to his reputation. He managed to save someone from such a serious car accident and really is capable of competing with the Hades."

"That woman is quite lucky too."

Samuel overheard the conversation between two passing nurses and couldn't help but feel a stir in **his** heart.

Glancing left and right, he cautiously approached room 323, feeling somewhat guilty like a thief.

He rapped on the door but received no response from within.

Subsequently, he gingerly pushed open the door to the ward.

Lying on the hospital bed was a person wrapped up in bandages, hooked up to machines and tubes, struggling to breathe.

It was then that he noticed her name inscribed on the medical chart: Kristina Wonka.

Can this be the woman I collided with?

The ECG continued to beep on, indicating that she was still breathing.

Samuel stared at the woman with a hint of coldness in his eyes.

Will tampering with any of these machines end her life? If she passes away, will my worries finally stop?

He walked toward Kristina's bedside.

Incapable of resisting, he extended his hand and slowly brought it downwards.

His heart raced, and just as he was about to make contact with one of the devices, a nurse entered and inquired, "Who are you?"

Startled, Samuel Kins scratched his head and awkwardly replied, "Uh, I'm... I'm a family member of Kristina. I came to check on her. Where are the others? Why aren't they here? Did they leave?"

Samuel blurted out numerous words in an attempt to conceal his flustered state.

The nurse didn't probe further and simply nodded. "It's lunchtime now. They went out to get food. Just wait a moment. They'll return shortly."

With that said, the nurse went to change Kristina's IV drip.

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Feeling embarrassed, Samuel forced a smile and then walked out of the room.

He returned to Joseph's office.

Joseph looked up and saw Samuel looking pale and flustered, couldn't help but ask, "What's wrong?"

Samuel pounded the wall in frustration. "I just saw that woman. 1..."

"Let's talk about it outside." Joseph promptly interrupted Samuel's words.

Though this office **was** his private space, there could be people coming in at any moment. Samuel **had** a habit of speaking without thinking, and he didn't know what absurd things he might say if someone overheard.

Joseph escorted Samuel to the hospital's secure passage.

People who wanted to smoke and relax typically went to the hospital rooftop, where the view **was** wide and the air was good, making it the preferred spot for most.

So, very few people used the secure passage, and Joseph purposely took him to a more secluded area where even fewer people went.

Joseph handed Samuel a cigarette and lit it for him. "Go ahead."

Samuel took a deep drag of the cigarette and then said, "I just saw the woman I ran into, Kristina."

"And then?" Joseph furrowed his brows slightly and sneered. "What do you intend to do?"

Shaking his head, Samuel replied, "I, I was just thinking, if she were to die..."

Joseph's expression turned cold. He looked at Samuel with disbelief, and lowered his voice. slightly, "Did you do something to her?"

"No." Samuel scratched his head in frustration. "How could I?"

He had done plenty of shady things, but he was still afraid of actually killing someone.

Joseph breathed a sigh of relief. Fortunately, this idiot hasn't done anything yet.

After all, Samuel was

impulsive and didn't consider the consequences of his actions. If something went wrong, the entire Kins Family would be doomed because of him.

Joseph said coldly, "At least you have some self-awareness."

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The image on the recorder was that of a woman who appeared somewhat familiar. If someone they knew had overheard his conversation with Samuel just now, it would have caused a huge uproar. Joseph's face darkened, and a hint of coldness flashed in his eyes **as** he quickly chased after her.

Luck was on his side, as the woman seemed to be bending down to pick something up. Joseph grabbed the back of her collar, covered her mouth, and dragged her back to the safe passage they had just come from. Despite the woman's struggles, her strength was not great, and he was able to silence her. Furthermore, the location was very remote.

Samuel arrived, and he looked very unpleasant. "Joseph, what's going on?"

"We were eavesdropped on," Joseph spoke harshly as he pushed the person against the wall. "It's her!"

Samuel became nervous when he realized the situation. If this person leaked the information, it would be disastrous.

Joseph remained calm and reassured, "Don't worry. Even if she heard it, it's useless. Without evidence, she can't prove anything."

Samuel, already annoyed, demanded, "Who are you?"

The woman adjusted her hair and turned around.

"Angela!" Samuel yelled, looking ready to explode. What are you doing here?"

Angela gave him a disdainful look and ignored his outburst.

Joseph squinted as he was surprised by Angela's unexpected appearance. He didn't believe it was **a** coincidence.

Angela sneered. "Joseph, what do you want? I can report your actions."

Samuel was enraged, and he grabbed Angela's arm as he threatened her. "You b*tch. Don't be shameless. If you dare to spread the word about what happened today, I'll make you meet a gruesome end."

Angela shook him off and claimed innocence. "What do you mean? I don't understand what you're saying."

"Why are you pretending?" Samuel accused. "If you didn't hear our secret, why did you run

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away?"

She sneered. Note that you have said this, even *if I didn't* hear anything, you have piqued *my* curiosity.

Angela maintained her innocence as she taunted them. "I remembered I didn't take something, so I returned to grab it. I merely got lost and have no idea why you guys are so on edge. Did you do something shameful? If so, I'd suggest you stop your shameful actions. before facing the consequences."

"You're sharp-tongued!" Samuel retorted. "You definitely heard our conversation."

Angela challenged them and mentioned that Jonathan was waiting for her. She attempted to leave, but Joseph stopped her and requested the recording pen.

When he realized the situation, Samuel exclaimed, "She recorded it?"

A glint of cunning appeared in Joseph's eyes as he requested the recording pen from Angela, which sent a chill down her spine.

"If I'm not mistaken, Angela, the pen you just picked up was a recording pen, correct?"

Angela lowered her gaze and remained silent.

Drawing from her past experiences, she understood that someone as naive as Samuel would be unable to stay calm upon learning that the female driver had been rescued. Without seeing the situation for himself, he would be restless.

Therefore, she sought an opportunity.

She initially planned to deceive him, but she did not find the right moment until he and Joseph arrived at this secluded corridor. She recognized that the moment had arrived.

While she attempted to get closer to the recording, she accidentally made a noise by touching the sticker on the door frame, which led to her discovery.*

Nervous as she fled, the voice recorder fell out. When she bent down to retrieve it, Josephi snatched it back.

When he observed Angela's silence, Samuel assumed her compliance and impulsively instructed Joseph, "Joseph, search her."

When she heard this, Angela's eyes darkened, and she resisted.

Joseph, with a furrowed brow, discreetly observed Angela as he maintained a gentle and humble demeanor.

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"Joseph, what are you waiting for?" Samuel grew anxious as he was concerned about the potential consequences.

If the voice recorder incident comes to light, what future would I have left? It will undoubtedly be ruined.

Joseph hesitated and was about to speak when Angela interjected, "I can hand over the voice recorder, but you must release me."

Samuel continued to restrain Angela tightly as he remarked, "Hmph, you're as sly as a fox. Who would believe you?"

Angela sneered, and her tone laced with sarcasm. "Are you two big men afraid I'll escape? If so, you're truly incompetent."

"Who are you calling incompetent?" Samuel questioned incredulously.

As he observed the disheveled Angela, Joseph intervened, "Let her go."

He refrained from searching her as he recognized that even if the incident was exposed, his life would not be irreparably damaged. However, laying a hand on Angela could lead to complications if she exaggerated the situation to Jonathan.

Although he had briefly restrained Angela, it was out of urgency. He could apologize later. If Angela did not overcome this obstacle, it could lead to greater trouble in the future.

In response to Joseph's intervention, Samuel reluctantly released his grip.

Angela rubbed her arm as she retrieved a recorder from her pocket and displayed it before them; then, she questioned, "A recorder, correct? I can give it to you, but I want to know why."

Enraged, Samuel retorted, "Because..."

"Angela, stop beating around the bush," Joseph interjected as he smiled gently. "You didn't actually record anything, did you?"

Angela shrugged. "I said I didn't, but you don't believe me."

"Did you truly not record anything?" Samuel visibly relaxed.

"You may guess," Angela replied defiantly.

Joseph took the recorder, smiled, and said, "You may leave now."

Without hesitation, Angela pushed the door open and departed.

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"Wait!" Joseph called out as he remembered something and followed after her.

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Angela turned around as she exuded elegance and composure.

She inquired, "Have you had a change of heart?"

Joseph let out a slight sigh as he tapped his glasses with his right hand and spoke gently, "Whether you overheard it or not today, it's best to keep it to yourself. Even if you **are** aware, discussing it is not in your best interest. I'm doing this for your own good as your brother."

Angela gazed down at her feet and appeared pensive, but she did not respond to Joseph's words.

Joseph arched an eyebrow as he observed Angela intently.

As she felt a pang in her heart, Angela lifted her head and casually remarked, "Are you finished? Then I shall take my leave."

When he witnessed her indifferent demeanor, Joseph's tone finally turned cold. "Angela, even with Jonathan by your side, this is not a matter you should involve yourself in. How long can Jonathan shield

you? Do you think he can protect you for a lifetime? We are family, after all; why make it so unpleasant, right?"

Angela offered a disingenuous smile. "I understand. Do not fret. The recording device is in your possession, so what can I do?"

With that, she turned and departed with a faint, cold smile that played on her lips..

Samuel approached and stood beside Joseph, then watched Angela's retreating figure. "Joseph, why do I constantly feel uneasy? This woman wouldn't actually divulge our secrets, would she?"

Joseph glanced at the recorder in his hand and pondered for a moment. "Angela is different now. She is astute. If baseless allegations are made without evidence, who will believe her in the end if no evidence is found?"

When he heard Joseph's reassurance, Samuel felt relieved and then inquired curiously, "How much did this recorder actually capture?"

After they listened to the recording, Joseph's eyes darkened while Samuel broke out in a cold.

sweat.

Angela had recorded everything.

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In essence, she had been present from the inception of their conversation.

If it hadn't been for the fortuitous circumstance of the recorder ending up at the police station, he would have been in deep trouble.

Samuel was momentarily terrified, and then his anger toward Angela began to boil.

He was determined to exact revenge on her sooner or later!

Instead of returning home, Angela headed straight to the police station after answering Jonathan's call.

Prior to entering the police station, she tousled her hair, rumpled her clothes, and then staggered inside.

She claimed she wanted to report an incident.

It was regarding a vehicular collision.

She played the synchronized content from her phone and recorder for the police to hear.

This was her trump card.

She had intentionally mentioned certain details in front of Joseph and the others and feigned assurance that everything would be resolved once they obtained the recorder.

However, she had actually uploaded it directly from her phone via Bluetooth right from the

start

She had learned this from Jonathan.

He was an exceedingly meticulous individual who was always prepared for any unforeseen, circumstances.

The police were taken aback by this revelation and promptly took Angela's statement.

She continued, "I also wish to press charges against Joseph for deliberate harm."

She gestured towards the bump on her forehead, which was **a** result of Joseph pushing her against the wall.

Angela's eyes welled up with tears, and she appeared deeply aggrieved. "They are my brothers, yet they have never treated me kindly since childhood... They used to ostracize met and even vandalize my home..."

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She recounted her grievances.

In **essence**, these two brothers harbored deep animosity towards her and were exceedingly cruel. It she hadn't been resourceful, she shuddered to think of the inhumane treatment she would have endured.

The police gazed at the frail–looking girl and couldn't help but feel compassion. Their sense of justice surged. "Rest assured, we will not allow any wrongdoer **to** escape punishment."

This **police** station did not handle car accidents.

In her previous life, the authorities had failed to uncover the truth about the car accident; hence, Angela had to tread cautiously.

With James' abilities, who knows what he might have accomplished in secret?

Angela had also looked into this police station, and no matter how you view it, it was not accessible to the Kins Family.

Most importantly, Jonathan had connections here, making it much easier to get things done..

She didn't require anything extra from them, just fairness to ensure that the guilty were brough to justice.

A traffic accident should be investigated by the transportation department.

However, her intention was to cause trouble so that when exposed to the public, the Kins Family would be unable to act.

After she made her statement, Angela encountered Jonathan at the door.

When he saw Angela's demeanor, which emitted a chilling aura, he took off his coat, placed it over Angela, and patted her head. "Let's go home."

Angela nodded in

agreement.

The atmosphere in the car was tense.

In a soft tone, Angela inquired, "Are you upset?"

Jonathan let out a small sigh and then embraced Angela. "I may not inquire about your affairs, but I don't want you to put yourself in danger."

She had no bodyguards, she was alone, and she returned with injuries.

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As he contemplated this, Jonathan furrowed his brow deeply.

Perhaps the warning to the Kins Family was insufficient, their audacity too great, and they dared to cross him.

When she sensed the coldness from the man beside her, Angela looked apologetic. "I won't repeat this mistake. I overestimated myself this time."

She had also overestimated **human** nature.

Despite the escalation with the Kins Family, she was already married to Jonathan. She always assumed that they would have some boundaries.

But this incident made her realize something.

It was to never push the boundaries of human nature.

When she witnessed Samuel entering Kristina's ward, she had a foreboding feeling. If Samuel truly dared to act. it would be too horrifying.

Therefore, she promptly alerted a nurse and mentioned a potential issue with Kristina.

Shortly after the nurse entered the ward, Samuel emerged.

He appeared flustered, and his steps unsteady; at that moment, Angela speculated that if the nurse hadn't intervened, Samuel might have actually taken action.

Though she felt anxious, she had followed Joseph and the others alone in order to gather incriminating evidence.

As she reflected on it now, she was also frightened.

If Joseph and the others went berserk and imprisoned her, or worse, silenced her by killing her, even if Jonathan sought vengeance in the end, what difference would it make?.

She would still be **gone**.

Jonathan's expression was stern, and his tone was even colder. "Angela, do not take your life lightly. If something were to happen to you, who would come to save me?"

Angela recoiled; in reality, it was just a minor bump on her forehead.

However, her arm still ached from being twisted by those two thugs.

"I won't dare. I deeply regret my mistake, Jonathan," Angela promptly apologized as she

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shamelessly attempted to appease him.

Jonathan's heart finally softened, and he was unable to resist reaching out to pinch Angela's check. "There won't be a next time."

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When he returned to Springgate Estates, Jonathan retrieved the medicine box to tend to Angela. As he observed the bruises on her shoulders and arms, his gaze turned icy.

When she sensed the chill creeping up behind her, Angela remained still and silent as she acknowledged her mistake this time.

With her head bowed, Angela endured the pain, and she was determined to persevere.

"I'll have May prepare some soothing soup for you." Jonathan assisted Angela in lying down. He tucked her in and spoke in a gentle tone, "You've had a long day: rest well."

Angela Kins watched as Jonathan closed the door softly. She obediently nodded like a docile rabbit. Jonathan proceeded to the study to call Simon.

Since the Kins Family refused to coexist peacefully, he **was** more than willing to intervene.

Meanwhile, Angela lay awake in bed as her mind raced with thoughts. She was well aware that involving the police would stir up a storm within the Kins Family.

Originally, she had only intended to have Samuel detained for a few days, but the situation. escalated with scolding, threats, and even violence.

She pondered how the Kins Family would retaliate this time.

As she relied on Jonathan's influence, she found the courage to take action.

Joseph claimed that they were still family and that Jonathan's affection wouldn't last long: those seemed irrelevant now.

The future consequences were of little concern to her as long as she could disrupt the family's peace and stability.

As these thoughts brought her joy, a call from Jessica interrupted her reverie.

"I'm returning. Can you pick me up?" Jessica's cheerful voice hinted at her good spirits.

Amidst the recent chaos, Angela had almost forgotten about Jessica's impending return.

After she confirmed the details, Angela eagerly waited for Jessica's arrival as she was eager **to** share the family's recent turmoil.

On the other side, Fanny had just returned from the hospital when Michael summoned her

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to the study.

Confused by the unexpected summons, Fanny wondered why her father—in—law wanted to meet her privately.

Was it related to Christopher's car accident, or was she about to face criticism once again?

As she approached the study, Fanny suppressed her impatience and maintained a composed facade.

She was seated before Michael as she inquired, "You wanted to see me, Dad?"

As he glanced briefly at the documents, Michael gestured for Fanny to sit and addressed her sternly, "I heard Samuel caused some trouble."

Surprised by the revelation, Fanny feigned ignorance. "I'm not aware. What happened?"

When he noticed Fanny's genuine shock, Michael softened his tone. "I have contacts at the police station. They informed me that he was involved in altercations, including physical violence, resulting in a police report."

"Oh." Fanny felt a bit uneasy, unsure of Michael's intentions. She felt compelled to explain, "This morning. Samuel and I visited Christopher at the hospital together. It didn't seem like a big deal, did it?"

Michael reclined in his chair. "I'm not entirely sure about the details, but you should inquire when you have the chance. After all, he is your brother, and you should be concerned about him."

Rumors had it that Jonathan had intervened in the situation which caused a disruption in the flow of information and left him with limited knowledge. Regardless of the initial severity of the matter, with Jonathan's involvement and the strained relationship between the Kins Family and Angela, the issue that concerned Samuel was bound to be significant.

He wasn't particularly invested in the affairs of the Kins Family; he simply didn't want it to impact Christopher in the future.

Christopher already had a tarnished reputation due to his extramarital child, and any trouble caused by his wife's family would only exacerbate the situation.

With these thoughts in mind, Michael's expression darkened slightly.

He had advised Christopher against marrying this woman, but his warnings fell on deaf ears.

As she sensed Michael's displeasure, Fanny displayed a hint of anxiety. "Thank you for

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informing me, Dad. I will look into it. The recent incident at the resort had me so preoccupied that I hadn't had a chance to consider this

As she spoke, Fanny's eyes welled up, and she was on the brink of tears.

"Very well," Michael responded coolly, and his impatience was evident.

Truly, what good was it to marry a woman with a questionable background who was always on the verge of tears?

How would Christopher compete with Jonathan in the future?

Fanny was adept at reading people's emotions. When she observed Michael's demeanor, she quickly retreated.

Once she shut the study door, her expression turned grim.

What **had** Samuel done this time?

She grabbed her bag and rushed to the Kins Family; she did not even take the time to change. her clothes.

Upon her arrival, the family had just finished dinner and were enjoying some fruits.

The lively atmosphere gave no indication of any issues.

Scarlet greeted Fanny with surprise, "Fanny, why are you here so late? Come in quickly."

She sensed her daughter's lack of enthusiasm and suspected that something was amiss.

Samuel approached. "Fanny, come over here. I bought a variety of fruits. They're delicious."

As she observed the abundance of fruits and snacks on the table, Fanny remained composed and inquired, "Is something good happening?"

Samuel grinned. "I wouldn't call it good news, but it's not bad either."

If not for a stroke of luck, they wouldn't have recovered Angela's voice recorder, and Samuel might not have had many good days ahead.

Fanny regarded Samuel with skepticism.

His wide smile scented almost too good to be true.

If not for Michael's words, she might have suspected someone of spreading rumors to ruin.

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Joseph noticed Fanny's uncase and adjusted his glasses before he asked, "Fanny, what's

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It was a looming disaster.

Fanny cut to the chase and recounted all the vague statements made by Michael.

Finally, she couldn't resist asking, "Samuel, hasn't Jonathan resolved the situation yet? How did it escalate to involving the police?"

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Joseph and Samuel exchanged **a** glance as they both registered surprise in each other's eyes.

"Did Mr. Sanders really say that?" Joseph Kins inquired.

Fanny nodded, then ran her fingers through her hair to mask her annoyance.

She had already assisted Samuel in handling the situation once, but her inept brother still managed to land himself in the police station!

Having a brother like him was truly going to be troublesome.

If she couldn't marry into the Sanders Family because of this...

Joseph pursed his lips and paced thoughtfully.

He deliberately steered clear of areas influenced by the Kins Family and maintained a level of secrecy that prevented much information from reaching Michael.

However, the reality remained that Samuel's altercation couldn't stay under wraps.

A small spark can ignite a large fire, and this was shaping up to be a significant issue.

Joseph fell into deep contemplation as he sought a solution with minimal repercussions.

As she observed the silence that had fallen, Fanny felt a sinking sensation in her chest. "Samuel, who else is aware of this? You didn't let it slip, did you?"

Fanny furrowed her brow and hoped Samuel hadn't been so careless.

Scarlet, too, grew anxious and raised her voice slightly. "How did this happen? Weren't things supposed to be fine? Sam, you mentioned visiting the injured party,in the morning and assuring us he would recover in a few days. So, who alerted the authorities?"

"If I had to guess," Joseph narrowed his eyes **as** a hint of frostiness crept in, "it was Angela. She had a contingency plan in place."

She had the audacity to involve the police without concrete evidence.

Was she harboring ulterior motives?

This sister was becoming more astute.

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At the mention of her name, Samuel's expression darkened as his anger flared. "It must be her, that wretched Angela, attempting to harm me, huh? Let's see who emerges victorious! I'll confront her right now!"

"Hold your ground!" Joseph reprimanded sternly. "Can you truly rush to the Lawson Family's residence now? Remember, Angela is not the same person she once was."

She acted recklessly because she had a support system.

Samuel paced anxiously. "What should I do? Await arrest by the authorities?"

Joseph's demeanor softened as he settled onto the couch and spoke gently, "I'll arrange for you to hide out of town for the time being. I'll confer with Jonathan to devise a plan. Return once the situation stabilizes. Simply cooperate during questioning."

Disregard the rumors and simply refute them.

Would Jonathan and Angela risk fabricating evidence?

If they were foolish enough to do so, he would welcome it.

Samuel appeared hesitant. "Will this strategy be effective?"

Joseph's tone turned icy. "What other choice do you have? Do you wish to walk into the storm head—on? Angela is acting out of anger. Once she calms down, without evidence, the outcome will be in your favor."

When he heard this, Samuel Kins deflated. "Understood, Joseph. I will follow your lead."

Scarlet seemed to ease a bit. "You're an adult now, and I can't dictate your actions. However, exercise caution. Given Angela's callousness and ingratitude, familial ties need not concern. you. Do what is necessary."

Samuel nodded, and his expression was resolute. "Absolutely. Does the believe she can harm me with impunity? Just wait, Once this is resolved, I won't let her off easily!"

Joseph scoffed. "Cease the idle talk. If you engage in misconduct again, see how Jonathan handles it."

Samuel quickly pleaded for leniency.

Fanny reluctantly bit her lip and felt a surge of anger in her

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Joseph's tone turned icy. "What other choice do you have? Do you wish to walk into the storm. head—on? Angela is acting out of anger. Once she calms down, without evidence, the outcome. will be in your favor."

When he heard this, Samuel Kins deflated. "Understood, Joseph. I will follow your lead."

Scarlet seemed to ease a bit. "You're an adult now, and I can't dictate your actions. However, exercise caution. Given Angela's callousness and ingratitude, familial ties need not concern you. Do what is necessary."

Samuel nodded, and his expression was resolute. "Absolutely. Does the believe she can harm me with impunity? Just wait. Once this is resolved, I won't let her off easily!"

Joseph scoffed. "Cease the idle talk. If you engage in misconduct again, see how Jonathan handles it."

Samuel quickly pleaded for leniency.

Fanny reluctantly bit her lip and felt a surge of anger in her heart.

What *kind* of mess is this? She thought.

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Christopher had just gotten into trouble, and Samuel was causing more chaos.

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Michael had a harsh tone when discussing Samuel's situation. If Samuel really got caught for hitting someone, how would she ever hold her head up in high society again? She would be pointed at and whispered about wherever she went.

It seemed like she needed to make more preparations for the future.

Fanny rubbed her temples. "Since Joseph and Samuel have their arrangements already, I won't linger any longer. If there's anything you need help with, just let me know."

Of course, it was just a polite offer.

But it did touch Samuel deeply.

Especially compared to Angela's behavior, Fanny appeared more caring and kinder.

After their engagement, she moved into the new house bought by the Sanders Family for them and started living with Christopher.

After they had the driver take Fanny away, Joseph arranged for a place to send Samuel away that same night.

To avoid being traced later on, they switched cars **several** times along the way.

In the dead of night, the car raced under the moonlight...

Samuel sat in the car and kept nodding off, but his long legs couldn't stretch out in the cramped space, which made him curse under his breath.

And he was about to be sent to a remote place.

They said there was neunternet, no TV, no entertainment, let alone good food and sleep. It **was** even worse than being in jail.

When he thought about the suffering he was about to endure, Samuel grew even more resentful towards Angela.

That woman had brought him to this miserable state. Did he really have to let her off the hook? Sure, he could lay low for a while, but Angela was the real target.

No, he couldn't let it go...

He couldn't swallow this humiliation.

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James was in business; Joseph was a doctor; they both had their own concerns, and they wouldn't dare to harm Angela with Jonathan protecting her.

It had to be him.

He instructed the driver to turn around and claimed that something important had been left behind.

The driver hesitated to call Joseph for confirmation, but Samuel snapped, "Mind your own business. I'll pay you to take me back, that's it."

The driver thought about it and realized it was true.

After all, he was just earning his keep. He didn't care about their personal affairs.

Although Samuel knew he shouldn't act on his own, he believed in the saying that the most dangerous place is the safest place.

Maybe Angela was waiting for him to leave.

So, he decided to turn the tables and gave her a big "surprise" when he returned.

Perhaps even the people in the capital wouldn't see it coming.

He used to play fairly and had some loyalty, so he had a few good friends. When he returned to the city, he went straight to find them.

He had some guys keep an eye on Angela.

If they saw her coming out of Lawson Family, they were to report back.

Sure enough, the next afternoon, Angela's car drove out from Kins Family.

Samuel was overjoyed. The opportunity had come.

This time, he must teach Angela a lesson so she wouldn't keep biting him like a madman. He had had enough!

Angela was going to pick up Jessica.

There were many people coming and going at the airport, and the layout was not yet perfect, so the parking lot was a bit far from the exit.

Angela found it troublesome and was afraid of missing Jessica, so she told Oliver, "You find a parking first, then come to the exit to pick us up."

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After she said that, Angela couldn't wait to enter the airport.

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After parking the car, Oliver was about to lock the door when he suddenly noticed a black backpack on the back seat. *Did Mrs. Lawson forget her* bag?

After a few seconds of consideration, Oliver picked up the backpack.

Following Angela's address, Oliver arrived at the pickup point. Being tall, he could see clearly at a glance. That's strange. *Why* don't I see anyone? Did I go to the wrong place?

Oliver looked up and checked the pickup point again. Yes, it's the third pickup point.

After waiting for a few more minutes, Oliver suddenly felt a vibration coming from the backpack. It was Angela's phone.

Oliver quickly took out the phone; and it showed a call from Mrs. Turner. After hesitating for a moment, Oliver answered the call. Before he could speak, he heard the voice on the other. end say, "Angela, have you picked up Jessica? We tried calling Jessica, but her phone was off. She didn't even turn it on after getting off the plane. It's really worrying.

Oliver's heart sank suddenly.

Something's wrong.

With a serious expression, Oliver ran back to the parking lot and called Jonathan.

"Sir, Mrs. Lawson is missing..."

In the control room, a man exuded a cold aura, his eyes deep as he watched the monitor.

The surveillance footage showed two men wearing duckbill caps and masks, dressed in black clothes and pants, passing by Angela and Jessica. As they walked past, the women's bodies. went limp, and they were carried away directly.

Jonathan's face darkened, and he growled, "They were drugged."

It was probably some kind of sedative, a light sniff, and they would lose consciousness.

The police acted quickly, checking the surveillance and license plates.

However, the license plates were fake, so they couldn't be traced.

Once the car entered the suburbs, the surveillance there was intermittent, and the trail was lost for **a** while.

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Angela woke up groggily to find herself leaning against a hard and cold cement slab.

She opened her eyes and saw dim lights above, surrounded by an unusually quiet room cluttered with miscellaneous ite

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Her hands and feet were still tied.

"Oh, you're awake!" A sneaky voice came.

In a daze. Angela saw a blonde figure running out.

She remembered now—she was supposed to pick up Jessica. They were walking and chatting when suddenly someone bumped into them. Before she could say anything, she smelled a faint and strange odor.

She barely realized the scent was off when she felt dizzy and disoriented, only to wake up here.

Angela twisted her stiff neck and saw Jessica, also bound and unconscious, beside her.

"Jessica? Jessica!" Angela tried to wake her up.

"Don't worry. A splash of water will wake her up." Footsteps approached. Samuel walked up to Angela, towering over her with a menacing look. "Angela, how dare you turn your back on me and try to call the police? Do you think the police station is yours to run? Since you've done this to me, I won't let you off casily now that you're in my hands!"

Seeing Samuel, Angela had no more doubts.

The person who kidnapped her and Jessica was Samuel.

She knew Samuel was lawless but didn't expect him to be so audacious.

But then again, when Samuel was in the hospital, he had murderous intentions toward Kristina, so there was really nothing he wouldn't dare to do.

Angela sneered. "You talk as if you've done me a favor before. Samuel, do the Kins Family members know about this? They probably don't, huh? No one else is as foolish or as bold as you."

Upon hearing Angela's words, Samuel gave her several slaps in a row, his eyes flashing with

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He said fiercely. You're quite the talker. Trying to provoke me and make me make a mistake, ch? Ha! Angela, that won't work. Do you really think I'm that stupid?"

After speaking. Samuel kicked Jessica a few times to wake her up.

Shortly after Jessica woke up, Samuel pulled her up by the hair and threatened Angela, "Angela, do you want to save your dear friend?"

Angela's eyes gleamed with coldness **as** she responded, "Samuel, release Jessica. I know you're after me. This is between us. We will handle it ourselves."

Samuel threw Jessica to two other people and then clapped his hands, saying, "Very loyal indeed, but do you have the courage to take responsibility for your actions alone?"

He then threw a dagger at Angela, saying, "Cut your own face, and I will let her go. Not only her, but I will let you go, too."

Jessica struggled and shouted, "Angela, don't listen to him! He has no morals or integrity. Don't fall for it!

Annoyed with Jessica, Samuel slapped her and instructed the other two to take her away, saying, "Get this woman out of here. Shut her up. She's too noisy!"

Angela felt anxious, knowing that Jonathan would send someone to rescue her. Before they arrived, however, she had to protect herself and Jessica.

She forced herself to calm down and said, "If you tie up my hands and feet, how can I scratch my own face?"

Angela realized that Samuel was not completely insane. He wanted to teach her a lesson and lessen his guilt by threatening her with Jessica.

Samuel chuckled as he cut the rope, binding Angela's hands with a dagger. He then warned. "Don't have any evil thoughts, or Jessica won't be treated well. If you're willing to let friend suffer for you, that's fine too."

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Angela bit her lip tightly, picked up the sharp blade, and asked, "If I do as **you** say, really let Jessica go?"

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Impatient, Samuel replied, "Of course."

Realizing the consequences of offending more people, Samuel didn't want to escalate the situation. He also considered Angela's worth without Jonathan's protection.

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Angela nodded and stared at the dagger in her hand.

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Seeing her hesitation, Samuel urged, "What's wrong? Can't do it? Seems that you're not a real. friend. People are all selfish, only pretending to be noble."

Angela looked at Samuel with red eyes, showing pain, sadness, and indiscernible emotions.

"What are you doing?" Samuel felt this wasn't the Angela he knew.

"Do you really want me to disfigure myself?" Angela asked.

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Her tone **was** gentle, tinged with a hint of sadness. "No matter what, you are my brother, and we are twins. Are you truly **so** heartless? Without my looks, my life **is** surely over.

Samuel **was** taken aback. He hadn't anticipated Angela to be so tender in her approach and to utter such words.

In his recollection, Angela had indeed displayed such soft moments, but after her departure, her demeanor had toughened. Her methods had become ruthless, and she had opposed everything they did. The once cautious younger sister had simply vanished

Observing Samuel's surprise, Angela continued, "I detest you, and I have no fondness for you. It's because even though you are my true siblings, you all side with Fanny. I envy her for effortlessly securing your affection. But do **you** comprehend how I have spent my days **at** home since childhood?"

Samuel was irritated as he muttered, "Where do you conjure up all this nonsense?"

Angela appeared disheartened. "I had hoped for too much. I had yearned for the love of my siblings, but it appears that everything I do backfires..."

Angela's tone grew increasingly bitter, causing Samuel to feel inexplicably agitated. "Enough! Stop speaking! Just cut already. Do not put on a show here."

Naturally, Angela will never admit her error. She must be pretending.

Angela forced a wry smile. "I understand. I only wish that you, at the very least, as siblings, can keep your promise. Once I am disfigured, I will have no chance against Fanny. At that point, I hope..."

At this point, Angela lowered her head and implored, "Could you turn away? I do not wish for you to witness me being harmed. Otherwise, if you regret it later, it will weigh heavily on your conscience."

Samuel scratched his head before muttering, "As you wish.

He turned his back to Angela, who then smirked.

How foolish of him to turn his back on an adversary wielding a *sharp* blade.

Without hesitation, Angela swiftly severed the rope binding her feet. She rose slowly, feeling a bit numb in her legs, and leaned against the wall for support.

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However, Samuel quickly discerned what had occurred.

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He had been deceived by Angela's pretense, and upon turning around, he witnessed Angela standing unsteadily after cutting the

rope.

Samuel gritted his teeth and lunged toward her. "Angela, how dare you deceive me?!"

Angela deflected with the dagger, slicing Samuel's arm.

He recoiled, his visage contorted in a menacing expression. He poised to strike at Angela again but hesitated upon seeing the dagger in her grasp.

Samuel promptly shouted to the individuals outside, "What are you waiting for? Restrain her!"

Two more individuals rushed in.

Angela tightly gripped the dagger as she faced the approaching individuals. She endeavored to remain composed. "It has been nearly an hour since we vanished. I believe the authorities are en route. The wisest course of action now is to depart. Otherwise, if apprehended, a lengthy prison sentence awaits. Samuel neglected to inform you, did he? I am Mrs. Lawson, Jonathan Lawson's wife. If any harm befalls me, you, along with your family and acquaintances, will face dire consequences!"

The group exchanged glances and hesitated.

Samuel ground his teeth and stated, "This woman is exceedingly malevolent. Ignore her honeyed words. I nearly fell for her ruse earlier. The authorities won't locate us so swiftly. Disregard her act and move swiftly! I will compensate you."

"Money?" Angela sneered, her voice laced with allure. "Does the Kins Family possess more wealth than the Lawson Family? Factor in the Turner Family, and just think who can offer a greater sum, us or hin

Seeing some hesitation in the group, Angela continued, "He is my brother. This is an internal conflict within our family, and you shouldn't get involved. Apart from indulging in vices like eating, drinking, gambling, and womanizing, Samuel has accomplished nothing. All his money comes from our eldest brother, James. However, Samuel has committed crimes, the family has disowned him. You will never receive the money he promised."

The group regarded Samuel with suspicion.

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Samuel grew anxious at that point. "Don't listen to her lies! I have plenty of money. It's her you should be wary of. If you believe her, you're in trouble. She's even trying to have me arrested. Do you think she will spare you?"

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The group's **eyes** reflected a renewed determination.

Angela appeared more composed than before as she stated, "I turned against my own family. because he provoked me. But prior to this, I held no grudge against any of you. Now, I'm asking for nothing more than for you to leave, and I promise to settle any debts. He is attempting to flee and is abandoned by the Kins Family. Think carefully if you want to blindly follow him."

Upon hearing that, Samuel shouted loudly. "Don't be deceived by her!"

He was truly anxious now.

He knew the individuals he had hired were unreliable, but he hadn't anticipated this level of unreliability.

These fools! *If they* just use their brains a bit, they will *realize that* Angela's words *can't be trusted!*

At that moment. Jessica sprang forward, having already spat out the towel that had been stuffed in her mouth, and declared, "I have a significant amount of cash and valuable items in my backpack, which I'm sure you've seen."

As everyone gazed at her, she continued, "I also possess two cards with a total of around five to six hundred thousand. If you release me and depart immediately, I will provide you with the passwords."

"How can we be sure it's true?" someone inquired.

"What is five to six hundred thousand to me?" Jessica scoffed. "Compared to my life, it's insignificant. Why would I lie about something like this? It's merely a matter of losing inoney to avoid a disaster. If you're not interested, forget it. The police are on their way."

Samuel erupted in anger and began cursing at them.

The group grew even more dissatisfied with Samuel. They were owed money, and yet he was cursing at them.

Just then, Jessica dropped another bombshell. "I'm not joking. My family is very wealthy, and I've been kidnapped before. To ensure my safety, my father had a tracker implanted in me... The police will arrive soon."

The group murmured among themselves, then confiscated valuable items from Jessica and Angela before fleeing.

Samuel seethed with rage.

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As the group departed, Angela felt a sense of relief. She glanced at Samuel and sneered, "There's no point in running. You'll be apprehended regardless."

Samuel glared at her fiercely.

Ignoring him, Angela used a knife to free Jessica.

However, with a dark expression on his face, Samuel grabbed a shovel from somewhere and swung it directly at Angela's back.

"Look out!"

Jessica pushed Angela, but it was too late. Angela was struck hard on the shoulder, and then everything went dark **as** she lost consciousness.

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Angela woke up in the hospital.

She opened her eyes to a dimly lit room with the familiar smell of disinfectant in the air.

When she stiffly lifted her head, she saw Jonathan sitting on a chair beside her. The warm yellow light cast his profile like a gentle and quiet painting.

There seemed to be a hint of fatigue on his face.

Upon hearing a noise, Jonathan looked up.

He then reached out to press the bell and slowly helped Angela sit up. "How do vou **feel?**"

Angela frowned, her voice a bit hoarse as she muttered, "I feel like my whole body hurts. especially... Argh."

She moved her right shoulder, feeling a sharp pain.

"My shoulder." Angela's face twisted in pain. "It hurts the most."

Jonathan comforted her, "The doctor said there's nothing serious, so don't worry."

Thinking of the kidnapping, Angela quickly asked, "Is Jessica okay? What about Samuel? Did they catch him? And the people who escaped... Have they been caught, too?"

Looking at Angela with bandages on her forehead and hands, Jonathan felt a bit helpless.

She was in such a state herself, yet she was still worrying about others.

But in order to not let her worry too much, Jonathan patiently replied, "Don't worry. Jessica is fine. She's been placed in another ward. She insisted on crying and shouting by your bedside until late at night yesterday but eventually couldn't hold on and had to take some sedatives prescribed by the doctor to fall asleep."

Angela breathed a sigh of relief.

Jessica was fine, which was a huge relief for Angela. Angela would never forgive herself if anything happened to Jessica because of her.

"As for Samuel..." Jonathan's eyes flashed with a hint of coldness as he spoke, "They have all been caught, and not one escaped. Samuel was shot in the leg while trying to escape, and Oliver broke his leg. He is now in the hospital receiving treatment."

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Angela bit her lip and timidly asked, "I–Is that allowed?"

After all, there were police present at the time.

It didn't seem right to beat up Samuel without questioning or convicting him, as he was just a

suspect.

Jonathan's expression was cold and indifferent as he replied, "Of course, it's not allowed. But the friends and family of the victim were angry, and they couldn't help but take action. Besides, Samuel didn't say anything, so they won't interfere."

Samuel was already in a precarious situation, and causing more trouble would only make his

situation worse.

During their conversation, the doctor came in, followed by Daniel.

Upon seeing Angela, Daniel couldn't stop talking. "Oh, Angela, where have you been? How did you end up like this? Is your hand okay? You're going to be a doctor in the future. especially with your skillful needle techniques. What if-"

Daniel stopped abruptly as he saw the icy and ruthless look in Jonathan's eyes.

After the doctor finished the examination and advised some rest for the shoulder injury, he left the ward.

Only Daniel was left, sitting at the end of Angela's bed. "You're looking much better," he said. "When Jonathan carried you in yesterday, his expression was so cold... I thought he was about to go on a rampage."

Daniel had never seen that expression on Jonathan in all these years.

The capitalist was always a smiling predator, never showing his emotions and unwilling to reveal his true self to others.

But yesterday, it was truly frightening.

Daniel even wondered what would happen if Angela were to get into any accidents.

Presently, he turned his head and locked eyes with Jonathan. The other man's gaze was sharp, almost smiling as he looked at him.

Angela glanced at Jonathan, then corrected him, "Dr. Lockwood, as a doctor, can you please be more precise with your words? There's no need for talk of rampages, Jonathan is not that kind of person."

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Angela glanced up at Jonathan, her sweet smile lighting up her face.

Jonathan returned her smile, his expression softening

"Take some rest. Unnecessary chatter won't do you any good. It might affect your intellect," he

and gently,

"Hey Daniel fel a twinge of annoyance at the sudden affection. "Can you two tone down the lovey–dovey act? This is a hospital. There are other people around."

Angela looked puzzled.

I simply stating the truth, so how is that being overly affectionate? Has *Daniel* been alone *for* toot Jong, and can he not stand a man and woman interacting normally?

Ignoring him, Jonathan checked his watch and murmured, "I have some matters to attend to. May will be here to look after you." soon

Angela wanted to ask how the household would be managed once May moved in to care for her, but she felt it was unnecessary,

Jonathan always had everything planned out.

So, Angela nodded meekly once more.

As Jonathan left, he ushered Daniel out, who protested loudly, "No, you can go if you have things to do, but I'm fine. Besides, I still have much to discuss with Angela. Hey! Don't tug at my collar... Jonathan Lawson, I have my reputation to uphold!"

The ward had excellent soundproofing, and Daniel's protests gradually faded away.

Angela surveyed the VIP ward. It was a suite with two rooms, fully equipped and comfortable, just like a house,

No wonder the soundproofing was so effective here.

It was money well spent.

After exiting the ward, Jonathan headed straight to the car, followed closely by Simon.

In a low voice, Simon said, "Mr. Lawson, I have informed them."

Word had spread that anyone meddling in Samuel's case would be going against Jonathan. It

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was a risk no one dared take to offend both the Sanders and Lawson famili

It was straightforward and blunt.

"Okay," Jonathan's expression remained unchanged as he replied casually.

This time, Samuel had truly crossed a line.

Compared with the stability on Angela's side, the Kins Family's side was a mess.

Fanny sat with a displeased expression, listening to Scarlet's cries and screams, feeling irritated.

One problem hadn't been resolved, but another arose.

Despite their precautions, they couldn't prevent Samuel from causing trouble.

I wonder how Joseph handled things there. He's unable to even keep an eye on one person.

Michael was also deeply concerned, instructing her not to go to the hospital to care for Christopher but to first gather information on Samuel's situation.

Upon learning the details, it seemed even more alarming.

A hit—and—run was already serious, but now it was said to involve kidnapping.

Samuel truly had no regard for the law.

Even if he sought revenge on Angela, he could have chosen a more strategic approach.

Samuel was driving Fanny to madness. It was a case of too many setbacks and too few

successes.

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Scarlet's eyes were red from crying. There was a hint of accusation in her words as she questioned, "Joseph, what happened? Wasn't it supposed to be well–planned? How... How could Samuel do such a thing?"

They had sent thugs to kidnap Angela, only to be caught red-handed by the police.

Joseph's calm facade cracked slightly when he heard Scarlet's words.

What a **mess!**

Who would have thought that Samuel would suddenly change his mind and turn back to target Angela?

He must have lost his mind!

Joseph was already burdened enough, but now he was being blamed by his mother as well.

From childhood, Samuel was the most useless, but he had a silver tongue that always made. their mother laugh, **so** she favored him the most.

Samuel was utterly spoiled.

He and Fanny were the youngest.

It was fine to spoil him a little when he was young, but they never expected him to turn out like this.

"Perhaps we shouldn't have pampered him so much." Joseph didn't answer Scarlet's question. His handsome face showed a hint of coldness as he stated, "Otherwise, how could he dare to be so audacious?"

They had always covered for Samuel in the past, no matter how big or small the issue. Thus, he had become uncontrollable now, doing whatever he pleased.

Scarlet felt uncomfortable hearing this. "What's the use of saying all this now? The important thing is to go and rescue him. Those police officers really are something; I heard his legs are broken, and they won't even let **us** see him. They're so heartless!"

James felt that his mother was being unreasonable now. The police station was not run by them, and Samuel was now a suspect in a criminal case. It was not easy for outsiders to contact him.

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Seeing James remain silent, Scarlet turned her firepower on him. James, how about you? You're the big boss, and you know so many people. Can't you do anything?"

James furrowed his brows and shook his head. "No."

"How is that possible?!" Scarlet was used to things getting done easily, with situations being smooth sailing all the way. Even if her children encountered some problems, they could always be quickly resolved. How could it be so difficult to ask for a favor outside?

Meanwhile, James was feeling increasingly annoyed. He tugged at his collar and muttered, "That's just how it is. Those people avoid us like the plague. They say Jonathan has issued a warning—anyone who helps Samuel will be going against the Sanders and Lawson families."

Dealing with just the Sanders Family was difficult enough, let alone adding the Lawson Family to the mix. The Kins Family could not go against them if they wanted to live and

survive.

Scarlet was incredulous as she demanded, "W–Why would Jonathan say that? Does he really just listen to that little b*tch? What kind of spell has she cast on him?"

"Hmph!" At that moment, a cold snort came from upstairs, and Zacharias leisurely walked down the stairs. "You think Angela is the most useless, don't you? How could she have the ability to order Jonathan around?"

Zacharias found it amusing to look at these people.

They were truly blinded by greed, unable to see anything clearly. They treated some trash as treasures but were disdainful toward real gems.

The Kins Family would be on the brink of falling apart if they did not wake up soon.

With a mocking smile on his lips, Zacharias walked slowly to the couch and sat down leisurely.

Scarlet didn't say anything harsh to Zacharias. This son has always been in poor health and quite reclusive. Seeing his pale complexion, she couldn't help but say, "Let James and Joseph take care of these things. You should go back to your room and rest."

Something already happened to a son of hers, and she didn't want anything to happen to this

son as well.

Meanwhile, Zacharias had no major objections to **his** mother. Seeing that her tone was still acceptable, he suggested, "I believe that since no one else can help, the Sanders Family must have **a** solution."

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He gazed at Fanny with eyes as deep as a well.

"Fanny, now that you are engaged to be Mrs. Sanders, you should also have a solution." Zacharias cleared his throat a few times and then continued, "Samuel loves you so much. He has caused a lot of trouble for Angela because of you. In the end, it was all for you. Now that he's in trouble, you can't just ignore it."

After receiving so much love from the Kins Family for over a decade, she should give back in some *way*. She can just cry and be weak every time, letting others bear the burden.

All eyes turned to Fanny

In the past, whether it was James or Joseph, they would have considered it inappropriate to involve Fanny, a young woman, in such matters.

But she was about to be married.

And Zacharias is correct.

After all. Fanny was already engaged to Christopher, making her also a part of the Sanders. Family. It wouldn't be going against the Sanders Family to seek their help.

Her future father—in—law, Michael, was Jonathan's biological father. Even if their relationship was strained, they should still have some feelings for each other.

Fanny's face paled when she heard that.

She never expected to be blamed.

If she had a solution, she wouldn't have come here to listen to them accuse each other.

With tears in her eyes, Fanny looked distressed as she mumbled, "I'm just engaged, not married yet. And, you also know how delicate Christopher's identity is. If I were to help. Jonathan wouldn't just let go of it, he would be even angrier."

"You can find a discreet way," Zacharias said, appearing to press on step by step. "Who said. you have to plead in person? I heard that although Jonathan doesn't hold Christopher in high regard, it's not too bad. Anyway, the Sanders father and son have some superficial affection. As long as you don't sever ties, there is hope for this matter."

After hearing this, James also felt that there was some truth to it, and he nodded. "That's correct. Fanny, you should give it a try. Even if it's unsuccessful, we won't blame you."

"I..." Fanny didn't know how to refuse.

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She also understood that in the current situation, the hopes of the Kins Family rested on her. and they wouldn't consider her difficulties,

Moreover, Zacharias was mostly on Angela's side now. With him here, even if Fanny didn't agree, the others might be displeased.

She hadn't officially joined the Sanders Family yet, and her relationship with Christopher wasn't that secure, so she couldn't afford to completely alienate her own brothers.

And so, Fanny could only look embarrassed, hesitating several times before finally agreeing to the suggestion. "Well, I'll give it a try."

"Let Mom accompany you." Zacharias thought for a moment and suggested, "Having an elder present might make it easier for you to communicate."

Easier to communicate, *my foot!* Fanny cursed inwardly.

Zacharias was clearly afraid of going back on his word and not actually going to see Christopher, which is why he proposed that Scarlet accompany her.

Fanny was very reluctant, but what else could she do?

She was in a difficult position now, so she could only grit her teeth and go to the hospital.

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Scarlet was determined to try any method to save her son, even if it meant seeking help from unlikely sources.

She believed Fanny was too weak to speak up, **so** she enlisted her help in convincing. Christopher.

Together, they drove to the hospital.

The moment Fanny stepped out of the car, she held her stomach and excused herself. "I'm not feeling well, Mom. I'll be right back after using the restroom."

Scarlet had been by Fanny's side since they left the Kins Residence, preventing her from getting in touch with Christopher. As such, Fanny made an excuse to ditch her.

Meanwhile, Scarlet headed straight to Christopher's ward without much thought.

By the time she arrived, Christopher had just finished speaking with Fanny over the phone, and he had a rough gauge of the situation.

He greeted Scarlet warmly, feigning ignorance. "What brings you here, Mom?"

Scarlet's expression soured as she forced a smile. "I came to see you."

Christopher smirked to himself.

Like mother, like *son*.

Samuel once promised to visit but never showed up, much like Scarlet.

Despite being younger, Christopher believed in showing genuine concern for a patient.

However, he refrained from calling her out and engaged in small talk, saying, "I'm doing well and will be discharged soon."

Scarlet was preoccupied with her thoughts and struggled to keep up with the conversation, wondering why Fanny hadn't arrived yet.

After some contemplation, Scarlet decided to speak up. "Christopher, **I have** something to ask of you."

Christopher appeared surprised. "What is it, Mom?"

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Scarlet began to tear up as she recounted how Angela had caused Samuel's arrest and how Jonathan was siding with Angela. She even implored Christopher to intervene.

Christopher remained polite but firm. "I'm aware of the situation, but you know how Jonathan is, don't you? Once he decides on something, no one can sway him. Not **me**, not my father, and not even my grandfather."

Scarlet refused to believe him and pretended to kneel. "Come on, Samuel made a mistake. If he truly wanted to harm Angela, why would he lead the police to her? Angela went overboard, and Samuel just wanted to teach her a lesson."

Christopher sighed and stood his ground. "Mom, instead of seeking my help, why not talk to Angela? She is your daughter, after all. Blood is thicker than water. If you reach out to her, she won't turn you away."

He preferred not to be involved in the family drama.

Meanwhile, Scarlet seemed conflicted.

Should *I speak to Angela?* It had never crossed her mind. *After finally* ridding *myself* of *that* heartless girl, *why* should I *beg her?*

Christopher rubbed his temples. "I'm feeling slightly dizzy now. Why don't I ask Dad for help after I wake up? I'm not feeling the best right now."

Scarlet understood that Christopher was distancing himself from the situation.

After all, Jonathan held a certain status in the Sanders Family, illegitimate child or not.

Scarlet didn't linger and left the ward.

She felt anxious and unwilling. Do I truly have to plead with that cunning girl?

At that moment, Fanny, who had feigned a stomach ache earlier, finally appeared.

Christopher had messaged her about what happened, so she was no longer afraid of being there.

When Scarlet saw Fanny reappear, her face remained impassive as she coldly remarked, "Your have great timing, don't you?"

Fanny quickly linked arms with Scarlet and apologized, saying, "What are you talking about, Mom? I had the worst time in the toilet, and I still don't know how I upset my stomach. Where's Christopher? Let's **go** in and talk to him now."

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"I've already spoken to him, but he said he couldn't do it," Scarlet said unhappily. "Also, he told me to reach out to Angela. Can you believe it?"

Fanny answered gently. "Don't be angry, Mom. Christopher has been in a bad mood since the accident. Don't worry, though. I'll spend the next few days coaxing him, and when he's in a better mood, I'll speak to him about it."

She appeared to be making a great effort.

Seeing Fanny like this, Scarlet's anger subsided a bit. At the thought of Christopher's indifferent attitude, she said. "Okay, then. Why don't you accompany me to find Angela now? Isn't she also in this hospital?"

Fanny was surprised. "Are you really going? Will she... agree?"

"No matter what, we have to give it a try," Scarlet said confidently,

Christopher was right-no matter how Angela was, Scarlet had given birth to her.

If the young woman didn't agree, Scarlet would kneel and beg.

If Scarlet kneeled and Angela didn't want to tarnish her reputation by making her biological mother kneel down, she would have to comply.

As for Fanny, she knew she couldn't refuse this time.

Otherwise, all the years of pretending would have been for nothing.

They located Angela's hospital room and knocked on the door, only to be met by a tall, intimidating man.

They recognized him.

It was Oliver, the bodyguard Jonathan had assigned to Fanny.

Oliver looked at them and asked, "What do you want?"

Fanny said softly, "We've come to see Angela."

Oliver snorted. "Mr. Lawson has instructed that no one is allowed to approach Mrs. Lawson without his permission."

The truth was, Jonathan hadn't given such an order.

However, Oliver was aware that Angela didn't like the individuals standing before him.

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As such, he fabricated the order.

Scarlet was not willing to be dismissed by the bodyguard so easily and said, "Tell Angela to come out and talk to us herself"

Oliver rolled his eyes.

Who does she think she is, daring to speak in such a commanding tone? Mr. and Mrs. Lawson always speak gently and politely, with a *sense of decorum*.

Oliver remained silent, his tall, powerful figure blocking the doorway, not budging an inch.

If they weren't women, he would have thrown them out long ago without all this fuss.

Scarlet, upon seeing the situation, couldn't help but shout, "Angela, come out! Angela, do you have any conscience? How can you bear to treat your Samuel like this? Back in the day-

There **was** a burst of noise, leaving Oliver at a loss for what to do.

He wanted to cover Scarlet's mouth directly, but due to the difference in gender, he couldn't oring himself to do it, so he just closed the door.

The single room was a suite.

Angela still heard the shouting outside and opened the door from the inside.

Oliver turned around just in time to see Angela standing at the door of the inner room in her ospital **gown**.

ler expression was icy as she stated, "Let them in."

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Oliver froze for a moment.

Angela smiled and said, "With you here, we can surely handle a few people, no?"

She wanted to see what Scarlet and the others were up to.

Will they still be as arrogant as ever, or will they put aside their pride for their son?

As for Oliver, he felt proud. *Mrs.* Lawson trusts *me so* much!

When Oliver brought the two into the ward, Angela was sitting at the table in the room, enjoying her meal.

Upon hearing their footsteps, she didn't even bother to look up.

On the other hand, Scarlet, seeing Angela's attitude, felt a surge of anger. "Angela, what are you up to? You're fine, but you had to send Samuel in? He has a broken leg now. If it doesn't heal properly, he'll end up crippled."

Angela frowned. She stopped what she was doing and said, "So you're here to talk nonsense. Oliver, throw them out."

It was obvious that when asking for help, one had to have a humble attitude instead of acting high and mighty and looking down on others.

"Angela, what do you want?" Scarlet was getting anxious.

If Angela refuses to help. Samuel will be in real trouble!

Angela waved her hand at Oliver, wiped her mouth with a tissue, and looked at them with a smile. "Have you missed the point? You came in on your own accord. I ditin't invite you. If you still can't speak properly by now, then I don't think we have anything else to discuss."

"How dare you?" Scarlet was so angry her chest was heaving.

She couldn't bring herself to lower her dignity and speak gently to Angela.

Fanny quickly intervened at that point. "Angela, can you please go easy on Samuel? He's really in a **bad** state, with his legs broken. You know, if he goes to jail, he might have some lasting effects. We're all family. Can't we talk things out nicely?"

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"Yeah" Angela followed Fanny's lead. "Has Samuel ever talked nicely to me? What has he been up to any way? And besides, he committed a crime. It's not like I can just decide to let him go or keep him in."

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Fanny looked guilty as she stated, "Sorry, Samuel acted impulsively. We promise **that once** he's out this time, he'll behave. He won't cause you any trouble. And, as long **as** you write at forgiveness letter, he'll be fine soon.

"Begging me, are you?"

"Yes, we are begging you."

Angela found it somewhat amusing. "Just a few words of begging?"

Fanny bit her lip, then asked, "So, what do you want us to do?"

Angela thought for a moment, then smiled. "How about slapping yourselves a few times. first?"

"What?"

Angela teased, "Can't understand what I'm saying?"

Fanny looked at Scarlet with a helpless expression, and Scarlet immediately said, "What do you mean? When did you become so malicious?"

Angela shook her head disapprovingly. "See, I knew you weren't sincerely apologizing. Since that's the case, there's no need for further discussion. Just leave and don't disturb my rest."

Fanny bit her lip and mumbled, "I... I'll slap myself."

She raised her arm and lightly slapped herself on the face, then looked at Angela..

Angela sneered upon seeing that. "Are you scratching yourself?"

Looking at Scarlet, she said, "Come on. If the slap isn't hard enough, then forget it."

Fanny frowned and immediately said, "I–I'll do it myself."

If Scarlet had done it, she might not have known her own strength, and Fanny would have ended up suffering."

But even if Fanny did it herself, it was still a big favor for Samuel.

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Although it seemed harder than before, it still didn't case Angela's resentment.

"Compared to the slap Samuel gave Jessica, yours is hardly worth mentioning."

Fanny was not happy. "What do you mean? I've already slapped myself. Will you help now?

"No." Angela replied firmly.

Scarlet was so enraged that she wanted to confront Angela, but Oliver stood by her side, and she could only growl. "Are you toying with us?"

Angela shrugged. "Shouldn't asking for help be accompanied by humility? Whether it's your or Fanny, there's no sincerity in your words and actions. You think that a few light slaps **can** make up for Samuel's mistake, *huh*?"

Do they truly believe they're important to me?

Fanny teared up at that point. "You're toying with us!"

Angela casually admitted, "Your brain finally worked for a moment."

After a pause, the duo finally grasped the situation.

Scarlet looked at Angela in disbelief. "You... How dare you..."

Angela waved her hand and instructed Oliver, "Please escort them out. I need to rest."

Oliver's eyes widened as he glared at the two of them, and the duo could only curse and leave the ward.

Filled with hatred, Fanny hoped **to** impress Scarlet, at least to prove that she had made an effort. However, she did not anticipate this outcome.

She had known all along.

Angela would never agree so easily.

Meanwhile, Angela was in high spirits.

She never expected Fanny to face such a situation.

However, she couldn't comprehend why Fanny, who had already married Christopher, still sought to please the Kins Family.

If it was out of guilt and a genuine desire to help Samuel, she did not believe it at all.

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In the late afternoon, Angela sat by the bed watching the sunset.

Oliver suddenly entered. "Mrs. Lawson, someone from the Kins Family is here again."

"I don't want to see them. Tell them to leave me alone." *I don't* want them to interrupt *my perfect* sunset view.

"It's Zacharias. Oliver scratched his head.

A polite visitor, then.

Oliver mused. He does not seem to trouble Mrs. Lawson much, nor does he cause a scene.

Since it was Zacharias, Oliver felt it was best to inform Angela.

Upon hearing the name, Angela paused for **a** moment but remained expressionless.

She wanted to decline but then figured she was bored anyway. Since the Kins Family was willing to send people over for her to scold continuously, she was willing to watch the show.

Zacharias seemed even weaker than before, walking very slowly.

He had no one to care for him.

Angela raised an eyebrow, taking the lead. "Don't bother pleading. Fanny and the others have already been here, and you know the result, right? The Kins Family means nothing to me."

Zacharias nodded, unable to stand for long. And so, he asked, "Can I sit down and talk?"

Angela frowned.

Just sit down, will *you? Why* use *that* tone and put on a *pitiful show?* After spending along time with Fanny, *he* has *mastered* the trick of pretending to *be* weak.

Angela rolled her eyes and muttered, "Whatever."

She wanted to see what Zacharias was going to do next.

After sitting down, Zacharias coughed a few times and then asked, "How's your injury?" "It's fine."

"I heard you got hit with a shovel. Is it serious?"

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"I'm alright," Angela answered while pondering Zacharias' intentions. "It missed me. I quess I was lucky,

Otherwise, if that shovel had hit her, half of her shoulder would have been gone.

Upon hearing this, Zacharias couldn't help but breathe a sigh of relief. "That's good. I'm glad that there is someone to protect you and care for you."

Angela frowned. In the end, she lost her patience and said coldly, "Stop beating around the bush. Just say what you came here for. If it's a plea, then leave. I don't want to waste any more

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Zacharias coughed lightly a few times.

It was evident he was holding back, not wanting his coughing to disturb anyone.

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Allowing oneself to cough freely could help clear the trapped air in one's body, which was beneficial. On the contrary, what Zacharias was doing might exacerbate the situation.

In the past, Angela would have surely reminded him, but now she couldn't care less.

After coughing for **a** while, Zacharias displayed a helpless smile. "I just came to check on you. Now that I see you're fine, I can relax."

Did the sun rise from the west? Did Zacharias take the wrong medication?

However, he had used this tactic before. After that, he didn't take any further action.

Compared to the other Kins Family members, Zacharias was quiet and reserved, having the least conflicts with Angela.

One of the reasons might be due to his health.

As they said, barking dogs do not bite.

Individuals like Fanny and Samuel, who were openly troublesome, could be anticipated. Those like Joseph and Zacharias, who might scheme in secret, could be more problematic.

Angela wasn't fooled by his words. "You can't change your ways, so you're trying to act nice now, huh? I'll have you know that it's futile. If it weren't for our luck, or if Samuel wasn't so foolish, I wouldn't be here having a peaceful conversation with you."

Zacharias fell silent for a moment, then let out a soft sigh. "I know we have deeply hurt you in the past. That's why you don't trust my intentions at all. I can't control what others do... Cough! Cough! But Angela, I genuinely want the best for you. I owe you an'apology."

Are *you* pretending now?

Angela was speechless, her gaze complex as she looked at Zacharias.

In her previous life, she was gentle and accommodating, bearing all the burdens, only to end. up in a miserable state.

In this life, from the moment she started anew, she refused to compromise herself. She

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would speak her mind, say what she wanted, and not care about these people.

And now, Zacharias was behaving like this.

It made her feel like if she were to start yelling at him, she would come **off** as a shrew.

Angela remained silent for a moment.

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Zacharias gave Angela a profound look. "My apologies. I used to blindly believe Fanny without considering the facts, but now I see clearly. Angela, seeing you living the way you are now genuinely makes me happy for you."

"There's no need for this false sentimentality," Angela said, her expression slightly cold. She wasn't adept at speaking warmly to the Kins Family members. "Don't apologize. It's futile. If it had been earlier, maybe things would have been different. But the damage has been done, and it's too late."

She wouldn't accept it just because he apologized.

Zacharias smiled and slowly stood up. "I understand. I don't expect you to forgive me. I just wanted you to know that if you need any help, you can come to me."

Angela scoffed. "Don't bother with such insincere pleasantries. Don't deceive yourself. If I asked you to help me deal with the Kins Family, would you?"

Zacharias fell silent.

In the end, he sighed. "Well, I understand."

He appeared resigned to his fate.

Meanwhile, Angela felt somewhat irritated.

Zacharias suddenly changed his demeanor, appearing somewhat reasonable, which made her truly uncomfortable.

Watching him exit the inner room and then enter the outer room, Angela was genuinely surprised.

Did Zacharias really come to see me? Or did he know that even if he pleaded, it would be futile, so he deliberately came over to utter these seemingly ambiguous words?

Zacharias' behavior puzzled Angela.

At that moment, Angela heard a noise outside the door.

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Oliver rushed out to investigate.

"Mrs. Lawson, that man has fainted."

"What?" Angela leaped out of bed, hurried to the door, and found Zacharias lying on the ground with pale lips and a bluish face.

Oliver went to summon the doctor and nurse.

This was the VIP ward with minimal foot traffic. The doctors were well–acquainted with the ward's conditions, and emergencies were rare, so it would take some time for anyo notice the situation here.

Angela bit her lip, kneeled down, and checked his pulse.

Zacharias pulse was weak, but his liver function was strong, while his heart and lungs were not very robust.

His condition had deteriorated

Since she had left home.

However, this **was** not unexpected, given her diligent care for him in the past. She had researched various remedies day and night, exploring every possible way to nourish his body.

A body like his was generally difficult to nourish. Over nourishing it could have adverse.

effects.

Medical staff arrived with a stretcher and took Zacharias for urgent treatment.

Although his condition was not critical, Angela chose not to interfere and returned to the house to watch the sunset.

Nevertheless, Zacharias words had unsettled her.

Despite reminding herself not to be overly involved, she couldn't help but wonder... *Will* Zacharias perish without my intervention?

With Zacharias deteriorating rapidly and the Kins Family's wealth, it seemed they were neglecting their son.

In the past, Zacharias had blamed himself, feeling like a burden. It was Angela's care and companionship that had helped him regain his confidence.

Now, it appeared her efforts had been futile.

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Realizing this, Angela became resolute.

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She tapped her head. "Feeling sorry for the Kins Family is just the beginning of misfortunet

Reaffirming her stance, she stood up, returned to the ward, and shut the door.

Zacharias had fainted, causing chaos in the Kins Family once more.

It was one crisis after another.

Scarlet felt like she was on the brink of collapse, and George was nowhere to be found during

this critical time.

Annoyed, she tried calling George, but the calls were either disconnected or unanswered.

"Where is your father?" She paced outside the emergency room. "His own son is **in** this condition, and he's absent? What could be more important than this?"

He's probably with that viren!

When Scarlet thought of that, her eyes filled with anger. James wanted to say that even if George came, it wouldn't help, but he knew he still had to inform his father. And so, he said, "I will reach out to him. But Mom, when Dad is here, can we not argue for now?"

He was truly exasperated.

None of them, young or old, put him at ease.

Scarlet snorted and remained silent.

The lights in the emergency room dimmed, and the doctor emerged. The Kins Family gathered around.

The doctor stated, "He is very weak now, and his condition is deteriorating rapidly. We have discussed the treatment plan, but there are significant risks involved. Be prepared."

With that, the doctor departed.

Upon hearing this, Scarlet couldn't contain her emotions and cried, "What have I done to deserve this... Heavens, if you **have** any grievances, take them out on me. Spare my sons..."

James felt deeply troubled.

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The Kins Family was large, but only he and his mother were outside the emergency room.

His father's whereabouts were unknown.

Joseph was at an important seminar, while Zacharias was in critical condition.

Samuel was in jail.

As for Fanny, she had not yet married, but the Sanders Family consumed her thoughts already.

James couldn't shake the feeling that the Kins Family was on the verge of collapse.

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The Kins Family members arrived promptly after Joseph concluded the meeting.

Upon receiving James' response, he was taken aback by the severity of Zacharias' condition this time.

"Why did he suddenly faint?" Joseph wondered aloud.

James took a deep breath. "I heard he collapsed right after leaving Angela's room,"

They shared a knowing look.

Could it be that something Angela said upset him?

But then. Joseph dismissed the idea.

As a doctor himself, he knew that while harsh words may not be helpful, they shouldn't have caused such a drastic reaction.

They were well aware of Zacharias' condition.

Joseph adjusted his glasses and calmly stated, "James, it appears we need to seek out Angela regarding this matter."

Previously, the medical professionals, including Joseph, believed Zacharias was beyond help.

However, Angela had learned certain massage techniques and herbal remedies from somewhere, which had visibly improved Zacharias' condition over time.

But when she left, Zacharias' health deteriorated.

James couldn't comprehend the situation and felt frustrated. "What,good will it do to find her? Even if we reprimand her, will Zacharias miraculously recover? To be honest, Angela shouldn't bear all the blame for this incident."

If Zacharias hadn't sought her out, he wouldn't have been scolded.

Joseph remained composed and patiently explained, "What I mean is, we should approach Angela and request her assistance in treating Zacharias."

James was surprised, recalling Angela's previous care for Zacharias, which had been quite effective. But now....

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"Would she be willing?" James hesitated to entertain such thoughts.

The current Angela was quite formidable.

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"So, we must approach her. Joseph sighed softly. "Sometimes, we must humble ourselves. Sometimes, it is necessary. For Zacharias, some pride should be set aside."

James scratched his head. He was unsure of what to do.

He couldn't bring himself to ask that young girl.

As the two brothers chatted outside, a sense of gloom pervaded the air, unsettling the newly arrived George.

He inquired. "How is Zacharias doing?"

James glanced at his father but remained silent.

Ever since becoming involved with the troublesome Linda, George had grown increasingly disrespectful.

Joseph calmly explained the general situation, including the need to seek Angela's help.

Frowning, George pondered for a moment before declaring, "Which ward is he in? I'll go."

James felt somewhat surprised. It seemed George still had some semblance of being a father.

Joseph intervened, "Dad, even if you want to go, we need to discuss a strategy. We can't approach this the same way as before. Now, we're the ones in need of help."

George seemed unconcerned. "Regardless of her being adopted or marrying into a wealthy. family, she's still my daughter. That much won't change. Does she dare to defy me?"

James and Joseph fell silent at his words.

Their father had grown accustomed to smooth sailing and was still unable to see the harsh reality.

Joseph sighed in resignation. "If you wish to go, then go."

Perhaps facing resistance would bring him to his senses.

George was a man of action. Even though it was late, he didn't care whether Angela needed rest or not. He just went straight there. But before he even got to see her, Oliver "politely" escorted him away.

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In front of such a menacing figure. George knew better than to argue. He left with a disgraced look on his face. Then, he informed his two sons of the outcome, telling them to figure it out on their own before leaving.

Joseph was bereft of words.

The next day, when Angela woke up, Oliver briefed her on what happened last night.

After some thought, she called her Donald. If anyone from the Kins Family came to him, she instructed him not to soften his heart.

Even though she knew Donald's family was level—headed, she was worried the Kins Family might resort to some tricks to sway his sympathy.

After some consideration, Angela phoned Donald, cautioning him not to be swayed if the Kins Family came looking for him and to seek her help instead.

Despite knowing that Donald and his family were shrewd, she was concerned that the Kins Family might resort to manipulation to exploit his sympathy.

Donald repeatedly agreed and advised Angela to take care of herself, as they were not easily. deceived.

As Angela anticipated, the Kins Family arrived at Donald's residence.

Perhaps accustomed to being bossed around by them in the past, they came to their door with the same arrogant attitude.

Donald had been politely enduring it all along.

It wasn't until Scarlet ordered them to properly talk to Angela and not be so heartless, especially when it came to treating Zacharias' illness, that Donald couldn't hold back

anymore.

He scoffed and then angrily rebuked, "Who do you think you are to lecture us? Scarlet, you've got some nerve. Angela must have been cursed to end up in your care. Thankfully, she has found happiness in having a caring husband who can provide for her. She's our daughter now, and we have no ties to your family anymore.

"I've tolerated your behavior for too long, Scarlet. We won't bring up the past, but if you have no shame, then neither will I. I may not have any other talents, but I can still talk to our neighbors and your sons' friends, classmates, and colleagues to clear things up."

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Scarlet was left sprechless.

The once meek and quiet Donald, who had been unable to utter a word, not only knew how to curse but also expressed himself eloquently.

"You..."

"What about me? Before Scarlet could respond, Donald interjected, "Let me tell you, this is karma for you and George. Mistreating your own daughter and still expecting her compliance. You're delusional!"

James cleared his throat softly, then interjected, "Donald, my mother may have misspoken, She didn't mean that. She just...

Donald waved his hand and tossed the gifts they had brought outside the door. "Stop the nonsense, take your belongings, and leave. If you seek Angela's assistance, go find her yourself. Do you think we're fools who will assist you in making things difficult for Angela Do you believe you're so special that the entire world should revolve around you?"

Subsequently. James and Scarlet were locked outside the door.

Scarlet's face paled with anger.

She ranted as she walked away. "She's gotten involved with that little troublemaker, and now she's getting arrogant. Angela used to be fine, but she must have changed because of that couple's influence. D*mn Donald, he appears so honest, but who would have thought he's so cunning."

James had a headache and remained silent.

Zacharias' diligence was deteriorating, prompting Joseph to personally assess Angela's attitude.

Joseph brought fruits with him and managed to meet with Angela sinoothly...

Angela looked at the items on the table with a hint of sarcasm. "First the gifts, then the war?"

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At the thought of what it would take to get her to agree, Joseph couldn't help but furrow hist brow.

Then, as if ignoring Angela's sarcasm, he calmly set down the fruit and gave a gentle smile. "Angela, we're still family, and I'm still your brother. You don't have to be so hostile."

"Is it me being hostile, or is it you guys?" She raised her eyebrows lightly. "You're here, aren't you, for Samuel? Joseph, do you think I'm easy to push around? Do you think if you come a few more times, I'll cave in?"

Joseph shook his head calmly. "Angela, I'm not here because of Samuel. It's about Zacharias."

When Zacharias was mentioned, Angela didn't feel as upset.

She casually asked, "Oh, is he okay? He collapsed here the other day, scared me. Just to make it clear beforehand, don't falsely accuse me of saying anything offensive."

Joseph nodded, his demeanor becoming even softer. "I understand. Zacharias' situation is not good. It was your care before that gradually improved his condition. We didn't recognize your kindness, so... I wanted to ask, could you help him again?"

Hearing him finally admit his past mistakes, Angela felt a twinge of bitterness in her heart.

But only a little because she didn't care about these things anymore.

A faint smile curled on her lips, and she firmly rejected, with a hint of irony. "Of course not."

She certainly wasn't a saint.

Joseph's expression remained unchanged, **as** if he knew she would respond in this

way.

He glanced around, then suddenly smiled warmly and said, "Well, could you please give me some guidance? You don't have to get directly involved, just point me in the right direction, **can** you do that?"

Angela didn't answer,

Joseph's eyes darkened slightly, but his demeanor remained gentle as ever. "Regardless, we're still siblings. To be honest, Zacharias has spoken up for you several times before. He feels it was our fault. We shouldn't have treated you that way. He thinks we owe you an apology. 1 can understand if you don't forgive me for what happened with Samuel, but as for Zacharias" situation, I hope you can lend a hand."

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Angela lowered her eyes, her eyelashes trembling.

She hadn't expected that what Zacharias had said that day wasn't an act but genuine.

Yet, **as** she had said that day, the damage was done, so what **was** the point of bringing it up

now?

Angela let out a cold snort. "The only reason I agreed to meet with you was to tell you one thing. The matters of the Kins Family have nothing to do with me, so you'd better not come looking for me again. Samuel just hurt me like this, and now you want me to help Zacharias? Do you really think I'm that easy to bully?"

Joseph didn't show any anger upon hearing this. He continued to speak gently, "Angela, don't let your pride lead you to regret."

"Ridiculous." Angela sneered coldly. "I'd regret not helping the **Kins** Family? Please, get your facts straight. I've moved on."

Joseph sighed softly. "What must be done to save him?"

Angela became impatient and frowned. "Don't come to me. I don't have the skills to save anyone. Instead of wasting time here, you'd better think of another solution."

Despite Angela's words, Joseph persisted, "I acknowledge our wrongdoings. But this **is a** matter of life and death. Zacharias is truly in danger, and time is of the

essence. He was on the brink of death before, but your presence gave him hope. If you don't help now, he will die."

But what did this have to do with her? When she sincerely reached out, how did they repay. her?

Angela found it absurd, but she seemed to be stubbornly making a request. "I can consider saving Zacharias. However, you need to have Scarlet come and ask me."

Joseph was taken aback. "Mom?"

He let out a small sigh and said, "She came last time, but you..."

"So, what does it mean to plead?" She found it somewhat amusing. "With her attitude last time, how could I possibly agree?"

Angela did not make a definitive statement. When the time came, whether to save him or not, would depend on how the Kin Family chose.

Joseph knew that Angela harbored deep resentment, but it was also because of her longing

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for family and affection in the past that she acted this way.

He didn't hesitate before nodding in agreement.

If Angela could **set** aside her pride and **save** Zacharias, Scarlet should agree.

But before seeking help, he had to inform Scarlet that she needed to change her condescending attitude; otherwise, everything would be in vain.

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Shortly after Joseph left. Jonathan arrived with the heartwarming soup made by May.

Angela finished it all, showing appreciation.

Of course. Jonathan couldn't conceal the fact that Joseph had been there. When he inquired about it. Angela obediently responded, "I'm not trying to make things difficult for them. It's just that some things haven't happened to them personally, so they'll never understand the pain."

Jonathan nodded.

Curious, Angela asked, "Jonathan, aren't you going to inquire why I want Scarlet to do something for me?"

He inquired, "What do you wish to do?"

His tone was a bit too serious, and it lacked a hint of playfulness.

Angela playfully blinked. "It's a secret for now."

Jonathan indulgently smiled. "Alright."

Whatever she liked was fine with him; after all, he would support her no matter what.

Despite Angela's current happiness, she still harbored deep resentment towards her family, and the wounds hadn't completely healed. If tormenting her family could provide her with **some** relief, he was more than willing to do so.

The two conversed aimlessly, and before they realized it, it was almost ten o'clock at night.

Angela was surprised. "Aren't you going back yet? You should rest early, considering how busy **you** are with work."

Jonathan brought out the folding bed from the room. "I'll stay with you tonight."

It was only then that she noticed Simon had left at some point.

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Actually, she was perfectly capable of being alone at night and didn't need someone to accompany her. Previously, Simon and Oliver had slept on the couch in the living room, but of course. Jonathan was different.

Observing the small folding bed, it **was** evident it could not accommodate the tall Jonathan.

Feeling a bit apologetic, Angela gestured toward her own bed. "Why don't we share the bed?"

Her voice was gentle and slightly sweet, causing her to feel a bit embarrassed as she listened.

Although they had shared a bed before, most of the time **it** was Jonathan who initiated it, and she had to reluctantly accept. Now, it seemed like she was the one suggesting it. However, she was merely being courteous.

But Jonathan did not hesitate at all and responded with an 'okay."

There was a hint of laughter in his tone, as if he was about to burst out laughing.

The hospital bed was not like home. Angela could sleep alone just fine, but with Jonathan squeezed in, it felt cramped.

He simply pulled her into his arms, and his deep voice sounded in her ears. "Goodnight, let's sleep."

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Jonathan's warm breath lingered in Angela's car, making her feel all tingly.

For some reason, they had already become more intimate, even though they had shared more intimate moments. Yet, this simple act of embracing each other quietly still made Angela's heart race.

How am *I supposed to sleep* like this?

Angela nervously fidgeted with her fingers.

Jonathan's hand that was around Angela's waist gently rubbed against her. "What's wrong?"

"Can

you really rest like this?" Angela sounded worried.

Maybe we should just go back to their own beds.

After a moment of contemplation, Jonathan said, "Did I accidentally touch your wound?"

With that, he released his hold on her and added, "I'll sleep in the smaller bed."

Jonathan felt somewhat frustrated.

How could he forget that she was still recovering?

Just a casual invitation from her had already made him somewhat uneasy.

"No," she said, reaching out to tug at his sleeve.

That wasn't what she meant.

She was... afraid he wouldn't rest well.

Angela furrowed her brow and bit her lip. She was unsure of how to express herself.

Jonathan turned around and looked at her. "Angela, don't tempt me with that look and posture."

Angela raised her head, and Jonathan Lawson's eyes darkened slightly, with a hint of understanding in them.

Blushing, she quickly let go of his sleeve. "Jonathan, I didn't mean... that. Good night."

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With that, she lay down on the bed and covered her head with the blanket.

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From behind came his playful laughter. "Angela, take good care of yourself and recover quickly."

After speaking, he lay down on the small bed.

Perhaps too tired, the couple exchanged a few words before drifting off to sleep.

Listening to the steady breathing beside her, Angela felt incredibly at ease at that moment. Maybe it was because she had been on edge all day, but now that she had relaxed, she felt a wave of exhaustion wash over her, and she fell asleep in no time.

When Angela woke up, Jonathan was already gone, and Ms. May brought in breakfast, which looked very delicious.

And when Scarlet found out that Angela had specifically requested her presence, she was not pleased at all.

Last time, Angela hadn't been very friendly toward her. This time, being summoned without being given a proper reason, Scarlet didn't know how she would be tormented.

Upon seeing his mother still in a bad mood, Joseph was also very helpless, but he patiently persuaded her, "Right now, Zacharias is beyond help from medicine. You know that. The only one who can save him is Angela. Angela may be upset with us, but if we let her vent, I believe she won't stand by and watch someone die."

In his view, although Angela had changed somewhat and was no longer as foolish as before, there were some things deep down that wouldn't change. However, he didn't have a very effective way to handle her.

Now that Angela Kins had made a move, he was curious as to why she insisted on bringing Scarlet over.

Can she still be yearning for the maternal love she lacked in her childhood?

With this thought, Joseph couldn't help but smirk. The situation was becoming increasingly fascinating.

Scarlet was extremely reluctant. "You know what kind of person she has become. Back when we didn't even bother with her, she was still so arrogant. And now, am I supposed to go crawling to her for help? At my age, wouldn't that just be humiliating?"

But really, what's the harm in a little humiliation? It's not like it will be turned into a movie for everyone to see. In the confines of that closed room, dignity seems like a trivial concern since no one else.

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Joseph felt that Scarlet was impossible to reason with. "Mom, but we don't have any other options now."

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Scarlet's face darkened. "It's all because you're useless. If you were any good, would me to stoop to such embarrassing measures? You all strut around so confidently in normal circumstances, but now, you just want to make me go and do these disgraceful things?"

She had no intention of going. Let whoever wanted to go leave.

At **this** point, Joseph had lost his patience.

He believed he had exhausted all efforts to save Zacharias.

It was George and Scarlet, as parents, who were neglectful and unable to confront the situation.

Joseph's tone turned icy. "If you're not willing to go, then let's brainstorm another solution. But you're well aware of the urgency surrounding Zacharias' condition. I'll head back to the hospital now. Hopefully, we can find a way out."

With those words, he left without a backward glance.

Scarlet was stunned. Her son's behavior was deteriorating.

Where is the gentle

and obedient son from before? How can he simply utter a **few** words and walk away?

He's truly a chip off the old block, just like George, quick to lose his temper at the slightest inconvenience.

The more she thought about it, the angrier she became.

If the child isn't taught, if the father's fault.

It's all George's fault.

So, she dialed George's number.

There was still no response.

Scarlet slammed the phone in frustration.

This house was becoming increasingly desolate.

Forget it. She didn't want it anymore.

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She was still angry when suddenly the phone rang, vibrating on the ground.

Feeling helpless, she picked it up.

It was an unknown number calling.

She hesitated for a moment, then pressed the answer button. "Hello"

The other person spoke softly. "Excuse me, are you Madam Scarlet Square?

Scarlet frowned. The woman's voice on the other end sounded somewhat familiar, but she couldn't remember where she had heard it before.

She asked, "Who is this?"

The woman chuckled, then said, "Have you received the photos?"

She intentionally spoke softly because she did not want the other party to recognize her voice.

Scarlet impatiently replied. "What nonsense is this? Who are you?"

The woman's voice was gentle yet somewhat affected, "You'll find out soon enough. Oh, by the way, you must look at the photos. Then you'll know where your husband sleeps when he's not beside you."

With that, she hung up the phone.

Scarlet was bewildered and called back, but the other side either hung up or didn't answer, making her furious.

At that moment, someone rang the doorbell.

They said, "Hello, is this Madam Scarlet Square? I have something for you."

It was a very light box.

Scarlet shook it and did not know what was inside. She remembered the strange phone call just now and felt a surge of fear, so she hurried into the house and used scissors to open the

box.

Sure enough, it was a stack of photos, all of them taken on a bed.

Of course, they weren't nude, but they showed Linda and George sleeping under the same blanket.

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As expected, George has been hanging out with this little fox. Absolutely shameless.

Needless to say, it was Linda who sent them to herself.

The phone call just now must have been from her, too.

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This shameless woman dared to provoke her so blatantly that she simply didn't take her seriously.

And George wasn't any better.

With so much going on at home, he still had the leisure to hang out with such a slut.

Scarlet was burning with anger.

She wished she could skin these two alive.

Dialing the number again, Scarlet was surprised when Linda picked up. "You sl*t," Scarlet spat. "You're so young yet so willing to degrade yourself. Your parents failed to teach you any decency, so let me show you how it's done!"

Linda wasn't afraid at all and even kept taunting. "Come on. Old hag..."

She even gave Scarlet her address. Without **a** second thought, Scarlet stormed out of the house, determined to confront Linda face—to—face.

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Chapter 216 Scarlet Gets Framed

Upon stepping out of the car, Scarlet's eyes fell upon the upscale, luxurious residential area. It fueled her anger to its peak.

How dare that sc*mbag George spend so lavishly to allow that wretched woman to live in such luxury!

No wonder that b*tch Linda has the audacity to openly declare war on me now. It's all thanks to George spoiling her!

With determined strides, a fuming Scarlet stormed into the residential area, vowing to confront that woman and make her regret ever crossing paths with George.

Following the floor number provided by Linda, Scarlet quickly located the apartment.

As soon as the elevator doors opened, she was greeted by the sight of Linda leaning against the door frame in luxurious silk pajamas.

Scarlet made a beeline for her.

"Scarlet... Ah!" Linda didn't even finish her sentence before Scarlet delivered a resounding slap, knocking her to the ground.

Without waiting for her to react, Scarlet delivered three swift kicks before stepping over her and barging into the apartment. She then turned, grabbed Linda by the hair, and dragged her inside.

With a loud bang, the door slammed shut.

The entire sequence of events unfolded swiftly, without a moment's pause.

Linda was left dazed and disoriented on the floor while listening to Scarlet's barrage-of insults.

"You filthy w*ore, seducing my man. You sly fox, I'll disfigure your face with scissors and see how you'll seduce men then. You little sl*t..." Scarlet ranted as she ransacked the entire living

room.

Linda had anticipated something like this happening, but she hadn't expected Scarlet to be so relentless. Her heart raced **as** she watched the furious Scarlet headed toward the kitchen.

Panicked, Linda scrambled to her feet and attempted to escape through the door.

Scarlet heard the commotion, turned around, and immediately charged over. She grabbed a

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handful of Linda's hair, dragged her inside, and delivered four hard slaps across her face, causing Linda's lips to split.

"You little slut, you dare to run away! If you move again, I'll kill you!" Scarlet's face was filled. with fury.

Linda's face throbbed with pain, blood trickling from her split lip down her chin and onto her collar. "Scarlet, you old hag, how dare you hit me! George will surely defend me!"

"He's just a passing fancy, a temporary plaything. Do you really think he'll come to your rescue? Dream on! Once I've disfigured you, let's see if he still cares." Scarlet sneered, her eyes filled with malice.

With that, she yanked Linda's hair and dragged her toward the kitchen.

There were knives in the kitchen! Linda felt a wave of terror wash over her. She was gripped with terror and regretted deeply for allowing this deranged woman entry.

Despite the pain in her scalp, Linda fought desperately. She pushed Scarlet away and fled while crying for help. "She's trying to kill me! Help me!"

Scarlet was caught off guard by Linda's strength. She clutched a handful of hair that came loose in her hand as she pursued her.

During this time, some people who were not at work heard the commotion and opened the door to see what was happening.

Linda immediately rushed over and pleaded pitifully for help. "Help me. She's going to kill me, sob..."

Witnessing Scarlet's menacing approach and Linda's distress, a bystander stepped forward and blocked her path. "Who are you? Do you realize this **is** illegal?"

"I'm confronting my man's mistress. Do you have any objections?" Scarlet retorted.

Despite society becoming more open in this era, having mistresses was still looked down upon by many.

The bystander hesitated and considered it better not to meddle in others' business.

These domestic matters were too complicated for outsiders to understand.

Upon seeing this, Linda burst into tears. "No, it's not true, I didn't... she... sob..."

But amidst her tears, her words were unclear, and she couldn't explain properly.

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Scarlet **seized** Linda's hair and dragged her back inside. She cautioned the bystander, "It's best not to interfere in others' affairs"

The door slammed shut.

The bystander heard a woman's piercing scream from inside the house.

Meanwhile, Scarlet, upon seeing Linda hiding in the room and deliberately screaming before locking the door, looked at her with bewilderment.

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After scolding Landa for a while, Scarlet prepared to leave.

Just then, Linda emerged from the room.

Unlike before, although she still looked miserable, there was a smug smile on her face. "You fool, do you know why I gave you the address? Do you know why I let you beat me up on purpose?

Scarlet, reminded by her words, suddenly realized there was indeed something off.

Normaly, a rational person would avoid their ex-partner at all costs. However, this despicable woman took the initiative to come over and didn't even fight back when she was attacked. Scarlet used to believe she could defeat Linda, but now she sensed something was

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Scarlet's gaze was sharp, like knives, as she stared at Linda. "Are you planning to report me like last time? Let me tell you, I have many connections, and my position in the Kins Family

secure. I'm not afraid of George!"

She had found it hard to accept because of the decades—long relationship between husband. and wife and never expected George to cheat.

But now, she realized it wasn't such a big deal after all.

Linda sneered. "Calling you stupid is truly fitting. You can only think this far, huh."

At **that** moment, another knock sounded at Linda's door.

With a confident smile, Linda remarked, "Your grand surprise has arrived."

It was the police, whom Linda had promptly alerted upon spotting Scarlet entering the neighborhood.

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Having checked beforehand, she knew it would take approximately ten minutes for them to arrive from the nearby station. Everything fell perfectly into **place**.

Scarlet quickly grasped the situation. As she was escorted away by the police, she vehemently protested her innocence, claiming she was set up.

Linda shook her head in disbelief and couldn't help but think how naive Scarlet was.

Even if she was framed, it wouldn't change anything.

The evidence was clear: Linda had been assaulted, with neighbors witnessing the ordeal and her injuries bearing testament to the truth.

Besides providing the address and photos, Linda hadn't even hinted at inviting Scarlet to attack her. So, framing her was out of the question.

After Scarlet finished giving her statement, the police decided to detain her for five days for public security reasons and notified her family.

When George received the call, he was dumbfounded.

He initially thought it was his troublemaking son, Samuel, who was causing a stir again, but he never imagined it would be Scarlet.

When he bailed out Scarlet, he couldn't help but curse directly, "Are you in your thirties and still using your brain as a decoration? You fool, how could you go and hit someone? What were you thinking? Do you want to disgrace the Kins Family completely?"

Scarlet sneered. "I only hit someone because of you. If you couldn't control yourself, I wouldn't be in this situation now."

In front of everyone, her words embarrassed him, so he decided to ignore her for the time. being. "Shrew, I don't want to talk to you."

With that, he walked away.

But Scarlet wouldn't let it go. She immediately started arguing with him. "What? Feeling guilty? Let me tell you, if you continue to hang out with that little vixen, not only will I hit you this time, but I'll hit you next time, too. Are you not ashamed? At your age, with that smell on you, still messing around with your daughter's classmate. You really have no

shame..."

"What did you say? You hit Linda?" George looked shocked and angry.

Upon seeing George like this, Scarlet felt extremely upset, so she decided to let it all out. "Yes.

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If it wasn't **for** your precious little sl*t, would I end up like this? Huh, you think she's some kind of good girl, but she'll use you up and leave you high and dry."

George was so angry he raised his hand to hit her but was stopped by James, who couldn't help but say, "Dad, Mom, **this** is the police station."

They continued arguing from inside the police station to outside.

George restrained himself.

It really wasn't appropriate to fight in front of a police station.

He snorted coldly. "I'll settle the score with you later!"

With that, he left first.

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George left without a word.

Scarlet, with red eyes, cursed at his departing figure. "You are disrespectful to me. If you still play with women at your age, you will die in a b*tch's bed sooner or later."

James sighed and said, "Mom, let's go home first."

Upon arriving home, George was nowhere to be found.

There was no need to ask. He must've been with that woman.

Scarlet was **so** angry that she began smashing things in the house.

Feeling annoyed by the scene, James didn't say much and made an excuse to leave.

Upon seeing that no one was paying attention to her, Scarlet became more and more depressed. She wished she could demolish the house so that no one could live **a** good life.

When George rushed to Linda's house, she was applying medicine. Upon seeing her swollen face, he felt sorry. "It's my fault that I didn't protect you. I didn't expect that she would find you here.

Linda shook her head with tears welling up in her eyes. "Mr. George, how can you blame yourself for this? I shouldn't have been with you in the first place. It was unethical. Madam Scarlet has every right to be angry. I got beaten, but it made me feel a little relieved."

Upon seeing her like this, he felt distressed. "Let me take you to the hospital."

shook her head and forced a smile. "Mr. George, my appearance may look terrible, but it's not that bad in reality. If we go to the hospital and someone recognizes us, it won't be good for your reputation."

Thinking about the scene at the police station where Scarlet made a scent and publicized the family scandal without caring about his image, George felt furious.

He felt sorry for **her**. "You've been through a lot in this situation. I'll transfer some money to your account later as compensation."

Linda was secretly pleased but still politely declined. "Mr. George, I admire and care for you. for who you are, not for your money. Acting this way only seems to justify Madam Scarlet's

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George's expression darkened. "Take the money. You've suffered, and it's only fair to accept it. Don't worry. If she dares to object again. I'll divorce her immediately."

Linda felt a sense of triumph inside but quickly pretended to be surprised. "Mr. George, you can't... that would make me feel guilty. While I want to be with you. I don't want to break up your family."

Just divorcing like that wouldn't be right, would it?

If the Kins Family fell apart, how could she justify enduring the discomfort of pretending to be in a relationship with this olde man?

George sighed softly. He had spoken in the heat of the moment. He had several sons of his own, and he was getting older. Although he was drawn to Linda's youth, beauty, and gentle nature, Scarlet had been by his side for decades. Divorce wasn't a simple matter.

However, her behavior had crossed a line, and she needed to learn a lesson.

Linda's expression softened as she gently asked, "Is Madam Scarlet alright? I didn't expect the neighbors to call the police. Things were chaotic at the time, and she was taken away by the police. They saw that I was injured and told me to take care of my wounds first before giving. a statement. But don't worry, I'll explain to them that it was just an accident."

Her maturity touched him deeply.

"You did the right thing. Regardless of anything, Scarlet is now my wife. If she were to be sued and jailed, it would indeed tarnish my reputation. But rest assured, I won't easily let this matter slide. I will definitely stand up for you."

Linda leaned weakly into his embrace. "Mm, I'll listen to you."

Disgusting man, she thought bitterly.

Indeed, no matter how sweet–talked they were usually, when it came to their own reputation. they would still hold it high and gently put it down.

As the saying goes, "The apple doesn't fall far from the tree. No wonder the whole Kins Family, except for Angela, who had long severed ties with them, were so hypocritical.

Especially Fanny. She was deemed understanding and obedient, right?

When the Kins Family was in dire straits, she wanted to see if she could still maintain such dignity.

After a brief moment of affection between George and Linda, he drove home to settle the

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When he saw the mess at home, it only fueled his already boiling anger.

He kicked open the bedroom door, only to find the room in complete disarray.

"Scarlet, can you still call this living?" he roared and grabbed Scarlet, who was slumped in a chair. "You know you're in the wrong, yet instead of reflecting, you're doubling down?"

Scarlet sneered and pushed him away. "What, done consoling your little mistress? Can't bear to stay away? Ready to defend that little fox? George, do you even have a conscience to speak of?"

George, displeased with Scarlet's attitude, couldn't hold back. "Scarlet, stop calling her names. Let me tell you, she's much kinder and gentler than you'll ever be. She's been beaten black and blue by you and still refuses to go to the hospital, just to save face for me. She even said. she wouldn't sue you. Do you realize how much she's sacrificed for me? And you? All you do is cause me trouble."

Scarlet looked at him with disbelief. "What? You think she's kind... Hahaha, George, do you realize you're being played for a fool? It was that little slt who set this all up, do you know that? She sent me the photos and willingly told me where to find you. Otherwise, how would I have known?"

George didn't believe her words at all. "Even now, you're still trying to blame her. Scarlet, I have to admit, you're quite cunning. What happened to your former virtuous self? Did it all go to waste?"

"Don't believe me?" Scarlet rushed to find the photos Linda had sent her, but she couldn't remember where she had put them. It seemed like they were downstairs in the living room. She hurried to find them. "Just wait. I'll get you the evidence."

George's face darkened. "Have you gone mad? Let me tell you, iristead of spending **all** this time tormenting Linda, you should be figuring out how **to** save Zacharias and Samuel."

With that, he turned and left. As he reached the door, he warned again. "If you dare to trouble Linda again, I'll make sure to deal with you."

The door slammed shut, and its sound echoed like a heavy blow to Scarlet's heart.

She collapsed to the ground with tears streaming down her face when she realized that George no longer loved her the way he used to do.

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George instinctively protected the other woman.

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However, he had a point. Instead of vying for a husband who had lost all affection, it was better to focus on protecting her sons.

With her sons by her side, George wouldn't dare to overstep his boundaries so, she decided. to go and beg Angela.

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When Scarlet arrived, Angela was lazily sunbathing on the balcony.

This luxurious studio apartment had everything one could need, making it as comfortable as being at home.

Having money was truly wonderful.

With a good mood and comfortable living arrangements, Angela's injury healed quickly.

At that moment, Oliver came to inform her that Scarlet had arrived.

Upon hearing this, the smile faded from Angela's face.

She couldn't believe that someone as arrogant and unwilling to back down as Scarlet had actually come, all because of Zacharias,

Indeed, apart from Angela, any child in Scarlet's eyes was held in high regard.

When Scarlet entered, she seemed a bit uneasy. Having learned from the previous encounter, she didn't display the same arrogant attitude. Instead, she appeared somewhat gentler.

She was holding some things in her hands, and her gaze fell on Angela with a hint of concern. "Is your wound getting better?"

Angela sneered. "Let's be honest here. Why bother being so hypocritical about our relationship?"

Scarlet's expression stiffened. She **was** still somewhat displeased with Angela's attitude and couldn't help but say, "Angela, regardless of anything, I am still **your** mother. Can you please not speak to me with such a tone?"

Angela shrugged. "Then what tone should I use? Madam Scarlet, **are** you still unable to grasp the situation? I am no longer your daughter. Have you forgotten?"

The words came out without hesitation, leaving Scarlet visibly shaken. She struggled to hold back her frustration and managed a forced smile. "Angela, **just** say the word. I'll do whatever I can to help.

Angela glanced at her casually. "You've got it wrong, as usual. You're the one who came to me. Why do you act like I'm twisting your arm into doing something wrong?"

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Scarlet's face soured, but she tried to keep her cool. "Angela, please, I'm begging you. Save Zacharias. He's still kind to you."

Angela scoffed as her eyes filled with sarcasm. "Kind to me? Has anyone in the Kins Family **ever** treated me well? I made it crystal clear before that I have nothing to do with the **Kins** Family's fate."

"But you said if I came to beg you..." Scarlet's face flushed as she stumbled over her words.

you'd agree to help Zacharias."

Angela smiled. "Yes, I said I'd think about it... And isn't this begging? Maybe life's been too easy for you, and you don't know what it's like to plead with someone?"

Scarlet was irritated by her teasing and said desperately, "So what do you want? Do you me to kneel and beg you? We've lived as mother and daughter for a while. Even if things aren't great for you now, it's still better than being with Britney."

That was the truth.

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If it weren't for their past experiences, she wouldn't hold such deep resentment toward them. and willingly sacrifice herself for Fanny.

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Upon seeing Scarlet's reaction, Angela chuckled. "But didn't I care for all of you in the past? Hasn't that repaid your supposed kindness to me? Without me, Zacharias might not even be alive today."

Scarlet grew anxious. "Angela, will you help or not?"

"Here we go again..." Angela seemed detached, as if observing a spectacle. I've mentioned before that you lack the finesse to seek aid. If you seek my assistance, you must show respect instead of coercion. Otherwise, if I'm unwilling, I won't be able to devise a viable solution for saving someone."

Upon seeing Angela's demeanor, Scarlet felt truly at a loss, prompting her to humbly inquire. "Tell me, what are your terms?"

"If you want me to save Zacharias, then you must remove Fanny from the Kins Family and have her household registered at Mike's house," Angela stated coldly and emphasized each word. "If you choose Fanny, then your son will face death."

These words pierced Scarlet's heart like a dagger.

She had mulled over countless scenarios, was prepared to tackle any challenge and willing to spend a hefty sum to save Zacharias. Yet, Angela's condition caught her off guard.

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Instinctively, she inquired, "How does this involve Fanny?"

As expected, it all boiled down to Fanny.

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In Angela's past life, she vividly remembered a time when she had tirelessly served the family, only to fall ill from exhaustion. Despite running a high fever and delirium, no one bothered to offer her even a sip of water.

Her illness was brushed off as mere theatrics, with no one acknowledging its seriousness.

Meanwhile, Fanny, who had a minor cold, received an abundance of care and attention.

At that time, Fanny was like a little princess and was regarded as the apple of everyone's eyes.

Angela couldn't understand why she deserved to be neglected just because she didn't grow up around them from a young age, thus lacking emotional attachment.

So, this time, she wanted to **see** for herself what choice Scarlet would make between. Zacharias and Fanny.

People often fail to empathize until they experience pain themselves.

Angela's eyes turned slightly cold, and she said sarcastically, "After all, Zacharias has been doting on her for so long. Doesn't Fanny want to do something for her dear brother? It's just at matter of status, nothing serious. Anyway, she's very sensible and kind, I think she'll agree."

"Well..." Scarlet was somewhat hesitant. "Can we change the terms? Fanny hasn't endured much hardship since childhood. If she goes back to the Lynch Family, she'll be miserable."

Angela didn't waste any words and said coldly, "Fine, then let Zacharias wait for death!"

Scarlet's expression changed, and she immediately approached Angela. "No, Angela, don't be so ruthless. He's your brother...your blood brother. I'm begging you....

Angela stepped back with a hint of disdain in her eyes. "Don't try pulling at heartstrings. We never shared any real bond. If you can't let go of this, spare me the lectures about my lack of conscience. You're just as selfish, so spare me the sanctimony about motherly love. It's all just selfishness."

Scarlet's expression faltered. She felt unsure of how to respond.

She wanted to say more, but seeing Angela's distant demeanor, words failed her.

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Finally, **all** she could manage was a nod and pleaded, "Could I have some time to think this. over?"

Angela nodded, a faint smirk playing on her lips. "You have one day to think about it."

Upon listening to Angela's sarcastic tone, Scarlet felt deeply uncomfortable, but there wasn't much she could do about it.

She left the hospital. When she squinted at the glaring sunlight, she felt a little dizzy. She nearly stumbled but was thankfully helped by a kind passerby.

Scarlet stumbled back home in a daze, and when she saw Fanny coming to greet her, she felt a pang of bitterness in her heart.

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Fanny revealed a graceful smile.

She helped Scarlet to sit on the couch and asked, "Mom, how did it go? What did Angela say?"

Everyone knew that Scarlet went to the hospital today to ask Angela to save Zacharias.

Fanny was also very concerned about this matter and waited at home specifically for it.

Scarlet's mood seemed off, prompting Fanny to inquire. "Mom, what's wrong? Is everything not going well?:

It seemed like Scarlet had been crying.

Fanny suddenly had an ominous feeling in her heart.

Before she could ask, she heard Scarlet say gravely, "Fanny, I want to discuss something with you."

Her heart skipped a beat. Could it be that this matter also involved her?

"What, what is it?" Fanny felt uneasy. She held Scarlet's hand and comforted her softly, "Mom, don't put too much pressure on yourself. Christopher and I are trying to figure out ways to help Zacharias and Samuel. Even if Angela doesn't help, we can still find a solution. It's just that Christopher has been hospitalized recently, so he doesn't have much energy.

She tried to remind Scarlet that no matter what, she was the future lady of the Sanders Family, so she shouldn't hastily agree to any requests from the other side just because of a few words from Angela.

Scarlet still looked a little dazed. She gritted her teeth and seemed to have made up her mind. She looked at Fanny with a somewhat heartbroken look in her eyes and then slowly said, "Fanny, only Angela can cure Zacharias' illness now, so I went to beg her today."

Fanny felt flustered and dared not make eye contact with Scarlet. She quickly said, "I understand."

"She said she wants you to move your household registration out of the Kins Family and back to Mike's family before she is willing to help save Zacharias."

Fanny's heart was suddenly in turmoil, and her voice quivered, "You agreed?"

"I..." Scarlet choked up. She had only given me one day to consider. I had no choice but to

agree."

Fanny's fingers trembled slightly, and a hint of reluctance and disappointment flashed in her eyes. "Mom, are you really going to make me leave the Kins Family?"

"Fanny, I'm also in a difficult position." Scarlet lifted her head to look at Fanny. "But, right now, this is the only way to save Zacharias."

Fanny's eyes turned red, and she immediately hugged Scarlet, silently expressing all her reluctance.

She felt Scarlet gently stroking her hair and comforting her in a warm voice, "Fanny, don't worry. It's just a temporary measure to deceive Angela. Once she cures Zacharias, we will immediately move your household registration back. This is my promise to you."

Fanny sobbed softly in Scarlet's arms. "Mom, I can't bear to leave you."

That was what she said, but in a place where Scarlet couldn't see, a hint of disdain flashed in her eyes, and she also became cold.

All the promises and love were fake.

Usually, they were all talk and no action, but when it came to a crucial moment, she was the one being abandoned.

Indeed, whether it was an adopted daughter or a biological daughter, they were not as important as Scarlet's sons.

Scarlet sighed softly. "Fanny, there's nothing **we** can do about this situation now. Joseph said. it himself: Zacharias is beyond help in the hospital. If Angela doesn't intervene, he's just waiting to die."

Thinking about this, Scarlet felt a deep sense of sadness.

One son was about to go to jail, another son was lying in the hospital waiting to die, and what made her feel even more hopeless was that her husband didn't care about of it.

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What sins had she committed?

"Why is Angela behaving like this? Does she despise me?" Fanny's voice was muffled and tinged with bitterness, making Scarlet feel even more uncomfortable.

Scarlet's eyes turned cold, and she said with **a** hint of disdain in her tone, "That's just her nature. Living in **a** small town for too long has made her narrow—minded. Whenever she has the opportunity, she will make things as difficult as possible for us. Even though she's my

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own flesh and blood, she's nothing like me at all."

In comparison, Fanny, who was not her biological child, was much more sensible and kind- hearted.

Fanny stood up, wiped away her tears, and said, "But, but... you know what kind of person my biological mother is. She was already unhappy about the engagement, and if I really moved. in, she definitely wouldn't treat me well.

She couldn't refuse to change her household registration. Refusing wouldn't bring any benefits, and it would only upset the Kins Family. So, at least on the surface, she had to agree

to it.

But she absolutely couldn't move in with the Lynch Family.

After some consideration. Scarlet said, "I understand. Just changing your household registration will do. You can still continue living with the Kins Family."

Fanny bit her lip and furrowed her brow lightly. "Angela won't agree. She hates me so much that she will definitely make things ditlicult for me. Mom, if we do things according to her wishes, I don't know if I can survive."

Tears welled up in Fanny's eyes, and she was overwhelmed with sadness.

Observing Fanny's distress, Scarlet felt a pang **of** sympathy and her eyes involuntarily welled. up with tears. "Fanny, it won't come to that. Don't worry, you still have your older brothers. They'll take care of you. Plus, we'll move your household registration as she requested. If she still refuses to let you stay with the Kins Family, then she's being unreasonable."

Fanny's expression turned somewhat icy, but Scarlet seemed oblivious to the situation.

Now, it was Angela who had the upper hand. She could call the shots, couldn't she?

Fanny composed herself and said understandingly, "Mom, don't worry. I'm willing to do anything to save Zacharias, even if it means selling blood or kidneys."

Relieved by her commitment, Scarlet nodded. "You're a good girl. I knew you'd agree. You're **a** wonderful daughter, and I'll always treat you right."

But, Mom... Fanny hesitated. "Wouldn't the Sanders Family have even stronger opinions about me if they found out?"

Scarlet shook her head reassuringly, "Don't worry, I talked to them about it. **They** understood."

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Fanny forced a smile as she nodded.

To hell with understanding! she thought furiously.

With Samuel in prison, there was no escaping it. It was a criminal offense, and coming out meant being **a** convict. Her future father–in–law, Michael, already had strong opinions about the matter, openly and subtly mocking her for disgracing the Sanders Family.

If I lose my status as the adopted daughter of the Kins Family, can I still marry into the Sanders Family? If not, will my life be ruined?

She didn't dare to gamble on Christopher's love for her. After all, his status was quite awkward.

No! I absolutely won't

allow things to go in that direction. I can't just sit around waiting for my fate to be sealed. I have to do something about it, Fanny whispered in her heart.

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In Angela's hospital ward, Kevin and Bruce came to visit as agreed. They brought gifts that filled the room, each one valuable.

Angela was delighted to see them. "Old Mr. Lawson, Grandpa, I'm really happy to see you two here, but why did you bring so many gifts?"

She quickly ushered the two old men to sit on the couch before pouring two cups of water and placing them on the coffee table. "Didn't I say that I was fine on the phone? It's nothing

serious."

Bruce gestured to Angela. "Come here. Let us take a good look at you."

Angela walked over to the two old men and obediently allowed them to examine her. carefully.

After a thorough examination, the two elders nodded in satisfaction. Kevin added, "Hmm, your mental state is fine. Has your injury healed? Should I invite some foreign doctors to check on you?"

Considering her future career as a doctor, he was concerned about the shoulder injury affecting the arm and potential issues that could affect her judgment as a doctor.

In response, Angela shook her head and reassured them, "It's fine, Grandpa. I'm a doctor myself. I know how my body is healing."

Bruce also insisted, "Angela, if you really need a doctor, look for me. The doctors. recommended by the Sanders Family..."

He glanced at Kevin with a hint of dissatisfaction on his face and continued "...are not trustworthy."

Infuriated, Kevin's face reddened. "How could you say that, old man?!"

"I'm just stating facts."

"What..."

Sensing the tension between them, Angela quickly interjected, "Old Mr. Lawson, Grandpa, I'm really fine. Jonathan will take care of it for me if anything happens."

At the mention of Jonathan Lawson, the two old men showed pleased smiles.

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Both of them agreed that Jonathan was a capable kid and always handled things thoroughly. Angela was his wife, **so** her condition should be his concern.

Just as they were chatting happily, Fanny showed up. When she saw who was in the ward, she froze.

Why are those two here?

Fanny's sudden appearance drew everyone's attention to her.

With a bashful smile, Fanny uttered, "Angela, I came to see you." Then, she greeted the two elders, "Hello, Old Mr. Lawson and Old Mr. Sanders. Are you here to see Angela, too?"

What a pointless question.

Bruce's expression darkened as he did not feel the need to attend to her.

It was a rare opportunity for him to chat with his granddaughter—in—law when she was feeling. better, but he didn't expect to encounter such a buzzkill.

On the other hand, Kevin nodded in acknowledgment. After all, she was Christopher's fiancée, so he had to respect her at some point.

Despite sensing how awkward the atmosphere had become since she entered, Fanny couldn't care less. Showing a kind smile to Angela, she asked, "Angela, how are you feeling? I cried as soon as I heard you were injured. I know you don't like me, so... I didn't dare to come and visit you as I was afraid of affecting your mood."

Here we go again. Here she goes, putting on a show in front of the elders.

Without giving her much respect, Angela bluntly exposed, "Is that so? Are you not afraid of affecting my mood now? Or did you come here specifically to do that?"

Hearing her words, Fanny bit her lip, lowered her head, and showed an aggrieved expression. "I–I didn't mean to... I just wanted to make sure you were really okay so I could feel at ease."

Angela coldly snorted and replied indifferently, "Are you satisfied now that you've seen me? You can leave now."

At this moment, Bruce pointed to the phone screen and waved at Angela. "Angela, come here. Can you help me see what this is?"

The three of them then chatted happily, completely ignoring Fanny's presence.

Fanny secretly ground her teeth.

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When Angela gave her a rude attitude earlier, she assumed that the two elders who were the heads of the family would be dissatisfied with her behavior. At the very least, she expected them to reprimand her, just like her brother and parents, and perhaps teach her a lesson.

However, they didn't seem to care at all.

In comparison to Angela, Fanny felt extremely unwelcome. She had always been treated like a little princess surrounded by admirers, so being treated so coldly came **as a** shock to her.

In Fanny's mind, she should always be the center of attention, no matter where she was or who she was with. She understood that the two elders might have a bias toward Angela because of Jonathan, but she didn't anticipate the extent of their favoritism.

Initially, she had planned to wait for them to leave before speaking to Angela. However, as she waited, they showed no signs of ending their conversation and completely ignored her

presence.

The more Fanny observed, the more upset she became, feeling as though she might explode at any moment. Afraid of losing control of her emotions, she forced a smile and excused herself, "Old Mr. Lawson, Old Mr. Sanders, Angela... I have something to attend to, so I will take my leave now. I will visit you next time."

No one responded. Fanny was so infuriated that she swiftly exited the ward.

As soon as she left, the two elders ceased their conversation and stood up.

"Well, it's getting late, Angela. You should get some rest."

"Yes, indeed. If someone you dislike visits, just ask them to leave. Don't let them stay, silly girl...

"And where is Oliver? Why isn't he keeping watch?"

Angela now realized that the two old men had stayed back to prevent Fanny from disturbing her. She smiled helplessly as she bid them farewell, feeling grateful.

At the hospital lobby, the two old men chatted casually as they waited for their drivers to drive their cars from the parking lot.

Kevin had a joyful expression. "Look at how generous Angela is. Despite facing a nuisance, she remains unaffected. Her mental strength is truly remarkable. My grandson is fortunate to have such a capable wife. I can trust him with the family."

Bruce was also pleased that his judgment was right.

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He had taken a liking to Angela from the start and had worked hard to win over his granddaughter—in—law.

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"I must say that your family is truly fortunate, too," Bruce remarked with a smile. "Your other grandson also married one of the daughters of the Kins Family, didn't he? Sisters to sisters- in–law. What a wonderful tale."

Kevin glared at Bruce, snorted, and remained silent. His displeasure was evident.

Just then, their car arrived, so they made their way toward it.

After they departed, Fanny emerged from around the corner, gazing at the disappearing vehicle with a look of defiance and coldness in her eyes.

Those two old men won't be happy for long.

She tossed the flower basket she had purchased into the trash can, walking away while dialing her phone.

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Christopher nearly suffocated from getting grounded in Sanders Residence as he lounged on the couch playing games.

He heard the sound of a car entering the yard and soon saw Kevin coming in. He quickly got up to greet him, looking respectfully obedient to the latter.

Kevin frowned when he saw him. "You got discharged?"

Christopher nodded. "Yes, I came back yesterday afternoon. You weren't home at that time."

In the morning, when he woke up, Kevin had also left the house.

Kevin nodded without saying much. With a heavy heart, he uttered, "Be more careful in the future. You're a grown man now. You shouldn't get distracted while driving."

"I will." Christopher looked humbly receptive.

"Grandpa, where have you been?" Christopher tried to please him.

Since Michael wanted him to get closer to Kevin, he figured that it would definitely be beneficial.

No matter how much Kevin disliked him, he was still his grandson.

Kevin sat on the couch and sighed, "I went to the hospital to visit Angela."

Christopher was surprised to hear that. "What happened to her?"

He was merely curious.

Kevin glanced at him with a disdainful look. "Don't you know? Angela was kidnapped by Samuel Kins, that b*stard, so she got injured and is currently in the hospital.""

He knew about the kidnapping, but he didn't know about the injury and hospitalization as no one had told him, but it seemed like it had nothing to do with him.

Christopher quickly smiled awkwardly. "I just got out of the hospital, so I didn't know about

it."

Kevin snorted coldly without uttering another word. Then, he plopped onto the couch with his eyes closed, looking like he didn't want to be disturbed.

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Christopher was stunned for **a** moment, thought of something, and then went straight to the underground garage and drove to the company. Within minutes, he arrived.

He went directly to Jonathan's office and put on a gentle and obedient smile on his face. "Jonathan. I heard that Angela was admitted to the hospital. **Is** it serious? Should I go and visit her too?"

Jonathan looked up and rejected him coldly, "No."

"We're family now, and Grandpa has been there. Wouldn't it seem appropriate if I don't visit her?" Christopher looked sincere as he continued, "Jonathan, I know I was

disrespectful to her before, but rest assured, I've realized my mistake now. Taking this chance, I'd also like to apologize to her."

Jonathan leaned back in his chair with no expression on his face. "Don't act all sincere in front of me!"

"Besides..." Jonathan paused. "Aren't you on house arrest? How come you're ignoring my orders?"

Christopher shook his head in denial. "It's not that. I-I **just** acted impulsively and forgot about

it."

Jonathan snorted coldly, tapped his desk with his finger, and uttered indifferently, "I'll lift your ban, but if you violate it again, I won't have mercy on you."

Christopher looked gratefully at him. "Thank you, Jonathan. What about... the credit card..."

That was his real purpose for coming here.

He wasn't sincere in visiting Angela, but in order to achieve his goal, he didn't mind pulling a

little act.

Jonathan shot him a cold look. "I'll see how you behave in three months."

Disappointment cast over Christopher's face. "Jonathan, I..."

Seeing that look on his face, Jonathan showed a displeased expression. "What? Does the Sanders Family not feed you? Can't you live without a credit card?"

Christopher quickly denied, "No, of course not."

"If you have nothing else to say, please leave." After saying that, Jonathan lowered his head to read the documents in his hand.

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Christopher knew that Jonathan hated being disturbed while working, and he probably had already exhausted his patience just now. Because of that, Christopher's frustration piled up, and he had nowhere to vent.

When can I become the true *head of* the Sanders Family? Being suppressed *by* Jonathan all *the* time is the worst feeling ever!

He had been feeling suffocated during his recent hospital stay. He wasn't able to eat anything he wanted during the stay and was unable to do anything that he wished. Without a credit card, he couldn't **be** carefree.

Even though his father used to give him money, he never had the concept of saving, so he was truly penniless now.

He needed to make some money.

In the downtown area, at a high-end beauty salon, Christopher was escorted to the VIP room by the staff, where Teresa was lying on the bed receiving treatment.

"What's wrong?" Teresa asked gently when she saw her son entering. "You sounded urgent on the phone."

Christopher smiled and settled on the couch in the VIP room, taking a few sips of the tea prepared by the staff before answering casually, "It's nothing. I just missed you and wanted to

see you."

Teresa sighed, "I know you too well. Tell me, did something happen to upset you? Is it that Jonathan guy again?"

His own mother always hit the nail on the head.

Christopher grumbled, "Ugh, Jonathan is really heartless. It's just a credit

rd, yet he's

holding onto it, saying he'll review my performance in three months and only return it to me if I behave well."

Teresa felt secretly resentful. *Is Jonathan* deliberately seeking revenge?

But with an expensive facial mask on her face, she couldn't show too much emotion.

"Don't worry, I have money. **I'll** give you some. Your dad gave me a lot of expensive bags and necklaces before, so selling some of them will be enough for you to live freely in the meantime."

Christopher felt bitter. He knew it wasn't easy for his mother to live with his father. They had gone through a lot of hard times before, and even though they were wealthier than before

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now, she always planned ahead by trying to get something from his father and save it in case of any unexpected situations in the future.

"No, thanks," Christopher declined. "I'll just tough it out. Three months will pass quickly."

He didn't believe that without money from the Sanders Family, he wouldn't be able to make

So, right in front of Teresa, he invited a few of his friends to a bar.

After ending the call, Christopher proudly showed off to her, "Mom, see that? Your son has loyal friends, too. In just three months, I'll get them to pay for me."

Teresa felt relieved, but thinking about his recent car accident, she said, "Remember, if you drink, make sure to have a driver pick you up. Or just don't drive at all, alright?"

Christopher was still shaken by the accident and dared not disobey. Otherwise, Jonathan would only punish him even more severely.

Jonathan was so terrifying that he didn't dare to upset him at all.

He used to be a cripple who was aloof but always with a sickly aura. Now that his leg had healed, his oppressive presence was even stronger.

Just the thought of Jonathan's cold expression made Christopher uneasy.

It was better to gather his friends to have some fun and go to the nearest bar to shoo the bad luck away.

He had just driven out for a while when his phone rang. It was Fanny calling.

With one hand on the wheel, he answered the phone, "Hey, Fanny. What's wrong? Are you crying? Who bullied you? Don't cry. Where are you? Wait, I'll come find you."

After hanging up Fanny.

the phone, Christopher turned the steering wheel and headed to look for

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In the lavish suite, Angela joyfully hummed to herself while unwrapping the gifts from the two elders.

The gifts consisted of gourmet food, beverages, and health supplements.

As she gazed at these items, Angela smiled contentedly. They really are babying me

"Angela. Suddenly, a familiar voice resonated from the doorway."

She turned around and saw Jessica carrying bags of items and standing at the entrance with a radiant smile.

Taken aback, Angela promptly put down the items in her hands and approached her. "Your face no longer looks swollen, and there are no more bruises."

Jessica nodded. Then, she set down her belongings and embraced Angela as she drew near. "Samuel, that b*stard! After hearing he had assaulted me, my brothers assured me they would arrange for someone to deal with him in prison. I'm warning you; do not pity him!"

"No, I won't. It's up to your brothers whic to spare his life or not. Angela sweetly smiled

while guiding Jessica into the inner room. "I was just wondering why visitors kept arriving one after another, yet none of them was you. It makes me unsure of your well–being."

Upon hearing that, Jessica sighed. Appearing somewhat sheepish, she explained, "I've been plagued by nightmares lately and haven't been sleeping well. I didn't want you to worry, so I postponed visiting you for a few days."

As she spoke, she felt somewhat shameful.

How ironic! Angela was the one who got injured. Yet, I'm the one experiencing nightmares.

At once, Angela embraced her and reassured her, "Rejoice, for better times lie ahead as we have survived a great ordeal."

Jessica nodded. "Yeah. Okay. Let's not dwell on that. You, though-

She paused and surveyed the room. "If I hadn't walked through the hospital entrance, I would have mistaken this **for your** cozy studio apartment. The setup here is way too lavish! Are you sure you're getting hospitalized and not enjoying a spa retreat?"

Apart from essential medical equipment, the room exuded a **warm** and inviting ambiance.

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Jessica pressed Angela's hospital bed mattress before lying down on it. "Wow, this is incredibly comfortable. As expected, being the wife of a tycoon certainly comes with special

treatment."

It's so cozy that I almost wish I was sick.

"How much do you think all this costs?" Jessica sat up, looking perplexed.

Although her family was affluent, they had never gone to such an extravagant extent for their family's hospital stay.

Angela shrugged, shook her head, and said, "I'm not sure. Jonathan arranged everything. The public would start to gossip about our marriage again if I didn't stay in a VIP ward."

Jessica nodded in agreement. "Indeed. But then again, you don't have to feel sorry about spending Jonathan's wealth. After all, he is a capitalist, and capitalists exploit the working class like **us** to amass their wealth."

Angela grinned at her words.

Then, Jessica raised an eyebrow and added, "Still, even as a bloodsucking capitalist, Jonathan seems highly affectionate. He sure does genuinely care for you. Love is indeed remarkable."

Angela widened her eyes and quickly clarified, "Jessica, don't jump to conclusions. Jonathan and I are merely allies with an agreement. It's not what you're imagining. Our marriage is all for appearances, alright? It's just a show we put up for the public eye."

However, Jessica smiled knowingly. "Why are you getting so panicked that you even reiterate it? In my opinion-" She leaned in closer to Angela and winked as she continued playfully, why not make it real? You two are only a few years apart. It's no big deal. Besides, not only is 'Cappiejo' good–looking, but he is also wealthy. Plus-"

"Oh, please stop!" Angeli shot her a look. She attempted to cover her mouth, but Jessica evaded her.

Just as Jessica was departing the ward, she suddenly jumped aside. Angela couldn't halt her steps in time and directly collided with the person who was about to enter.

The individual deftly caught Angela with both hands. "How restless." A calm voice sounded.

It was Jonathan.

Angela coughed and immediately halted in place. Then, she turned her head to glare fiercely at Jessica.

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Despite her eyes darting around, Jessica avoided Angela's gaze at all costs.

"Oh, come on. Must you two be lovey—dovey like this? Just then, a teasing voice sounded beside them, followed by Daniel showing up with a nonchalant demeanor. "Tsk, tsk. Mr.

zwson, is this the reason why you ignored me and rushed over here earlier? To hug your wife?*

Upon hearing Daniel's words, Angela trembled. She quickly left Jonathan's side and walked

inside.

As the warmth in his hand vanished, Jonathan couldn't help but furrow his brow and look at Daniel with displeasure.

Daniel feigned innocence. "Why are you staring at me like that?"

Ignoring him, Jonathan walked straight into the ward.

Daniel hurried to catch up. "Wait up. About the things I had talked to you about earlier..."

"My God! Can you stop disturbing them?" Jessica quickly stepped forward to stop Daniel. While pulling **him** away from the ward, she criticized, "Sir, you sure are poor at reading the room. Can't you see that you are extremely unwelcome here?"

This man is third—wheeling big time!

1. Daniel stared at the young lady in front of him with a hostile look. *Did she* just refer to me as Sir?! Do I seriously look so rigid that she addresses me as Sir?

Once Jessica led Daniel away, the ward instantly quieted down. But for some reason, Angela felt her cheeks burning. Moreover, as she recalled Jessica's remarks earlier, she had to admit. that there was no way her heart could remain totally unaffected.

Meanwhile, Jonathan koked at Angela, his gaze deepening. "Since you can move around freely now, I suppose your wound is healing well."

"Uh-huh." Angela nodded, looking somewhat distracted.

"What did Jessica say to you that made you so uneasy?"

Angela's mind raced. With a hint of hesitation, she said, "She mentioned that you are nice to me because **you** like me."

Jonathan did not deny it, but **his** eyes carried a hint of amusement as he asked, "What do think?

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Thinking of this, Angela **reassured** herself that they were purely strong allies and no personal feelings were involved.

Suddenly, she felt a hule suffocated. After making an excuse, she hurried out of the ward.

As he watched Angela's retreating figure, Jonathan couldn't help but smile..

Meanwhile, in the hospital's general wards, Sarah had just finished washing her father's clothes when she caught sight of the **well**-dressed Fanny. Well, one couldn't blame her for noticing right away. Fanny's attire seemed too flashy in the general ward.

What is Fanny doing here?

Other than Angela, who stays in the hospital's IP ward, I haven't heard *of any* other Kins Family members getting hospitalized.

Moreover, knowing Panny's **character**, she definitely wouldn't associate with someone staying in *the* general wari.

Therefore, Sarah followed curiously.

Then, she witnessed Fanny approaching a patient's bedside. It looked as though she was hesitating if she wanted to remove the person's oxygen tubing.

"What are you doing?" Without hesitation, Sarah intervened and stopped Fanny's actions.

Fanny was surprised resee that the person who intervened was actually Sarah.

She hadn't locked the door because she wanted to monitor the situation outside in case someone suddenly barged in. Otherwise, it would be inconvenient for her to leave when that happened.

Sarah noticed the name on the patient's bed was Mike Lynch.

Isn't this Fanny's biological father?

I know because I heard some stories about the Kins Family from James.

Glaring at Sarah with a hostile expression. Fanny threatened preemptively, "What are you

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doing here? I'm warning you; you're not allowed to mention what just happened. Otherwise, I won't spare you!"

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Furrowing her brows slightly. Sarah gazed silently at Fanny.

Fanny's behavior *today* is different from what I had *heard*. According to *the* Kins *brothers*, *Fanny* is gentle and kind. She's so kind–hearted that she *would cry for* a while, even *if* she accidentally stepped on

an ant.

But what Fanny had just tried to do clea

had *nothing to do* with kindness.

Sarah calmed her mind before saying flatly, "Fanny, I don't want to interfere in your family affairs. But I hope you will stop in the future. I can't keep silent if something happens to him."

The sense of panic within Fanny earlier seemed to have dissipated. Instead, she slowly became somewhat composed.

Disdain filled her eyes as she sized Sarah up. "Sarah, stop acting **so** morally superior and accusing me. What's the matter? Do you see yourself as a maidenly and kind woman? We are just as bad as each other. No one is virtuous here."

"I don't know what you're talking about." Sarah had no

intention of paying attention to Fanny.

"You don't know?" Fanny approached Sarah and elaborated softly, "You think you're innocent? You've been holding onto Yusof while engaging in immoral affairs behind closed doors. Hmph. You're not any better. Forget about escaping unscathed tomorrow if you dare, to speak out about today's events."

Sarah's face turned slightly pale **as** she stared at Fanny.

Upon seeing Sarah's expression, Fanny felt a weight lifted off her shoulders. Furthermore, she knew James wouldn't spare Sarah either if she really exposed the matter.

"That's more like it. I can still put in some good words in front of James and ask him to give you more money to save your dying father."

With these words, Fanny left with a smug smile.

Once she exited the hospital, she suppressed her smile. It was all Sarah's *fault for* getting in the way. It looks like *this plan* of mine won't work anymore. I have to think of *another plan*.

Sarah's eyes flashed with a hint of complexity as she watched Fanny walk away.

Meanwhile, outside the VIP wards, Angela was out for a slight breath of fresh air. Finally, she remembered Jonathan, whom she had left in the ward.

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I think I truly had lost my mind back there. It would have been much *better if* I had just responded gracefully. *But* no! *I just* had to run away. Great! That just made me look *like I* was hiding something.

When she returned to the ward, she saw Sarah standing still at the **door**.

"Can I help you?" Angela approached her and asked directly.

Upon seeing Angela. Sarah slowly smiled. "I came to check on you."

"Oh." Angela looked at Sarah suspiciously,

As far as I remember, *our* friendship isn't *so* close to *the* point that she will show this much concern for

Sarah hesitated a little. Glancing around, she eventually approached Angela and whispered. "I just saw Fanny visit her biological father in the general ward."

Upon hearing that, Angela nodded. Then, she said, "Her business is not my concern."

Sarah pursed her lips, unsure of what to say. After much thought, she continued, "Regardless, Mike is still your foster father. You should still pay a little more attention to him if you have

time."

Angela frowned.

Before she could reply, Sarah interrupted, "Thank you for treating my father. I shall be going

now."

Angela was at a loss for words.

Is Sarah purposely here to tell me this nonsense?

Based on my understanding of her, it should be unlikely.

If so, what's her intention in mentioning Fanny and Mike specifically?

"What's wrong?" Jonathan walked out. "Who were you talking to just now?"

With something on her mind, Angela forgot about the embarrassment from earlier and repeated what Sarah had said.

After listening, Jonathan's eyes flashed slightly. Then, he spoke, "I will have someone keep an eye on this matter. Take care of yourself, and don't worry about others' affairs."

"Okay." Angela obediently nodded, looking as docile as a lamb.

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Jonathan permutally came to pick her up

Angela was somewhat surprised by the gesture

Halfway through the drive. Angela realised that they were not heading home.

shghly pushed, she asked. "Jonathan, where are we going

to the Westbourg Wake Jonathan turned the steering wheel. As he drove, he explained, "My Triend has a villa there. We can go there to have some fun"

Werbung Pok's where one could ski and go on a vacation. It was a very leisurely and relaxing place

During holiday there was a constant stream of tourists visiting the mountain. Angela had previously heard Jessica mention several times that she wanted to go there. However, it was siicult to book

To her surprise, it turned out that it was Jonathan's friend who had operated the place.

Angela fich grateful. "Is this a gift for my discharge?"

"Yes" Jonathan confessed before continuing. "You've been studying, and I haven't taken you to an outing. It's the holidays now, and my friends have been wanting to meet you. So, I set up this meeting It's okay Calm down."

With these words, Angela became even more nervous,

"Why didn't you tell me in advance?" she hurriedly complained.

After that, she lowered her head to look at her clothes, which were indeed too plain.

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Jonathan couldn't help but smile. "How can I surprise you if I have told you in advance? Tomorrow is New Year's Day. Tonight, we will countdown to the New Year together. Don't worry. They are all easy to get along with."

Angela said somewhat awkwardly, "But I'm not properly dressed."

Jonathan said with a smile, "It's okay. You look good like this. Besides, you are my wife. They dare not say anything"

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However the villas trance did not exude a high-end luxurious feel. Rather, it had a sense of elegance.

Surrounded by white stow, the villa nestled in it, giving off a somewhat secluded vibe.

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Looking at the entrance. Angela fch like she was watching the opening scene of a TV series when the protagonist entered

Seeing Angela in a dare. Jonathan directly took her hand and led her inside.

Jonathan's palm was warm and carried a hint of calluses.

The beaver in the lobbie was on full blast. The thick shut off the cold outside.

Even though the tables, chairs, and couches inside were all quaint, they weren't entirely old-fashioned, giving a teeling of blending the old and the new.

Angela didn't see any problem with the design. In fact, she thought it combined the best of boch past and modern, and the overall vibe was not jarring.

Upon seeing the two holding hands, everyone smiled widely and stood up to greet them.

Since Angela knew none of these people, she could only politely respond.

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There were both men and women present. Angela speculated that each one of Jonathan's. friends must have brought a female companion.

Compared to their carefully dressed appearance, Angela suddenly felt that her outfit looked shabby today.

Angela dispiritedly forced a smile and responded.

But since Jonathan was the one who led her in, she attracted the attention of many people after being introduced.

Although she looked young and innocent, no one dared to underestimate her.

Several women approached Angela and warmly shook her hand. "You look so young. Are **you** still studying?"

"Yes, I'm a sophomore." Angela quickly adapted. She had dealt with these situations in her past life. "Is that bracelet from Countess Glamour's latest collection? Oh my God. I can't believe you managed to get it. How impressive."

Women naturally wouldn't run out of topics as soon as they talked about purses and jewelry.

Daniel slicked his tongue a few times and raised an eyebrow at Jonathan. "Angie is quite impressive. She has already made friends."

Jonathan's mood lifted as he smirked. Then, he glanced at Daniel's hand, saying, "Get your hand off me."

Just then, a knock on the door suddenly sounded.

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Someone frowned and said unhappily, "What's going on? Didn't we hook the whole place? Why are there still people here?"

The knocking on the door outside became more urgent. The waiter had no choice but to open the door. After the waiter opened the door, a gust of wind rushed in.

"John, go check it out." The man rolled his eyes. "It's been a while since we finally got to see each other. Don't let anyone ruin the mood."

John nodded. "Got it. Don't drink too much, or you'll get drunk."

Angela knew the person called John. When they first met, everyone introduced themselves. Although she didn't remember everyone clearly, she had a deep impression of **Josh** because he was the owner of the Elysian Villa.

John was chubby, had long hair tied in a small braid, and had a small beard. He looked like someone not to be messed with. However, he seemed to be a kind person, and his voice was soft when talking to Angela.

In no time, John returned, but a group of people followed him.

"What's going on, John? Why did you bring people in?"

Angela looked over and was surprised to see a familiar face.

Fanny was dressed lightly. Her face was pale from the cold as she cuddled in Christopher's arms for warmth. There were a few young people behind them, not worth mentioning by name, but they used to always hang around with Fanny in school. They seemed surprised to see Angela and Jonathan..

Jonathan raised an eyebrow and asked, "What's going on?" His voice, was not loud, but it made the others feel uneasy.

John walked up to Jonathan and explained, "We were having so much fun that we lost track of time, and we didn't book a hotel. All the nearby ones are fully booked. Then, there was **a** sudden heavy snowfall, so it was hard to drive. Hence, we thought of staying here for the night."

"I think it's your brother... So, I thought I would do you a favor. John's voice got low as he spoke.

Jonathan glanced at Christopher and said nothing.

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The others recognized Christopher. Although they weren't on good terms, they couldn't turn away a family in need, so they said nothing more.

Fanny was unhappy since she ran into Angela while out on a trip. However, she had no choice. The car broke down, and the **snow** outside was heavy. They had no way to contact anyone down the mountain. Besides, she noticed that several people present were either wealthy or of high status. Being able to appear in this group meant that the others' identities were undoubtedly not simple.

Seeing that it was Christopher's brother, the others breathed a sigh of relief. Since he was familiar, they felt it should be fine to accommodate them for the night. Thus, someone nudged Christopher and whispered. "Christopher, I see that the boss and your brother are close. Why don't you ask him for help? This mansion is so big, so I bet there's enough room for a few extra guests.

Yeah. Christopher. We're counting on you."

Listening to their words, Christopher tensed up, feeling a sharp sting in his heart.

Jonathan" Christopher respectfully called out.

Jonathan glanced at him and nodded nonchalantly before pulling Angela over. "Drink this first to ward off the cold."

Angela blinked, wondering, dre we showing our affection now?

"Okay." She didn't even glance at Fanny and Christopher.

Fanny stepped out of Christopher's embrace and shivered from the cold. She said softly, "Angela, I didn't know you were here. I'm sorry. We won't stay. We'll leave right away." With that, she turned around and pulled Christopher, getting ready to leave.

"Why are you leaving The others were puzzled. "It's snowing heavily outside. We'll freeze to death if we go out now."

Fanny hesitated and smiled apologetically. "Let's go look for another hotel. Maybe we'll get lucky and find a vacant room? If I stay here. Angela will be unhappy. I've taken her place for so many years. It's my turn to give back to her."

Hearing her words, Naomi, who was Fanny's friend, couldn't stand it anymore. "What are you talking about? Everyone knows the situation of the Kins Family. The Kins Family would rather have you than their own daughter, which shows how despicable and vile some people can be."

Angela frowned as she listened to the two of them argue back and forth. She felt that this was

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ridiculous. She didn't say a word and just sat there as she watched the duo, However, she was quite happy to watch the drama for free. She sat there and ate quietly without saying a word.

Fanny glanced worriedly at Angela and said, "Don't say that. Angela feels bad, too. She didn't want this either, but she **has** suffered a lot since she was young. It's only fair for her to ask for more when she comes back."

Does that mean I'm *being* unreasonable? thought Angela.

Fanny sighed again. "I don't want her to be unhappy. Let's just go."

"Why?" Naomi was displeased. "This mansion doesn't belong to Angela. It belongs to that man. He allowed us to enter, so why should we let her have her way? Who does Angela think she is to be so bossy?"

Jonathan's eyes turned cold when he heard this. On the other hand, John noticed and felt a chill down his spine. He wondered why Christopher and the others were being unreasonable.

Angela stood up and sneered. "If you two love acting so much, why don't you go to a film. school? Maybe you can become an award—winning actress."

Fanny immediately teared up. "Angela, don't be angry. We'll leave right away. You guys have fun. Don't worry. We won't disturb you."

Angela rolled her eyes and said mercilessly, "Come on, it's been about six minutes since you. walked in the door. You said you were leaving, so why are you still here? Fanny, everyone here is a powerful figure in the business world. Your acting skills might work on the idiots. around you, but do you really think the others will think ill of me? Are you that foolish?"

The others looked at Fanny with a hint of mockery in their eyes, trying to hold back their laughter.

Upon seeing this, Fanny turned pale. She said hastily, "I... I really didn't mean to make you

angry."

"Why would I be angry? You're the one who needs help now, not me." Angela gestured toward the door. "If you want to leave, the door is over there."

"You don't have the right to make us leave." Naomi stomped her foot angrily and pointed at Fanny. "This isn't your home. People show you a little courtesy, and you act like you're the

boss."

Fanny quickly held Naomi. "Don't be angry. Angela didn't mean it that way."

Angela tilted her head, "You don't say. We've really booked everything here. We've bought it

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for the past few days."

With that, the two were left speechless, and Naomi was furious with nowhere to vent.

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Jonathan picked up a napkin from the table and wiped his hands. "Christopher, she's your girl, so you must take the blame. Teach her some manners before taking her out." His tone was soft, but his harsh words made Christopher feel embarrassed.

This was a matter between the Sanders and the Lawsons."

was nothing to do with them,

so they dared not listen and quickly found something else to occupy themselves.

For the first time. Jonathan scolded Fanny in public, and she had a pale face.

Christopher tensed up. "Jonathan, it's my responsibility. I will talk to Fanny about it. However, considering the heavy snow outside, would it be possible for us to stay the night? We won't cause you any inconvenience."

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Christopher then gently squeezed Fanny's hand.

Fanny bit her lip, took a deep breath, and glanced at Jonathan. "Jonathan, I am still young and didn't watch my mouth. I apologize if I said something to upset you."

"Jonathan?" Jonathan raised an eyebrow and said in a low voice, "It's too soon to address me as Jonathan now. Wait until you are part of the family. Even your father should address me **as** Mr. Lawson."

Upon hearing this, Fanny's expression turned grim. She trembled and lowered her head. "Yes, Mr. Lawson."

Angela blinked and thought Jonathan was sometimes harsh.

Jonathan turned to Josh, "Josh, prepare a few rooms for them."

Josh felt relieved and smiled warmly. "Mr. Sanders, please follow me along with your friends. Take a bath to warm up yourself. If you need anything, let the staff know." He implied they were not welcome to linger in the lobby and disrupt the peace.

Christopher understood the implication and forced a smile. "Of course."

After Christopher and the others left, Jonathan loosened his collar and raised his glass to his friends. "Enjoy yourselves," he said casually.

Once everyone had attended themselves, Angela approached Jonathan and whispered, "Wasn't it somewhat impolite of you not to show Fanny respect just now? I noticed Christopher's expression change. He seemed quite embarrassed and probably hates you now." She feared Fanny might spread this incident to the Sanders Family, tarnishing their reputation. After all, these aristocratic families placed great importance on their reputation.

Jonathan's face remained expressionless as he scoffed. "So what if I didn't show her respect? Besides, aren't you pleased about it?"

She couldn't help but admire his boldness. Angela's eyes sparkled in the light as she replied, "I'm delighted!"

Trailing behind, Naomi couldn't help but glance at the man. Even from a partial view, his noble demeanor was unmistakable.

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Is this Christopher's brother, Jonathan? I thought rumors said that he was gravely ill and on the brink of death. Isn't he also disabled and needs to rely on a wheelchair? Naomi thought. However, by observing him just now, he appeared far from death, and there was no wheelchair in sight. He was tall and wore a casual suit, especially his commanding presence earlier, which was authoritative and undeniably handsome!

Naomi thought for a moment and quickly caught up to Fanny. "Was that man just now Jonathan?" she asked casually.

At the mention of Jonathan's name. Fanny couldn't help but frown. She felt hatred surge within her. However, Naomi was the daughter of her father's business associate, **and** they had recently sealed a significant deal with the Smith Family, who held more influence than the Kins Family.

Naomi had just returned from abroad, so Fanny was told to accompany her. Thus, she said dismissively. Yes, he is Jonathan. Due to his previous illness, he has **a** hot temper and doesn't respect anyone" Fanny paused and smiled bitterly. "Just now, he didn't even show Christopher respect. He possesses a cold demeanor and is hard to interact with."

Naomi's eyes gleamed even more at her words. *He* is a man *of* challenge. It would be an accomplishment *if I* took him down.

"So... What is his connection to your troublesome sister?" Naomi pouted, sensing that the relationship between the two was rather peculiar. After all, Jonathan had scolded Fanny and Christopher, clearly helping Angela.

After a brief chat, Fanny finally reacted and glanced at Naomi's expression.

Among the wealthy young men present, Naomi didn't inquire about anyone else but showed particular interest in Jonathan. She wondered if Naomi had taken a liking to Jonathan. It made sense, though, given Jonathan's handsome face. He was indeed attractive.

Fanny sighed. "I'm not afraid of you laughing at me. Previously, Angela had a crush on Christopher and pursued him relentlessly. Fortunately, Old Mr. Sanders recognized the depth of our love and arranged our marriage. This made Angela'angry, leading her to somehow stay by Jonathan's side." Then, Fanny paused, intentionally leaving out the fact that they were already married.

Since Naomi had just returned, she probably wasn't aware of their relationship.

Hearing her words, Naomi narrowed her eyes. I see. Let's see who *has* the means *then*.

Then, she linked het arms with Fanny's and blushed. "I have feelings for Jonathan. You are my friend, so you must help me."

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Fanny smiled inwardly but maintained a shocked expression. She nodded sincerely. "Of

course."

"Later, help me..." Naomi lowered her voice and whispered in Fanny's ear

Fanny was surprised but pretended to hesitate. "Alright. If it weren't for our relationship, 1 wouldn't dare to do this for your happiness."

Naomi chuckled and was excited. "Blood is thicker than water. Once I become your sister—in- law, we will be a family!"

In the bedroom, Angela anxiously watched Jonathan, who reeked of alcohol. John and Daniel had encouraged Jonathan to drink. He was supposed to avoid drinking alcohol while still recovering!

Jonathan is such a fool. Didn't he know about this himself

To prevent him from waking up with a terrible headache, Angela found a waiter and gathered some ingredients to make hangover remedies. She had already inquired, but no hangover remedies were available, so she took matters into her own hands.

Using the kitchen, Angela prepared the remedy herself.

After about ten minutes, she carried the remedy upstairs, only to find the room locked.

At that moment, she found it odd.

Did Jonathan lock the *door* when I *left*?

Angela knocked and said, "Jonathan, open the door. It's locked from the inside."

After a few seconds, she heard a noise from inside. She listened closely, and it sounded like some erotic sounds.

A drunken man, a locked door, and a woman's gasps...

Having lived two lives, Angela immediately understood what was happening. For a moment, she felt like a bucket of ice—cold water had been dumped over her. Her hands trembled slightly, and she instinctively wanted to leave. However, her feet wouldn't budge.

Meanwhile, Christopher had just returned and saw Angela standing by the room door in a

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Before he realized what he was doing, he had already stood by her side. In that split second, he heard the sounds coming from inside the room.

Christopher comprehended the situation and sneered. "I've said before that people from families like ours are not as innocent as you think. Other than being somewhat attractive, you have a bad temper and are disloyal. Men will eventually grow tired of you."

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His eyes showed a hint of pride, resembling a successful villain.

Upon hearing these words, Angela slowly came back to her senses. She had been confused just now. After all, there was no way Jonathan would be such a person. Even if Jonathan were that kind of person, given their alliance, he would not openly disrespect her like this.

At that moment, she was concerned that Jonathan might have been drugged.

In the past, when Jonathan's legs were still injured, there were people who wanted to send their daughters to seduce him. Now that his legs had recovered, there were probably even more people who wanted to seduce him. In her previous life, she had witnessed too many of these deceitful tactics with the growth of the Kins Family. Not to

mention someone like Jonathan. When James had authority, some women also sought to seduce him.

Angela calmed down and smirked coldly. "Christopher, do you think everyone **is** like your who cannot control them like an animal? Jonathan isn't the same as you."

Christopher's expression darkened at her words. "Angela, why are you still lying to yourself when you have already caught him red—handed? When did you become so fond of self- deception? Is it so difficult to admit your mistake?"

Angela glanced at him without saying anything. Then, she turned around and headed. downstairs directly. She intended to find Josh and asked for the keys.

Coincidentally, Daniel was also in Josh's room. Upon hearing this, he immediately sobered up a bit, and the two exchanged glances.

Daniel was very curious. "So, you're saying Jonathan locked you out, and a woman's voice was inside the room."

Angela remained composed and nodded. "Yes. To avoid damaging the door, I had to come. and ask for the key."

Josh was momentarily surprised. Although he understood Angela's words, he did not have the key either. Thus, he enthusiastically said, "I'll go find someone to take it."

Angela found a place to sit and waited for him.

Her actions took Daniel aback. "Angie, aren't you worried at all?"

"About what?"

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"Your husband and another woman A man and a woman alone in a room... Daniel gestured dramatically. "Aren't you concerned at all? What if something happens and affects your marriage...

Before Angela could respond, Daniel seemed to remember something else. Then, he raised **his** eyebrows and said. "It's alright, Angie. There are plenty of men in the world. If Jonathan doesn't treat you well, I'll definitely help you find someone better. There are still many talented young men in this world. Look at me. I'm much better than that heartless man aren't 17

Angela remained indifferent and smiled faintly. "Thank you for your consideration"

"It's nothing. I'm always here for you."

Hearing his words, Angela was speechless. *Isn't* it *said* that one should not deceive a friend's wife

Soon, Josh returned while holding the key in his hand. "Let's go and open the door

Angela widened her eyes. "Are you coming too?"

At that moment, Daniel also said eagerly, "I'll go too. I want to see which woman dares to mess with Jonathan."

With Josh and Daniel's assistance, the door to the room was soon unlocked. The room was dimly lit, and everyone could only make out a figure sitting on the bed faintly. It was only when the main light in the room was turned on that they could see clearly that the figure was

Naomi.

Naomi was wearing Jonathan's shirt. Her long legs were exposed, and her hair was disheveled. She looked like she was holding back something.

The rushing water could still be heard from the bathroom, indicating that the figure was likely Jonathan.

Clothes were scattered on the floor, suggesting a fierce battle had occurred here before.

Even though Angela had mentally prepared herself before opening the door, seeing such a scene still shocked her. She took a deep breath and said sarcastically, "You have the nerve to flirt but not the courage to be seen? What are you wearing?" She frowned with a cold expression. Her eyes were sharp, as if she was ready to tear Naomi apart.

Naomi gritted her teeth with a flushed face. She slowly buttoned up her shirt before Angela. covering her body.

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The two men who witnessed this knew it wouldn't end well.

Daniel couldn't help but think that Angie looks exactly the same as Jonathan when she is angry. As expected from a married couple.

Soon, they heard Angela's cold voice. "Leaving so soon?"

Daniel and Josh looked over simultaneously. At that moment, Angela raised her hand and gave Naomi four slaps.

Naomi covered her face in disbelief. She stared at Angela angrily and said, "Angela, how dare you hit me?"

Without a word, Angela coldly chuckled and grabbed Naomi's hair, dragging her into another luxurious bathroom. This room was specially designed by Josh. There were two bathrooms, one for showering and the other for bathing.

Angela ruthlessly kicked Naomi's knees, causing the latter to kneel. Without hesitation, she pushed Naomi's head into the toilet bowl, forcing her to drink the water. The entire sequence of actions was smooth and precise, leaving Daniel and the others stunned.

"Do you think I don't know how you entered this room? Consider yourself lucky that I only slapped you." Angela skillfully held Naomi's pulse, preventing her from struggling.

Despite Naomi's continuous struggles, Angela still forced her to drink toilet water. She felt the disinfectant water spreading through her mouth, throat, and stomach, causing her to be appalled.

"Angela, what are you doing?" Fanny, who had arrived just in time, pushed past Daniel and was shocked to see the scene before her. She quickly pulled Angela away and looked at her in disbelief. "Are you out of your mind? Do you know who she is?"

Seeing that the punishment was enough, Angela released her grip.

Fanny wanted to help Naomi, but she felt disgusted by the toilet water. After hesitating, she grabbed a towel and threw it to Naomi, comforting her softly, "Naomi, you should wipe yourself first. Let's tidy up first." Then, she glanced at Naomi's clothes, which were a man's shirt.

Looking at Angela's angry and embarrassed appearance, she wondered if Naomi had succeeded.

Did she have sex with Jonathan?

Fanny thought Jonathan was difficult to deal with. It was rumored that Jonathan was cold and

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abstinent, but Naomi managed to win him over so easily.

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Fanny thought of something and protected Naomi behind her as she scolded Angela. "Why are you acting like a shrew? You can't blame Naomi for this. If there's any fault, it's because of Mr. Lawson. If Mr. Lawson didn't want it, Naomi couldn't have forced him. Angela, you need to calm down. If **you** want to blame someone, blame Mr. Lawson for being unable to control. himself.

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After that, Fanny discreetly glanced towards the bathroom.

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Jonathan was still showering inside, likely unaware of the conversation happening outside..

Angela smirked disdainfully and looked at Naomi coldly. "So, is undressing to seduce a man a test of self—control for Miss Smith? I will have to visit Mr. Smith with my husband and inquire if this is a common practice in the Smith Family."

At that moment, Naomi froze.

Husband? Angela and Jonathan are married?

While she enjoyed taking down men, pursuing a married man was not something Naomi would ever consider!

Fanny's eyes welled up with tears. "Angela, how can you say such hurtful things? Please mind. your words. If there is truly something between Naomi and Mr. Lawson, their families will take action. I am warning you out of concern, so I suggest you step back now."

The Smith Family primarily operated in the film and television industry, where they held. considerable influence. In terms of power, they surpassed the Kins Family. Despite Angela being the recognized heiress of the Kins Family, she was no match for them. Additionally, Angela was now part of Donald's family, further diminishing her status. Therefore, unless Jonathan were a fool, he would understand the advantages of forming a strong alliance.

Other factors might have previously blinded Jonathan. However, now that he was in good health, he had a promising opportunity to divorce Angela and marry Naomi.

As the daughter of the Smith Family, the Smiths wouldn't tolerate this. Although the blame might not fall on Jonathan, Angela, who lacked **a** strong background, was not exempt from suspicion.

With these thoughts in mind, Fanny felt satisfied despite maintaining a sympathetic expression. "Angela, don't worry. Naomi and I are friends. I will advise her, and we can all part ways nicely. Money is not an issue."

Hearing her words, Angela raised an eyebrow. "You seem quite protective of Miss Smith. Did you come up with the idea of seducing men? After all, you have engaged in such behavior before." Then, she cast a meaningful glance at Christopher.

Having been engaged to Christopher for a long time, she had begun to view him as her future husband. She had always been fascinated with him. However, Fanny had been secretly

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involved with Christopher, and Angela had unknowingly defended Fanny.

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Christopher clenched his fists. He **was** always proud and arrogant, so he resented Angela due to their engagement. He couldn't understand why Angela had replaced Fanny during the engagement after she was back..

"Angela, mind your words. I never had any feelings for you. I have always cared for Fanny. It was you who kept bugging me, Christopher retorted.

"Did Miss Smith climb into Jonathan's bed out of genuine affection?" Angela raised **an** eyebrow with a cold expression. "If you had feelings for Fanny, why didn't you end the engagement back then? How could you allow Miss Angela to be a mistress for so long? Your family arranged the engagement, and now you speak ill of me. It's truly disgraceful!"

Fanny bit her lip as tears welled up in her eyes. "You are going too far. Before the engagement, Christopher and I had nothing to do with each other. Do not falsely accuse us!"

"Oh? Is clinging to Christopher's arm every day considered innocent? I can't believe waking. up sick in the middle of the night and still seeking out Christopher, having intimate moments in the dark hours, is truly innocent." Angela chuckled, unable to resist applauding. Then, she turned to Naomi, who was stunned, and said, "Miss Smith, have you also picked up these dirty tactics from Fanny? I bet no friends of yours would be happy to see you become a

mistress.

Naomi felt embarrassed by the accusation, as she did not know about Jonathan's marital

status!

Daniel and Josh exchanged glances and said nothing. However, they praised Angela in their head.

The constant talk of being a mistress enraged Christopher. "Angela, that's enough. Fanny has always had your best interests at heart. Your jealousy clouded your judgment, leading you to speak so maliciously about her. Do you have any conscience, as your mother would say?"

"Please teach your fiancée a lesson," Angela warned. "If she dares to confront me again, I won't hesitate to intervene. As your sister—in—law, you show no respect for me. It seems you still haven't learned from Jonathan's previous lesson."

When Jonathan was mentioned, Christopher was still somewhat afraid. However, he still gave Angela a disdainful look. "You are too self–righteous. Do you think you can stay with the Sanders Family after today? You should start thinking about your future now."

Angela found these people to be quite peculiar. After all, Jonathan hadn't even spoken yet, but they all assumed she would be immediately abandoned. Furthermore, she wasn't the one

at fault.

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"Yes." With Christopher supporting her, Fanny was confident. She pulled Naomi over with a determined look. "Regardless, both the Sanders and Lawson families *owe* Naomi **an** explanation. It's not up to you to decide."

Naomi met Angela's gaze and felt her knees weakening. She clung to Fanny and said, "Let's go. I will discuss this with my family."

"No one is leaving!" Angela grabbed a stool from the room and placed it in the doorway. Sitting down with crossed legs and folded arms, she blocked the exit. "Since you believe Jonathan has wronged her, let's confront him.

Despite arguing for over ten minutes, Jonathan had yet to emerge. If he were simply showering, it wouldn't have taken this long. Angela had a sinking feeling that things were more complicated than they appeared.

"Angela, have some shame. Others still have dignity," Christopher scolded.

Angela chuckled, looking at Christopher with disdain. "Are you out of your mind? I haven't done anything to Jonathan. The suspicion is on them now." She then turned to Daniel and Josh. "You two are witnesses. If Jonathan truly cheats, I **am** the victim. With the Lawson family's wealth, I could claim a substantial sum."

Daniel winked at Angela and said, "Don't worry, Angela. I'll guard this door for you. Not even a fly will escape."

Angela was speechless. She felt that he was indeed a male succubus. With so many female classmates admiring Daniel in that peculiar school, she wondered why he chose to study medicine instead of becoming a movie star.

Christopher frowned. "Daniel, don't you think you are meddling too much?"

"How am I meddling?" Daniel raised an eyebrow, looking like he wasn't afraid of anything.

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As time passed, Naomi couldn't help but bite her lip. She recalled Jonathan's reaction when he discovered she had drugged him, fearing that he would expose her ruthlessly. Therefore, she said, "If we are going to confront each other, I should at least change my clothes first, right?"

Despite the heater being on, she only wore a man's shirt, which provided no warmth. Her legs were bare, and she was shivering. If this continued, she would freeze to death before Jonathan came out.

Then, Naomi was on the verge of leaving.

As long as she left, she couldn't care less about these people.

"Stay." Angela looked at her. "I dare you to exit through this door."

Looking at Angela's icy gaze, Naomi shivered. However, she felt Angela couldn't do anything to her even if she left. With so many people present, there was no way Angela could do anything. It was merely a display of power to intimidate her.

With this thought in mind, Naomi regained her confidence and snorted coldly. Just as she stepped forward, a silver needle shot toward her, landing firmly on the tip of her foot.

"Ah!" Naomi's face turned pale. There was still a lingering fear in her eyes.

Daniel's eyes flickered with surprise and thought that Angela was impressive.

Suddenly, a noise emanated from the bathroom. In the split second, the bathroom door swung open from the inside, and Jonathan exited from the bathroom.

At that moment, all eyes focused on him.

Jonathan's clothes were drenched with water, clinging tightly to his body, making him even more uncomfortable. There was a deep gash on his arm, and blood was trickling from the wound, seeping into his clothes and forming a vivid red stain.

Angela's eyes widened at the sight of him. *Did* Jonathan do *this to himself? Did* he do it to resist the drug *effects* and remain *conscious*?

Jonathan's face was pale, and his lips were purple. Sweats formed on his forehead, and his breathing was rapid. His fingers were trembling, and he appeared very anguished.

Angela promptly approached his side. She helped him sit down and placed two fingers on

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Jonathan's pulse.

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The once healthy pulse had weakened significantly, and Jonathan could not **say** anything at the moment, merely weakly leaning against Angela's shoulder.

Angela's eyes were filled with fury. She glared at Naomi and said to Josh, "Please take the medical kit."

With the snow blocking the way, an ambulance couldn't arrive even if they called one.

Josh had previously mentioned that they had all the necessary equipment here as a precaution, and the medications were also fully stocked.

Josh's expression turned grim. Upon hearing Angela's words, he promptly fetched the medical kit.

Meanwhile, amidst the commotion, Jonathan's companions, except for those who were completely drunk, began to sober and naturally heard the commotion. Seeing that many people were gathering around and Jonathan was injured, the atmosphere suddenly became quiet.

Angela helped Jonathan recline slowly. She dried his hair with a towel and tucked him in with a blanket. At that moment, she touched his hand, which was freezing.

In the frigid winter, Jonathan was soaked in cold water.

On the other hand, Fanny glanced at the open door and beckoned Naomi. Naomi's eyes. sparkled, and she understood Fanny's intention. She slowly walked through the door.

"Miss Smith, did I say you can leave?" Angela blurted out.

Fanny was displeased. "Angela, what are you doing?"

Angela paid her no mind. After settling Jonathan, she slowly walked toward Naomi and said coldly, "Go in. Now." She pointed toward the direction of the bathroom..

Naomi was terrified of Angela's fierceness. She hid behind Fanny and shook her head.

Fanny stood in front, facing Angela's anger. "Angela, you are going too far. This matter..."

"Shut up!" Angela wasted no time pulling Naomi from behind Fanny and towards the bathroom.

"Let go of me!" Naomi struggled but to no avail.

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Fanny dared not approach and could only be scolded. "Angela, you better **stop.** You can't treat her like this."

Angela turned a deaf ear to this. She threw Naomi into **the** shower room, turned on the water tap, and let the cold water run.

"Ah." Naomi immediately curled up from the cold.

Angela kicked her and shouted. "Shut up!" She was already being kind by not harming her. She wanted Naomi to experience what Jonathan had just gone through.

After being drenched in cold water for so long on such a chilly day, she knew better than anyone how bad Jonathan's condition was. It would take him a long time to recover from frozen like this.

Fanny's eyes flickered. If she had let Angela deal with Naomi now, Naomi would definitely have sought revenge. She had to protect Naomi and challenge Angela's authority. Only then would she have a chance to maintain the identity of the daughter of the Kins Family. Otherwise, marrying into the Sanders Family would be full of obstacles.

She walked over and wanted to rescue Naomi. However, she was stopped by Angela. "You better not meddle in other people's business. I haven't settled the score with you yet."

"Is this how you bully people with the tricks you learned in the countryside?" Fanny looked pained. "Angela, you are too impulsive. You will get into big trouble. Haven't you punished her enough?"

Angela ignored her and said to Christopher, "If you don't take her away, I will take action."

Fanny, seeing Angela ignore her, was furious. "You... Move aside."

Naomi was drenched in cold water and screaming in agony.

Fanny was pushed back, almost stumbling. If it weren't for Christopher's quick reflexes to support her, she would have fallen flat on her face.

Christopher was annoyed. "Angela, you..."

He wanted to take action, but Daniel took a few steps forward and stopped him. "Mr. Sanders, maybe it's better not to get involved."

The room, which had seemed spacious before, suddenly felt cramped. Although Daniel was smiling, the smile didn't reach his eyes. Daniel is the son of the Lockwood Family. Although he studied medicine and did not participate in the Lockwood Family business, his influence should not be underestimated.

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Christopher hesitated and could not offend the Lockwood Family for the sake of a bottle of

wine.

Seeing this. Fanny stepped out of Christopher's arms. She wanted to rush in but was blocked by Daniel and a few others.

Fanny frowned. "What are you guys going to do? Bullying a girl like me?"

Daniel clicked his tongue and rolled his eyes. He stood in front of Angela and raised his hands in surrender. "Hey, don't falsely accuse me. I haven't done anything. Everyone saw it clearly. I'm just standing here. Is that not allowed?"

Fanny felt wronged and thought Daniel was shameless! She had no choice but to hope for help from Christopher.

Christopher's face turned grim. After a while, he shook his head slightly at Fanny. He couldn't intervene in this matter.

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There was no time to consider being an inpatient or not.

"Hurry!"

"Patient in Room 2 needs emergency treatment."

The hospital corridor echoed with the sound of doctors and nurses on the run.

At the same time, Zacharias was wheeled into the emergency room. He felt his eyelids. getting heavier, his breathing becoming more labored, and his body feeling lighter.

I think I'm close to death.

But in the next moment, it seemed like he was conscious again.

Upon scanning the space, he became aware that he was in a hospital, more precisely, the operating room.

And there were two operating tables.

On one bed, Fanny lay, while Angela lay on the other.

With pale complexions, they both had their eyes closed.

Joseph, who was in his surgical attire, was performing surgery on Fanny. He said nothing, but

all even without words, it was

Zacharias couldn't believe it.

Is this a trade of a life for a life?

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evident.

It all seemed natural, though, as if doing this was the right thing to do.

He suddenly felt a wave of memories wash over him, and he remembered. Fanny needed a kidney transplant, but there was no match. Angela happened to be a successful match, but she also had stomach cancer, so everyone hoped to make the most of the situation.

Coincidentally, Angela died from falling down the stairs, which was why Joseph was performing the kidney transplant surgery.

Then, he turned to face his worried parents and siblings, who were waiting outside the operating room. He saw himself among them, too.

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The indicator for the operating room went dim.

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Not long after, Joseph **came** out. He announced with a smile that the surgery had gone well.

"The surgery would not have gone **as** well if Joseph hadn't been the surgeon. It's a huge relief

"We must give Joseph the credit he deserves once Fanny is all better!"

The Kins Family members embraced each other, celebrating the rebirth of their little princess, Fanny.

When Fanny was wheeled out by the nurse, all eyes were on her.

But no one seemed to notice the body, all alone and dejected, wrapped in white cloth, being wheeled out behind her.

It was Angela.

Angela was no longer breathing and had died.

Zacharias felt a lump form in his throat as he saw her body. His body felt like it was getting heavier over time until he passed out.

As the machines began to beep, the doctors and nurses frantically worked to save him while sweating profusely.

Then, the indicator for the operating room went dim.

Outside, James was waiting and came over right away.

James heard the doctor sigh a little before he took off his mask and said, "Your family needs. to be mentally prepared for what's next. It may not be long either."

With a hospital notice indicating Zacharias' critical condition, Zacharias was wheeled back to the ward.

James clenched his fists before turning to Joseph beside him and asking, "Do we have another option? I do remember your professor. Doesn't he-"

With a somber expression, Joseph shook his head and said, "James, I've tried everything. Right now, we can only count on Angela."

That was when James understood that Zacharias might actually be gone if things kept going the way they were.

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That night, James remained in the study until the sun came out, and the floor was littered with cigarette butts..

He pulled back the curtains, but his eyes struggled to focus on the bright light.

There's no more time *for* waiting, he thought.

To Joseph, he stated, "Hey, keep an eye on Zacharias, I'll be back in a bit."

With that, James grabbed his coat, opened the study door, and

he study door, and got in his car.

At the Lawson Residence's entrance, Angela was seen helping Jonathan out of the **car.**

After what happened to Naomi, no one was in the mood to socialize, so they left early after only one night.

Before she could step into the courtyard, she heard a familiar voice calling out to her, "Angela."

She had just turned around when she was pulled out by a firm grip on her wrist.

Luckily, Jonathan was quick to react and grabbed her other wrist.

He looked coldly at James, warning him, "Let go."

Though a little taken aback, James held onto Angela tightly. "I'm sorry, Mr. Lawson, but my brother needs urgent help. I need Angela to save him."

Jonathan did not listen to James' explanation; instead, he grabbed James' hand and said, "Let go!"

The man's face was pale, but his dark eyes had the darkness of a winter night, and they were so oppressive.

"Mr. Kins, are you trying to fight against me?"

The next moment, as always, Simon, dressed in a black hoodie, appeared and stood behind James.

James' expression changed, and he was forced to release his hold.

Angela, her gaze cold, rubbed her wrist, which had been red from James' hold. "Are you mute? Can't you use your words instead of doing this?"

Upon hearing Angela's blunt words, James no longer had the will to argue as his tone

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softened. "Angela, Zacharias isn't doing well. The hospital resuscitated him last night, and the doctor announced that his condition **is** critical."

"If

you don't save him now, he will die." James sounded like he choked on his words.

He looked haggard at the moment,

th stubble on his face, messy hair, wrinkled clothes, and dark circles under his eyes, as if he hadn't slept well.

When Angela heard these words, her eyes were unagitated and serene. "My demands were made clear last time

"Don't act as though you want to save Zacharias if you can't even remove Fanny from the Kins Family's household registration."

"See? You can't even do that. *Ha*!" With a mocking sneer, Angela continued, "Your brotherly love and mother–son bond aren't worth that much. Or perhaps you think Zacharias, a sickly child, is not as valuable as Fanny."

James' expression darkened as he shot back, "Angela, aren't you just turning a blind eye to Zacharias?"

"How many times do you want me to say it?" Angela felt like she was talking to a brick wall. "Please don't waste my time if you can't understand simple words."

What a pathetic attempt to guilt–*trip me*! *Ridiculous*! The Kins *Family* has no right to speak about morality. *Morality*? *They* don't *have* it.

With that, Angela turned and walked away with Jonathan.

James froze and rushed forward. Because of Jonathan's gentle prod, James didn't behave. recklessly as he had previously. Instead, he merely begged, "Angela, do you really have to do this?"

"Fanny has always been weak since she was young. She won't be able to make it without the Kins Family."

"Then, let Zacharias die!" Angela was growing agitated, and her remarks also betrayed a lack of empathy.

Having no choice, James ran his hand through his hair and sighed. "Fine, I promise you."

He took out his phone and dialed Scarlet's number directly.

Meanwhile, Angela told Jonathan to go back to the house to rest.

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In such cold weather, after being drugged and drenched in cold water for so long, even the strongest body couldn't handle it.

Jonathan didn't want Angela to worry, especially since they were on Lawson Family's territory and Ohver was nearby. He was confident that James wouldn't dare do anything to Angela.

The phone rang a few times before someone answered.

James immediately said. "Mom, listen to me. Take your household registration and Fanny, **and** change your residency immediately."

There was silence on the other end of the phone.

"Mom, there's no time to think about it. The hospital said Zacharias was in a critical state yesterday. Without Angela, Zacharias will not survive."

"Mom, are you listening?"

James was getting more anxious **as** he didn't get a response from the other end of the phone.

"Mike..." Scarlet finally spoke, her voice tinged with a hint of sorrow. "He's dead."

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"Mike..." James couldn't believe it. He glanced at Angela and repeated Scarlet's words. "Mike is dead."

Angela was shocked to hear this.

Then, her eyes darkened. She thought something was not right.

She remembered Sarah reminding her to pay more attention to Mike previously, and she even mentioned seeing Fanny go to see Mike.

She had always felt that things were not simple, and now she realized what she had overlooked.

James hung up the phone, and in a pleading tone, he added, "Angela, you see... Mike is dead. It takes more than a day or two to transfer the household registration, but Zacharias is

With a hint of coldness in her eyes, Angela sneered. "Mr. Kins, stop acting helpless in front of me. While it may take months for others to do such things, it's not a difficult task for the Kins Family, is it?"

"Angela...

James wanted to say something else but was interrupted by Angela

With a hint of impatience, she said, "I hope you remember what I said. I will not entertain

any more excuses."

With a deep breath and a somewhat defeated expression, James responded, "Don't worry, I will find a way to handle this."

Angela stated icily, "I'll wait for good news then."

As James turned to leave, Angela hesitated for a moment before calling out to him.

"There's something I think I should tell you," Angela smirked. "Fanny seems to have a knack for foreseeing things

"What?" asked a slightly perplexed James.

Angela smiled gently and explained, "When I was in the hospital before, I met Sarah..."

Upon hearing this name, James' expression became somewhat unnatural.

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Angela knew about their relationship, but it had nothing to do with Sarah.

She continued, "Sarah told me that Fanny had visited Mike, but she seemed very cautious, afraid of being seen by others."

James furrowed his brow as if pondering something.

"Unexpectedly, shortly after she visited, Mike passed away." Angela sounded sorry. "Mike's illness was not as serious as Zacharias'. It seems like it was **all** planned."

James looked puzzled. "What are you trying to say?"

Angela's gaze turned cold. "I just think it's a bit too coincidental. You're, after all, the big boss of Riverdon. Don't you get it?"

Angela continued to explain kindly, "According to the normal process, in a situation like this, Fanny would probably have to wait one or two months to change her household registration, right?"

James' face became serious.

Normally, when a household head passes away, the village waits a few days, holds a funeral, reports the death, cancels the household registration and then appoints a new head of the household. Changing househ

registration requires procedures, which, even if completed quickly, will take a long time.

Other people can wait, but not Zacharias.

And Fanny had no

emotional *connection with Mike. She also despised the* Lynch *Family, so how* could she have visited Mike?

Could it be-

Was Mike's death *related* Fanny?

James was startled by his thoughts.

That's not possible.

How could Fanny kill someone when *she* is **so** delicate *that she* couldn't even *bear* to kill a *fish or a* rabbit?

His thoughts had become crazy lately due to too much pressure.

But why did Angela say these things?

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She has no reason to accuse Fanny of anything like this.

Angela saw the look on James face and knew he was probably starting to piece things together.

James was skeptical but refused to believe. Similar to prejudice, fixed thinking is not something that can be instantly altered.

Want to say. You should know

She cleared her throat and stated. I've told you everything I what to do next, right? I do not want to hear any more excuses the next time you contact me."

With that. Angela entered the Lawson Family mansion.

Meanwhile, James, looking dejected, returned to the Kins Family.

At home, only Fanny and Scarlet were present.

The two appeared to be engaged in a conversation.

James weakly inquired. "Mom, have you prepared the documents I requested?"

Fanny and Scarlet turned to face James.

Scarlet responded. "I... didn't I tell you, Mike has passed away. It's not easy to change a household registry. I've checked, and it will take at least a month for the process to be completed."

James, with a blank expression, reached out his hand and said, "Bring the documents, Fanny, and your

1. ID. I've already contacted Dad. He will meet us there."

George Kins, who had been preoccupied with Linda, was still the head of the household at the moment and had no strong feelings about this.

Fanny's face darkened when she heard this. "James, do you **have** to do this? Can't you wait a little longer? Must you kick me out of the house?"

What the hell?

Was all the effort in vain

James didn't want to elaborate. "Fanny, you're an adult now, you should know better. I've explained it to you before about how urgent this **is**."

With a pitying expression, Fanny bit her lip and answered, "I understand. I want to help. Zacharias, too. But there have been complications. Mom and I have asked; this process.

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doesn't move as quickly as we hoped."

"So... Can you talk to Angela, please? I promise I will comply with her wishes? Fanny appeared sincere. "I swear, I'll even sign a contract, Whatever it takes."

"Yes, that's right." Scarlet added, "It's not that we don't want to help, it's just not feasible. Can't we negotiate, James?"

James stated coldly, "Do you think Angela is someone you can negotiate with?"

The two fell silent.

Fanny fidgeted while standing still.

James grew irritated, saying, "Fanny, get your ID. We need to go now since they're are closing

soon.

Fanny looked uneasy and asked softly, "Can it be done today?"

"You don't have to worry about that." James' tone became impatient. "Why are you still here?"

Reluctantly, Fanny turned and walked over, wiping her tears away.

Yet, she hesitated.

After a brief wait, James stood up and headed upstairs.

Scarlet was surprised, "Where are you going, James?"

James attempted to enter Fanny's room, but it was locked.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

James knocked on the door loudly and yelled, "What are you doing?"

Fanny's voice came from inside, saying, "I–I suddenly have a stomach ache. Just one second, James."

James was losing patience and felt like nothing was going right, especially after a sleepless night, with his inner turmoil escalating.

He tried to keep his voice down. "Fanny, you have five more minutes! If you don't come out, don't blame me."

He used to find his clingy sister endearing, but when it came to serious matters, he never

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expected her to be such a hindrance.

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Just as James was losing his patience, Fanny opened the door.

Her eyes were red.

Fanny looked at James with a resentful expression, saying, "I can't believe you can't even wait for such a short time, James. I just... I'm a bit **sad** to leave this house. I've lived here for more than ten years. I...

Tears streamed down Fanny's face like a waterfall.

She looked frail and delicate, crying in a way that would break anyone's heart.

James also felt that he was a bit harsh, so he patiently explained, "I'm sorry, Fanny. I should have controlled my emotions."

"It's okay." Fanny wiped her tears, trying to appear strong. "It's all for Zacharias. I just feel a bit upset. But, knowing that my brothers still love me, I feel reassured."

James nodded, assuring her, "Don't worry, this is just a temporary measure. When Zacharias gets better, you will still be the princess of our Kins Family."

"Okay." Fanny smiled brightly, then linked arms with James. "Let's go quickly. Otherwise, we'll be late.

Before long, the car pulled up in front of the police station.

James, Fanny, and Scarlet stepped out of the car and walked straight in.

George and Britney were already waiting there.

Upon seeing Scarlet, George frowned. "What are you doing here?"

Since their last major argument over Linda's situation, this couple had not crossed paths again.

They exchanged looks of mutual disdain, devoid of any affection, making the encounter uncomfortable.

Scarlet snorted at his remark. "Who are you to interfere? Is this your territory?"

George grew angry and retorted, "You shrew, **it** seems like you haven't realized your mistake yet. If it weren't for-

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"Is this a place for you two to fight?" The police officer at the station interjected, clearly. displeased.

Realizing this, both parties ceased their argument.

James remained expressionless, saying calmly, "Let's speed up this process."

The Kins Family had a long history of business and were significant taxpayers in the region. Given the urgency of changing the household registration, local leaders helped to coordinate the process.

Special circumstances warranted special treatment, bypassing the standard procedures.

The problem was quickly resolved by the effective work of the police officers stationed there.

Britney held the new household registration with a joyful expression and exclaimed, "Woah! My belly is truly something. How did I give birth to such a sweet daughter?"

Britney looked at Fanny as though she was exposing Fanny, and Fanny felt slightly uncomfortable.

Raising her eyebrows, Britney remarked, "What, not even a 'mom' from you? It appears you are used to being a wealthy young lady and look down on us rural folks. However, once you are in the Lynch Family's household registration, you must show respect."

"And your dad died not too long ago, Our family has lost a valuable worker, **so** you will have to work harder in the future to support me, understand?"

Britney said that as she ushered Fanny to the exit.

Scarlet's face darkened, and she halted the two individuals in their tracks. "Even though Fanny has updated her household registration, she will continue residing with the Kins Family. Do not involve her in matters concerning the Lynch Family."

Britney coldly snorted, displaying her displeasure. "Oh, then why change the household registration? Are you unwilling to let go because my daughter will marry into wealth in the future? Let me remind you, this is my daughter. She takes after me. It's none of your

concern."

"I have already compensated you for the household registration." Scarlet attempted **to** maintain her composure. "Now, stop causing trouble."

Britney rolled her eyes, refusing to give in. "The household registration is one thing, but you took my daughter away. Who will take care of me in my old age? I don't care; I expected her to support me in the future."

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James furrowed his brow. "How much do you want?"

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Britney's eyes darted around as she replied, "You tell me. Fanny's dad spent this much money on hospitalization, and in the end, he passed away. I had to borrow money from relatives and friends for medical expenses, and just the other day-

"Enough with the excuses," Scarlet interrupted. "Just give me a number."

Britney didn't hold back, flipping her hand back and forth. "I don't want much-fifty thousand."

"Fifty thousand?" Scarlet was surprised. "This **is** unbelievable. You could never make that much money in a lifetime. How dare you ask this much at all?"

When she learned that the child had been switched at birth, she was already aware of this.

Britney and Mike did not have proper jobs. In the past few years, their combined salary was less than two thousand.

Later, they took some money from the Kins Family and started a small business but ended up losing money.

Even if we calculated at two thousand per month, these two would have to work for five hundred thousand without eating or drinking for over two hundred and fifty years.

How dare Britney?

How could she have the nerve to make such a demand?

Scarlet was furious; thinking about her precious daughter, who had been raised by her since. childhood, having to follow such a biological mother was heartbreaking.

Her fingers pointed at—Britney were slightly trembling **as** she warned, "I'm telling you, Britney, five hundred thousand is impossible."

Hearing this, James had a headache. Riverdon, although not the most developed city in the country, was not considered poor either. **Just** a few days ago, he had seen the latest financial newspaper data.

The average salary of Riverdon's employees was just over one thousand one hundred. How could Britney, a peasant worker, possibly earn so much?

Britney immediately raised her voice, shouting directly, "I knew it! You are bullying a widow. Oh God, why is life so difficult for me? This is how my dear daughter, whom I gave birth to with great difficulty, will be taken from me..."

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"What sin have committed... My man has just died, and now my daughter is going to be taken

Oh, I don't want to live anymore! I might as well just die and have some peace?

Saying that, Britney pretended to rush toward the white wall.

But no one paid any attention to her

Fanny lowered her eyes, concealing her strong disgust.

you want to die, past die. Why make a fuss here?

How could she be the one toho gave birth to mer

Fanny was abhorred by what Britney was doing, but for the time being, she dared not speak

out.

Because of how loud it was, the police officers from the police station came out to see what was going on. "What's happening?"

James didn't want to make a scene, so he smiled and said, "It's nothing. Just a little family argument. We'll leave right away!"

With that, he walked over to Britney and said, "If you want money, you better leave now."

She grinned broadly and went right after.

For an instant, Scarlet felt lightheaded, but fortunately, Fanny was there to steady her.

James asked them to get into the car first while he went to negotiate with Britney.

Looking at her, he calmly stated, "Fifty thousand is too much. We can't afford it."

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Britney pouted, "Don't try to deceive me, a country bumpkin. Your Kins Family has such a big boss. Can't even come up with 60,000? I don't believe it."

James knew reasoning with someone like her wouldn't work. He remained indifferent. "Either you come up with a reasonable number or forget about getting anything. Although Fanny is my sister, I don't want her to suffer. But if there's no other way, I believe she will understand me."

Britney was afraid that she wouldn't get any money at all. She quickly changed her tune. "Then how much are you giving me?"

"1,200." James sneered, "This is the cost for Fanny to move to your house. If you perform well, I will continue to give more."

Britney was confused by James' words. "What?"

James explained, "Fanny will be moving to the Lynch Family for a period of time."

"Just now, you said..."

"That was my mother's decision, not mine." James said calmly, "Since Fanny has changed her household registration, it's not suitable for her to continue living in the Kins Family."

And Angela wouldn't allow it either.

Instead of arguing later, he decided to arrange things properly now.

Feeling a bit awkward, Britney hadn't spoken yet when James continued, "If you're not willing, then 1,200 is off the table."

Britney had initially thought they wouldn't want Fanny to move, but now it seemed that tactic wouldn't work.

"1,200 it is." Britney smiled and said, "As long as the money **is** in place, I guarantee to take good care of her

James nodded. "When Fanny moves into the Lynch Family, I'll give you the money."

He thought for a moment and took out 60 from his pocket. "Here's some advance payment for you. Find someone to clean up the house. Make sure Fanny is comfortable."

Britney took the money with a smile. "Alright. Don't worry. She is my own daughter. How

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could I mistreat her?"

After speaking, she left.

Britney had just lost her husband, but there was no trace of sadness in her.

James returned to the car, and Scarlet was **still** comforting Fanny. "Don't worry. James will handle it. How could we not want you? We care about you the most."

Seeing James enter the you."

car. Fanny assumed he had resolved the matter. "Mom, James, thank

It was only then that they realized **George** seemed to have slipped away without anyone noticing.

Scarlet knew George must have gone to that vixen, cursing him silently.

However, things were progressing smoothly, and she would be worry–free once Zacharias recovered from his illness.

James drove back home with a serious expression.

As soon as he entered the living room, he said, "Fanny, pack some basic clothes to change into. You'll move to the Lynch Family tonight or at the latest tomorrow."

Scarlet and Fanny were stunned when hearing this.

They looked at James in shock, speaking in unison.

"James, what did you say?"

"James, what do you mean?"

James sighed deeply, then comforted Fanny. "I have promised **to** give money to Britney. She won't make you work. You can temporarily go over there for a while, and when Zacharias gets better, we will bring you back."

"James, is it necessary to do this?" Fanny couldn't help but get a bit emotional.

I have *already* changed my household registration, and *now you* ask me to move out.

Would I really be able to come back then?

No. No matter what, I have to stay.

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Scarlet thought for a moment and echoed. "Yeats, James Does Angela care where Fanny but stays Why don't you go talk to her again?"

James shook his head. "What kind of person is she? She refuses to negotiate with us, and time is running out. Mom, think about Zacharias He's already in the intensive care unit"

Scarlet's heart sank.

Fanny ran to Scarlet in tears. "Mom, please don't. It'l move to the Lynch Family, I... ruined. How will the Sanders Family see me then?"

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"And the area where the Lynch Family resides. Fanny Kins looked disdainful. "It must be very chaotic and definitely unsafe at night. Mom, I don't want to go. We've come this far. Does Angela really want to push me to the brink?"

Scarlet's temples throbbed. "James...

James cut her off, looking at Fanny. "Fanny, stop overreacting. Listen to James. Britney is your biological mother. She won't harm you."

Fanny still disagreed.

Scarlet thought of the critically ill Zacharias and made a tough decision. "Fanny, bear living there, let James find a trustworthy person to take care of you."

Fanny collapsed to the ground.

They all gave up on her.

Why did this have to happen?

if you can't

At James' insistence, Fanny was taken to the Lynch Family overnight. He couldn't wait to call Angela. "It's done, Fanny has moved to the Lynch Family. Angela, are you satisfied?"

"I don't like the sound of that. She sneered, "I still need to verify it."

""Let's meet tomorrow," James suggested.

The next day, James placed copies of the new household registration and Britney's household registration in front of Angela.

Angela reviewed them and smiled. "It's authentic."

"As for whether Fanny has moved to the Lynch Family..." She paused to take a sip of tea. "I will have it confirmed. If you're deceiving me, you know the consequences."

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James nodded. "Don't worry. Zacharias life is in your hands. We wouldn't deceive you,

What kind of conversation is this?

But Angela **was** in a good mood and didn't want to argue. She then made a request that almost made James furious. "I want to see Mike's body to confirm his death."

"Angela, do you distrust me like this?"

Angela bluntly replied, "Yes."

He sighed, "I **will** arrange it, but it may not be today. If you confirm it tomorrow, can you cure Zacharias immediately?"

Angela nodded. "Of course."

She was unlike the Kins Family, who only knew how to deceive.

James hurriedly left.

As soon as Mike passed away, Britney was asked to assist in changing the household registration, and the body remained in the hospital morgue.

As long as Britney agreed, there should be no issues on the hospital's end.

After making the arrangements, he promptly informed Angela.

Angela accompanied James to the morgue and indeed saw Mike's body.

At that moment, she was unsure of her emotions.

Mike had not always been kind to her, but there were some fond memories from her childhood.

However, most days were challenging.

For instance, the insincerity of many individuals made her feel that people like Mike and Britney, who were truly malicious, were more authentic.

When a person passes away, debts are settled.

Angela's expression was indifferent as she bowed silently.

After they exited, Angela asked directly, "Where is Zacharias?"

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James brought Angela to Zacharias' ward.

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However, he was already placed in the intensive care unit, restricting access to ordinary visitors,

Nevertheless, Joseph had a solution.

Joseph took charge since the previous physician could not address Zacharias' condition.

He had Angela change into protective clothing, and the two entered Zacharias' ward.

Zacharias lay pallid on the hospital bed, connected to a ventilator, surrounded by various treatment and life—saving equipment.

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Joseph's face was cold and stern, and he had a worried expression as he explained Zacharias" condition. "Currently, his heart rate **is** unstable, and his breathing is very weak. His autonomous breathing is not strong, and he needs to rely on the oxygen

machine. Additionally, he has been in a coma for several days with no signs of awakening."

Angela nodded. She removed her gloves and proceeded to the sink to sterilize her hands with disinfectant.

Since Zacharias' immune system was compromised, any bacteria could be detrimental. However, she needed to assess his pulse to determine his specific condition before proceeding with treatment.

She placed her hand on Zacharias' pulse, silently pondering something.

Previously, Joseph would have reprimanded Angela for this action. Yet now, he understood that only Angela could save Zacharias, and he had to endure her methods.

Angela frowned.

Zacharias' physical condition was worse than she had estimated.

Aren't *the* Kins *Family supposed* to *be* quite wealthy? *Yet* they are reluctant to *spend* money even to *care* for a patient.

No. It should be said that *they don't even* consider *it*.

Zacharias' illness requires meticulous care and attention, a delicate process. However, they *are* unwilling to invest the *effort* or hire specialized assistance, resulting in his deteriorating condition.

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Angela sighed, startling Joseph His face turned serious. "What? Is there nothing you can do?"

She snorted. Let's talk outside"

She explained **Zacharias** condition briefly to Joseph, then said, "You must understand his condition. I need to give him acupuncture and then slowly adjust it with traditional medicine. Of course, this process will be very long, and also...

Angela emphasized. You have to promise me that you'll follow the methods I prescribe to take care of him afterward. Otherwise, even if he up the same

avvives this time, he'll end next time."

You can't take care of him constantly?"

Tm not a caretaker, Angela paused, "This treatment is a long process. Do you expect me to just spend my whole day revolving around Zacharias?"

Joseph nodded. "You can rest assured. We will follow your guidance to save him."

Angela added, "He is currently in the intensive care unit, and he's in a coma. This is not conducive to me saving him. You have to find a way to wake him up so I can start with the acupuncture."

She planned to use the acupuncture technique her grandmother passed down to her.

Joseph felt that Angela was putting him in a difficult position. "If I can wake him, do we still

need...

To be manipulated by you?

Meeting Angela's gaze, Joseph altered his approach, "Can't you wake him?"

Angela smiled. "It's not difficult to transfer him from the intensive care unit. The difficulty lies in how to prolong his life and make his body recover."

Joseph agreed. "I will find a solution."

Angela turned to leave, and Joseph's voice came from behind her. "Angela, I hope you **can** really save Zacharias. Otherwise, we won't let you off."

Angela chuckled in frustration.

He was begging me to save a life, yet threatening me before I even started.

Oh God. Are you some ancient emperor who'll be beheaded if the imperial physician fails to save

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Angela turned around, her expression cold. Joseph, aren't you supposed to be a respecteit doctor? Don't you think what you just said is shameless?

"How would you feel if the family of your patient said such things to y

Joseph also knew he had spoken out of turn. He said lightly. I was just ansios. Tapologize

"You're shamelessly carrying on the Kins Family's tradition of shamelessness" Argeta na longer wanted to engage with him, turning around and leaving

She needed to return and prepare.

With Zacharias so weak, simply giving injections or medicine wouldn't suffice. It had to be a combination. Traditional and modern medicine needed to work together for his weakened body to recover sooner.

Upon Jonathan's return home, he caught a whiff of traditional medicine in the air.

Following the scent, he discovered Angela hard at work.

He saw a large basin filled with brewed herbal medicine, with many silver needles floating on

top.

"What's this?" Jonathan was puzzled.

Although he was still taking medicine, his leg was nearly healed, and he no longer required. needle treatments.

Angela flashed a sweet smile when seeing Jonathan. "Jonathan, you're back. I'm soaking silver needles so that when I treat Zacharias, the medicine can flow through the needles and aid in his recovery."

Angela's eyes

lit

up

when it came to medicine.

"Don't overexert yourself," Jonathan said gently.

Saving lives and treating illnesses was **a** noble pursuit. However, when Angela became busy. she tended to neglect her well–being, which was not what he wanted to see.

Angela looked up, approaching Jonathan. "Jonathan, are you feeling unwell? You don't look too good."

Jonathan paused for a moment and admitted, "I'm feeling a bit tired. I probably didn't rest

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Angela nodded. TI **have** May prepare some calming top later and then arrange for nourishing meals for you tomorrow."

The recent incident at the villa had taken a toll on Jonathan's spirits, and with winter approaching, recovering from a cold wouldn't be easy.

But he would be back on his feet with her assistance and a few days of care.

For some reason, Jonathan found solace in Angela's caring words. He smiled and agreed. "Okay."

Joseph proved to be quite resourceful, acquiring foreign medicine and administering a *few* injections to Zacharias, resulting in his transfer to a regular ward.

He also arranged for Zacharias to have a private room to facilitate Angela's treatment.

However, it was a standard room, not as luxurious as Angela had previously occupied.

Angela entered the ward with silver needles and herbs in hand.

She glanced at Joseph, who was still lingering on the side. "You can leave now."

Joseph awkwardly inquired, "Don't you need my assistance? I can be an assistant or something."

Angela promptly declined, "Not necessary. If I make a mistake in acupuncture, who would be responsible, you or me? If you don't trust me..."

She smiled at Joseph. Then I'll leave."

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Joseph hurriedly exited I'll be outside. Let me know if you need anything."

Angela rolled her eyes and walked over to lock the door. "Stay outside and ensure we're not disturbed."

Administering acupuncture requires focus and tranquility, so interruptions should be avoided.

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After about two hours, Angela finally opened the door to the ward.

She looked extremely exhausted, with beads of sweat on her forehead, leaning wearily against the wall.

Joseph's expression softened, and he asked gently. "How is he?"

Angela lifted her eyelids slightly and glanced at Joseph. "Just hanging on. However, his body **is** severely depleted, and it's impossible to administer just one round of acupuncture. I will need to administer injections continuously for the next six days."

With that, she handed a prescription to Joseph. "Purchase these herbs and follow the instructions to prepare a medicinal bath for him. This will expedite his recovery."

Joseph accepted the prescription and sincerely said, "Thank you."

"But preparing a medicinal bath in the hospital..." Joseph appeared hesitant. "Isn't that a bit. inappropriate?"

Angela sneered, "I don't care where you do it, but it must be done. Additionally, I will only administer the injections near the hospital, nowhere else."

Angela left without another word.

She utilized the mystical needle technique passed down from her grandmother, which was effective but also very draining.

Hence, she intended to rest adequately in the coming days..

Despite the deep—seated conflict with the Kins Family, she was committed to fulfilling her promise to treat Zacharias.

Distinguishing between personal and professional matters had always been her guiding principle.

Jonathan mentioned that he would be working overtime and wouldn't return home to sleep.

Angela provided him with earnest instructions over the phone. "You must eat properly, rest well, and take care of yourself."

Jonathan's voice on the other end of the line was reassuring. "Don't worry."

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Angela felt exhausted. She didn't say much more to Jonathan and drifted off to sleep. Subsequently, she resumed administering acupuncture to Zacharias.

The Kins Family displayed resourcefulness by renting a small house near the hospital and facilitating herbal baths for Zacharias.

Joseph adjusted his glasses and informed Angela. "He was briefly awake this morning, then drifted back to sleep. He lacks the strength to converse, only consuming a small amount of porridge."

Angela nodded in understanding.

Over three consecutive days, Zacharias' complexion noticeably improved.

Even the typically proud Joseph couldn't help but admire Angela for her expertise when witnessing this.

However, he remained puzzled about when Angela had acquired such proficiency in acupuncture.

How had they not noticed before?

Upon Angela's return home, she encountered Jonathan, whom she hadn't seen in days.

From a medical standpoint, Jonathan appeared considerably worse.

She knew Jonathan worked tirelessly, neglecting rest. There was no way he could recover properly like that.

Angela asked May to make soup with no other choice and forced him to drink it. "I knew you. wouldn't listen obediently. I didn't say anything when I didn't see it. But now that I have, you have to follow my arrangements."

Jonathan looked quite obedient. "Got it."

Subsequently, they both freshened up and retired to bed.

Angela had been sleeping soundly in recent days, and with Jonathan beside her tonight, shet inexplicably felt at ease and soon drifted off to sleep.

In the middle of the night, Angela felt a chill and reached out to find that the person beside

her was gone.

She woke up and turned on the bedside lamp. She realized that Jonathan was not in bed.

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After waiting approximately five or six minutes, he had yet to return.

Angela found this peculiar.

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She initially thought he had gone to the bathroom in the middle of the night, but she found that the main bedroom's bathroom light was off, and no one was inside.

After deliberating for a moment, Angela quickly put on warm pajamas and went to the study room to look for him.

She guessed that Jonathan might be working in the study room.

What could be so urgent in the middle of the night, especially in this **cold** weather?

She didn't want to disturb Jonathan. But ever since he came down from the mountain that day, he had been experiencing recurrent fevers. The slow recovery was also attributed to the fever and weakened immunity. With the cold weather, the recovery process would be even slower.

If Jonathan's fever continued to recur, she decided to have him undergo a full-body check-

1. up.

What if there were other underlying health issues?

With these thoughts in mind, Angela arrived at the study room's door. Because it was late at night, despite the house being large enough, Angela was hesitant to disturb the rest of the household, so she lightly knocked on the door.

"Jonathan, are you there?"

There was no response from inside.

Perhaps her voice was oo soft.

She grabbed the doorknob, gently turned it, and the door opened.

However, the study room was pitch black, and no one was inside. The heater wasn't turned on either, so **a** cold draft rushed in **as** soon as she opened the door.

Angela furrowed her brows in confusion.

Where has Jonathan gone?

She felt **a** bit disoriented.

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However, according **to** Jonathan's character, he would have at least sent her a message if that

were the case.

Just then, Angela beard a sound

She followed the sound and realized it **was** coming from the bathroom of another bedroom on the same floor.

She hurried over and found that the light in the bathroom was on.

"Jonathan," Angela's voice carried a hint of annoyance. "What are you doing?"

Angela opened the door and was shocked by what she saw,

Jonathan looked pale, sitting on a stool, leaning against the wall.

He was dressed in dark blue silk pajamas, with faint traces of blood seeping from his arms.

Despite Angela calling out to him, he did not respond.

Angela quickly rolled up his sleeve and saw that the wounds on his arms, the ones he had sustained at the villa, had reopened.

The wounds had scabbed over.

Why **have** they reopened?

If it were accidental, a bit of reopening would be understandable. But every wound on Jonathan's arm had reopened. If there weren't only the two of them here, she would have suspected foul play.

Jonathan, what are you doing?" Angela couldn't believe it. She quickly grabbed some tissue and began wiping away the blood.

Jonathan seemed to sense something, opening his eyes and looking at Angela. "It's nothing. Don't worry."

Is it nothing?

Angela was at a loss for words.

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As she tidied up Jonathan, she questioned, "What's going on with these wounds? Weren't they scabbed over?"

Jonathan didn't answer immediately.

He furrowed his brow **as** if pondering something. "Well. They were too itchy and uncomfortable... I scratched a few times, and that's how it ended up."

He spoke casually as if discussing the weather.

Angela **was** on the verge of tears. "Are you still a child? How do you not even realize this?"

Jonathan looked at her and suddenly reached out to hug her waist, his eyes innocent, his expression pitiful. "Will you leave me?"

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Angela was stunned.

Why does he *suddenly ask* such a strange question?

She reached out and felt Jonathan's forehead.

It's hot.

Indeed, he has a fever.

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"Jonathan, you have a fever." Angela said firmly, "Come back to the room with me. You're not taking care of yourself at all."

Jonathan shook his head. I'm not cold. I'm hot."

"On such a cold day, how can you not feel cold outside?" Angela held his hand and said. gently, "Let's go back together."

Jonathan didn't get up

death?"

immediately. Instead, he asked a strange question. "Will I freeze to

Angela felt that his brain might be temporarily short–circuited due to the fever, so it was impossible to communicate normally at this stage.

She said sternly, "Yes, you will. So hurry up and come back with me."

Suddenly, Jonathan showed a strange smile with a hint of darkness in his eyes. "Death would be a release. I shouldn't be alive."

Upon hearing this, Angela was greatly alarmed.

What is going on with Jonathan?

Why does he suddenly say such things?

She suddenly recollected her past.

Previously, she couldn't comprehend why, with so many medical experts around Jonathan.

he still succumbed in the end.

Could it be?

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Angela felt a chill in her heart, her voice softening. "Silly, why would you think like that? I think you are a light to many people. If you shouldn't be alive, then what about the others?"

"A light?"

"Yes." Angela smiled and gestured toward herself. "Just like me. If I hadn't met you, I would have been bullied to death by those scoundrels from the Kins Family. I truly appreciate you, so you must live well."

Jonathan's gaze

seemed unfocused. Under Angela's earnest persuasion, he nodded intermittently. "I won't let them bully you."

Angela nodded resolutely.

After that, she coaxed Jonathan into the room with great effort, using the tone of enticing a child.

The heating here was sufficient. The two, who were almost frozen outside, felt like they had returned from a cold winter to a warm spring as soon as they entered the room.

"Don't go." Jonathan, lying on the bed, was restless. He held Angela's hand and begged, "Don't leave me, okay? Don't go."

Angela was helpless. "I won't leave. I'll go get you some fever medicine. Do you know what your temperature is now? It's 102.2 Fahrenheit. If you don't bring down the fever soon, it will damage your brain."

Jonathan hesitated, seemingly contemplating the significance of Angela's words...

She sighed softly.

She retrieved the fever medication and ensured Jonathan took it. "Go to sleep. You'll feel better once the fever subsides."

He shook his head, still trying to keep his eyes open. "Stay here."

"Alright." Angela replied, "I was going to stay here anyway."

"Forever?"

"Forever."

"That's impossible." Jonathan seemed to sigh, "No one can stay with another person forever."

Angela suddenly reached out and pinched Jonathan. "You have a fever, but you act like you're

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drunk. If you don't sleep, can you answer me a question?

Jonathan nodded, looking very obedient.

Angela **suddenly** felt a little fond of this version of Jonathan.

The current Jonathan seemed more animated and vibrant than the usual Jonathan.

Angela gently pressed on Jonathan's wound, causing him to furrow his brow in pain.

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Now you **feel** the pain?" Angela couldn't help but scold. "Why do you torture yourself like

this

Jonathan pondered for a moment. "It's not torture."

He paused, then gazed earnestly at Angela. "It's more comfortable this way."

This response took Angela aback.

Is self–infliction truly more comfortable?

"Why do you think that?" Angela asked as she sat on the edge of the bed and gently touched

him.

Jonathan pondered for a moment. He seemed unable to answer the question, then replied, "Just a feeling."

Angela felt a pang in her heart.

She didn't ask any more questions. She lay down on the other side of the bed, hugged his waist, and said, "Let's go to sleep. I'm here."

Jonathan held her hand, and they both closed their eyes.

At first, Angela couldn't fall asleep. She was thinking about Jonathan.

She felt that Jonathan's current state was wrong, not just because of the fever.

But if she asked directly, Jonathan would not say anything.

Perhaps I can try to find out indirectly.

Oliver!

No, he doesn't seem like someone who would know the boss' secrets.

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Pic's smart, but he's also shroud and might not tell me. Besides, I'm not very close to him.

It might be worth a try. But what if he doesn't actually know *anything*? Would he *be* even more heartbroken if he knew about Jonathan's condition?

Oh. It's so difficult.

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When **it** was almost dawn, she was too tired to keep her eyes open heavily.

When she woke up, she found that Jonathan was gone again.

She was startled, but she understood when she looked at the time.

Jonathan probably got up.

After so much trouble yesterday, he could still get up on time. His biological clock was admirable

After the previous day's events, his ability to rise early was truly commendable.

After freshening up. Angela called Jonathan.

She cautiously mentioned, "Your wound... You... be more careful of your wound next time."

She hesitated but refrained from asking directly.

Jonathan's response was casual. "Sure. You've been tired lately. I asked May to make soup for you. Remember to drink it."

"Okav."

After breakfast, Angela proceeded to administer an injection to Zacharias.

He was awake and greeted her warmly. "Joseph told me about yesterday. Thank you, Angela."

Angela waved it off. "No need. I have my conditions."

Zacharias didn't say anything more.

After giving the injection, Angela left but didn't return immediately.

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She wanted to find someone to clarify her doubts.

Jonathan's behavior last night was incomprehensible.

She had some guesses, but she dared not confirm them. After all, she only had half-knowledge about those medical conditions.

Since Zacharias lived near the hospital, she quickly found Daniel.

Upon seeing Angela, Daniel's eyes lit up. "Angela, I heard you came specifically to find me?"

Angela nodded. "Yes. I have some questions for you."

Daniel raised an eyebrow. "Oh. What's the matter?"

His eagerness softened Angela's serious expression.

Angela glanced around his office and said, "Can we find a place with fewer people?"

Daniel Lockwood stroked his chin and nodded in agreement.

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Daniel took Angela to an area near the hospital, which was under construction,

The **view was** open, and there were few people around.

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"Is it safe to talk here?" Daniel looked at Angela with a puzzled expression.

"Angela, are you going to discuss something confidential with me?"

Angela sighed deeply. "I have something to tell you."

She knew that Daniel was Jonathan's good friend, so it was okay to talk to him.

Upon hearing this, Daniel's expression changed. "H-he..."

He was somewhat anxious, speaking in a stuttered manner. "S-so, how is he now?"

Angela hesitated for a moment before expressing her concern, "Everything seems normal. Daniel, what's going on with Jonathan? I feel like there might **be** some psychological or mental issues"

Angela carefully chose her words.

In Daniel's presence, she felt less constrained about her words.

Indeed, even in a more progressive and open—minded society decades later, prejudices persisted against individuals facing mental health challenges.

The reluctance to consult a psychologist was driven not only by the associated high costs but also by the fear of societal judgment.

Daniel's face looked grim. "I don't know either. Actually, Jon had similar situations in the past. But that **was years** ago, and I thought he was better now. But..."

The more Angela listened, the more concerned she became.

*He had similar situations before?" Angela repeated.

Daniel quickly reassured me in a light—hearted manner, "No need to worry. **He's just...** a bit pessimistic with his emotions. Sometimes, he might not grasp things fully. I don't think **it's a** significant **concern**."

He then returned to his carefree demeanor. "Everyone has some dark moments in their lives. Despite how sunny and handsome I may look, I also have times when I'm not happy. When

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you're in a bad mood, it's not hard to do some strange things.

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Angela glanced at Daniel. "You better come clean. This is a serious matter, not something trivial. If you don't tell me the truth, what if something happens to Jonathan in the future?"

Daniel twitched his mouth and chuckled, "Oh, don't be so worried. It's not that serious. After all these years, nothing has happened, right?"

"Daniel...

"Angela." Daniel interrupted Angela, "Don't **ask** me anymore. I only know this much. Even if you ask me more, I won't know. But since you're here, I won't let you leave empty—handed."

Angela looked at Daniel.

He grinned, "There's a delicious barbecue restaurant near the hospital that just opened recently. Would you like to give it a try? My treat."

Angela coldly snorted, "No need. Since you won't tell me, I'll go ask Old Mr. Lawson for the truth."

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With that, she turned to leave but was stopped by Daniel.

He sighed, "Oh, you're always like this. Why are you just leaving like that? How can you disturb Old Mr. Lawson at his age with this matter?"

"Since you are so filial and don't want to upset Old Mr. Lawson, just tell me willingly. I am Jonathan's wife. I have an obligation to care for him. Or do you think I am the kind of person who would spread things around carelessly?" Angela tousled her hair.

Daniel quickly shook his head. "You misunderstand. I'm not unwilling to tell you, nor do I distrust you. It's just... I just don't want another person to worry. Because... how should I put it..."

Daniel pondered for a moment before explaining, "Here's the situation. Jon consulted a psychologist, who is a friend of mine. The psychologist suggested that Jon's psychological **issues** could be serious or minor. However, Jon is reluctant to undergo treatment, and the psychologist advised us to avoid bringing it up whenever possible."

"What does it mean by 'serious or minor'?" Angela was frustrated by this term. "Is it really serious?"

However, based on his self-harming behavior, the issue was clearly not minor.

Daniel appeared helpless. "I'm not very clear on it either."

"So, you're not sure what his psychological problem is?

"It could be related to his family specifically. But I don't know the details. This involves very private matters. We are good friends, but we still need our own space? Daniel seemed troubled.

Like him, he wouldn't reveal everything to others.

After thinking for a moment, Angela inquired, "Can you share the medical records from when your friend treated Jonathan?"

Perhaps, with some knowledge from her past life, she could assist in his treatment.

Daniel shook his head and gestured. "No, my friend is a psychologist. **It** would violate professional ethics to access someone's privacy without permission."

Angela felt conflicted as well. "I understand. I didn't mean to take the medical records completely. Could you try to gather more information discrectly? Or, I can provide you with some questions to ask her. Also, we genuinely care about Jonathan. We mean no harm."

After careful consideration, Daniel finally agreed, "I'll give it a shot."

Angela smiled. "Thank you."

"It's all for Jon; there is no need to thank me. I just want what's best for him," Daniel replied, glancing at the time. Suddenly realizing, he exclaimed, "Oh no, I forgot about a meeting later. I'm going to be late, and the dean will be there this time. I'm sure to get reprimanded."

Angela was speechless.

Even in **such** a rush, he still **has** time to empathize with me so much.

"I should go now." Daniel hurried off, running back in the direction they came from, looking flustered.

Angela couldn't help but chuckle.

She couldn't fathom how Daniel, renowned as the genius doctor, could be so disorganized.

If his patients know his true self, are they too scared to let him treat them?

Angela shook her head and left the hospital.

On the way back, she pondered Jonathan's **issue**.

What might be the cause of his psychological problems?

Angela felt a headache coming on.

Just then, her phone rang.

Angela answered.

Linda's voice came from the other end of the phone. "Can you talk right now?"

Angela frowned.

Why did she call me?

The car had just entered the Lawson Residence.

"Wait a minute." Angela got out of the **car** and walked to a corner of the yard, "What do you **have** to say?"

Linda's voice came through. "Fanny returned to the Kins Family."

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Angela was somewhat surprised. "Are you keeping an eye on her?"

Linda's voice carried a hint of coldness. "Of course, I naturally **pay** attention to the Kins Family members. Especially Fanny. Am I right?"

"Understood," Angela replied casually.

Linda seemed surprised. "Is that all?"

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She certainly wouldn't simply let it slide like this.

Angela bung up the phone, a smirk playing on her lips.

The Kins *Family* is *undeniably* hypocritical. *Do* they believe that, now that I'm in the process of taking over Zacharias, *I* won't back out halfwony? Well, they've guessed right.

Angela definitely wouldn't have given up then.

It wasn't out of kindness but rather her principle as a doctor.

Regardless, Zacharias was her patient, and she wouldn't have been irresponsible due to personal emotions,

But if Fanny thought that was the end of it, she was wrong.

Next, Angela would have given them a big gift.

Hopefully, Fanny would have liked it.

After giving Zacharias another injection, Angela looked **at** Joseph mockingly. "The Kins Family are so fickle. Do you think I should continue or not with the injections for the next two days?"

Joseph looked puzzled. "What do you mean?"

Angela calmly said, "Fanny has returned to the Kins Family. Don't you know?"

Joseph was somewhat surprised.

He really didn't know about this.

Recently, due **to** the **necessity** of caring for Zacharias and handling hospital **matters**, he chose to pack some clothes and stay there.

While Angela was packing her things, she remarked, "Certainly, **as** a doctor, I will complete the injections. However, considering the deceitful behavior of the Kins Family, **they** can find someone **else to** treat Zacharias in the future."

Joseph panicked. "I really didn't know about this. But rest assured, we will handle it."

Angela didn't make things difficult for him. **She** simply nodded. "Okay."

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After Angela left, Joseph tightened his lips, his face turning dark.

He immediately called James and explained the situation. He couldn't free himself up at the moment, so he had to ask James to handle it.

Don't be deceived **by** Angela's present **easy**—going demeanor. If this situation wasn't handled properly, even completing a course of treatment for Zacharias wouldn't have been very effective.

Upon hearing about the situation, James hurried back home from the company.

Recently, his father **also** gave up, neglecting company matters and leaving everything to him. Along with the workload he had accumulated from managing Zacharias' situation before, he found himself overwhelmed, struggling to keep up.

He had believed that everything was gradually falling into **place**, only for Fanny *to* disrupt the equilibrium.

His headache was intensifying.

He had never imagined that his once beloved sister would turn out to be so annoying.

It was simply a case of more trouble than it was worth.

Meanwhile, in the living room at the Kins Residence.

Fanny was complaining to Scarlet, "Mom, look at my dark eyes. I haven't been able to sleep well these past few days. Do you know how big the bugs are over there? And it's so cold... and the room over there smells awful..."

Scarlet hugged Fanny with a look of pity. "Fanny, let me give you some money. You should go back soon. If James or Joseph find out about this, they'll definitely be angry."

Fanny's face turned pale. "Mom, Angela has already started treating Zacharias anyway. If she gives up halfway, it's **as** good as murder."

Scarlet looked a little embarrassed. She sighed, "Fanny, I know you've been suffering. But since we promised her, we should stick to it. When Angela calms down, I will go and plead with her again."

"While James and Joseph are not **at** home, you should go back quickly. If they find out that I sheltered you yesterday, they will definitely be unhappy," Scarlet said helplessly.

Fanny was unwilling.

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It's impossible to wait for Angela to calm down *in* this lifetime,

Her little face drooped as she bit her lip, looking aggrieved, "Mom, they won't blame me. I did this very carefully, Angela won't know?

"She already knows." A voice came from outside the door, James looked at Fanny with a gloomy expression. "Are you going to leave on your own, or do I have to carry you out?

James was harsh in his words; he was truly annoyed.

Why does my gentle and sensible sister suddenly become so stubborn?

Upon hearing James' tone, Fanny felt even more upset. Her eyes were red as she said cautiously, "I'm sorry, James. Please don't be angry. I just missed Mom so much. That's why I sneaked back."

"Fanny, you're about to get married. Are you still so immature?" James looked at her with disappointment. "You know what it means when you sneak back, yet you still do it..."

For some reason, he suddenly remembered what Angela had said before.

Before Mike died, Fanny had appeared. Later, he also asked Sarah. She didn't directly say it, but she admitted to seeing Fanny, and she was very nervous.

Fanny wasn't being immature. She was being intentional.

Thinking of this, James' face darkened even more. "Do you want to harm Zacharias?"

Fanny **was** startled. This accusation could directly erase the **affection** of the past decade.

She quickly shook her head. "No, how could I do such a thing?"

James rubbed his temples and ordered, "Go. **If** you have anything **else** you want to take with you, bring it back this time. Don't come back until this **matter is** resolved."

Fanny's heart sank bit by bit.

She knew that begging and crying now would be futile. She could only contemplate a solution slowly later on.

Scarlet silently watched all this and could only sigh.

This home feels less and less like a home. Every day, waking up to a cold and empty house only intensifies the chilling feeling. When can we return to the days of the p ast?

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Time flew in the blink of an eye, and Angela administered the final injection to Zacharias,

She said to Joseph. "Follow my prescription from now on. I will come once a week at the beginning, and if the situation improves, I will reduce the frequency, Whether I come to you or you come to me, we'll discuss it later"

Zacharias looked much better. His eyes were full of gratitude. "Thank you so much, Angela,"

Lately, he felt like he was back to the days when Angela used to take care of him diligently.

For some reason, he had been having strange dreams when he was in a daze lately.

And he felt like that dream was very real,

The Angela in the dream was quite different from the present Angela. She was incredibly humble, giving her all. However, in the dream, her goodness went unnoticed; everything she did was taken for granted, and her contributions were considered expected.

They loved Fanny very much, treating her with utmost care.

Contemplating this, Zacharias felt profound sadness. Why did we, in the dream, act **so** foolishly, treating Angela like a servant, even...

Zacharias didn't know why, but he always felt like the dream was real.

Angela seemed to sense Zacharias' guilty look.

She felt like she might have misunderstood.

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always think that others' efforts are taken for granted; how could there be guilt?

Her face was pale. "No worries."

After saying that, she turned and left.

At the door, she received a phone call. After answering, her expression became complex and emotionless. "Hmm, I will go."

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The caller turned out to be a friend from the village where Angela used to live with the Lynches.

He mentioned that there would be a memorial service for Mike in the village **as** per tradition, and asked if she would like to attend.

Even though Angela **was** not Mike's biological daughter, she had called him dad for many years, so it felt right for her to pay her respects.

Angela agreed to go.

However, she decided not to stay the night but **to** attend as a gesture to honor their bond.

In the past few days, Jonathan had shown significant improvement in his condition and seemed to be back to normal, which put her at ease.

Upon hearing that Angela was planning to visit the Lynches', Jonathan suggested, "Take Oliver with you."

Angela accepted the suggestion without hesitation.

The place teemed with people and activity. While there was no immediate danger, caution was advisable.

After a few hours of driving, Angela arrived at the Lynches!

The atmosphere here was lively.

It **was** bustling with many people engaged in conversations, lending a helping hand, and some preparing to sing.

Several large tables were set up in the courtyard, adorned with a variety of dishes.

Angela raised an eyebrow. Has Britney struck it rich? But this **isn't** surprising, **considering** the Kins Family has invested **their precious** gem here. She **has to** spend a little to **ensure** Fanny's **safety**.

"Why are you here?" Fanny, carrying **a** basin of water, confronted Angela as she was about to enter the house.

Her expression was unwelcoming, showing no pretense in such a setting.

The opinions of those other people didn't bother her much. After spending a **few days there**,

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she felt suffocated, and encountering the person responsible for her discomfort, Fanny naturally didn't hide her displeasure.

Angela glanced at Fanny and proceeded into the room, stating, "I'm here to pay my respects?

Fanny hastily placed the basin down. "You're just putting on an act. Angela, please leave and don't disturb my dad."

Fanny wasn't trying to defend anything; she simply wanted to oppose Angela at that moment.

"Dad..." Angela smirked, a hint of sarcasm in her eyes. "You're addressing him so smoothly now. Well done, you've assimilated seamlessly. Truly the blood–related daughter of the Lynches."

Fanny was furious. She approached Angela, lowering her voice, "I warn you, this is not the place for your theatrics. If you have nothing to do, **leave** immediately."

Angela appraised Fanny and offered her a meaningful smile. "Fanny, you seem more genuine in this state. It's almost refreshing."

Fanny adjusted her clothes, glaring at Angela as if she wanted to devour her.

Living with the Lynches, she couldn't wear the expensive dresses she used to. Not only did they feel out of place, but they could easily get ruined. Moreover, every time she stepped outside, lecherous eyes followed her.

She had no choice but to dress modestly to avoid unwanted attention.

But Angela's mockery was evident.

Before Fanny could respond, Britney emerged.

She appeared despondent, lacking her usual vigor.

Fanny sneered.

You were energetic and bold when asking the Kins Family for money at the **police station** a few **days ago**. Now, you're acting like the victim and pretending **to** be sad.

Upon seeing Angela, Britney burst into tears. "Angela, you're here. Your dad has left me all alone in despair. This heartless man. How can a healthy person just vanish like that..."

Angela furrowed her brow, taking a step back as Britney hurried towards her. "My condolences. And besides..."

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She glanced over at Barny "Don't you still have a wonderful daughter? Fanny was raised as a proper young lady, and she will surely take care of you in the future?

writney nodded slightly

Fanny stood silently to the side, her gaze fixed on Angela as she paid her respect to Mike,

Angela was lost in thought as she gazed at Mike's portrait,

Feeling uneasy, Fanny approached Angela. "Why are you still here?"

Ignoring Fanny, Angela shifted her attention to Britney, "Today marks... his seventh day, It's also known as the night of returning souls"

Brimey nodded knowingly, "Yes, Mike should come back to visit us, and once he *does*, he will leave."

"There's also a possibility..." Angela hesitated. She then glanced at Fanny before speaking softly. "I've heard that some people with unfulfilled wishes may return during this time to fulfill them."

Britney furrowed her brow. "Wishes?"

"Yes. It could be concerns for loved ones, regrets, or even... seeking revenge for past wrongs when they were powerless to fight back," Angela continued slowly.

Each time Angela spoke, Fanny's heart trembled.

Britney listened with confusion while Fanny felt a pang of guilt.

She clenched her fists tightly.

No, that can't be true.

She was a modern young woman, a believer in science. All this talk of spirits and haunting nights was nonsense.

Fanny's face paled, her heart racing.

Angela observed silently, then took some money from her purse and handed it to Britney before departing.

Britney observed Angela, pleasantly surprised to discover a hint of conscience in her. *It* appears our efforts to raise her are not in *vain*.

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After watching Angela leave, Fanny breathed a sigh of relief.

Yet, she couldn't shake the feeling that Angela's actions and words today were inexplicable.

Tonight was the night of vigil.

As Mike's biological daughter, Fanny had no choice but to participate after having moved her household registration here.

Otherwise, she would be inundated with criticism from relatives and friends.

She knelt beside the wreath while others inside and outside the house engaged in playing cards.

Thankfully, she wasn't alone, or she would have been terrified.

Britney was helped to rest in the room by others.

Lying on the bed, she felt a wave of sorrow. Despite their strained relationship, she and Mike had been married for many years. His sudden passing left her feeling a deep sense of loss.

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Especially now that Mike was gone, she would have to navigate earning a living and managing the household on her own. The future seemed daunting.

At the thought of this, Britney's mood worsened even more.

At this moment, a woman from the village entered the room, closing and locking the door behind her.

Approaching Britney with a grave expression, she said, "Britney, I have something important to tell you. You must stay strong."

"What is it, Noreen?" Britney asked, noting the seriousness in Noreen's demeanor. It seemed like something significant was unfolding.

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Norcen repeatedly hesitated, torn between the desire to speak and the restraint that held her back.

Her indecisive demeanor made Britney extremely anxious.

"Oh, Noreen. At this moment, **what** is it that you find difficult to express? Mike is gone, leaving **us as** orphans and widows. What could be more challenging than this?" Britney clasped her hand.

Her voice trembled with sorrow, mourning her own misfortune.

Noreen took a moment to reflect, not articulating directly but inquiring, "How did Mike pass away? Didn't you mention his condition had improved when you returned?"

Britney sighed, a touch of sadness on **her face**. "His illness **is** unpredictable. The doctor also mentioned it's all up to fate. Every day is different. A **few days ago**, he even mentioned he wanted to eat the strawberries grown in his own yard, claiming his appetite had improved. But then suddenly he couldn't breathe, and the doctor couldn't **save** him... **sigh**..."

Noreen consoled, "Don't be disheartened. Fate is beyond anyone's control."

"Why this sudden inquiry?" Britney was curious.

Noreen was conflicted; she sighed, then expressed, "My child overheard people discussing, suggesting that Mike was murdered."

Britney gasped in shock at these words. She promptly sat up from the bed, tightly gripping Noreen's hand and asking, "W—what did you say? M—murdered?"

Noreen bit her lip. "A few days ago, my child visited the hospital and happened to run into some classmates. During their brief conversation, they mentioned **that** someone had gone to the police station and reported that Fanny hired someone to kill her father."

"W-what?" Britney was astounded.

Noreen continued, "Additionally, the police conducted an investigation at the hospital. Although they didn't reveal any details, certain rumors have emerged. They suggest that Fanny, for some reason related to household registration, plotted to harm Mike... There are even claims of witnesses seeing Fanny approaching Mike surreptitiously, as if with harmful intentions. The information has spread widely and is known to everyone in the hospital. The police are still actively probing the matter, and Fanny **is** currently under surveillance by their personnel. It's anticipated that following Mike's funeral, they **will likely** apprehend her."

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Noreen quickly held himney back, saying: "Britney, Ljust wanted to advise you to be cautious. The police currently lack concrete evidence, and even if you confront her new, she likely won't contes. Nevertheless, the rumors are circulating widely. Many people are discussing it. even those who are unaware that it involves Fanny. According to my child's findings. everything matches up their backgrounds, the specific patient, the ailment, and the timing of their passing

"This deceitful hule b*tch! How dare she commit murder. S—she is truly audacious... Britney struggled to get out of bed but was gently pushed back by Noreen, who said, "Britney, you need to compose yourself"

Britney clasped Noreen's hand and declared, "Help me summon her. Then, wait outside. I–I want to interrogate her."

Noreen nodded. 'Sure. The police will ask about this sooner or later anyway. It's better if we confront her first"

Noreen left and called for Fanny

Upon Fanny's entrance, she gazed at Britney with an unfriendly expression. "What's the matter?"

Observing her demeanor, Britney sneered, "Your father has passed away. Why aren't you displaying any sorrow?"

Fanny pursed her lips. "I am grieving. I am deeply sorrowful inside. But not all grief needs to be exhibited outwardly."/

"Hmph." Britney rose slowly. "Do you anticipate him returning tonight to seek retribution against you?"

Fanny paled and looked at Britney. "What are you saying?"

"Do you not realize what you have done?" Britney's expression turned fierce as she gazed at Fanny, who appeared innocent on the surface. Britney couldn't believe the darkness in her heart.

Turning her head away, Fanny avoided eye contact and said, "It's getting late. If there's nothing else, I'll leave."

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heaven, come back and seek justice. Someone heartless enough to harm her own father is capable of any evil deed."

Startled by Britney's accusations, Fanny asked, "What are you talking about?"

Recalling the unsettling words Angela had spoken earlier, Fanny pressed, "Did Angela say something to you? She has **always** harbored ill feelings toward me, constantly trying to tarnish my reputation. Don't let her manipulate you."

Getting out of bed, Britney approached Fanny slowly. "Regardless of Angela's faults, I raised her for years. I know her character. She is timid, hardworking, and never complains. She would never do what you are accused of. Despite your wealth, deep down, you are just like

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Britney pressed on, "Maybe my husband and I are no longer useful, but we're the ones who brought you into this world. You.....grew up in luxury, thinking you could get away with anything. You went **so** far as to have your own father killed just to avoid changing your registration..."

Fanny went pale, looking shocked. She pondered, *How does* she know all this? It must be Angela who discloses the information. But I am always present whenever Angela visits. There's no chance for them to speak privately.

Backing away slowly, Fanny felt a sense of fear creeping in. "Mom, please calm down. This is all a misunderstanding... Who told you these things?"

Pointing toward the door, Britney spoke sternly, "Then go swear in front of your father that you are innocent. He will return tonight. Dare you swear?"

Feeling a sudden chill in the air, Fanny hesitated.

Initially dismissing the superstitions, Angela and Britney made her uneasy by repeatedly mentioning events after death.

"Mom, please. This is just superstition..."

"Then swear!"

"I've told you this is just superstition."

"You truly did such a thing. You heartless creature! How could you commit such a heinous act? I will teach you a lesson on behalf of your father today!" Britney gritted her teeth.

Before Fanny could react, she felt a sharp pain in her stomach, followed by a warm sensation spreading.

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She screamed in agony.

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The knife slipped from Britney's hand to the ground.

She appeared bewildered.

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Looking at the blood on her hands and then at Fanny collapsing to the ground, clutching her stomach, Britney felt momentarily lost.

It was not intentional.

She had grabbed the nearest object to discipline her disobedient daughter.

But she had not expected it to be a fruit knife.

Noreen pushed the door open and witnessed the gruesome scene.

Instant regret washed over her. I should not have intervened.



Onlookers gathered, offering **assistance**. Some called for an ambulance, and some rushed barefoot to seek the village's doctor.

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After a hectic period, Fanny was admitted to the county hospital, while Britney was temporarily detained by the police.

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Once Fanny had her wounds dressed, she contacted the Kins Family. Upon receiving the **news**, Scarlet immediately arranged for Fanny to **be** transferred to the **large** hospital in Riverdon before feeling **a sense** of relief.

She was horrified to see Fanny lying pale on the hospital bed.

"Fanny, how are you? Are you okay?" Scarlet trembled **as** she clasped Fanny's hand.

Having nurtured her daughter like a precious jewel for many years, Scarlet was usually too fearful to even raise a finger against

her. **How does** Britney **dare** to harm **Fanny** with a **knife**?

The sight of the knife was terrifying. But in reality, Fanny's injuries were not too severe.

Nevertheless, she was terrified.

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She had been pampered and privileged since childhood, commanding many people yet always shielded in a safe environment.

Even when indulging in activities that couldn't be openly done, no one dared to do them publicly.

She never imagined that Britney would have the audacity to do something like this.

Fanny weakly leaned against the hospital bed, allowing Scarlet to hold her hand. She weakly uttered, "Mom, don't cry. I'm fine. The doctor said it's nothing serious."

"What happened? You only mentioned being injured, but how could this suddenly occur?" Scarlet wiped away her tears.

Fanny lowered her head and remained silent.

Scarlet grew anxious. "What's the matter, Fanny? **Is** there something you can't tell me?"

"I... Mom, let's not dwell on it. I don't want to talk about it." Fanny hesitated, displaying a helpless smile.

Scarlet shook her head disapprovingly. "Whoever mistreated you, I'll handle it for you."

"That's right." **James** and Joseph burst in energetically from **outside**.

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Despite being orrupted, supon hearing that Fanny was injured and hospitalized, they dropped everything and rashed over

After all, she was their beloved sister whom they had cared for for many years. Naturally, they would be concrmed if something happened to her.

Sering James and Joseph arrive, Fanny pouted and shed more tears.

After crying for about five or six minutes, the sniffled and said, "I really don't know what happened. I just know that today is Unde Mike's funeral...

ouldn't bring herself to address Mike as Dad" in front of the Kins Family.

Fanny paused, then continued, "I was supposed to keep vigil, and many people were assisting. Then, Angela arrived. She said she was there to pay her respects."

The Kins Family remained silent,

After all, Mike had raised Angela for a few years. Despite not treating her well, he was still her adopted father. Now that Mike had passed away, it was only fitting for Angela to bid him farewell

Then Angela took **Aunt** Britney aside and appeared to give her some money. I don't know what they were discussing. After Angela left, Aunt Britney summoned me into the room," Fanny spoke softly, her eyes carrying a hint of subtle resentment.

At this point, Fanny's face turned pale once more. She shrunk on the bed, trembling slightly. "Then **Aunt** Britney scolded me, accusing me of killing Uncle Mike. She even called me a heartless person. I have no idea why she would say that..."

She continued, "I tried to explain desperately, but she didn't believe me."

Fanny looked plaintively at the Kins Family members. "And then she stabbed me with a knife. I... I truly don't know..."

She recounted the incident, mixing truth with falsehood.

Angela's visit and the money she gave were genuine, but whether she was alone was hard to determine. With numerous people coming and going, it was uncertain if they had a private

conversation.

Moreover, even if those people accused Fanny of lying, it all depended on who the Kins Family members believed.

Fanny uttered these words merely to sow discord **between the** Kins Family members and

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Angela, without concern for how others perceived her.

Upon hearing **Fanny's** words, Scarlet's face displayed a flash of anger. "This deceitful girl is so malicious. How dare she incite Britney to **harm** you. It's unbelievable"

Joseph's eyes flickered slightly as he stood at the side without uttering a word.

Although he cherished Fanny, his intuition told him that Angela wouldn't engage in such behavior. **It was** not about trusting Angela's character, but rather a feeling that she lacked a

motive.

People always act with a purpose in mind. What is Angela's motive in inciting Britney? Perhaps, Britney is triggered by something herself.

James also listened with evident anger on his face. "How could she do this?"

If Angela didn't have to attend to Zacharias, James genuinely wanted to confront her. They all followed her instructions, yet she still didn't spare **Fanny**, which was truly despicable.

Joseph stepped forward, his voice gentle. "But now is not the time to hold Angela

accountable. Without evidence, it's all mere speculation. She still needs to continue treating Zacharias. **If we** offend her...

He didn't finish his sentence, but everyone understood.

Scarlet's eyes displayed **a** hint of displeasure. "She must be taking advantage of the situation, and that's why she's acting with impunity."

Fanny lowered her gaze, her tone soft. "Joseph is right, I was merely speculating. Perhaps it's just **a** coincidence... Angela wouldn't do that."

Observing Fanny's meekness, Scarlet felt sorry for her. "Fanny, why are you still defending her? You've helped her before. Being too kind isn't always wise. Some people are ungrateful wolves in sheep's clothing."

"Mom... Please don't say that. It's my fault for causing you worry. I believe the police will conduct a thorough investigation." Fanny shook her head.

She held Scarlet's hand and inquired, "I wonder how Aunt Britney is faring. I heard she was arrested by the police. Do you think the neighbors next door will criticize me when I return?"

"Why would they criticize you? **You're** the victim." Scarlet **was** incensed, especially toward Britney.

Fanny's eyes

welled up with tears as she said, "But, regardless, she is still my mother. If I

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don't help her. I might be condemned for not caring for my own mother."

Scarlet furrowed her brow. "You're too kind, Fanny. I don't think you should go back there."

"But... if I go back to the Kins Family... Fanny immediately shook her head and glanced at James. "After all, **this** is my destiny. It's something I must endure."

James recalled that his insistence on sending Fanny back to the Lynch Family previously led to this situation. Feeling remorseful, he suggested, "How about this? We'll rent a house for you in Riverdon, so **you** don't have to return to the Lynch Family just yet. The police are still investigating the matter, and they will surely bring you justice."

Upon hearing this, **a** glimmer of hope shone in Fanny's eyes, though she still appeared anxious. "Will Angela be upset about this?"

Scarlet looked indignant. "What more does she want? You're already injured like this, returning would endanger your life. Don't worry, I will *talk* to her."

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When Fanny finally achieved her goal, she stopped crying.

Constantly scheming and calculating had been exhausting. Although her injury was not serious, she had lost a lot of blood. It was something she had never experienced before.

Scarlet arranged a VIP single room for Fanny,

It was not as luxurious as Angela' previous room, but much more comfortable than the ordinary rooms.

Daily meals were sent to her, and dedicated medical staff took care of her. Despite being in the hospital, her days here were far more comfortable than those spent at the Lynches.

One afternoon, while Fanny was lying on the couch reading a book, someone entered the

ward.

Assuming it was Scarlet, she didn't bother turning her head. She casually said, "Mom, did you forget something again?"

To her surprise, a mocking laugh filled the room.

Fanny turned around to see Linda standing there in designer clothes, with a designer bag and exquisite makeup.

Linda questioned, "Hasn't your household registration been transferred to the Lynch Family? I heard your mother is still detained at the police station. Who are you calling for?"

Linda's eyes held sarcasm as she added, "You should really change your habit of falsely recognizing a mother, or people will think you have no shame."

Fanny demanded, "Who let you in?"

Ignoring her, Linda placed a fruit basket on the table and said, "I came to see you, my old

you welcome me?"

friend. Don't

Fanny coldly snorted, her eyes filled with disdain. "Are you really that kind-hearted?"

Linda casually tossed her hair, cast a critical glance at Fanny, and remarked, "I just dropped by to witness your streak of bad luck. Tsk! How did things turn out like this? It seems that karma catches up with those who indulge in too much mischief."

Fanny grasped that Linda was there to revel in her misfortune.

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Fanny's expression shined repeatedly, a trace of confusion in her eyes. "You know?"

Linda nodded, stating, "I was the one who exposed it

"Treported you" Linda laughed heartily, showing no fear of fanny. She went on. "I knew about your attempt to hire someone for murder, so I reported it. And then...

A sense of satisfaction played on her face as she continued, "I gathered a few people, discussed it in the neighborhood where you live, and things turned out like this. However, 1 didn't expect Britney to go this far. I just wanted her to give you a good beating, but she turned out to be more formidable than I thought."

Fanny was furious. "Linda, you b*tch! Making a false report can land you in jail. You've gone to such absurd lengths just for revenge.

Compared to Fanny's exasperation, Linda remained more composed, She sneered, "You know best whether it's false or not. You may think it's fake, but here I am, sitting comfortably. In a few days, I believe the police will come asking you questions. Do you think you can escape this time?"

Fanny was stunned. *How* is *this possible*? What I did is obviously a well–kept secret. How could Linda know? *She's* currently *relying on* Dad, but even *with some money, it's not* plausible for *her* to be aware of these things. This just doesn't make sense.

Upon seeing Fanny's expression, Linda became even more convinced that the information Angela had provided was accurate.

Despite Angela's motives, they were at least in agreement when it came to dealing with Fanny,

A look of panic crossed Fanny's face. "Stop talking nonsense! I'm fine... Linda, do you think I'll be afraid of your vague words?"

Linda shook her head innocently. "Why would you be afraid? You are the precious daughter in the Kins Family. But I wonder if the Kins Family would be shocked to know how ruthless. you can be?"

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"You killed your own father to avoid the household registration. What if..." Linda's red lips parted slightly, her voice carrying a hint of coldness. She pressed on, "What if the Kins Family disappoints you? Would you resort to the same tactics?"

Fanny forced herself to remain calm and said, "I will sue you if you continue to accuse me."

Linda was undeterred. She stood up from the couch and said, "Go ahead. I can't wait to expose this. Do you think the Kins Family can cover everything up? This will not end well."

The sky outside gradually darkened, with few people coming and going on the VIP floor.

Because of Linda's words, the ward became even eerily quiet.

Fanny's heart raced, her limbs weak.

"You should focus on clearing your name." Linda's voice rang out again. She looked at Fanny with a sense of satisfaction.

Then, she asked, "Do you remember what you did to me?"

Before Fanny could respond, Linda added, "Fanny, this is karma. But compared to what I endured, this is nothing. You will never have peace again."

There was a vengeful pleasure on Linda's face, her voice sharp and piercing.

Fanny remained silent, staring intensely at Linda.

Linda smirked, "Enjoy what's to come."

With that, she left.

As she exited the hospital, she took a deep breath.

Since her family's bankruptcy and her humiliation, this **was** the most satisfying moment for her.

Thinking about this, she made a phone call.

A somewhat cold voice answered.

"I just visited her at the hospital."

"Oh?"

"She's very angry."

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"Mm."

"Thank you." Linda said sincerely.

"No worries. I just do what I can when I come across injustice," Angela calmly replied.

After a moment of contemplation, she advised Linda, "Although venting your anger may feel good momentarily, the goal is to defeat the enemy."

Linda frowned.

Angela continued, "Fanny will surely gain sympathy from the Kins family through this incident. She was transferred to Riverdon Hospital overnight, wasn't she?"

Linda's expression turned serious. "She's playing games. I wonder about the intelligence of the Kins Family; not a single, smart person among them."

"So..." Angela said, "There is no concrete evidence yet, and investigating will take time. If the Kins Family finds a loophole to clear Fanny, all your efforts will be in vain."

"I understand. I will ensure this is brought to light and not allow the Kins Family to bury it," Linda said solemnly.

The call ended.

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As the school reopened, Riverdon welcomed consecutive sunny days as the cold weather finally gave way to a hint of warmth.

Fanny also faced questioning from the police at the hospital, not only about the case of Britney injuring someone but also about the case of hiring someone to commit murder.

The case of injuring someone was straightforward.

After all, there was ample testimonial and physical evidence, so it was just a matter of how the prosecution would proceed.

However, the case of hiring someone to commit murder was more complex.

This case was reported by someone personally, but the information provided was not very detailed. The police visited the hospital and reviewed surveillance footage, which showed Fanny going to the hospital.

Fanny appeared fragile. "I'm sure you have investigated my situation thoroughly by now. Although he is my biological father, he has never raised me. We have no emotional connection, but when he fell ill, I felt obligated to visit him as his daughter. Besides, even though I didn't do much, my biological mother also used my name to ask the Kins Family for money. My brothers also contributed... I just wanted to at least pay a visit."

"But, you seem..." The police officer paused while trying to find the right words to express his thoughts.

Fanny chuckled bitterly. "Are you trying to say that I look suspicious?"

The police officer felt a bit embarrassed.

"I had no other choice." Fanny sighed softly. "You should know what kind of person my biological mother is. If I didn't go discreetly, she would definitely ask me for money if she found out. The money belongs to my brother... I can't let them be exploited like this forever," Fanny said as tears welled up in her eyes.

Upon seeing that she was a girl and was also injured, the police didn't ask much and just asked a few key questions.

In the end, the police said, "That's all for now. If we find out anything else in the future, we will need your cooperation."

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As the police left, she didn't feel relieved but rather more nervous.

This couldn't go on.

Sooner or later, the police would find out something.

She looked outside and was deep in thought.

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Meanwhile, Joseph had specifically told Angela that Fanny wouldn't be returning to the Stuart Family for now and asked Angela not to have any objections at his mother's request.

Angela simply nodded in understanding.

He thought it would take a lot of effort to explain, but surprisingly, the communication went smoothly. He felt like he saw the old Angela who used *to* be so obedient to them.

Perhaps their relationship could return to what it used to be with this development.

As the start of the school year approached, Angela became busier.

She had to treat Zacharias, study for exams, and find time to observe Jonathan, who thankfully seemed to be acting normally lately.

Therefore, she didn't have much time to worry about whether Fanny would return to the Stuart Family.

After all, what Fanny had gotten herself into this time was no small matter.

She hoped Fanny would like the gift she had sent.

But her biggest concern now was Jonathan.

She had asked Daniel several times about Jonathan's medical records, but Daniel always hesitated and asked for more time.

She felt that Daniel was too slow in handling things.

The holiday ended in this busy hustle and bustle, and everyone welcomed the start of the new school year.

Although the ice and snow were slowly melting, the chill still lingered around without quickly dissipating.

The students all wrapped themselves in thick clothes as they entered the classroom.

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Although there was no air conditioning in the classroom, the advantage of having many people was that the carbon dioxide circulated with each breath, gradually warming up the

classroom.

Starting university was much simpler than high school.

The class monitor and counselor said a few words, then found a few boys to move the books. After the books were moved, the students could each take their own and leave.

The medical students' books were much thicker than those of other departments.

Seven or eight boys volunteered to assist in expediting the retrieval of the books. Before long, the first boy returned with the books in hand.

After setting the books down, he approached Angela and informed her, "Angela, Professor Terence is looking for you."

She expressed her gratitude and promptly made her way to Terence's office.

She tapped on the door lightly.

"Come in." Came the familiar deep and steady voice from within.

Angela approached Terence. "Professor Terence, you were looking for me?"

Upon seeing her, he paused before commenting, "Have you lost weight?"

What has this girl been doing during the holidays?

Angela touched her face and replied, "A little."

She probably had quite a few things to keep her busy recently.

Terence sighed softly before remarking, "Are you trying to lose weight like others? Young girls always seem to be fixated on such things. What's the point of looking like a clothes hanger?"

She understood his concern and nodded obediently before assuring him that she would not engage in unnecessary weight loss.

In this world, life revolved around eating and drinking.

Apart from seeking revenge on certain individuals in this lifetime, Angela was determined not to mistreat herself.

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Upon observing Angela's response, Terence handed her a form and said, "This is the application form for the International Medical Association. It opens once every two years and only accepts four new members at a time. Despite age and qualifications, I believe you have the potential, so I reserved one for you."

She took the form. She had some knowledge about the International Medical Association.

Established in 1866, the International Medical Association was a prestigious medical organization based in a developed foreign country. Its primary focus was on advancing global health and medical progress,

With over a hundred member countries and regions, the organization held a prominent position in the international medical community,

While each country would nominate candidates, becoming a member required exceptional abilities and high professional standards. The organization's leaders would conduct thorough assessments, making the process challenging,

However, the most attractive aspect was that this organization would recruit talents from around the world without discrimination based on qualifications. Even young individuals with exceptional skills have the opportunity to join.

Entering this organization would not only allow one to learn a lot but also contribute to the country's prestige, which was an honor in itself.

"What do you think?" Terence glanced at Angela, who was holding the form. "Aren't you interested?"

After a moment of contemplation, Angela asked, "Professor, may I have some time to consider?"

Terence agreed. "Of course. But..." He was perplexed. "Aren't you eager to seize this remarkable opportunity?"

Considering her recent busyness, she explained, "I'm afraid I may not have the energy to fully commit at the moment."

He nodded. "Take your time. The deadline for submissions is in three days, so make your decision promptly."

Although he really hoped she would seize this opportunity, he wasn't the type to force others blindly.

He knew she wasn't an immature child. If she had to consider something, it was probably something difficult and definitely not trivial.

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Angela took the registration form and returned to the classroom after collecting her books. She sat alone in the classroom while lost in thought.

Her classmates dispersed, leaving her in a relatively quiet atmosphere.

Jessica and Cassie hurried over after they called her.

Jessica grabbed Angela. "Let's go. We haven't gathered in a long time. Let's go out for a nice meal today."

She was enthusiastic. Her voice was light and cheerful, dispelling the surrounding silence.

"International Medical Association application form?" Cassie saw the form that Angela had placed on the table, picked it up, and read it.

A hint of surprise appeared in her eyes. "Wow! Angela, are you going to participate in this?"

Jessica looked at Cassie. "What is this?"

Cassie briefly explained the International Medical Association, but she sounded quite envious. "Do you know? There are only 100 spots available nationwide for this. The first round will be screened by internal mentors, and then 40 participants will be selected."

"Only 100 spots nationwide?"

"Yeah." Cassie nodded. "There are currently about eighty medical universities in the country and each university will have one spot so that some good universities will have a few extra spots. Like our school, we generally have 3 to 4 spots."

The more Cassie spoke, the more amazed Jessica felt.

Jessica looked at the thin registration form in Cassie's hand and instantly felt that it had become precious.

She looked excitedly at Angela. "Angela, this is amazing. This registration form is from Professor Terence, right? Since you are his student and he gave it to you, he must have a lot of confidence in you."

Cassie also thought so.

After some thought, she continued, "However, after passing the first round of selection, the applicants will have to **go** abroad for training in the second round. It will be for three

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months, usually in chaotic and underdeveloped countries, so it could be quite dangerous."

Jessica's face wrinkled again when she heard this.

"So, Angela, are you going?" Jessica pondered. "Will there be someone to protect the medical students who participate?"

Cassie nodded. "Of course. But since they're going to chaotic places, there might still be risks to one's life. No one can guarantee such things. You've seen it in the news, right?"

Jessica fell into contemplation. Many places abroad were indeed very chaotic.

They were safe in the country because of the protection of the country.

Upon seeing them discussing so happily, Angela didn't interrupt. Now that they had stopped, she said, "You're overthinking it. I didn't say I'm going."

"What?"

"Huh?"

Cassie and Jessica were both surprised.

Angela rubbed her forehead. "I told Professor Terence that I needed to think about it for three days. But I don't really want to go."

Jonathan seemed stable these days, but who knew what would happen next?

If she really joined this association, she would have to devote a lot of energy to it, and then she wouldn't be able to take care of him properly.

As for what kind of life—threatening danger she would face in the second round, she didn't care too much. It was just that, for some reason, she slowly felt some other concerns in her heart.

This feeling made it impossible for her to think rationally.

There were also two conflicting thoughts in her mind.

One thought said that this was a rare opportunity. Some people might never get this application form in their lifetime and although going abroad might be dangerous, the probability was not that high.

The main thing was that completing my studies was **a** significant achievement in my life. It would enable her to help and assist more people.

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This practical experience and contact with top–notch professionals in the medical field was much more practical than furthering one's studies abroad.

The other thought suggested that it was important to prioritize herself in life. Being surrounded by significant individuals was what truly mattered, so it was best not to take unnecessary risks.

While pursuing great achievements might seem appealing, they were just ordinary individuals without lofty ideals, and no one would blame her for that.

In summary, she felt overwhelmed by her thoughts.

Angela's statement took Jessica and Cassie aback.

This was an opportunity that many people dream of, yet Angela surprisingly expressed her reluctance to participate.

Jessica frowned and attempted to persuade her. "If you're concerned about the risks in the second round, I can ask my father to look into it. We can also arrange for additional security if needed."

Cassie nodded in agreement. "While there is a potential danger, the likelihood is quite low. It's similar to flying on a plane—the chances of an incident are minimal, but if something does occur, the outcome is severe."

Angela sighed softly. "Let me consider it."

Upon observing Angela's demeanor, Jessica and Cassie comprehended that she had other matters weighing on her mind.

They didn't press her further. Instead, they opted to engage in light—hearted conversation and treat Angela to a nice meal.

Following their meal, Angela received a call from Jonathan and departed.

Meanwhile, Jessica and Cassie strolled around the campus before settling on a bench to rest.

"Did you hear that Winter also received the registration form for the International Medical

Association?"

"Indeed. Winter's accomplishments are remarkable, so it's no surprise."

"I'm envious. I hope to achieve similar success one day."

Jessica and Cassie exchanged glances before moving a short distance away and stopping

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Casse wore a look of disbelief. "If Winter can participate. I believe Angela should as well. Angela has a higher chance of advancing to the second round, which would bring honor to the school

Jessica didn't quite understand this. "Isn't Winter exceptional?"

Cassic shook her head while expressing impartially. "While she excels academically, I believe there's still a significant gap between her and Angela."

Her opinion was not influenced by her friendship with Angela; it was based on facts.

After a moment of contemplation, Jessica said, "But Angela doesn't seem eager to participate."

Cassie leaned in and whispered to Jessica, "If she doesn't go..."

As Jessica listened, her smile widened, and she eagerly nodded in agreement.

Two days later, on the final day of the registration deadline, Cassie discovered that Angela had yet to complete the form, and she felt extremely anxious.

She hesitated to speak, and Angela gave her a puzzled look. "Just tell me what you're thinking.

Cassie wanted to speak, but Angela immediately interjected, "If it's about the registration, there's no need to discuss it."

Cassie was speechless.

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then?

"Angela." A slightly sweet voice came; Winter walked over with a classmate toward Angela and Cassie.

Angela offered a faint smile out of courtesy.

Cassie observed the interaction while rolling her eyes in silence.

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Winter looked at Angela and said. "Theard that Professor Terence gave you an application Form for the boternational Medical Association.

Angela frowned.

Before she could speak. Cassie interjected, "Do you want to go?"

Although she knew Winter also had one, she found her approach impolite.

Winter shook her head, maintaining a gentle demeanor. "I heard you don't want to go. Why not give the spot to another student?"

The student beside her looked at Angela hopefully.

Angela pondered for a moment, realizing Winter's point was valid.

"Of course. We should go Cassie asserted. "I believe she has made up her mind."

Angela glanced at Cassie, unsure of her intentions, but she didn't want to embarrass her friend in front of others.

The disappointed expression on the student next to Winter was evident.

Winter appeared helpless as she sighed softly. "Angela, I understand you may have some reservations about me. But please don't act impulsively just because you disagree with me, thereby depriving others of opportunities."

Angela furrowed her brow, looking puzzled. "What do you mean?"

She then pulled her classmate over and introduced her, "This is Lily. Despite her modest background, she excels academically and puts in a lot of effort. I've heard that if she secures a spot in the International Medical Association this time, both the school and society will offer her a generous scholarship. This opportunity could significantly alleviate her family's financial struggles."

"So?" Winter spoke sincerely, "Please don't make light of this situation. If I have offended you in any way, I apologize."

Angela remained silent, prompting Cassie to speak out. "Winter, what kind of moral dilemma are you creating here? If you want to assist Lily, why not relinquish your spot? Are you trying to showcase your altruism while actually repulsing others?"

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Winter quickly waved her hand, appearing innocent. "I submitted my application form in the teacher's office at the designated time, just like everyone else. I assumed Angela wasn't participating since she took so long"

Cassie snorted. "You're quite presumptuous"

Winter gritted her teeth and continued, "Angela, despite Professor Terence praising your talent, I noticed you were still reviewing basic internal medicine during our last encounter This subject demands thorough revision, and your foundation seems relatively weak, potentially putting you at a disadvantage in the International Medical Association?

Angela gave Winter a cold glance, "In the end, you just want me to give up my spot, right?"

Winter shook her head. "I'm doing this for your benefit, Technically, the spot belongs to Lily. It's just that Professor Terence favors you."

"Are you implying Professor Terence is biased?" Cassic exclaimed. "Winter, stop trying to sow discord. Angela took some extra time to consider it and still submitted her form by the deadline."

Winter quickly refuted, "I didn't. Angela is Professor Terence's favored student, I wouldn't dare suggest otherwise."

Upon hearing this, Lily sighed self–deprecatingly. "It's futile; we lack connections and aren't adept at flattery. This world is harshly realistic. Winter, let's not complicate matters.

Cassie exploded. "Enough with the insinuations. If you're so capable, secure the spot vourself. If not, refrain from baseless accusations."

Lily sneered. "Our only strength lies in diligent study, unlike some who excel at networking"

Cassie was about to say something else, but Angela pulled her back, flashing a gentle smile. "Even if I don't go, there are plenty of backup students waiting for Professor Terence's approval. It's not solely up to him to decide who gets the spot, as it's evaluated by all the

teachers."

"So, there's no such thing as 'the spot belongs to who." Angela's gaze was cold, her expression serious. "As medical students, we shouldn't think too highly of ourselves, nor should we wallow in self–pity. If we keep imposing our own ideas on others, how will we face our future patients?"

Lily was silenced by Angela's words and didn't dare say anything more.

Winter chuckled, breaking the awkward tension. "Of course. It's my fault for rushing and bringing Lily here. Sorry about that, **we'll** think of another solution."

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Cassie rolled her eyes at their backs. "They really think highly of themselves. Angela, can you stand this? Such a person should be directly suppressed

Angela smiled.

Having lived two lives, she would not make any hasty decisions out of impulse.

Seeing Angela's indifferent demeanor, Cassie became anxious. "Angela, you really don't plan to go?"

Angela nodded.

Cassie **thought** for a moment. "Then I'll take the form back to Professor Terence for you, and explain to him. Otherwise you will definitely suffer a barrage of phone calls."

Angela thought about it and agreed.

Cassie took the registration form Angela gave and went straight ahead, then turned and called Jessica.

Half an hour later, the two of them helped Angela fill out the registration form in the classroom.

After filling it out, Jessica hesitated, "Do we really have to submit it? Will we get scolded later?"

Angela was not like her. She was impulsive and fiery. Since she had considered not going, they were going against Angela's wishes.

Cassie scratched her head and said, "It's no big deal to be scolded a few times. But, it's really a pity not to go to such a good opportunity. It's not just about Winter showing off, but it will greatly benefit Angela's future development. I really can't think of a reason not to let her go."

Jessica also nodded in agreement.

She paused, then asked, "So, when should we tell her?"

Cassie felt a little guilty, then said, "Anytime is fine. I think she will definitely find out. It doesn't matter who tells her."

So, the two of them handed in the registration form like that.

That night, Professor Terence called Angela directly.

He cheerfully said, "I knew you would go. Come to my office tomorrow, I'll give you a few sets of books, you must read them carefully. Strive to make it to the second round, and then

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go abroad for training."

What is the professor talking about?

After finishing his words, Professor Terence hung up directly.

Angela thought for a moment and knew what was going on.

She called Cassic.

Cassie declined several calls. When Angela called for the fifth time, she could only answer reluctantly.

"Don't you think you owe me an explanation?" Angela raised her eyebrows with a hint of questioning.

On the other end, Cassie hesitated, finally managed to say a complete sentence, "Angela, I really wanted to return the registration form at that time, but I didn't want to disappoint Professor Terence, so I... I..."

Angela frowned.

To be honest, no one can remain calm when faced with Professor Terence's eager eyes.

It's not entirely Cassie's fault.

Angela sighed. "Forget it. Since it has come to this, I can only go and participate."

"Participate in what?"

Angela turned around and saw Jonathan standing behind her, not knowing when he had appeared.

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Angela would not hold back any information from Jonathan as she explained all about the International Medical Association.

Jonathan's brow relaxed upon hearing this. "That's great. Why do you still seem hesitant?"

Angela bit her lip and gazed at Jonathan. "It's because I have to go abroad for three months. I've never left this place since I was young. Going to such a faraway place all of a sudden makes me nervous."

She didn't mention that her concern was for Jonathan, as it would only add to his burden.

Jonathan smiled and gently patted Angela on the head. "Don't worry. It's just another place abroad. The place you're going to is probably much less developed than our country. Safety is indeed a concern."

"But you don't have to worry too much," Jonathan reassured her. "If you really have to go abroad, I will arrange everything through my contacts."



Angela smiled gratefully and said, "Wouldn't that be too much trouble?"

What do you think?" Jonathan's gaze was intense, causing Angela to feel a bit embarrassed.

She turned her head away. "Let's just follow your lead."

Submitting the application form, she was uncertain whether she could make it to the second round, but since she had successfully applied, she was determined to give it her all and not intentionally get eliminated.

While Angela's days became more fulfilling, Fanny was not faring well.

Representatives from the Stuart Family visited Fanny, and she reluctantly let them in. They began pleading for Britney, claiming she was her biological mother and shouldn't be so heartless.

Fanny endured their anger without making any statements until Scarlet arrived, prompting the visitors to leave..

Scarlet's expression darkened. "I shouldn't have let those people in. There are country folks who cause a commotion without manners. It's really unfortunate."

Fanny gently comforted her, "Mom, I might have to go back there later. If things get too difficult, I won't be able to stay there."

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Scarlet retorted. "You're not going back. Don't worry, Fanny, even if you rent a house in Riverdon later. I won't allow you to return to the Stuart Family. If you insist on going back. I'll move in with you. That way, Angela won't have any reason, right?"

Upon hearing Scarlet's promise, Fanny was overjoyed. "Mom, you're amazing

Scarlet smiled with relief but hesitated before speaking.

Fanny was surprised and asked, "Mom, do you have something to say? If you do, just say it directly. We shouldn't hide things from each other."

Scarlet sighed softly, furrowing her brow. "Your situation is causing quite a stir now. Although the police haven't made a determination yet, some unscrupulous media outlets have started reporting and insinuating."

Fanny's face paled.

Scarlet continued. "There are some news reports online that we can't suppress. It should have been manageable in the past, but as you know, your father is not in charge now, and with someone stirring things up behind the scenes, the situation has escalated."

Fanny knew who was behind it. It must be Linda, possibly getting George involved.

But George was now infatuated with Linda, so having a daughter who was not even registered in the household was of no use.

The situation was becoming more complicated.

Scarlet held Fanny's hand and said, "The situation isn't too serious at the moment, but we're concerned that if it continues. Things will escalate and eventually become a reality."

"You know, building a good reputation and image is as challenging. But once a person's reputation is tarnished, it can happen in just a few days," Scarlet expressed with concern. "So, we need to find someone to help."

Fanny was also feeling perplexed.

Who could I turn to for help at this time?

Suddenly, a figure flashed in her mind- her fiancé, Christopher.

Scarlet then continued. "It seems like we can only seek help from Christopher now, as he is your fiancé. If your reputation is affected, the Sanders Family will also be impacted."

Fanny felt disheartened.

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During her hospital stay, many people came to visit her, including those from the village who had just left in the morning. However, Christopher had not shown up.

Not even a phone call

She sent a message, but it was met with silence.

She probably would be ousted from the Sanders Family soon,

Scarlet noticed that Fanny didn't look very happy and couldn't help but ask, "Has Christopher been in touch with you recently?"

Fanny shook her head, "No, Mom, the Sanders Family may be afraid of trouble and might abandon me."

At this point, she couldn't keep in anymore,

Scarlet's expression darkened. "The Sanders Family is really something, thinking of distancing themselves from us over such a trivial matter? Does Christopher have any sense of responsibility at all?"

Fanny quickly said, "Mom, Christopher is not like that. Maybe he's been held up by something."

Scarlet didn't say anything; just stated, "I will find a way to contact him and get him to come see you. Whether he can help or not, it depends on you."

Fanny nodded.

After Scarlet left, she felt a bit anxious.

There had been too much going on recently, and she hadn't expected to not have any contact or meetings with Christopher for so many days.

She twisted the corner of her clothes in frustration, thinking bitterly to herself that it must be that woman, Teresa, who was preventing Christopher from coming to see her.

Scarlet entrusted the task of contacting Christopher to James, and for some reason, Christopher did come to the hospital to see Fanny.

Fanny was prepared for Christopher's visit.

When Christopher stepped into the hospital room, he saw Fanny lying on the hospital bed, looking pale and haggard.

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Upon seeing Christopher approaching, Fanny struggled to sit up.

Christopher... Fanny wanted to get out of bed to greet Christopher anxiously but accidentally fell to the ground.

Christopher quickly went to help her. "Just lie down. There's no need to get up."

Fanny's eyes were slightly red. "I want to go get you some water."

Christopher let out a soft sigh, helping Fanny back onto the bed. His brow furrowed, "How serious are your injuries? Why haven't you improved after all these days of rest?"

She looked so weak.

Fanny shook her head, forcing a smile. "I'm fine. Christopher, don't worry. You must have been very busy lately. I'm really happy that you came to see me."

Upon hearing Fanny's words, Christopher lowered his head, feeling a bit guilty.

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Fanny could sense from Christopher's guilty expression that something was amiss.

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Despite this, she remained understanding and put on a brave front. "It's alright, Christopher. I'm just glad you're here. Don't worry, I'll manage. I can handle this on my own."

While speaking, Fanny suddenly bowed her head, tears streaming down uncontrollably.

However, she didn't want Christopher to witness her vulnerability, so she purposely turned away. "I'm sorry, Christopher. I need to use the restroom."

As she moved to leave the bed, Christopher reached out and stopped her. "Fanny, I apologize. It's my fault. I've been extremely busy lately. The company landed a major project, and I need to excel for our future."

Fanny nestled into Christopher's embrace. "I understand."

Christopher felt powerless.

It wasn't that he didn't want to visit or that he ignored Fanny's messages and calls.

Rumors had circulated that Fanny had hired someone to harm her father, and when Teresa found out, she strictly prohibited him from seeing her. Initially, he had planned to visit and clarify things regardless.

However, his father, Michael, intervened.

He intended to wait until the situation calmed down before visiting, but it only worsened.

It wasn't until James personally came to visit that Michael, albeit reluctantly, relented.

After sharing a tender embrace, Fanny and Christopher slowly parted.

With tears in her eyes, Fanny looked up at Christopher and asked, "Christopher, do believe I would do such a thing?"

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Christopher immediately shook his head. "Absolutely not. Why else would I be here?"

He had always placed his trust in Fanny, even over his own parents. Yet, his parents' concerns were not entirely unfounded, leaving him torn.

Upon hearing Christopher's reassurance, Fanny felt a glimmer of relief and softly replied, "But the rumors are spreading like wildfire. It's frightening how easily people are swayed by

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gossip. I fear that once I leave the hospital and my injuries heal, the rumors about me will only escalate."

Christopher gently wiped away Fanny's tears, "That won't happen. The truth will prevail, and if there was any truth to the rumors, the police would have taken action by now, right?"

Fanny paled.

The reason she hadn't been arrested was simply due to a lack of evidence at the moment.

However, the investigation would undoubtedly continue.

Despite her meticulous planning, what if something went awry?

Therefore, she and the Kins Family had agreed to keep the matter discreet. With the police inundated with cases daily, this wasn't a top priority. As time passed and evidence grew scarce, the issue would fade away.

Yet, with the rumors circulating and heightened scrutiny, the police might allocate more resources to the case.

Fanny sighed. "Gossip has a way of inciting emotions. Remember the actress who portrayed a villain in a popular TV series? She was so convincing that she was pelted with eggs at the

market."

Reflecting on this, Fanny felt a sense of unease. "If this continues to spread, some individuals unaware of the truth may believe the accusations. Look at Bri... Look at her. Didn't she harm me?"

Though unnamed, Christopher grasped Fanny's implication.

After a moment of contemplation, he inquired, "Fanny, how did this situation escalate? Do you know who is maligning you behind your back?"

A glint of coldness flickered in Fanny's eyes, yet her expression betrayed a hint of resignation. "It's Linda. Since her family's bankruptcy, she's been acting irrationally, and things have spiraled out of control. I don't understand why."

"Does she hold a grudge against you?"

"Of course not," Fanny explained quickly. "I don't understand why she's singling me out. She came to the hospital last time and personally told me that she had reported me to the police

brother. by name. It's crazy, and she even mentioned being envious of my loving parents, and wonderful fiancé like you."

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"Reported by name?" Christopher was taken aback.

If that's the case, does it mean that Linda really has something in her hands?

He gave Fanny a slightly suspicious look.

He had always trusted Fanny's integrity.

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Fanny noticed Christopher's suspicion and realized she had misspoken. She hurriedly added, "Linda's behavior has been erratic lately. She even tried to seduce my father. Their significant.

Christopher agreed. "Her actions are indeed puzzling."

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Fanny quickly added, "So, I doubt she actually filed a formal report. She probably just said that to intimidate me. But I have nothing to hide, so why should I be afraid?"

"I **think** she made an anonymous report," Fanny continued, feeling more confident as she spoke. "Even **if** it's anonymous, the police would have to investigate if it involves a murder case. It's standard procedure."

She knew Christopher well. Once he believed something, he wouldn't bother to verify it. And even if he did inquire at the police station, they wouldn't disclose anything to him.

Only a few high–ranking officers at the police station would be aware of a formal report.

Christopher nodded in agreement with Fanny, finding her reasoning logical.

He changed the topic and asked, "So, she did all this out of jealousy towards you?"

It was truly bizarre.

Fanny also found it hard to believe such a flimsy motive. She added, "Lately, she seems to be getting closer to Angela. Angela has always held a grudge against me and even expressed a desire for me to lose everything I have."

As Christopher listened, his expression grew colder. "So, they conspired together to frame you using a deceased person?"

Fanny shook her head innocently. "I really don't know. These are baseless accusations, and it's difficult to confront them directly. I'm not sure how to make them stop targeting me."

Christopher felt even more sympathetic towards Fanny. "Don't worry, you're doing great. It's their malicious intentions that are at fault, capable of such despicable acts."

Fanny bit her lip and looked at Christopher with a pleading expression. "Christopher, I have no other option now. I can only seek your help. I swear I did not harm my father. If I did, then let me suffer for the rest of my life."

She mentioned her father deliberately, but it was merely a vague promise she made to herself.

Despite her belief in science, she couldn't shake off the feeling of something ominous looming over her.

She was hesitant to make a solemn vow, fearing potential consequences in the future.

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Christopher swiftly took Fanny's hand and reassured her, "Silly girl, I have faith in you."

"Can you

assist me then?" Fanny said with a distraught look. "I've been having trouble cating and sleeping lately. Just the other day, some villagers came to threaten me in a group, and I-

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Tears streamed down her face as she spoke, and she sought solace in Christopher's embrace.

Christopher gently patted her back and firmly stated, "Don't worry. I'll help you, but I need to involve my parents. I can't do it alone."

Fanny understood that even the Kins Family might struggle with this issue, so expecting him to handle it alone was unreasonable. However, things would become much more manageable with Michael on board.

She smiled, tenderly kissed his cheeks, and whispered, "Christopher, I knew you wouldn't abandon me. You are my pillar from now on, and I will always stand by your side."

She expressed her affectionate words like a newlywed couple throughout the afternoon, albeit with restraint due to the hospital setting. Upon leaving the hospital, Christopher headed straight home. As he was preparing to call his father to inquire about his return, he noticed the presence of guests.

Teresa spotted Christopher and furrowed her brow. "Christopher, where were you this afternoon? I called you multiple times and sent several messages, but you didn't respond."

Despite her reproachful tone, 'there was a hint of leniency in her voice.

Christopher felt slightly sheepish. "I'm sorry, Mom. I was out with my friends, and my phone was silent."

Having just returned from the hospital, he had not checked his phone promptly.

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Teresa smiled and did not dwell on the matter. She gestured to the girl beside her and said,. "Allow me to introduce Miss Martinez. Sophia, this is my inept son. I hope you can guide him in the future **so** he doesn't remain clueless."

Sophia blushed slightly, "Ms. Webb, you're teasing me. I'm not that remarkable,"

Sophia had **a** beautiful, long black hair that was slightly curled, giving her a vibrant appearance. **Her** visage was delicate, with refined features and a gentle smile that revealed a set of pristine, white teeth. On top of that, her complexion was smooth and fair, exuding **a**

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She extended her hand to Christopher and said, "**Hello**, I'm Sophia Martinez. Ms. Webb **was** proactive during our conversation, so I decided to come **over** and meet you."

Sophia was slender, elegantly attired, and carried herself with grace and warmth, emanating a sense of comfort and ease.

Christopher shook her hand out of courtesy. "I'm Christopher."

Teresa observed their interaction with a smile, contemplating Sophia's beauty, confidence, and elegance. She believed a woman like her would be a suitable partner for **her** son, aiding him in business.

Unlike Fanny, who feigned weakness, Sophia displayed generosity and initiative in conversing with Christopher. Despite any underlying intentions Christopher might have had, he was influenced by her bubbly personality and engaged in dialogue.

While they were having their time, Teresa prepared dinner in the kitchen.

As evening approached, Sophia suggested departing, but Teresa insisted she stay for dinner, asserting, "You must stay for dinner tonight, no excuses."

Sophia replied with a hint of embarrassment, "I've been here all afternoon. I don't want to be a bother for your family time."

Teresa dismissed her concerns by saying, "You're not bothering us. In fact, you young folks have been patient enough to keep this old lady company all afternoon. I'm truly delighted, not inconvenienced in the least."

Sophia chuckled. "Ms. Webb, you look like Christopher's sister, not an old lady. So, don't say that."

Teresa felt genuinely pleased. She did not consider herself old. It was just a modest way of speaking. With a few words, Sophia stopped declining and agreed to stay for dinner. Michael, who had been informed early, returned home early to join them for dinner. He understood Teresa's intentions.

Teresa set up this blind date with Sophia for Christopher, and he was willing to **go** along. Whoever she was, she **was** certainly better than Fanny. The idea of a commoner marrying into the Sanders Family seemed far–fetched.

The dinner proceeded smoothly, with everyone enjoying themselves. As Sophia prepared to leave, Teresa asked Christopher to escort her directly.

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Sophia waved her hand, saying, "It's fine, Ms. Webb. I have already called the driver from home. He will be here soon."

Teresa gently insisted, "**It's** okay. Christopher doesn't have anything to do anyway. You can call the driver and tell him not to come. Christopher, Miss Martinez is a guest. You should give her a ride."

Michael also chimed in, "Yes, go ahead."

Christopher had no choice but to agree, **as** he **still** had matters to discuss with his father. Sophia **was** not shy and understood the situation, welcoming more opportunities to get to know each other.

Watching them walk away, Teresa felt increasingly satisfied with how well they matched. During the ride, Christopher **was** preoccupied and did not say much.

After some contemplation, Sophia starts the conversation by saying, "You don't seem very fond of me."

Christopher was surprised with his furrowed eyebrow, "Pardon?"

"Do you know the purpose of this meeting?"

"Huh?"

"We are on a blind date," Sophia explained. "But I feel like you are not fully present."

Although it had not been explicitly stated, Christopher understood. However, burdened with his thoughts, he did not want to dwell on them. He knew that Sophia was a girl approved by both parents, and he did not want to offend her.

He carefully replied, "I–I... have been facing some difficulties with the company recently. Hence, I have been preoccupied. I'm sorry. I will present myself differently next time if I am given another chance.

Christopher's words made Sophia somewhat happy. After dropping her off at home, he was warmly welcomed by the Martinez family's parents before making an excuse to return home for business matters.

Upon arriving home, he hurried to Michael's study. Seeing him back, Michael smiled rarely. "Miss Martinez's father just called me and mentioned that you're not bad."

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Christopher replied with a bright smile. "Dad, I need to discuss something with you."

In a good mood, Michael nodded. "Go ahead."

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Christopher furrowed his brow, trying to figure out how to articulate his thoughts.

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Michael could sense that something significant was unfolding just by observing Christopher's hesitant expression. His keen eyes scrutinized Christopher.

We had always been candid with each other, whether the news was good or bad. Could Christopher's troubling issue be connected to that woman, Fanny?

At that moment, Michael's expression darkened.

As anticipated, Christopher appeared resolute, then nervously inquired, "Dad, can you assist with Fanny's predicament?"

Michael snorted. "Assist? How can I assist her? Don't you understand the trouble Fanny is in? Have you forgotten my previous warnings?"

Christopher recoiled under Michael's scolding. He knew his father would not approve.

Just as he was about to speak, Michael seemed to have a realization. He narrowed his eyes and exuded a menacing aura, "Did you see her today?"

Christopher did not try to hide it...

"Yes," he met his father's gaze head—on. Fanny only had him. He could not back down. "Dad. Fanny is my fiancée. She's in trouble now, so I have to help her."

Michael slammed the table, scolding angrily, "You fool, when will you mature? Is now the appropriate time for you to show off your abilities to her? If you have the capability, then help her. **If you can** assist her without utilizing the resources of the Sanders Family, I won't object!"

Christopher sighed inwardly. Every time Fanny is mentioned, his father becomes indignant. When the Kins Family was still prosperous, the father was already displeased with this engagement. Now that Fanny has encountered legal issues, the father must harbor even more disdain for her. He could even perceive the repulsion in his father's eyes.

Christopher could only plead, "Dad, Fanny is in a pitiful state now. Moreover, none of this is her fault. Her classmates and Angela envy her, so they framed her."

Michael did not erupt angrily but smiled, gazing directly at Christopher, "Are you saying that someone set her up?"

Christopher nodded. His eyes were brimming with determination.

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He solemnly recounted the words that Fanny had shared with him in the hospital.

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Finally, Christopher expressed indignation, "Do you find Angela excessively malicious? Fortunately, I decisively terminated the engagement at that time. Otherwise, it would have been a catastrophe if I had married her."

As he spoke, relief seemed to wash over his face.

However, Michael regarded Christopher as if he were a fool.

Is this the son I had painstakingly nurtured for over twenty years? Is this the son he had intended to groom to compete with Jonathan? he thought.

With such a tender heart, he would not shake Jonathan's position even if he exerted all efforts to assist him now. If he were no longer present in the future, he would be completely taken advantage of.

Michael rose to his feet with his face consumed by uncontrollable anger. He pointed at Christopher and scolded furiously, "I believe Fanny has clouded your mind. How can such grave accusations be casually thrown around? Do you think law enforcement officers are as inept as you? Do you think that they don't they possess the ability to discern between truth. and falsehood?"

Christopher was slightly dissatisfied. "Therefore, there is no definitive conclusion yet. The authorities are still investigating, and perhaps Fanny won't face any repercussions. Furthermore, I simply want you to assist me in containing the situation so that we won't be under constant scrutiny and it won't be inconvenient for others to probe."

Michael settled back into his chair with a somber expression but remained silent.

He felt that the current Christopher was akin to a king enchanted by the fox spirit Fanny and was unable to heed any counsel from others.

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Christopher continued to implore his father with emotion and logit, "Also, regardless of the circumstances, Fanny is now my fiancée, the future Mrs. Sanders of the Kins Family. At this juncture, even if others can turn a blind eye, if we do the same, we will undoubtedly be subject to gossip behind our backs."

"If you could be so heartless towards his future daughter—in—law, you would be even more ruthless towards your business partners. Could someone with such a demeanor still effectively collaborate? Many individuals may have doubts and considerations, which could indirectly impact the company's operations," Christopher said with **a** stern tone.

Michael's expression became even grimmer after hearing his reasoning. However, he had to acknowledge that Christopher was correct in **his** assessment. Ultimately, it was his moment

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of weakness that led to their engagement. Outsiders would not delve into the reasons behind it; they would only see the outcome.

Michael could not help but relent. "I can assist her, but the condition is that you call off the engagement."

"What?" Christopher appeared surprised, stood up abruptly, and gazed down at Michael, "Dad, how can you be so snobbish?" Michael sneered.

Was I a snobbish man?

He coldly confronted Christopher and stated without hesitation, "You pride yourself on loyalty and righteousness. Fine, from now on, you can relinquish your position as Master Jonathan of the Sanders Family. Let's see how long your devotion to her will endure."

He believed that his son had been indulged and had lost his.

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He disregarded the *constant reminders* and warnings. How could he *compete with* Jonathan in this manner? he thought.

Christopher lowered his head, furrowing his brows in discontent, "Dad, why do you insist on me ending things with Fanny? She is a wonderful girl. I can't abandon her when she needs

me the most.

Michael could not help but feel regret for his son. What kind of predicament had he landed himself in? His son was either too capable yet disobedient or too foolish and disobedient.

He felt as though he was on the brink of madness. Trying to control his emotions, he calmly stated, "If Fanny is truly kind and innocent, she wouldn't have found herself in this

predicament. Christopher, think carefully about it."

Christopher remained silent. He was at a loss on how to persuade his parents.

Should I *truly end the* engagement? *But* what about *Fanny*?

Observing Christopher in this state, Michael grew frustrated with his son's decision on his partner. He knew that Christopher was typically compliant, but when it came to Fanny, it was as if his logic had been clouded, and he could not critically reason the situation.

He understood that he could not push him too forcefully, but this situation with Fanny causing trouble presented a prime opportunity to end the engagement.

Michael's complexion paled, his voice conveying authority, "You state your terms, and I'll state mine. If you agree to end the engagement with Fanny and be engaged to Miss Martinez, I will agree to assist Fanny. It's time to think for yourself carefully."

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Christopher sighed helplessly and contemplated for a moment, "Dad, Miss Martinez, and I have only just met. How can we already be engaged?"

Seeing his son's less resistant reaction, Michael softened his tone, "Who said you have to be engaged immediately? There's still time. Just spend more time with Miss Martinez, and feelings will naturally develop."

Christopher opened his mouth as if to speak but ultimately remained silent.

He rose, reflected for a moment, and then uttered, "Let me think it over for a few days."

Michael also recognized no need to rush this matter, so he gestured for Christopher to depart.

As Christopher exited the study, he felt somewhat disheartened. He could not comprehend how things had unfolded in this manner.

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We are *husband* and wife. *I'm* so fond *of* Fanny because she is beautiful and kind–hearted. Her delicate appearance always triggers my protective instincts, unlike Angela, who is assertive, *or* Sophia, who outgoing. Fanny could not live without him, he thought.

However, if he wants to seek his father's help to save Fanny, he can only agree to the condition of breaking off the engagement. He was very irritated and did not want to

remaini in this house full of depressing vibes. So, he left directly by car to meet friends and have a drink to case his frustration.

As the saying goes, determination is the key to success. After a week of persistent efforts, Daniel finally obtained some information about Jonathan's condition from his psychiatrist

friend.

"Self-injury disorder. Angela frowned as she heard Daniel mention the name.

She never expected such a condition to exist.

Daniel nodded, and his expression unusually serious. "Yes, due to Jon's past experiences. You also know that his parents' relationship was never good, and Mr. Sanders was always away from home."

Daniel hesitated. Although he disapproved of Michael's actions, he didn't want to criticize him behind his back. Angela understood all of this in her heart. Jonathan's parents had an arranged marriage, and their relationship was strained.

Michael had a rebellious attitude. The more pressure he felt at home, the more he wanted to rebel to demonstrate his ability and presence. So he sought out Teresa and then fathered Christopher.

Teresa is a woman with a pitiful background. She came from a poor family. Her father was ill, and her mother worked hard to support the family. The young Teresa had to work to earn money with no other option. Without money or power and with a certain amount of beauty, Teresa naturally attracted unwanted attention. Fortunately, she met the hero, Michael, who rescued her.

In Michael's eyes, Teresa was vulnerable and in need of protection and care, completely reliant on him. This person could trigger Michael's protective instincts, leading to an affair. When Jonathan's mother discovered this, it naturally caused a commotion. The more this. occurred, the more repulsed Michael became, resulting in arguments and fights and making Jonathan's childhood a torment.

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With his mother passing away early and his father being indifferent, Jonathan's childhood was unhappy. Since his childhood was not very pleasant, so it was only natural for him to develop psychological issues.

Angela could not help but show her displeasure towards Michael. "He will get his comeuppance for what he's done. Having such a talented and outstanding son who doesn't like him, and yet he goes and does unnecessary actions."

But who could she blame?

In her past life, wasn't she just as blind, liking the likes of Christopher, a hypocritical and incompetent playboy?

Michael did not completely win his battle with Jonathan's mother, and now he was focusing his competitive spirit on Christopher and Jonathan. He hoped Christopher would surpass Jonathan, his true victory.

Daniel's expression turned slightly awkward. After all, Michael was Jonathan's biological father regardless of everything, and it was bad to speak **ill** of an elder behind their back.

He cleared his throat a few times, then said, "I think we should focus on studying this illness

first."

Angela nodded in agreement, feeling a bit puzzled. "What did your friend say about it?"

Daniel sat upright, slowly saying, "My friend described it as the behaviors of this condition. include self–harm, hitting, burning, etc. These methods relieve emotional stress or alleviate some inner pain."

Angela's eyes flickered. When she asked why Jonathan was self–harming he said it felt comforting. He must have been through a lot since he was young, causing miner turmoil. She longed to be by Jonathan's side, offering comfort, embracing him, and assuring him that everything would be alright. These thoughts caused Angela to display a hint of sorrow.

Daniel then went on, "Self-harming behaviors may stem from psychological trauma, depression, anxiety, feelings of inferiority, and necessitate comprehensive treatment. involving psychological therapy and medication."

"Depression?" Angela

was sensitive to these words.

In the subsequent years, this term became increasingly common on the internet. As people's living standards improved and material needs were met, many began to grapple with mental health issues. The internet was saturated with negative emotions, almost as if having depression was a prerequisite for making friends. This environment appeared very unhealthy to Angela.

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For those genuinely battling depression, feelings of helplessness, hopelessness, and despair often lead to self–harm as a coping mechanism. Angela was somewhat shocked. She had never comprehended why Jonathan, surrounded by so many talented individuals, had passed away at such a young age due to illness.

Now, it seemed to dawn on her Jonathan likely took his own life rather than succumbing to a challenging illness at a young age.

Unaware of Angela's increasingly pallid complexion, Daniel continued, Jon harbors selflnathing, and he plunges into negative emotions during episodes. My friend did not clearly articulate the specific triggers or thoughts. However, I suspect it is linked to his childhood experiences. Jon has always lacked parental affection. It's no wonder he is this way. I believed nothing could defeat him, but now it is untrue."

Angela felt anguished and apprehensive. "Did your friend mention any specific treatment?"

Perhaps Jonathan currently only exhibits mild self—harm tendencies, but *if* left unaddressed. who knows if his condition will deteriorate? *Ifit* progresses to severe depression, medical intervention may not wffice, she thought.

Daniel's demeanor softened slightly, "There are treatment options. According to my friend. Jon's condition is not too severe presently, so there is still hope."

Angela listened intently with a serious expression.

Daniel narrowed his eyes, then proclaimed to Angela, Jonathan lacks affection."

Angela

taken aback and responded, "I know about this, but how do we address this?"

Daniel appeared somewhat helpless, "His behavior stems from a lack of love. So why don't you show him love, give him affection, shower him with **love**? Wouldn

he beneficial?"

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Initially shocked by his friend's response, Daniel persisted in seeking G friend patiently explained the approach to him. He embraced this treatment—method only after confirming that his friend was serious and not dismissing him.

Angela was astonished.

No medication or therapy sessions, but just shower Jonathan with love?

She felt her cheeks flush while contemplating this in her mind.

Observing Angela's expression, which seemed to indicate understanding, Daniel felt a tinge of suspicion and asked her, "Is this task proving challenging for you? After all, you **two** are married:

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She then changed her perspective on the issue. Jonathan's parents are also a couple, and they are not at odds,

Angela rolled her eyes silently. Yes, they are a couple, but *they* are more like allies, she thought.

Although she thought Jonathan was quite nice, matters of the heart must be mutual. She was deeply in love with Christopher in her past life, but what was the outcome?

Angela thought momentarily and asked, "Um, the lack of love can also be the love of your brothers, friends, or relatives, Isn't that very intense as well? Does it have to be between a man and a **woman**

Daniel smiled with a hint of ambiguity. "Well, you see, we have loved him a lot over the years. But he is still the same. Besides, guys are nonchalant. How can they be as attentive as you women?" Daniel continued, So, he may lack the love between a man and a woman. Angie, whether Jon can recover depends on you now."

A hint of pleading on his face, "Now, only you can help him."

Angela did not hesitate at all and nodded. "Of course. You can rest assured. I will take care of Jonathan's matters. It's just that..."

How can I make up for this lack of love? In theory, Jonathan lacks his parents' love. I had never experienced this love, so how could I make others feel it if I had not? she thought.

Daniel looked at Angel with a hint of hesitation and said, "Don't worry. I believe you can do it. And I can see that Jon is different from you. J—Just... follow your heart."

Jonathan noticed the special treatment Angela received from Jon as a long–time friend. Of course, he could see it at a glance. However, based on his years of experienc the dating scene, he could tell that both were clueless, testing each other and, most importantly, lacking confidence in themselves. Some things were clear to outsiders, but the parties involved were confused.

After listening to his words, Angela nodded and replied confidently, "I'll try it."

When she returned home, Jonathan was already there. He was sitting on the living room couch reading the newspaper, and when he heard the noise, he turned to look at Angela, "What's wrong? Are you tired from class today? You don't look too good."

Angela shook her head, "No. It's just the beginning of the school year, so the classes are manageable."

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Then, she sat down next to Jonathan. She stared straight at him for a few minutes until he started to feel uncomfortable.

Jonathan stiffly turned his head and curiously asked, "Is there something on my face?"

"No," Angela replied truthfully, then blurted out, "I just suddenly wanted to look at you."

He was speechless.

"Erhemm. Jonathan furrowed his brows slightly, turned his head, and said awkwardly, "What's wrong? Are you afraid you won't see me when I go for training abroad?"

Angela was taken aback, not sure what to say yet. Jonathan leaned in, his voice spreading in Angela's ear. "So, you want to take this opportunity to look at me more?"

Angela subtly distanced herself, which led them to lock eyes with each other. Jonathan's eyes were sincere, with a hint of a smile at the corners, as if he was earnestly asking the question.

Angela smiled at Jonathan and then readily admitted, "Yes. So, would you just let me look at you briefly, Jonathan?"

Her radiant eyes were full of warmth as she looked at Jonathan. They were waiting to see who would back down first.

In the end, Jonathan looked away first, casually pulling out the newspaper he had placed. beside him, pretending to be calm, "If you want to see, go ahead."

"Thank you, Jonathan," Angela said as she linked arms with him and rested her head on his shoulder. Jonathan, you got off work early today. Has the company been quiet lately?"

He sat up straight, "It's been okay lately. What do you feel like eating tonight?"

He found Angela to be acting differently today.

Although their relationship was good, they had never been this close before when talking. They usually sat beside each other and chatted more like friends. But he was quite content with this distance.

Angela's cheerful voice again said, "I heard a classmate share a recipe for braised beef today. She said it's delicious, and the meat won't be tough if you follow her method. I'm going to try it tonight."

Jonathan was slightly surprised, "You're going to cook by yourself?"

Angela stood up and headed towards the kitchen. "Yes, Jonathan, you can look forward to my

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culinary skills tonight."

Jonathan simply responded with a faint "Hmm."

But when Angela wasn't looking, his smile deepened even more.

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May was initially going to refuse when she heard that Angela wanted to cook herself, but when she found out it was for Jonathan, she could not help but smile. This kind of small stuff helps strengthen their relationship.

She glanced around and then walked into the living room, "Sir, I've been feeling a bit unwell for the past few days. Mrs. Lawson probably can't handle everything on her own. How about you go and help her?"

Jonathan glanced at May and nodded in agreement. He could see through May's little. scheme but was willing to go along.

Angela did not object, either.

According to the advice of Daniel's psychologist friend, giving Jonathan a lot of love and care **was** important, and interacting with each other was part of it.

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It's not that I can let Jonathan be a woodblock while I'm all fired up, she thought.

So, the two of them got busy in the kitchen. Angela started directing Jonathan to do things, having him chop vegetables, boil water, and peel garlic.

Halfway through the cooking session, Angela took an apron from the kitchen cabinet and handed it to Jonathah, "Here, put this on."

Jonathan frowned slightly, reluctant, but he silently refused to say a word.

Angela did not bother to care about his silence. She put the apron on Jonathan and said. "You're helping in the kitchen all dressed up in your suit, no hint of smoke or fire. If my dish. doesn't turn out well, it's all

your fault."

Jonathan calmly said, "You're being a bit unreasonable."

"I speak the truth!!" Angela chuckled, "Jonathan, I may not understand business matters, but you don't understand the kitchen. Be good and listen to me."

Jonathan saw Angela's smile and remained silent, nodding as a sign of agreement.

Angela boldly looked at Jonathan as he chopped vegetables and remarked, "You look good, so everything you do looks good as well. The vegetables that you chopped must be especially

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delicious."

Jonathan felt that today's Angela was acting differently.

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Could she have spent too much time with Daniel and picked up some bad habits? The old Angela was not like this at all. I'll have to call Daniel later to ask if he's given Angela any bad ideas, he thought.

With the chopped vegetables, it was time for Angela to show off her cooking skills.

At the same time, Jonathan also called Daniel, "Did you say something to Angela?"

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