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# Chapter 251

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Jonathan frowned, his voice tinged with a hint of questioning.

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Daniel sensed the unfriendly tone in Jonathan's voice and asked nervously. "What's wrong?"

Jonathan's expression turned serious as he answered, "Angela seems quite strange today"

Slightly curious, Daniel was intrigued to find out how Angela was feeling toward Jonathan, so he asked, "What's strange about her?"

"She... Before Jonathan could finish, he immediately realized and questioned, "Did you make Angela do something?"

Daniel exclaimed innocently, "No, how could I dare? Besides, you know what kind of person she is. How could I instruct her to do anything? You've overestimated me."

It was not that he was belittling himself. How could he possibly instruct any of the two of them?

After thinking about it, Jonathan thought he was right and hung up the phone, putting Daniel in frustration. How could he pique his curiosity and then say nothing?

Finding it unacceptable, Daniel called back but was mercilessly hung up on by Jonathan. He called again, but the latter continued to hang up.

His persistence forced Jonathan to answer the call eventually. "I can tell that you really want to join the medical team going to Mythoria."

Daniel felt a pang in his heart. D\*mn you, capitalist!

He smiled apologetically on the phone, trying to flatter Jonathan, "No, no. I was just curious.... Right, Jon, you've never had a girlfriend. You don't understand a girl's mind. If you have any questions, **you** can ask me. I promise to help you wholeheartedly."

Jonathan pondered for a moment and thought that Daniel had a point.

But after some consideration, he decided to continue observing, Perhaps, Angela was just in a particularly good mood today.

Eventually, Jonathan hung up on Daniel ruthlessly, hence the latter failed once again to obtain any answers. However, he could be sure of one thing, which was that Angela had already started taking action. He didn't expect this lady to be so efficient, but it seemed like the results were quite obvious.

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After over an hour, Angela was finally done cooking the meal.

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Angela made beef stew with carrots and potatoes as well as some steamed broccoli.

Regardless of the taste, the presentation looked very nice, and the aromu was delightful

"Try it.... Angela served a piece of beef to Jonathan's bowl. "See if it's tender

Jonathan nodded and took a bite.

The savory beef mixed with the sweet and tender carrots made the texture good.

He couldn't help but eat a few more pieces and praised. "Your cooking skills are getting better

and better."

In **fact**, they were always good, but he found today's dish particularly delicious, so he wondered if it was just his imagination.

Angela, with her bright eyes, asked, "Can I cook for you more often in the future?"

Jonathan was slightly surprised but immediately nodded. "Sure."

Hearing that. Angela happily started eating her meal.

After listening to Daniel's words today, she was still thinking about how to make up for the lack of love Jonathan didn't have. Then, she thought about her past life.

She cared deeply for everyone in the Kins Family in a genuine way, but they didn't know how to appreciate it.

Moreover, it was the type of care that didn't necessarily involve romantic feelings, which made Angela feel more comfortable. Otherwise, she didn't know how to face this issue from a married couple's perspective.

Therefore, she decided to use the skills from her **past** life to pamper him, just like she had pampered the members of the Kins Family before.

Angela chattered away at the dinner table, talking about school, the teachers, and the upcoming training for the International Medical Association.

Although Jonathan mostly took on the role of a listener, he occasionally made some summary remarks, and the **two** of them ended the dinner happily.

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After dinner, Jonathan took on the responsibility of washing the dishes.

Angela had initially assumed that he didn't do much housework like other men from wealthy

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She assumed that he would either not wash the dishes properly or break them.

Wasn't this kind of scene common in novels or TV dramas?

Nevertheless, Jonathan exceeded her expectations.

The tableware was returned to its place, the dishes and cutleries were spotless, and he completed those tasks with grace and efficiency...

Angela couldn't help but admire and praise. "Jonathan, you are truly amazing. Not only are you successful in business, but you also excel at household chores.

Jonathan's eyes sparkled with joy. "Many things share similarities. Besides, this type of work is purely physical labor. It requires minimal mental effort."

Angela concurred.

Some people struggle to wash dishes thoroughly, or if they drop something, they were not due to inability but rather lack of attentiveness. On the other hand, Jonathan approached everything, big or small, with great focus.

He once stated that he would either not do something or do it to the best of his abilities.

Following today. Jonathan anticipated that his relationship with Angela would revert to its previous state. Close, but not intimate. However, he was surprised to find that in the subsequent week, Angela's enthusiasm not only persisted but grew.

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"Mr. Lawson, there is a dinner party tonight with Cornerstone Supplies..."

I'm not attending Jonathan glanced at his watch and swiftly interjected his assistant.

"Reschedule it."

With that, he grabbed his coat and left promptly.

The assistant was puzzled and couldn't help but inquire, "Do you have other pressing matters?"

His boss was highly focused on his career, but if he had other commitments, how could his assistant not be aware of them? Had he overlooked something?

Jonathan paused. "I'm heading home."

A smile played on his lips.

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Just the idea of sharing daily life with Angela today made **his** lips curve upward involuntarily.

This revelation took aback the assistant. So, Mr. Lawson is leaving on the dot every day not to avoid overtime but to head straight home! Hmm... it doesn't align with his usual behavior at all! Is something wrong?

Angela had no classes in the afternoon, so she arrived home early that evening.

She had been simmering lamb meat all afternoon. Without adding anything inside, she just used a few spices known for their nourishing properties.

Given Jonathan's previous blood loss, she intended to gradually introduce medicinal cuisine to properly nourish his body.

In order to spend more time alone with him, and as Angela wasn't particularly busy with schoolwork lately, she had sent May on vacation for half a month. During this period, she took charge of his meals.

Upon Jonathan's return, the aroma of the food greeted him. He stomach.

elt a pang of hunger in his

"You came home just in time." Angela emerged with the dishes, a smile lighting up her face as she welcomed him.

He quickly stepped forward. "Let me help. Watch your step."

"Go and wash up." Angela's tone was cheerful, "The last dish is almost done, then we can eat."

Jonathan washed his hands and diligently set the table.

For some reason, he suddenly felt like he and Angela acted like an old married couple.

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The hardworking husband who diligently went to work came home with a smile on his face, while the wife cooked at home as she waited for him. It would be even better if they had a chattering child.

"Why are you staring blankly?" Angela poked Jonathan, who was lost in thought, with her finger. "Aren't you hungry?"

Jonathan quickly came to his senses and said with a wry smile, "I'm very hungry. I've been thinking about the food you cook, and I can't focus on work."

Angela was taken aback by his statement. She didn't expect him to crack a joke and say such teasing words.

Unlike the serious and concise words he used to say, Jonathan started to talk nonsense now, but that was fine.

Angela began to serve him food, saying, "Eat more, gain weight, and I'll be happy."

Jonathan obediently nodded without saying much. "Okay."

"Anyway, guess how my day at school was?" She would talk to him about random things every day.

Sometimes, it was about good things, but sometimes, it was about complaints..

No matter what it was, Jonathan would listen attentively and participate in her topics.

This time, he looked up and carefully examined her. "Seems like you had a good day. Did something good happen?"

Angela grinned and nodded with curiosity. "How did you figure it out?"

Jonathan couldn't help but smile. "You're smiling ear to ear, and your eyes seem to be telling me, 'Ask me about my day! I have great news..."

She touched her cheek, feeling embarrassed. "Is it really that obvious?"

Jonathan smiled and nodded.

Angela defended herself, "It's not that big of a deal. Those who passed the first round of selection for the International Medical Association had to take a written test, but our teacher informed us at the last minute. Anyhow, I came first in the written test.

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"Although it's not a deciding factor, Professor Noah said it could earn us extra points," Angela

1. id. "This way, the chances of being selected for the second round are much higher."

Jonathan put on a big smile. "You've always been so talented:

Seeing that, Angela looked at him hopefully. "Are you going to reward me for my talent, then?"

Jonathan gave her a light smile, sounding like he was ready to pamper her. "Of course. What do you want?"

Angela shook her head. "I'll like anything you give me."

Jonathan slowly raised the corner of his lips, looking pleased. With a gentle yet firm voice, he uttered, "Alright."

Angela extended her finger. "Pinkie promise!"

Jonathan's smile grew as he extended his finger to hook with Angela's.

Indeed, she was still a young girl at heart.

They used to be unfamiliar with each other, so they pretended to be mature and serious. Now, as their relationship slowly grew closer, their true nature began to show.

Jonathan

thought this version of Angela was quite nice.

As time passed, Jessica was also about to go abroad.

Before leaving, she dragged Angela and Cassie to go out and have some fun..

Angela stood in front of a luxurious club and swallowed nervously, turning to Jessica. "Do we really have to go in here?"

Although she had lived two lives, most of the time, she was merely an innocent young lady who had only been to places like karaoke before instead of lively bars.

The clubs she had heard of were usually associated with shady dealings.

It wasn't that she couldn't afford to go to such places, but she genuinely didn't enjoy them.

Seeing the look in Angela's eyes, Jessica sensed what she was thinking and patiently explained, "Clubs are usually private places with a lot of entertainment options. You can have baths, saunas, massages, karaoke, and even food. In short, it's a one—stop shop for eating, drinking, and **having** fun. Besides, they have great service here. It would be great to go in and

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relax.

*I* see. Angela nodded, still feeling hesitant..

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Cassie frowned. "I've heard about this club, but it seems like it's exclusive. They only allow entry to those with VIP memberships."

"Of course I'm aware." Jessica proudly presented a delicate card from her bag. "Look. This is my cousin's VIP card."

Cassie's eyes sparkled, a bright smile gracing her face, "Wow, your cousin is very **generous."** 

Jessica coughed awkwardly, feeling embarrassed. "Shh, keep it down. What if my cousin's friends see us? I stole this from him."

She didn't want to, but her cousin didn't let her take it! He mentioned that the club's clientele was complex, and it wasn't suitable for young girls like them.

However, she disagreed. As an adult who had traveled abroad, why couldn't she visit a local club?

She simply didn't believe it.

Without hesitation, she brought the card.

Angela felt anxious and couldn't resist asking, "If they discover we used it without permission. will they let us in?"

If they don't scrutinize closely, they might just verify one card per person.

Jessica appeared nonchalant. "Let's go in and try our luck. Worse comes to worse, we get kicked out. No big deal,

True. Cassie and Angela concurred.

With that, the trio entered the club, the interior decor looking even more upscale with a Perou flair. The lobby lights were bright and dazzling, and every staff member greeted the guests with a friendly, "Welcome."

Upon showing the card, a staff member promptly escorted them to a private room.

The trio tried to maintain composure, bursting into laughter only after the staff member left.

The private room had a changing area and a resting bed. After changing, they could opt for a massage, dining, **or** other entertainment.

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"Hmm... why does this club seem different from what I expected?" Cassie observed, her eyes filled with curiosity. "It feels more like an entertainment complex."

None of them had visited such a place before, so they felt like country folks exploring the city.

Jessica explained kindly, "Each club has its own unique offerings. My cousin mentioned that this one is owned by his friend, who added some personal touches. Every club has its distinct, characteristics. If they were all the same, it would be dull."

"That makes sense," Cassie agreed, then inquired, "So what's our plan now?"

Before Jessica could respond, her phone rang. Seeing the caller ID, her expression soured.

She sighed and grumbled to Angela, "It's my cousin."

Reluctantly, she answered the call, maintaining a smile. "Yes, **yes**... I'm with Angela and Cassic. I understand what you're saying. I just didn't want to upset you, that's why... I know, I know. I apologize, and I won't do it again. Yes, yes... Don't worry..."

After a few minutes, Jessica ended the call, breathing a sigh of relief.

Cassie looked concerned and anxious. "Is everything okay? Did your cousin find out that we're here?"

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Cassie was right. Jessica's cousin was aware of it. Nevertheless, it didn't matter.

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Jessica elaborated, "This establishment requires real—name registration. Even though the card was identified as not belonging to my cousin, the staff here discreetly contacted him for verification. If we had used a stolen card, they would have promptly alerted the authorities."

The mental fortitude of the staff here was truly commendable. Despite facing doubts about their identities, they maintained a high standard of service.

Following the incident, the trio exited the private room.

They decided to indulge in a foot massage first as they felt worn out lately.

Upon entering the lobby, a bustling scene greeted them with people coming and going, all dressed in more casual attire, engaging in hushed conversations, creating a lively ambiance.

Angela observed the scene before her and felt considerably more at ease.

It was just as she had envisioned. The venue was slightly more upscale in decor, boasted superior facilities, and had a higher entry requirement, akin to the typical entertainment centers she frequented.

"Let's go to- Jessica began to gesture ahead but was abruptly interrupted by a sudden voice.

"If you fail to provide satisfactory service today, don't even think about retaining your position here in the future!" The voice belonged to a man, tinged with arrogance.

All eyes turned toward the source of the voice, drawing a crowd of curious onlookers.

Watching a spectacle unfold was human nature, hence it also prompted Angela and her companions to join in. edging closer to catch a glimpse of the unfolding drama.

A man was berating a waitress in front of him.

The waitress kept apologizing with her head bowed, while the man exuded an air of superiority. His chin was held high while his eyes darted around, leering at the waitress.

The waitress was Sarah Winter!

The trio was puzzled, wondering how she had ended up working as a waitress here. However, considering her father's illness, it seemed to make sense.

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Eventually, the manager was summoned to mediate, offering apologies to defuse the situation, and the man eventually released Sarah.

When the man turned away, his true nature became apparent. While he appeared presentable, he did not seem like a decent individual.

"It's him!" Cassic squinted, a hint of disdain in her eyes. "This spoiled rich kid is truly shameless. Just because his father has some influence, he takes pleasure in intimidating others. Disgusting."

Jessica was perplexed and whispered, "Do you know him?"

Cassie rolled her eyes, unimpressed. "Yes, he's a playboy from the Sanders Family."

With that, Cassie seemed reluctant to divulge more.

After all, they were there to unwind and did not wish to be bothered by such individuals.

The crowd dispersed, and Angela exchanged a glance with Sarah.

Sarah was taken aback initially, but then she offered a faint smile and departed.

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Angela and her companions indulged in massages and sauna sessions, followed by a meal and drinks, laughing and enjoying themselves.

They were having a wonderful time.

Perhaps due to the alcohol, despite not consuming much, Angela felt slightly lightheaded.

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"S-Shall we step outside for some fresh air?"

The trio stumbled out of the establishment, only to encounter the affluent secondgeneration member of the Sanders Family who was accosting Sarah.

Sarah's face flushed as she attempted to remain polite. "Sir, you seem to be drunk."

"You little brat, don't play innocent with me. Do you think I'm unaware of your intentions?" He leaned in closer to her, his gaze unfocused. "Trying to gain my attention deliberately, then rejecting me... Hah, playing hard to get, I see? I can see through your tactics!"

Aware that reasoning with him was futile, Sarah attempted to leave, but the man grasped her firmly. Despite her struggles, the vast difference in physical strength between them rendered. her unable to break free. Her voice carried a hint of frostiness as she scolded, "Let go of me!"

The intoxicated wealthy heir found Sarah even more attractive now. He forcefully pulled her

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wn his arms. They hot chick, hehe. I like you. Come on. As long as you satisfy me tonight,

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Angela wanted to step forward to help, but Cassie pulled her back into the private room.

She didn't want to stand by and watch her classmate being bullied, but the person in front of them was not someone they could afford to provoke..

"This person is Howard Sims, the only son of the family, and he is spoiled beyond belief." Cassie's words carried a hint of disgust. "He uses all kinds of means, has a bad reputation, and even surrounds himself with shady characters. Getting involved with someone like him is very troublesome"

Angela lowered her head and remained silent.

She knew Cassie was right. It was natural for her to go to great lengths if it were for a friend.

However, Saraly didn't have much to do with them.

Moreover, Sarah had the support of James Kins, who could somewhat protect her.

However, there was a commotion outside, which made Angela extremely uneasy.

Should she protect herself or lend a hand?

How dare you hit me, you wretched woman?!" Howard's incredulous voice from outside.

Angela opened the door to the private room and saw Howard raising his leg to kick Sarah directly, causing her to fall to the ground clutching her stomach.

Angela's expression darkened. She despised men who hit women, especially in such an unjustifiable situation.

Ignoring Cassie's attempts to stop her, Angela grabbed a bottle from the table in the private room and confidently stomped out.

Just as Howard was about to continue assaulting Sarah, Angela spat coldly, "I dare you to

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touch her and see what happens!"

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Howard, recking of alcohol and anger, calmed down a little when he saw Angela. He glanced at her, then turned to look at Sarah, revealing a lecherous smile.

"Tsk tsk, tonight will be fun." he uttered with a lustful look on his face. "Since you've come to me, all of you will serve me tonight."

Cassie and Jessica couldn't bear to hear the disgusting tone in his voice.

They could ignore Sarah, but when it came to Angela, they couldn't stand by and do nothing.

Following Angela's lead, the two of them grabbed bottles and returned, ready to fight.

Angela ignored Howard's words and coldly turned around to help Sarah, her voice gentle. "Are you alright?"

Sarah forced a smile. "I'm fine. It's nothing serious."

As the two were about to leave, Howard naturally blocked their way.

Angela had a stern face and sharp eyes. "Move aside!".

Howard had a playful smile on his face. "What if I don't?"

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"Nothing." Angela pointed at him with a bottle, threatening, "I'm just going to smash your head."

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For **a** moment, Howard was taken aback, then he burst into laughter. "You? Little girl, do know who I am? Behave yourself and serve me well tonight, otherwise you won't be able to leave!"

"Tsk!" **Jessica** sneered, "You look like you have problems performing sexually, and yet you're indulging in parties all day long. You're obviously not going to survive much longer. With your skinny arms and legs, who are you trying to kidnap?"

Howard turned around and glared, his tone was frivolous as he said, "Oh, two more girls **are** here. What? Do all of you want to take me on together? It seems like you lack excitement in your daily life. Well, since I'm in a good mood today, I'll go easy on you."

His crude language made everyone frown, and the commotion grew louder. More people gathered to watch, but everyone was just there **for** the spectacle; no one really came to help.

"Howard, what's happening?"

"What's going on here?"

"Oh, so many beautiful ladies tonight."

Behind Angela, several voices came, and a few well–dressed young men approached her and her friends.

They were Howard's friends.

Angela didn't want to linger. Dragging Sarah, she tried to enter the private room they had reserved, but their path was blocked by Howard.

He looked at Angela with disdain. "Tsk, weren't you just being arrogant? Why are you backing. down now?"

Used to fool around, Howard was not afraid of this kind of situation at all, especially when facing a few ladies. Furthermore, with his friends coming over one after another, he had even fewer reservations.

"Get lost. Howard is just picking up girls."

"What are you looking at? Keep staring and we'll gouge your eyes out."

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"I'll see who's still watching the show."

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Howard's group of friends half-threatened and half-warned the onlookers in the other private rooms to leave, and then they surrounded Angela and her friends.

They even whispered to each other, making comments about Angela and the girls.

Sarah pulled Angela aside, shook her head, and said, "Thank you, but I'll handle this myself."

"How are you going to handle it?" Angela glanced at Sarah's pale face and said gently, "Since we're already involved, do you think everything will be fine if we back off now?"

Sarah knew it was unlikely.

Seeing Angela backing down a bit, Howard was even more pleased, reaching out to touch her. face. However, she was quick to dodge, not only avoiding his touch but also hitting him on the head with a bottle.

Suddenly, blood oozed out of Howard's head.

With glass shards all over his head, he stared at Angela in disbelief. "How dare you hit me, you witch!"

This sounded familiar. When Sarah hit him earlier, Howard had said the same thing. For some reason, Angela felt like laughing at this tough guy with a weak corc.

"Howard... How dare she?"

"Get her!"

The people who were originally watching the show instantly approached Angela and her group after seeing Howard being beaten.

Sarah stood in front of Angela while Cassie and Jessica also did not back down, quickly squeezing in to stand by Angela and Sarah.

"What do you want?" Although Jessica was a little scared, she tried to restrain herself and warned, "My cousin is a VIP here. You better not **mess** around."

Howard felt his bleeding head and was furious. "Drag these girls into our private room and let's have some fun."

Whether it was the alcohol or his arrogance speaking, he blurted out such words, but now **was** a time when the law was respected, unlike the old days when the underworld ruled society!

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A few men lunged, but Jessica and Cassie stood their ground, shouting and striking those who attempted to grab them.

The assailants were taken aback and ended up sustaining multiple injuries, which stopped them from acting recklessly.

Howard sneered. "You guys are pathetic. Come on! How can you be intimidated by a few girls?"

Upon hearing this, everyone exchanged glances and charged forward.

Wait, hold on."

Just then, the manager rushed over, accompanied by several burly security guards in uniform.

Howard narrowed his eyes. "What's happening?"

The manager tried to placate him. "You don't need to do something like this yourselves. We will handle it. He gestured toward the second floor. There are private rooms upstairs with fewer people."

Satisfied with the manager's approach, Howard nodded. He led his friends out while the manager directed the security guards to surround Angela and the others.

The manager, with a serious yet smiling demeanor, spoke assertively, "Ladies, it appears there is a misunderstanding between you and Mr. Sims. Why don't we find a quieter place to discuss?"

Jessica glared at the manager. "And what if we refuse?"

The manager maintained his smile, speaking in a friendly tone, "Everyone present holds a certain status, so causing a scene here wouldn't be appropriate."

Jessica scoffed, "My cousin is a regular here. If he knows you're treating us like this, he won't be pleased."

The manager smiled but remained silent, bowing slightly and extending a hand. "Please, ladies.

Jessica's cousin was not to be trifled with, but neither was Howard. Moreover, this club was a business affiliated with the Sims Corporation.

A mere manager couldn't offend Howard. Hence, his only option was to stall for time. He had already dispatched someone to inform **Jessica's** cousin in the meantime.

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Angela and the others reluctantly complied with the manager's request. Jessica felt a sense of dread and immediately tried calling her cousin.

However, there was no answer at the moment. Frustrated, she continued to dial.

Meanwhile, Cassie checked her phone and found no response. Having just messaged Jonathan, she assumed that he was preoccupied.

Out of desperation, she dialed Jonathan's number directly. To her dismay, his phone was switched off.

Cassie seethed with anger. How could Jonathan be unavailable at such a crucial moment?

Sarah furrowed her brow in deep concern, feeling guilty for involving the others.

The group was ushered into a private room. Howard wiped away the blood that was trickling down his face. Then, he tore off his tie and flung it to the ground. "I've never been so humiliated in my life."

In a single night, he had been bested by two women consecutively. If word got out, he could never lift his head high again.

He shoved Sarah onto the couch and struck her hard several times. Angela and the others, attempted to intervene, but they were restrained by Howard's companions.

"You coward! What kind of man hits a woman?" Angela gritted her teeth.

Unperturbed by the wound on his head, Howard calmly unbuckled his belt, removed his pants, and declared, 'You're quite heroic, aren't you? Just watch how I handle this woman. Don't worry, your turn will come soon, and my friends will take care of you one by one. I assure you, you'll enjoy it."

Laughter of a lewd nature filled the room, and Angela's face turned solemn.

Just as Howard was about to assault Sarah, Angela forcefully stomped on the foot of the person restraining her, and he released her. Next, she delivered a swift kick to Howard from behind, sending him tumbling to the ground.

Angela was seized by a few men and subsequently received a harsh slap from Howard. Her face immediately swelled.

Howard glared at her, "You're in a rush, huh? Fine, I'll start with you!"

Right then, the door to the private room was kicked open, and a tall figure entered.

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Angela looked up to see Jonathan's dark expression as he approached her. A crowd of people followed behind him, flooding the once spacious private room and making it feel cramped.

The two men holding Angela released her, intimidated by the icy aura emanating from Jonathan. As she was released, she felt a wave of dizziness wash over her, and her body weakened involuntarily.

Without a word, Jonathan swiftly pulled her into his arms. His thin lips were pressed tightly together, and his eyes burned with anger.

Angela managed a small smile through the pain, gripping Jonathan's arm tightly. "You're here," she whispered.

Silently, Jonathan lifted her and began to walk out of the room.

"Stop!" Howard's voice rang out, breaking the silence. "Who are you? This woman is mine. I saw her first. Do you understand?"

Jonathan halted his steps and turned to face him. In a clear voice, he said to Jessica, "Help me support her."

Jessica and the others had been rescued after Jonathan's arrival, and she followed his command. Meanwhile, Cassie was assisting Sarah nearby.

Feeling the tension in the air, they all remained silent, sensing the gravity of the situation.

Upon Jonathan's request, Jessica hurried over to assist. Although Angela wanted to assert her strength, she saw the look on Jonathan's face and chose to stay quiet.

Step by step, Jonathan approached Howard, whose friends instinctively backed away. They always fooled around and had gotten into fights before, but they had never witnessed such a display of power.

Just earlier, Jonathan's men twisted their wrists without a word right after entering the room. If they had used a little more strength, they would've broken their bones. From this, Howard's friends knew that the other party was skilled.

Howard was the only one who wasn't hurt by them because he had been caught up in the

moment.

Jonathan narrowed his eyes and **cast** a cold look at Howard. "Did you hit her just now?"

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Under the intense scrutiny. Howard stammered, "Do you know who

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father is?

Jonathan's piercing gaze swept over Howard. "With your right hand?" he questioned.

Howard took a step back, feeling the pressure. "Who are you? I–Ow, it hurts! Before he could finish speaking. Jonathan firmly grasped his right hand.

As Howard attempted to strike back with his other hand. Oliver intervened, restraining him effectively.

With a slight exertion of force, Jonathan elicited a pained reaction from Howard.

"Let go of me! Who do you think you are? Do you know who my father is? If you treat me like this, my father won't let you off!"

Axel observed with a sneer. Howard's arrogance was misplaced **in** the presence of Jonathan, a prominent figure in Riverdon known to those in both legitimate and criminal circles.

Unfazed by Howard's threats, Jonathan tightened his grip, and Howard ceased his protests. Realizing his mistake, Howard pleaded for mercy, "I–I was wrong. P–Please, spare me."

Jonathan released his grip with a snort, leaving Howard trembling in fear.

Howard flexed his hand to be sure that it wasn't broken. However, this encounter was far from over as he vowed to seek revenge against the man who had humiliated him.

Seeing the determination in his eyes, Jonathan turned colder. "He didn't learn his lesson. Oliver, deal with him," he commanded.

Oliver nodded. Having followed Jonathan for many years, he naturally understood his orders.

Today, he must teach these uninformed guys a small lesson. As long as no one was killed, it

was not an issue.

Oliver's teeth clenched. It had been a while since he had flexed his muscles!

Jonathan turned around, continuing to carry Angela. As he passed Axel, he casually instructed, "Keep an eye on the situation."

Axel smiled slightly. "Don't worry. I've got this."

Jonathan departed with Angela in his arms.

Axel narrowed his eyes, then turned to one of his men beside him and said in a gentle tone,

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Take Miss Turner and the others back."

As soon as they left, the door to the private room was shut. After that, came the sound of agonizing screams from inside.

Jessica and Cassie exchanged glances.

Despite being relatively close to the private room, the sounds of distress that traveled through the door indicated that the people inside were being severely beaten.

"Serves them right!" Jessica had experienced kidnapping since she was young and had been kidnapped with Angela before. She was no stranger to such situations.

It was a rare experience for Cassie and Sarah to witness firsthand the common occurrence of fighting and brawling.

Soon, the manager, who had been waiting outside, found out about what had transpired inside and couldn't help but smile bitterly.

This club belonged to the Sims family, but he never expected that the person Howard had, offended was Jonathan.

Who was Jonathan? With just a snap of his fingers, he could stop the entire Sims Corporation from operation, let alone a mere manager like him.

He lowered his head, looking on the floor. If he couldn't continue working here, where would he go?

Jonathan's men who were escorting Jessica and the others out walked with them until they were safely in the car before turning back.

"Where are we headed?" Sarah couldn't help but ask in the car, the nervousness from earlier now dissipated.

"I don't know." Jessica shook her head, looking indifferent. "Anyway, Jonathan will take care of everything for us."

Although she had encountered Jonathan several times before, he always seemed distant and aloof, but his demeanor tonight was truly intimidating.

The car drove for about half an hour before coming to a stop. Upon hopping off the car, Jessica and the others realized they were at a private hospital.

At the entrance, medical staff were already waiting to greet them. "Miss Turner, hello. Mr. Lawson has instructed us to conduct a full body check—up for you."

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"What about Angela Jessica blurted. Noticing the confusion on the faces of the medical staff. she quickly corrected herself. "I mean. Mrs. Lawson Did Mr. Lawson arrive with a young

woman?"

The medical staff nodded. With a pleasant demeanor, he answered, "Yes, Mrs. Lawson was sent for further examination. You can rest assured.

Jessica and the others felt relieved.

They were still a bit shaken by the events of the night. If Jonathan hadn't arrived in time, they would have been in serious trouble.

Thinking about this, Jessica felt a twinge of guilt. It **was** all her fault for suggesting a club experience and nearly causing trouble.

Angela, who shared the same sentiments, was also blaming herself. If she hadn't insisted on taking the lead, she wouldn't have caused trouble for Jessica and the others.

She looked up at Jonathan, who was conversing with the doctor.

He was truly furious!

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Angela's full-body examination was completed. Although the report was pending, the doctor concluded that there were no major issues, aside from the visible slap mark on the face.

As a precaution, he suggested that Angela stay a night in the hospital.

After the doctor left, Jonathan sat by the bedside. He gazed at Angela like she was a child who had erred, and gently inquired, "Are you still in pain?"

The side of her face that had been struck was swollen, and Angela felt a burning sensation.

She shook her head, her voice soft as she answered, "It's much better after I applied the prescribed medication. Now, it's just a little uncomfortable."

Tenderly, Jonathan stroked her head. "Then, rest well."

As he rose to leave, she caught his sleeve and stopped him. He turned back, asking softly, "What's the matter?"

Angela bit her lip, gazing up earnestly. "Are you upset?" She spoke slowly, perhaps to prevent worsening her injury.

Each word was uttered gently, yet they tugged at Jonathan's heart. He settled back down, clasping her hand. "Yeah."

"I'm sorry." Angela lowered her gaze, her tone sincere. "I didn't intend to cause trouble. I felt compelled to assist Sarah to prevent..."

Potential assault.

Although she could have turned a blind eye, witnessing the situation compelled her to act.

She understood that self-preservation was key after her rebirth, yet her innate kindness prevented her from standing idly by.

Jonathan's gaze was profound as he gently remarked, "I'm not upset because you helped others and got into trouble."

Angela raised her eyes, puzzled. "Then... is it because I lack intelligence? Or that I couldn't defend myself but acted impulsively?"

In retrospect, she was somewhat fearful. She had consumed a bit too much alcohol at the time, leading to her actions.

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Primarily, she assumed that being in a reputable club would mitigate any potential issues, never anticipating Howard's blatant disregard for rules.

Jonathan shook his head once more, a slight furrow in his brow, before stating. "Cassie reached out to me for assistance.

Finally, Angela knew why Jonathan showed up.

didn't. His eyes held a hint of reproach. "As your husband, am I not someone you

"But you can rely on?"

Others sought his aid in times of peril, so why didn't Angela?

Taken aback, she asked, "Are you upset because of this?"

Was he upset because she failed to seek his help? But they were only allies.

If it were another matter, it would be acceptable, but burdening Jonathan, who was

preoccupied with important affairs, with her impulsive actions seemed unjustifiable. He was incredibly busy.

Jonathan remained silent, his expression somewhat uneasy. If he admitted it. he would seem

petty.

Observing his demeanor, Angela felt as though she had stumbled upon a revelation.

Then, she recalled his ailment. She mustn't allow him to dwell on it.

Her heartbeat quickened, and—taking advantage of her status as a patient—she blurted, "Jonathan, does this mean I can depend on you in the future? For anything at all?

"If you agree, don't find it bothersome moving forward. I'm thick—skin you, it's challenging to shake me off. So, consider it carefully."

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Angela's voice was clear and slightly jubilant as she gazed intently at him, determined to

receive an answer.

Slowly, a smile spread across Jonathan's face, and he looked pleased. He wanted to reach out and pinch her face, but remembering her injury, he gently stroked her uninjured check instead. "Yes, you can rely on me."

Then, he added, "For anything."

Angela was delighted, grinning foolishly. She momentarily forgot about her injury, only remembering when she moved and felt the pain.

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She gave Jonathan a gentle smile. "A gentleman's promise is not to be broken?

After their agreement, Jonathan turned to deal with the remaining matters. He had someone inform Jessica and the others, and they hurried over.

Among them, Sarah was the most seriously injured. The doctor advised her not to move, but she still came to thank Angela.

Seeing her, **Angela** quickly got out of bed. "Sarah, what are you doing? Even if you want to thank me you don't need to do it right now. If you want to repay me, take care of your injuries properly"

Howard did not hold back. Just by looking at the slap he gave her, Angela could feel it, not to mention Sarah, who had taken several slaps from him, and even punches and kicks.

Although Angela **was a** bit annoyed, her words were filled with concern, and Sarah understood.

But if she didn't come to check Angela's condition with her own eyes tonight, she was afraid she wouldn't be able to sleep well.

In her usual gentle demeanor, Sarah said, "It's nothing. I'll live."

Angela sighed. When she first met Sarah, she thought her gentle demeanor was just like. Fanny's, so she didn't like her at first.

After finding out that she was James' lover but still had Yusof running around for her, Angela's dislike for her grew.

But later on, during Sarah's father's illness, Sarah's reminders to her, and what she heard from other classmates, Angela knew that Sarah's gentleness was genuine and different from Fanny's pretentiousness.

That was why she helped out at the club.

"Cassie, what is Howard Sim's background, exactly?" Jessica was very curious at the moment. "He's really out of control."

There were quite a few scions in Riverdon who were spoiled, but someone like Howard, who acted like a feudal lord and disregarded the law, was really rare.

Most people who did dirty things did it in secret. No matter how vicious they were in private, they always maintained a reasonable appearance in public. It was really rare to see someone like Howard, openly displaying such foolish behavior.

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Cassie frowned, thinking for a moment. "I'm not sure about the specifics. I just heard about him once...

The other three leaned in, listening attentively...

Meanwhile, Jonathan had just left the hospital when he received a call from Axel. "Boss."

"Speak."

"Howard Sim's left foot and right hand are broken, just like three of his ribs. It's hard to say about other injuries, though. Oliver has a temper, so he might have been a bit too harsh. The others who were involved are in a similar state, but we didn't use much force on those who were just watching."

Jonathan remained silent, listening to Axel's report without a word.

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Since Howard was injured and taken to the hospital, it naturally prompted his family to be notified.

His parents, Ethan Sims and Violet Cromwell, hurried to the hospital and were devastated when they saw Howard covered in bandages.

"Which b\*stard dared to harm my son like this?! I want their entire family to suffer, Violet wailed bitterly, her face filled with anger.

Curses echoed in the ward.

Meanwhile, two of Howard's friends, who sustained the most minor injuries, stood aside timidly.

They wanted to step forward and persuade Violet not to make such threats, for not only did they fear the person who had wounded Howard, but they also had to suppress their anger even after getting assaulted.

At that time, they and the other party fought in the private room after the man left.

Accurately speaking, they were the only ones getting beaten as they had no chance to fight back when faced with those intimidating individuals.

In pain, they tried to intimidate the other party by mentioning their fathers' names, as Howard did. However, those people remained unfazed.

Later, that particular non–participant, who had been observing the fight from the side. intervened and instructed the group to stop before casually leaving a remark. "The one who attacked you is Jonathan Lawson. Confront him if you have any **issues.**"

With that, the group departed gracefully.

When the club's security personnel arrived, Howard and his friends were all lying on the ground and didn't dare to make **a** sound.

Someone suggested calling the police, but a friend stopped them. "You might have a death wish, but I don't. It's Jonathan Lawson. He is formidable. Even if you guys have the guts to provoke him, that doesn't mean I am. So, count me out if you want to involve the police."

Upon hearing Jonathan's name, the crowd started discussing him. Only then did they discover that he was the head of both the Sanders Family and the Lawson Family.

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According to the rumors, he was ruthless and had high social status. To succeed in Riverdon, one had to not only follow the city law but also adhere to Jonathan's rules.

Furthermore, they heard that he was so cold—hearted that he even showed no respect to his own father.

In addition, rumors had it that his influence was vast, and whoever crossed him would face

severe consequences,

Apart from these, they also heard that he was ill and confined to a wheelchair. Yet, the man who had entered the room earlier clearly had both legs intact.

But since Jonathan maintained a low profile and rarely appeared in public, they couldn't confirm the rumors either. Moreover, there were no photos of him in the news, newspapers, or online.

Thus, someone from the group braved it and contacted their father to

inquire about Jonathan's information. However, he received a scolding saying that Jonathan's affairs weren't something he and his friends should delve into.

Their father also added that it would surely lead to trouble if Jonathan discovered this and, thought they were attempting to uncover his privacy.

Upon hearing that, Howard and his friends assumed that what the individual said earlier must be true.

After all, in Riverdon, impersonating Jonathan was akin to inviting trouble.

Although they werent entirely certain, they firmly believed the individual's words.

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"Tell me who did this?" Violet, who was exhausted from crying, immediately grabbed one of Howard's acquaintances by the collar to interrogate him.

When the **man saw this**, he sighed inwardly. I am *already injured*. *My* head is sin sughly dizzy. *I'm* merely here to assist with Howard's *care*.

He struggled to free himself from Violet's grasp. Then, he took a few steps back before stating without hesitation, "The person who attacked him claimed to be Jonathan Lawson."

His words took Violet aback.

Even though she was a housewife, her family was involved in business. Therefore, she was familiar with Jonathan's name.

Trembling, she asked for confirmation, "Is what you're saying true?"

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The man nodded. "That's what the other party said."

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Although there was a ninety-nine percent likelihood, there was still a one percent chance that

it wasn't true.

Therefore, he refrained from affirming it completely.

"W–Why would Jonathan attack Howard?" Ethan also approached the man. He found it slightly hard to believe.

Jonathan is the most prominent figure *in* Riverdon. Howard may *be a* rogue sometimes, but that does *it* have to do with him?

The man gulped and explained hesitantly, "H–Howard made a move on Jonathan's chick."

At once, Ethan widened his eyes in shock. "What?!"

Then, he sat down heavily in the chair.

He, who initially felt sorry for his son, immediately became furious. At this moment, he wished he could drag Howard off the bed and beat him again.

Pointing at Howard, he exclaimed, "What a useless son!"

Violet was displeased. "How can you scold your own son like that? Besides, must Jonathan make such a big fuss? It's just a woman. What's the big deal?"

The others couldn't comment.

To them, women were merely objects to be pampered and traded among themselves, and making a fuss over a woman seemed unnecessary.

However, considering it was Jonathan that they were dealing with, they had no choice but to bear the consequences if he wanted to make a fuss over this issue.

Ethan glared at Violet. "What do you know?"

Even if a woman is *considered* an *object*, she symbolizes *esteem* when belonging *to* Jonathan.

By making a move on his woman, Howard was throwing a direct insult to Jonathan, so he should be taught a lesson. It's just that....

Thinking of this, Ethan glanced at Howard, who was still unconscious. He, too, felt that Jonathan had gone a bit too far with the assault.

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Nevertheless, he still needed to find a way to resolve the situation. Otherwise, the Sims Family's future would surely be doomed.

Therefore, Ethan used his connections and managed to contact Jonathan. Following Jonathan's instructions, Axel stated coldly. "Your son must come to the Lawson Residence to apologize to Mrs. Lawson."

Ethan was surprised. Then, he summoned his courage and asked for confirmation, "M–Mrs. Lawson?"

Hadn't they mentioned Howard had made advances toward Jonathan's chick?

Axel's tone carried a hint of gloat as he elaborated, "Yes. Your son sure is one daredevil. Mr. Lawson values his wife greatly. I can't believe your son would make a move on her so boldly. If it weren't out of respect for you, whether your son would be alive is uncertain."

Of course, this was merely a warning from Axel.

Mr. Lawson has always been a law–abiding citizen. *Even* if he had some tricks up his sleeves *when* dealing with affairs, he would never break *the* law.

Ethan hung up the phone, feeling disheartened.

No wonder Jonathan was so enraged.

That woman wasn't just any woman. She is Jonathan's wife!

Jonathan is married?!

Ethan hurried to the hospital. Violet was feeding Howard chicken soup slowly when he barged into the ward furiously. "Howard, get ready to follow me to the Lawson Residence. tomorrow and apologize to that woman."

Howard was confused. "Dad, what are you talking about? By the way, have you use those who attacked me? When you catch them, I'll deal with them myself once I've recovered. How dare those rascals treat me like-"

Slap!

The more Ethan listened, the angrier he became. As a result, he slapped Howard hard in the face before he could finish speaking.

Looking at his father in disbelief, Howard asked, "Dad, what are you doing?"

Violet, too, was upset. She even nearly spilled the chicken soup. "What are you doing? Take it

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**easy.** She's just a woman. Geez! What is Jonathan thinking? He can have any woman he desires, so why make a fuss over this particular woman

Jonathan? Which Jonathan?" Howard looked puzzled.

Earlier, he whined about his grievances to Violet when he woke up. As for Violet, she avoided. mentioning anything about Jonathan to allow her son to recover peacefully.

While pointing at Howard shakily, Ethan elaborated, "Do you know who he has offended? That woman isn't just any random woman! She is Jonathan's wife!"

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Violet was dumbfounded.

She found it somewhat hard to believe,

Even though I don't usually *pay much* attention to business affairs, how could a *prominent* figure *in* Riverton like Jonathan get married without anyone knowing?

Just as she was about to speak, Howard bluntly asked, "Dad, are you being serious? You... didn't get deceived, did you?"

Howard furrowed his brows and looked at Ethan with suspicion.

Despite his lack of knowledge in certain areas, he could still differentiate between important and trivial matters.

He knew very well who Jonathan was. His father often cautioned him to be careful, warning him not to offend anyone connected to Jonathan as there would be severe consequences.

Although Jonathan kept a low profile and was mysterious, Howard was still aware of whether he was married or not. After all, Jonathan's marriage was such a piece of headline—worthy

news.

Clutching his chest, Ethan was almost breathless while pointing at Howard. "Y-You-"

After a long pause, he was still unable to utter a word.

Realizing her husband's genuine anger, Violet also felt a **sense** of panic. She hurried over to calm him down. "Is what you're saying true? Did Howard truly offend... Jonathan's wife?"

With pain written all over his face, Ethan retrieved a pill from his pocket and swallowed it with the aid of the cup of water handed to him by Violet. Only then did he start to feel some relief.

Precisely thanks to the pill, Ethan gradually calmed down. "Axel confirmed it himself. He is Jonathan's trusted associate, so it must be true."

Besides, Jonathan isn't one to engage in frivolous activities.

At this moment, Howard finally realized the severity of the situation.

So, the man who had appeared that night was indeed Jonathan!

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He broke out in a cold sweat and attempted to sit beside Ethan. But as he lifted his foot, he realized his bone was fractured. His action caused him to grimace in pain.

While reprimanding him, Violet anxiously inquired, "So, what do we do now?"

Will Jonathan bring ruin to our family?

Ethan took a deep breath. With his voice carrying a hint of relief, he added, "Thankfully, the Lawson Family doesn't intend to wipe us out. They purely made one request."

Gazing sternly at Howard, he continued, "You simply need to apologize to Mrs. Lawson."

Howard somewhat hesitated when he heard that. "Are you asking me to apologize to that woman?"

Well, Jonathan is *undoubtedly influential*. So, I won't think twice if Dad asks me to apologize to him.

But asking me to apologize to the woman who had struck me on the head?

I don't think I'm down for it.

Yes, she is a beauty. But she is also pretty feisty. I doubt Jonathan will truly be attracted to someone like

her.

After contemplating momentarily, Howard suggested, "Dad, you should verify further. What is her background? Who are her family members? You must find out all these."

Ethan glared at Howard, his anger evident. "Why are you concerned about her background? Regardless, she is now married to Jonathan-"

But then again, it's not confirmed. After all, there has been no news of Jonathan's marriage.

After a moment of thought, Ethan issued a direct order. "Regardless of the cumstances. Jonathan now admits she is his wife. You must apologize!"

Howard pursed his lips, fully expressing his reluctance. However, he somewhat crumbled when he met his father's gaze filled with murderous intent.

Powerless, he glanced at Violet. His tone was tinged with a hint of pleading. "Mom..."

Just as Violet was about to interject to persuade him, Ethan waved **his** hand decisively. "It's settled then. If **you** refuse to apologize, then so be it. But you will no longer be a part

of the Sims Family. I cannot let the company our family has painstakingly built to be ruined because of you."

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Despite being the sole heir and current head of the company, he wasn't the Sims Family's only member.

Other than him, there were so many directors and members. Therefore, he couldn't do much to help Howard.

Ethan was extremely annoyed as he looked at his son, who was always causing trouble and achieving nothing. He left immediately after speaking.

"Mom..." Howard's expression turned ghastly. "Is Dad..."

Having married Ethan for decades, Violet naturally could sense that his words just now weren't mere threats. The entire Sims *Family* will face difficulties *in the* future *if* Howard indeed has offended Jonathan completely.

Therefore, she gently began to persuade Howard to apologize.

Howard also realized that the situation was irreversible. Therefore, he could only reluctantly

agree.

Outside the Lawson Residence, a gray-blue van gradually pulled up. Ethan was the first to step out, followed by Howard, who still bore bruises on his face while sitting in a wheelchair.

The last to emerge was Violet, who carried bags of gifts.

These items were all of designer brands and hard to come by. Violet gazed at these gifts with a pained expression before mustering the courage to follow Ethan and Howard into the Lawson Residence.

The atmosphere in the Lawson Residence was early quiet, and there were only a few servants around. After being escorted to the living room, Ethan and his family were first greeted by a lean man with a robust build who was devouring his meal.

"M-Mr. Lawson." Ethan tentatively greeted.

The man, who was initially dining, glanced up. His gaze immediately turned sharp when he

saw the visitors.

Ethan was stunned.

This guy is Jonathan Lawson?

You've got to be kidding me,

The individual who holds the fate of the Sanders Family and the Lawson Family in his hands actually

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appears so unassuming?!

As expected, appearances can be deceptive.

With this thought in mind, Ethan's simile grew even more genuine. "Mr. Lawson, my son is here. Please feel free to deal with him as you wish."

Ethan stepped back, revealing Howard in the wheelchair with a sorrowful expression.

Upon catching sight of the man's silhouette, he involuntarily recoiled.

Isn't this the man responsible for *my* current state?

Then, he overheard another man with a sly grin refer to the man as Oliver.

I don't know if Jonathan is intimidating, but this man before me is undoubtedly ferocious.

Howard nervously gulped before managing to force out a smile. "Um... about that... I...

Under Oliver's scrutiny, Howard's mind went blank. He was completely unsure of what to say or what he intended to say.

After finishing his meal, Oliver rose abruptly. His voice sounded gruff as he instructed. "Wait here!"

With that, he hurried upstairs.

Ethan appeared puzzled. What is *he up* to?

Oliver had gone to fetch Jonathan. As Jonathan descended the stairs hand in hand with Angela, his icy and stern aura made Ethan realize his earlier misjudgment

Despite my decades of experience in the business world, I can't believe I would make such hasty assumptions.

Ethan felt a twinge of shame.

But since no one else noticed, he figured it didn't matter.

Meanwhile, Angela tried to free herself from Jonathan's grasp. However, she could only give

after several failed attempts.

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Upon seeing the real Jonathan, Ethan approached and said, "My apologies, Mrs. Lawson. It was my lack of supervision that led to my son causing harm to you. Rest assured. I have brought him here today to offer his apology. You may decide what action to take."

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Looking at the man in his fifties or sixties deeply expressing his apology to her, Angela involuntarily let out a soft sigh.

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Jonathan had gotten used to such situations. Sitting casually on the sofa with Angela, he simply cast a cold glance at Ethan and his family without saying a word.

Furrowing her brows, Angela shifted her gaze to Howard. "Mr. Sims, your son was the one who made a mistake, not you. You don't need to do this."

*Mr. Sims is* innocent. *The* one who started a feud with me was *Howard*. At least for now, I harbor no ill will *toward* the other members of the *Sims Family*.

Upon hearing that, Ethan eased up a little. Mrs. *Lawson appears* youthful, so she *should be* approachable.

With this thought in mind, he nudged Howard forward. "Howard, apologize to Mrs. Lawson."

Although Howard was reluctant, he knew he had to express plenty of sincerity now that he was here. Hence, with a somewhat courteous tone, he said, "I'm sorry. I shouldn't have hit you that day."

Angela raised an eyebrow, for his apology seemed insincere to her.

At this moment, Violet took the opportunity to present the gifts they brought. "Mr. and Mrs. Lawson, these are the small token of our appreciation. Please accept them."

After placing the gifts, Violet stole several regretful glances at them.

Of course, Angela noticed all these subtle gestures.

How interesting. Why bother coming here to apologize if they are so reluctant to give me these gifts?

Moreover, gifts blind the eyes.

Well-I have no use for these expensive yet merely for show gifts.

Angela shook her head, her voice still sounding gentle. "I don't need these. You can take them, back."

Despite feeling pleased, Violet somewhat awkwardly expressed. "Oh, we can't do that. Mrs. Lawson, what would you like? We can figure out something else."

At once, Ethan glanced at the shallow–minded Violet. However, he couldn't do much as now was truly not the right time. Otherwise, he would have scolded her without hesitation.

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Since the family *business* was already declining when I married *Violet,* she naturally endured numerous derisions and mockery. So, despite our family's growing wealth, she still can't change the things that give her a sense *of pride.* 

In fact, she is slightly frugal.

Angela shook her head. "I insist. I don't need it."

As she spoke, she turned to Howard. "Are you sure you're genuinely here to apologize today? If not, please leave. Our time is valuable."

She grew impatient with Howard's lack of sincerity, especially since Jonathan had her back.

Upon seeing Angela becoming visibly upset, Ethan angrily smacked Howard's head. "You ungrateful child! Apologize properly!"

Even though Howard felt frustrated, he eventually obliged, "I truly am here to express my sincere apology. I'm sorry. I deeply regret my actions. How can I make it right?"

Since Angela wasn't one to hold a grudge, she stated plainly, "Some damage cannot be undone with mere apologies. However, I wasn't greatly affected. The one truly hurt was Sarah.

Howard's expression turned perplexed. Slightly panicked, he asked, "What's the matter? Do you want me to apologize to her as well?"

Angela's gaze turned icy. With a hint of a chilling smile on her face, she remarked, "An apology doesn't quite cut it, does it?"

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Howard frowned, glancing at Angela's smile with a sense of unease. His words stumbled a bit. "What do you

want?

Angela snorted, "Don't worry, I'm not as shameless as you. My request is simple and within your capabilities."

Ethan nervously wiped the sweat from his forehead and quickly interjected. "Mrs. Lawson, please proceed."

"Firstly, you need to cover the medical expenses. The rest of us are fine, just a bit shaken, but Sarah was seriously hurt. She won't be able to work during her recovery, so the Sims Family should take responsibility," Angela stated calmly.

Ethan nodded. "Of course."

"Then..." Angela paused before continuing, "If Sarah wishes to continue working at the club, you must not take the opportunity to retaliate against her or discriminate against her. If I find anything inappropriate..."

"Of course." Ethan hastily agreed before Angela could finish. "That's only fair. It's **all** because of this unfilial son of mine who caused all this trouble."

It was just a job. If they didn't hire Sarah, they would find someone else. These requests were not unreasonable.

Ethan suddenly realized that Mrs. Lawson was indeed young, kind, and very reasonable in her approach, standing her ground even when justified. If not for Jonathan's protection, she might have faced more trouble.

Angela was pleased with Ethan's response. But when she glanced at Howard, impatience flickered in her eyes.

Her expression darkened **as** she continued, "Lastly, I hope Mr. Howard sincerely apologizes to me and my friends at the club in front of his friends. Especially..."

"Sarah."

Angela emphasized the name.

Everything happened because Howard disrespected Sarah and tried to harass her.

Ethan didn't immediately agree to this request.

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He looked at his son. Howard was agitated. "No. If you want money, just say it directly. If it's not enough, we can take more. Why bother with all this?"

Will I still have a place in society if I do this?

Apologizing to Angela is trivial. No *one* will dare *mock me* at the Sanders Mansion or the club, even *if I* 

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But what about Sarah!

Aside from her looks, what is her background?

I can't even successfully flirt with a woman, and I end up being beaten. And now. I hav

that woman?

If word gets out to *those* who *don't* usually *associate* with me, I'm a laughingstock for *life*.

No.

I would rather spend more money than lose face like this.

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At this moment, Violet also spoke up to support her son, "Exactly. Mrs. Lawson, you can inquire about... the girl's compensation. Any amount is acceptable. As for a public apology, let's forget about it."

Angela's expression darkened, showing some displeasure.

At this moment, Jonathan coldly snorted, furrowing his brows. "Do you think the Sims Family has too much money?"

His tone was light, but it weighed heavily on Ethan.

Ethan hurriedly clarified, "No. Mr. Lawson, you misunderstand. We..."

"Or maybe Mrs. Sims has a different perspective," Angela interjected with **a** hint of coldness. "But I wonder how much the Sims Family is willing to offer?"

Violet was taken aback, instinctively seeking confirmation from Jonathan to decipher Angela's sincerity or sarcasm.

Jonathan raised an eyebrow, remaining silent.

Angela had signaled to him earlier, and he understood her intentions.

However, Angela had never been overly concerned about money.

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Why is she suddenly relenting?

What is she planning?

But, regardless of Angela's wishes, he would support her unconditionally.

With this in mind, Jonathan's expression darkened again, masking his emotions.

Angela looked at Ethan pleasantly and asked, "I wonder how much the Sims Family truly values their apology?"

Violet's eyes flickered as she stated a figure directly.

Angela's expression turned cold, and she spoke with some displeasure. "It appears that Howard's apology is only worth this much. Well, let him apologize. It will bring closure to everyone."

Ethan quickly rectified, "No. The fault lies with our son. Mrs. Lawson, please do not be upset.

and your friends. Regardless of the This time, our son crossed a line, causing harm to you compensation amount, we are willing to provide it."

Angela nodded, looking at him with a happy expression. "Indeed. When one makes a mistake, they naturally have to pay the price. If Mr. Sims' son is willing to sacrifice his dignity for this sum of money, he does not need to pay naturally. But if not, it's only fair to buy back his dignity with money."

Ethan nodded in agreement.

After some consideration, he gritted his teeth and started a figure.

He winced at the sum.

Although the Sims Family was affluent, it was still a substantial amount tek part with.

She looked at Ethan with a smile, her eyes full of amusement. Despite giving birth to an unsuccessful son, he was still a figure to be reckoned with. However, she wasn't trying to

extort money from the Sims Fay. She just wanted to teach them a lesson.

Angela pressed down on the amount, saying leisurely, "I'll only take what my friends deserve. I won't take a single extra penny."

Ethan felt relieved, acknowledging Angela's fairness.

At that moment, he comprehended why Jonathan had chosen to marry such an unconventional woman.

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After the Sims Family left, Angela gazed at Jonathan with a hint of curiosity, feeling slightly. **uneasy.** "Why are you looking at nie like that?"

Jonathan smiled warmly. "You didn't seek an apology from Howard. You simply wanted them to compensate. Is it for Sarah?"

Angela looked at him, admiration evident on her face. "How did you know?

Jonathan slowly raised the corner of his lips, appearing pleased. "For you, money isn't important, especially when it comes in this way. You wouldn't take it."

"Jessica and Cassie were not severely injured and did not need money. If it were them, they would likely prefer to tarnish Howard rather than accept the comp Jonathan's reasoning was clear and logical. "You mentioned earlier that Sarah assisted you.

And since she works at the club, it indicates she's short of money and was the most severely injured."

Angela nodded in agreement, expressing admiration. "Jonathan, you truly have a keen insight. I indeed requested conipensation for Sarah, as her father is unwell and she may be struggling financially."

A substantial sum of money was undeniably more practical than Howard's superficial apology

Furthermore, this wasn't extortion. It was rightfully claimed compensation for mental anguish.

She believed that Sarah wouldn't refuse.

Indeed, Sarah graciously accepted, expressing heartfelt gratitude toward Angela.

She would not take money **that was** not rightfully hers, such as borrowing from lames or Yusof, as she had her dignity.

However, she would not feign refusal for money that was rightfully owed to her.

Recognizing Angela's genuine desire to assist her and not needing money, she hypocritically offered to share the money with Angela.

Sarah stated solemnly, "I may not be able to repay you now. If you ever need me, I will be there."

This was her promise.

She made this vow because she understood that Angela was unlike Fanny, who lacked

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boundaries.

Angela's willingness to help her despite the risks made her recognize Angela as a compassionate individual.

After bidding farewell, they each departed.

Unbeknownst to them, not far away. Fanny and Christopher were enjoying a date,

They sat by the window on the second floor of the tea house.

From there, they could see Riverdon's famous Lake Cladra. Under the sunlight, the lake's surface ripples slightly, shining with golden light, and the location is prime real estate, hence

the name.

There were handsome men and beautiful women rowing on the lake. Although they couldn't see clearly from afar, Christopher could sense the sweetness between those young couples.

Once, he and Fanny also had such moments.

"Christopher." Fanny's gentle voice came. "What's wrong with you today? Why do troubled? Is there something bothering you?"

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Christopher snapped out of his reverie and glanced at Fanny before turning away. "Nothing."

Fanny's expression froze.

Christopher had always been warm toward her, but his attitude just now was noticeably colder.

Fanny felt a little sad in her heart. Her eyes grew misty. "Christopher, do you also despise me now? But I'm fine now. It's all rumors. I'm innocent."

Listening to Fanny's words, Christopher felt very uncomfortable but couldn'onfide his dilemma to others.

If he hadn't promised to break off the engagement, how could his father have helped Fanny?

Since his father showed him the result and for Fanny's sake, he had to break off the engagement. As his father said, if he could make Fanny clear of any wrongdoing, he could also make her sink into the mud.

He had no choice but to obey his father's words until he had enough power.

He looked serious, his expression very solemn. "Fanny, we..."

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His throat was a little dry, and he simply said the rest of the words. "Let's... break off the engagement."

"What?"

It was as if a thunderbolt exploded in Fanny's mind.

Her mind went blank at that moment, and tears kept falling uncontrollably.

These were real tears, not an act to gain sympathy,

Fanny asked in disbelief, "What did you say? Cancel the engagement?"

As the words left his mouth, Christopher felt as if a thousand–pound burden had been lifted from his shoulders.

He nodded, his expression serious. "Yes."

After speaking, he stood up, unwilling to linger any longer.

He couldn't bear to see Fanny cry. He was afraid he might soften. Everything he was doing now was for Fanny's good. If he stayed any longer, he might ruin everything.

He had no choice but to let Fanny be sad.

Sadness would eventually pass, but her future life might be bleak if she fell into a quagmire.

But Fanny wasn't going to let him go that easily.

She stood before Christopher, her eyes red like a rabbit's, her demeanor no longer as fragile as before. She looked at him with resentment. "Give me a reason."

Christopher moved his lips but said nothing, choosing to leave all the same.

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Fanny naturally didn't let Christopher leave.

She reached out and grabbed his sleeve. "This decision isn't just up to you and me. We're engaged, not just casually breaking up. Do both sets of parents know about this?"

She couldn't understand why Christopher wanted to end their engagement. She was fine. So why would the Sanders Family intervene secretly? If they were willing to help her, why would they still want Christopher to call off the engagement?

Could the Sanders Family be using this as leverage to pressure Christopher? It seemed like something out of a TV drama.

With this thought in mind, Fanny softened her expression and whispered, "Christopher, do **you** have any difficulties? Is it that your family is forcing you to do this?"

Christopher was momentarily taken aback. He didn't want to hurt Fanny, but his father had warned him. If he continued his relationship with her, they would face consequences.

The teahouse was crowded, and their conversation could easily be overheard.

Christopher cleared his throat and said, "Let's talk outside."

With that, he grabbed Fanny's hand and walked downstairs, finding a deserted alley around.

the corner.

Fanny thought she understood Christopher's intentions and felt less upset. He let go of her hand and said firmly, "Fanny, I don't like you anymore. Can you understand? It's not because of anything at home."

Fanny's face turned pale.

She clenched her fists tightly, feeling like something gripped her heart. "Christoplier, if you have any pressure, just say it. We can face it together. Seeing you like this hurts me."

Seeing that these words were useless to Fanny, he could only say something more ruthless. "Don't talk to me in that tone anymore. Fanny, I used to think you were quite cute, but now you seem rather artificial."

"Feelings change. He looked like a heartless man, sneering, his **eyes** showing disdain. "You know about my situation, right? My benchmark is my brother, so what help can you provide?"

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Fanny couldn't help but take a few steps back when listening to these harsh words.

She couldn't believe that these were the words spoken by the person who used to love her, cared for her, and even broke off a previous engagement for her.

"Help" Fanny repeated these two words, her eyes suddenly confused. "If you want to marry someone who can provide help, why did you choose me after breaking off the engagement with Angela?"

Fanny's voice was hoarse.

She felt like she was in a dream.

She desperately pinched herself, trying to wake herself up.

But the pain in her hand made Fanny realize that this wasn't a nightmare but a cruel reality worse **than** a nightmare.

He said words that went against his heart, "The reason I chose you back then was simple. because you were too proactive and didn't refuse anyone who came. It was also thanks to you that I could ask to cancel the engagement with Angela."

I had never really looked up to Angela.

But for some reason, my brother treats her like a treasure.

I can't understand it.

"Slap!"

Christopher's thoughts drifted for a moment, and only when the pamame to his face did he realize that Fanny had slapped him.

She looked at her hand in disbelief, shaking her head. "I... I didn't want to do it.",

After hearing Christopher's hurtful words, she couldn't help but react.

Christopher raised his head, looking deeply at her. "You've slapped me. You've scolded me. Since you've vented, we have nothing to do with each other anymore, If you want

compensation, just ask. I still have some money."

"Christopher, what do you think of me?" Fanny exclaimed.

He had crossed a line.

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First, he humiliated her with words, treating her as a shameless woman. Now, he wanted to humiliate her with money. How could she bear it?

Christopher didn't say anything more, just left the alley with an expressionless face.

And Fanny did not pursue him.

She was completely drained of energy.

She collapsed on the ground and burst into tears.

At this moment, she didn't care about her image anymore. No longer the gentle and tender, girl of the past.

Christopher touched his hot face, a long scratch left by Fanny's slightly long nails.

He felt helpless, walking on the street and not knowing where to go.

Should / return home?

He did not want to go back to that oppressive environment.

Should I seek out a friend?

His friends were accustomed to indulging in food, drink, and fun. They would surely mock. him if they discovered he was in such a state because of a woman.

So, he decided to wander the streets aimlessly.

But he intended to go elsewhere.

This was the center of Riverdon, where many people came to shop and have fun. He feared encountering acquaintances and causing a scene.

"What's the matter?" As Christopher hesitated, a clear voice inquired, "You seem troubled."

He looked up and saw the elegantly dressed Cassandra standing before him, a gentle smile her face like a breath of fresh air.

He felt he wasn't in a good state, but he smiled. "Cassandra...

Cassandra noticed the scratch on Christopher's face and chuckled, "Did a little wild cat scratch you?"

Christopher sighed, feeling somewhat defeated at the mention.

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Cassandra smiled and suggested, "I happen to have some free time. Why don't we find a place

to sit?"

Christopher agreed.

He had a lot on his mind right now, and there was nowhere else he could go.

Being able to sit down quietly was also good.

Cassandra ordered two cups of coffee. She didn't continue to ask him what happened. Instead, she gently opened her lips. "A young master like you from the Sanders Family should face challenges head—on rather than moping here."

He felt a bit enlightened by her words.

Christopher smiled sheepishly, then asked with confusion, "Cassandra, have you always been able to achieve your desires since you were young?"

Cassandra shook her head, smiling gently. "Of course not. Haven't

you heard? Eight or nine out of ten things in life don't go as planned, and I'm no exception. But I have known what I want since I was young, and then I will strive for it."

"What if you can't attain it?"

"As long as you are resilient, there are few things you can't strive for." Cassandra's radiant smile exuded a confident aura. "If there truly is something you can't obtain, then learn to let go. Suppressing yourself will only bring pain and nothing else."

Christopher seemed to

Indeed.

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If I possess the authority of Jonathan now, who will dare to prevent me from marrying Fanny?

Why should I be in such a pitiful state?

Cassandra bid him farewell after offering Christopher a few more words of comfort.

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Christopher went straight home.

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Even if the atmosphere at home was oppressive and he was in pain, he had to face it directly, at this moment.

Only by trampling these underfoot could be become more powerful and qualified to pursue the person and things be wanted.

Christopher returned home and voluntarily went to the study to explain the situation with Fanny to Michael.

His attitude was gentle as if he was discussing something trivial. "I've already handled it."

Michael snorted coldly, seeing the scratches on Christopher's face. "Christopher, look at yourself. Do you have the demeanor of a Sanders Family member? You and Jonathan... Look at you, getting injured while dealing with a woman. You really have some nerve."

Christopher remained silent, not retorting or getting angry.

Seeing his appearance, Michael was also unable to contain his anger. "Look at yourself. How are you going to have a date with Miss Martinez tomorrow?"

Christopher was reluctant to do so soon.

But he also knew that he didn't have much say now.

He could only grit his teeth and promise. "It's okay, Dad. I'll just come up with a random excuse."

Michael felt that he was becoming more and more impatient with his son. Mainly because he didn't listen to him at all. He was always indecisive and procrastinating, which led to the current situation.

He wanted to curse aloud, but seeing his son's disappointed look, he couldn't bring himself to do it. He just warned. "Although the Martinez Family has not been in Riverdon for long, they **are** experienced in business. If you can marry Miss Martinez, your status will rise."

Christopher nodded and obediently said, "I understand."

Michael sighed, "Don't blame your father. As long as you become strong, you can have any woman you want."

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Christopher glanced at him, wanting to say something. But in the end, he just nodded.

Do I have to marry one like his *father* and *have* another on the side?

Do I want to turn Fanny's identity into someone like his mother?

Christopher shook his head.

No.

Absolutely not.

He knew how much his mother had suffered, and he would not allow Fanny to go through

the same.

His strength had to come from within himself. He wanted to be like Jonathan, not relying

a woman's connections.

Of course. He wasn't powerful enough, so he had to follow his family's arrangements.

In the evening, Christopher contacted Sophia and arranged to take her out the next day.

Sophia happily agreed.

Christopher put a band—aid on his face and wore a blue and white outfit, looking youthful and energetic..

He brushed away the gloom of yesterday and carefully dressed himself up.

They warmly welcomed him when he arrived at the Martinez Family house.

Sophia's parents said she was changing clothes and asked Christopher want a while.

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Christopher smiled and didn't mind at all. "Girls should dress up nicely. **It's** only right for me to wait for her."

His attitude made Sophia's parents very happy.

Melissa Jones smiled as she looked at Christopher and said, "Last time, when you left in a hurry, we didn't get a good look at you. Now, seeing you like this, you're handsome."

Christopher felt a little embarrassed and lowered his head.

"Well..." Melissa looked puzzled. "At that time, we all thought, such a good young man, so capable and outstanding, why doesn't he have a girlfriend yet?"

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Christopher answered with a wry smile. I've been busy with what my dad assigned me, and I also need to learn some business management. I don't have time. I've had relationships. before, but **our** ideologies didn't match, so I just focused on my career.

This answer satisfied Carlos Martinez and Melissa.

It was impossible to say he hadn't had relationships before.

Their daughter had also had partners before.

It's just that either they weren't satisfied, or their daughter wasn't satisfied, and they couldn't find someone they all liked.

On the contrary, their daughter accepted Christopher, and they took him as well.

When they learned that Christopher was coming to their house today to pick up their daughter, the two elders deliberately stayed home and waited to meet their future son—in- Law.

Although Christopher was smiling on the surface, he was in great pain inside.

He felt he was becoming more and more hypocritical, lying so easily.

But it was for his and Fanny's future.

Christopher silently reassured himself.

Carlos chuckled and remarked, "Yes. Young people should focus on their careers. Those lovey–dovey things consume the most time."

Melissa shot Carlos a look and countered, "The ancients all say to stanamily before. pursuing a career. You **are** still young, so there shouldn't be too much pressity on your career. You two will be fine when the time comes, and the elders will naturally assist."

"Yes." Christopher listened respectfully to the Martinez Family's advice like a well—mannered junior.

At that moment, Sophia descended slowly from upstairs.

As she reached the bottom step, she even took a small leap, resembling a playful child.

Sophia was dressed in a fitted long dress, with a radiant smile, looking like a well–protected. princess.

Her eyes sparkled upon seeing Christopher, noting that he was in a completely different state

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from their last encounter.

Sophia was a bit bashful as she softly inquired, "What happened to your face?"

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Christopher smiled somewhat sheepishly. "Yesterday, a friend's cat scratched me when I tried to pet it. I didn't expect the little thing to be so temperamental."

She asked worriedly, "Did you bleed? Did you get a rabies shot?"

Christopher patiently explained in a gentle tone. "I did. Don't worry. I'm fine."

She nodded.

Christopher greeted Carlos and Melissa before leaving with Sophia.

As they entered the car, Sophia turned and asked, "Where are you taking me?"

Christopher had already planned it out. "You've just arrived in Riverdon. Have you visited the attractions in Riverdon?"

Sophia shook her head. "Not yet. Actually, I'm a bit of a homebody. I'm unfamiliar with the place, so I rarely go out. Besides, I heard the tourist spots here are always crowded, so I'm not interested."

Christopher pondered for a moment. "That's true. I didn't consider that. How about I take you to Brighton Pavilion first? They not only have shopping but also many places to eat and play. Although there are many people, it won't be as crowded as the tourist spots."

This suggestion resonated with Sophia, and she agreed without hesitation.

Christopher drove them there, and reaching Brighton Pavilion took over forty minutes.

After parking the car, they took the elevator up.

He patiently accompanied Sophia to make some purchases and then took her to a dessert shop. "The desserts here are very popular. I see many girls come here to eat. I borrowed a card from a friend, so we don't have to wait in line."

She felt touched by Christopher's thoughtfulness and happily took **a** seat.

However, he noticed the figure of Fanny when he finished ordering.

His expression shifted, and he suddenly felt a bit awkward.

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After she sent the message on her phone, Sophia looked at Christopher with a happy expression. "Do you know? You are the first gentleman willing to go shopping with me."

Christopher was a bit nervous, and his expression was slightly unnatural "Really?"

He was not in the mood to listen to these things at all and his attitude was somewhat perfunctory.

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Sophia was immersed in her own happiness and didn't notice anything. "Of course. Although I have been in love before, but those people... Oh, forget it. They are all very career—oriented and they focus solely on work."

"My parents like that kind of person. But what's the use? Living together... If you can't see each other for long periods of time, how can you cultivate feelings? Even if there are feelings. they will probably fade."

"I think you're good the way you are. You have a bit of a career, but you haven't completely abandoned your own life...

Sophia chattered on, but Christopher didn't pay attention at all.

His eyes kept drifting to Fanny's thin figure.

He had just seen her yesterday, but today Fanny seemed much thinner. Although he was not close, he could still sense Fanny's state.

He was also in pain.

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"Hey..." Sophia waved her hand in front of Christopher. "What's wrong with you? Are you feeling unwell?"

Christopher was a bit restless and said, "Um, Miss Martinez, I'm feeling a bit unwell in my stomach. I'll go to the restroom first."

Sophia nodded.

Christopher thought to himself that he should leave this place first. It was crowded here, and Fanny would probably leave after buying her dessert.

Christopher turned his body to the ideas he covered his face and tried to avoid Fanny.. However, he accidentally bumped into someone carrying a dessert which caused the contents of the cup to spill all over him.

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The person immediately complained, "Can't you watch where you're going? Didn't you see me carrying something?"

Christopher's face turned dark instantly.

He had no choice but to apologize, I'm sorry."

"Is that all you're going to do?" the person persisted as he grabbed Christopher. "You need to compensate me!"

Christopher had to take out his wallet and pay up.

The person was satisfied and went to buy more dessert with the money.

"Christopher..." At that moment, Fanny's voice was heard.

Christopher quickened his pace as he wanted to leave immediately, but Fanny blocked his way. Her eyes were still red. "I must not be dreaming."

Christopher awkwardly smiled. "Fanny, I'm not feeling well right now. Let's talk later."

But Fanny had finally seen Christopher, how could she let him leave so easily? "Are you thinking of me too?"

Her eyes were filled with resentment. "This shop is where we often come. You got the most. prestigious card here just so we wouldn't have to wait in line every time we come."

"So, this card was originally yours." Sophia had somehow appeared and overheard their conversation clearly.

The shop was located in a mall with open surroundings which made everything visible to onlookers.

Christopher had been arguing with a passerby before being stopped by Fanny for about four or five minutes. Sophia was not deaf, so naturally she was also drawn to what was happening.

over here.

She had originally been worried that Christopher might be in trouble, but she hadn't expected to hear **all** of this.

When she saw Sophia, she looked at Christopher who couldn't meet her eyes; Fanny understood everything.

She sneered as she pointed at Sophia and questioned, "Is this the reason you want to divorce me?"

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Christopher remained silent.

He felt that no matter what he said now, it would be wrong.

"Could you please step aside?" The three of them were blocking one of the entrances and exits of the small shop which made the already narrow space even more cramped.

Being educated individuals, they found a secluded spot to talk.

Sophia glared at Christopher as she looked displeased. "What's going on? What about the divorce? Did she have an engagement with you?"

Christopher was at a loss, and he was unable to meet Fanny's eyes; he could only gaze at Sophia and said, "She's my ex–girlfriend, she may be feeling a bit hesitant, so... she's talking

nonsense.

When she heard this, Fanny sneered.

She fixed her red, rabbit–like eyes on Christopher. "Ex–girlfriend?"

He even denied that they had been engaged.

The Christopher she knew was not like this.

Why?

Sophia understood, then she turned to Fanny. "We're **all** adults here. Since you've broken up, there's no need to create **a** scene."

She tilted her head and looked at Fanny as she sincerely advised, "You there's no need to keep getting involved like this. It's better to part on it too awkward."

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Fanny looked at Sophia with a cold expression. This is between Christopher and me, it has nothing to do with you."

Sophia was not pleased. "No, how old are you? It's really distasteful to see you act this way. No wonder Christopher broke up with you, always acting so insincere. If I were a man, I couldn't stand it either."

"You... Fanny was furious.

She didn't confront her directly, she just looked at Christopher with a feigned look of vulnerability. "Christopher, are you really just going to stand by and let her bully me?"

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Christopher frowned.

Although Fanny had always been like this, he now knew what he had to do.

He absolutely could not show any lingering feelings for Fanny in front of Sophia.

So, Christopher said in a cold voice, "Miss Martinez is straightforward and blunt, her words may not be pleasant, I apologize on her behalf."

Fanny felt like the sky was falling.

In the past, this move had always worked, from Mr. Kins to Christopher.

But this time, Christopher actually chose to defend the woman in front of him.

Was Christopher really having a change of heart?

Was it not the kind of dilemma she had imagined:

But when did it all start?

Meanwhile, Sophia had a smug smile on her face. "Miss, since Christopher has spoken, could you please have some self—awareness? He may have gentlemanly manners and not argue with you, but I won't be so kind to you."

Fanny clutched her chest and felt extremely upset.

She looked at Christopher with resentment, "Fine, fine... I'll go..."

Fanny turned around.

But she hadn't taken a few steps before she staggered and fell to the

ground

Immediately, screams erupted from the people around her.

"Fanny..." Christopher's face changed suddenly and he rushed up to hug her. "Fanny, how are you? Please don't scare me."

"I... I feel really unwell... Fanny looked fragile as she leaned on Christopher's chest. "Maybe... I'm getting sick.

Without a word, Christopher immediately picked up Fanny and started to walk.

Sophia followed closely. "Christopher, where **are** you going?"

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"To the hospital," Christopher apologized to Sophia with a serious expression. Tm sorry, Fanny has been unwell'

Christopher walked briskly and soon disappeared from sight.

Sophia was stunned.

So, did Christopher just leave her behind like that?

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Chapter 264 Michael Gets Angry with Christopher

Sophia was seething with anger.

She had been spoiled since childhood and no one had ever treated her the way Christopher did.

Christopher was not indifferent towards her.

He had actually left her alone here for his ex–girlfriend without a word.

This made her feel extremely humiliated.

"Christopher, just you wait," Sophia muttered as she stormed off in her high heels.

Meanwhile, Christopher was consumed with worry for Fanny. He carefully carried her to the underground garage **as** he placed her in his car and asked softly, 'Fanny, are you alright?"

Although Fanny was weak, she gazed at Christopher with a smile in her eyes.

She didn't say anything, but her expression tugged at Christopher's heartstrings.

As he held her hand, Christopher reassured her. "Don't worry, we ll be at the hospital soon?

He drove swiftly and Christopher made arrangements with the hospital over the phone while on the road.

In the back seat, Fanpy opened her eyes and gazed at the man who was so concerned about her as a faint smile played on her lips.

There was still a place for her in Christopher's heart after all.

So, who was **that** woman from earlier?

Was she sent by the Sanders Family to keep an eye on Christopher!

Regardless, she had emerged victorious in this battle today and she had done so splendidly.

As she was feeling proud. Fanny closed her eyes quietly once more.

Physically, she was indeed feeling unwell. When she was unaware of the truth earlier, Christopher had nearly driven her to madness.

Now, she only had Christopher to rely on. If even he abandoned her, what chance did she

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have against Angela?

With this thought, a surge of hatred welled up in Fanny's heart.

The reason she found herself in this predicament must be due to Angela's interference behind the scenes.

Though she was unsure of the specifics, she was convinced in her heart.

Upon their arrival at the hospital, a team of medical staff awaited them at the emergency

entrance.

Christopher lifted Fanny onto a stretcher and comforted her, "It's alright, Fanny

To an onlooker, Fanny appeared severely injured based on Christopher's demeanor.

After a series of tests by the doctor, Fanny slowly regained consciousness. The doctor informed them. "Miss Fanny's condition is not critical at the moment, but we are awaiting further test results. She will remain under observation in the hospital."

As he sat by Fanny's bedside, Christopher gazed at her affectionately. "You know your health is fragile, why did you venture into such a crowded place? What if you had been injured in the crowd?"

Fanny lowered her gaze. "I just wanted to revisit the places we used to frequent...

As she looked up, she poured her heart out to Christopher. "I miss you so much and I can't bear to be apart from you. Christopher, can't we be together?"

Christopher neither accepted nor declined.

He was torn.

He had believed he could distance himself from Fanny, but after he witnessed her nearly faint today made him realize his feelings for her were not easily extinguished.

Both of them fell into silence.

At that moment, Christopher's phone rang.

He retrieved it from his pocket and his brow furrowed in deep thought.

"What's the matter?" Fanny couldn't help but inquire when Christopher didn't answer the call.

With a faint smile, Christopher stood up. "I need to take this call outside."

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Fanny remained silent.

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After Christopher left the ward, she pondered deeply as a hint of unease crossed her face.

The call was likely from the Sanders Family.

Christopher had abandoned the woman to bring her to the hospital and she didn't seem like someone to be trifled with. She would undoubtedly lodge a complaint with her parents.

Fanny knew that Christopher was in for a rough time.

She felt remorseful for him, but she was powerless to assist in any way.

Christopher concealed himself in the hospital's fire escape **to** answer the call, as few people frequented this area.

He took a deep breath and he responded to the call.

Before Christopher could utter a word, his father, Michael, began shouting at him.

He scolded him for a full minute before he finally ceased.

Michael inquired, "Did a cat get your tongue?"

Christopher helplessly replied, "Dad, can we discuss this when I return?"

Michael was livid. "Return? You still have the audacity to come back? Christopher, you ruined a good opportunity. Do you even have the courage to return? Forget it. You are worthless. How do you manage anything?"

"If I had known you were like this, I would have **dealt** with you from birth

"I. Michael Sanders, who have always been wise, ended up with **a** son as foolish as you. Do you even know who the Martinez family is? How dare you walk away from me, who do you think you are?"

Christopher frowned at the scolding. Was this the same father who had always loved him since childhood:

How could he be berated so severely over a minor issue, simply because he made a mistake for a small profit, and in such a harsh manner?

Christopher pursed his lips and **felt** somewhat dissatisfied. "Dad, I will apologize to the Martinez Family for this. It's done, further scolding won't help."

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Michael paid no attention to anything Christopher said as he only warned, "Pine, because of that despicable woman Fanny, you dare to defy me. Let's see who you can protect in the end."

When he heard his father's words, Christopher felt anxious. "Dad, what do you intend to do?"

There was no response.

"Dad, please, spare Fanny, she is inno..."

Beep beep beep!

Before Christopher could finish his sentence, Michael hung up. Christopher knew that his father, in a fit of rage, might take action against Fanny. He was worried and attempted to call back to plead, but was promptly disconnected.

As he felt resentful, he continued to call, but Michael kept hanging up, until he realized he had been blocked by his father.

Christopher was filled with rage.

He was incensed.

Why was it so challenging to be with the woman he cared for?

As he reflected on being the young master of the Sanders Family, he felt he was not even as good as being born ordinary, at least then he would have more freedom in many aspects.

Since childhood, his father had high expectations of him and always pushed him to measure up to that formidable James.

But some things are inherent.

No matter how hard he tried, he couldn't grasp it. Why couldn't his father comprehend?

His father had deprived him of so many interests and now he was even targeting the person he cared about.

Christopher was so enraged that he smashed his phone to pieces.

Nevertheless, this time he was determined to protect Fanny properly.

After he composed himself, he opened the door to the corridor and found Angela standing there.

Christopher felt embarrassed to have his private conversation overheard by someone else.

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He glared angrily. "Angela, what are you doing here? How audacious of you to eavesdrop on my call!"

Angela was speechless.

She had only taken this route because the hospital elevator was crowded and she did not expect to encounter Christopher here.

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Angela had no intention of dealing with Christopher as she glared at him. "Move aside!"

Christopher looked at Angela and vented his frustration as he sarcastically said, "Feeling guilty, are we? If Jonathan knew what a shameless woman you are, what do you think he would think?"

Angela sneered. "Christopher, is this how you talk to your sister—in—law? What about upbringing? What about your manners?"

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Christopher choked, he had indeed been warned by Jonathan about this matter, but now Jonathan was not here.

Christopher sneered as he looked disdainful. "Angela, who do you think you are? Just because Jonathan is temporarily fooled by you, you think you're something special? You can't hold a candle to Cassandra."

When he thought of Cassandra's generosity, consideration, good family background, and abilities, Christopher looked down on Angela even more. "I heard that because of your impulsive actions recently, Jonathan ended up meeting a rich second generation? Angela, you really have some skills and only cause trouble."

Angela looked angrily at Christopher and couldn't help but snort. "This is between me and Jonathan. Now you're meddling in Jonathan's wife's affairs too?"

"I'm warning you!" Christopher was already full of anger and now he caught Angela and vented, "If it weren't for you, the Sanders and Lawson Families' businesses would be event more successful. You're just dragging Jonathan down. You better leave early; otherwise, the outcome will be very miserable."

Angela couldn't help but laugh at Christopher's stern appearance. "Fanny will only hold back your career, but I don't see you giving up. Christopher, if you can't do it yourself, don't lecture others with a straight face."

Christopher's face changed as he roared angrily, "You're different. What right do you have to compare yourself to her?"

As if trying to convince himself, he felt a bit stifled. "Angela, our difficulties are temporary, but you... do you really think you can stay by Jonathan's side for a long time?"

Angela sneered. "Christopher, my relationship with Jonathan is none of your business. I don't want to know how you and Fanny are doing either. Since we called off the engagement, let's go our separate ways. If possible, I really don't want to see you; you're simply a sight for sore

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eyes."

Without further ado, Angela mocked. "A good dog doesn't block the way, so move aside. quickly.

Christopher paled at being scolded. "You..."

Angela didn't give him any respect; she just pushed the door and left..

Christopher felt very aggrieved.

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He was already full of resentment, let alone his father, why did Angela have the right to lecture him?

Christopher felt the urge to catch up, but at that moment, the nurse's voice was heard as she said, "Family of Fanny Kins in room 12, please come over. Family of Fanny Kins in room 12..."

The nurse's voice was loud and when it reached Christopher's ears, he stopped in his tracks.

As he stared at the closed door of the corridor, Christopher left in anger.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the corridor door, Angela also heard the nurse's voice.

She curiously opened the door and watched Christopher enter a hospital room.

The nurse had called for Fanny's family members just now.

What was wrong with Fanny again?

Although she was a bit frail, she had been in and out of the hospital so often that she was almost catching up with Zacharias.

She only knew that last time, due to Linda's report, Fanny was suspected of huring a hitman, but later Linda told her that things seemed to have been settled.

So, who helped her?

The Kins Family didn't have that capability; the Sanders Family is more likely.

When she thought of this, Angela's mouth curled with a hint of sarcasm.

To deal with Fanny, Christopher appeared to be the main obstacle.

Nevertheless, she was not in a rush, as there was plenty of time ahead.

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Initially, upon her reincarnation, she harbored resentment and hatred towards those individuals. However, she now found her days became more comfortable and wished to avoid getting entangled in those tedious disputes.

Yet, she is aware that with the personalities of the Kins Family and Fanny, they will never allow her to lead a peaceful life and will undoubtedly cause trouble for her.

Lost in thought, Angela was interrupted by the ringing of her phone.

"Hello, Jonathan, Angela greeted cheerfully.

"Where are you?"

"I'm at the hospital, Angela obediently explained, "I'm here to visit Sarah."

Initially, Sarah did not want to owe Angela and Jonathan too many favors and believed her injuries were not severe enough to warrant a hospital stay.

However, she later realized that the pain kept her up at night, her wound had reopened due to improper treatment and Angela had brought her a substantial sum of money from the Sims family which prompted her to check back into the hospital.

Angela had come to visit her.

Unexpectedly, she ended up being attacked by the deranged Christopher.

After a moment of contemplation, Jonathan Lawson said, "I'll come to pick you up."

Angela instinctively declined, "No need, I can easily take a car there."

"Wait for me," Jonathan insisted and ended the call promptly.

Angela had no choice but to descend the stairs slowly and find a spot to **wait** for Jonathan.

Shortly after, Jonathan called.

Due to the hospital's congestion, he had parked the car across the street which required Angela to walk a short distance.

Angela didn't mind.

As she engaged in conversation with Jonathan, she said, "Guess who I bumped into at the hospital today?"

"Hmm?" Jonathan's voice held a hint of curineinna ha --- d

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After some thought, Angela recounted the encounter with Christopher at the hospital and expressed her displeasure. "Do you think Christopher lacks respect? He spoke to me in such a disrespectful manner when you weren't around."

Although Angela couldn't see Jonathan's expression, his tone conveyed seriousness. "Indeed."

As she was about to cross the street, Angela ended the call.

Jonathan's car, a common black color, was easily recognizable on the street.

Upon arrival, Angela observed Jonathan speaking on the phone with a grave expression.

Intrigued. Angela took a seat in the passenger side.

Who could have provoked Jonathan's anger?

While Jonathan rarely smiled and typically maintained a serious demeanor, Angela could sense his anger clearly.

Without revealing the content of the conversation, Jonathan cautioned, "Christopher, you need to know your place. There are certain things I won't tolerate."

With that, Jonathan ended the call abruptly.

Angela was momentarily surprised as she gazed at Jonathan. Was he standing up for her?

Jonathan smiled at Angela and inquired, "Where would you like to go for dinner?"

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After she regained her composure, Angela replied, "I'm fine with anywhere. Do have a place in mind?"

Jonathan nodded. "Yes.".

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Angela turned her head cautiously to look at Jonathan Lawson.

She stared ahead and then asked, "Did you just call Christopher?"

Jonathan looked indifferent. "Yes. He disrespected you, which means he disrespected me."

Although Angela was happy that someone was protecting her, she still asked, "Do you think I'm meddling too much?"

He glanced at Angela and then focused on driving. "Why would you think that?"

With her head down, Angela softly said, "I feel like I'm stirring up trouble between you two. Like a villain causing trouble."

Jonathan Lawson smirked and shook his head, "No. I'm happy that you can talk to me about these things. In the future, if anyone bullies you or upsets you, you can tell me."

"I'll stand up for you!"

After saying this, he thought aloud.

Angela felt like she could hear the sound of her own heartbeat.

Although this wasn't the first time, she couldn't help but feel elated every time Jonathan protected her.

Seeing Angela's smile, Jonathan also smirked and didn't say anything else.

Before long, Jonathan arrived at the destination for their meal.

It was a quaint garden with a small artificial mountain and pond inside.

They were led upstairs by a waiter.

"Is this a wooden—building?" Angela looked around and noticed that there were many dining tables here, but the entire room was made of sturdy wood, **giving it an** ancient feel.

Jonathan sat down and explained to Angela, "Yes. However, not many people are received here. Usually, you have to make a reservation several days in advance."

Angela was puzzled. "So, are you a VIP here or did you make a reservation in advance?"

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Before she could finish her sentence, Jonathan's phone rang.

Looking at his phone with a furrowed brow, Jonathan seemed to be in a dilemma.

He answered Angela's question first. "This is also a friend of mine's shop. This private room is reserved for us, and we don't usually entertain others.

"It's great to have so many friends," Angela sincerely exclaimed,

He smiled and then answered the phone. With a frown on his face, he seemed a bit impatient. "What's up? I'm busy. Yeah, we'll talk later."

"They are from the Sanderses.

Although Angela didn't ask, Jonathan took the initiative to ask.

Angela nodded with a smile.

Although it wasn't necessary, the meticulous attention to detail made Angela happy.

Jonathan Lawson always paid attention to details.

The dishes were served quickly, perhaps because of Jonathan's status in the private room.

The two ordered some dishes.

Although Jonathan was wealthy, he always maintained a thrifty attitude.

He was not stingy where it mattered, but he was also unwilling to waste.

This was something Angela Kins admired about him.

If she had as much money, she would probably be extravagant and buy many things she had once longed for but couldn't afford.

The two leisurely ate their meal and chatted about some recent trivial matters.

When both of them rarely had the leisure to sit down, Angela Kins felt particularly comfortable.

As the sky darkened, the lights outside began to illuminate.

Looking outside, the distant Lake Cladra was adorned with shimmering ripples.

"I can't believe we can see Lake Cladra from here," Angela Kins exclaimed in surprise.

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The environment here was quite secluded, as Lake Cladra was located in the center of Riverdon, a bustling area where the noise never ceased.

Jonathan Lawson looked at Angela Kins, who was smiling, and explained, "Yes. This place was specially chosen for its great view. It's a bit of a distance from Lake Cladra, but not too far."

Angela Kins nodded in agreement. The view here is indeed excellent.

With just one glance, there were no tall buildings blocking the view all the way to Lake Cladra

She thought to herself that the owner must have put a lot of thought into choosing this place.

After dinner, Jonathan walked Angela back home and advised her, "If there's nothing urgent, try not to go out recently."

Angela Kins was surprised. Did something happen?

Why did Jonathan Lawson suddenly say such a thing to her?

Her face fell slightly, and she looked at Jonathan Lawson with concern. "Is it about the Sims Family?"

She remembered Christopher accusing her of causing trouble for Jonathan at the hospital today.

Jonathan chuckled and shook his head, "Don't overthink it. Just go inside, I have some things. to take care of."

Angela held Jonathan's hand and said solemnly, "If there's anything, you must tell me. Don't face it alone. I can be with you."

Looking at Angela, who was so serious, Jonathan felt warm in his heart. He hugged Angela and kissed her forehead. "I understand."

Then, Jonathan conscientiously confessed, "I have to go to the Sanders Family, so you should rest early tonight."

Angela nodded.

She watched Jonathan get into the car, which disappeared into the darkness, causing a ripple

in her heart.

It seemed like she had always been well protected by Jonathan.

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If Jonathan really got into trouble because of the Sims Family's affairs, she would regret it.

She never wanted to burden others, especially Jonathan Lawson.

Jonathan **Lawson was** someone who treated her well without expecting anything in return.

Angela Kins sighed softly and then turned to enter the Lu Mansion.

Before Jonathan Lawson arrived at the Sanders Family, Michael Sanders had already asked the servants several times to see if he had come.

He seemed a bit anxious.

Although the Martinez Family's status **in** Riverdon was not as high **as** the Sanders Family's for the time being, they could not afford to offend them easily.

Moreover, this time, it was indeed the Sanders Family who was in the wrong.

Jonathan Lawson parked the car and went straight to Michael Sanders' study.

The door to Michael Sanders' study was open, and when he saw Jonathan Lawson, he quickly invited him in.

Jonathan Lawson sat down, wasting no time, and asked directly, "What do you want from me?"

Michael Sanders smiled and said, "How have you been recently?"

Jonathan Lawson looked impatient. "Just tell me if you have something to say, I'm busy."

Michael Sanders was helpless,

His son had talent, but he was really hard to communicate with.

As an old father, couldn't he show concern for his son?

But thinking of Jonathan Lawson's temper, Michael Sanders directly brought up the matter, "It's about Christopher's marriage..."

Jonathan Lawson raised an eyebrow.

He looked at Michael Sanders with a **look** of confusion.

Michael Sanders had to explain what happened between Christopher,, and Fanny.

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After finishing. Michael Sanders sighed. "You see, I'm just doing this for his own good. This disobedient son, he never does anything right, always indulging in love affairs. Now, he has completely offended the Martinez Family"

Jonathan Lawson remained noncommittal, getting straight to the point. "So, what do you want me to do?"

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Doesn't he trust himself?

Can he deceive his own son about such a significant matter?

Michael Sanders felt a bit frustrated.

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His son was either too strong-willed to control or too incompetent to achieve anything.

In any case, it wasn't good.

Jonathan Lawson didn't care about Michael Sanders's thoughts. He immediately called Christopher Sanders in front of him.

"Hello, Jonathan." Christopher Sanders answered the phone promptly, but his voice sounded. hoarse, indicating that he probably hadn't rested well recently.

Without beating around the bush, Jonathan Lawson simply reiterated what Michael Sanders

had said, then inquired, "Did you genuinely agree to end the engagement with Fanny Kins

and the Sims Family?"

Christopher Sanders weakly replied, "Yes. Dad was telling the truth."

"You were mistaken in this matter." Jonathan Lawson's tone carried a hint of coldness. "The Sims Family treated you sincerely, but you were disrespectful. It's truly not acceptable."

Christopher Sanders acknowledged his fault. "Yes, I understand. I will apologize.

Jonathan Lawson was quite pleased with Christopher Sanders's attitude. "Very well, I will coordinate with the Sims Family regarding the timing. Ensure you are prepared to apologize sincerely."

"Okay, thank you Jonathan." Christopher Sanders also realized that his Gao was not just a personal matter, but also involved the interests of bot

hip with Miss paties.

Although he had strong feelings for Fanny Kins and sometimes acted foolishly, he could still discern right from wrong in certain situations.

After ending the call, Jonathan Lawson departed.

He promptly contacted the Sims Family upon arriving home.

The High family naturally had to show respect to Jonathan Lawson, and their decision to ignore the phone calls from the Sanders Family father and son was merely a lesson.

Their beloved daughter had never experienced such treatment before.

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They agreed on a meeting time, and Jonathan Lawson informed Michael Sanders, who then brought Christopher Sanders as agreed.

As the two entered the house, the High family of three were seated in the living room.

Sophia was elegantly dressed, but her face lacked its usual radiance.

She gazed at Christopher Sanders with a hint of annoyance in her eyes.

Michael Sanders slapped the still dazed Christopher Sanders, "What are **you staring** at, apologize!!"

His voice was stern, conveying a strong sense of reprimand.

Christopher Sanders set the items aside and then bowed ninety degrees, "I apologize, Uncle Gao, Ms. Gao, Miss Gao... it's my fault, I was confused and made a mistake. I shouldn't have leht Miss Gao alone."

As he straightened up, he noticed that Mr. Gao's expression was still grim.

At that moment, Michael Sanders also sighed and stepped forward, "Ah, it's my fault for not teaching him well. This kid is talented in everything, just too kind–hearted. Not only would he help an ex–girlfriend, but he would also assist a stranger in need."

Mr. Gao offered a forced smile and hinted, "Having a kind heart is admirable. However, indecisiveness can lead to chaos. Lingering like this can turn good intentions into bad

outcomes."

Michael Sanders nodded in agreement, "Indeed. When I found out, I scolded him severely. Now he understands his mistake."

Mrs. Martinez sneered, "Where there's smoke, there's fire. I can see that Master Jonathan and the young lady in front seem to have feelings for each other. If that's the case stop causing trouble for other girls. There are plenty of fish in the sea, right?"

Christopher Sanders's expression darkened.

Michael Sanders quickly interjected, "Since they broke up, there are no lingering feelings. How can the young lady in front compare to Miss Gao? Not just in terms of background, but also in demeanor, they are not on the same level."

Praised by Michael Sanders, Sophia blushed slightly.

She turned her head away, stealing glances at Christopher Sanders beside her.

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A mother knows her daughter.

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Mrs. Martinez had spoken to her daughter before, and despite Sophia's anger, it was mostly jealousy.

What they sought was a response from Christopher Sanders.

With this in mind, Mrs. Martinez gazed at Christopher Sanders and softly said, "Christopher, this is a matter of young people's feelings. Parents should not interfere too much. Your father likes Sophia, but if you don't, I won't force it. If you still have feelings for your ex–girlfriend, we won't make things difficult for you."

"Everyone has been young before, and we understand emotions. A forced relationship is not fulfilling. Sophia may be wonderful, but to some, she may not be exceptional. Christopher, what do you think?"

Though Mrs. Martinez spoke gently, there was an underlying pressure in her words.

Christopher Sanders knew that Mrs. Martinez was urging him to make a decision.

Michael Sanders also picked up on it.

The Gao parents were not overly strict, and from Sophia's expression, there was nothing more to discern.

He looked at Christopher Sanders, whose face was now flushed, but he remained silent for a long moment.

Mrs. Martinez's expression also cooled, and she finally said firmly, "Alright, we won't pressure you. If it's difficult to say, then there's no need to say it."

She was giving them an out.

But even a simple declaration seemed challenging.

Just beginning to realize that they were not taking the Sims Family seriously, the thought of marriage in the future seemed even more daunting!

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Michael Sanders immediately sensed that something was amiss and said, "Hold on, hold on,

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man has a slender face. How can you make such remarks in front of us elders?"

He glanced at Sophia and then gently suggested, "Sophia, why don't you two go chat in the garden? Regardless of what transpires, you're still friends after all."

Gao's parents looked at Sophia, who nodded and stood up, "Alright."

Michael Sanders turned to Christopher Sanders, who appeared stiff, "Apologize to Sophia. You're usually so articulate, why are you stumbling in front of Sophia? Oh, you truly concern

me."

Gao's father chuckled, "We jumped to conclusions. The perspective of a young person differs from us older folks."

Gao's mother's expression softened and her tone became gentle, Then go. Sophia, take Christopher for a stroll."

By this point, Christopher Sanders had composed himself and courteously nodded towards Gao's parents, "Thank you Uncle and Ms. May for your understanding. I will clarify things with Sophia."

Whether he was referring to Fanny Kins or Sophia, no one present was certain.

However, matters of the heart cannot be coerced.

If Christopher Sanders truly does not have feelings for Sophia and is unwilling to continue, then there is nothing that can be done.

Michael Sanders playfully cautioned Christopher Sanders, "Christopher, as a guest, you should be courteous. Be mindful of your words and thoughts."

Christopher Sanders nodded, "Understood, Dad."

Sophia led Christopher Sanders to the garden, and the **two** settled in a pavilion entwined with vines. She initiated, "Do you still have feelings for your ex–girlfriend?"

Having spent time abroad in the **past**, she sometimes acted less coy than domestic girls, more direct and uninhibited.

Christopher Sanders gazed at her and sighed. She was truly a different kind from Fanny Kins.

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He couldn't deny that he still cared for Fanny Kins. However, he couldn't divulge his inner

#### turmoil to anyone,

Christopher Sanders paused before responding. "We have a long history together. It's hard for me to discern my feelings for her now, whether they are familial or romantic?

"After all, we share many years of memories. It wouldn't be tru

her at all."

Christopher Sanders spoke with a hint of truth.

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Sophia not only found his words genuine, but also nodded in agreement, "You are quite honest."

She had experienced love before and knew that a relationship easily let go of was merely a

game.

Christopher Sanders smiled, feeling as if he were basking in the spring breeze. "You are the girl I truly want to understand, so I must reveal all to you. Otherwise, you may end up despising me,

Sophia was taken aback. "What do

Her heart raced a bit.

you mean?"

It was curious how a seemingly ambiguous statement could have such an impact on her.

Christopher Sanders gazed at her intensely, brimming with affection. "Miss Sophia, I sincerely apologize for my thoughtlessness last time. I hope you can forgive me, and I also hope we can have more opportunities to get to know each other in the future."

Sophia's ears tinged with red.

She looked at the sincere, gentle, and handsome boy before her, fedling a twinge of emotion.

Before she could respond, she had already nodded, a hint of delight lingering. "Alright, I forgive you, but let's not repeat this."

The apology was successful, and Michael Sanders was very pleased with this version of Christopher Sanders.

He had anticipated that things would unfold as he had envisioned, but Michael Sanders did not anticipate another issue arising with Fanny Kins.

Michael Sanders believed her case had been resolved, only to have it unexpectedly reopened.

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Despite being old news, the situation was escalating, causing a headache.

Christopher Sanders found himself juggling Sophia and looking after Fanny Kins, feeling overwhelmed.

As events unfolded, Christopher Sanders lost his patience.

His involvement with Sophia had initially been for Fanny Kins, but if he couldn't protect her. he wouldn't bother anymore.

Michael Sanders reassured him, promising that this time, they would definitely resolve the matter completely.

Angela Kins had been enjoying a period of peace, and her relationship with Jonathan Lawson was improving. While lacking in romance, they were both preoccupied with their own lives.

This unexpected feeling of contentment brought them joy.

Jonathan Lawson no longer wore a stern expression as before, occasionally revealing a gentle side at the company, surprising the employees who wondered if the boss had changed.

However, all the tranquility was shattered by a phone call from Fanny Kins.

In a commanding tone, she demanded to see Angela Kins.

Angela Kins rolled her eyes silently, bluntly responding, "Who do you think you

are?"

It was quite amusing.

"Angela Kins, are you satisfied with how I am now?" Fanny Kins yelled and screamed on the phone for some reason.

Angela Kins felt a headache coming on and promptly hung up the phone

She suspected Fanny Kins had gone mad due to being jilted.

Of course, she didn't inquire about it deliberately. Jonathan Lawson returned that day and informed her directly. She simply treated it as gossip.

But she couldn't deny feeling **a** bit pleased upon hearing about it.

Evil deeds will have consequences. She had no hand in the jilting incident.

So, why did Fanny Kins have the audacity to call and scold her like a shrew?

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Before long, Fanny Kins called again.

This time, Angela Kins chose not to answer.

She wasn't a masochist, and answering the phone only invited abuse.

After several ignored calls, Fanny Kins fell silent.

Just when Angela Kins thought the other party had given up, the phone rang again, displaying an unfamiliar number.

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Suspecting it was related to Fanny Kins, Angela Kins hesitated whether to answer or not.

After a moment of contemplation, she decided to pick up.

If it was Fanny Kins and she dared to curse again, Angela Kins wouldn't be polite.

"Hello."

Angela Kins was in a sour mood.

"Angela," the male voice on the other end said, "It's me."

Angela Kins furrowed her brow.

The voice sounded familiar, but she couldn't quite place it.

"Oh," Angela Kins responded casually.

Neither warm nor cold.

"I would like to meet you in person," the other party continued, "It's regarding Fanny's **case.**"

Angela Kins finally recalled who the person was.

It was Michael Sanders!

Jonathan Lawson's father!

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Angela found herself trying to figure out how to respond.

Despite Jonathan and Michael's tense relationship, they were still regarded as elders. When the elders extended the invitation, Angela felt compelled to agree, even if she refused to.

At the same time, Michael remained patient. As Angela remained silent on the phone, he waited quietly without any hint of impatience. Finally, Angela's voice came through the phone, "Alright. Where should we meet then?"

Michael then provided an address.

Following that, he reminded Angela, "I'd prefer if Jon didn't know about this for now. You know his temper, and it's just a small matter. I don't think it's necessary to bother him."

However, Angela refused to comply with his wishes. "I've told Jonathan that we should be honest with each other. I'm afraid I won't be able to keep this from him."

Jonathan is her biggest supporter now. Reasonably, she would not want to keep anything from him. Besides, Michael had come to her for Fanny's case, and how would it benefit her?

After hearing her response, Michael did not try to persuade Angela further. He hung up the phone immediately.

Angela decided not to tell Jonathan about this matter. She had only said that to Michael as a precaution, but she had decided not to tell Jonathan yet because she did not want to bother him with such a trivial matter.

Michael arranged to meet Angela in a private tea garden. Away from the hustle and bustle of the city, nestled by the mountains and waters, it was a good place to discuss matters while enjoying the scenery.

Angela parked her car outside, as the road to the tea garden was too narrow for vehicles to enter. Some pedicabs were also arranged here to facilitate visitors' travel. On top of that, the scenery here was unique, and the fresh air lifted her mood, but only

until Michael appeared did this mood endure. She did not expect Christopher to be there as **well**.

When Michael saw Angela, he noticed her displeased expression when she glanced at Christopher. She seemed somewhat awkward for no apparent reason. He could only politely invite her to sit to make her feel comfortable.

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Although they had no connection, Angela was an understanding person who would act appropriately at the elders' invitation.

Michael gestured for Christopher to pour the tea that was warming on the small fire for Angela and then began to explain the purpose of the meeting. "I'm sorry for making you come all this way, but I was afraid it wouldn't be clear over the phone."

you need."

She wanted to refrain from engaging in small talk with this father—and—son pair as much as possible. Michael also knew they were practically strangers and went straight to the point, "The thing is, I know there have been some issues between you and Fanny. However, Christopher is planning to divorce her."

Angela remained calm and smiled slightly. "Please, go ahead and tell me what

Angela frowned, looking at Michael with confusion.

Why would he tell me about their divorce? she thought.

She kept her composure and continued to listen as Michael said, "But, regardless, they were once engaged. Fanny is currently involved in controversial legal cases. We can't just turn a blind eye. In other words, we have to help out in some way."

Angela could not help but twitch the corner of her mouth.

Okay, I understand you want to help her, but why would you call me out and involve me in this matter? I hate Fanny, but did I have the ability to stop you from doing anything? she thought.

Michael continued his talk for a while, and Angela, as a younger one, had no choice but to nod obediently to his words. She felt that things should be more complex during the conversation with Michael.

On the other hand, Michael sensed a strange atmosphere as Angela remained calm despite him broaching the topic. He then lowered his voice and continued, "But Fanny's situation is quite complex. You're aware of that, right?"

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She nodded in acknowledgment. Although she had provided the information to Linda, had yet to anticipate the extent of the complexity. Thanks to the Sanders family's covert assistance, Fanny was unharmed. Given their capabilities, Angela could not understand why they were seeking her out now.

She found the situation increasingly perplexing.

"I have some knowledge of the matter. However, my relationship with Fanny is strained, so I don't involve myself in her affairs," she vaguely replied.

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ad Sull silent, Christopher interjected, "Let's not heat around the bush. She is playing shumb now. We need to common her directly to prevent further deception."

As Michael scolded him to be silent. Angela glared at Christopher sideways.

After reprimanding Christopher, Michael apologized to Angela, saying. "He can be impulsive.

Angela smiles in response

After noticing her lack of reaction. Michael continued, "We assisted Fanny before, and everything was resolved. But now, the issue has resurfaced. I was thinking you could speak to Jon about it.

Angela was puzzled by the mention of Jonathan.

As Jonathan's father, wouldn't it be more appropriate for you to approach him directly if you need his help?" Angela questioned Michael's indirect approach while being curious about his

intentions.

Jon has a stubborn nature, and our relationship is complicated," Michael explained. "If he listens to anyone, it would be you. Fanny is no longer part of the Kins Family and has been. through a lot."

Angela grew more confused as the conversation got going, as she was unsure of Michael's

true motives.

"I'm not sure I follow," she admitted.

Before Michael could respond, Christopher erupted, blaming Angela for escalating the situation by involving Jonathan again.

"Angela, I never expected you to be so vindictive. Are you really that heartless towards Fanny, who has lost everything? You will get your karma in the future for sure," Christopher accused.

Christopher launched into **a** relentless tirade as if he were unleashing all the recently. accumulated grievances in one go.

Angela finally pieced together the truth that Jonathan was instigating trouble for Fanny behind the scenes, which explains the sudden resurgence of the issue that Michael had previously resolved.

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She looked at the indignant Christopher and gradually figured out what was the current. situation. First of all, Michael and his son seem to think she was behind Jonathan 's actions. This assumption needs to be clarified as while she may employ strategies to deal with Fanny and fight back without hesitation, she would not have Jonathan to carry out these actions.

After Christopher finished expressing his anger toward her, Michael stepped in to mediate. He reprimanded him for his ill–mannered attitude toward a guest and then

looked at Angela, saying, "I'm sorry for my son's bad mannerism. However, some of the things he said were right.

Jon is a man who is in charge of big scale businesses, and those power should not be used on petty personal grievances toward a woman like Fanny."

So, you were on *your* son's side, *huh?* she thought while sneering inwardly.

These two fathers and sons really hold me in high regard. Did I appear to be the type of person who would enlist Jonathan's help with such petty matters?

To be honest, she did not anticipate that Jonathan would assist her in Fanny's matter.

However, after some serious consideration, she felt that Jonathan was not the type to involve himself in such trivial matters.

He was aware of the discord between Fanny and I, yet he had never used his influence to suppress Fanny. Otherwise, how could Fanny have successfully become engaged to Christopher? Perhaps he has ulterior motives for his action this time.

Angela had not yet deciphered the situation when she heard Christopher sneer, "What can't you defend yourself when the truth hits home? I've always expressed my concern to Jonathan about marrying a woman like you who will always be plotting and scheming, potentially leading both the Senders and Lawson families astray in the future."

Angela uncontrollably rolled her eyes as Christopher held a high opinion of her.

Nevertheless, she was not one to be trifled with. While respecting her elders and being courteous to Michael, she saw no reason to maintain politeness in the face of Christopher' bullying and insults.

Thus, Angela coldly remarked, "Speaking of which, wasn't it you who came seeking a favor? Yet, I detect no sincerity in your demeanor. In that case, I believe our conversation has reached its conclusion."

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With that, Angela rose and addressed Michael, "I apologize, but I must take my leave."

Naturally, Michael attempted to dissuade her, "No, please let Christopher apologize to you. Regarding this matter, my suggestion is that Jon has much on his plate, so let's not burden him with this."

Angela maintained a smile, clutching her purse, and appeared in a polite manner. "Of course. However, I'm truly unaware of this matter. As Jonathan's father, your words undoubtedly carry

more weight than mine, so why not discuss it with him directly?"

Michael's face darkened in a split second. He did not relish confronting his eldest son's stoic demeanor, sometimes feeling like he was facing his father, always prepared to receive a piece of his mind.

After Angela concluded her statement, she paid no heed to the expressions of the Sanders. Family father and son and promptly took her leave, returning home.

Jesting aside, if Jonathan took action, he must have had his reasons, and she saw no need to aid others in undermining him. The tension between the Sanders father and son escalated as Angela departed.

Christopher acknowledged his impulsive behavior earlier, yet he remained steadfast in his convictions. "Dad, Angela is attempting to exploit us. No matter how kindly we approach her. she will not agree to assist."

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Michael shot him a cold glance. "I cautioned you countless times on way here to control your temper. How did you respond? What's amiss with Angela? She's a fine young woman. Why can't you see that?"

He turned away with a look of disgust. "Your mind is clouded with nonsense. All you can see is Fanny. Let me make this clear. **If** you interfere between Miss Martinez and I, you're out of the Sanders Family."

With those words, Michael rose angrily and stormed out of the roof.

Christopher quickly followed, "Dad, what's our next move? Dad, wait for me. Dad!"

Michael and his son had no choice but to approach Jonathan directly as they failed to convince him through Angela. They had hoped to keep him in the dark about the situation, but now they had to come clean to him.

Angela remained silent in front of Jonathan. She sensed that he had intentionally kept her in the dark, so she tactfully refrained from revealing the truth. Upon hearing the news, 173% **12:11** 

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Jonathan frowned and stayed silent for a while.

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Although Christopher could be bold and loud in front of Angela, but he dared not utter a word in the presence of Jonathan.

Observing his eldest son's grave expression, Michael could not help but feel anxious. "Jon, maybe we should let this go. Pushing too hard on this matter might backfire, and none of us will benefit."

Jonathan's piercing gaze fell on Christopher, who averted his eyes and avoided his stare.

"Let's leave it at that for **now**. Michael, regardless of you guys' relationship in the future, keep an eye on him, or it won't end well next time,"

Christopher felt a pang of guilt and quickly assured, "Yes, Jonathan, you can count on me. I will clarify things."

Jonathan nodded slightly and returned to his work.

After some contemplation, Christopher gathered his courage and inquired, "So, Jonathan, what's our next step?"

Jonathan looked at him with confusion. "What do you mean?"

"You let Fanny off the hook, right?" Christopher felt uneasy under his intense gaze. "There should be some sort of agreement as Fanny is being slandered in the media."

Jonathan snorted. "I agreed not to pursue this further, but that doesn't mean I will assist her. I won't intervene in your actions, but I won't offer any help either."

Michael understood that this was Jonathan's borderline and pushing further would worsen the situation.

He immediately nodded as a response. "Understood, we'll handle the rest."

Christopher felt anxious after leaving Jonathan's office. "Dad, our usual methods won't work anymore, and the situation is even more dire this time. Even without Jonathan's involvement, we may be unable to resolve it."

Having worked alongside his father on numerous occasions, he had **a** sense of the gravity of the situation.

Michael glared at him, feeling a surge of anger. "What do you suggest then? If you provoke Jonathan further, who will rescue her?"

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Christopher was at a loss as well.

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Following behind Michael, he asked, "Dad, what's our plan now? How can we help Fanny clear her name this time? Gossip can be incredibly damaging sometimes."

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Michael was annoyed by Christopher constant chatter. He stopped abruptly, turned around, and glared at him, "Shut up!"

Christopher appeared bewildered as he sensed his father's increasing irritability. Lowering his gaze, he spoke softly, "I'm sorry, Dad. I know I've been bothering you. But with Fanny's situation, I can't handle it alone. I need your help."

Listening to his **son's** plea, Michael also felt uneasy. Softening his tone, he replied, "Alright, I didn't I wouldn't help her. We just need to organize our thoughts, aim for a decisive victory, and not give this case any chance to turn around."

He could not bear to go through it all over again, having already invested too much energy in Fanny' case. Christopher felt a wave of relief after hearing his father's reassurance.

That night, they revisited the

Situation and analyzed it thoroughly. Michael seemed to grasp some of the crucial parts of the issue. He then interrupted Christopher by asking. "Did you mention that Linda leaked this?"

Christopher nodded solemnly, recalling how they initially dismissed Fanny's claims. Now, Linda's influence seemed undeniable.

"Who is she?" Michael inquired, "Does she hold a grudge against Fanny?"

Taken aback, Christopher only knew Linda is one of Fanny's classmates who had faced financial troubles. He hadn't not delved into the details, deeming them irrelevant.

Michael sighed as he was observing his son's ignorance. "Look into Linda. She might hold the key to **this** matter."

Initially agreeing, Christopher was stopped by his father later on as he decided to handle it himself. In a short period of time, Michael swiftly gathered information on Fanny,

uncovering the truth behind the situation. With Linda's address in hand, he took Christopher to confront her.

Bringing his son along was a lesson in handling such matters. Linda, startled by their visit, questioned their purpose. She was dumbfounded by the unfamiliar middle–aged man.

Politely. Christopher introduced his father as they proposed a business deal. However, Linda was skeptical of the plan and mentioned her lack of association with Fanny, anticipating trouble if discovered.

Just as Christopher was about to continue his persuasion, Michael disclosed their true

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intention by saying. "We are currently discussing a divorce with Fanny; that's why we come to

find you."

Upon hearing that, Linda was intrigued and agreed to continue the conversation indoors.

While remaining seated, Michael wasted no time addressing the divorce proposal and the need to clear Fanny's name, knowing Linda's involvement in the situation.

Linda listened attentively to Michael's words, gently running her fingers through her hair. "Christopher and Fanny were once deeply in love. How did their relationship come to this. point of divorce?"

After all, Angela was initially engaged to Christopher, and the engagement was later taken away from her. It was such a profound love, yet it seemed to crumble so easily.

Christopher averted his gaze while Michael continued, "She has caused so much trouble to our family. How dare she show her face in the Sanders Family? But since she has a request, we have to consider it."

"So, what exactly do you want me to do?" Linda asked confidently, "If I report this, will you have me arrested?"

In contrast to the Sanders Family and the Kins Family, her Stuart family was in a desperate situation.

"We would like you to record a video admitting that your accusation against Fanny hiring a hitman was false," Michael stated his request slowly, "But rest assured, we will make it worth your while."

Upon hearing the initial part of the conversation, Linda's expression showed a hint of struggle. However, as she listened to the latter part, a faint smile appeared, though she remained composed. "I am curious to hear the terms that the Sanders Family is proposing, she remarked.

Michael had looked into Linda's background and knew she came from a respectable family but had fallen on hard times. Despite this, she still lived in a luxurious house, suggesting that she had some source of income.

As for the source, he was not concerned. He continued in asking Linda, "Since we seek your assistance, it is only fair that you take the lead. What are your terms?"

Linda smiled. "As a vulnerable woman like myself, I have nowhere else to turn. Naturally, I would like financial security, a home, or something to ensure my future."

Michael nodded in agreement. "Of course."

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"On top

of that..." Linda tilted her head slightly, tucking a strand of hair behind her ear, "If I confess to spreading false information, I will undoubtedly face criticism. My mental and physical well-being will be greatly affected."

Christopher impatiently interrupted, "Just state your demands. We will consider what we can offer. But if your requests are excessive, we may be unable to comply

Michael remained silent, seemingly in accord with Christopher.

Linda twirled her hair and directly presented her demands, "My requests are not

unreasonable. A car for transportation, a home in Lake Cladra, and an additional one million. dollars in cash."

Christopher gasped and could not help but stand up after hearing her terms, "Are you serious?"

The car was a minor issue, but even the most miniature house in the prime location of Lake Cladra cost five or six hundred thousand dollars, with an additional million in cash. This sum would elevate one to a wealthy status in a country where the average annual salary was only tens of thousands.

The Sanders Family could afford this, but providing a sum of one to one and a half million dollars at once would be quite burdensome. Linda could not help but smile while observing the shocked expression on Christopher's face, "Well, it all depends on how much Mr. Sanders. values his reputation."

It was at this moment that he realizes that, the thought of wanting to rid themselves of Fanny without paying a price was simply a wishful thinking.

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Christopher was getting frustrated. After contemplating, he sat back down and suppressed his dissatisfaction. "Linda, this is too much. After all, even if the Sanders Family was wealthy, they were not naive.

Michael added. "Miss Saw, we came here genuinely, hoping to be treated the same. If you act like this, maybe we should end the discussion here."

When confronted by Michael, Linda didn't dare be too presumptuous. After all, Michael was a businessman, which meant he had a sense of authority. Moreover, she was simply setting a price. She wondered if they didn't know how to negotiate

Thinking about it. Linda sighed softly and said, "I just need some money to protect myself. Moreover, who knows if I might be accused of filing a false report when the video is posted? What if I end up in prison? I might not be able to remain in Riverdon anymore. Have you guys considered these?"

Although George provided her with a house, it was only a temporary lodging. The property deed and other documents were not in her possession. Furthermore, George was calculating toward her even though he had said he adored her. After all, despite being a successful businessman, he didn't pay for the house in full and had a mortgage, which was quite frustrating. As for the car, it was a second—hand vehicle. She had repeatedly mentioned getting a new car, but there needed to be follow—through. Thus, if the Sanders Family could offer her cash in addition to the house and car, she could simply leave without worrying about anything if she ever felt dissatisfied in the future.

Hearing her words, Michael pondered momentarily and said, "We can provide you with the house, the car, and the cash, but not the ones you specified. Altogether, it amounts to around. five hundred thousand, either in cash or as you proposed." Michael had cut too much of the proposal, and Linda was somewhat displeased. "Mr. Sander, this is far from what I had in mind."

Michael smiled and looked at her with a darkened gaze. "Miss Saw, we untlerstand that this matter would cause you some inconvenience, but everything must be assessed based on its value. You are currently unemployed. However, with your skills, how much do you think you could earn if you find a job? From my understanding, the average salary in Riverdon is only around two thousand, at most six thousand for those who are experienced. Do you think you can have what it takes to achieve it, Miss Saw?"

Linda's expression turned sour at his words. She knew her skills were not exceptional. When her family was wealthy, she didn't have to worry about anything. After her family went bankrupt, she attempted to get a job, but it often failed. Plus, she couldn't bear the thought of

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working for someone else.

Michael observed Linda's expression and said, "Nevertheless, I believe in your skill. While it's not high, it's not particularly low either. I'll give you three thousand, so five hundred thousand would roughly equate to fifteen years of your salary"

Of course, Michael didn't take future inflation into account. He wouldn't mention it as long **as** Linda didn't bring it up.

As expected, Linda didn't think about it. When she heard his words, she was slightly tempted yet still somewhat reluctant.

Michael seemed to have a knack for reading people's minds. Without waiting for Linda to respond, he got straight to the point. "Five hundred thousand, plus a new car valued at less than fifty thousand. We will also arrange for a driver and instructor within three months to ensure you can drive without any issues,

Linda's expression brightened slightly but said, "I don't need a driver. I can drive. However, besides the five hundred thousand and a car, I also want the Sanders Family to agree to a certain **request** of mine."

Michael asked, "What request?"

Linda smiled. "I'll tell you when I know what I want. Consider it a favor owed to me by the Sanders Family. If I ever need something, you cannot refuse." As Linda talked, she recalled a TV drama where the female lead made the male lead agree to three requests to be fulfilled in the future.

Christopher's expression darkened. "Linda, don't push your luck."

Linda knew when to stop, so she smiled and said, "Don't worry, I won't overstep the boundaries. I just want to ask for a favor in case I encounter any difficulties in the future. Of course, I won't ask you to do anything illegal."

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After some consideration, Michael agreed. After all, who knew would happen in the

future? Thus, he could decide whether or not to fulfill it based on the circumstances.

In the end, both parties happily reached an agreement.

Michael provided Linda with a partial deposit and promised to give her the rest after she posted the video online and once the situation with Fanny had ceased entirely.

Linda naturally agreed. She wasn't concerned about the Sanders Family breaking their promise. After all, if they did, she would create a scene and let their reputation be ruined. Moreover, five hundred thousand dollars was significant for most people, but it was nothing

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to the Sanders Family. Thus, they wouldn't want to create any problems because of it.

The next day after the deposit was made. Linda posted an apology video.

"I had spread rumors toward Fanny out of jealousy. Since then, I have been restless and plagued by nightmares. I'm sorry. Fanny. I was wrong. I didn't expect things to turn out like this. Fanny is innocent. It was me who was in a trance.

The internet wasn't as advanced as now, so the spread wasn't extensive. However, due to Jonathan's connections, Angela received it promptly after Linda's confession. She scrolled through the comments under Linda's video, and eight out of ten criticized Linda.

The video was posted on a local forum in Riverdon, and many people knew about Fanny's situation. They apologized to Fanny and collectively condemned Linda since they felt they did wrong. During that time, the online environment was less toxic, and people were willing to acknowledge their mistakes, unlike many internet trolls in later years who would never admit their fault. Nonetheless, some people analyzed Linda's video and felt her apology lacked sincerity as if she was pretending. Then, they wondered why she would tarnish her own reputation and thought if she was being forced.

However, these comments were overshadowed by the majority of condemning remarks, and only a few people noticed them.

Looking at it, Angela smirked.

The Sanders Family still held some *influence*. I wonder how much money they spent to persuade Linda to apologize willingly to the person she despised. As expected, no one can maintain their rationality when faced with money.

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The day after Linda posted the video, the second payment was deposited into her account, which brought her joy. She felt that the Sanders Family truly lived up to their reputation for honesty. Once she received the final payment, she planned to take a break from Riverdon and relax elsewhere. However, she couldn't resist reading the comments, some of which were quite harsh. Some even brought up her family's past, suggesting that their bankruptcy was deserved as karma.

Come on. If there is karma in this world, people like Fanny should be the ones facing it.

However, reflecting on how the Sanders Family assisted her during the divorce, her mood slightly improved.

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The situation in Riverdon was spiraling out of control. Someone had found her address and began splashing red paint on her doorstep.

Linda was seething with anger. Despite contacting the police, the situation remained unresolved. At **that** moment, Linda felt she could not stay here any longer.

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As she packed her belongings and was going to depart, her phone rang. She picked up saw that it was George on the line. She knew he was going to ask about the incident involving Fanny.

Taking a deep breath, Linda answered the call and said, "George..." Before she could say anything more, George went on a rampage. "Linda, is the video real? I have raised you so well, yet you scheme against my daughter behind my

back?"

It was understandable why George was upset. After all, Fanny was the daughter he had cherished since childhood despite not being his biological child. He could not bear to see anyone harm her. Moreover, Linda, the woman he had financially supported, was behind this.

It was a betrayal. This was what George found most difficult to accept.

Linda held the phone away and frowned. Although her expression was disdainful, she said. pitifully, "You don't even care what I have been through recently. Why did you start scolding me? Whom do you think I am doing all this for? I did it all for you..."

On the other hand, George was taken aback. "What did you say?"

Linda sniffled and said sadly, "I posted that video because you were worried about her. I merely wanted to help you ease the burden. However, you repay me by scolding me."

"For me?"

"Yes." Linda appeared submissive. "Aren't you concerned about this? I could not think of any other way to help you. It took me a long time to think of this idea. I believed that by helping Fanny, she would be safe, so you would no longer have to worry about this. I wanted to repay you too, even though I had been through hell for the past few days..." As she spoke, she started crying again.

Hearing her words, George felt his heart pain.

"Don't cry. It is my fault. I misunderstood you." George apologized hastily.

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After crying momentarily, Linda muttered. "What should I do now? The situation appears more dire than I had imagined. I can't stay in Riverdon any longer

George thought momentarily before saying, "Why don't I come and meet you?"

"No," Linda said hastily. "There are too many people eyeing me. If they found out about our relationship, it would be over"

Hearing her words, George suggested, "Let's meet at the club then. Can you do that?"

"Of course, I can. I am willing to take any risk to see you

Upon hearing these words, George felt even more remorseful. He thought that he was a

onster to **treat** Linda like such. After all, Linda had followed him since she was young and even sacrificed herself to aid him, yet he scolded her outright.

At **that** moment, George felt like a complete jerk.

Meanwhile, Linda wore a smug smile after ending the call. She felt this would be a good opportunity to get George's money again. With the funds from the Sanders Family, she could escape without any concerns after creating chaos within the Kins Family.

George arranged his meeting with Linda at a private club two days later.

Before leaving the house, Linda disguised herself. She carried a bag, wore shabby attire, and hunched her back as she walked down the stairs and toward the neighborhood.

She proceeded slowly, noting the presence of numerous unfamiliar faces in her area recently. Initially, the security, in this area had been robust. However, due to her actions, many people in the area chose to turn a blind eye and allowed the arrival of certain individuals to punish this shameless woman. Thus, even if Linda voiced her complaints, it was futile. After all, the others would politely claim they would handle everything but eventually do nothing, leaving Linda powerless.

Fortunately, Linda's complete disguise went unnoticed by those people. However, she was stopped at the club entrance due to her appearance.

Linda had no choice but to contact George to pick her up.

Seeing Linda dressed like a thief, George couldn't help but feel guilty, thinking she had done all this because of him.

In a private room, Linda changed out of the clothes in front of George and took her usual clothing from her backpack. She understood she couldn't let her guard down around men. If she appeared in her old, unattractive look, she wouldn't be able to earn money in the future.

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When Linda saw him, her eyes reddened. She threw herself into George's arms and told him about the hardships she had endured

The more George heard about it, the more heartbroken he felt. He said, "Why don't we leave Riverdon for a while? Let's lay low for a bit.

Although Linda agreed with the idea, she didn't immediately say it aloud. She looked at him with her big doe eyes and said. "If that's the case. I wouldn't be able to see you for a long time." However, deep down, she was thrilled at the thought of not being able to see George for a long time. Although the reason she was with George was to seek revenge against Fanny. it was still disgusting.

Pleased with Linda's act, George reassured her. "Don't worry. It will all be over soon"

"Where should I go then?" Linda blinked innocently. "I haven't really been out much. I'm scared to be alone in an unfamiliar place."

Thinking about it, George suggested, "Going abroad is the safest option."

The **news** of the incident spread in Riverdon, but it was unknown if it had been spread to other cities. If the whole country knew about this, George feared that Linda's life would still be a living hell if she didn't go abroad.

Linda nodded and said hesitantly, "Traveling abroad requires a lot of money, though. I have some savings, but I'm not sure if it's enough."

George chuckled. "Don't worry, I'll take care of it."

Linda was happy as she embraced George and kissed him on the lips.

As they were alone together, the atmosphere grew tense.

Unable to resist the teasing, George pushed Linda onto the sofa.

Suddenly, the door was kicked open with a loud bang.

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# **Chapter 274**

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George was somewhat annoyed, as he thought the privacy and soundproofing were supposed to be good here. He wondered who was bold enough to enter without his and the waiter's permission.

Before George could say anything, he saw Scarlet standing at the door with two waiters trying to stop her.

Seeing the scene inside, the two waiters quickly backed off. However, the scene infuriated Scarlet, who was already filled with anger.

At that moment. Linda also turned her head around.

In that split second, their eyes met, and the atmosphere was awkward.

"You slut!" Scarlet shouted, **spewing** out all sorts of filthy words. "I'm going to kill you!" As she spoke, she rushed in. "Are you that thirsty for a man? Is this how your parents raised you to be? You can't walk straight when you see a man. I'll teach you myself since your parents didn't teach you."

Seeing Scarlet coming closer, George hurriedly got up from Linda and stopped Scarlet. "Get up and run." Then, he stopped Scarlet from grabbing Linda and said, "Let's talk about this later."

"Get out of the way!" Scarlet kept pounding on George. "You despicable thing. Why are you still protecting this trash? She has slept with so many people, yet you still treat her like a treasure. It's disgusting."

Without them looking, Linda smirked. She wondered if she should leave or continue to watch. After all, this was a good opportunity.

She pretended to be scared and slowly got up. Then, she stood on the side with reddened

cycs.

Although George had his back to Linda, he knew she hadn't left. Thus, he urged, "Why are you still standing there? Hurry up and go. This crazy woman won't hold back. Don't let her hurt you." He still remembered the last time Scarlet beat up Linda. It was truly horrifying.

Scarlet's eyes were bloodshot as she said, "Do you think you can escape?" Then, she scolded George, who was holding her back. "You pig! This woman hurt our daughter, yet you still protect her. Where is your responsibility as a father?"

Scarlet was furious. She wanted to tear Linda apart but couldn't break free from George's

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grasp since there was a massive difference in strength between men and women

Linda didn't rum Just as she was about to speak, she didn't expect Scarter in the George's arm directly George yelped in pain and let go of her

With no one holding her back, Scarlet rushed forward to hit Linda

Linda wouldn't just stand there, so she started running in circles in the room

The private room was small, with Scarlet and Linda running back and forth soon, carter's stamina couldn't keep up with Linda, especially with George intentionally blocking her. Thus, Scarlet couldn't even lay her fingers on Linda. After some time, Searles strapped to catch her breath, and Linda was also tired. However, she seemed much better than Searler. Still, she looked at Scarlett warily.

George was puzzled as he looked at Linda. "Why didn't you run away just how He *clearly* saw that Linda had several chances to escape, but she didn't take them.

Linda looked at George affectionately and said, "I don't want you to face this lunatic alone. She's a shrew and won't care who you are. Since we love each other, we should face everything together. You want to protect me, and I can protect you too."

Hearing her words, George

felt a pang in his heart. Although he didn't think Linda could protect herself, he still loved to hear such words from her. From childhood to adulthood, even his parents had never promised to protect hirn. When he faced business difficulties, he dealt with them on his own to protect his family. **Now**, the girl he cherished said she wanted to protect him. How could one not be touched?

George gazed affectionately at Linda and said, "Linda, you are too good to be true. He wondered how he could have possessed such luck to have such a woman in his lif

Linda's expression remained unchanged, but she sneered inwardly. She uttered those disgusting words just to provoke Scarlet.

After all, if it was just a small matter, the Kins Family would settle it by paying some money like last time. Even though George did not favor Scarlet, she had given birth to several children, all of whom were successful now. Thus, these minor issues would not tear the Kins Family apart. She needed to do something big.

As expected, Scarlet was furious when she saw George and Linda publicly displaying affection. Her expression darkened as she grabbed a bottle of wine from the table, smashed it, and then lunged forward. "I'm going to kill you!"

Witnessing Scarlet's outburst, Linda was taken aback. Although this was the outcome she desired, it would be a loss if she lost her life **to** it.

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"Uncle George, she's gone mad." In fear. Linda hid behind George.

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Looking at the crazed look on Scarlet, George was angry. "Scarlet, that's enough!! Do you want to commit murder?"

scarlet's chest heaved heavily when she saw George blocking her way. "Get out of my way!

George barked "Drop the weapon. You knew about me and Linda long ago. Can't you just ignore it? You've been part of the Kins for over twenty years. Have I ever mistreated you?

Can't you

be content with being my wife? Linda doesn't seek fame or status and even saves Fanny's life. Yet, you still have the audacity to hurt her How bold of you!"

Scarlet stared at George in disbelief, as if she didn't recognize him. She couldn't believe he could utter such twisted words.

Scarlet did not want to engage in a conversation with him, so she attempted to bypass him and confront Linda directly. However, George halted her.

This is unreasonable" George was so furious that he slapped Scarlet across the face, thinking it was time to snap her back to reality.

The slap was forceful, catching Scarlet off guard and causing her to fall to the side. Then, *her* head struck the coffee table. In that split second, she immediately lost consciousness as blood flowed from her head

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### **Chapter 275**

Chapter 275 Become Vegetative

Upon seeing the scene in front of him, George was instantly dumbfounded, and his hands unconsciously trembling.

This was clearly not the sight he hoped to see.

Meanwhile, Linda, shielded behind him, couldn't help but curl her lips in a faintly mocking smile.

However, since she was standing behind George, she went unnoticed.

She pretended to appear scared, reaching out to gently hold George's arm. "What should we do, George? Now we-"

Her soft, sobbing voice brought George back to reality.

He gritted his teeth, seeming to resolve something, then turned to grip her arms firmly, speaking with seriousness.

"Linda, listen to me. No matter what, you must not intervene in this. I will take her to the hospital first, and you wait here for me. I will come back later to pick you up and take you abroad!"

After speaking, he quickly called for an ambulance.

Linda appeared genuinely frightened, her eyes reddened as she looked at George.

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"Are... are you going to leave and never come back? Will you abandon me? I didn't expect this to happen today, I'm truly sorry..."

At times like this, to make a man reluctant to leave, all one needed to do was evoke a sense of

Clearly, Linda knew this very well.

As expected, she was pulled tightly into George's embrace the next moment. "Linda, rest assured, I will never abandon you. I just worry that staying here might put you in danger. Wait for me to come back, no matter what, wait for me!"

The ambulance had arrived, and George arranged for her to be placed in the next compartment.

Then, he followed the paramedics into the ambulance.

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Watching the ambulance gradually disappear along the road, Linda crossed her arms and **a** faint smirk played on her lips.

Meanwhile, inside the ambulance, George gazed at the unconscious Scarlet with a complex expression.

Although just now, George had felt irritated while facing her. But no matter what, she had **been** with him for so many years.

If something were to happen....

Seemingly struck by a thought, George took out his phone and messaged his children **at** home.

He informed them of the location of the hospital.

But he only briefly mentioned that Scarlet had accidentally fallen, without going into too **much** detail.

He simply couldn't muster the courage to call and explain the situation himself.

After all, he was feeling guilty.

The children, who had been busy with work, all dropped what they were doing and headed to the hospital upon receiving the message.

After Scarlet was taken to the emergency room of the hospital, George didn't linger. He wanted to take advantage of this gap to go to the airport to send Linda away.

Not long after, the door of the compartment opened, and Linda saw George rushing in, panting heavily.

It was obvious that he had rushed over in a hurry.

"George, why do your face look so pale? Are you okay?" Linda stood up and pretended to look worried as she approached George.

"Let's go, the plane ticket is already booked. I'll take you to the airport now. If you don't leave today, you might not be able to leave later. Linda, I have no choice but to protect you in this way for now. Please don't blame me!"

George said as he handed a card to Lind

"Here is the money I prepared for you on my way back. Although I'm not very rich, it should be enough to keep you comfortable for a short time. Linda, once the storm settles here, I'll

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Without wasting any time, he took Linda to the hospital.

tulle, James, who had received the news, arrived at the hospital first, only to find that his father was not in front of the emergency room

petrzled expression in his eyes, just as he was about to make a phone call, he heard Zacharias voice behind him.

James, how is the situation?"

"I don't know yet..."

James was interrupted and let out a sigh, his eyes filled with worry.

Ar that moment, the door of the emergency room was opened from inside.

James mashed over and asked the doctor. "How is she? Is the patient okay?"

After giving James a meaningful look, the doctor proceeded towards the office. The

ergency treatment has ended. Let's discuss matters in the office. There are some things I need to darity with you."

This sentence made James and Zacharias' expressions turn grim. Because it implied that the outcome might not be favorable.

Nooming George absence. Zacharias attempted to call him, but received no answer after several tries.

The patient has been transferred to the ICU. She hit her head, so the situation is quite serious. Fortunately, she was brought in promptly, so there's no immediate danger to her

Inside the office, the doctor, looking at the chart in his hand, spoke with seriousness.

"So the patient should be alright now, right? She just needs to rest properly, isn't that so, doctor? James asked with a furrowed brow, filled with worry.

The reason the's in the ICU is because there's a risk of her becoming vegetative. The head injury caused internal bleeding, which could affect her brain nerves. If the bleeding doesn't dissipate it'll be difficult for the patient to wake up later."

The doctor sighed softly.

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"But this situation is still uncertain for now. We'll have to see how her recovery progresses. You can go into the ICU now to see the patient. Sometimes talking to them can stimulate the brain nerves and help them wake up faster

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James nodded gratefully. Thank you, doctor.

As they were leaving, they **saw** Joseph rushing in James, what's the latest update?"

"It's likely she might become vegetative. We'll have to see how her recovery progresses, James replied with a furrowed brow.

They all entered the ward.

Seeing Scarlet lying on the bed with her head wrapped in thick bandages, they couldn't help but feel heartache.

But a question lingered in their minds.

"Why did mom suddenly fall and get hurt so badly?" James murmured to himself.

Meanwhile, their father, who had disappeared, had already arrived at the airport with Linda.

Before parting, he embraced her tightly, saying, "Linda, be careful when you're abroad. Since I won't be by your side, you'll have to rely on yourself for many things. Wait for me, I'll come find you!"

Linda nodded deeply and tightly gripped the card in her hand.

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The unique scent of the woman gradually invaded George's nostrils.

He pondered over when he would have the chance to see her again after parting ways

The reluctance in his heart intensified.

Suddenly, he released Linda and instead cupped her cheek.

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Linda watched as George leaned in for a kiss with closed eyes, her eyes filled with deep disgust.

Despite her own agenda, she had no choice but to endure.

With determination, Linda furrowed her brow and endured George's kiss.

A tormenting farewell kiss, but to outsiders, it seemed affectionate...

Angela was momentarily taken aback when she stumbled upon this scene.

"Why are they here?" Sensing something amiss, she instinctively halted in her tracks.

However, Jessica didn't notice Angela's anomaly. "Angela, take care of yourself! I'll be back

soon!"

She offered a smile and bid Angela farewell.

Coming back to her senses, Angela nodded at Jessica with pursed lips. "You too, stay safe."

Today, she had come to the airport specifically to see Jessica off. She hadn't expected to stumble upon this scene by accident.

Nonetheless, Angela had no intention of interfering. After exchanging parting words with Jessica, she watched her pass through security.

"George, time is running out. I have to leave first." Linda, enduring her discomfort, forced a smile and spoke to George.

Reluctantly, George watched her leave, knowing it was the best decision for all.

He gazed at the woman before him, **as** if trying to etch her face into his memory.

Finally, he let out a slow breath. "Linda, go on ahead. I'll see you off, but make sure to wait for

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nda nodded and proceeded to leave

But her heart was filled with disgust.

Angela tumed to leave, she subconsciously glanced at where Linda and George had been standing just now,

To her surprise, they were no longer there.

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With a raised eyebrow. Angela walked away, intending to hail a taxi.

She didn't notice that Linda, who had clearly gone through security in front of George.

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And she walked out **calmly**, as if she had everything planned out perfectly.

ding at the entrance waiting for a taxi. Angela inexplicably turned her head to look back.

To her surprise, she spotted Linda, who should have already boarded the plane by now.

Shouldn't she have boarded the plane and left by now? Why is she still here?" Angela mused to herself, with a hint of curiosity in her eyes.

But she didn't approach to inquire, instead she shifted her body slightly, trying to blend into the crowd

She was worried about being seen by Linda."

Although she couldn't help but ponder the situation between them.

Her rational mind advised her to steer clear.

After careful consideration, Angela hailed a taxi.

She opened the door and was about to leave.

Meanwhile, as Linda exited the airport, a familiar figure caught her eye in the periphery.

Upon closer inspection, she was surprised to see Angela unexpectedly.

Although she didn't know what Angela was doing here, but...

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Seemingly remembering something, a smile slowly appeared on Linda's *face*, and she walked directly toward Angela.

Before she could reach her, Angela boarded a taxi.

"Are you in such a hurry to leave?" Linda frowned and quickened her pace,

Just as Angela was about to drive off, the door suddenly opened.

The driver looked at the woman who appeared out of nowhere in confusion, and Angela was also surprised.

Looking up, she gazed at Linda, who had suddenly appeared in front of her, with a puzzled expression.

"What a coincidence. Mind giving me a ride?" Linda smiled lightly, then entered the vehicle and casually shut the door.

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I mind. So could you get out of the car now?" Angela spoke calmly, with a hint of displeasure in her expression.

She **had** already decided not to get involved in this matter anymore.

Therefore, Linda was undoubtedly a trouble for her now.

Linda seemed to have anticipated Angela' reaction, shrugged slightly, and then explained. "Just now, when 1 met George, Scarlet saw us together. When she tried to hit me, she accidentally hit the comer of the table herself. George took her to the hospital, and now he's sending me to the airport to **make** me leave."

With her lips pressed together, Angela frowned thoughtfully after hearing her words, her eyes filled with astonishment.

She had already guessed some of it just now, but she never expected the truth of the matter to be like this.

Her gaze fell deeply on the woman in front of her. Although she didn't speak, it was obvious that she didn't entirely believe Linda's words.

"But I don't believe George. He's in such a hurry to send me away. If I really leave and something happens to Scarlet, he can push everything onto me. And if I'm not in the country by then, there will be no evidence to prove otherwise! I can't afford the crime of fleeing and evading responsibility."

"Your affairs with him have nothing to do with me. I don't want to get involved. Please get our of the car."

Angela composed herself and firmly declined Linda.

Linda, clenching her fists subconsciously, showed no signs of giving up.

As if struck by a sudden idea, she smiled lightly and said, "If you assist me, I can disclose George's secret to you. Having spent considerable time with him, I possess a wealth of information! What I reveal will surely not disappoint you!"

Angela crossed her arms and her gaze slowly fell back on Linda.

Involvement in this matter would be akin to descending into a bottomless pit.

The potential consequences were unpredictable.

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She saw no reason to risk so much for a so-called secret.

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"No need. I'm not interested in the secrets you mentioned. If there's nothing else, you can get out of the car now." Angela said, her tome calm but slightly displeased.

"But please, there's really no one else who can help me now. Please take pity on me. I promise the secret 1 tell you won't disappoint you! Can you trust me just this once?" Linda's tone turned pleading.

Angela frowned and instructed the driver. "Just drop us off at the nearby commercial street."

The driver agreed and swiftly brought them to the nearest commercial street from the airport.

As Angela got out of the car, Linda followed suit. Seeing Linda still talking incessantly behind her, she couldn't help but feel helpless.

Glancing at the cafe in front of her, Angela finally stopped.

"Alright, I've already said I'm not interested in your secrets. But seeing **you** like this, I know you won't leave easily without hearing me out. Fine, come in and let's **talk**."

Linda's face brightened, viewing Angela' concession as a step to her victory.

Seated in a corner of the coffee shop, Angela gazed at Linda before speaking.

"I have limited time, so if you have something to say, say it quickly. Explain to me why this incident occurred.

Linda, feeling overwhelmed, took a sip of her coffee before speaking.

"I really didn't expect the accident to happen. When George was protecting me, he accidentally pushed Scarlet, causing her to lose her balance and hit her head on the corner of the table. There was blood everywhere. He called an ambulance and then told me I couldn't. stay there, or I would be in trouble. So, he asked me to hide in the adjacent private room while he took Scarlet to the hospital."

"Not long after, he returned and informed me that he had purchased a ticket and escorted me directly to the airport for my departure. And you know the rest!

Angela nodded and inquired further, "Why did you seek me out? What assistance do you require?"

"Now..." Linda hesitated for a moment before tentatively speaking, afraid that Angela might refuse her request. "Actually, given my current situation, I can't easily show up in front of

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everyone, let alone Jet George know I haven't left. So I thought Ed ask you if you could arrange a place for me to stay? At least let me get through this period of time!"

"No, what you jus said only confirms to me that you're trouble. I don't need to risk helping cou. We have no tiex, Angela said, getting up to leave

However, Linda firmly grasped her arm.

"I've told you everything I know. Please help met Oh, and about the secret! F'll tell you his secret as well. Consider it an exchange? Trust me just this once

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Angela was actually somewhat intrigued.

Seeing Angela hesitate. Linda leaned in and lowered her voice as if about to speak.

But at that moment, Angela's phone rang.

Angela retrieved her phone and noticed it was George calling.

Signaling for Linda to keep guiet, she answered the call. "What's wrong?"

Actually, Angela already had a clear idea of why George was calling her at this time.

But she had to pretend to ask.

"Your mom is in the hospital, come over quickly," came George's voice, hoarse and burdened, seemingly troubled By something.

His words indirectly validated Linda's recent statements as truthful.

Despite her initial inclination to decline.

She truly did not wish to become further entangled with that side.

Yet, Linda suddenly clasped her hands together, imploring her to visit the hospital.

Although she instinctively wanted to refuse, she agreed in the end.

After all, only by going to the hospital herself could she know the situation.

"Okay, I'll come over now," she replied before hanging up.

"How is it? Is Scarlet alright?" Linda recognized George' call and gazed at Angela with

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concern.

After all, if she had truly passed away, it would be a significant matter!

"Proceed to a nearby hotel and reserve a room to await my update. I will head to the hospital *to* assess the situation, and 1 will inform you later." After making the necessary arrangements, Angela left the cafe immediately.

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As Linda watched Angela hurriedly leave, her face revealed a faint, mysterious smile. Following their agreement, she got up and left the cafe for the hotel.

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When Angela arrived at the hospital, the equipment that had already been delivered to Scarlet's ward suddenly started to malfimction.

The doctors noticed something was wrong and quickly rushed the patient back to the operating room for emergency treatment.

It was clear that the situation was very serious.

Observing the crowd outside the operating room, Angela scanned the area from a corner and did not see George anywhere.

Frowning in confusion, she took out her phone, intending to make a call to inquire about the

situation.

After all, when she received the call earlier, she thought everyone was there.

With the chaos happening outside the operating room, how can he be absent?

Fanny, who had been surrounded by people and was crying with red eyes, suddenly shifted her gaze to Angela, clenching her fists in anger as if a sudden surge of fury had overtaken her.

She strode over to Angela, pointing a finger at her.

"Angela, what are you doing here? Get out! You have no right to be here. Get out!"

Angela remained calm as she watched Fanny lose control of her emotions.

She glanced lightly at the woman in front of her, pursed her lips, and said with a hint of disdain, "The person lying in the operating room right now is my biological mother. Do you think I am less qualified to stand here than you, Fanny? If someone is undeserving, who should really leave?"

Fanny felt speechless, never expecting her to say such words.

With red eyes, Fanny covered her mouth, tears streaming down her face.

Then, she began to murmur to the people in the emergency room, "Mom, it's all my fault. I haven't been able to make you feel at ease at this time. It's all because of my unfilial behavior.

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Angela refuses to leave and I have no right to stay here It seems that the bue who suse leave is me, after all!"

With that, she turned to leave

Angela looked at Fanny-who was still potting on an art with a disdaindut look in her eyes

It was the same old tricks. Nothing new.

But there was no point in staying Since George was not around, it was better to just das

With this in mind, Angela finally spoke to Fanny contemptuously There's no need to go an act. It disgusts me."

With that, **she** turned and walked away.

She completely ignored the people behind her and the looks that they were giving ber No matter how perfect you try to be, there will always be someone who is not satisfied It's not worth st After leaving the hospital, Angela felt a sense of relaxation as she basked in the sunlight

And at that moment, her phone rang.

She took a look and saw it was a call from Jonathan, A smile unconsciously appeared on her face as she answered the phone.

"Jonathan, what's up?"

"What are you doing?" Jonathan asked.

"I'm outside. Aren't you busy today?" Angela always felt relaxed when chatting with Jonathan

"I'm free. Send me your location after work. I'll come pick you up.

Angela thought that today would be a good opportunity to talk to Jonathan about what happened with Linda.

Without hesitation, she agreed with a smile and found a place to wait for him to pick her up

Once in the car, Angela placed the coffee she had bought in front of him, saying. I saw it while waiting for you, so I bought your favorite flavor. Care to try?"

Although Angela still had a smile on her face, Jonathan could tell that it was forced

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pon hearing the name Jonathan couldn't help but frown.

Ahough he didn't have much contact with this woman, he instinctively felt resistant.

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and was posest to leave the country today, but she came back to tell me that my mom fusion about her and my dad My mom accidentally bumped into the coffee table and ended sys in the hospital She's worried **that** if she leaves the country, my dad will blame her at anything happens to my mom. So now Linda refuses to leave and wants me to help"

At that Angela sighed helplessly.

Tdshut want to agree at first, but Linda told me she knew a secret about my dad and offered to exchange it with me. I couldn't shake her off, so I had to let her wait for me in the hotel while I went to the hospital to check the situation.

Angela bietly explained what happened today, and Jonathan nodded after listening.

So you're going to meet Linda now, right?"

"Yes, but I have a bad feeling about her. She's too cunning. I..."

It's okay. I'll go with you. Where are you supposed to meet her? I'll drive there now."

Jonathan sensed Angela's hesitation and tried to reassure her.

Having Jonathan by her side made Angela feel much more at ease.

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Angela nodded with a smile, and the two of them drove to the hotel near the commercial

street.

There was only one hotel on this side of the commercial street, so it was easy to find. However, after asking at the front desk, Angela found out that there was no one named Linda Saw staying there.

She frowned in confusion as she called Linda on her phone.

However, no one answered.

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"No one's picking up?" Jonathan stood by Angela, looking calm as if he had already guessed what was going on.

Angela nodded. "The hotel just told me there's no one named Linda staying here, and now the phone isn't being answered. Could something have happened?"

"We should go back home first. This matter involves too many complications, and besides, Linda doesn't seem like a reliable person. One moment she's saying she's got your back, and the next moment she's disappeared, not answering her phone. If we keep getting involved, who knows what trouble lies ahead, right? She might just sell you out."

With that. Jonathan opened the passenger door.

"Let's go. I'll take you home."

Angela glanced at her phone, unable to make a call, then turned to look back at the hotel.

Finally, **with** a sigh of resignation, she got into the car and followed Jonathan as they drove

away.

"Did you remember everything I just told you?" Jonathan asked with concern as they drove.

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Angela knew Jonathan was worried about her, so she nodded. However, she couldn't help but

worry.

Seeing her distracted look, Jonathan knew she probably hadn't listened.

"Don't worry. I'll have someone check it out and let you know if there's any news."

Upon hearing this. Angela breathed a sigh of relief.

"Thank you, Jonathan."

She didn't bother with pleasantries with Jonathan, genuinely annoyed at what Linda had done. If Jonathan could find out, they could prevent it in advance.

Jonathan caressed her **head**. "There's no need to be polite with me."

Angela pursed her lips. She didn't say thank you again, and a sweet smile hung on her lips without her realizing it.

The two returned home together.

At Springgate Estates, May had already prepared dinner.

Although Angela had given May a half-month vacation, May couldn't sit still and came back early to help, but still tried to give the young couple plenty of space.

Seeing the two return, May quickly brought the food to the table.

While Angela went to the kitchen to help May, the latter mysteriously said to her, "Mrs. Lawson, you must make Mr. Lawson have more soup today..."

"Is it healthy? I'll make Jonathan drink more, then." Angela was puzzled, but seeing that May had prepared a hearty soup, she nodded in agreement.

Jonathan also listened to advice well, and in the end, they drank a lot of the soup.

After dinner and washing up, Angela checked Jonathan's physical condition.

Jonathan sat leaning against the bed, letting Angela examine him, his eyes soft and indulgent.

"Did your legs ache today?"

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Today, Jonathan **had** been at the company for a long time, and after work, he had run around outside a lot for her. She was a little worried that Jonathan's legs couldn't handle it.

Angela lightly pinched Jonathan's legs and looked up to ask him.

Her eyes were dark and moist, looking like a little deer.

Tmn fine" Jonathan couldn't help but reach out and touch Angela's head, his voice husky.

He ran her silky hair between his fingers, and it made him somewhat restless.

Angela didn't feel strange being touched on the head, but instead, she got up in confusion and leaned closer. "Jonathan, is your **throat** sore?"

She was worried that Jonathan had caught a cold.

Jonathan was taken aback. Angela was too close, so much so that he could smell the fragrance. of her shower gel.

Her skin was fair and looked particularly enticing.

"Let's go to sleep. Jonathan hugged Angela's waist, pulled her closer, and reached out to turn off the Nights.

A faint blush appeared on Angela's porcelain face as she allowed Jonathan to hold her without moving.

As the light dimmed, the room became pitch black.

Nestled in Jonathan's arms, Angela felt his undeniable presence. It caused her ears to burn and her chest to pound.

Now, she understood the meaning of May's gaze before, and her face flushed even more..

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In the dark of night, when Jonathan kissed her, Angela did not resist.

And after that, she even hugged Jonathan tighter.

Outside the emergency **room** at the hospital, Fanny was sobbing softly, her almost swollen from crying.

James stood beside her, growing more anxious as they waited.

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Zacharias was already in poor health, and waiting outside for a long time made him even more listless.

Joseph paced anxiously and then made a phone call to George.

From the moment they rushed to the hospital for Scarlet's second surgery, George had not

shown up.

"Still no answer?

When Jonathan asked, Joseph shook his head and walked toward the corner.

When they reached the comer of the corridor, Joseph stated grimly. "The people from the hospital said that Dad brought her in, and then he left."

It was only after learning this **that** he tried to contact George.

"Mom's injury today is not that straightforward. It must be related to that woman named Linda by Dad's side."

James knew more about George being seduced by Linda than Joseph did.

But he didn't see anything wrong with it. Even if his dad had wronged his mom, the man hadn't mistreated the children.

"So, what do we do now? We can't reach Dad either."

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Joseph had been worrying about Zacharias' treatment recently, and he never expected such a big scandal to happen at home.

"We can only wait. James was also exhausted, and when he looked at the bright red letters of the operating room, he didn't feel like saying anything more.

Finally, the door of the operating room opened, and they hurried over.

The doctor's prognosis was still not ideal, but at least there was no immediate danger to life.

But waking up Scarlet was not going to be easy.

Soon, Scarlet was transferred to the intensive care unit.

As they entered, they saw a pale–looking Scarlet lying on the bed. It was hard for them to see

her like that.

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Fanny was the first to rush to the bedside and burst into tears.

"Mom, what's wrong with you? Please wake up.

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Fanny cried with genuine emotion. After all, Scarlet was the person in the Kins Family who loved her the most.

If Scarlet really couldn't wake up, she was afraid that her days ahead would be even more difficult.

The more Fanny thought about it, the more terrified she felt, wishing she could wake up Scarlet right now.

"Fanny, go back and rest. I'll keep watch here."

Seeing Fanny's fragile and pitiful appearance. Joseph couldn't bear to see her continue to be sad, so he urged her to leave.

"I won't. I want to stay with Mom and wait for her to wake up." Fanny wiped away her tears. She choked up before mumbling. "If Mom wakes up and sees me, she will definitely be happy."

After speaking, Fanny moved a chair to the bedside, and politely and obediently said to the others, "Jonathan, Joseph, and Zacharias, you all can go back and rest. I'll stay here with Mom.

When James saw how sensible Fanny was, his heart softened, and he went forward to comfor her by ruffling her hair.

"It's good that we're here. You're weak, so go home and rest."

Joseph also persuaded, "You can come back to see Mom tomorrow. She wouldn't want you to tire yourself out like this if she were awake."

As for Zacharias, he pursed his lips and remained silent. He just looked at Fanny with concern.

He had always loved Fanny, and of course, he couldn't bear to see her

cry.

But now, seeing Fanny's eyes red from crying, he couldn't help but think of those strange and chaotic dreams. In those dreams, Angela was much more pitiful than Fanny, but they turned a blind eye to her.

Therefore, many words of concern for Fanny hovered on his lips, but he couldn't bring himself to say them.

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Fanny felt uncomfortable under Zacharias gaze, and in the end, she left, choking back tears.

She left reluctantly, saying, "I come back to see Mom tomorrow" James wanted to see her off, but she shook her head and refused his offer

"James, you don't need to see me off. I'll go back."

She was now living in a house that Scarlet had rented for her. Although the conditions were not bad, they were not great either.

But tonight, she didn't want to go back to that rundown house.

As soon as she left the hospital. Fanny made a phone call.

The person on the other end answered quickly and immediately expressed concern.

"Fanny, what's wrong? What happened? Why are you calling me so late?" Christopher spoke in a low voice, but his concern was genuine.

Although he had officially cut ties with Fanny, how could he just let go?

Fanny cried. "Chris, my mom had an accident. I'm so scared. Can you come and see me?"

"Where are you?" Christopher, upon hearing Fanny's distressed state, immediately wanted to go to her.

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After Fanny left, Joseph noticed that Zacharias was not feeling well, so he instructed James to take **Zacharias** back to rest.

"James, please take Zacharias back first. I will stay here."

As a doctor, Joseph knew that when Scarlet had an accident, there was no time to locate a care worker. If he oversaw the situation for the time being, everyone else would be at ease.

James looked concernedly at Scarlet lying on the sickbed before leaving with Zacharias

Late at night, as Joseph was drifting off to sleep, George finally arrived.

"Dad." Joseph saw George and felt a sense of unfamiliarity. "Why is Mom in the hospital?"

Noticing Joseph's accusatory tone, George avoided the subject and asked impatiently, "How is

your mom?"

Scarlet had been causing trouble continuously, and George was becoming increasingly frustrated. Even though Scarlet was now in the hospital, his worry outweighed any guilt he may have felt.

Despite any guilt he may have harbored, George maintained a strong facade.

Joseph gazed at his father intently before stating, "The doctor mentioned that Mom might

in a vegetative state."

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"A vegetative state?" George was visibly taken aback.

When he had taken Scarlet to the hospital, she was unconscious. The news of her potential vegetative state upon his return was unexpected.

Observing George's genuine surprise, Joseph felt a sense of relief.

He ruled out George as **a** suspect.

However, he seized the opportunity to inquire. "What happened? Who harmed Mom?" "Could you get me a glass of water? I'm thirsty..." George stammered, avoiding eye contact.

He **had** been on edge all afternoon, dropping off Linda and rushing back to the scene. George feared that a visit to Scarlet would lead to an emotional breakdown, so he found a place to rest and briefly slept.

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Upon waking to missed calls on his phone from his sons, George mentally prepared himself before heading to the hospital.

Joseph got a glass of water for George.

"Can we talk now?" he inquired..

George took a sip of water, glanced at Scarlet, who was in bed, and then questioned. "Is she really not going to wake up?"

Had he known that Scarlet would end up in a vegetative state, George would not have allowed Linda to leave.

"It's uncertain." Frustrated by George's evasiveness, Joseph stated, "Dad, if you are unwilling to talk, I will have to contact James."

The success of the Kins Family company now rested on James. While George **may** not have cared for Joseph, losing James was not an option.

If James decided to resign, George would face significant trouble.

"Alright, alright. Let's not trouble James, *eh*? George soothed Joseph and proceeded to fabricate a story.

"What? Are you suggesting that Mom injured herself?" Joseph couldn't help but chuckle at the absurd explanation.

With a substantial wound on Scarlet's head, George was clearly lying, and to make matters worse, he was deceiving Scarlet, who was already in a vegetative state!

"What's with your attitude? Do you doubt your father's words?" A displeased George rose to leave.

As he began to walk away, Joseph spoke up from behind him. "Dad, please stop hiding the truth. James has discovered where Mom had the accident, and your mistress was present! What happened? Are you truly not going to tell us?"

George paused at his son's words.

Early the following morning, at Springgate Estates, Angela woke up feeling weak all over, surrounded by a soft sensation.

Recalling the events of the previous night, she blushed and felt her heart race.

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"Are you awake?" A pleasant voice whispered in her ear, causing Angela to startle like a rabbit. She opened her eyes wide and turned to see Jonathan, who was still by her side.

J-Jonathan..." Angela blushed and inquired, "Why haven't you gone to the office?"

"I'm off today, so I thought I'd spend some quality time with you."

A speechless Angela didn't refuse. Instead, she immediately suggested, "Since you're off today, it's a good opportunity to get a full body check-up."

Despite the recent rest, Angela was still concerned about Jonathan, especially given his recent busy schedule.

Jonathan indulgently agreed with her. "Whatever you say."

After getting ready, the two made their way to the hospital.

The check-up arrangements had already been made, and Jonathan went straight in for the examination upon arrival.

While Jonathan was being examined, Daniel saw Angela and asked, "Angie, has Jonathan. gotten into trouble again?"

Shaking her head, Angela replied, "No, I was worried that he might be too tired and did not fully recover, so I wanted him to get checked."

She was deeply concerned about Jonathan's well-being.

Daniel tsked, clicking his tongue and playfully looking at her.

Feeling uneasy under his gaze, Angela was about to leave.

However, Daniel suddenly mentioned, "I heard things are getting heated over at the Kins Family. Have you gone to see what's happening?"

"What's going on now?" Angela inquired...

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Summoned to the hospital by George the day before, Angela had left without seeing him and had an unpleasant encounter with Fanny.

Apart from checking on Zacharias' condition weekly, Angela wanted to steer clear of the Kins Family affairs.

"George came to the hospital late last night to see Scarlet, and it seems he had a disagreement with Joseph," Daniel mentioned casually. "Later, George was so furious that his

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voice echoed throughout the hospital. In the end, the people in the neighboring roo couldn't bear it anymore and went to intervene. Oh, by the way, Angie, the Kins Family ward does not even have a care worker. I wonder what they're planning.

Angela guessed the reason behind it, and she felt a sense of pity.

"A penny for your thoughts, Angie?" Daniel was aware of Angela's lack of affection for the Kins Family, and he spoke openly.

"No."

"Really?" Daniel leaned in curiously.

Upon exiting the examination room, Jonathan saw Daniel leaning in toward Angela. He promptly pulled the man away.

"Stay away from my missus," he said calmly, his gaze fixed on Angela.

Daniel clicked his tongue twice, muttered something about 'showing affection, and left.

He was quite busy, and if Jonathan hadn't come for a check-up, he wouldn't have had time to banter with Angela.

After completing the examination, Daniel had to return to his workaholic ways.

Upon hearing Jonathan's words, Angela blushed, a hint of redness appearing on her face.

Naturally, Jonathan took Angela's hand and said. "The examination is done. Daniel will send the results over. Let's head home."

"Okay." Angela nodded obediently and tightened her grip on Jonathan's hand.

A soft chuckle reached her ears, causing her heart to flutter. She pursed her lips and lowered her head.

"What did Daniel tell you? He's usually not reliable outside of surgery, so don't believe him. And if it's about my health, you definitely shouldn't trust him. He's not as knowledgeable as you are in that area, Jonathan murmured, concerned as he saw Angela hanging her head in

silence.

Realizing Jonathan's misunderstanding, Angela quickly shook her head and explained. "He didn't say anything wrong. He just... He just talked to me about the Kins Family."

Jonathan patiently waited for her to continue.

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"He just informed me about the Kins Family's situation." Angela said slowly. "Scarlet... She's now in a vegetative state."

When Angela had visited the hospital the day before, Scarlet had been rushed back into the operating room for emergency treatment, but unfortunately, the outcome was still not favorable.

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Jonathan gently patted Angela on the head. "Would you like to go and see her?"

After a moment of contemplation, Angela replied, "I'd prefer not to."

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The previous day, George had invited her to visit Scarlet, and although she didn't encounter anyone, it had been sufficient for her.

"Let's go, then," Jonathan suggested, eager to spend time with Angela whenever he could.

Agreeing with a nod, Angela prepared to leave the hospital with Jonathan, but their plans were interrupted by a phone call he received.

Jonathan's expression darkened when he ended the call.

"What's the matter?" Angela inquired.

"It's just some business matters. Nothing significant," he dismissed.

However, Angela sensed that if it had caused Jonathan to frown, it might be more serious. than he let on, urging him to address the issue.

Reluctantly, Jonathan arranged for Oliver to accompany Angela to ensure her safety.

As Jonathan departed; Oliver dutifully trailed behind Angela.

Soon after, Angela received a call from Terence and hurried back to school.

Upon seeing Angela, Terence commended her, "Excellent work! You secured the top spot in the first round of exams.

"Thank you, Professor Terence," Angela responded modestly.

Recognizing the significance of the books Terence presented to her, Angela understood that he was reminding her to focus on the upcoming second round.

After expressing her gratitude to Terence, Angela accepted the books.

As she exited the professor's office, Oliver took the books from her.

After a mere few steps, Angela found her path blocked by two individuals.

"Angela, it's been a while. Are you heading to the library to return books? Let's go together!"

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Winter greeted, attempting to appear friendly.

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Stepping back to avoid Winter's outstretched hand, Angela inquired, "Is there something else, Winter?

Recalling their previous unpleasant encounter, Angela noted the absence of Lily, who had accompanied Winter before.

Observing Angela's reaction. Winter asked with a hint of disappointment. "Are you still upset about relinquishing your spot last time?"

Winter, it seems we weren't particularly close to begin with, right?" Angela responded directly.

Amused by the situation. Oliver chuckled behind Angela, remarking, "Mrs. Lawson, Winter and Fanny share some similarities."

Smiling. Angela turned to the embarrassed Winter, asking, "Is there anything else, Winter?"

After a brief exchange. Winter excused herself and departed with her companion.

Walking a distance away, her companion inquired, "Was that Angela Kins, the one who took Lily's spar?

"Yes, if it weren't for her impressing Professor Terence, she wouldn't have had the opportunity to secure the spot!" Winter lamented.

Envious of Angela's ability to gain Terence's favor effortlessly. Winter vowed to take action.

"Don't worry. Leave it to me. I guarantee she will lose her position. She should face the consequences for her initial mistake!"

Feeling reassured by the plan, Winter looked forward to witnessing Angela's downfall.

Back at home, Angela carefully read the book recommended by Terence, completely unaware that someone was plotting against her.

While Angela remained calm, the Sanders Family was in turmoil.

"How dare you secretly meet Fanny? If the Martinez Family finds out that the engagement is ruined because of you, don't expect me to continue protecting you!"

Michael pointed at Christopher with a look of disappointment.

Michael was really angry, and what made him even angrier was that Christopher still seemed

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unrepentant.

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If he hadn't coincidentally caught Christopher coming back early and sweet–talking Fanny on the phone, he might have been kept in the dark.

Teresa tried to calm him down while signaling to Christopher.

Upon seeing that, Christopher quickly apologized to his father. "Dad, I know I was wrong.

"You know you were wrong? Then why did you go see Fanny?

"Fanny's mother had an accident. She was very upset, and I was afraid she might do something drastic, so I went to see her- Christopher couldn't help but explain.

Before Christopher could finish, Michael raised his hand to slap him, "Still talking back, are. you? Do you even listen to what I say? Didn't I tell you not to get involved with the Kins Family anymore?"

Michael was of the opinion that the Kins Family were nothing but trouble.

First, the Kins Family's fourth son Samuel got into trouble and ended up in jail, tarnishing the reputation of the Sanders Family. Then, rumors spread about Fanny, the former fiancée, causing another blow to the Sanders Family.

Now, something had happened again, and it was regarding Fanny's mother.

Michael was really annoyed. He didn't want to hear any more explanations and excuses—all he wanted was to discipline Christopher.

Before Michael could lay a hand on Christopher, Teresa stood in front of him.

"Move aside!" Michael was so angry that smoke was coming out of his ears.

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Teresa, however, refused to move. She was usually submissive, but she was particularly firm when it came to her son. "He's grown up. Just talk to him. There's no need to hit him."

Michael slammed his hand on the table, startling Teresa.

"Christopher, didn't you make plans to go out with Miss Martinez? You'll be late if you don't

go now."

After stopping Michael, Teresa brought that up to Christopher.

By saying this, she was hinting to Christopher to slip away, and also giving Michael a taste of his own medicine.

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Christopher was going to meet with Sophia, so of course Michael couldn't slap him at this

time.

"**Dad**, I'm leaving now. Sophia is still waiting for me. Christopher left dejectedly after speaking

After Christopher left, Michael was so angry that he slapped his leg and accused Teresa, "You always spoil him!"

Teresa was not afraid as she rebuked, "You always scold Christopher. He is afraid of you. I think the main problem is still Fanny's fault! He has cut off ties with her and even helped her solve a lot of problems, but she still doesn't know how to behave and keeps bothering us!"

Michael also frowned, not liking Fanny's two-faced behavior.

A long time ago, he had high hopes for Fanny as a daughter—in—law, but now it seemed that he was blind.

And as for his son, his eyes had never been good.

Not only were his eyes not good, but he was also stubborn and unrepentant.

Teresa couldn't help but continue to complain when she saw Michael not saying anything. "You only scold our son. Why don't you warn Fanny not to come near Christopher again?"

"I should definitely warn her."

Thinking about Fanny's previous assurances and comparing them to her current actions, Michael couldn't help but feel disgusted and decided to take some action.

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The Sanders Family was not peaceful.

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On the other side, the Kins Family was also in turmoil.

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Joseph had a quarrel with George last night, and after returning to Kins Family, he was interrogated by James, and now he was furious.

What made him even angrier was another reason. He can't contact Linda.

The flight was only a few hours away, and even with the time difference, Linda should have contacted him or replied to his messages.

But a whole night and morning have passed, and he has not received any messages from

Linda.

He's nearly going crazy.

He was worried that Linda had an accident, and he was afraid that Linda had been deceiving him all along.

If Linda deliberately disappeared, then his previous actions were simply foolish.

"Dad, Joseph has told me. Now you can tell me what happened yesterday." James took time off at noon to come home just to ask George what happened yesterday.

Joseph just used a little provocation last night, mentioned the probable reasons, and angered George.

Last night, George left after cursing Joseph for being unfilial. The reason he came back today was because of James' intervention.

"What's the use of me telling you? Do you all want to punish your father for my sins?" George slammed the table, visibly angry.

Scarlet was still unconscious, and George no longer felt guilty, speaking with extra toughness.

"The woman you sent. Where did you take her? If you don't tell me, I'll have to call the police," James kept pressing, feeling frustrated that this was going nowhere. He decided to confront George about his involvement with Linda.

"You want to call the police?" George was enraged by this and stood up, ready to hit James.

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At that moment, Fanny timidly approached them, looking at the two men with caution before speaking softly, "Dad, James..."

The tension between the two men cased as Fanny spoke.

"Fanny, why are you back?" George stopped, angrily sitting back on the sofa.

Although George usually didn't interfere, he knew that Angela had made it a condition for Fanny to return to the Kins Family, which was crucial for Zacharias' treatment. He wasn't particularly welcoming towards Fanny.

Fanny shrank back, biting her lip with tears in her eyes, and whispered, "I came back for Mom.

The mention of Scarlet irritated George, who was about to dismiss them, but James spoke **up** first. Tell us more."

"I was worried that Mom wouldn't wake up, so I asked Christopher for help in finding a reliable doctor.

"Did you find a doctor?" James asked, getting to the point.

This made George tense up.

Scarlet was still asleep, so he could still keep his and Linda's secret. But if she woke up, things could get complicated.

Knowing Scarlet's fiery temper, she would definitely cause trouble for him and Linda.

But he quickly composed himself and turned to Fanny, scolding her, "Fanny, you've already broken off your engagement with Christopher, so why would he help you? The Sanders Family is about to form an alliance with someone else."

Fanny looked embarrassed at his words and turned to Jarhes on the other side.

James frowned and asked, "Did he agree to help?"

Fanny timidly took a breath, leaned weakly against the door, and whispered, "I begged Christopher for a long time, and he finally..."

She started coughing halfway through her words, her face turning pale, looking as if she could faint at any moment.

Seeing her like this, James helped her into the house, and Fanny coughed a few more times before fainting in his arms.

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He always felt sorry for his sister, and seeing her in such a pitiful state, he couldn't help but continue to act indifferent.

Although Fanny had caused a lot of trouble recently, she was still their beloved sister for many years.

George observed her fainting mid-sentence and suspected that Christopher had not made any promises.

"Look after your mother, and let me know if there are any issues. Don't bother me every day? George glanced at James, and with a cold snort, he stood up and left.

James didn't try to stop him. Seeing Fanny hospital.

"Fanny. I'll take you to the hospital."

unconscious, he decided to take her to the

Upon hearing this, Fanny felt irritated, but she had no choice but to continue feigning unconsciousness.

She hadn't returned just to be taken to the hospital. She had come back to rejoin the Kins Family.

Now that Scarlet was comatose, she didn't want to be trampled on by anyone outside. She didn't want to become a pitiful creature.

She came back to show off her achievements and to play the victim just to move back in with the Kins Family.

James lifted Fanny and headed out.

Fanny hesitated for a moment, pretending to just wake up, and asked in a sorrowful and puzzled tone, "James? What happened?"

Her acting skills were always top-notch, but this time, she woke up too quickly, making James suspicious.

"You fainted," James said, still holding her but halting in his steps.

He furrowed his brow at Fanny, appearing to be both scrutinizing and caring at the same

time.

"I..." Fanny began to cry again as tears filled her eyes. "I'm sorry, Jonathan. I don't know what happened. I've been having these sudden episodes lately."

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"I'll take you back to rest."

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"Are you asking me to leave?" Fanny grabbed James sleeve, gazing at him with a pitiful expression.

James softened a bit and clarified. "Angela will handle the follow—up treatment and observation. You can't come back for now.

"But I'm scared. Mom had an accident. I only have you guys, my brothers. Fanny grew event sadder as she spoke.

Seeing James starting to relent, she continued to appeal to Scarlet. "I want to take care of Mom. This place is closer to the hospital. I can update you on Mom's condition every day."

James remained silent.

"I'll be very cautious. Angela won't find out. Fanny pleaded further, her tearful appearance evoking pity.

"Then be careful. Your health is fragile. Make sure to go to the hospital for another check-up." James finally compromised, assisting Fanny back to the room she used to occupy.

"Okay, understand." Fanny, with tears in her eyes, obediently responded, "Thank you, James. You're always so kind to me. I'll go to the hospital to take care of Mom, so you don't have to worry about me."

"Be good. Take care of yourself. Your health is important. Mom will have Joseph look after May, and you just need to visit her occasionally."

Looking at Fanny's pallid face, James also felt compassion for the recent hardships she had, endured.

After consoling Fanny, James received a call from the company and hurriedly made his way to the office.

The Kins Family's company was currently facing challenges that were causing him a lot of stress. He couldn't find the time to manage Scarlet. With Fanny around, he felt more at ease.

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by the opposite end, the individuals sent by the Sanders Family discovered that Fanny was neither in the rental house nor with the Lynch Family..

Without even attempting to warn Fanny, they were unable to catch a glimpse of her, thus returning empty–handed.

Michael was displeased, realizing that Fanny had concealed herself after teasing Christopher.

Although Michael could have discovered where Fanny was hiding if he wanted to, quicker option would be to inquire with Christopher.

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However, Christopher **was** presently on a date with Sophia, making it an inappropriate time to ask him.

Furthermore, Christopher was currently infatuated with Fanny, so even if he inquired, Christopher likely wouldn't divulge the information.

Fortunately, his men promptly ascertained Fanny's whereabouts.

Teresa was concerned that Fanny's actions might disrupt the marriage alliance.

Upon learning that Fanny had returned to the Kins Family, she pondered for a moment before remarking, "Didn't Christopher mention that the Kins Family had expelled Fanny? How is it that she has returned?"

Teresa had been informed about Zacharias' life—threatening situation and subsequent rescue by Angela from Christopher.

At that time, she was irritated by Fanny's involvement with Christopher, so she was pleased to hear that Fanny had been expelled.

"Did you mention Angela?" Michael suddenly interjected, recalling something. "I have a plan."

A cafe near Lake Cladra.

Christopher was on a date with Sophia, but his spirits were low.

"Christopher, did you not sleep well last night?"

Sophia sat across from Christopher, still smiling as brightly as ever.

"I had a restless night."

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Christopher immediately perked up at the sound of her voice and smiled at Sophia.

Upon hearing Christopher's response, Sophia promptly shared various methods that she had heard of for improving sleep quality. Christopher listened and responded with a smile, but his mind had already wandered elsewhere.

He had spent a long time consoling Fanny the previous night and had been reprimanded by Michael that morning. It was odd that he was feeling content now.

More importantly, he **was** still concerned about Fanny, worried that she might not be eating properly due to the incident with Scarlet.

Scarlet was comatose, and he had already arranged for a good doctor to visit. He had received a message early in the morning, but the results seemed unfavorable.

He had not yet informed Fanny of the results, fearing it would upset her further.

After conversing for a while without eliciting a response from Christopher, Sophia finally realized that he was lost in thought.

"Christopher, what's on your mind?"

Christopher quickly snapped out of his reverie. "Nothing. It's just a trivial matter. Weren't you considering watching a movie? Let's go catch a film."

He suggested watching a movie to avoid further conversation with Sophia, knowing that even if he became lost in thought, it wouldn't be an issue.

Sophia was skeptical, but upon hearing Christopher propose watching a movie, she set aside her doubts.

"Let's go. There's a movie I'm eager to see. Christopher, let's go watch it now."

Linking arms with Christopher, she noticed his lack of resistance and felt even more content with him.

Angela had been reading at home for a while when she received a call from Cassie inviting her to go out.

Eventually, she was persuaded by Cassie's persistent calls to join her.

"Angela! Over here."

Upon arriving at the designated meeting spot, Angela could hear Cassie's cheerful voice from a distance.

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Looking up, she saw Cassie waving enthusiastically at her.

Angela hurried over, and Cassie immediately linked arms with her.

"You finally decided to come out, Cassie remarked.

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Glancing at Angela, Cassic stretched lazily, took a deep breath, and sighed. "I was getting so

bored."

"What's the matter?" Angela inquired, curious about her complaint.

Rolling her eyes, Cassie began to vent. "It's all because of that wealthy guy from the Sims Family. My dad scolded me, so I've been stuck at home besides going to school."

Cassic, always lively and active, felt cooped up at home for days, which nearly drove her crazy. It was only when her mom intervened that her dad finally allowed her to go out and **have** some fun.

As soon as she got the chance to leave the house, she contacted Angela.

"Well, I understand." Angela sympathized, subconsciously comparing Cassie to Jonathan and realizing he was much better.

Feeling guilty for thinking of Jonathan, Angela wanted to comfort Cassie and distract her.

But Cassie's mood shifted quickly. Before Angela could console her, she was already dragging Angela towards the shopping mall.

"Let's go, Angela. Today, let's enjoy shopping at the mall and then relax in a hot spring. What do you think?"

The weather was just right for soaking in hot springs.

Considering the tension of the past few days, Angela agreed it was time to unwind and joined.

Cassic.

While shopping in the mall, Angela received a text message that upset her.

"What's wrong? What happened?" Cassie asked, concerned.

"It's nothing major. Just give me a moment to make a call," Angela replied.

It was a recurring issue in the Kins Family, and she didn't want to worry Cassie unnecessarily.

Seeing Angela's silence, Cassie urged. "Go ahead and make the call. We can continue

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shopping and then head to the hot springs

Having made a reservation. Cassie was determined to help Angela relax.

Angela found a quiet spot to call Joseph.

"Angela, why are you calling suddenly? Is it about Zacharias' treatment?" Joseph asked in a neutral tone

Angela relayed the information she **had** received in a straightforward manner.

Upon hearing this, Joseph promised. "Let me confirm and get back to you."

"I just want the outcome, and if this recurs, you know the consequences, Angela stated firmly, only interested in the result.

After the call. Joseph's expression soured, feeling Angela was being too arrogant despite helping Zacharias.

Impatiently, be called James to verify if Fanny had indeed returned home.

James sensed trouble and admitted, "It's my fault for allowing her to return home. I'm not sure how Angela found out so quickly."

"Who knows how she found out?" Joseph grumbled, pondering whether someone was leaking information to her.

"Perhaps. James agreed. "I need you to handle the situation with Fanny as I'm swamped at work.

Concerned about persuading her again, Joseph agreed to go home and address the issue. Upon arriving home, he found Fanny seated on the sofa, enjoying a delicate cake.

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"Joseph? Why are you back?" Fanny looked at Joseph with a mix **of** surprise and fear, unsure of where to place her hands and feet.

"Fanny, you shouldn't have returned. Angela won't **go** easy on Zacharias if she finds out," Joseph said, his tone softening at the sight of Fanny's pitiful expression.

"Joseph, I can't go back to the Lynch Family. That woman treated me so poorly before, and even though she's locked up now, people will still gossip about me."

Fanny cried as she spoke, appearing very pitiful.

"Didn't Mom rent a house for you?" Joseph suggested helplessly. "Move in there. You **can** always come to us if you need anything but don't come back here. That way, Angela won't have a chance to find fault with you."

Fanny bit her lip, about to say something, when she suddenly heard a noise coming from the kitchen.

She gasped and hurriedly made her way to the kitchen.

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Joseph followed, only to find Fanny carefully ladling out soup.

Seeing Joseph approaching, Fanny timidly said, "Joseph, this is the soup I made for you. I was planning to bring it to you when I visit Mom later, but she's still asleep, and I want to spend more time with her, taking care of her."

Touched by Fanny's thoughtfulness, Joseph felt a mix of heartache and tenderness and reassured her. "Thank you, Fanny. I know you've been through a lot, but there's no other option right now. Once Zacharias is better, we'll bring you back."

Fanny continued to plead, "But I want to be closer to my brothers so I can see all of you more

often."

Scarlet had been kind to her, but the place she had rented before, as a compromise with Angela to save Zacharias, was not only far away but also had poor conditions.

She didn't want to live in such a remote place.

Joseph asked, "Fanny, do you want to take care of Mom? I've already hired a caregiver, so you

don't need to worry about to take

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"But a caregiver isn't family after all, and I'm not at ease." Fanny grew a bit anxious and started to cry. Joseph, please let me stay home to care for Mom. It's closer here."

"You can't stay at home." Joseph, feeling helpless, finally compromised by renting a house. near the Kins Family for Fanny. "But I can rent a house for you near home and the hospital."

Upon hearing this, Fanny, though still reluctant, understood that this was the best solution and could only agree.

"Joseph, can I visit Mom later?"

"You can. Joseph patted her head. "You're Mom's daughter. Of course, you can visit her. She'll be very happy."

When Angela was informed by Joseph that Fanny's situation had been sorted out, she and Cassie had already left the mall with a successful shopping trip.

Angela had bought a few clothes, including some for Jonathan, while Cassie had purchased a variety of gifts to bring joy to the family.

After the previous incident at the club, her dad still hadn't completely calmed down.

Cassie had booked a private hot spring, and the two of them planned to relax and unwind.

This is so relaxing, Cassie sighed while sitting in a bathrobe in the private hot spring.

Angela also found the hot spring very enjoyable and thought about Jonathan's busy schedule lately. Perhaps she could find time to bring him here for a soak.

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After finishing her run, Cassie went to the bathroom while Angela changed clothes and waited in the rest area. Unexpectedly, she bumped into an acquaintance.

"Angela, what a coincidence to see you here. Are you alone? Would you like to join us?"

Winter gestured towards a group of people in the distance.

Angela glanced up and spotted Winter, unconsciously furrowing her brow.

Encountering Winter twice in such a short span of time, she found it difficult to maintain **a** positive attitude.

"No worries. I have a friend accompanying me."

"Oh, she's too aloof to hang out with us," Beside Winter was a stranger who sarcastically commented on her and pulled Winter away.

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Casting a glance back at Angela, Winter noticed her frown and sneered inwardly.

"Let's see how long you can keep up this pride, Angela. Enjoy it while it lasts!" With that, Winter departed reluctantly.

Curious to see how long Angela could uphold her pride, she feared that it wouldn't last through the night.

Angela watched Winter leave without much thought.

Cassic swiftly returned, and the two of them packed up, preparing to depart.

Just as they were about to head home, Cassie mentioned, "Angela, something has come up. Someone is spreading rumors about you on the forum."

She handed her phone to Angela, displaying a post accusing her of using connections to secure a spot and cheating to claim first place.

The post appeared convincing and supported by solid evidence.

"This person is spreading lies here. I'm going to set the record straight!"

With that, Cassie began responding to the post.

However, amidst the replies, in addition to Cassie's firm stance, there were skeptics and even individuals hurling insults and curses at Angela.

The post was rife with hostility.

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Before Angela could even open the post on her phone, she received a call from Jessica.

"Jess, what's going on?"

International calls were costly, prompting Angela to wonder why Jessica had suddenly reached out.

"Angela, have you seen the post on the forum? Those people are fabricating stories there."

Surprisingly, Jessica also referenced the post immediately, to which Angela responded, "I just saw it. No need to worry."

Despite being overseas, Jessica remained attentive to her friend's affairs, warming Angela's heart.

With friends like Jessica and Cassie, even in the face of slander, she felt less intimidated.

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"How could I not worry? You've been falsely accused! Angela, wait for me. I will report that post for spreading misinformation. It needs to be addressed!"

Expressing her indignation, Jessica was visibly angered upon seeing the post.

"Alright. I will take care of it **as** well. Thank you, Jessica."

After a brief conversation with Jessica, Angela ended the call while Cassie sat beside her, engrossed in a heated exchange on her phone.

Cassie fervently responded to messages, his fingers flying across the keyboard. Her expression darkened upon seeing classmates specifically targeting Angela.

"These people are vile! They must have been bribed to tarnish your reputation."

"Cassie, let's not dwell on them for now. Jessica reported the post, so it should be addressed

soon."

Given that this was on the school forum, any reported post would be investigated, and action would be taken by the administrators.

"But it seems like the post was made by an administrator. He must have been bribed!" Cassie's anger escalated.

"What's her name?"

"Huh?" Cassie grasped the situation and looked at Angela in confusion.

"What's the name of that administrator?"

Angela suspected a connection to Winter, especially considering her recent confrontational remarks.

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### Chapter 285 Clear Oneself

"The administrator who posted this is called Angelina," Cassie immediately mentioned the name of the administrator and showed Angela a group photo of campus activities.

"Angela, this is Angelina."

Angela looked at the photo and immediately remembered who this person was

Angelina was the person who stood next to Winter when they met at school before.

"I've seen her before. She was with Winter."

Cassie, feeling disgusted, vented, "It's Winter again! What does she want to do? It's one thing to envy and be jealous of you, but she always creates disgusting incidents!"

Angela said, "It's okay. The truth will come to light. Let's go home,"

Seeing her so calm, Cassie asked, "Angela, have you figured out a solution?"

"No," Angela denied, then said, "It's not right for innocent people to prove their innocence. They accuse me of manipulation and cheating, so it's their responsibility to provide evidence, not mine."

Cassie slapped her thigh. "Exactly! Angelina hasn't provided any evidence at all. Even if she's an administrator, so what? If things escalate, we can call the police."

-Angela nodded. "Yes that's the point. These rumors can't harm me. You don't need to worry."

Cassie nodded along, but she couldn't help but continue to argue with others who were slandering Angela in the comments.

The two left the private hot spring.

Angela glanced at the sky and estimated that it was time for Jonathan to finish work and head home.

Just as she was thinking this, Jonathan called.

Angela had just parted ways with Cassie and was already in the car when she answered. Jonathan's call.

"Why aren't you at home?" Jonathan's voice was quiet and soft on the other end of the line.

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"I'm on my way home. I was hanging out with Cassic," Angela quickly replied.

Only then did Jonathan say, "I'll come pick you up.

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"No need. I'm already in the car. I will be home soon," Angela declined before hanging up. Her ears inexplicably felt hot, and she had to roll down the window to cool off.

Upon arriving home, Angela saw Jonathan waiting on the sofa, reading a newspaper. The light fell on his shoulders, making him look exceptionally gentle.

"You're back. Have you eaten?" Jonathan heard her and set the newspaper aside, getting up to greet her.

Although Jonathan had only taken a few steps, Angela felt as **if** it had been a long journey. She quickly changed her shoes and walked inside.

"I have. Have you eaten, Jonathan?" she asked.

"Not yet. Would you like to eat with me?" Jonathan took Angela's hand as he spoke, feeling a bit nostalgic after not seeing her for a while.

"Sure." Angela nodded, and Jonathan held her hand as they went to wash up.

Angela felt like she was being treated like a child, but surprisingly, she didn't mind.

After dinner and getting ready for bed, Jonathan, as usual, embraced Angela.

As Angela's heart raced, she heard Jonathan ask, "Where did you go today, Angela?"

"I went to the hot spring, then to the mall for a while. Oh, by the way, I bought something for you."

Angela suddenly remembered that she had picked out clothes for Jonathan while shopping and had Oliver take them home directly, but she forgot to tell Jonathan about it.

"You bought me a gift?" Jonathan smiled. "What is it?"

He would be happy no matter what Angela bought for him because at least it meant that Angela was thinking of him while she was out.

If Angela could think of him, it meant that he was in her heart.

Jonathan felt **a** sense of unprecedented peace in his heart.

"It's clothes. I'm not sure if you will like them, but when I bought them, I thought you would

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look good in them, so I bought them."

Angela paused to respond to Jonathan's question, feeling a bit embarrassed.

Her cheeks were flushed, and her ears were tinged with red..

"I like everything you've chosen," Jonathan said.

Angela hesitated. "I'll go get them for you to see..."

But before Angela could inquire with Oliver about the whereabouts of the items, Jonathan reached out and stopped her.

"Let's take a look at them tomorrow." Jonathan embraced her and whispered, "It's too late. Let's go to bed."

The last light in Springgate Estates was extinguished, but Angela felt like she was consumed by a restless fire.

Fanny waited until the afternoon to visit Scarlet in the hospital. Joseph had arranged a new place for her close to the hospital, making it convenient for her to come and go.

Joseph even took a day off to assist her in moving her belongings to the new place, and she graciously accepted. She sent a text to Christopher but received no response.

"Joseph, you go ahead and keep yourself occupied. Mom has me here watching over her." Fanny felt much more at ease with a caregiver by Scarlet's bedside.

"Having a caregiver around was a relief, as she didn't need to do anything with her there.

Joseph gave Fanny a concerned look and advised, "Fanny, don't worry too much. It's not good to overexert yourself. Go back when you're tired."

It was only later, when he informed James that he had sent Fanny away, that he discovered. Fanny had fainted again that day.

Their sister had always been in poor health, and now, with Scarlet in trouble again, there was. no one at home to care for Fanny. They could only hope she would take care of herself.

Moved, Fanny nodded and tearfully sat by Scarlet's bedside, "Mom, please wake up soon. It hurts to see you like this."

After Joseph left, Fanny couldn't bring herself to pretend anymore. After sending May off to complete some tasks, she sat down and continued to text Christopher.

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Christopher had not responded to her messages, and she worried he no longer wanted to deal with her.

Fortunately, towards evening, Christopher finally replied to her.

He apologized, explaining that he had been busy with work all this time, which brought her some relief.

After inquiring about finding a doctor and receiving a negative response from Christopher, Angela made a phone call.

"Fanny, what's wrong?" It took Christopher a moment to respond, his voice low and with a slightly chaotic background noise.

Fanny sensed something was amiss, and she shed a few tears. After listening to Christopher's voice for a moment, she asked pitifully, "Christopher, are you at a KTV2

"Yes. I'm accompanying my dad for a social engagement." To avoid further questioning from Fanny, he even brought Michael into the conversation.

Fanny ceased her inquiries and instead encouraged Christopher to work hard.

Feeling relieved, Christopher relaxed and comforted Fanny for a while before ending the **call**.

Upon exiting the bathroom, Christopher was beckoned over by Sophia. "Why were you on the phone for so long? Is your dad urging you to come home?"

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# **Chapter 286**

Chapter 286 Stop Bothering Him

Before Christopher answered the phone, he informed Sophia that it was Michael calling.

"No, my dad heard that we were out together and told us to have a good time," Christopher

said with a smile.

Sophia teased, "Your dad didn't rush you, so why do you look so worried? Don't tell me you don't want to hear my friends sing?"

The KTV private room was quite crowded, filled with Sophia's friends and a few of their partners.

Upon seeing Christopher's good behavior, Sophia decided to introduce him to her friends on

a whim.

Since she and Christopher were already in a committed relationship, there was no harm in introducing him to her friends in advance.

However, a couple of her friends were not very skilled at singing, which was why she asked. that question.

"How could that be?" Christopher replied with a smile, "Actually, they're good and not too terrible."

As they were chatting happily, one of Sophia's younger friends suddenly handed microphones to them and said, "Love songs, love songs. Since you haven't sung yet, do sing a .duet."

Sophia didn't dampen her friend's enthusiasm and directly took the microphone, then looked at Christopher.

Christopher also took another microphone.

While they sang together, Fanny hung up the phone and felt uneasy.

After waiting in the hospital for a while, she couldn't sit still.

She wanted to find Christopher but didn't know where he was, so she had to call him again.

Christopher had gone to the bathroom without bringing his phone, and one of Sophia's friends saw the phone light up and answered it casually.

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"Who's this?" She gestured, and the music in the private room stopped.

At the same time, the voice of Fanny came through the earpiece.

"Who are you? Why are you answering Christopher's phone?"

Fanny's voice was too recognizable, and Sophia recognized it immediately, so she took the phone directly and asked, "Why are you still bothering Christopher? Didn't I make it clear to you last time? Stop bothering him."

"It's you!" Fanny remembered who Sophia was. "Why do you have Christopher's phone?"

"Don't call him 'Christopher' repeatedly, it's nauseating. Christopher is dating me now. If you're sensible, don't come and disturb us. Otherwise, don't blame me for causing trouble for

you."

After saying that, she hung up the phone directly.

Upon hanging up the phone, Sophia paused for a moment, then decided to delete the **call** logs. She noticed that most of the recent calls were from Fanny to Christopher, **so** she promptly blocked Fanny's number.

If this had happened before, when she and Christopher hadn't been together for long, she might have confronted him about it. But given their current progress, they would soon be engaged, and she didn't see the need to make a big deal out of a woman who was unilaterally fixated on Christopher.

Feeling aggrieved after being hung up on, Fanny sat on the steps, lost in thought. As soon as she got up, a sack was suddenly pulled over her head. She wanted to scream for help, but her mouth and nose were covered.

The pungent odor hit her nose, and she fainted.

Within a day, George made numerous calls to Linda, but none went through. He then checked her flight and discovered that she hadn't boarded the plane at all.

His initial reaction was that he had been deceived. Furning with anger, he searched for Linda again but to no avail, so he decided to call the police.

His reason for calling the police was nothing else but theft and assaulting someone.

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The theft was because he accused Linda of stealing his bank card, while the assault was directly attributed to Linda causing Scarlet to go into a coma.

The police quickly launched an investigation and after reviewing airport surveillance. footage, they discovered that George was the one who had dropped Linda off at the airport.

As a result, George was also interrogated.

"She threatened me into taking her to the airport, I had no choice. I know I was wrong now." George couldn't believe the police had uncovered this, and he deeply regretted his actions.

If only I hadn't called the police!

The policeman who interrogated him took note of his words and asked, "Can you explain your relationship with Linda?"

"I, 1..." George dared not speak recklessly and could only stutter, "I haven't known her for long. She tried to seduce me for my money and even attempted to ruin my family. In the end, she even got physical with my wife."

"Is that so? Our investigation reveals that she's your mistress, and you've been supporting her financially." The police directly exposed his true nature.

George argued, "I was deceived by her into being with her. I haven't broken any laws. I'm also a victim. Why are you asking me this?"

"Since you're saying Linda is the one who assaulted someone, please recall the situation from that day in detail."

Upon hearing this, George began to make up his story and shift all the blame onto Linda.

By the time he finished speaking, he was already sweating profusely.

Even though he thought he hadn't said anything too incriminating, he couldn't help but about being found out.

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"Do you remember any other details? Like which hand Linda used when she attacked?"

"How would I know which hand!?" George's eyes darted around, his heart racing.

"Just try to think about it. It's okay if you remember incorrectly."

"Her right hand, I was standing to her left, and she used her right hand to push my wife," George recalled the scene from that day, mentally swapping his and Linda positions, then. repeated it.

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After speaking, he still felt uneasy and asked in a low voice, "Can we withdraw the report. now? I can settle this privately with her, **so** you won't be bothered."

"No." The police officer closed the written record book, stood up and solemnly addressed George, "We currently suspect that you are the one who resorted to violence. If the final result proves this, you will not only face charges of assault but also of making a false report."

"What? It wasn't me! It was Linda! How could I possibly hit my wife?" George panicked, stood

pursue this." up and kept pleading. "Please let me withdraw it. I won't

"You're free to go. We'll do our best to locate Linda. If you're innocent, we won't falsely accuse you. Just wait for our updates."

George was escorted out of the police station, but his tense nerves remained unrelaxed.

He deeply regretted making the report, but there was no turning back. Even if he withdrew the report, it was already too late.

Because the police suspected him, he had to find a way to clear his name.

But now, Linda was nowhere to be found, and he hated her more than ever.

Early the next morning, at Springgate Estates.

Angela woke up to see Jonathan sitting beside her. She rubbed her eyes and asked for the

time.

"What time is it?"

"It's 8:30 a.m."

"Huh? Then why haven't you gone to **the** company yet, Jonathan?" Angela quickly sat up and looked at him with a puzzled expression.

"I'm actually taking the day off today to spend time with you."

Feeling regretful from yesterday, Jonathan decided to leave Simon at the company today and strictly instructed him not to disturb him even if there were urgent matters.

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## **Chapter 287**

Chapter 287 Blind Accusation

Angela felt touched and happy in her heart. "So, are we staying home?"

"You can do whatever you want. *I'll* accompany you," Jonathan replied, appearing ready to go along with whatever plans she had.

She suggested, "Well then... would you like to go to the **hot** spring?"

After enjoying the hot spring yesterday, she thought it was quite nice and had even considered taking him along.

But after suggesting it, she realized that it sounded like she was inviting him to bathe together.

Feeling a bit shy and regretful, she hesitated.

Before she could take back her words, he quickly agreed. "Sure, I'll take you to the hot spring today."

She breathed a sigh of relief inexplicably and nodded eagerly. "Okay, Jonathan."

Jonathan patted Angela's head affectionately and said, "Get ready and let's have breakfast."

On one side of Springgate Estates, everyone was happy and harmonious.

On Fanny's side, she was tied to a telephone pole, in a far less desirable state.

She had been unconscious all night, initially from being drugged, and later simply from exhaustion.

Now, upon waking up, she found herself bound to a telephone pole. Looking around, she realized she was in a remote area completely unfamiliar to her.

When she saw the scene before her, she felt like crying out of frustration.

"Is anyone there?" She began calling out to her surroundings.

After calling out for what seemed like ages, her voice was almost hoarse. She realized there was nobody around, not even the person who had tied her up.

She had no choice but to continue trying to figure out a solution. After numerous attempts,

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she finally managed to shake her phone loose from her body.

Once she adjusted her phone's position, she found a way to dial Christopher's number.

After finishing all of this, she was exhausted and sweating profusely. Her face turned pale as well.

Fortunately, the call finally went through.

But after waiting for a long time, there was still no answer on the other end of the line. Fanny only grew more anxious that she was almost on the verge of tears.

"Why isn't he picking up? What on earth is he doing?"

After struggling for a while, Fanny couldn't get in touch with Christopher, but someone passing by noticed her.

"Why are you tied up here? Who tied you up?"

The person who came seemed to be a villager who lived nearby and asked while untying the rope for her.

Fanny's wrists were red from being bound, and now that she was freed, all her attention was focused on her sore wrists. She replied absentmindedly to the villager, "I don't know who tied

I was tied up here last night."

me up.

After saying this, she looked at the villager with teary eyes and asked, "I want to report this. Can you testify for me?"

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Christopher's phone had been unreachable, and coupled with being warned by Sophia yesterday not to continue contacting him, this led Fanny to speculate about the person who had tied her up.

It has to be Sophia! Only she will do something like this!

That despicable woman not only threatened her but actually went ahead and tied her up. Fanny was determined to make her pay!

The man shook his head upon hearing this. Upon seeing that she was no longer in distress, he stood up to leave, saying, "I need to go back to the construction site, and I don't have time to testify for you."

Fanny took a look at his attire and realized that he was probably one of the laborers nearby, so she was disgusted and moved away.

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But when she thought of calling the police, it would be best to have someone testify. So, she added, "I'll pay you for two days' wages if you testify for me!"

Though her attitude **wasn't** particularly good, the laborer agreed, thinking it was worth it to earn two days' wages in one day.

Fanny was filled with contempt when she saw how he acted opportunistically according to the situation.

She called the police, and soon they arrived at the scene and took them both back to the station after collecting evidence.

During the confession recording, when the police asked if she had any suspects in mind, Fanny immediately mentioned Sophia's name.

Sophia had the audacity to warn her, so she was prepared to be suspected by Fanny.

Tearfully, Fanny recounted the incident of being warned by Sophia over the phone yesterday. They quickly took action and brought Sophia to the station.

They faced each other, and Sophia realized that Fanny was the reason for her questioning.

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"Officer, I didn't send anyone to kidnap her," Sophia explained immediately after hearing *the* situation.

Upon seeing Fanny's pitiful appearance, Sophia found her annoying.

"She was pestering my boyfriend, and I just warned her a few times. I didn't harm her. She's just trying to slander me."

"Now, there's no evidence to prove it's you, Miss Martinez, so calm down," the police officer reassured her before continuing, "As for this young lady bothering your boyfriend, would you like us to help with that?"

Someone at the police station recognized Sophia as a daughter of the Martinez Family, **so** they were all polite to her.

On the other hand, Fanny was ignored.

Fanny was infuriated when she saw Sophia being complimented by everyone and not showing any signs of fear. She shouted, "Christopher is mine! The one who is bothering him is obviously you!"

Sophia couldn't help but laugh at Fanny's anger. "Christopher and I are about to get engaged. Who do you think is really bothering him?"

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Chapter 287 Blind Accusation

Upon seeing Fanny's pale face, Sophia felt slightly relieved.

"It must be you who sent someone to kidnap me, but you won't admit it!" Learning that she couldn't argue with Sophia about Christopher, Fanny continued to point at her finger and said firmly.

"Tsk, don't speak without evidence, or you'll bring trouble upon yourself." Sophia warned Fanny, then turned to the police and asked, "She's defaming me like this, can I sue her for defamation?"

"If the matter of her being kidnapped is really unrelated to you, then you can indeed pursue her for defamation."

Most importantly, Fanny made these accusations against Sophia in front of the police, so she couldn't just deny them.

Fanny was so enraged that her eyes turned red. The more fearless Sophia appeared, the more convinced she was that the latter was responsible..

"Can't you investigate her for me? She must have paid the kidnappers. Just investigate and you'll find out, right?"

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"Go ahead and check, Sophia said indifferently. "And after you find out, Put her in custody for a few days. Because of her defamation against me, my mental health has been greatly harmed. She should be detained for at least a few days, right?"

Fanny was visibly panicked for a moment, but she quickly realized that this might just be Sophia's way of avoiding the police investigating her.

She became even more convinced it was Sophia.

The police quickly conducted their investigation, but the results were completely unexpected for Fanny.

"It's not her?" Fanny widened her eyes in disbelief. "How could it not be her?"

Sophia folded her arms across her chest and gloated, "I told you it wasn't me."

Upon seeing Fanny's dumbfounded expression, Sophia couldn't help but mock. "People like you, there are plenty who don't like you. Think about who else might want to harm you, instead of blindly accusing me here!"

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Chapter 288 Block His Number

"Miss Martinez, you can go now. I apologize for taking up your time," the police officer said politely after confirming Sophia's innocence.

Fanny, however, did not rush to release her as her case remained unsolved.

Sophia shot her a disdainful look and prepared to leave but was halted by Fanny calling out

to her.

"Christopher likes me! Even though you are engaged to him, so what? He doesn't love you at all!" Fanny exclaimed.

Upon hearing this, Sophia's face turned pale.

Recalling that Christopher had indeed been in touch with Fanny these past few days, she walked over to the latter's side in her high heels.

"I forgot to tell you that not only are we getting engaged, but we'll also have the wedding very

soon!"

Upon seeing the shock and fear in Fanny's eyes, Sophia continued, "As for your nonsensical remarks just now, I don't believe a word of it!"

Fanny bit her lip hard when she realized her tough talk was ineffective. She cried and pleaded softly, "Just give Christopher to me. We both like each other. If you like him too, you wouldn't want to see him unhappy, right?"

Sophia scoffed. "Don't pull this act on me, I'm not buying it."

Despite only meeting Fanny a few times, Sophie had seen through her deceitful nature. From initially ignoring her to now feeling repulsed, she chose not to engage further.

If it weren't for Fanny persistently bothering Christopher, she wouldn't have wasted her time. conversing with her.

Upon seeing Fanny about to speak again, Sophia was extremely annoyed.

She turned to the police officer beside her and stated, "I almost forgot, I intend to pursue the defamation she committed. I believe she should be detained for at least three days!"

Seeing the police officer glance her way, she held her head, looking as if she had a headache, and continued speaking, "I'm feeling dizzy and disoriented now. It's definitely her defamation that has caused harm to my mental well—being. I'm facing significant issues

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because of it."

Upon hearing Sophia's words, Fanny's expression changed, and she froze in place.

Anticipating what the police officer might say, Fanny panicked and quickly grabbed Sophia's arm, pleading. "Miss Martinez, please don't blame me. I was wrong..

"Is that so? Do you realize you were wrong?"

Fanny nodded repeatedly. At this moment, she couldn't afford to be held at the police station. Even if it was just for three days, she didn't want to be detained!

If she were truly detained, her reputation would only worsen upon leaving the police station.

"Then can you promise not to bother Christopher again?"

Sophia was fed up with Fanny, and what annoyed her even more was that Christopher hadn't broken up with Fanny yet.

However, to address the issue at its core, she had to confront Fanny!

"I–I promise." Fanny said with tears streaming down her face.

Even though she was making this promise, deep down, she was planning to eventually report to Christopher, telling him how Sophia had been bullying her.

After all, Christopher was currently her most useful and stable support.

But the more she thought about it, the more her emotions showed on her **face**. And she didn't even realize that her thoughts were being exposed.

Sophia wasn't foolish because she could easily see that something was wrong with Fanny.

She held out her hand and said, "Give me your phone." 1

A puzzled Fanny asked, "Why do you need my phone?"

"To block Christopher for you. I can see that you are struggling to resist contacting him. I don't trust your assurances."

"You-"

Hearing her speak so bluntly, Fanny's expression fluctuated repeatedly.

Are you gonna hand it over or not?" Sophia didn't bother negotiating and

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nonchalant as if she didn't care whether Fanny gave it or not. But her words held a dangerous undertone. "If you don't, fine by me. I'll just keep pressing charges for defamation. That way, you won't be able to bother him for three days."

"I will give it to you, I promise. Fanny clenched her teeth, feeling a mix of anger and helplessness. Upon seeing that Sophia was truly going to block Christopher's phone number, she couldn't help but feel frustrated.

"If you block Christopher, and he tries to reach me, I won't be able to pick up his calls."

Sophia glanced at her as if she were a fool. "Yeah, you have no clue what blocking means, do you?"

"What do you mean I don't know what blocking means!" Fanny felt insulted but upon seeing Sophia's smug expression, she couldn't resist making a sarcastic comment.

"So, you're worried that Christopher might come looking for me? Deep down, you know he's into me, not you!"

Her confidence grew as she spoke, feeling like she had finally seen the truth.

However, Sophia didn't get angry because of her words. Instead, she suddenly thought of something, paused her actions, and handed the phone to Fanny, saying, "You block him out yourself!"

"What do you mean? Are you afraid that Christopher will hold you accountable?" Fanny smirked triumphantly.

Sophia chuckled. She gazed down at Fanny's smug face and calmly spoke, "You guessed right, but you got it wrong."

Fanny didn't expect Sophia to suddenly agree with her words. She paused for a moment, then quickly continued with her tough talk, "If Christopher finds out I didn't willingly block. him, you'll be held accountable too!"

Ultimately, Fanny neither wanted to be detained **nor** to block Christopher.

Ignoring her provocation, Sophia continued, "So, in order to make you willingly block Christopher and to make you give up, I've decided to change the rules."

"What rules?" Fanny didn't know what tricks Sophia got up her sleeve.

If it wasn't reasonable, she wouldn't compromise!

"I'll give **you** a chance to see what a clown you are," Sophia explained. "You can contact him,

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but I trust my fiancé's loyalty to me. He promised me he wouldn't take vour calls anymore."

Sophia said confidently and dismissively as if she didn't consider Fanny a threat.

Upon hearing Sophia's words, Fanny pondered for a moment before responding. "That's what you say. I'll block Christopher, but I can still contact him!"

Sophia smirked. "Hmm."

Fanny then proceeded to block Christopher herself. After Sophia checked her phone to confirm, she warned, "Don't let me catch Christopher calling you again, or... or you'll be responsible for the severe mental issues I'll develop from your defamations."

Upon hearing her warning, Fanny trembled slightly but eventually nodded.

"I won't unblock Christopher."

Although I won't unblock him, *Christopher will definitely* still *contact me!* I also *doubt that* Christopher will ignore my calls.

After all, despite singing with Sophia at the KTV the previous night, her Christopher still answered her call. Her Christopher loved her!

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Chapter 289 Don't Treat Me As An Outsider

An agreement was reached with Fanny, and Sophia left.

Fanny was informed by the police to return home and wait for further notice, so she left the police station.

"It can't be anyone else but Sophia," Fanny muttered to herself, suddenly thinking of Angela.

Who can't bear to see me doing well? Of course, it's Angela.

With this thought, Fanny felt a surge of anger.

She angrily decided to go find Angela but then worried that she might go to her brothers to complain, so she had to endure and finally gave up.

After returning home and tidying up herself, Fanny's resentment still lingered.

Thinking that the efficiency on the police end was really slow, she couldn't wait any longer.

She opened her phone and found someone had sent her a message asking her to check a forum.

**As** soon **as** she went on the forum, she found the post about Angela, and she was ecstatic!

Observing the skepticism directed toward Angela in the comments below, Fanny couldn't help but revel in satisfaction.

"Angela deserves to die, that wretched person!"

She immediately commented frantically on the post, saying Angela not only had a bad attitude but also had questionable character.

At that moment, Angela and Jonathan were on their way to the hot springs, driving up winding mountain road in a black sedan.

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Upon reaching the mountaintop and passing through a serene forest, they finally arrived at a particularly secluded and ancient–looking courtyard.

After getting out of the car, Angela looked around in amazement and asked, "Is there really a hot spring here?"

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After all, to her, it didn't look anything like a commercial establishment, but rather more like a long-abandoned residence.

Jonathan whispered to her, "Yes, it's a natural hot spring. I've already had it cleaned up. beforehand"

"A natural hot spring."

Angela was surprised. She hadn't expected that a casual remark would weigh so heavily on Jonathan's mind, leading him to specially bring her to the natural hot springs.

Feeling a warmth in her heart, Angela stole a glance at Jonathan.

The two of them soaked in the hot springs for a while before enjoying some prepared

meals in the restaurant.

Suddenly, Angela's phone rang.

She picked it up and was surprised to see that it was Cassie calling.

"Cassie, what's up?"

Without avoiding Jonathan, she answered the call directly.

"Angela, what should we do about that post? People are already gossiping about it privately at school. Should we go to the police directly? It's getting out of hand, isn't it?"

After some consideration, Angela felt that it had probably reached a point where action needed to be taken, so she replied, "We can go to the police now and accuse Angelina of defamation. Don't worry about it. I'll handle this myself."

As soon as she hung up the phone, she noticed that Jonathan was looking at her.

She instinctively whispered, "Jonathan."

"What's going on?" Jonathan asked.

There was nothing to hide, so Angela straightforwardly said, "Someone on the school forum is causing trouble, accusing me of getting my spot and coming in first because of manipulation and cheating."

"I'll take care of it." He quickly offered upon hearing this.

"No need, Jonathan. I'll report it to the police." Angela did not want to burden him.

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Jonathan lowered his gaze and said, "Don't treat me like an outsider."

"I–I don't consider you an outsider, it's just..." She began to explain.

"It's just that you don't want to bother me, right?" He leaned in closer and asked.

Angela nodded, realizing she had fallen into his trap, and apologized in a low voice, "I'm sorry, Jonathan."

Jonathan gently patted her head and said, "I can't blame you for this. After this kind of thing happens again, you must tell me. Even if it's not difficult to handle, I really want to help you. We're family."

Upon hearing the words 'we're family,' Angela's face inexplicably flushed again.

The atmosphere between them was just right, but the mood was interrupted by the ringing of a phone. This time it was Jonathan's phone.

After answering, he listened for a moment, then instructed, "Send me the address and we'll go check it out."

Angela looked at him curiously as he used the word "we."

After hanging up the phone, he said to her, "There's news from Linda."

"Finally, some news." She asked, "What happened to her before? Did she go into hiding?"

Jonathan briefly explained Lisa's situation.

It turned out that Lisa was knocked unconscious that night and even suffered from temporary amnesia.

After George reported it to the police, they finally found Linda, who was suffering from amnesia and acting erratically, on a secluded street.

"Where is she?" Angela couldn't help but feel sorry for Linda upon learning about her condition.

"She's been taken to the hospital now," Jonathan said and continued speaking only after seeing Angela's subdued reaction. "I heard she has quite a few injuries like someone deliberately targeted her."

Knowing someone suffered such severe amnesia made it clear that the perpetrator was truly ruthless.

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The two quickly arrived at the hospital and soon saw Linda.

Linda appeared to be in a frenzied state, looking completely disheveled with all the injuries. on her face and body, now wrapped in bandages..

"Linda?" Angela struggled to contain her emotions upon seeing her in such a pitiful condition.

Lying on the bed, Linda seemed oblivious to her surroundings, absentmindedly playing with her fingers.

Angela called a few times, but Linda didn't react much.

"George should be here soon," Jonathan whispered while holding Angela's hand.

After finding the person they were looking for, the police immediately informed him, but since George was the one who reported the incident, he shouldn't be too late to receive the

#### news.

Sure enough, before they could even exchange a word with Linda, George hurriedly arrived.

He was accompanied by two police officers, both of whom greeted Jonathan upon seeing him, indicating that they knew him.

"Linda!"

Ever since learning that Linda had been attacked instead of fleeing on her own, George had let go

of his anger toward her slipping out of the airport. He simply believed that Linda couldn't bear to leave him and didn't want to go abroad. After all, the consequences of her staying behind had already occurred.

She had been knocked unconscious, and the attacker was likely seeking retribution for Fanny's actions in the name of justice for his daughter.

Initially unresponsive, Linda went berserk upon hearing George's voice.

She leaped off the hospital bed and pounced on him, scratching at his face and neck in **a** frenzied rage.

George was terrified and frozen in place until Linda sank her teeth into his flesh, prompting him to finally react in pain.

Her manic state not only startled him but also the two police officers nearby. They quickly

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moved to restrain her.

However, she continued to fiercely bite and claw at him, **as** if she wanted to tear his flesh apart!

George had been caught off guard, and Linda had managed to bite and scratch him **in** several places.

In a mix of anguish and fear, he cried out, "Linda! Linda, it's me, it's me!"

But the more he pleaded, the more ferociously she attacked him as if she harbored an intense hatred toward him.

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Chapter 290 Don't Slander Me

"Ah! Be gentle! She's still biting me!"

George was in excruciating pain as Linda bit him. He dared not push Linda away forcefully. When the two police officers tried to pull her off, he couldn't bear the pain.

Upon hearing his screams, the two police officers quickly tried to pry Linda's mouth open.

Angela and Jonathan stood to the side, with him shielding her and looking at Linda with a gaze of scrutiny and indifference.

Meanwhile, Angela watched the scene before her with a complex mix of emotions.

Linda had harbored hatred toward George from the start, but she had hidden it so well that she had deceived him completely. Even until now, he still had no idea that something was

#### amiss.

George had willingly approached her and was calling her affectionately **as** 'Lindy,' but Linda had gone mad. She unleashed her pent–up hatred toward him:

She had completely lost control, tearing and biting at George with a crazed determination, as if this would somehow bring her revenge.

After what seemed like an eternity, the two police officers managed to pull Linda away from George.

However, George was left covered in nail marks and wounds, looking utterly pitiful.

The doctor rushed to attend to George, while the police officers stayed with Linda in the ward. A doctor administered a sedative to her immediately.

After the sedative took effect, Linda gradually calmed down, but she still stared fixedly at George.

She continued muttering incomprehensibly, growling like a wild beast.

After a brief howl, the medicine took effect, and she began to cry softly again.

Once Jonathan was sure the sedative had kicked in, he motioned for Angela to approach.

Angela **stood** in front of Linda and called out to her a few times.

Linda did not respond. In the end, Angela **gave** her a few more glances before deciding not **to** 

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call out to her anymore.

"Let's go, Jonathan," she **said**.

Earlier, Angela had only wanted to find Linda out of curiosity about the secret George had mentioned.

Now that Linda was in this state, she knew she wouldn't be able to get any answers from her.

Jonathan and Linda walked out of the ward with the two police officers escorting them.

Jonathan took the opportunity to inform them of the false accusations against Angela, and they quickly came up with a plan.

"The situation is serious. Once we identify the person who posted the accusations and their accomplice, we will make arrests. This **can** lead to detention."

Satisfied, Jonathan took Angela home.

Meanwhile, Fanny was engaged in a heated argument with people on an online forum.

She didn't know that the person arguing with her was Cassie, but she could guess that they were defending Angela, so she responded with particularly vicious insults.

Since the forum allowed for anonymous replies, she felt emboldened to spread rumors.

After all, she had been mistreated by Sophia, and now she finally had a place to vent.

Suddenly, there was a knock on the door.

"Who is it?" Fanny asked.

She was currently living in a place rented for her by Joseph, and only the Kins Family knew about it. She even deliberately softened her voice, sounding coy.

The person outside the door didn't respond, so Fanny went to open it.

As soon **as** she opened the door, she saw two police officers.

"Fanny Kins?"

Fanny thought that her kidnapping last night had a result, so she nodded quickly. "Yes, that's me. Have you found out who tried to hurt me? It must be Angela that b\*tch, right?"

"Is this your ID on the forum?"

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Fanny was puzzled but still nodded in agreement.

"You are suspected of spreading rumors and defaming others. Please follow us to the station for further investigation."

Now, Fanny was completely stunned.

"I didn't spread rumors!" she shouted as she tried to close the door, but the police stopped her in time. She continued to defend herself. "I didn't spread rumors!"

However, she was eventually taken to the police station.

Being taken into custody happened so quickly for Fanny that she couldn't even react.

She didn't expect that she would be here again after dealing with Sophia's matter and leaving not long **ago**.

And this time, she was brought in for committing **a** crime.

Also brought to the police station was Angelina, who was very arrogant.

Even during questioning, she confidently stated, "I didn't spread rumors. Everything I said is true. If you don't believe me, go check!"

The police had already investigated and coldly informed the two of them, "We have already checked. There are no problems regarding Angela's grades and the placement she received."

Angelina then became agitated. "Are you sure you didn't make a mistake? How could she not have cheated? How could she not have used connections?"

Winter *told* me about this! *She* wouldn't lie to me?

"It has been confirmed. We didn't make a mistake. The two of you are suspected of spreading rumors and will be detained unless you receive forgiveness from the party involved."

"Forgiveness from the party involved?" These words hit the two, and both of them panicked.

They never expected that such a small matter would lead to detention.

"I don't believe it! There must be something wrong with her! This is what my senior told me. She wouldn't lie to me!" Angelina shouted hysterically. She was unwilling to believe the results found by the police.

"Please calm down," the police reprimanded sternly.

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"I can calm down, but I want to ask Winter. Can you give me the phone?"

After being taken to the police station, their tools for the crime were confiscated. The police found evidence of them spreading rumors on their phones.

The police could tell from her words that she had been deceived. Although she had done something wrong, since she mentioned someone who incited her to do it, they could indeed have her contact that person.

"You can call her to the police station and confront her on the spot," the police officer said as he handed Angelina's phone to her.

Angelina took the phone and dialed Winter's number.

"Who is this?" The call was quickly answered, and Winter's voice came through.

"Winter, it's me, Angelina."

"Oh, Angelina. What's wrong?" Winter's voice sounded warm enough, apparently still quite fond of Angelina, her obedient junior.

"It's about Angela. Winter, didn't you say before that she got the placement through connections and cheated to get first place in the first exam? I want to ask if you have any

evidence."

Winter fell silent for a moment before asking, "Angelina, what happened? Why are you. suddenly asking these questions?"

"I was taken to the police station. Can you-"

The moment Winter found out Angelina was at the police station, she decisively hung up the phone.

Angelina was stunned, staring blankly at the disconnected phone.

Just as the police were about to take back her phone, Winter sent a text message,

'Angelina, I don't know what you're talking about. I have never said anything about Angela to you."

'Don't slander me. Don't hurt the relationship between me and Angela. I have always had a good relationship with Angela. Why would I say bad things about her to you?"

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## **Chapter 291**

Chapter 291 Shifting the Blame

Winter not only recanted Angelina's previous statements but also positioned herself as a good senior, effectively shifting the blame.

Angelina was caught off guard by this turn of events and became frozen in place.

The police confiscated her phone, reviewed the contents, and then inquired, "You claimed that someone manipulated you, but now she alleges that you are defaming her. Now, do you have an alternate explanation for the rumors?"

"I swear I didn't defame Angela. Winter was the one who informed me that Angela secured her position through illicit means and cheated her way to the top. I trusted her completely, but she betrayed me!"

Fanny lashed out at Angelina, "This is all your fault! If you hadn't been so foolish to post that, I wouldn't be here!"

After reprimanding Angelina, Fanny turned to the police with a pitiful expression. "Officer, she's solely responsible for this. I'm innocent. Can you release me? I was deceived by her."

The police officer took a step back. "You have a history of similar incidents. This isn't your

first offense."

Fanny appeared displeased, but the officer brought up her past record.

"This morning, you were involved in a dispute with Miss Martinez, also related to defamation against her."

The officer fixed his gaze on Fanny. "And now you are defaming Angela. You can be considered a repeat offender. If I'm not mistaken, she's your sister, correct?"

Angelina rolled her eyes at Fanny and impatiently remarked, "Since Angela is your sister, you should call her now."

The officer added, "If you can reach the party involved and obtain her forgiveness, you may avoid detention."

Fanny felt a mix of annoyance and anxiety. When she learned that she needed Angela's forgiveness to evade detention, her initial response was not to reach out to Angela but to call Christopher.

Christopher did not answer the call, as before.

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frightened.

She inexplicably recalled Sophia's previous words, mentioning that Christopher had vowed never to answer her calls again.

"You can't reach her?" Angelina assumed Fanny was contacting Angela. She looked at Fanny with suspicion. "Are you really her sister?"

"What does it matter to you? Even if I reach her, she'll be here to forgive me, not you!"

Angelina opted not to pursue further contact and was escorted away, leaving Fanny uncertain about whom to reach out to next.

She considered contacting her brothers but heed to dial their numbers, recalling the remarks she had made on the forum.

"How long will I be detained in this scenario?" Fanny eventually asked the police officer.

If it was a brief period, she could still keep it under wraps.

"Your offense is not too severe, and you were just following the trend. If you display a good attitude and admit your mistake, the duration can be reduced from three days to one day."

Upon hearing this, Fanny promptly confessed, "I admit. I admit my mistake.

"Then issue an apology to the party involved on the forum now."

Meanwhile, Angelina was also issuing an apology. She started a post to express remorse with a sincere tone, elucidating the incident where she was deceived and subsequently defamed Angela.

Angela and Jonathan were dining when Cassie's call came through.

"Angela, Angelina has apologized to you on the forum."

Upon receiving the news, Arigela wasn't surprised. She responded casually before ending the call and turning to Jonathan.

"What's the matter? Is there something on my face?"

"Angelina has apologized and deleted her previous post."

"Oh, they're quite efficient." Jonathan served Angela some food and reassured her, "Just enjoy your meal. Don't concern yourself with these matters."

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Angela felt relieved. After she finished her meal and freshened up, she turned to Jonathan and asked, "Has she been arrested?"

Jonathan pinched her and whispered, "Who?"

"That Angelina who slandered me. She apologized so quickly. Was she taken into custody by the police?"

Jonathan nodded. "Yes, other than her, they also apprehended an accomplice who was very

active."

Angela asked further, "Do we need to visit the police station?"

"No need. I've already told them that you won't forgive the culprits. They'll be held in custody directly."

Angela nodded. "It's a good idea to hold her in custody **so** she doesn't cause any more.

trouble."

Little did she know that Fanny was the accomplice arrested alongside Angelina, and she was cursing through gritted teeth in the police station.

The following morning, Angela visited Zacharias first.

After examining Zacharias, she started the acupuncture procedure.

"Thank you, Angela. Zacharias felt bad when he noticed Angela sweating profusely after the acupuncture.

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Angela casually remarked, "If you truly want to thank me, then recover quickly and stop relapsing."

The reason she was administering acupuncture to Zacharias again was due to his recurring

illness.

Most of the relapses were caused by overwork.

She couldn't comprehend why Zacharias, as **a** patient, always kept himself so tense and strained his body constantly.

Upon hearing this, Zacharias lowered his head.

Angela didn't care what he was thinking. She went out to rewrite a prescription for Joseph **to** follow and give to Zacharias, then she prepared to leave.

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Joseph halted her. "Angela, Mom has been unresponsive. Aren't you going to check on her?"

"Mom?" Angela paused in her steps. When she turned to face Joseph, her expression turned

sour.

She really didn't know what Joseph was thinking when he said such words.

She **had** severed ties with the Kins Family. Previously, they had even tried to emotionally manipulate her when they wanted her to treat Zacharias.

Now, Joseph was attempting to involve her in Scarlet's matter.

"She's not my mom. Scarlet has made it clear that she only has one daughter, Fanny. Why are you mentioning her in front of me now?"

Angela harbored no affection toward Scarlet, despite the latter being her biological mother.

It was precisely because she was Angela's biological mother and had committed so many heartless acts that Angela was even more disillusioned with her.

She had never felt any love from Scarlet. She wouldn't make any concessions, even though Scarlet was in bad shape now.

"How can you be so disrespectful?" Joseph retorted coldly.

He seemed oblivious to Angela's thoughts.

"Even if she made a grave mistake, she's still your mother. Without her, there would be no

you at all!"

"It's astonishing that a medical student like you can say such things." Angela looked at Joseph with a mocking expression. "Do you not recall what she did in the past, or has your memory

been erased?"

Her gaze was sharp and cold, as if she could see right through Joseph.

After speaking, Angela disdainfully turned and walked away.

She felt it was pointless to **say** anything more to Joseph.

Joseph **was** incensed and was about to speak. Just then, he heard Zacharias' voice from the room. "Joseph, stop."

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Chapter 292 His Suspicion Was Even Greater

Joseph was concerned about Zacharias' condition. Upon hearing Zacharias' voice, he immediately entered the room.

"Zacharias, how are you feeling?"

Zacharias nodded and replied, "Much better, thanks to Angela. Otherwise, I would still be feeling uncomfortable."

"Thanks to her? Did you not hear her attitude toward Mom?"

Just the memory of Angela's demeanor before she left made Joseph feel upset.

Angela's criticism made him feel embarrassed.

Upon hearing Joseph's words, Zacharias coughed before gently saying, "Joseph, don't blame Angela. Mom really didn't treat her well before."

Recalling those chaotic dreams, Zacharias felt even more bitter.

Seeing Zacharias' pale face, Joseph quickly stepped forward to pat his back. "Zacharias, don't dwell on unhappy things. Taking care of your health is the most important thing."

"I know." Zacharias nodded, still holding Joseph's hand with some concern. "Joseph, try not to have too many biases against Angela."

Joseph felt that Zacharias was not in his right mind now. However, seeing his poor complexion, he refrained from saying anything harsh, simply agreeing perfunctorily.

After that, he couldn't help but defend himself.

"I don't harbor any biases against her. She's just not likable. I simply asked her to go see Mom, not to treat her. And she acted so heartless and cold. She's really ungrateful."

"Angela is not as terrible **as** you make her out to be. If you treat her better in the future, she may not be as harsh. Perhaps she will relent and visit Mom."

Zacharias believed that despite Angela's tough exterior, she was actually soft—hearted, just like when she compromised to save him.

He could sense her genuine concern for his well-being, which led to his change in attitude toward her.

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"When has Angela ever listened to me? Will being kind to her make a difference?" Joseph was feeling irritated.

He already disliked Angela's condescending attitude, and hearing Zacharias defend her only fueled his anger.

"Well, then at least be a bit nicer to Angela for my sake. She saved my life, after all," Zacharias advised helplessly.

"She saved you with conditions! Fanny is still suffering outside!"

At the mention of Fanny, Zacharias lowered his head, gazed at his pale fingers, and fell silent.

Joseph said, "Forget it. Don't be concerned about these matters. Rest well and prioritize your health."

He worried that Fanny might be sick since she hadn't contacted him all day and hadn't visited Scarlet in the hospital.

She had always had poor health, and he didn't want her to jeopardize it due to their mother's situation.

Zacharias watched Joseph depart, sighed, and said nothing mo

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# **Chapter 293**

Chapter 293 Desperate To Return Home

James observed George's ever-changing expression and stated bluntly, "Since you have no intention of urging the police, I'll do that for you."

"I don't need you to get involved!" George snapped. His agitation nearly tore his wound. He took **a** sharp breath.

If James intervened, he would surely uncover something from the police.

Even though George wasn't afraid of James, he didn't want to further complicate matters.

He was the one who pushed Scarlet, and he was the one who reported to the police. He didn't anticipate that, despite Linda's erratic behavior, he would still be under suspicion by the police.

If he had known that Linda was wandering the streets in a deranged state, he wouldn't have bothered reporting to the police to find her.

In essence, George was now consumed by hatred and regret.

When Joseph noticed that James was about to speak, he halted him. "James, Dad is injured. Let's discuss Mom's situation another day."

James frowned, but complied.

George outwardly sneered, but inwardly felt relieved.



Meanwhile, after leaving Zacharias' residence, Angela didn't head straight home.

Joseph's words had indeed affected her. Despite appearing strong and composed, she felt uneasy inside.

Passing by a park bench, Angela noticed a pile of fallen leaves on the seat. Suddenly, a strange pang hit her nose.

She felt desperate to return home.

However, a voice suddenly called out from behind her. "Angela? Is that you?"

Angela turned around and met Britney's surprised gaze.

Seeing Angela, Britney approached with a warm and friendly smile, saying, "Angela, it's been a while since I last saw you. You seem to have lost weight."

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Her familiar demeanor caused Angela to frown.

"Do you have something to say?"

It didn't seem like Britney had come specifically to see her, as she appeared genuinely

her. surprised upon encountering

"I'm looking for Fanny. I couldn't find her, but I coincidentally ran into you. Do you know where she is?"

Angela responded, I'm not sure. I'm not close to her, as you're aware."

Britney stomped her foot. "Can you contact her? I need to speak with her."

She was detained for a few days for the previous incident.

The first thing she did upon her release was confront Fanny. After all, it was really an accident that she stabbed Fanny at the time, so the wound wasn't actually severe.

Also, Fanny was her daughter. She could have chosen to forgive. Yet she disregarded their relationship and had the police detain her for several days.

If someone hadn't bailed her out, she might still be in custody.

"I know you're not close with her. I just thought I'd ask." Britney didn't want to provoke Angela

She had heard that Angela now held some influence, unlike before, so she sought to flatter her.

Angela grew irritated by Britney's gaze. "I suggest you ask the Kins Family."

Recently, Fanny hadn't caused her any trouble, and she had almost forgotten about this bothersome individual. Yet Britney kept bringing Fanny up in front of her.

"The Kins Family?" Britney hesitated upon hearing Angela's suggestion.

The Kins Family cared for Fanny and would undoubtedly know her whereabouts. However, Britney sought to settle a score with Fanny, so she couldn't let the Kins Family find out.

"Yes, they can certainly help you contact her."

After saying this, Angela was about to depart, but Britney suddenly tugged at her.

"Is there something else?"

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"Well, Angela, I was just released, and I don't have any money on me. Do you have any spare cash that you could lend me?"

She asked in a friendly tone, but Angela knew that she probably wouldn't return.

Angela frowned. "What about the money I gave you last time?"

One week after Mike's funeral, she had given Britney some money. It had only been a few days, and now Britney was reaching out for more.

"It's at home. I'm going to find the Kins Family now. I need to have some cash with me, right?"

As Britney spoke, she kept eyeing Angela's bag.

Frowning, Angela took out a few bills and handed them to her. "This is all I have. Don't come looking for me again in the future."

She didn't like Britney, but compared to Scarlet, Britney didn't seem as annoying.

Perhaps because she wasn't Britney's biological daughter, her expectations of Britney were already low.

And although Britney could be sharp–tongued, she didn't seem to have much malice most of the time.

After giving Britney some money, Angela walked away.

'Britney happily clutched the few bills in her hand. Watching Angela's figure, she said, "Bye, Angela. Be careful on your way."

After receiving the money, she didn't dare go directly to the Kins Family. Instead, she first relaxed at a spa center..

She had always been a big spender, and the money in her hand couldn't stay for long.

It wasn't until she had a good time that Britney continued to call Fanny.

It seemed like Fanny had blocked her. Britney tried many times but couldn't get through.

"This ungrateful daughter!" Britney cursed and hung up the phone in anger, leaving the spa.

center.

She didn't want to go back to Lynch's village. After all, the incident had caused quite a stir and spread in the village.

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Now, going back, she felt embarrassed.

She decided to wait for a while before going back. After some thought, she headed toward the Kins Residence.

However, Britney didn't expect that there was no one at home. She pressed the doorbell for a long time, but no one answered.

There was no sound inside the gate, and it looked particularly deserted.

"Could they be deliberately avoiding me?" Britney observed the scene inside the gate, trying to find someone.

Someone passed by and saw her ringing the doorbell. "Are you looking for the Kinses? They have all gone out."

The neighbor drove away without waiting for Britney to ask further questions.

Watching the car drive away and smelling the gasoline, Britney felt tired and decided to sit on the ground next to the gate.

They have gone out, right? Then I'll wait by the gate for them to come back and ask about Fanny's whereabouts.

She was too embarrassed to go back to Lynch's village now. Fanny was her daughter, so it couldn't be wrong to look for her.

She waited for hours, and still no one came back. She felt a bit anxious and annoyed.

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Gritting her teeth, Britney decided to continue waiting. *They'll eventually* come back!

At this moment, Fanny and the Kinses had no idea that someone was waiting for them at the door. Fanny was detained, while James and Joseph had gone to the hospital because of George's injury.

Zacharias was staying near the hospital to make it easier for Angela to treat his illness.

On the other hand, in a high—end shopping mall, Christopher stared at his phone for a long time, not understanding why Fanny suddenly ignored him.

"Christopher, do you think this looks good?" Sophia asked Christopher as she came out of the fitting room in a new outfit.

"It's good," Christopher commented after a casual glance.

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Sophia noticed that he was not in a good mood. Seeing him frequently look at his phone, she

frowned and asked, "Christopher, do you have something on your mind?"

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Upon hearing this, Christopher instinctively put away his phone. "No." He got up and walked towards Sophia before complimenting the item she was holding. "This one looks Let's buy it and then look at others."

very

nice.

Sophia linked her arm through his with a smile on her face. "Okay. Come home with me for dinner today. We can discuss the engagement."

"Isn't it too rushed?" Christopher inquired.

"How is it rushed? We've been together for so long, so I don't think it's rushed," Sophia replied. "Or is it that you don't want to get engaged to me, Christopher?" she asked all of a sudden.

"No way." Christopher quickly denied her statement. "Of course I want to get engaged to you." Sophia smiled satisfactorily. "Okay, then come to my house today so that we can discuss it properly. We need to decide on a good date."

"For such an important matter, should I consult my dad again?" Christopher suggested.

Sophia thought about it for a moment. "That's a good idea. You can ask your dad for his availability, and our families can meet again." The last time the two families met was at the Martinez's household, where Michael brought Christopher to apologize.

After shopping around the mall for a while, Christopher, who was concerned about Fanny, found an excuse to leave early. "My dad is urging me to go back to the company, Sophia. I'm sorry, I can't continue shopping with you."

Sophia held onto his arm. "Do you really have to go? Can't you stay?" she whined playfully. "Well, it's unavoidable. I'll make it up to you when I get back." Christopher finished speaking and kissed Sophia on the forehead.

Sophia smiled. "Well, make sure you don't upset anyone in the office. We are about to get engaged—you can't make me sad again."

Christopher naturally agreed. As he was about to leave, Sophia suddenly questioned him. "Oh, by the way, Christopher, has your ex–girlfriend bothered

you again?"

"Why are you suddenly asking about her?" Christopher asked, trying to hide his nervousness. Sophia continued casually, as if she hadn't noticed his stiffness. "I just recalled something. I ran into your ex–girlfriend on the streets before this. She was with another man. They seemed close, and the man looked guite wealthy."

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"Why are you telling me this?" Christopher's face darkened. "We broke up a long time ago, and she's not related to me in any way. It's normal for her to be with someone else." Although he said this, Christopher couldn't help feeling uncomfortable and angry inside.

"I'm just worried that she might still be bothering you even though she's with someone else. You're a great man, Christopher, and I'm worried that she might regret leaving you for someone else. I'm afraid someone might snatch you away from me," Sophia explained.

Despite Sophia's praise, Christopher was not happy. "Did you really see her with another man?" he asked. Christopher couldn't shake off the memory of Fanny crying to him just two days ago. The thought of her made him feel agitated. *How* could she move on so quickly to

someone else? Is this just because of my staged performance with Sophia? But I made it clear to Fanny that I don't like Sophia at all. She's the only person I like.

"I'm sure I saw her. She was kissing that guy at the time, right on the streets! If you don't believe me, you can call and ask her. Even if she denies it, you're smart enough to see through her act," Sophia insisted.

Christopher fell silent. Sophia didn't urge him to take action—she simply observed his expression. After a while, Christopher finally spoke. "Sophia, give me a moment. I need to use the bathroom."

"Go ahead, but don't sneak away! You have to properly bid me goodbye even if you're heading off to the office." Sophia nodded and reminded Christopher before he left.

Christopher felt a little embarrassed as Sophia's words brought back memories of the last time that he had left her to take Fanny to the hospital. He knew he had made a mistake in that situation. "I'll just check with my dad's company to see if it's urgent. If it's not, then I'll stay with you," Christopher said before heading to the bathroom.

While in the bathroom stall, he sat on the toilet and tried calling Fanny again, but there was still no answer. He sent her a text but received no reply. Doubts started to creep into his mind, and he began to believe Sophia's words. After feeling angry for a while, Christopher eventually calmed down and decided to stay with Sophia'a little longer. Since Fanny had moved on so quickly, he felt he could do the same.

Meanwhile, Fanny, who was being detained, kept asking for the phone to call Christopher. The police officer was exasperated at this point. "How many times have you tried calling already? Why do **you** keep trying when the calls are clearly not getting through?"

"I'm sure it'll work this time. He was at work just now, and he must've been busy. He should be done with work by now." Fanny's explanation was also something that she was trying to convince herself. She dialed his number eagerly, but the call didn't connect. After a few more tries, the police officer finally warned her. "This is the last time I'll allow this!"

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Fanny hastily made the call, but as she waited patiently on one end of the phone, the dial tone simply went on until the call was cut off on its own. "Why are you still trying? It's obvious that this guy is trying to ignore you. You need to find someone else to call." Fanny wanted to make the call again, but the police officer reached for the phone before she could do so.

The police officer couldn't bear to watch Fanny trying for another time. Even though what Fanny had done was mean, she was in a tearful and vulnerable state at that moment. Her gentle features and the helpless look in her eyes made it easy for others to sympathize with

her.

There's no one else I can call..." Fanny was on the verge of tears. "I can't let my brothers know what I've done to Angela..." she explained. Angela was responsible for Zacharias' treatment, and Fanny didn't want her brothers to hear about what she said on the forum as she didn't want them to overthink things. She didn't want them to think that she was trying to sabotage Zacharias' recovery.

You should just stay for the day and head out to look for the person you were calling comorrow." The police officer thought that Fanny's attitude was decent, and they couldn't Fault a young girl like her for wanting to hide this from her family to protect her dignity. So, hey agreed not to contact her family at all.

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Chapter 295 Let's Discuss the Invitation Later

Even if Fanny attempted to call her family, her attempts would be futile. The defamation on the forum was orchestrated by Jonathan, and he had made it clear that he wouldn't forgive her. The individual involved was definitely going to be detained.

"It's easy for you to say. It's not like you're the one being detained." Fanny was on the verge of tears, and her voice was meek as she expressed her grievances. "I don't engage in defaming others, so why would I be detained? You're being unreasonable. Just stay put and stop. insisting on making phone calls. Even if you manage to get through, he can't bail you out. Whether you're detained for a day or longer, it's up to him." With that said, the police officer silenced his phone and walked away.

Upon hearing this, Fanny was so angry that her eyes and nose turned red. "It's all that Angela's fault!" she cursed through gritted teeth.

Meanwhile, Angela, who wasn't aware of Fanny's curses, had already returned home safely. Jonathan had not returned home yet. She took out the book Terence had given her and carefully took notes while reading it. Angela was lost in concentration when she suddenly received a call from Terence.

"Professor Terence, what's up?" Angela wondered why Terence would suddenly contact her. She assumed that something must have happened. "I heard about the incident on the forum. I've been busy the past few days and didn't notice it. Today, an apology was posted on the forum, and I saw it. You've been wronged." Terence's voice carried a sense of helplessness and guilt.

He had high hopes for Angela as a student, so he also hoped that she would succeed. However, he hadn't expected that someone would dare to spread rumors about her. Furthermore, from the content of the apology letter, it can be seen that Winter instigated the person who slandered Angela.

Winter, whom he had also met a few times, was not a particularly impressive student. She was, however, considered a relatively good student in the college. He hadn't expected that Winter wouldn't be able to tolerate someone being better than her.

"It's okay, Professor Terence. I'm not bothered as long **as** you don't get dragged into it. Those rumors can't hurt me either." Angela felt a sense of warmth in her heart when she

heard the concern in her professor's voice. However, she also sensed some self-blame in Terence's words, so she quickly reassured him.

When Terence noticed how Angela was comforting him instead, he felt even more indignant on her behalf. He finally had a promising student, and he couldn't let her be bullied! "Don't worry. The school will definitely give you an answer to this matter. The police have already

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punished the two who apologized, and the school will investigate to know whether Winter is involved in this matter."

After speaking, Terence made a promise to Angela. "If she really instructed others to do this, then her spot will be forfeited."

Angela didn't expect the school to investigate this matter vigorously and even look into Winter. "Okay, Professor Terence. I understand. If there is anything I need to cooperate with, please let me know directly," Angela replied after thinking about the situation for a moment. She had been troubled by other unpleasant things in her life recently, so she didn't find the school's matter particularly distressing.

But if there could be a better outcome, she would naturally be pleased. After discussing the second exam with Terence for a while, Angela hung up the phone. Jonathan also returned home around then. As soon as he entered, he went to Angela and gave her a hug. Angela felt nearly suffocated by his tight embrace, but she quickly reached out to hug Jonathan back.

"What's wrong, Jonathan?" She asked, leaning against Jonathan, worried that he had encountered something bad too. "I miss you," Jonathan said as he lifted her into his arms bridal–style.

"Huh?" Angela was startled. She hastily wrapped her arms around his neck. After the couple was affectionate for a while, Oliver knocked on the door with a fancy invitation in hand.

"Mrs. Lawson, Master Jonathan, someone specially sent an invitation over," Oliver said.

Jonathan finally let go of Angela, but his expression didn't look too pleasant then. Angela planted a gentle kiss on his check before stepping out of his embrace and hurrying to open the door. Oliver handed her the invitation and departed. Angela accepted it and returried to the room, unfolding it to examine the contents.

The invitation was for Cassandra's birthday celebration. "Whose birthday is it?" Jonathan had **a** suspect in mind, but with the influx of visitors lately, he couldn't pinpoint which family had sent the invitation.

"It's for the Hayes Family's daughter," Angela replied, her hand trembling as the invitation slipped from her grasp and fluttered to the floor. She was shocked upon seeing Cassandra's name. "We won't go if you don't wish to attend this." Jonathan reassured her as he disregarded the invitation and pulled her close.

Upon hearing his words, Angela quickly quelled the faint fear in her heart. "Let's attend this." She reminded herself not to be afraid. Even if Cassandra had been Jonathan's legal wife in his previous life, she refused to be intimidated. Now, she was Jonathan's wife.

And perhaps, through the Hayes Family, she could uncover the reason behind Jonathan's

death in his past life. She had been preoccupied lately and had neglected to investigate the circumstances of Jonathan's demise in his previous life. Angela couldn't fathom the idea of Jonathan taking his own life in his past existence.

Jonathan nodded before he planted a kiss on Angela's forehead and stepped back. "Alright.. We'll do as you say." A romantic atmosphere surrounded the couple as Angela fixed her eyes on Jonathan's.

A day later, Fanny was finally released. Angelina was set free at the same time. Despite only being confined for a day, both of them appeared weary. "Move aside. Don't block my way. Angelina was filled with resentment, and upon catching Fanny' gaze, she snapped at her sharply.

"Why are you snapping at me? If you despise Angela so much, why don't you direct your anger at her?" Fanny hissed back at the woman.

Angelina snorted. "Who told you that I despise Angela? I'm disgusted with you now! Are you truly Angela's sister? The comments you posted make it seem like you're not!" If it weren't for Winter's deception, Angelina wouldn't have targeted Angela! However, since Winter had managed to deceive her, she was going to make Winter pay for her actions!

After taunting Fanny, Angelina walked away. She clearly couldn't care less about Fanny. Fanny's mental state was crumbling after enduring a series of injustices. She took a while to compose herself at her rented accommodation before she headed to the hospital. Her first priority was to visit Scarlet, and she tearfully knelt by her bedside once she got to the ward.

"Mom, please wake up soon. If you don't, I will be tormented by Angela. She's been bullying me while you were away." Fanny didn't care if Scarlet could hear her; she simply poured her heart out to the figure lying in the hospital bed. "Mom, I want to go home. Please wake up and take me home, okay?"

While Fanny wept, Scarlet's caretaker **stood** by her side for a while before addressing her in an awkward tone. "Miss Angela, you're pressing on your mother's chest. She might have trouble breathing..." Fanny's expression darkened. She glared at May before stepping back and sitting down to continue crying on the couch.

The caretaker also stepped back **as** she let out a silent sigh in response to the two–faced young lady. The caretaker didn't think too much about it—she simply assumed that this was because Fanny had been pampered in her wealthy family. After crying **for** a while, Fanny went to Joseph with her eyes still red and swollen.

Upon seeing her, Joseph felt a pang of sorrow.

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Joseph quickly set aside his work and gently urged Fanny to sit down before questioning her in a gentle tone. "Why are you crying like this? Didn't you have a good time yesterday?" He trusted Fanny's explanation that she had visited a friend's house the day before, and he assumed that her tears were due to a disappointing experience.

Fanny hastened to clarify herself. "No, that's not it. I was upset to see the caretaker mistreating Mom when I visited her earlier. Joseph, why don't we dismiss the caretaker and let me care for Mom instead?" Upon hearing this, Joseph immediately pressed for details. "Did the caretaker mistreat Mom? What exactly happened?" Despite his efforts to hire reliable help, it seemed like they had failed to fulfill their duties properly.

"I witnessed the caretaker being rough while attending to mom, and when I confronted her, she responded inappropriately..." Fanny recounted the events tearfully. Her red eyes were filled with sorrow as she spoke.

Joseph's anger flared up at that moment, but he made sure not to direct it at Fanny. "Fanny, don't worry. I will find a replacement for the caretaker," he assured her.

Fanny nodded. "I can look after mom. We don't really need to rely on any caretakers," she suggested. However, **as** she spoke, she was overcome by a fit of coughing. She bent her frail body to the side as she coughed.

Joseph reached out to support her. "Fanny, don't concern yourself with the hospital. Your health is the most important thing now, and you need to prioritize self–care."

-Fanny paused for a moment, and she looked as if she had awakened from a daze. Her expression made her seem like she was frustrated for not taking better care of herself. "When will Mom wake up, Joseph?" Her teary—eyes were filled with hope as she spoke.

Joseph felt a pang of sorrow, and he comforted her by enveloping her in a tight embrace. "The doctor has not provided a definite timeline for her recovery." The uncertainty surrounding their mother's condition left them at a loss for what to do.

Moreover, although George was reluctant to divulge details, both Joseph and Jonathan harbored suspicions that their father might be responsible for their mother's predicament. Hence, they confronted George about the incident that prompted his call to the authorities the previous night. Although George did not confess to any wrongdoing, both brothers braced themselves for the possibility.

Fanny departed in disappointment upon learning the truth.

Meanwhile, George, who was still at the hospital, seethed with resentment. Not only had

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James and Joseph jointly interrogated him, but James, who had left for work after he didn't get any answers, had the audacity to return during noontime. On top of that, James was clearly keen to revisit Scarlet's incident with him.

"Are you meddling in my affairs, James?" George fumed. He felt offended by James' lack of respect. When James noticed George's agitation, he continued speaking in an assertive tone. "I am not interfering in your affairs, but if you are involved in this matter, then this isn't just

about you."

"What do you mean?" George was perplexed.

"If you were indeed involved in the incident, then there is only one way to make sure that the police stop bothering you," James stated bluntly. George looked as if he was offended by James' accusations at first, yet he couldn't help but continue the conversation. "What's the solution? Even if I didn't do it, it's worth knowing in case someone mistakenly accuses me."

James chose not to expose him yet. "The solution lies in waking Mother. Her testimony will prevent the family from falling apart. If Mother puts the blame on Linda,

who **has** gone mad, the police will cease their investigation, and you will be free from further scrutiny."

George slapped his thigh. "Exactly! Why don't we wake her up right away!?"

"If we had a way, do you think we'd choose to delay this? The doctor also mentioned that the chances of her waking up are slim, but there is still a possibility." James rubbed his temples. He felt exhausted listening to George's authoritative tone. It wasn't just the company that was in disarray at that point—even the family was in turmoil.

"Why did you come to me, then?" Upon hearing that the chances of Scarlet waking up were slim, George felt irritated and a bit concerned that the police would continue to bother him. about it. If they eventually found something incriminating and pressed charges on him, it would be a major problem!

"You can get Angela to take a look at Mom. Angela cured Zacharias' illness before, so maybe she can help Mother too," James suggested. James had considered reaching out to Angela himself, but he had been too preoccupied lately to find the time: Furthermore, Joseph had informed him that he had attempted to persuade Angela, but she had declined. Angela probably wouldn't listen to James anyway, and James figured that he didn't want to face that rejection.

"Angela again?" George felt irritated every time Angela's name was mentioned. The person they had kicked out of the family was thriving and becoming more capable. That truly irked him. "Are you certain she can help?" George asked skeptically.

"We have no choice but to give her a chance." James didn't provide a definitive answer he simply suggested that George consider it. Before George could further contemplate this

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matter, James stood up

to leave. "Alright, I need to attend to matters at the company. You take care of yourself. You can recuperate slowly in the hospital while you think about how to persuade Angela."

George didn't particularly appreciate his eldest son's attitude, but what James said did make some sense, so he began to ponder it. He recalled how he had also given Angela a call on the day of Scarlet's accident. However, he had been in a rush to take Linda away, and he didn't even have the chance to meet Angela. But he heard that Angela had gone over, only to depart without seeing Scarlet.

With this in mind. George dialed Angela's number. When Angela received George's call, she instinctively frowned. She suspected that he was up to no good, just like the last time. Nevertheless, she still answered the call. As soon as the call went through, George spoke in his usual harsh tone.

"Angela, why aren't you at the hospital with your mother? She still hasn't woken up!"

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Angela responded coldly. "So what?" George was infuriated by her composed response. you have no conscience or sense of responsibility at all? She is your mother! Your mother is now in a vegetative state. Can't you think of a way to wake her up?" George shouted into the phone.

"Do you think I'm a fairy or a miracle worker? When someone gets into a coma, isn't your first instinct to reach out to a doctor? Do you just want me to come up with a solution?" Angela was almost amused by George.

"You were able to cure Zacharias, so why can't you cure your mother?" George—gritted his teeth. "Don't you have any sense of responsibility at all?"

"Then may I ask: Has she ever shown any sense of responsibility towards me?" Angela just wanted to scoff. The Kins Family was full of eccentric individuals, and each one seemed more peculiar than the next. They even attempted to guilt—trip others with their bizarre ideas! What a joke, Angela thought.

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"What **do** you mean? You need to come to the hospital today! Otherwise, I'll cause a scene at your school and expose you as being a heartless person who wouldn't even save her own mother!" George was in trouble with the police, so he was willing to go to extremes if he thought that it would benefit him.

"It's been a while since we last spoke, and it seems like you've become even more shameless." After Angela finished speaking, she abruptly ended the call.

George hadn't expected Angela to have the audacity to hang up on him. He was on the verge of exploding in rage! He tried calling Angela a few more times, but each time, she ended his call. Later on, he couldn't even hear the dial tone on his end. It was as if he had been blocked!

"The audacity! How dare that brat block me!" George was fuming. He left the hospital in a rush and headed to Angela's residence. He knew Angela's address in Springgate Estates, but upon his arrival, Oliver intercepted him at the gate.

With a stern expression, Oliver set down his meal and questioned George. "What's the matter?"

"I need to see Angela!" George was still seething, and his demeanor turned even more hostile after being stopped by Oliver. "Mrs. Lawson does not wish to see you." After Oliver spoke, he resumed his meal at the table in the yard.

George was taken aback by the other man's words. "I am Angela's father! How dare she refuse to see me? Let me in immediately!" he exclaimed angrily. However, Oliver completely disregarded him and continued eating. George was both frantic and irate, and he began to shout.

He didn't seem to care about the potential ridicule or embarrassment he would face then. He simply demanded to see Angela immediately.

"Shush!" Oliver eventually stood up and opened the gate. **Just** as George was about to enter the gate triumphantly, Oliver lifted him up and tossed him several meters away from the gate. "You can continue shouting now." George's face paled as he attempted to rise and grab Oliver. Yet, Oliver effortlessly threw him over his shoulder and onto the ground.

"Ouch! Ouch! It hurts!" George lay on the ground, howling without any concern for his dignity. With no one **else** around, he howled even louder. "Stop pretending. Why are you clutching your stomach? You fell on your bottom!" Oliver found it rather amusing to watch the man howling on the ground.

George ceased holding his stomach. His bottom was indeed a bit sore, but he was too

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embarrassed to clutch it. The fact that he was lying down on the ground and howling showed how desperate he was—the police had practically cornered him into this. Since he was unable to swallow his pride and nurse his bottom, George began to threaten Oliver once more. "You better bring Angela out! Otherwise, I'll make sure you pay for today! Do you I won't call the police!?"

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"Go ahead and call the police. 1 acted in self–defense, and there's surveillance here. Feel free to call the police." Oliver gestured to the surveillance camera on the roadside and then retreated into the yard. George's expression darkened. He walked to the gate and started shouting once more.

"No one is going to come even if you

Oliver couldn't be bothered at the shouting. The house has good soundproofing point. He simply resumed his meal.

"You-!" George had no choice but to call James. James was surprised that George had personally gone to Springgate Estates to look for Angela, and he didn't understand why he had to call Angela to inform her. Despite his confusion, he was too busy to delve into the reasons behind it. He only had time to give Angela a short call.

However, when James called Angela, the call went unanswered. His assistant alerted him of a meeting that he had. He didn't hesitate to proceed directly to the conference room, as he figured that Angela would return his call after seeing his missed call.

Meanwhile, George continued shouting outside Springgate Estates even after telling James to give Angela a call. After Oliver's harsh treatment, George made sure to keep some distance. However, he continued to call out for Angela and even started to curse.

Oliver told him that the house had good soundproofing, but he thought that someone would still hear him in the end. But to his surprise, no one came down to get him even after an hour. *Didn't James notify* Angela? He called James again, and James, who had just finished a meeting, responded in a weary tone. "What how?"

James felt like no one in the family was reliable at that moment. George, in particular, was unreliable not only because he abandoned the company, but also because he kept involving himself in embarrassing incidents in public. "I asked you to call Angela. Did you tell her I'm downstairs?" George yelled at James in anger.

"I just finished a meeting, and I forgot to call her. Give me a moment." After saying that, James hung up and called Angela.

Meanwhile, in Springgate Estates, Angela closed her book after reading for a while. She was feeling anxious over the banquet that was happening the next day. Although she had only met Cassandra a few times, she couldn't help but worry that she wouldn't measure up to someone as outstanding as Cassandra and that she wouldn't be good enough for Jonathan

Lawson.

In an attempt to clear her mind, Angela decided to practice her acupuncture techniques. She had learned medicine from her grandmother since she was young, and over the past decade, she had perfected her skill in the art of acupuncture. She diligently practiced day after day to achieve such skills.

Often, practicing needlework allowed her to calm her mind and focus solely on the tiny needles. It helped her to block out distractions coming from the outside world. After half an hour of practice, Angela felt a thin layer of sweat on her forehead. Immersed in her favorite and focused activity, her sense of frustration began to dissipate.

After a quick wash—up. Angela noticed several missed calls on her phone. All the missed calls were from James, so Angela returned the call. "Is everything okay?" Angela's tone was not warm—she was just concerned that there might be an issue with Zacharias. That was what prompted her to call back.

"Dad is looking for you. He's downstairs. Also, you should unblock his number." George only came to bother James because he couldn't reach Angela on the phone. This was giving James a headache, and he wanted to find ways to resolve things. During the hour when he couldn't reach Angela, George had called him seven or eight times to urge him.

But what could he do? Angela seemed to have disappeared, and she wasn't answering his calls. If Angela hadn't called him back, he would have thought she had blocked him, too.

"What's with the attitude? Mr. Kins, are you ordering me around?" she snapped. As soon as ames heard Angela's words, he knew something was wrong. He quickly tried to remedy the situation. "Please, for Jonathan's sake, don't argue with our dad. Just unblock his number."

#### 'He's

your dad, not mine." Angela replied. She had drawn clear boundaries after leaving the Kins Family. She could still recall vivid memories of how they had looked at and treated her. *How can* James

choose to conveniently forget such things? How can he say that George is 'our dad'?

Alright, he's downstairs now. Just go meet him. He wants you to go to the hospital to see mom. I promise he won't cause any trouble!" James uttered.

Tell him to wait, Angela said. George was downstairs, and he seemed to have waited for a while. She didn't want to be too cruel, so she reluctantly agreed. After receiving Angela's response, James immediately called George.

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"Angela will come down to meet you shortly. Please be polite when you speak to her! Don't provoke her!"

James' words carried a warning.

"If you upset her again, I won't be able to help you either! You need to figure things out with the police."

Despite George's initial reluctance, he ultimately agreed after taking the circumstances into

account.

"Alright, I won't provoke her! As long as she agrees to go to the hospital with me to visit your mom. If your mom doesn't wake up, I'll handle her myself!"

James felt relieved as George grasped the situation, and he advised, "Make sure to treat her with kindness from **now on!**"

After a while, Angela came downstairs, and George seemed much calmer than before.

Even Oliver noticed that George was behaving strangely.

Especially after Angela came downstairs, George even put on a smile.

"Angela! It's good to see you down here. I have been waiting for you downstairs for a while. I just wanted to meet you, and the gatekeeper at your house even stopped me!"

Angela was repulsed by George, and goosebumps appeared on her arm. She said coldly, "If you don't want to come in, just keep talking

George quickly fell silent.

Only then did Angela allow Oliver to open the door and let George in.

Upon George's arrival, he attempted to enter the house, but Angela halted him, saying, "No. need to come in. Say what you have to say here, and then you can leave."

"Say it here? How exactly do you expect me to say it here? Is this your version of hospitality? Not even a glass of water?"

George had been yelling for a while, his throat parched and raspy. He fixed an intense gaze on Angela.

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In response, Angela called out, "Oliver, get him a bottle of water."

A bottle of mineral water, usually placed in the yard by Oliver after meals, was readily available.

Upon hearing Angela's request, Oliver promptly handed a bottle of water to George.

"Drink up, and then you can continue shouting."

Angela looked at Oliver in surprise, as George seemed quite composed at the moment.

Oliver explained, "He was shouting downstairs for over an hour, but as soon as you came down, he suddenly changed his behavior."

Oliver couldn't help but chuckle as he looked at George's slightly twisted expression.

"It looks like all that shouting took a toll on your throat. Take your time drinking the water and then say what you want to say," Angela remarked with a smile, settling into a chair in the yard.

George drank the water with a hint of indignation. While he didn't voice anything explicitly offensive, his displeasure was unmistakable on his face.

Without waiting for an invitation, he seated himself across from Angela.

"Angela, have you thought about when you might visit your mom?"

Angela looked puzzled. "When did I promise you that I would go visit her?"

"After all, I'm your dad. I'm earnestly asking you to consider this. Please go to the hospital and visit your mom. She's still unconscious, and the doctors there seem to be incompetent. It's only you who can treat her," George pleaded after exercising much restraint.

Angela raised an eyebrow, sensing a shift in George's tone and opting not to engage in an argument. She responded casually, "I will go visit her, but let's discuss the treatment later."

Angela did plan to visit Scarlet and check on her condition. She had only left the hospital. that day because she was disgusted by Fanny, and at that moment, she had no intention of entering the ward.

Now George was seeking her out again. Although she was repulsed by George, she had not

intention to refuse...

"Let's go now!" George heard Angela agree and immediately got up, as if he was ready to take

her away.

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Oliver stepped forward to block George, not allowing him to get close to Angela,

"Let's go the day after tomorrow," Angela suggested.

She had to attend Cassandra's birthday banquet the next day, and she was not pleased with George' attitude. She didn't want to spend too much time with him today, fearing it might make her feel **sick**.

Upon hearing her request for a delay of a few days, George's patience wore thin. "Why wait until the day after tomorrow? Let's go today. The sooner, the better!" he insisted, trying to persuade her.

However, in his eyes, Angela seemed untouchable, akin to a deity, leaving him frustrated.

"I'm busy. I'll go the day after tomorrow," Angela asserted before rising to leave.

She was informing George, not seeking his approval.

"What could you possibly be so busy with every day? Is it more important than your mom?" George shouted after her as she was leaving.

Although Oliver blocked him, he continued to speak.

"What do you mean, Angela? I'm asking you to come and you're still giving me attitude!"

Angela was getting a headache from his yelling, and she turned around coldly and asked, "Do you still want me to go visit her?"

She had important matters to attend to, and taking time out the day after tomorrow to visit Scarlet was already going above and beyond. George was pushing his luck. *Does* he *really* think *I* have **no** limits?

"What about tomorrow? Today is not an option, and neither is tomorrow?"

Seeing Angela's displeasure, George backed off.

"It can only be the day after iomorrow. If you're not willing to wait, then we won't go the day after tomorrow either."

After saying that, Angela left.

Oliver assisted George in walking out. George attempted to break free, he shouted, "I can walk by myself!"

He already bore injuries from a previous incident, caused by Linda, which had been

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adequately bandaged. However, after the struggle a moment ago, the bandages came loose.

Oliver let go of George, watching as he clutched the scratches and bite marks on his body, maintaining a silent stare. Oliver inquired, "What are you looking at? I didn't scratch or bite you."

Little did he expect George to perceive it as mockery and belittlement, triggering a surge of anger that darkened his vision.

"You!" George wanted to retaliate, but fearing Oliver's muscular build, he could only point at him tremblingly, as if experiencing a cramp.

"What's wrong with me? Don't falsely accuse me." Oliver stepped back.

George was even more furious, with no outlet for his emotions. Eventually, he left in anger.

Oliver touched his nose, feeling puzzled.

After leaving, George called Joseph.

"Arrange for the day after tomorrow. Angela wants to go to the hospital to visit your mom."

Joseph received a call from George, thinking that George had gotten into trouble again.

Upon hearing that Angela wanted to go to the hospital to see Scarlet the day after tomorrow, his first thought was that Angela must have some ulterior motive and was up to no good!

"What request did she make this time? Why didn't James tell me about this first?"

Believing that James was the one who ultimately convinced Angela, he asked his question.

I'm the one, your old man, who went to find Angela! She agreed because of me! You and ames are alike, couldn't get anything done!"

fit weren't for you two being unable to persuade Angela, how could I personally come to find her? I am ven forced to be polite and courteous to her!

Upon hearing that it was George who persuaded Angela, Joseph was somewhat surprised. He continued to inquire, "So, what did she ask for?"

He couldn't fathom that Angela would have a sudden change of heart for no reason!

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Upon hearing Joseph's inquiry, George responded with a chilly tone, "She hasn't made any specific demands. However, she did mention that she will go merely for a preliminary look and is uncertain about committing to treatment."

"She's not interested in proceeding with the treatment?"

Joseph, having only heard this statement without any explicit demands, pondered to himself that Angela was growing increasingly unyielding.

"That's exactly what she said! That's why I urged you to be prepared!"

In a frustrated tone, George exclaimed, "She will be present. Can't you find a way to persuade. her to proceed with treating your mom? She needs to do it even if she's reluctant!"

After exchanging a few more words, George hung up the phone.

The wound on his body had reopened and required attention. He was tired of the way people in the hospital looked at him, so he directly contacted a doctor to come to his house.

Joseph couldn't say anything about George' arrangements and began to ponder a solution.

"Mr. Joseph... Can you tell me why you replaced me? I've been diligent these past few days; did I do something wrong?" A nearby voice softly inquired.

Joseph glanced over and noticed the nurse who had just been replaced.

"You know it yourself."

Recalling Fanny's remarks about someone irresponsible not deserving a second glance, Joseph turned away, ready to leave.

"Mr. Joseph, I genuinely don't know the reason, which is why I came to ask you." The nurse helplessly called out to him, reaching to tug at his sleeve.

She had been diligently caring for patients, unable to fathom why she was replaced without.

#### cause.

"What else could be the reason? Because you didn't take care of people well!" Joseph shook off her hand with disgust. "All your actions were witnessed by others. Are you still pretending to be innocent here?"

"Can you tell me what I did wrong? If there's anything unsatisfactory, I can change it. Can you

not replace me?"

The nurse, maintaining her patience, addressed Joseph respectfully even in this situation.

She had secured this job through a job agency, paying an introduction fee.

Losing this job within a few days would mean wasted money and an unjust dismissal.

"Fanny mentioned seeing you not being careful while cleaning our mom's body. She reminded you multiple times, and you talked back to her. Now, do you have anything to say?" Annoyed by her, Joseph straightforwardly shared what had transpired.

The nurse exclaimed, "Are you mistaken? That never happened!"

"I knew you wouldn't admit it! You don't want to confess, that's fine. I won't penalize you; just take the money and leave." Joseph looked at her with a face full of injustice, sensing her acting skills were truly impressive.

Fanny is the one who personally informs me about this. How could it be untrue?

The nurse was at a loss for words, explaining, "Are you talking about your sister? She did come before, but I had already finished wiping your mom's body before she arrived."

Suddenly, a realization struck her, and she continued, "It's your sister; she threw herself on your mom and even applied pressure. I was concerned about the patient's breathing, so I reminded her, but she cursed at me."

"You may not admit to your mistakes, and that's fine, but now you're attempting to smear Fanny? Leave! Or I'll take legal action against you for slander!"

The nurse was on the verge of tears due to frustration, but Joseph remained unconvinced. She reluctantly left.

Even if it wasn't her fault, she didn't want to hinder matters with a police report. She still had other duties to attend to.

Upon witnessing her departure, Joseph headed to Scarlet's ward to check on the new nurse.

"Mr. Joseph, you're here. I was just talking to Madam; they say it **can** stimulate her to wake up

sooner."

The new nurse was **a** slightly plump woman. She greeted him with a cheerful smile and a pleasant manner of speaking.

"Please take good care of my mom. If my sister comes to visit, please don't upset her."

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Joseph issued clear instructions, recalling the previous nurse who had slandered Fanny.

He wanted to prevent the nurse from displaying any attitude toward Fanny during her visits to the hospital.

"I understand. Mr. Joseph. If your sister comes, I will take good care of her. You can trust me."

Joseph nodded and left.

He was somewhat satisfied with the new nurse, hoping she wouldn't make any mistakes like

before.

Remembering the deceit and slander of the previous nurse toward Fanny, *he* did not believe

a word of it.

Meanwhile, George had just gotten out of the car and saw someone squatting near the front door of his house.

Approaching to get a better look, he woke the person up directly, "Why are you here?"

The person at the entrance **was** none other than Britney, who had been waiting for almost half a day. She woke up, saw George, and immediately stood up.

"I'm here to find Fanny! Where is she? She is now part of the Lynch Family, you can't keep hiding her!" Britney asked bluntly.

George snorted. "No one is hiding her. You can't even find your own family members, and you come here looking for her; it's ridiculous."

George wasn't fully aware of the fact that Scarlet and Joseph had arranged a house for Fanny

to live in.

Even if he knew, he couldn't simply divulge Fanny's whereabouts when Britney came looking

for her.

After George finished speaking, he was about to enter the house.

"What do you mean? She is my daughter!" Britney saw him about to leave, went up to grab **his** arm, and shouted.

"She is your daughter; go find her yourself. Don't come looking for ine! And didn't you stab her, and she ended up in the hospital? How did you get out so quickly? Did you escape?"

"I was just detained for a few days! And, someone bailed me out." After coming out, Britney even speculated whether it was someone from the Kins Family who bailed her out.

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Now she was certain. *It's definitely* not someone *from the* Kins *Family*.

People from the Kins Family were all so selfish; they wouldn't do such a good deed!

George was annoyed by her and threatened, "Let go of me, or I'll call the police and have you arrested again."

"Fine, I'll let go of you." Britney released George, then squatted down on the ground and said, "If you don't tell me where Fanny is, I'll just stay here and wait for you downstairs!"

George snorted coldly. He had just used this trick on Angela, but he didn't expect someone to use it on him!

"Whatever you like."

Seeing George about to leave, Britney immediately shouted, "The Kins Family is so ruthless! They took my daughter! And they hid my daughter!"

As soon as she shouted, neighbors immediately looked out of the window, making George cover her mouth in a hurry!

"Shut up! I'll help you find her; I'll help you ask!" George said.

Britney finally closed her mouth triumphantly and looked at George, saying, "Hurry up

isk."

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George called Joseph once more, inquiring about Fanny's address.

Although Joseph was perplexed, he was casually dismissed by George.

After obtaining the address, George hung up the phone.

"Where is she?" Britney couldn't wait to locate Fanny and immediately inquired.

As soon as George provided Britney with the address he had just acquired, the doctor arrived.

Britney proceeded directly to the address and knocked on the door without uttering a word, creating a loud noise.

Fanny had been confined for a day. Upon her release, she first went to the hospital. Currently, she was not in high spirits, so she was catching up on sleep.

Upon being awakened by the noise, her initial reaction was that someone had knocked on the wrong door, **so** she disregarded it.

However, as the knocking persisted, she suddenly sat up in bed, curious about who was outside and slightly apprehensive.

After a while, the knocking continued.

She approached the door and inquired, "Who is it?"

Upon hearing Fanny's voice, Britney recognized her and believed that George had not deceived her.

Although Fanny did reside in this location, she hesitated to open the door!

Yet, Britney refrained from speaking directly, fearing that doing so might deter Fanny from opening the door.

Continuing to knock on the door, Britney even crouched down and deliberately avoided the door's peephole.

Looking through the peephole and seeing **no** one outside, Fanny assumed it was a child from another household knocking on the door. She intended **to** open the door and reprimand

them.

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Unaware that Britney was already crouched outside the door, as soon as Fanny opened the door Binney burst in

"How dare you hide, Fanny! Are you avoiding your own mom as well?" She stormed into the room, scolding Fanny

Fanny was taken aback by Britney's sudden entrance. "How did you find me?" She took a few steps back, evading the fierce Britney.

Without hesitation, Britney seated herself on the sofa, loudly biting into a piece of fruit. Observing Fanny's puzzled expression, she sarcastically retorted, "I have my ways of locating you. Don't you want to see me?"

Aren't you supposed to be in custody?" Fanny didn't stop Britney when she saw her casually eating. She couldn't help but wonder how Britney had been released so quickly.

She had been stabbed by Britney, resulting in the latter's detention. At that moment, she believed it was worthwhile, as it meant she wouldn't have to return to Lynch's village and could potentially rejoin the Kins Family.

"Can't you wish me well for once? Are you truly my daughter?"

"How can I wish you well? You stabbed me with a knife!"

Naturally. Fanny couldn't find it in her heart to wish good things for Britney. If she could, her

-a deceased most fervent wish might have been for Britney to face the same fate as Mike person.

"How dare you bring up the fact that I stabbed you? If you hadn't arranged for someone to kill your father, would I have accidentally stabbed you?" Britney was so incensed that she slammed the table, glaring at Fanny.

With involving the authorities and sending Fanny to jail, there wouldn't have been much benefit for Britney. She genuinely desired to take legal action and rid herself of the troublesome Fanny.

"I didn't do it! Don't accuse me!" When Fanny heard Britney mention Mike, she immediately felt guilty.

Fearing that Britney would persist in bothering her, she inquired once more, "If you stabbed me, you wouldn't be out so soon; did you escape? If you did escape, you should return promptly! Don't risk being apprehended again and facing an even lengthier confinement!"

Britney spat out a fruit pit on the ground and proudly exclaimed, "I was bailed out by someone. Didn't expect that, did you?"

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Upon hearing this. Fanny immediately inquired, "Who? Who bailed you out? Was it Angela?"

The first person she thought of was Angela, as she believed Angela was the only one who would oppose her and not want things to go smoothly for her.

The more Fanny thought about it, the more she became convinced that Angela had likely bailed out Britney to cause trouble for her.

"It wasn't her"

Britney had also considered the possibility of Angela being the one who bailed her out, but when she encountered Angela the day before, Angela seemed surprised to see her outside.

Then who else would bail you out?" Fanny asked; puzzled.

"I came to visit you, not to have this discussion!" Britney asserted bluntly, her impatience mounting as Fanny fixated on who bailed her out. "I'm here to get some money from you, so

urry up and hand them over.""

Fanny was taken aback. "You came to ask me for money? Why should I give you any?"

However, Britney remained unabashed. "Simply because you're my daughter, and I'm your mother

"You're not my mother. My actual mother has already provided you with money! She explicitly instructed you not to bother me again!" Fanny shouted.

"The money she gave me before is

1. e. You better give me money now! Otherwise, I'll expose the fact that you harmed your own father! I am your biological mother, and people will believe what I say!"

"I won't give you any money! That case was closed long ago, and I have cleared my name. Why should I give you money?"

Realizing threats were ineffective, Britney decided to act shamelessly.

"If you won't provide me with money, who will? I can't go back to the village because of you. I have to make a living elsewhere, so you must give me the money!"

Upon hearing her audacious demands, Fanny's anger flared, and she sternly instructed Britney to leave. "I have no money. Leave now!"

"No money? I don't believe you have none. If you won't give it to me, I'll find it myself," Britney declared, then hastily entered Fanny's bedroom, making a beeline for the bedside

table and wardrobe.

"Indeed, there's money! How dare you try to deceive me! Hmph! Britney discovered the cash, seized it, and prepared to leave.

"Give that back! That's my money! Fanny attempted to stop her, but Britney pushed her away, causing her to stumble.

Fanny tried to chase after her but accidentally collided with the table, tears streaming down her face from the pain. Helplessly, she watched as Britney walked away.

After crying for a while, Fanny tearfully called James.

Upon hearing her uncontrollable sobs, James left his work and rushed over.

Fanny was taken to the hospital. She had just fallen and bumped her arm. It was nothing serious, but she was still crying uncontrollably. Her face was pale.

James felt sorry for her and asked what had happened.

After crying for a while, Fanny sobbed and explained that Britney had stolen her money and threatened her.

Shortly after, Joseph received the news and rushed over.

ames pulled Joseph aside, who looked bewildered, and inquired, "What's going on? Why am

not allowed to see Fanny?"

Did you tell anyone where Fanny lives?"

oseph thought for a moment. "I only told Dad.

ames realized something and said, "Fanny was robbed by Britney, who likely found out where she lives from Dad."

How could Dad do this?" Joseph was furious. He never anticipated that when George nquired about Fanny's location, it was to relay the information to Britney!

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