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Fanny asked with joy and a hint of shyness. "Yeah. So you didn't know?"

When Yaxley inquired, Fanny immediately sensed that Angela had not mentioned her to him. This realization relieved her and strengthened her resolve to separate Angela from Yaxley.

Although Angela had refrained from speaking up before, slip-ups were bound to happen eventually.

She couldn't allow Angela to stay by Yaxley's side, nor could she stand by and watch Angela lead a peaceful life.

"No, I had no idea about it, but I will find out soon enough. Yaxley furrowed his brows, sensing that he had overlooked something,

Observing Yaxley's expression, Fanny felt a sense of foreboding creeping over her.

She couldn't shake the feeling that Yaxley's reactions were off. Moreover, his statement about knowing soon only added to her unease.

Just as Fanny was growing anxious, Yaxley suddenly inquired, "Angela said you're leaving the Kins Family?"

He wanted to hear Fanny's account before delving into further investigation.

Subconsciously, he hesitated to pry too much into others' affairs. Apart from the few questions he had asked Angela earlier that morning, he refrained from probing further.

However, a faint sense of discord between Angela and Fanny downstairs had caught his attention, prompting him to seek answers from Fanny first.

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Fanny gritted her teeth, tears welling up in her eyes. She looked at Yaxley and said, "The truth is, I was mistakenly brought to the Kins Family, which is why I wanted to leave."

Her words hinted at her discontent within both the Kins Family and the Stuart Family, insinuating that Angela had mistreated her. It also served as a cautionary message to Yaxley.

Listening intently, Yaxley furrowed his brows, lost in contemplation.

Meanwhile, Angela ended her call with Yoanna downstairs, and shortly after, Mobius escorted Yoanna back.

Yoanna attempted to send Mobius away, but others gathered around, expressing their concern for her.

Some girls who understood her situation offered words of comfort, while the boys present remained perplexed, unable to grasp why Yoanna had suddenly left.

Among the confused was Mobius.

He believed that Yoanna had misunderstood Angela and had been trying to persuade her otherwise.

After dismissing those who had come to check on her, Yoanna approached Angela, ensuring they were alone, and asked, "About what you said on the phone. Is it true?"

Angela affirmed, "Yes."

Fanny had offended her, prompting Angela to seek retribution.

Moreover, as Yaxley's junior, Angela felt that Fanny was not a suitable match for him. She didn't intend to cause trouble but believed that Yaxley deserved to know the truth.

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Yoanna grabbed Angela and questioned, "What should we do? She's going to get engaged to Yaxley!"

The mere thought of Fanny, an unexpected presence, filled her with anxiety.

Adding to her distress was Yaxley's stance. He had acknowledged Fanny as his prospective fiancée, indicating his acceptance of her.

"What are you worried about? They haven't gotten engaged yet," Angela comforted her friend. "Fanny has quite a reputation in Riverdon. Just buy a few old issues of the Riverdon Daily, and you'll see."

She didn't have a direct plan to talk to Yaxley. She simply intended to show them Fanny's past experiences as reported in the newspapers, and how they judged it would be up to them.

After hearing this, Yoanna looked at Angela and said, "Newspaper? Alright. I'll have someone buy them."

Information wasn't as readily available back then, so things like

newspapers had to be bought in person. But the Tuckson Family was not short of money. She could easily contact a few reporters in Riverdon and buy a few copies. As long as she went home and asked for her father's help, it would work.

"What does the newspaper say?" Yoanna couldn't contain her curiosity.

Angela shook her head. "I'm not sure of the specifics, but it's definitely exposing Fanny. She came to Northland because of this incident."

While she and Yaxley came to Northland for training, Fanny and Christopher differed: they had come to Northland to lay low.

The Martinez Family had made their affairs public in the newspapers so that they would be talked about in Riverdon for a while. Both the Sanders

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Family and the Kins Family were influential, and they had sent people to Northland just to avoid the gossip.

She heard all these things from Cassie.

Without getting any specific information from Angela, Yoanna stopped asking and looked around. "Where is Yaxley?"

As soon as she ran out just now, the person she most hoped to chase after wasn't anyone else but Yaxley.

Not only did she not see Yaxley follow her out, but she also didn't see him when she came back.

Looking around again, she didn't see Fanny either, and alarm bells rang in her heart.

Both of them are missing. Where did they go?

Angela pointed to the spiral staircase of the villa, saying, "They went upstairs."

Yoanna immediately wanted to go upstairs, but she had only taken a few steps when Fanny followed Yaxley down.

Seeing the two of them coming down, Yoanna breathed a sigh of relief.

“Why did it take so long to go upstairs? What were you talking about?” Mobius ran up to them and joked, then sighed. “I didn’t expect you two to progress so quickly. You two are getting engaged!”

“Yes. It did happen quickly.” Yaxley remained calm, while Fanny looked shy.

“What happened to Yoanna just now?” Yaxley saw Yoanna coming back, but her eyes were a bit red.

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Yoanna shook her head, biting her back teeth, and said, “It’s nothing. It’s just a misunderstanding. Angela and I have cleared it up.”

Yaxley nodded, about to say something, when his phone suddenly rang. Then he went to a corner to answer the phone.

Fanny was left behind, but she was not afraid. Instead, she walked a few steps towards Angela.

In front of everyone else, she spoke up, “Angela, I want to prepare a gift for Yaxley. Since you spend a lot of time with him, you must know what he likes. Can you please tell me more about what he likes?”

Angela remained silent, just watching Fanny playing her part.

Fanny was not embarrassed at all, and both of them continued their conversation.

Angela had no intention of staying here with Fanny, but since this was Mobius’s arrangement, she saw no need to dampen the mood by retorting. It was best to just leave.

After all, Fanny had already made a big deal out of something trivial earlier, and Angela was not in the mood to deal with her again.

Coincidentally, Jonathan had just messaged her, asking if she needed him to come in and pick her up.

She quickly composed a message, asking him to wait outside for her for a

minute.

Seeing Angela busy with her phone, Fanny clenched her teeth in frustration but decided not to say anything.

While waiting for Angela to finish her phone call, Fanny felt a surge of anger. However, her attention was soon drawn to Yoanna, whose gaze met

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Instantly, she recalled what Yoanna said when she left. A woman's intuition was often spot on, and Fanny suddenly realized that Yoanna had feelings for Yaxley.

She grew cautious and began to inquire.

"Hello. Are you a friend of Angela? What is your name?" Fanny greeted Yoanna with a smile, taking a step closer.

Yoanna furrowed her brow and responded, "Yoanna Tuckson."

She found Fanny's tone off-putting. Moreover, Fanny had proclaimed herself as almost engaged to Yaxley, which made Yoanna even more uncomfortable.

“Miss Tuckson, it’s nice to meet you. You...” Fanny was about to ask a question when Angela suddenly rose from the sofa. She excused herself and walked past the two towards Mobius.

Fanny stood frozen, forgetting her next words. Yoanna completely disregarded Fanny and followed Angela.

“Mobius, I have some matters to attend to at home, so I will take my leave. Please inform Yaxley later,” Angela said to Mobius.

“Alright. Should I walk you out?” Mobius set down his glass of water and was about to move.

However, Angela declined, saying, “No need. Thank you.”

Yoanna, upon hearing that Angela was leaving, frowned and inquired, “Are you just leaving like this?”

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“My ride is already here,” Angela indicated. “I must head home now.”

During their exchange, Fanny suddenly realized that Angela was about to leave. She hurriedly approached and said, “Angela, I just arrived a moment ago. Why are you leaving so soon? It’s been a while since we last met. We can catch up and chat.”

She attempted to draw Angela closer, but Angela evaded her directly.

“No need. We aren’t that close, are we?”

She showed no consideration for Fanny.

Fanny stood motionless, on the brink of tears. “Angela, if you’re not happy because our brothers brought me home, I can refuse and keep my distance.”

Fanny was playing the victim, but Angela found it distasteful.

Fanny always sought sympathy from others, and now that she had said this, those around her regarded her differently.

“Go wherever you please. I don’t care. But remember, renegeing on promises may have consequences.”

Fanny’s expression changed, tears streaming down her face. She was about to speak, but Angela couldn’t be bothered to witness her theatrics and simply left the villa.

Mobius was taken aback, not expecting the situation to unfold in this

manner.

Upon seeing Angela depart, he contemplated catching up and persuading her to stay, but upon seeing Fanny crying, he hesitated on whether to

console her or not.

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After all, one of them was Yaxley’s specially cared–for junior, and the other was his fiancée. He couldn’t make up his mind for a while.

Yoanna nudged Mobius towards Fanny and remarked, “I will go see Angela off”

Fanny watched the two depart, feeling secretly pleased but wearing a troubled expression.

As Mobius approached her, she adopted a sorrowful yet indifferent look and whispered, “I am fine. You should go after Angela.”

Upon hearing her words, Mobius felt even more reluctant to leave, so he promptly led her to the sofa and attempted to console her.

“Angela must have had an urgent matter at home. Do not dwell on it.”

Fanny hung her head, feeling disheartened.

Coincidentally, Yaxley returned after taking a phone call and was informed by Mobius that Angela had just departed.

Yaxley paused for a moment, intending to follow her, but Fanny pulled at his sleeve to stop him.

“What’s the matter?” Yaxley’s voice remained gentle.

“I was just thinking, I haven’t seen Angela for a long time, and she left as soon as she saw me. Maybe I shouldn’t have come?” She looked pitiful and aggrieved, appearing helpless.

Seeing that Yaxley was listening intently, she transitioned from pulling at his sleeve to hugging his arm. She held on tightly as if grasping at straws, looking as though she couldn’t bear to let go.

Yaxley felt a headache coming on but still comforted her. “It’s not your

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fault. She must have something important to attend to.”

From his interactions with Angela and what he had learned from Terence, he knew that Angela wouldn’t fabricate excuses to deceive them.

Fanny felt resentment deep down but still replied, “Alright.”

Seeing her pale face, Yaxley was concerned about Fanny feeling upset, so he decided to stay and comfort her.

Yoanna returned to witness the two clinging to each other, and her heart began to beat uncontrollably. She walked a few steps closer to them.

“Yaxley...” When she reached Yaxley, she didn’t know what to say.

Yaxley stood up and looked at her, then gently removed Fanny’s hands from his arm. “What’s wrong? Why do you look so pale?”

“It’s nothing. I just hurried back after sending Angela off.” She felt relieved after Yaxley and Fanny separated.

Yaxley nodded, noticing her slightly flushed face, he touched her forehead to ensure she wasn’t running a fever before asking, “You escorted Angela out. Why did she suddenly leave?”

Yoanna was taken aback by Yaxley's sudden movement, and she stuttered in response. "Jonathan came to pick her up."

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Observing some intimacy between the two, Fanny became anxious on the side.

But Yaxley was still present, so she could only whisper, "Yaxley, I want to have some water."

Upon hearing Fanny's request, Yaxley nodded toward Yoanna and said to Fanny, "Wait. I'll get it for you."

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After saying that, he walked towards the center of the crowded hall.

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As soon as Yaxley departed, Fanny stood up and approached Yoanna.

Yoanna was standing in a favorable position. However, Fanny didn't want Yaxley to notice Yoanna upon his return, so she felt she had to push Yoanna away.

"Yoanna, you seem to have a close relationship with Yaxley?" She casually nudged Yoanna and then gazed at her expectantly, inquiring.

Yoanna had never been fond of Fanny. When she was nudged by her, she nearly stumbled.

She was truly angry in that moment.

"Why did you push me?" Yoanna raised her hand and pushed Fanny.

She didn't use much force, and never anticipated Fanny to stagger back like a kite with a broken string, taking several steps before finally sitting on the ground.

"Ah!"

With a soft cry, everyone in the room turned their attention to her.

Yoanna immediately panicked, staring blankly at her hand and Fanny a few steps away, stuttering, "I... I didn't use much force..."

However, no one except Fanny heard her. Instead, everyone rushed to Fanny's side.

Yaxley set down his drink and walked over to check on Fanny.

"What's wrong? Did you get hurt?" Yaxley's face showed no sign of nervousness, but his movements were swift as he lifted Fanny from the

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ground.

Fanny, with tears in her eyes, said, "My leg hurts so much."

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Fanny nestled in Yaxley's arms, one hand on Yaxley's arm and the other on her own leg, as if she had injured her leg.

Witnessing Fanny's pitiful appearance, a bystander immediately stepped forward and asked Yoanna, "Why did you suddenly push her?"

He had noticed the situation earlier and decided to ask at that moment.

Yoanna was initially stunned, then reacted and explained, "I didn't use force. She..."

She was at a loss for words and could only look helplessly at Yaxley.

Before Yaxley could respond, Fanny spoke up, “Yaxley, it’s not Miss Tuckson’s fault. I lost my balance.”

Despite her words, she appeared distressed, and no one believed she was unharmed. Instead, she seemed to be unfairly treated but remained silent.

Upon hearing Fanny’s statement, Yoanna quickly added. “Yes. It was her own fault for losing her balance.”

However, a few individuals continued to observe her, their gazes shifting between her and Fanny, maintaining silence.

Yaxley glanced at Yoanna and suggested, “Let’s discuss today’s events later. I’ll take Fanny to the hospital.”

Fanny, nestled in Yaxley’s arms, cast a timid glance at Yoanna, pursed her lips, and said nothing more.

Yoanna, however, could clearly discern Fanny’s expression. She even noticed the smugness in Fanny’s gaze and quickly followed suit.

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“Yaxley, it’s my responsibility that she fell. I’ll accompany you to the hospital,” she said, directing a defiant look towards Fanny.

Yet, Fanny avoided eye contact, clenching her teeth tightly.

Yaxley remained unaware of the tension between the two and silently agreed for Yoanna to accompany him.

During the car ride, Yoanna suddenly inquired, “Yaxley, when did you start seeing her?”

Yaxley, driving the car, replied, “Not too long ago.”

Fanny bit her lip, wanting to speak, but refrained.

“Not too long ago? That explains it. But why rush into an engagement? Will your parents approve?”

Angela is from Riverdon, and Fanny claims to be Angela’s sister, so naturally, she is also from Riverdon. Yoanna doubted that the Kins Family would accept Fanny as a daughter-in-law.

Yaxley glanced at Yoanna impassively. "It's not their concern."

Observing his expression, Yoanna immediately held back the words she was about to say.

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Knowing Yaxley well, she sensed his impatience and refrained from speaking out of turn.

The car fell into silence.

Fanny observed the two of them, feeling frustrated.

Although Yoanna spoke only briefly, she could sense the Kins Family's views on Yaxley's choice of partner.

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Yaxley's parents most likely would not approve of their relationship.

Yoanna also contemplated this and remained silent.

The three individuals in the car were lost in their thoughts, with Fanny being the most frustrated,

Fanny underwent a check-up at the hospital. Upon arrival, it was Yaxley who carried her inside.

Yoanna followed closely, wanting to speak but hesitating, only able to gaze at the two of them.

Seeing Yaxley carrying Fanny in, the doctor who recognized Yaxley hurriedly approached, wiping sweat from his forehead and cautiously inquiring, "Mr. Collier, what happened to this young lady?"

Catching a glimpse of Yoanna following behind Yaxley, the doctor's gaze towards Fanny became somewhat puzzled.

Yaxley explained, "She fell, so she needs to be examined."

The doctor promptly arranged for Fanny to undergo an examination. Although the issue was not severe, there were visible marks on Fanny's legs from the fall.

She had always been delicate since she was young, and even a minora bump would appear serious on her. When she fell, she did not brace herself, making it look worse than it was.

After applying medication, she was once again carried to the hospital bed by Yaxley.

Yoanna had been by Yaxley's side throughout. While Fanny was being examined, she tried to explain to Yaxley that she did noty push Fanny with force and that Fanny might be pretending.

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However, upon seeing the marks on Fanny's legs, she fell silent.

She gazed in disbelief at Fanny's treated leg.

Yaxley remained silent, giving Yoanna a faint look before focusing on Fanny, asking with concern. "Are you still in pain?"

"Not anymore. Ouch... Fanny shifted slightly, wincing as if she had touched a sore spot accidentally, and quickly added. "Don't blame Miss Tuckson. She didn't push me on purpose."

Yoanna's expression turned even more incredulous.

"I didn't push you on purpose, and you were the one who bumped into me first!" Yoanna pointed at Fanny

If Fanny hadn't bumped into her, she wouldn't have touched Fanny at all.

Fanny seemed taken aback by the sudden increase in volume and moved closer to Yaxley.

"Apologize to Fanny Yaxley instructed Yoanna.

Yoanna looked at Yaxley in disbelief. "Why should I apologize to her? I didn't push her hard at all! She's pretending to fall like this."

Fanny softly interjected, "Yaxley, I didn't pretend. I'm really unwell. I wouldn't joke about my health

As she spoke, she clung to Yaxley, looking pitiful.

"You're pretending" Yoanna blurted out, unable to contain herself. "Yaxley, she's not as innocent as she seems. She came to Northland because her reputation in Riverdon was tarnished. Don't trust her!"

Fanny's eyes narrowed, convinced that it was Angela who had informed

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Yaxley. I'm scared. She needed Yaxley to remove Yoanna first, or she wouldn't be able to explain.

Upon hearing Fanny's words, Yoanna wanted to intervene but hesitated. Yaxley, wait for me to get the newspaper; then you'll know what she has done!"

Fanny's expression changed when the newspaper was mentioned.

Thankfully, Yaxley chose to defend her, telling Yoanna firmly, "Shut up. Apologize, or leave."

Yoanna was stunned, frightened by Yaxley's gaze and hurt by his cold words.

She was even more flustered when Yaxley, seeing her hesitation, carried Fanny away.

She wanted to follow them, but Yaxley scolded her, and at the same time, she caught Fanny's triumphant and challenging gaze.

Yoanna's mind was in turmoil as she watched Yaxley depart.

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As she watched Yaxley's figure getting farther and farther away, Yoanna **couldn't** help but burst into tears. At this moment, a doctor passed by and asked in confusion. "Miss Tuckson, what's wrong?"

Yoanna, as if grasping at a lifeline, quickly asked the doctor, “That woman just now, is she seriously injured? Was she faking it?”

Even though she saw the bruises on Fanny’s legs, Yoanna was still convinced that Fanny was faking it, simply because of the smug look in Fanny’s eyes when she looked at her.

The doctor replied. “The fall wasn’t serious, but that young lady’s skin is prone to leaving **marks**”

When she heard this, Yoanna immediately chased after them, only to see Yaxley’s car disappearing in the distance.

In the car. Fanny insisted on sitting in the passenger **seat** and Yaxley let her.

“Yaxley, do you believe what Miss Tuckson said just now?” She couldn’t think of a better way to phrase it, she could only try her luck.

Yaxley gripped the steering wheel as he calmly replied, “Seeing is believing, hearing is **deceiving**.”

Fanny breathed a sigh of relief and finally said, “If I really came to the capital to lay low, would **you** still be engaged to me?”

Fanny’s question was distant and her tone was more formal, even her posture became more upright as she stared at Yaxley intently.

Just as the traffic light turned red. Yaxley stepped on the brakes and looked at her in confusion. “The main reason I got engaged to you is out of responsibility and the secondary reason is that I have a good impression of you. Do you think it will affect anything?”

Fanny breathed a sigh of relief and hadn’t figured out how to respond when she heard Yaxley ask, “Why are you suddenly calling me Mr. Collier again?”

“Yaxley!” Fanny quickly changed the way she addressed him to go along with him.

At this moment, she felt extremely fortunate to have met Yaxley that night following Dylan’s arrangement. Over the past few days of getting to know him, she also discovered that Yaxley was a man of his word.

When she heard Yaxley’s response, Fanny felt that even if Yaxley found out about her and Christopher together at the café, he wouldn’t make a big deal out of it.

He was convinced that something had happened that night, so he would take responsibility without hesitation.

Whether it **was** a promise of engagement or a real engagement, Yaxley would definitely follow through.

As Fanny had guessed, Yaxley did indeed find out from Angela that Fanny had been at the cafe, but his attitude **towards** Fanny did not change much.

The two did not speak again and the atmosphere in the car was harmonious.

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Yaxley dropped off Fanny at the villa where Dylan had arranged for her to stay and then left without lingering.

As soon as Yaxley left. Dylan arrived, accompanied by his assistant.

“Fanny, how was your day?” Dylan knew that tonight Fanny was invited by Mobius to meet Yaxley, so he waited until Yaxley sent her back home before asking about the situation.

Fanny was suspicious of how precisely Dylan always timed his inquiries. She couldn't help but wonder if there were surveillance cameras installed in the villa.

But she remained composed and replied, “Yaxley told Mobius and the others that I am his unofficial

fiancée.

This **was** good news, both for her and for Dylan.

Indeed, as soon as Dylan heard this, he happily reached out to pat her head. “You are amazing! Progressing so quickly!”

Fanny dodged his hand and asked calmly, “Mr. Leigh, how is the transfer to a new school going?”

Dylan quickly replied, “It's in progress and it will **take** a few more days.

Fanny nodded. “I have another favor to ask you...”

Dylan said. "Fanny, tell me and I'll do my best to help you."

While these two were discussing something, Angela was still on her way **home**.

In the back seat of the black sedan.

Jonathan **had** his arm around Angela as he gently rubbed her head.

"What's wrong? Is something bothering you?"

Although Angela had partially adjusted her emotions when she got into the car, she still seemed different from usual, with **a** face full of melancholy almost as if she had written her troubles on her face.

Angela leaned against Jonathan as she listened to his reassuring heartbeat and whispered, "It's nothing, just encountered someone I don't like and it's upsetting."

Fanny becoming Yaxley's unofficial fiancée was truly unexpected for her.

"Can I help?" Jonathan asked.

Angela suddenly smiled. "How can you help? Get rid of the people I don't like? I can handle this small matter myself, Jonathan, you don't need to worry."

When he saw her smile like that, Jonathan affectionately touched her face. "If you can't handle it, you must

find me.

Angela blushed and smiled in response.

Not long after, Angela received a call from Yoanna, who was crying on the other end as she talked about

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how Fanny was acting and making her feel bad. After she comforted her for a few moments, Angela felt a little better.

After she hung up the phone, Jonathan knew why Angela was upset **and** asked softly. "Do you really not need my help?"

Angela sighed. “I really don’t, **Jonathan**. I can handle it.

A few peaceful days passed, and Angela had not seen Fanny.

She thought she wouldn’t be bothered by it, but Fanny gave her a big surprise.

Just as she and Yaxley left the training **center**, Fanny came towards them as she clung to Yaxley’s arm.

“Yaxley, you’re finally done with training. Fanny leaned against Yaxley as she looked pitiful.

Angela glanced at them and said. “Yaxley, I’ll go first. You guys stay and talk.

She was only walking with Yaxley out of the school, so it was fine to part ways early. Yaxley nodded in

agreement.

But Fanny, as soon as she saw Angela leaving, couldn’t help but ask, “Angela, do you not like me? Why do you always leave when I come around?”

She spoke weakly as she clung to Yaxley’s arm with a look of grievance and timidly looked at Angela.

Angela stopped in her tracks upon hearing this as she turned coldly towards her, “What’s wrong, do you **need** something?”

“1-1 don’t need anything, I just hope that you don’t hate me...” she said as her eyes turned red as she spoke.

Angela looked at her speechlessly. “I don’t have time to chat with you, if you don’t have anything. I’ll leave.”

With that, she didn’t give Fanny a chance and left straight away.

As she watched Angela leave, Fanny looked desolate **as** she clung to Yaxley’s arm and asked, “Yaxley, why is Angela still like this? Didn’t you say you would help me explain to her?”

Yaxley then remembered Fanny’s request for him to explain to Angela and said calmly. “I forgot, sorry.”

He and Angela only talked about training and project–related matters when they met, so he had forgotten. about Fanny’s request.

When she heard this, Fanny's face turned slightly pale, but she quickly composed herself and asked, "If you don't want to say, then forget it. When should I go see your parents?"

The news of her engagement with Yaxley was not hidden, he even gave her an engagement ring, but he had yet to mention meeting his family.

Fanny was not in a hurry at first, but Dylan was; and his urgency made Fanny anxious **as** well.

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When he heard Fanny's inquiry. Yaxley paused for a moment before responding. "Then let's go today."

Fanny was pleasantly surprised by his agreement and her eyes was filled with excitement. "Really?"

She never anticipated that Yaxley would agree so readily to introduce her to his family, let alone decide to do it on the same day.

Yaxley nodded. "Let's go,"

Fanny wanted to say more, but she held back.

As they hurried towards the Collier Estate, Angela received a call from Yoanna and informed her that Yoanna had been involved in a car crash the previous night.

After she ended the call, they had already arrived at the school gate. Oliver took the bag from Angela's hand and inquired. Are **you** heading home or to the company?

Angela's routine had been quite consistent in recent days. After her training sessions, she would either return home or visit Jonathan, which was why Oliver asked.

"We're going to the Mercy Hospital to visit a friend, Angela replied.

Having learned about Yoanna's serious injuries from the phone call, Angela decided to visit the hospital **as** a gesture of friendship.

Shortly after, Angela reached Yoanna's hospital room as she carried the fruits and gifts that Oliver had purchased for the patient.

"Angela, you made it. Yoanna weakly smiled when she saw Angela.

Angela noticed that one of Yoanna's legs was securely bandaged and suspended on the bed, while additional bandages covered her body.

As she approached her bedside, Angela inquired. "How serious is it? Have they apprehended the person responsible? Was it truly an accident?"

"They caught him. The driver was under the influence and will face legal consequences," Yoanna responded.

The Tuckson family was not one to be trifled with. Despite the lack of fatalities in the accident, evading punishment was nearly impossible.

However, Yoanna couldn't shake the feeling that the car crash the previous night was deliberate. The driver appeared to have intentionally targeted her.

Angela probed further, "What did the doctor say? Is your leg **severely** injured?"

Yoanna's leg was tightly wrapped, so Angela couldn't gauge the severity. Despite her pallid Yoanna seemed emotionally composed.

Even during their phone conversation earlier, there was no hint of emotional turmoil. complexion.

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"It's not too severe, but I can't shake the feeling that it wasn't an accidental collision... Yoanna hesitated before **she** voiced her suspicions.

She harbored doubts **that** the car crash was **not** a mere coincidence.

When she heard this, Angela grasped her meaning, but before she could respond, a knock sounded on the

ward's door.

The two exchanged **a glance** and fell silent. Angela went to open the door.

As the door **swung** open, Ava stood before them.

Ava appeared surprised. "Angela? What brings you here?"

Angela stepped aside to allow her entry as she explained, "I'm here to visit Yoanna as well.

As she recalled the purpose of her visit, Ava set down the gift she carried and began comforting Yoanna,

Yoanna was delighted to see Ava, and as they conversed, Angela picked up an apple and began peeling it on the side.

Their conversation eventually turned to Yaxley. One was Yaxley's sister, **and** the other harbored feelings for him, which provided ample discussion material.

Just as they delved into their conversation, **Ava** suddenly smacked her forehead and exclaimed, "Oh, I forgot to inform my brother. I'll let him know to come visit you now...

As she had rushed over upon receiving Yoanna's call, Ava had only just remembered to inform Yaxley about Yoanna's injury.

Yoanna tried to stop her, but Ava **had** already rushed out of the ward to make the call.

Angela handed the peeled apple to Yoanna and said, "I should go now too."

As she accepted the apple, Yoanna hesitated before she said, "Angela, wait..."

Confused, Angela looked at her and prompted Yoanna to explain. "I was in a car accident last night after

newspaper..." picking up the newspaper. I was taken to the hospital and I lost the

Yoanna had gone out late simply because someone had delivered the newspaper she needed.

However, she never expected to be hit by a car right after getting the newspaper, which caused it to slip from her hands..

When she woke up in the hospital, she had asked her friend to search for the newspaper at the scene, but it was nowhere to be found.

Angela inquired, "Do you want me to help you find the newspaper?"

Yoanna shook her head. "I had my friend look for it after I woke up, but it was already **gone**...

As she understood her dilemma, Angela tentatively asked, "So you suspect the car accident is related to the newspaper?"

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Or perhaps, the car accident is relates to Fanny

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Although Angela doubted Fanny's involvement, she recalled the middle-aged man she had seen with Fanny at a previous event.

Yoanna nodded, then asked, "Angela, do you think Emmy could have caused my car accident?"

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or "I'm not certain," Angela replied, "I we can investigate from the driver's side of the people following Fanny after she arrived in the capital.

When she saw Yoanna's continson, Angela elaborated, "She may not have the capability to do it alone, so she likely had assistance"

With that clear explanation, Visamma quickly understood and thanked Angela sincerely.

Just as she finished expressing her gratitude, **Ava** rimmed from the call.

"Sorry Yoanna, my brother can't come visit you now, he says he has more pressing matters..."

Although Ava was unsure of her brother's priorities, she disagreed with his decision.

Yoanna had been in a serious car accident and her brother's absence due to other commitments was hurtful.

When Ava relayed Yaxley's message, Yoauma could only nod and she said, "Okay, I understand, it's fine"

She had anticipated Yaxley's response, so she had not informed him of the accident.

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Their relationship had already been strained due to a previous incident involving Fanny

Yaxley still believed Fanny was seriously injured after a fall, despite evidence to the contrary,

Furthermore, Fanny wanted to be with Yaxley constantly, which made it difficult for him to find time visit Yoanna

Suspicious of Favolvement in her accident, Yoanna did not want Yaxley to come.

As she thought about the lost newspaper, she realized she would **have** to wait a few more days for a replacement, which made her impatient

She felt restless and asked **the** two to leave.

"I'm fine, you both can go, I need to rest.

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After Angela and Ava left the ward. Yoanna found herself unable to sleep as she grew increasingly restless.

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Don't you feel conflicted Ava was particularly intrigued by Angela. As they exited the ward, she inquired. "Angela, where are you headed?"

Angela, who had saved her, earned endless gratitude from Ava. She had never had the chance to invite Angela out before, but fate had brought them together today.

Confronted by Ava's excited and hopeful gaze, Angela responded calmly. I'm going home."

When she heard Angela's intention to go home. **Ava** immediately grew anxious and tentatively proposed, Would you like to explore the capital? I'll take you! You rescued me in Riverdon, and I never had the opportunity to properly thank you."

Ava's idea of going shopping wasn't just a casual outing; she intended to treat Angela generously.

With the Collier Family's wealth, she **had** always wanted to express her gratitude to Angela. At that moment, she couldn't think of any other way.

Just as Angela was about to decline, she noticed someone approaching them from the end of the corridor. When the person caught sight of her, a flicker of surprise crossed their eyes.

Angela Kins was about to evade them, but Joseph Kins didn't give her the chance and walked directly towards her.

"Angela, are you here to see Zacharias? I was just considering reaching out to you," Joseph inquired as he approached swiftly.

Unable to **avoid** him. Angela halted in her tracks. Beside her, Ava gazed at Joseph with confusion and whispered to Angela, "Who is he?"

As she found Joseph somewhat disrespectful, she didn't hold a favorable opinion of him.

Joseph paid no attention to Ava beside him and disregarded her as he addressed Angela directly. "You suggested finding a psychologist for Zacharias before, **but** he didn't cooperate. After all the recent trouble. it seems his health has deteriorated"

His words **carried** a hint of blame towards Angela for the initial suggestion

Angela frowned as she looked at him and **asked**, "Not cooperating? In what way?"

She had never held high expectations for Joseph as he was accustomed to his inability to follow through on promises

Meanwhile, Ava beside them furrowed her brow deeply. If she hadn't realized the connection between Angela and Joseph, and if Angela hadn't remained composed, she would have spoken up sooner.

"If you accompany me to see, you'll understand. And perhaps assist in Zacharias treatment." Joseph to Angela without any courtesy.

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This remark immediately incited Ava beside them. She stepped in front of Angela as she demanded. "Why adopt such an attitude? How can you speak to someone seeking help in this manner?"

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As she had been **saved** by Angela previously, Ava naturally held her medical skills in high esteem. Witnessing someone approach Angela for help with such disrespect unsettled her.

Joseph glanced at Ava and casually retorted. "What's it to you?"

"It's absolutely my concern

She couldn't bear to see **Angela** being mistreated.

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As she sensed **an** impending argument between the two, Angela interjected, "You should adjust your tone when speaking to me."

Her **words** were directed at Joseph, of course.

Joseph's expression darkened immediately. "You?"

"Let's go. Ava. I believe **we** should **consider** the suggestion of exploring the capital, Angela suggested casually to Ava.

"Fantastic! Let's go!" Ava beamed with **joy and** she was almost on the verge of celebrating aloud.

"Are you planning to leave?" Joseph stepped forward to intercept them and questioned, "Zacharias is in a critical condition now, all because of you! **Are** you simply going to **stand by and** watch?"

Angela coldly addressed him, "Is it because of **me**? As his brother, are you willing to heed the advice of those who have harmed him and now **you** want the person who harmed him to come and treat him? Don't you think you're being contradictory?"

Joseph was on the verge of losing his temper due to Angela's interrogation, but he managed to pinch the bridge of his nose in time to calm himself down.

Ava clicked her tongue. "Don't block our way! When seeking help, one should do so with humility!"

Although Joseph only spoke a few words, it was evident that he needed Angela's assistance in treating someone named Zacharias, yet he was speaking arrogantly.

As they **were** about to depart, Joseph suddenly said, "Angela, I implore you to go and see Zacharias."

Angela looked at him in surprise. Before she could respond, Ava interjected, "What did you say? Speak louder so Angela can hear!"

"You!" Joseph's face flushed with anger and he looked frustrated, but he refrained from saying anything further while pointing at Ava

"What about **me**?" Ava **glared** at him as she refused to back down.

Angela knew she couldn't push people too **hard**, so she gently patted Ava and **said**, "It's okay. Ava, you go home. I'll go and check on him."

Ava quickly composed herself and asked, "Can I accompany you?"

Angela thought for a moment before she **said**, "Sure, you can come with me."

Joseph wanted to say something, but a glance from Angela made him hold his tongue.

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However, he couldn't tolerate Ava, who **was** very pleased with the outcome, and followed behind Angela as she gave Joseph a provocative look.

Soon, the group arrived at Zacharias's hospital

Angela was about to enter, with Ava still following behind. When he saw this, Joseph stopped her and said, "Do we really need to bring her in now?"

Before Angela could respond. Ava spoke up.

"Whether you see the doctor or Angela **sees** the doctor, Angela hasn't said anything, so why should you?"

Angela smiled lightly, she was actually quite fond of Ava's personality. **Ava** and her brother Yaxley were complete opposites, one mischievous and powerful, the other silent, reserved, and conservative.

Joseph didn't want to argue with **Ava**, so he turned to Angela and said, "If something happens to Zacharias when she goes in..."

"You don't need to worry." Angela interrupted him directly, then turned to Ava and said, "Come in

Ava was very curious about her medical skills and her as a **person**. As long as it didn't affect anything, she was willing to satisfy Ava's curiosity and there was no harm in it.

Besides, Ava could make Joseph lose reputation, which she found quite enjoyable.

Ava gave Joseph a mocking look and followed Angela into the hospital room.

The hospital door slammed shut behind Ava and Joseph's face darkened with anger, but he could only stomp his feet in frustration.

However, he didn't have the luxury of waiting around outside the **ward**, as his colleagues quickly called him for help..

Since he arrived in the capital, he had been busier **than** ever during **his** time in Riverdon, yet he still had to work tirelessly.

Because, among all the staff at Mercy Hospital, he was the newest transfer.

Moreover, Joseph had managed to get both of his family members admitted to the ward, which made him the least influential person there.

Inside the ward, Angela was unaware of Joseph's frustration as she immediately checked on Zacharias upon entering.

This time, Zacharias was not asleep but he was reading a
book.

When he saw Angela, he set the book aside and noticed another person behind her. He asked in confusion, "Who is this?"

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Angela nonchalantly remarked, “She’s my friend.”

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Ava also glanced at Zacharias and when she noticed that Zacharias was not as impolite as Joseph, her expression softened slightly

“You don’t need to worry about me. Angela. I’ll wait here. Ava said as she took a step back towards the ward door to avoid disturbing Angela.

Angela nodded and proceeded to examine Zacharias, who was very cooperative.

“Acupuncture, with similar intervals, Angela instructed.

Zacharias nodded and inquired. Has Joseph bothered you again?”

He had not anticipated Angela returning to treat him **and** he found himself at a loss for words.

As she inserted the silver needles, Angela replied. “No, I came to the hospital to visit a friend and coincidentally encountered him.”

Although Joseph had not intentionally caused any trouble, this treatment session was not initiated by him.

Zacharias fell silent and the ward was enveloped in silence.

“I heard you have been resistant to the psychologist’s treatment,” Angela casually inquired as she finished. up with the needles.

Zacharias frowned as he responded, “He mentioned that you recommended the psychologist?”

If Angela had not brought it up, he might have completely forgotten about the psychologist.

“It was my suggestion. I noticed your sleep and emotions were unstable last time, so I thought seeing a psychologist would be beneficial,” Angela explained candidly.

As she finished the treatment and attempted to leave, Zacharias grabbed her wrist and his expression turned ugly. He tried to control his temper as he said, ‘Do I really need to see a psychiatrist? Please don’t make baseless assumptions!’

Angela’s demeanor grew cold as she tried to free her wrist from **Zacharias’** grip, but he held on tightly and forced her to step back in an attempt to break free.

Despite his pale face, Zacharias possessed considerable strength and maintained his hold on her wrist.

As she witnessed the situation, **Ava** hurried over.

“What are you doing? Let go of Angela,” she intervened and forcefully pried Zacharias’ hand off and allowed Angela to step away.

Zacharias appeared ghostly pale as he leaned against the hospital bed.

“Angela, are you alright?” Ava asked with concern as she checked Angela’s wrist.

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Angela shook her head as she sensed that Zacharias’ behavior was abnormal.

“It’s fine, it’s fine. This guy, you treat him, and he actually...” was at a loss for words.

“Let’s go.” Angela said.

Ava quickly took Angela’s hand and led her out.

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Just as they reached the door, Zacharias spoke again, “Don’t mistreat Faye’s innocent.”

Angela nearly burst out laughing.

She had believed **Zacharias** to have a conscience among the **Kins** brothers, but it seemed he was just as heartless as the rest.

Angela chose not to respond and simply turned away. Was she still mistreating **Fanny**? She was growing weary of Fanny,

In confusion. Ava muttered. "Fanny? That name sounds familiar."

As they exited the ward, she suddenly recalled that her brother's girlfriend was named Fanny.

"Angela, when he mentioned Fanny, could he be referring to my brother's girlfriend?" Ava asked as she was puzzled.

Angela nodded. She was unsure if Ava had any interaction with Fanny, but she had been irritated by Fanny on several occasions, especially when Fanny came to visit Yaxley.

Ava inquired, "Is that her? Why did he mention her?" She noticed Angela's change in expression and quickly suggested, "Let's not dwell on this. How about we go shopping?"

Ava had originally planned to take Angela shopping as a gesture of gratitude, but now she saw shopping as a way to lift their spirits amidst the current situation.

This time, Angela didn't decline. It was indeed a good time to relax during the holiday.

As she followed Ava's lead, the two swiftly made their way to the capital's largest shopping mall.

Meanwhile, Yaxley drove Fanny to the Collier family estate.

As he had been staying at a hotel for a while, Yaxley had no intention of staying at home or asking Fanny

to do so.

He simply wanted Fanny to feel comfortable **and** to introduce her to the family.

"Mr. Yaxley, you're **back**! I'll inform Mrs. Yaxley!" The butler was thrilled to see Yaxley's car and eager to share the news with the rest of the Collier family.

Yaxley grabbed the excited butler and inquired, "Is my father at home?"

It was already Friday afternoon, so if everything was as expected, his father should be home.

The butler **shook** his head. "Old Mr. Collier hasn't returned yet, but Mr. Yaxley, rest assured, if he knows

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you're back, he'll rush home immediately!"

Despite Yaxley's absence from the Collier family in recent days, Mrs. Collier and his father were still searching for suitable blind date candidates for him, so he would return home on time.

If his father learned of Yaxley's return, he would hurry back home, as ultimately. Yaxley would have to make his own choice.

As he pondered, the butler noticed a girl exiting the passenger seat of Yaxley's car and was surprised as he asked. "Mr. Yaxley, who is this young lady?"

Fanny was lost in thought as she paid no attention to the butler and Yaxley's conversation. Her gaze remained fixed on the **vast** estate since they entered.

The wealth of Yaxley's family far exceeded her expectations, which she hadn't sensed from Yaxley at all.

It wasn't **that** Yaxley lacked nobility; he was just very modest.

In response to the butler's question. Yaxley simply said, "Inform my father to return early, don't worry about anything else."

With that, Yaxley took Fanny's hand and led her into the house.

Caught off guard by his sudden pull, Fanny bumped into Yaxley. Luckily, he caught her in time and prevented any embarrassment.

"Did I hurt you?" Yaxley asked.

Fanny shook her head and leaned into Yaxley's arms as she held onto his arm as she inquired. "Are we just going in like this? I didn't bring a gift"

She felt nervous and hesitant as they approached the door.

Earlier, Dylan had mentioned Yaxley's prestigious background and raised her expectations. However, upon entering the Collier Family estate, she realized their background far surpassed her expectations.

The estate exuded wealth and nobility, with Yaxley's car casually parked next to an elegant fountain and they were attended by a long-serving butler.

Such a sight **was** unfamiliar to her in Riverdon which left her slightly overwhelmed.

When he noticed their intimacy, the butler hurried to inform Mrs. Collier.

After he informed Mrs. Collier, he promptly called Old Mr. Collier.

Therefore, when Yaxley brought Fanny inside, Mrs. Collier was already seated elegantly on the luxurious

sofa.

"Yaxley, you're finally back," Mrs. Collier said as smiled before she turned her attention to Fanny. "Who is this young lady beside you, Yaxley?"

Fanny nervously bit her lip as she held onto Yaxley's arm tightly without speaking.

Yaxley calmly stated, "She is my fiancée."

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"F-fiancee?" Mrs. Collier was shocked by this revelation and couldn't help but rise from her seat to inquire. "How can an engagement be treated as a joke? How can it be taken so lightly?"

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Tyra stood up and spoke **in a** domineering manner. Although her expression looked kind and not very scary, it still frightened Fanny by her side

Fanny trembled and Yaxley protected her. "Don't be afraid."

"Okay" Fanny nodded timidly, but still **shrank** into Yaxley's arms.

Yaxley also leaned against Fanny and looked at Tyra, who still had a frown on her face. "Sit down and talk." Tyra also knew she had lost her temper, so she sat back on the **sofa** and sighed inexplicably.

At just a glance, she was not very satisfied with Fanny's performance, especially Fanny's easily frightened behavior like a deer, which she really didn't like.

Their mother-son relationship was not close to begin with, and just with Fanny being frightened like **that**. she suddenly appeared more fierce as a mother.

Yaxley ignored Tyra's sigh and pulled Fanny to sit on the other side of the sofa.

He asked Fanny softly, "Feeling better?"

After a few days of getting along, Yaxley knew that Fanny was timid and innocent. After Fanny got scared, he would be concerned.

This was something that hadn't happened before, or it was only after Fanny complained to him privately that he started paying attention.

But Yaxley didn't have much feelings about doing these things at the time, he just did what he thought he should do as if following orders.

However, this scene looked different in Tyra's eyes.

She couldn't help but reconsider Fanny's attitude in Yaxley's heart; she speculated how long the two had been together and what Fanny had done to make Yaxley care so much.

After the butler finished the phone call and came back, he saw the three of them sitting facing each other and quickly instructed the servant to prepare tea.

"Mrs. Collier, Mr. Yaxley, Old Mr. Collier will be back within half an hour," the butler said respectfully.

His words broke the silence and the thoughtful individuals all came back to their senses.

Tyra softened her voice and asked, "What's your name and which family's young lady are you?"

Fanny replied softly. "My name is Fanny Kins and I am from Riverdon."

The Kins Family in Riverdon was no longer as prestigious as before, and compared to Northland, it was even more insignificant. She felt embarrassed to mention it and risk being laughed at.

Tyra immediately frowned as she did not hear Fanny mention her family background, but heard that she was from Riverdon...

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Yaxley had disregarded their wishes to go to Riverdon before, and now he brought back a woman from Riverdon. **She** couldn't bring herself to like it.

"So you're from Riverdon, how long have you known Yaxley?" She guessed that the two must have met in Riverdon and got together, otherwise Yaxley wouldn't be so protective of Fanny.

"Not long, we met when we came to Northland," Fanny replied softly, with a smile on her face and a visible sense of happiness.

If it weren't for Christopher, and if she hadn't invested so much affection in Christopher, Fanny's happiness might have been more genuine.

But

t now, she knew in her heart that she truly loved Christopher. With Yaxley, she was mostly using him.

Besides, Yaxley didn't really like her at all!

Yaxley was just being responsible. If it had been someone else that night, Yaxley would have been just as responsible to that person as he was to her.

As she thought about this. Fanny lowered her head and felt inexplicably low,

Tyra looked at the two of them in surprise; when she saw Fanny bow her head, she began to doubt Fanny's words.

She couldn't understand how the relationship between the two of them could progress so quickly. Tyra, unable to figure it out, didn't continue to inquire. Instead, she asked

about the topic Fanny had avoided before, “Fanny, what’s the situation like at home for you?”

When she heard this, Fanny looked up cautiously at Yaxley beside her.

Unable to see Tyra’s dissatisfaction, she didn’t know whether to tell the truth or not. The situation at her home was not something to be proud of, whether it was the Stuart Family or the Kins Family.

Yaxley comfortingly rubbed her head. “You don’t have to say if you don’t want to.”

“Sorry, Mrs. Collier, the situation at my home is a bit complicated and I don’t really want to talk about it.” Fanny lowered her head in sadness as her face showed sorrow and pain.

She had previously mentioned to Yaxley that she had been switched at birth and hadn’t lived well in either the Kins Family or the Stuart family. She wasn’t sure if Yaxley had verified this, but the fact that he was still protecting her now meant **that** her lies **hadn’t been** exposed.

Besides, she hadn’t actually lied.

A little investigation would reveal how miserable she had been in Riverdon and those “slanders” and “defamations” were all evidence of her pitiful state in Fanny’s mouth.

Tyra wanted **to**, say something else, but Yaxley directly interrupted her.

He said, “There’s no need to ask, I will only get engaged to her.”

He brought people back not to have his family test Fanny, but just to introduce her.

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Tyra was speechless. Then shall we **have** dinner at home? I’ll have someone prepare it? speechless.

Yaxley **lowered** his eyes and asked Fanny beside him. Do you want to eat here?

Fanny was about to shake her head, but suddenly caught sight of Tyra’s gaze and nodded involuntarily.

“Then you have **someone** prepare it. I’ll take Fanny upstairs to rest for a while, call me when father comes back.” Yaxley finished speaking and took Fanny upstairs directly,

Fanny was completely bewildered and she only came back to her senses when she was brought to a room that didn't seem to be frequently used

"Is this your room? Fanny looked at the expensive decorations in the room and asked softly.

Yaxley casually replied, "Yes, but I don't live here now.

He was **exhausted** dealing with Tyra, but had enough patience for Fanny

"Oh? Where do you live now? Every time she looked for Yaxley in the past few days, he would always send her back to where she lived, she had no idea where he lived when he wasn't at the Collier Estate.

Yaxley was puzzled, but still responded, "At the previous hotel?"

He did have properties in Northland, but staying at a hotel was more convenient, with a variety of food options. He felt that the hotel was more suitable for him.

Fanny nodded without further questioning

Afraid that Fanny would be bored, Yaxley took a book for her to read. Fanny took the book, which was full of astronomical codes to her **and** fell silent instantly.

She was a little afraid that Yaxley would interrogate her and then realize that she couldn't understand the book he gave her at all.

The room fell silent for a moment, and Yaxley noticed Fanny's silence, so he began to focus on his own

tasks

On the other side. Ava was out splurging with Angela. Although she was supposed to take Angela around, Angela wasn't interested in many things, so most of the things she bought were for herself.

As they strolled, Ava suddenly received a call from **Sophia**.

After she hung up, she excitedly said to Angela, "Angela, Sophia is in Northland now and is coming to my

house!"

Angela recalled and remembered Sophia, the poor girl who had been deceived by Christopher.

“Let’s go home then. After they circled the mall, her mood had improved significantly.

Ava, however, was conflicted and asked, “Angela, why don’t you come to my house too? My parents have been wanting to meet you and my mom has been wanting to thank you for saving me.”

As she looked back, it was all thanks to Sophia that they were able to locate Angela initially! Moreover, as for Sophia, Angela had also assisted her.

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With Sophia now in Northland to unwind, she also expressed a desire for the three of them to reunite.

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“Is it convenient Angela teli conflicted when she was suddenly invited.

Ava quickly responded, “It’s definitely convenient! My mom doesn’t usually have anything else to do.”

As she warmly invited Angela, Angela didn’t hesitate for long before accepting her invitation.

“Angela, wait for me. I’ll call my mom to prepare in advance”

Angela nodded and also planned to buy some gifts.

Although it was a sudden decision, since she was going to visit, she naturally couldn’t go empty-handed.

As soon as **Ava** left, Angela entered a store and had the stall pack several gifts.

Just as she was about to leave, she unexpectedly ran into someone.

“Angela Christopher’s first reaction upon seeing her was to call out to her, but when he saw the person behind her carrying bags, he looked displeased.

Angela turned to him. “Is there something you need?”

She didn’t expect to run into Christopher there. There was also a girl next to him, who shyly clung to his.

Christopher was provoked by Angela’s gaze and whispered angrily, “Are you always this wasteful? Is this how you squander Jonathan’s money?”

Angela found it amusing and asked indifferently. “What does it have to do with you?”

Not to mention that most of the things behind her belonged to **Ava**, even the things that belonged to her was a gift from Ava

She came to the mall that day and the only thing she spent money on was the gift that the store clerk **had** just wrapped for her.

“What does it **have** to do with me! He is my friend whom I see as a brother.”

“Oh? If there’s nothing else, I’ll be on my way.” Angela interrupted Christopher directly as her face warned. him without fear, “Since you think he is your brother, and your brother is my husband, the next time you

see me, you better address me as your ever-in-law

Christopher always played by his own rules and she used to be too tolerant, which allowed Christopher to be so arrogant for so long.

“Angela, don’t get too cocky.”

Before Christopher could finish his sentence, he saw Angela turning to leave, so he quickly blocked her way with his people.

Angela looked at him coldly. “When did you see me being cocky?”

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The **girl** next to Christopher noticed the tension between the two and with people around starting to **pay** attention, she whispered, "Should we find a place to sit and talk? A lot of people are watching."

"No need." Angela smiled kindly at the girl, then suddenly asked. "Are you on a blind date with Christopher?"

The girl hadn't spoken before and Angela **hadn't** paid attention to her, but now that she had spoken. Angela understood that the girl had just recently met Christopher as well.

When Christopher heard Angela talking to the girl, he immediately became serious and stood in front of the girl, saying, "Angela, don't try to influence people around me again!"

If it weren't for Angela meddling before, things would **have** worked out between him and Sophia! Now just thinking about Angela made him feel a surge of anger.

Angela chuckled as she ignored his threat and said to the girl, "Make sure you know the person well before getting involved with them."

Christopher was so angry that he wanted to cover Angela's mouth immediately. "Angela! Shut up!"

"Angela, who is he?" Ava came back from the phone call and found Angela confronting someone, so she hurried over to Angela.

She looked at Christopher and then glanced at the man and woman next to him. She didn't know either of them.

Before Angela could speak, the girl next to Christopher spoke first, "Miss Collier? It's you!"

She let go of Christopher's arm and quickly approached Ava with excitement.

"May I ask who you are?" Ava gently pulled Angela back a few steps, as if she was cautious of something.

The girl quickly stopped and introduced herself, "I'm Jane from the Coolidge Family. Miss Collier, it's understandable if you don't recognize me, but please rest assured, we have no ill intentions. Christopher was just catching up with your friend. Your friend happens to be my boyfriend's sister-in-law,"

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trying to Jane was unaware of the situation between Angela and Christopher, but that didn't deter her establish a connection with Ava through this link.

Christopher was merely her blind date for the day, not her boyfriend. However, in the presence of Ava, **this** mediocre blind date was insignificant.

When she saw Ava's expression slightly soften, Jane continued, "Miss Collier, please forgive us. My boyfriend overstepped earlier. I will bring him away now, so **as** not to disturb you and your friend any further."

As she stood behind Jane, Christopher's expression darkened when he heard her words.

Although **Jane** claimed him as her boyfriend, it was evident that he was using his status to get closer to Angela to potentially form a relationship with the new woman!

"What are you implying, Jane?" Christopher angrily shook off Jane's hand as he walked away.

Jane scoffed. "What am I implying? If I hadn't intervened just now, you would have offended the Collier

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Family! Someone like you from a small town, if you offend the Collier Family, you won't be able to stay in Northland."

While the influence of the Collier Family may not be as formidable as Jane portrayed, it was enough to intimidate Christopher, who was from out of town.

Christopher indeed felt a sense of dread which prompted him to ask, "Do you know Yaxley?"

As he had met Yaxley a few times **before**, he was familiar with the name but hadn't paid much attention at the time. Now, when he heard Jane mention the Collier Family, he felt uneasy.

Fanny was dating Yaxley and he couldn't help but worry even more for Fanny.

"Yaxley is the eldest son of the Collier Family. You didn't know that? The lady you just met, Miss Collier, is Yaxley's sister, Ava," Jane **said** with envy evident on her face.

She had only seen Ava once at another event, but her appearance had left a lasting impression. Among the elite ladies in Northland, who wouldn't want to befriend the daughter of the Collier Family? However, they had heard that Ava was in poor health, so she rarely ventured out and it wasn't easy to befriend her just by trying.

After the interruption by Christopher, Angela and Ava decided to head straight to the Collier Family instead of continuing their stroll.

Christopher called Fanny parting ways with Jane.

Fanny didn't answer the first time, so Christopher called again. Fanny glanced at Yaxley, who was studying at his desk, before she greeted him and stepped out onto the balcony to take the call.

"Fanny? Where are you?" Christopher sounded anxious as soon as the call connected.

Fanny instinctively furrowed her brow and though her tone was gentle, her words were slightly chilly, "Haven't we already ended things? Why do you care where I am?"

Christopher felt a pang in his heart and said, "I'm a bit concerned about you. I just learned that the Collier Family is not to be underestimated. You and Yaxley may not be a good match, and you..."

He wanted to mention that the Collier Family would surely find a suitable match for Yaxley, but he realized that this would bring back memories of their past to Fanny.

Although the Sanders Family was not highly esteemed in Northland, they still held a respectable position in Riverdon. Christopher himself had been a sought-after individual before.

Fanny had been hurt by his engagement to Sophia before and he didn't want her to experience **that** pain **again**.

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"What's wrong with us?" Fanny looked down from the balcony at the vast estate of the Collier Family. She admired it greatly and eagerly anticipated becoming the mistress there.

Although; she didn't feel loved by Yaxley, she was aware that Yaxley would take responsibility for their past actions, which **was** sufficient for her.

If she could secure Mrs. Collier's position in the Collier Family, even without taking direct action, there would be plenty of people willing to **teach** Angela a lesson!

Christopher was unaware of Fanny's thoughts. After he hesitated for a while, he finally spoke, "The Collier Family won't agree to Yaxley marrying you. Fanny. Why not come back to me?"

As she **was** taken aback. Fanny also recalled Tyra's disapproval of her after Christopher's reminder,

Just as she was about to respond, a car drove into the estate. When she thought it might be Yaxley's father returning, she had no desire to continue the conversation with Christopher.

While it was true that Tyra disliked her, the decision-makers in the Collier Family were not limited to just Tyra. She might even win favor with Jacob.

"I have to go now, let's talk later." With that, Fanny hung up the phone abruptly.

On the other end, Christopher stared at the disconnected phone as he felt dejected.

He walked towards the school with a wry smile, **only** to receive a call from Michael.

"How did it go today? Although Jane's family isn't wealthy, they still hold some influence in the capital," Michael inquired about Christopher's blind date.

Christopher shrugged nonchalantly. "It was a disappointment."

"Another disappointment?" Michael, with his hair that turned white from worry, assumed Christopher was feeling disheartened by the failed blind date, so he suggested, "I will find someone else for you to meet

tomorrow.

"No, I don't want to go on blind dates anymore, Christopher stated firmly.

In recent days, he had been on blind dates with several girls, but the girls in the capital were very selective.

The girl he met today, Jane Coolidge, was relatively mild compared to others. There was a girl before who bluntly stated that he was nothing.

“Why are you refusing to go on blind dates? Michael became **serious** and asked, “Do you understand the current situation of the company back home?”

He still held hope that Christopher could find a mutually beneficial partner in the capital while avoiding trouble. How could Christopher give up now?

T...” Christopher struggled to convey his bitterness but resolutely said, “Dad, I will handle it. I don’t want to meet anyone else in the coming days.

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He was aware that his relationship with Sophia had tarnished the Sanders Family’s reputation in Riverdon, and he **also** knew that the situation of the Sanders Group was more critical than ever.

“Not interested in meeting anyone else? Suddenly, Michael had an idea, “There is another option, you

should consider it.”

Christopher asked him to elaborate.

After a brief pause, Michael suggested, “Sophia **has** arrived in the capital.”

Christopher questioned, “What does Sophia have to do with my presence in the capital?”

Impatiently, Michael reminded Christopher, “It concerns you! Despite the troubles between the Martinez family and ours, Sophia still **has** feelings for you. If you’re not interested in meeting anyone else, you could try to reconcile with Sophia and bring her into the family through marriage!”

One of the reasons Michael had initially encouraged Christopher to interact with Sophia was because she was the only daughter of the Martinez family. Marrying Sophia **would** mean gaining access to the family’s wealth, which was a highly lucrative opportunity.

Christopher fell silent.

Michael gently advised him, “Take your time to think it over. You can either try to win **back** Sophia or continue going on blind dates until you find success.”

At the Collier Estate, a car **pulled** in slowly. Angela sat beside Ava as she listened to her talk, but she sensed that something was off.

Ava had informed the butler in **advance**, who was waiting at the front gate. When she learned that Sophia was visiting, he had arranged for someone to pick her up.

Upon their arrival, the butler respectfully greeted Angela and Ava, then informed them. "Miss, the person picking up Miss Martinez will be here shortly."

Ava nodded and inquired, "Where's my mother?"

The butler led the way and explained, "Mr. Yaxley had returned with someone and Mrs. Collier is upset. I'm sure seeing you would elevate her mood."

"Yaxley brought someone home? His friend?" Ava **wa** puzzled as her brother rarely did so, not even close friends like Mobius.

What made her brother change?

The butler hesitated, "I..." He was confused as **that** was the reason Mrs. Collier was upset. He was unsure whether to refer to Fanny as Yaxley's friend or girlfriend due to their disagreement over her identity.

Ava, unfazed by the butler's uncertainty, took Angela towards the front door.

"Angela, my brother is home, so there's no need to be nervous since there is someone you reassured Angela **as** they walked.

know," Ava

Angela smiled and accustomed to Ava's guidance.

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Earlier, while shopping. Ava had held her hand throughout which made them quite familiar with each other.

As they entered, Tyra greeted them warmly **as** she recognized Angela **as** Ava's savior.

Ava introduced. "Angela is a fellow university student with Yaxley, they're both training in Northland." Tyra praised Angela as she said, "Yaxley brought a friend too. Let me **call** him down."

Angela nodded. But when she saw Fanny coming down behind Yaxley, she froze. No wonder she had a feeling of dread, Fanny and Sophia was about to meet.

Yaxley was about to greet Angela as the butler led Sophia through the doors.

“You!” Sophia’s expression changed when she saw Fanny. “Why are you here?”

Fanny’s unexpected presence in Ava’s home as she stood beside Yaxley, in her best friend Ava’s home, was a shock to Sophia.

Fanny, taken aback by Sophia’s reaction, suggested, “S–Sophia, we shall discuss our misunderstanding privately later.”

Despite her initial reluctance, Fanny hoped to resolve the situation with Sophia without bringing up the Riverdon incident.

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“No one wants to chat with you in private. So, you have the nerve to be a homewrecker, yet you handle people discussing the truth?”

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When Sophia uttered these words, Fanny froze in place, and the others turned their gaze toward her.

Angela had anticipated that the encounter between Fanny and Sophia would be somewhat intense, but she was taken aback by the explosiveness of the situation.

Sophia remained as impulsive and candid as ever. Without holding back, she directly brought up Fanny’s personal matters.

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Angela anticipated some sort of response from Fanny, but was taken aback when hid behind Yaxley.

“Yaxley, I’m not a homewrecker. Miss Martinez misunderstood me, Fanny gently explained, tugging at Yaxley’s sleeve.

Sophia, exasperated by Fanny's behavior, attempted to pull her away. "Stop playing the victim! Yaxley, Fanny is skilled at deception; don't be fooled by her!"

However, Yaxley raised his hand to halt Sophia. "Let's not resort to force. I want an explanation."

Upon hearing Yaxley's words, Fanny, who was being shielded by him, grew visibly paler.

No, I can't let Sophia expose my doing in Riverdon!

If Yaxley were to discover the connection between Fanny and Christopher, and Fanny pretended ignorance in front of him, Yaxley would undoubtedly develop a bias against her.

However, after hearing Sophia's angry scolding, Yaxley **would** probably have already grown displeased with Fanny.

No man would tolerate his woman having a blemish. Even Yaxley, the **noble** son who appeared indifferent to worldly matters, would not tolerate any stain on his partner!

Fanny bit her lip, pondering how to resolve the impasse..

Ava **observed** Yaxley blocking Sophia and swiftly positioned herself beside Sophia, saying, "Yaxley, be gentle!

Although **Ava was** unaware of Sophia's heartbreak situation in Riverdon, Sophia's words implied that Fanny had truly brought disgrace upon herself.

Ava firmly believed that their long-standing friendship with Sophia should not be doubted.

However, Yaxley actually protected Fanny. It became evident to Ava that Fanny was not as simple and innocent as she appeared.

Tyra intervened. "Let's talk about this later. Why don't we all sit down first and discuss this calmly? She guided Sophia to the sofa, feeling displeased by Fanny's presence. The fact that someone could see

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through Fanny in front of Yaxley delighted **her**.

“Yaxley, I’m not feeling well. Can you take me home?” Fanny deviated from the expected script, appealing- to Yaxley with a pitiful look.

Yaxley furrowed his brow, scanning the others.

Despite

his limited emotional intelligence, he grasped the basic dynamics of the situation.

Upon hearing Fanny’s plea, Sophia chuckled, “Are you afraid? Do you wish to leave?”

Observing the closeness between Yaxley and Fanny, she deduced that Fanny had likely ensnared Yaxley, although she was unsure of the method. In that moment, she sought to release all her frustration toward Fanny and Christopher solely onto Fanny.

Fanny disregarded Sophia’s remarks, gazing innocently at her and stating, “Miss Martinez, I truly feel unwell, it’s not **as** you assume. And what you said, it’s not my fault.”

After regaining composure. Fanny’s thoughts became much clearer than before.

She suddenly realized that she didn’t have to fear Sophia revealing what had happened in Riverdon.

In that incident, she could also be considered a victim!

If she went back and pleaded with Christopher, asking him to admit that he was two–timing, everything **would** be okay.

With a clear mind, Fanny was no longer as panicked as before.

Sophia looked at Fanny coldly. “You’ve already made headlines **as** a homewrecker, and now you want to clear your name?”

Originally, she hadn’t agreed with her father handling this matter publicly. But now, seeing Fanny’s smug face, she wished the news had reached Northland!

The Collier Family had no idea that Fanny was the one who had ruined her relationship. To make matters worse, Fanny had become Yaxley’s girlfriend.

After being scolded by Sophia, Fanny felt the time was **right**. Tears streamed down her face as she cried. “I’m sorry, but I really wasn’t the homewrecker. It was Christopher who was two–timing, I’m innocent.”

Her tears caused a commotion in the room.

Others remained silent, merely watching her cry.

As she sobbed, she suddenly turned to Angela beside her, saying amidst tears, “Angela, you know the truth. After Christopher broke off the engagement with you, he got engaged to me, and he was with me first...”

Angela was taken aback, her gaze locking with Fanny’s.

Although Fanny’s words **had** plenty of loopholes, she had not lied.

Yet, as soon as she spoke, the situation instantly spiraled into chaos, and Angela found herself implicated

as well.

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Sophia looked at Angela, her eyes reflecting shock and helplessness, as she pleaded, “Miss Angela, is what she **said** true?”

Comparatively, her concern lingered more on whether Christopher had been with her first and whether Fanny was fully aware of their relationship.

Angela rubbed her temples.

She didn’t want to be dragged into this mess, but since Fanny had brought it up, she wouldn’t hold back. “What she said is partly true.” Angela spoke slowly, her gaze fixed on Fanny, word by word.

She continued. “Do you **think** I have a forgiving nature because I’m not **speaking**? You’re mistaken. When you believed Christopher was a catch, you flirted with him while he was still my fiancé. I chose not to make an issue out of it because I didn’t have romantic feelings for him. However, after Christopher ended our engagement and started seeing Sophia, you were aware of it. What did you do then? You – continued pursuing Christopher!”

After getting it all off her chest, Angela felt a sense of relief, while Fanny’s complexion turned pale.

“Yaxley, what she said is not true,” Fanny spoke softly.

Yaxley did not respond to Fanny's words. Suddenly, he said, "I will have someone take you back."

Fanny was stunned, her reaction delayed as if she hadn't processed the situation. "Yaxley! Yaxley, don't believe her! I didn't do any of those things!"

Sophia and Ava were also caught off guard, not expecting Yaxley to dismiss someone so abruptly. They couldn't discern whether he cared or not.

It was Angela who speculated that Yaxley might have found the situation too chaotic, hence his decision to remove Fanny from the scene first. Perhaps he was irritated by Fanny's tears.

Furthermore, it remained unclear what appeal Fanny had over Yaxley, as he didn't even question her at

that moment.

Observing the lively scene, Tyra addressed Yaxley, "Yaxley, escort her to the car and return promptly. Your

leave. father mentioned he won't be joining us for dinner tonight, so don't you

Yaxley didn't acknowledge Tyra's remark **but** gestured to the butler to arrange transportation. He then took Fanny's hand and led her outside.

Fanny hesitated for a moment, following behind Yaxley, and asked, "Yaxley, could you personally send me back? I'm feeling uneasy."

Her fear didn't stem from going home alone but from the possibility of Yaxley hearing Sophia's words again and believing them.

Yaxley proceeded without hesitation, guiding Fanny to the awaiting car. He helped her into the back seat, provided the driver with the address, and finally locked gazes with Fanny. "I'll come to see you tomorrow, he assured her.

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“I didn’t expect such a dramatic event to have occurred between you two before. Ava sighed, seizing the moment **as** Yaxley escorted Fanny away.

Tyra ushered Angela and Sophia to sit down, asking, “Could you tell me about Fanny? Yaxley seems to have taken a liking to her for some reason.”

Angela glanced at Sophia. *If we discuss Fanny again, it’s almost as if we’re reopening Sophia’s old wounds.*

Realizing that now was not the appropriate time to delve into this matter, Tyra swiftly changed the topic.

Sophia took a deep breath. Her emotions **had** been on a rollercoaster ride earlier, and she still felt a bit lightheaded.

“Mrs. Collier, I will make time to speak with Yaxley,” she declared. She had come to Northland primarily to unwind, so she couldn’t afford to dwell too much on other matters. However, witnessing Fanny deceive Yaxley was something she couldn’t ignore.

Tyra nodded. “Alright.”

She then inquired about Angela and Sophia’s food preferences so she could incorporate them into the dinner preparations.

Ava observed everyone chatting happily and decided to join in.

The room was filled with joy when Yaxley entered.

Meanwhile, after Fanny was escorted home, she immediately contacted Dylan.

“Mr. Leigh, Sophia has arrived in Northland,” Her tone turned hostile when she mentioned Sophia, as if she wanted to tear Sophia apart.

Dylan was unaware of who Sophia was, prompting Fanny to provide an explanation.

“Fanny, I cannot assist you with this at the moment.” The chaotic music in Dylan’s background ceased, and he continued. “I had previously invested a significant sum to have someone attack Yoanna. Yet, you **have** made no progress with Yaxley. How do you expect me to react?”

Fanny couldn’t help but lament, “But Yoanna was unharmed after the attack!”

She desired more than just a simple leg fracture for Yoanna.

Dylan retorted, "Unharmd? She will be confined to the hospital for at least two weeks. Isn't that enough? As for you, you must get engaged to Yaxley within the next two weeks!"

Having some business dealings that required leveraging the Collier Family's influence, Dylan had to find a way through Fanny.

Gritting her teeth, Fanny revealed what Sophia had told Yaxley about her actions in Riverdon. This revelation alarmed Dylan.

However, Fanny was the one who bore the brunt of the consequences. Angrily scolding her, Dylan

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demandd. "Why didn't you intervene? And how

bas ties to the Collier Family? Why didn't is it that the person you've crossed paths with previously

you mention this earlier?"

"I was unaware as well.. Fanny continued to plead, "Mr. Leigh, please assist me once more. Help me deal

with her

If cavumstances in Riverdon had been different, she would have wished for Sophia's demise. Now that Sophia had ventured to Northland alone, she didn't want to miss this opportunity.

"Do you think I'm a miracle worker? Even if this needs to be done, you must handle it yourself!" Dylan wasn't naive. If he wanted to control Fanny, he couldn't afford to give her such leverage.

Suggesting that Fanny take matters into her own hands was a way to provoke her. He didn't anticipate. Fanny agreeing immediately.

To Dylan's surprise. Fanny hesitated for only a moment before agreeing.

“Alright, Mr. Leigh. As long as you assist me, I will do whatever you tell me to, Fanny declared eagerly. As she pondered Sophia’s imposing demeanor earlier, she felt a strong desire to confront her immediately!

She was determined to settle both past and present scores at once!

“Okay, wait for me to make some arrangements. Dylan hesitated for a moment before agreeing.

Fanny wanted to say something else, but Dylan ended the call abruptly.

As she stared at the disconnected phone. Fanny quickly regained her composure and dialed Christopher’s

umber

Christopher answered Fanny’s call almost immediately.

However, upon hearing Fanny crying as soon as the call connected, Christopher felt a pang.

of sadness.

“Fanny, what’s the matter?” Christopher asked with concern.

Through tears. Fanny managed to say, “Christopher, Sophia is in Northland, she... she...”

Christopher had already been informed about Sophia’s presence in Northland by Michael, but he was surprised by how quickly Fanny found out.

Anxiously, he inquired. “What has Sophia done to you?”

Assuming that Sophia had mistreated Fanny, Christopher was taken aback when Fanny did not confirm his. suspicions

Before she explained. Fanny hesitated and asked. “Christopher, did you already know that Sophia was in Northland!”

Noticing Christopher’s **lack** of surprise, Fanny deduced that he had prior knowledge of Sophia’s arrival.

Despite this. Christopher **had** not informed her!

If Christopher had informed her as soon as he learned about Sophia's presence in Northland, perhaps she could have avoided encountering Sophia at the Collier Residence!

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Sure enough, men are not reliable!

"I just found out as well. My dad told me. Fanny, I apologize for not telling you sooner," Christopher quickly reassured her upon sensing **her** disappointment.

Though still upset, Fanny spoke softly and pitifully.

"I didn't blame you, Christopher. But did Mr. Sanders inform you about Sophia's arrival to encourage you to be with her?" she asked.

In response, Christopher hastily clarified, "Fanny, I have no intention of being with her! My heart belongs to you, Fanny."

Noticing a softer tone in Fanny's words compared to their earlier meeting, Christopher saw an opportunity to win her back **that** he couldn't resist.

Fanny sighed before making a request, "Christopher, could you do me a favor?"

"Don't mention it, Fanny. I would do anything for you, even give my life," Christopher blurted out without

hesitation.

"Christopher, please don't say that. I just want you to tell Sophia that I was unaware of your relationship at that time... she whispered.

"Well..." Christopher hesitated.

Fanny pressed further, "Do you still have feelings for her, Christopher?"

"No, Fanny. I promise I will tell her," Christopher quickly assured her.

Relieved, Fanny urged Christopher to act promptly, "Christopher, why don't you call her now?"

If she wasn't concerned about raising suspicion, she would have asked Christopher to put the call on speakerphone.

Her true intention was not to inform Sophia, but to prove her innocence to Yaxley.

Thinking that Fanny wanted to test his resolve, Christopher agreed without hesitation.

After ending the call, Christopher dialed. Sophia's number.

At that moment, Sophia was seated at the dining table with others, and the atmosphere was less tense than before.

When the phone rang, Sophia answered quietly.

Upon hearing Christopher's voice/she was tempted to hang up, but he quickly spoke up.

"Miss Martinez, please don't cause trouble for Fanny. She was unaware of our relationship at the time!" Although Sophia did not put the call on speakerphone, Christopher's words were loud enough for everyone to hear.

"You're lying-" Sophia's expression darkened, ready to retort, but Christopher abruptly ended the call.

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In the ensuing silence. Angela spoke up. He's lying **Fanny** is fully aware of everything and I can attest to

that."

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After bidding farewell to the Collier Family, Angela returned home.

Jonathan had not yet returned, but Yarrison arrived to deliver something.

“Angela. Jon asked me to bring you something special!” Yarrison maintained his carefree demeanor, casually holding a large file bag in his hand.

Angela welcomed him in, asking inquisitively, “What is it?”

“This Yarrison handed the file bag to Angela and continued, “This is what Jon asked me to look into before. We uncovered some issues. Although the surveillance footage didn’t capture it, we located and interrogated the waiter.”

Although certain information wasn’t acquired through questioning but rather through coercion and bribery, the outcomes were satisfactory. As Jonathan put it, Angela didn’t need to know those details,

Upon hearing Yarrison’s explanation, Angela recalled the night she was drugged. Hastily, she opened the file bag, discovering a USB drive and several documents inside.

“You were drugged that night, and the details are documented in these files. The USB drive contains videos of the two waiters confessing. Yarrison clarified.

Angela nodded and said. “Please, come in.”

After conversing for a while, Yarrison remained standing by the door.

At Angela’s invitation. Yarrison followed her into the house, Once Angela opened the files, he added. “By the way, while investigating your case, **we** stumbled upon something intriguing.”

Angela looked at him, signaling for him to proceed.

Yarrison nonchalantly shrugged, always sensing that Angela and Jonathan were truly a couple, displaying a similar indifferent reaction to any situation.

Undeterred, he continued, “It appears that the son of the Collier Family fell into a trap that night as well.”

“Yaxley?” Angela inquired.

“Yes, him. Tsk tsk, he’s truly a high–profile target. He just returned to Northland and is already under surveillance. Yarrison lamented.

Angela remarked, “Yaxley is my senior.”

*Oh? I casually questioned those two waiters, they claimed innocence and ignorance. But ultimately, they were the ones who escorted him to the room.”

Despite Yarrison's statement, he/suspected that the individual targeting Angela was likely the same culprit. Simultaneously, Angela stated, "The same modus operandi, likely the work of the same perpetrator." Then it must be him." Yarrison pointed to the final piece of investigative material, saying, "This is what

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you requested me to look into previously, and now it may prove useful."

Reviewing it, Angela saw Dylan's name alongside his specific details.

Yarrison had previously provided her with this information. Upon her return from the banquet, she had tasked him with investigating the men associated with Fanny.

However, at **that** time, the primary focus of the inquiry was on the connection between Dylan and the Kins Family in Riverdon.

When Dylan approached Angela to introduce himself as a friend of George, she didn't pay much attention to **him**. But she had Yarrison delve into his background.

Dylan had not deceived her, but Angela had not anticipated that while he greeted her with a smile that night, he was already scheming against her behind her back.

Fortunately, Jonathan intervened in time.

Observing Angela's somber expression, Yarrison inquired, "Is everything alright?"

"Yes." Angela composed herself and **asked**, "May I share this information with Yaxley?"

Yarrison replied. "It's your call. These were originally part of Jon's investigation. Now that we have the details, we must ensure that Dylan faces the consequences."

The Callier Family was not to be trifled with. Dylan should have been prepared for the repercussions of provoking them.

Although Angela didn't grasp the underlying implications in Yarrison's words, upon hearing his approval, she nodded in agreement.

Although Angela always suspected that Dylan's actions were related to Fanny, it appeared that Fanny was not involved in the matter and was actually connected to Yaxley.

This was quite perplexing.

Angela felt that she should discuss this with Yaxley.

After **dismissing** Yarrison, Angela arranged to meet with Yaxley the following morning.

Even on weekends, they continued to discuss the issue, and Yaxley did not refuse.

Upon Jonathan's return, Angela was organizing the information related to Yaxley.

She watched the incriminating video on the USB drive, once again realizing Dylan's malicious intent. Not only did he bribe those people to target her, but he also paid a significant amount of **hush** money.

If Yarrison hadn't resorted to both bribes and threats, those people might not have changed their minds. "What are you looking at?" Jonathan asked as he approached Angela. "You're so focused."

"Jonathan, you're back! I was reviewing the evidence Yarrison sent over, the one you had him investigate," Angela exclaimed with joy.

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"Yes, I had him send it. Jonathan embraced her.

Varrison had briefed him **on**

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- situation, and he believed it was best for Angela to assess the evidence

before deciding on the next steps.

Angela was becoming stronger, and he would support her growth.

"Thank you Jonathan! It was indeed Dylan who orchestrated everything that day!" Angela exclaimed.

Jonathan smiled warmly and inquired softly. "What do you plan to do?"

"Report to the police. Let them handle it." Angela replied.

While the evidence might not directly implicate Fanny, it would at least deter her misconduct in Northland after Dylan's ordeal.

Sounds like a plan,” Jonathan agreed with Angela’s decision. He then **teased**, “What are you still looking **at?**”

The evidence provided by Yarrison should be sufficient for involving the authorities,

I’m organizing the information about Yaxley. It appears he was also drugged that night. I’ll speak with him. first before contacting the authorities tomorrow,” Angela explained honestly.

Jonathan made a playful remark. You seem quite concerned about him. Aren’t you worried I’ll get jealous?

Angela was taken aback, blushing. Jonathan, you...

Before she could finish, Jonathan lifted her up around the waist and whispered in her ear. “You don’t need to organize it. I’ll **have** Yarrison compile a clear report and send it over tomorrow morning. Just take it to meet Yaxley directly.”

Angela had no chance to refuse and was carried into the bedroom by Jonathan,

The next morning. Angela brought the information from Yarrison to the agreed meeting place with

Yaxley.

Shortly after their meeting, the conversation shifted from the project to Fanny and then to the events of the banquet.

Angela handed the files to Yaxley, saying. “We were mostly set up at the banquet that night. You can these.”

“Set **up?**” Yaxley recalled waking up next to Fanny that night and quickly examined the files.

As he read, his expression darkened.

He inquired. Two types of intoxicating drugs?”

Before Angela could respond, Yaxley’s phone rang.

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He answered with a grim expression and heard Fanny’s voice on the other end.

“Yaxley, when will you

come to see me?”

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After leaving the Collier Residence the previous night. Yaxley had promised to visit her. She had been

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waung Rw his call, but received no response.

Eventually, she couldn't help but inquire about the situation.

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Yaxley answered Fanny's call. For Fanny, half of her success was achieved when Yaxley answered her call.

Yaxley listened to Fanny's voice, feeling a bit disoriented. When Fanny asked him where he was, he replied. "Where are you?"

Angela wisely remained silent upon hearing that it was Fanny on the phone. Although she suspected Fanny and Dylan were probably involved in something, this was something only Yaxley, the party concerned, should know.

Fanny promptly responded. I'm at home waiting for you, Yaxley. I have good news to share with you. Can you come to see me soon?"

Yaxley replied, "I'll be there shortly."

After ending the call. Yaxley maintained a serious expression as he turned to Angela and said, "Angela, thank you. I'm unsure why you were looking into these matters, but your assistance has been invaluable. I will have someone look into Fanny. How would you like to handle Dylan?"

The information Yaxley had obtained was a byproduct of investigating Angela. If he wanted to determine if that night was connected to Fanny, he would need to start with Dylan.

“I intend to report this to the police. Would you like to accompany me to the station?”

“I have the same idea. I have something to ask Dylan.”

Yaxley and Angela went to the police station together to report the incident. With Yaxley, the young master of the Collier Family, the police operation at the station was swift and efficient. They stormed into the Leigh Family and apprehended Dylan.

The members of the Leigh Family were all in a state of panic, unsure why the police had taken Dylan

away.

Dylan’s expression changed immediately upon seeing Yaxley, and he pleaded for Yaxley to spare

He was taken to an interrogation room, while Yaxley was respectfully invited in by the police.

“Speak up.”

him.

He trembled, facing Yaxley’s stern expression, unsure what to say. He could only plead, “Mr. Collier, what have I done wrong? Why are you arresting me?”

Yaxley’s face remained serious, his voice firm, “Don’t you know? Tell me everything about Fanny

Dylan panicked and his thoughts in disarray. He avoided directly mentioning Fanny and instead beat

around the bush.

“Don’t want to talk? Do you still care about your Leigh Family?” Yaxley’s tone was cold, but he calmly issued a warning.

Upon hearing this, Dylan was in a frenzy, quickly stating, “It was all Fanny’s sudden decision to target you. I never intended to harm you.”

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Although he and Fanny had acted impulsively, he had not been involved in the **entire** process. It was all

“Explain clearly

Dylan swiftly recounted the entire incident under Yaxley’s stern reprimand.

Upon learning that Fanny had drugged him and entered his bed, Yaxley breathed a sigh of relief.

Understood. You will await the police’s handling of this.” He stood up and casually left the room.

Dylan became anxious when Yaxley was about to depart. “Mr. Collier, please spare me. I have confessed everything.”

Yaxley gave him a cold look. “I won’t target your company.”

Upon returning to the Northland, he had not utilized the Collier Family’s privileges extensively, let alone dismantle a company.

Dylan breathed a sigh of relief, but his face was still defeated.

After Yaxley left, other police officers quickly arrived to inquire about the matter involving Angela.

The incident where Angela was framed by a waiter he had bribed had been verified, and soon Dylan was charged and temporarily detained.

On the other side, Fanny was anxiously awaiting Yaxley,

“Yaxley, you’re here.” Yaxley entered Fanny’s villa, and Fanny was pleasantly surprised. She presented a cake she had made herself and said, “This is a cake I made. Yaxley, please try it.”

After causing unhappiness in the Collier Family the day before, she contemplated making amends.. Additionally, the good news she had received that morning had put her in a good mood, so she was morning baking a **cake**.

Yaxley glanced at the cake, his expression unchanged but devoid of other emotions.

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“Let’s not eat the cake right now.” He pushed the cake aside and sat down, looking at Fanny. “Sit down and

let’s talk

Upon hearing this, Fanny became a bit tense.

However, she suppressed the strange feeling in her heart and slowly sat down. She reassured herself that if Yaxley were willing to visit her, she would have the opportunity to make him believe in her.

She was not afraid of Yaxley believing what those people had said. After all, Yaxley’s initial recognition of her was based on what happened between them that night.

And that night was an accident.

Again, Fanny felt extremely grateful that she had also targeted Yaxley while dealing with Angela that night.

Perhaps Dylan’s decisions were indeed correct.

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“Yaxley, what do you want to discuss with me?”

She did not sit next to Yaxley but instead sat across from him. However, her gaze remained fixed on Yaxley after sitting down.

Yaxley was familiar with Fanny’s usual demeanor and didn’t show much emotion. He simply asked, “Why did you appear in my room at the banquet **that** night?”

He asked directly, catching Fanny off guard.

Fortunately, Fanny reacted swiftly and immediately provided her previous explanation. “I don’t know. I **had** been drinking, and then I woke up in your room.”

She feigned innocence and purity as if she had also been set up.

Yaxley nodded, tapping his fingers rhythmically on the table.

“Next question.”

Before Yaxley could pose the next question, Fanny interrupted him and said, “Yaxley, have I done something wrong? Let’s not dwell on serious matters, **okay**? I even made a cake for you to celebrate. Today, I received some good news.”

As she spoke, her voice softened, and her expression grew more pitiful.

Yaxley frowned but still followed her lead, inquiring. “What good news?”

Fanny breathed a sigh of relief, successfully steering the conversation in a different direction.

She retrieved the admission notice from the side **and** handed it to Yaxley, saying, “I obtained the qualification to the same school as you.”

She hoped **that** he would be happy for her by showing Yaxley the notice from Northland Medical University and **that** it would divert his attention.

Yaxley glanced at it briefly and remarked. “But I am not at Northland Medical University

“But you are training there,” Fanny said softly.

Although Yaxley was only training at Northland Medical University, being there would bring her closer to him, which was truly great news for her.

Yaxley remained noncommittal. He stared at the notice and speculated that Fanny could not have obtained it through legitimate channels.

“Who helped you get this? Is it Dylan?”

Fanny was taken aback. “I obtained it through my efforts. Yaxley, what are you talking about?”

She was surprised that Yaxley mentioned Dylan’s name but smiled innocently and harmlessly

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Yaxley had no intention of wasting any more time with Fanny. He glanced at the notice and said, “Let’s move on from this topic. I have more questions for you.”

Fanny was visibly uneasy and even thought about going out to call Dylan. "Um. Can I go to the restroom

She felt Yaxley was beginning to suspect her, but she couldn't pinpoint where she had slipped up. *Yarley has been perfectly normal before today. Why does he suddenly start to doubt me?*

Could it be that Sophia and Angela have *said* something to *him*? And does Yaxley believe *them*?

Fanny was hated when thinking of Sophia and Angela.

"Okay. I'll wait for you." Yaxley didn't stop her from going to the restroom, so he sat in the chair, waiting for her.

While in the restroom, Fanny attempted to call Dylan, but the line was busy, and he didn't answer.

She felt panicked and didn't know what to do..

After hesitating for a long time, she decided to leave.

Yaxley had been waiting impatiently and had decided not to ask questions slowly anymore. Instead, he spoke directly to Fanny. "Tell me everything about the incident at the banquet that night."

Fanny hesitated and stumbled over her words.

"You only have one chance." Yaxley's gaze swept over her, appearing cold and indifferent.

Fanny felt panicked. She couldn't possibly tell the truth, so she tearfully fabricated a vague story.

"Yaxley, I don't know much, but what I tell you is true."

Yaxley's expression darkened as he listened to Fanny's words.

"Never mind. You don't value this chance." After saying this, he promptly made a phone call.

She was confused about his intentions. She watched in bewilderment until she heard him say, "Come in."

Suddenly, several police officers burst into the room.

Fanny was terrified, her face draining of color **as** she stood up in shock.
“Yaxley? **What’s** happening?”

Yaxley remained silent as the uniformed officers moved to restrain Fanny.

He had held onto a glimmer of hope that Fanny would confess and repent during their conversation. However, she didn’t intend to admit her mistakes after talking for so long. So, he saw no reason to tolerate her any longer.

Fanny struggled and cried out. “Why are you arresting me? Let me go.”

The scheme you orchestrated has been uncovered. There’s no need for pretense. Please cooperate. One of the officers responded coldly to Fanny,

Fanny felt panicked and looked to Yaxley for help, calling out his name. Yaxley Taley

“Don’t address me. Yaxley’s tone was cold as he directed the police, who had restrained Fanny. Follow the proper procedures.”

The officers nodded in agreement. Yes, Mr. Collier

After giving his instructions, Yaxley led the way out, and the police escorted Fanny

“Yaxley, I admit my mistake. Can you speak to the police on my behalf? I promise not to repeat this in the future. Fanny cried, her voice filled with fear and horror.

Yaxley didn’t even turn his head as he left the room and got into his car, but he could still faintly hear Fanny’s cries.

It wasn’t until the police took Fanny away that he stepped on the gas and drove off

Fanny was brought to the police station for questioning. Despite this, she maintained her innocence and claimed she did not know anything. After a few rounds of questioning, the police decided to detain her temporarily.

Upon hearing about her impending detention, Fanny exclaimed. I haven’t done anything wrong: Why are you arresting me?”

She usually appeared gentle and weak, but now she was shouting loudly, attracting the **attention** of the police.

“Your partner has confessed, and we have evidence of your involvement in **the** crime, the police said.

Fanny was taken aback. “What are you talking about? I don’t have a partner. I haven’t committed any crime.”

She immediately thought of Dylan, as Yaxley had mentioned him previously, and she had been unable **to** reach him earlier.

That could only mean that Dylan had probably been arrested, too,

But what has Dylan confessed to? Even though I am the mastermind. Dylan is the one who has carried out the actions

Could *the* police be trying to deceive me?

The police escorting her looked at her in disbelief. Stop causing a scene.

Fanny was soothed by his warning, lowering her voice as she asked. "Can I see the partner you mentioned Or **can** I contact my family? Even if you claim to have evidence, I should have the chance to prove my innocence."

Her biggest fear was that the police would unjustly convict her to please the Collier Family

As long as she could still fight, she wouldn't allow the situation to deteriorate.

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"Mr. *Collier* instructed us to *follow* proper procedure. Let her meet the person and then ... family." Mr. Louise mentioned *casually* as he passed *by*.

Upon hearing this, Fanny

breathed a *sigh of relief*.

She also remembered Yaxley's parting words about following *the* proper procedure. What does that mean?

It could only mean that he still cared about me.

"Alright, Mr. Louise." *The* police officers paid no mind to the turmoil in Fanny's mind as they escorted her to the temporary holding area where Dylan was detained.

It didn't take long for Fanny to come face-to-face with Dylan.

"Mr. Leigh? What are you doing here?" Although she had suspected this outcome, Fanny still looked shocked when she saw Dylan looking at her.

Dylan wasn't surprised to see Fanny.

Upon his arrest, he knew the reason behind it.

He promptly shifted all the blame to Fanny Kins, expecting her arrest.

“Fanny, you’re here. I can’t cover for you anymore. Your past misdeeds have been exposed. I can’t help you

now.”

In front of the police, Dylan acted smoothly.

Fanny was shocked. “Mr. Leigh, what are **you** saying?”

She was panicking. She turned to the police before Dylan could continue. “He’s lying. I’m innocent. He’s trying to frame me

She would be foolish if she couldn’t grasp the situation now,

“Officers, don’t listen to her lies. It was all her doing. Everything I confessed to is true. I have all my assets in Northland. Why would I dare to offend Mr. Callier?” Dylan accused Fanny, pointing at her and bursting

into tears.

“Mr. Leigh?” Fanny widened her eyes, gritting *her* teeth angrily and turning red with rage. She pointed at him and accused him. “Dylan, don’t think you can wash your hands of this. You were the one who did all those dirty deeds.

In just a few sentences, the two had torn off all pretenses and started to argue fiercely.

“Shut up

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The police’s reprimand made Dylan and Fanny shut up.

Fanny was so agitated that her eyes turned red. She turned to confess everything.

the police and said, "Officer, I'm ready to

She had intended to consult with Dylan before deciding how to handle the interrogation. However, she hadn't expected Dylan to betray her so thoroughly and quickly.

Even more infuriating is that he tried to pin all the blame on me. *No way.*

Fanny had never been easy to bully. She was always the one shifting blame onto others. How could she tolerate this injustice?

She was determined to make Dylan regret his actions.

In a moment of anger, Fanny wished she could tear Dylan's cover apart right then and there.

"Are you ready to confess?" The police officer looked at Fanny for confirmation.

Just moments ago, she had refused to cooperate. But now, she was willing to confess after being provoked. Perhaps following the procedure was a good idea, as it could expedite the investigation process.

Fanny nodded vigorously. She turned and walked towards the interrogation room where she had come from without waiting for the police to signal her.

Dylan visibly panicked and shouted from behind. "Fanny, don't say anything rash. I will assist you after I get out."

However, Fanny didn't even listen to his words. She entered the interrogation room and not only revealed the entire scheme involving Angela and Yaxley but also implicated Dylan in Yoanna's car accident.

She had no part in Yoanna's car accident whatsoever. She had only mentioned it to Dylan over the phone. The accident was entirely Dylan's doing-

Therefore, she felt no guilt in speaking up.

Yoanna was hospitalized far away. She received a message from the police requesting her cooperation in confirming that Dylan of the Leigh Family orchestrated her car accident. She promptly informed her family.

Although the Tuckson Family was less prominent than the Collier Family, they still held more influence than the Leigh Family. When Yoanna's parents learned that their daughter had been targeted in a car accident, they were livid. They dispatched representatives to the police to seek information and

unreservedly pressured the Leigh u

For a while, a storm was brewing in the Northland.

Members of the Leigh Family rushed to visit the temporarily detained Dylan and explained the situation where they were under fire from the Tuckson Family.

Dylan, who was originally youthful, appeared significantly aged after the impact of this incident and his

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temporary detention.

After Fanny confessed, the police promptly contacted her family, including Joseph.

When Joseph received the call, he was so busy that he felt like he was hallucinating from exhaustion.

How could my obedient sister possibly get arrested by the police?

“You must be mistaken, right? My sister couldn’t have committed a crime. You must have dialed the wrong number.” Joseph exclaimed before abruptly ending the call.

He returned his phone to his pocket without a second thought and was summoned by a colleague before he could collect his thoughts. The phone buzzed in his pocket and rang **again**, but the already occupied Joseph casually dismissed it.

“Hung up again,” the police officer remarked, looking at Fanny. “Do you have any other family members? Give me another number.”

Fanny was whisked **away** quickly and did not have a phone on her. She was pretty impressed by

remembering Joseph’s number, but the police said he had hung up multiple times. Despite her anxiety, she was also quite displeased.

Nevertheless, Fanny still asked in a pitiful tone despite her displeasure. “I remember my other brother’s phone number. Can you lend me your phone so I can call him myself?”

She remembered James’ phone number but hesitated to call him because she feared he might react like Joseph and hang up upon hearing the police’s words. Therefore, she decided to explain the situation.

herself.

Even though James was currently not in the Northland, she knew that he would surely ask Joseph to assist her once he was informed of her predicament.

“One minute,” the police officer handed the phone to Fanny and stood beside her.

Fanny quickly dialed James’ number, took a deep breath to compose herself, and waited for him to answer. Fortunately, James only kept her waiting for a short time and answered the call promptly.

Upon hearing James’ familiar voice, Fanny almost broke down, “James, it’s me.

Fanny...

James asked in confusion, “Fanny, did you change your number?”

Fanny choked up when hearing his gentle inquiry. “James, I was deceived by Mr. Leigh and did something wrong. Now I’ve been taken to the police station. Can you help me contact Joseph?”

Upon learning that Fanny was at the police station, James became extremely worried. “How did you

there? **Are** you hurt, Fanny?”

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up

He deliberately ignored Fanny’s confession of wrongdoing. In his eyes, his sister Fanny was so well- behaved **that** she couldn’t have done anything wrong.

Upon hearing James’ probing questions, Fanny at the police station was at a loss for words. With the police pressuring her, she quickly said, “James, I don’t have time to explain. Can you please contact Joseph for

me?”

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Before she could hear James’ response, the impatient police officer took the phone away.

Listening to James’ excited and concerned voice, the police officer furrowed his brow and said, “Alright. If you’re coming to see her, hurry **up.**”

In Fanny's situation, bail was an option, but it depended on whether they could provide enough.

James promptly informed Joseph, who was shocked to discover that the earlier call was from the police. He deeply regretted it.

He was in a hurry to rush to the police station but was delayed by work. Suddenly, he thought of Christopher and called him during a break.

He thought that since Christopher cared so much about Fanny, he would rush over immediately. However, Christopher was also delayed.

Moreover, he couldn't develop the necessary funds or influence upon learning that Fanny needed help. He had to heed Michael's advice and find a solution before seeing Fanny,

As a result, Fanny waited at the police station all afternoon without anyone coming to see her.

She repeatedly asked the police but only received negative responses. Whenever she wanted to contact someone, the police refused to lend her their phone.

The more helpless Xucha looked, the angrier she felt. By evening, she awoke abruptly from a daze, her whole demeanor dark and gloomy.

When Angela learned that the police had **taken** Fanny away, her reaction was indifferent.

After ending the call with Yaxley, Jonathan approached her. "Is everything resolved?"

Yarrison uncovered the initial evidence at Jonathan's request. Although Jonathan was not directly involved. in the follow-up, he had a general idea of the situation.

After discussing with Yaxley, Angela approached him to discuss Yaxley's handling of the matter. Therefore, although Jonathan seemed to be inquiring, he already had a clear answer in mind.

"Yeah. Fanny has been taken in for questioning." Angela said casually. "The duration of her detention will depend on how the police handle it."

Angela trusted that Yaxley wouldn't abuse his authority, so she assumed that Fanny's punishment wouldn't

be **too** severe.

“Shall we celebrate then?” Jonathan reached out his arm and discreetly wrapped it around Angela’s waist.

Angela couldn’t help but blush, but Fanny being arrested was good news for them, so they should celebrate properly.

“Sure,” Angela readily agreed.

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In the evening of Northland, the night outside the window was enchanting.

The elegant private room, the chic restaurant, the melodic **music**, and the soft lighting **a** serene atmosphere.

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Angela sat across from Jonathan, gazing at his handsome face with a subtle smile playing on her lips.

There was a hint of tension in the air, while Christopher, also present in the restaurant, wore **a** somber expression.

“Miss Coolidge, I apologize for my previous behavior. Christopher held a red rose in his hand, although his apology seemed insincere as his mind appeared preoccupied.

The person scated across from Christopher was Jane.

He refused Michael’s suggestion to pursue Sophia again but discovered that the police had arrested Fanny. He wanted to help, but he needed a means to do so.

He didn't even have a trustworthy person in the whole of Northland.

So, he thought of Jane.

Jane knew his sister-in-law, Angela, who was a friend of Ava. Perhaps Jane may help him under these circumstances.

Jane glanced at the flowers in Christopher's hand but showed no intention of taking them. "It's okay. You don't need to apologize."

Although she viewed Christopher as a fool, she refrained from offending him due to his connection to Aval through Angela.

She wanted to establish a connection with Ava, so she couldn't afford to offend Christopher for now.

Christopher felt uncomfortable hearing Jane's words, but he didn't show much on his face.

He didn't put away the flowers but directly praised, 'Miss Coolidge is magnanimous. In that case, please accept these flowers.'

He didn't like women like Jane but was constrained by Michael's orders and had to flatter her.

She smiled and indifferently took the roses from Christopher's hand, saying, "These flowers are beautiful. Thank you, Mr. Sanders."

Christopher finally breathed a sigh of relief after seeing the flowers being accepted.

He didn't intend to please Jane excessively, but he needed Michael to see his attitude. Then, whether he begged Michael to help rescue Fanny or took advantage of Jane, he had much to **gain**.

During their meal, they engaged in pleasant conversation.

Christopher was concerned about Fanny, so he was a bit absent-minded. But Jane was interested in Angela

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and would occasionally ask about her.

They both had their thoughts, but the atmosphere was still **calm**.

When they left the private room, he hadn't sent Jane away yet and couldn't help but look at his watch frequently

He planned to finish dealing with Jane and see Fanny, but he didn't expect Jane to keep him engaged for so long.

Although he was displeased with Jane constantly asking about Angela, he didn't show it. It wasn't until he encountered Jonathan and Angela outside the private room that he snapped back to reality.

"Jonathan?" Christopher looked at Jonathan opposite him, and in the corner of his eye, he saw Angela next to him. Reluctantly, he murmured, "Sister-in-law."

Angela didn't expect to meet Christopher here, and she was surprised to hear Christopher calling her sister-in-law,

"Mm." Jonathan only responded lightly and was about to leave, holding **Angela**.

Christopher dared not stop them because he was already at his wit's end and couldn't focus on anything else. He just wanted to send Jane away quickly and then see Fanny.

But he didn't expect Jane to be utterly different from him.

During the dinner, she had inquired about Angela several times, but Christopher needed to be better informed. After a series of questions, she realized **that** Christopher didn't know. As a result, she already thought of not bothering him anymore next time.

However, things took an unexpected turn.

As soon as they left the private room, they ran into Angela,

"Hello, Miss Angela. I must apologize for my previous behavior. It's a pleasure to see you again," Jane said politely, stopping Christopher from leaving and smiling at Angela.

She also noticed **Jonathan** standing beside Angela. Jonathan had an extraordinary aura, and being called "Brother" by Christopher, he looked quite compatible with Angela.

When Angela did not respond, she was about to continue speaking but then she heard Jonathan's phone ringing.

He took out his phone and glanced at Angela. "It's from Spencer, probably something about the company."

Angela replied, "You go ahead and answer it. I'll wait here for you,"

As Jane talked to her, she could use this opportunity to handle it smoothly.

Although Angela didn't want to have too much interaction with Christopher, she didn't dislike other people. She could get along with local people from Northland like Jane as long as they didn't have

malicious intentions.

"Okay. You wait for me." After saying that, Jonathan turned and walked toward the far end of the corridor.

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Their private *room* was at the end of *the* corridor, so it was natural to a

in a crowded *place*.

After *Jonathan* left to take *the* call, Jane *quickly* remarked, "Is that Miss Angela's husband? *He's imposing*

and talented."

People always appreciate compliments. Jane *subtly* praised Jonathan, acknowledging *the deep bond between Angela and him*.

A soft *answer* turns

wrath. After *Johan* answered *the* call, Angela didn't *leave* immediately. Instead,

she responded *to* Jane. "Miss Coolidge is *good* at speaking. As for yesterday's matter, *Miss Coolidge* doesn't *need to* worry. What *happened before* had nothing to do with Miss Coolidge."

With these words, she complimented *and* responded to Jane's first apology, which didn't *make* Jane lose

face.

Moreover, what Angela said was what she thought.

Yesterday, when she met Christopher and Jane at the mall, *she* didn't offend her. It was Christopher *who*

caused some *trouble* for her.

However, with Jane's reminder, both seemed to fear Ava's identity and didn't cause any trouble for Angela. *She* was relieved to **hear** Angela's words,

... much pay

Yesterday at the mall, she focused solely on trying to curry favor with Ava, so she didn't attention to Angela. The reason she remembered Angela was simply because Christopher called her sister- in-law.

Now, she concluded that Angela was a person with a good temper with a simple test,

People with good tempers were the easiest to get along with.

Jane continued with a smile. "Miss Angela is very forgiving. The incident was our fault, and Christopher was too impulsive. I've already scolded him, and he will apologize to you in person."

Although her words were reasonable, Christopher glanced at her.

Christopher was displeased, but he didn't show it on the surface.

He sensed that Jane was trying to use their connection to get closer to Angela, even though he knew her real target was Ava.

As he thought about Fanny being taken to the police station, he reminded himself *to* remain composed.

However, Jane made him apologize, but he didn't want to.

Moreover, Jonathan didn't know about his collision with Angela yesterday. He worried about the repercussions if Angela took the apology issue seriously, and Jonathan found out.

Jane was unaware of Christopher's concerns. She was sharp and astute. She brought up Christopher's apology to gauge Angela's reaction and earn some favor from her.

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Regardless of whether Angela agreed or not, it was harmless to Jane. She could use this opportunity to understand Angela's temperament and continue interacting with her..

Jane thought that Angela seemed to enjoy being kind to others and wouldn't insist that Christopher apologize.

Therefore, Jane **gave** Christopher a reassuring glance when he looked at her.

Jane's assumption was correct.

Angela had no intention of forcing Christopher to apologize to her. After all, Christopher's apology would not benefit her. She didn't like him, but she didn't want to see him, not to witness him bowing his head. and apologizing.

But just as she was about to decline Jane's suggestion, she suddenly noticed Jane and Christopher's expressions.

She changed her mind instantly.

She remained composed and casually said, "Miss Coolidge is right. Let him apologize properly. I'll listen."

As soon **as** she said this, the atmosphere became tense.

The one with the most fluctuating emotions was Christopher, whom Jane had just reassured with a look. He stared at Angela, then looked back at Jane with intensity.

Although Jane was also surprised, she reacted quickly. She lightly patted Christopher on the back, reminding him, 'Christopher, didn't you say you wanted to apologize to your sister-in-law in person? Now your sister-in-law is giving you the opportunity, hurry up...'

She even referred to Angela as 'sister-in-law,' which made Angela look at her twice. She was direct and even smiled warmly at Angela.

Christopher looked extremely uncomfortable. After being patted by Jane, although his gaze was no longer intense, he still

suffered his neck and remained silent.

Angela couldn't help but find it amusing to see him like this.

Christopher would have exploded by now if it were a normal situation. She could see Christopher in such an awkward state because Jonathan was still nearby answering a phone call.

“Aren’t you supposed to apologize to me?” Angela asked in confusion.

As she said this, she remembered Fanny’s usual way of speaking. She thought Fanny was best at pretending to be ignorant.

Fanny was always pretending, whether it was in front of the Kins Family’s parents, in front of her brothers, or even in front of her former fiance, Christopher.

Seeing Christopher still not speaking, Jane couldn’t help but urge in a low voice. “Christopher? What are you thinking? Hurry up and apologize to your sister-in-law.”

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Although she wasn’t worried that Angela would be angry with her, she wanted to win Angela’s favor and get

to know Ava.

Christopher heard Jane’s urging and felt repulsed.

If it weren’t for the pressure from Michael and the sudden incide spared a glance at Jane.

with Fanny, he wouldn’t have even

“Okay,” Christopher responded to Jane with a single word, then glanced at Angela. His eyes were disgusted, but he said, “I’m sorry, sister-in-law. I was wrong yesterday.”

As a grown man taller than Jane, his voice when apologizing was even softer than a girl’s.

Jane breathed a sigh of relief, afraid **that** Angela would blame Christopher for the issue with his apology. She quickly added, “Miss Angela, Christopher isn’t feeling well today, and his throat is...”

Angela interrupted, “It’s okay, I don’t mind.”

If she had intended to make things difficult, it would have been understandable for Christopher to apologize loudly again. But she had no interest in seeing Christopher’s unpleasant face again, so she casually defused the situation.

Jonathan, who had just returned from the phone call, happened to hear this and looked at Angela with

confusion.

Angela whispered softly, "Is everything sorted out? Are we going home?"

She implied that if Jonathan had yet to finish dealing with the company's affairs, she could accompany him to the office..

Jonathan understood her intentions and replied casually, "Everything is taken care of. Let's go home."

During their conversation, Jane remained silent. She didn't want to ruin Angela's mood, nor did she want to engage too much with Jonathan.

Although it was their first meeting, she had always had good observational skills and accurately judged people.

Jonathan **was** extremely aloof and not to be underestimated.

Christopher kept his head down and dared not look at the two of them.

He was somewhat fearful that Angela would bring up the recent incident. If Jonathan found out, he was worried he would be reprimanded for his insincere apology.

Jonathan paid little attention to them. After speaking, he was about to leave with Angela.

Before leaving. Angela said goodbye to Jane with just a sentence, but *this* sentence made her extremely happy.

Even though she didn't expect to make Angela her good friend in today's chance encounter, she didn't expect them to become ordinary friends.

But at least Angela acknowledged her as an acquaintance.

It now appeared that Angela had accepted her as an acquaintance.

So the next time they met, whether Christopher was present or not, mentioning him shouldn't hinder her from conversing with Angela.

After their departure, Christopher finally breathed a sigh of relief.

"What did Miss Coolidge mean just now?" Once Jonathan had left, Christopher voiced his dissatisfaction.

He felt **that** Jane had set him up earlier, causing him to lose face in front of Angela. He felt uncomfortable and with a displeased expression on his face.

Jane whispered. "Mr. Sanders, speak softly. Jonathan and his wife may not have gone far."

Seeing her cautious expression, Christopher felt momentarily confused and lowered his voice, still questioning, "What are you afraid of? Your Coolidge Family is quite well-off in Northland, and my brother just came from Riverdon. You don't need to worry."

Jane rolled her eyes and sighed inwardly, feeling that Christopher was foolish.

Considering Christophe's foolishness, she pondered whether she should directly cut off contact with him. After all, Angela's impression of her might be significantly diminished if she continued associating with **Christopher**.

She wouldn't feel guilty about severing ties with a fool like Christopher.

At that moment, Jane made a decision.

"I was just joking. Those two have already gone far, and they can't hear us at all. And Christopher, aren't you the one who's even more afraid of those two?"

She said this in a normal volume, but her gaze **toward** Christopher was no longer as gentle as before. Instead, it was filled with disdain and contempt,

Christopher immediately blackened his face, feeling angry at being ridiculed by Jane. His temper rose instantly. "What do you mean by **that**?"

Jane put on a pretense of being scared, but her words showed no mercy to Christopher. "I mean what I said. Oh right. I forgot you can't see your face, so let me kindly describe it for you."

Christopher guessed that she couldn't say anything nice, but her following words still infuriated him.

"You're like a mouse encountering a cat when you see those two. Tsk, more like a black mouse that's stolen something and is about to meet its end."

"Shut up." Christopher slapped her immediately, leaving a red mark on her face.

"Do you dare to hit me?" Jane wasn't afraid of confrontation and fought back right away.

But Christopher regretted his slap as soon as it landed. Not to mention that he couldn't afford to **provoke** the Coolidge Family in Northland. He couldn't even bear Michael's wrath.

Regretting his behavior, he didn't dare to stop Jane's retaliation, quickly ending **up** with red marks on his face and a disheveled appearance.

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Jane wasn't holding back either. After seeing Christopher not resisting, she continued to strike his face hoping he wouldn't be able to show his face for a month.

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After a one-sided scuffle, Jane snorted disdainfully and gave Christopher a contemptuous glance. "Tsk. I didn't expect you to have such endurance."

Christopher's face bore the marks of Jane's slaps and scratches, and his suit also showed signs of her aggression. Despite being able to endure, he didn't retaliate after the initial impulse to slap her.

What frustrated Jane **was** the soreness in her arms from the altercation.

"Ms. Coolidge, have you released all your anger?" Christopher inquired with a lowered voice.

Jane retorted, "What if I haven't? Will you return tomorrow for another round of hits?"

She intended her words as **a** taunt, but Christopher didn't respond. Instead, he raised his hand and swung it fiercely.

His sudden movement startled Jane, causing her to step back.

But instead of landing on Jane, Christopher's slap struck his **face**. "Consider this my apology to you, Ms Coolidge. I hope you can overlook my earlier impulsiveness."

Jane observed Christopher's instantly swollen face with a hint of amusement.

It is interesting.

Before she could tease him further, Christopher turned and departed.

"Hey, Wait." It wasn't until he had taken a few steps away that Jane reacted.

Upon reaching the restaurant hall's front desk, Christopher had already left the premises. She moved to catch up, but a waiter intercepted her.

"Miss, your private room's bill hasn't been settled yet."

The waiter appeared slightly embarrassed but unable to stop Christopher, who had left earlier. He could only detain Jane.

Jane frowned, retrieved a card from her bag, and handed it **over**.

She had anticipated Christopher leaving after paying the bill. Those slaps earlier had let him off too easily.

After paying the bill, she discovered that Christopher was nowhere in sight. She cursed him under her breath when her phone suddenly rang.

It was her father inquiring about her interactions with Christopher.

She understood her father's temperament well. She knew that claiming she did not get along with Christopher would prompt him to arrange a meeting with someone else immediately.

She had no intention of dating at the moment. Although she felt nothing for Christopher, she casually remarked, "Our interaction **was** fine, but we still need more time to see if we're compatible."

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Someone like Christopher, who came from a small town, was easy for her to handle. After today's incident. Christopher probably wouldn't dare to provoke her again.

After ending the call, Jane **sent** a text message to Christopher.

Meanwhile, Christopher was driving home.

He had previously rented a house for Fanny. Since she hadn't moved in, he had moved from the school dormitory to live there himself.

However, he wasn't going home to rest now. Instead, he wanted to change clothes and freshen up before seeing Fanny.

After changing his clothes, he noticed the marks on his face were particularly prominent, causing him to hesitate.

Will Fanny be upset if I visit with these marks?

He was hesitating when suddenly the phone rang.

Upon answering, he realized it was Joseph on the line.

"Joseph?"

What's going on?" His mind was solely focused on Fanny, and Joseph and others knew about his feelings for Fanny, so it made sense for them to address Joseph **as** a brother.

Joseph seemed rushed as he inquired, "Have you seen Fanny? I just finished work, and I'll come over right

away.

In the middle of the conversation, Joseph took a heavy breath, indicating his urgency.

Christopher felt a pang in his heart and asked, "Joseph, haven't you gone to see Fanny yet?"

He suddenly remembered that when Joseph informed him earlier, there was some noise on Joseph's end, and he couldn't quite hear **what he was saying.**

He thought Joseph had gone to the police station first.

So when Michael asked him to choose between Sophia and Jane for a date, he temporarily put aside his worries about Fanny and went on a date with Jane.

But now, Joseph said he had just gotten off work.

Could it be that Fanny had been alone at the police station all this time, with no one going to see her?

The thought filled Christopher with guilt and panic.

Joseph, on the other end of the phone, also quickly realized, questioning. “Why haven’t you gone to see Fanny? Didn’t I ask you to go first?”

He was too busy at the hospital to come out, and Christopher was busy with something else.

Joseph, I’ll go right now.”

“I can go by myself. I don’t need you. Mr. Sanders.” Joseph snorted and hung up the phone directly

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The two of them rushed to the police station and arrived at the station simultaneously.

It was already 10 p.m., and one person showed visible exhaustion on their face while the other wore a mask and sunglasses, looking rather comical.

The person wearing the mask and sunglasses was Christopher. Only in this way could he cover the marks

on his face.

After exchanging glances, only Christopher politely called out “Joseph,” but Joseph completely ignored

him.

After entering the police station and explaining their purpose, the on-duty officer pulled out Fanny’s record, looking puzzled. “Why haven’t you all come in the afternoon?”

Fanny had been brought into the police station at noon, and her family had been notified, but they had yet to arrive, only showing up in the dead of night.

Both of them awkwardly smiled and asked how they could bail her out..

“It’s not possible to bail her out.”

The officer had already reviewed Fanny’s case, saying it was serious and not serious at the same time, as she had gotten involved with the young master of the Collier Family, Yaxley. Mr. Louise had specifically instructed this case so they couldn’t release her.

Upon hearing this, they were stunned.

“How can it not be possible to bail her out? Officer, are you mistaken? Fanny didn’t do anything wrong.”

Even if she did, if the offense wasn’t serious, she should be able to be **bailed** out.

“Tsk. I **said** she can’t be bailed out. Do you want to see her or not? If not, then leave.”

“We do,” they **said** in unison.

The officer slowly got up and led them to the temporary holding cell where Fanny was being kept. Fanny sat in the compartment, hugging her knees, her head buried in her legs, feeling extremely low.

She thought that if she contacted James, he would quickly help her contact Joseph and have him see her. However, she ended up waiting for the whole afternoon.

As time passed, she couldn’t help but start doubting herself. Could it be that James and Joseph had no intention of paying attention to her?

The thought of this possibility inevitably filled Fanny with resentment.

Suddenly, she heard someone calling her. She lifted her head in a daze and met Joseph’s **face**,

“Joseph” Fanny approached the iron railing with excitement, looking at the man outside.

Joseph gazed at Fanny’s exhausted appearance, his heart filled with pain. “It’s me. It’s Joseph. Fanny, you’ve

suffered

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Fanny reached out and grabbed Joseph’s hand. “Joseph, please find a way to get me out of here. I don’t want to stay here anymore.”

Before Joseph could respond. Christopher said. “Fanny, don’t worry. We will find a way to rescue you.

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Fanny turned her head and saw a Christopher in his mask and sunglasses. **Just** hearing his voice, she recognized him but couldn't understand why he wore a **mask** and sunglasses. "Christopher? Why are you wearing a mask?" she asked.

Christopher replied, "Sorry, Fanny, there were other things, so I didn't come to see you immediately. I wear a mask because my face is allergic."

Upon hearing this, Fanny bit her lip and remained silent. I thought Christopher just *discovered* the news, but he's already known I had been arrested long ago and has only come to see me now! *He* says there were other things to attend *to*. *Does* that mean what happens to me doesn't matter to him? Thinking about this, Fanny became even more disappointed in Christopher.

Unaware of what was happening in Fanny's mind, Christopher observed she didn't say a word. He instantly continued, "Fanny, don't worry. I will find a way to get you out."

"Fanny, just wait. I will figure something out," Joseph added.

Upon hearing their words, Fanny felt upset and asked, "So you're not here to take me out now?"

Neither of them responded, and the three fell into silence.

Tears welled up in Fanny's eyes instantly, and she anxiously grabbed Joseph's arm. Joseph? Say something! You're here to help me, right? I don't want to stay here anymore. Although she was temporarily detained, the police did not mistreat her by starving or freezing her, but she didn't want to stay there any longer! *I* want to get out!

Joseph deeply breathed and reassured her. "Fanny, calm down. Tell me what happened so I can help you." Although Mr. Leofric did not explicitly mention it, upon hearing that Fanny could not be released on bail, he and Christopher harbored suspicions. Fanny must have offended someone she shouldn't have.

After hearing Joseph's words, Fanny hesitated momentarily before telling them about what she and Dylan had done. However, in her words, she is just an innocent person who has been deceived by Dylan.

Before Joseph and Christopher could say anything after listening to Fanny, Mr. Leofric came over to urge them. "You should leave now. It's late at night. Whatever you have to say, say it tomorrow."

The two reluctantly glanced at Fanny for a moment before leaving.

As for Fanny, without the previous excitement, she leaned against the iron railing and watched the backs of the two as they walked away.

During the night, Angela observed Yaxley during training and noticed he was constantly distracted. "Yaxley? What's wrong with you?"

"Nothing." Yaxley returned to his senses, shook his head, **and** focused on the topic.

When the two were **about** to leave after finishing their tasks, Angela still felt that Yaxley was acting strangely, as if something was bothering him. However, Yaxley didn't want to say more, so she tactfully didn't press for answers. As they walked out together, they were unexpectedly stopped by **two** people.

"Yaxley, Angela, Lara spoke with a gentle expression, a soft tone, and **a** smile.

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The person standing beside her was Tyler. In contrast to Lara's kind appearance, Tyler looked proud, and his eyes, although fixed on Yaxley, were full of hostility.

Yaxley lazily glanced at the two of them without saying a word.

Angela smiled at Lara and softly asked, "Is there something you need?"

With a kind smile, Lara said, "Well, tomorrow is my birthday, so I wanted to invite you all to come and celebrate. It's not a big party, just a gathering of some young people." Although she spoke to Angela, her gaze drifted towards Yaxley.

Angela noticed Lara's expectations as she turned to look at Yaxley.

"Not interested," Yaxley said casually, taking Angela's hand and leading her away. "Ava is eager to meet up, Angela. Come with me."

Lara's expression froze upon hearing Yaxley's words.

Tyler spoke up only after the two of them were far away. “Tsk, you insisted on inviting them, but they simply weren’t interested!”

During the previous welcome party, they had invited Yaxley and Angela, even though their intentions were all directed towards Yaxley. But neither had shown up. Lara had hoped that this time, using her birthday as an excuse. Yaxley and Angela would agree to come, but she didn’t expect Yaxley would show her no respect at **all**.

“Tsk, still staring? Yaxley did that on purpose! He’s just relying on the Collier Family’s status and looking down on you,” Tyler said sarcastically, furrowing his brow as he noticed Lara’s gaze fixed on Yaxley.

Lara looked at him coldly. “If you have nothing constructive to say, please keep silent.”

The tension between the two was palpable, but they exchanged only a few words without escalating into **a fight**.

Yaxley, who had walked away with Angela, soon released her **hand**. “Sorry, Angela. Those two were annoying. That’s why I pulled you away.”

Angela walked beside him. “It’s okay. I don’t feel like talking to them either.”

Lara and Tyler were both students at Northland Medical University. During the training session, they acted like they were in charge of everyone. Angela didn’t dislike their attitude but didn’t particularly like it

either.

Yaxley nodded, and then he asked, “Do you have other plans for later, Angela? Ava wants to meet you. She and Sophia are already outside.”

Angela shook her head. “No, I’ll go see them myself. She assumed Yaxley probably had other commitments, so she didn’t want to hold him up.

“Alright, I’ll have someone **drive** you there.”

Angela stopped him just **as** he was about to call the driver. Oliver was waiting outside the school gate, so there was no need to worry about transportation.

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After saying goodbye. Angela contacted Ava and found out that she and Sophia were at a mall near Northland Medical University. She quickly **had** Oliver drive her to meet them.

“Angelal” When Angela exited the car, she heard Ava’s voice. She looked up to see Ava waving at her, with Sophia smiling beside her.

“I was about to come find you. Why are you out here waiting?” Angela walked towards them with a laugh.

Ava blinked and smiled. “We were just strolling near the entrance and decided to wait for you. You arrived quickly. We didn’t **wait** long.”

Sophia added, “Yes, we just got here. You’ve arrived. Let’s go inside and have a chat.”

Angela nodded, relieved to see both of them in good spirits. The three of them walked together, feeling at ease. However, their conversation soon turned to Fanny,

“Hmph! Fanny deserves it! She dared to set up my brother. The police won’t go easy on her,” Ava said angrily.

Sophia pondered momentarily before saying, “However, it might not keep her locked up for long”

Angela agreed, “This should teach her a lesson.” She had always disapproved of Fanny’s behavior, especially since Fanny seemed to cause trouble for her deliberately. Now that Fanny had been arrested, she could finally have peace for a few days.

After discussing Fanny for a while, the three of them continued shopping.

Meanwhile, Fanny, who had been locked up for the whole night, caught **sight** of Yaxley,

“Yaxley?” Fanny was pleasantly surprised to see him. “Are you here to bail me out?”

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Yaxley gave Fanny a cold glance and inquired, “Nothing transpired that night, did it?”

Fanny paled, caught off guard by Yaxley's question. She bit her lip, lowered her head, and remained silent.

Yaxley furrowed his brow as he observed her. Unable to discern Fanny's expression, he didn't try to understand her feelings. After a moment, he grew impatient and pressed. "Are you not going to tell me?"

Fanny was startled by his tone, lifted her head resolutely, and inquired. "If I confess, will you release me? While I was involved in those activities, most of it was at **Dylan's** behest!" Moreover, *Dylan* is also responsible for Yoanna's car accident. *Since* Dylan won't *be* free for a while, he should shoulder *all* the blame!

"Release you?" Yaxley frowned. "No one is attempting to bail you out?" He thought of Fanny's former lover. Christopher. Although he didn't know much about their relationship, he suspected Christopher might find a way to secure Fanny's release.

Fanny clenched her teeth in frustration. Seeing Yaxley's oblivious expression, she realized the subordinates had acted against his wishes.

Yaxley had no intention of blocking anyone specifically from bailing her out. It was the subordinates who had imposed such a rule to appease

him.

Joseph **has** been here before, but the police denied my bail request, Fanny said pitifully, gazing at Yaxley. "Yaxley, I was deceived by Dylan before. I won't make the same mistake again. Please release me."

Yaxley coldly cut her off. "Answer my question first. Fanny was accustomed to playing the victim, so he needed to be cautious around her. He had no desire to further involve himself with her, but he also **had** no intention of causing harm.

"I... Fanny bit her lip. She was unsure whether to tell the truth or not. That night. Yaxley had been heavily sedated and was incapable of doing anything, even if she had wanted to. However, she feared he would walk away if she admitted that nothing had occurred between them. After all, she had been manipulating him all along, and he had assumed that something had transpired between them when he woke up.

"Nothing happened?" Yaxley questioned bluntly. His voice was cold and abrupt, startling Fanny, who was still deliberating. In the end, she couldn't withstand the pressure and nodded.

"Hmph, you should be thankful that nothing occurred, Yaxley said coldly before turning and departing. Before leaving, he had a quick word with the police officers,

Incidentally, Mr. Louise was also present. He respectfully sent Yaxley off before reprimanding Mr. Leofric, who had been on duty the previous night. "What's the issue? Can you directly say it can't be bailed out? Can't you think of any other reasons?"

Mr. Leofric asked nervously, "What should we do now, Mr. Louise? Mr. Collier instructed us not to cause any problems because of his connections."

Mr. Louise raised his hand and patted Mr. Leofric's head. "Are you daft? Allow the individual seeking to bail her out to come and gather more money, understood?"

Mr. Leofric nodded, and Mr. Louise departed. Once Mr. Louise had left, Mr. Leofric promptly arranged for Fanny to contact the person who could secure her release.

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This time. Fanny reached out to Joseph directly Joseph had taken a leave from the hospital and was attempting to devise a solution with Christopher by his side, equally perplexed. Just as they were fretting and at a loss Joseph received a call from the police station. Upon receiving the news, the two rushed to the police station immediately. Upon learning the required bail amount, Christopher didn't hesitate and paid it immediately. Christopher's enthusiasm toward the situation made Joseph view him more favorably.

two had previously brainstormed out of necessity, if Joseph could find a way to get Fanny

out alone, there would be no need to consult with Christopher.

After completing the process. Fanny was finally released. Joseph she saw him again and embraced him, tears of joy streaming down her face.

Joseph soothingly patted Fanny. It's okay, Fanny, let's go home."

Fanny shook her head Dylan gave me where I was staying I don't want to return."

Upon hearing Dylan's name. Joseph frowned in disgust and said. "Well, you can stay with me. I have a place. Although Joseph's place was a bit remote, the cost of living in the Northland was high. With Zacharias and Scarlet spending money at the hospital, he would naturally be more frugal.

Christopher couldn't even get a word in while listening to the conversation. He could only follow along with a bitter smile

Before the three could leave the police station, a police officer caught up to them. "Fanny, wait"

Fanny was startled, leaning into Joseph as she looked at the approaching officer. She was genuinely terrified of these people, afraid they would lock her up again. Although the food and drink inside were not had her spirit was tormented

“Is there anything else, officer?” Joseph asked, protecting Fanny.

“Dylan, who was brought in with her, wants to see her. the officer said.

Upon hearing it was Dylan. Fanny quickly shook her head. ‘I don’t want to see him.’”

The officer didn’t inest, saying. Then let’s go. Ive delivered the message.” The Leigh Family was in a precarious situation, so it was already a relief that he could deliver this message. He didn’t have the time to take Fanny back to talk to Dylan forcibly forcefully.

Fanny breathed a sigh of relief upon hearing this, but she felt a sense of foreboding as if something bad was about to happen. But she didn’t want to see Dylan again. She wished she could stay far away. It wasn’t until they got in the car that Fanny’s anxious heart finally settled down.

Christopher drove in the front seat, hardly saying a few words. Fanny and Joseph didn’t pay much attention to him and he didn’t even have a chance to speak. Joseph sat beside Fanny, soothing her with a gentle voice. Then, he said they would move her luggage to where he lived and take her to the hospital to see Zacharias and Matavia. Zacharias is in poor health. I haven’t told him about your situation, but now that you’re out, you can see him” Joseph sighed.

Fanny nodded obediently and said. “I know.”

Christopher hesitated in the front seat but ultimately chose not to speak.

Joseph had everything arranged perfectly, but plans can always be disrupted. Before the car reached the villa Dylan had arranged for Fanny, he received a call from the hospital leadership. Even though he was on

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leave, he had to be ready to be called back at any moment. Now that the call had come and the hospital needed him, he had to return immediately.

As he answered the phone, Fanny was beside him and immediately understood Joseph’s predicament. She kindly said, “Joseph, go ahead. I can handle the move myself.”

Christopher finally found an opportunity to speak and said, "I'll help Fanny move while you're gone."

Although Joseph was still worried, he had to leave. He could only give a few instructions to Fanny and then ask Christopher to pull over so he could get out and take an Uber.

As the car set off again, only Fanny and Christopher remained inside. Christopher tried to ease the tension

with Fanny and awkwardly reassured her. "Fanny, don't worry, I'll hel

you.

Fanny, who had previously paid little attention to Christopher, suddenly realized that he was still wearing a mask after Joseph had left. She inquired with suspicion.

"Christopher, is your allergy improving?"

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As Christopher held the steering wheel, his hand tightened momentarily, and he nodded, "Yes, the allergies are quite severe. The marks around his eyes **were not** as pronounced, having faded significantly overnight, so he no longer needed sunglasses. However, the marks intentionally left by Jane on his face were still visible, appearing rather unsightly. He hesitated to let Fanny see them, fearing she would read too much into it

Although Fanny still harbored doubts upon hearing this, she chose not to press further.

The car ride was silent, in stark contrast to the chaos at the police station..

"She dares not face me?!" Dylan's face contorted with a fierce expression upon receiving the message from the police officer. He clenched his teeth in anger, awaiting someone to bail him out. Despite being heavily implicated by Fanny's testimony and

facing multiple charges, money had the power to sway even the most corrupt individuals. Despite the Leigh Family's oppression by the Tuckson Family, finding a scapegoat was simple. Before long, members of the Leigh Family secured Dylan's release. Upon his release, he immediately sought out Fanny. Upon arriving at the villa, he found it deserted. With the company still under the Tuckson Family's control, he had to set aside his pursuit of Fanny and attend to the company's affairs first.

Meanwhile, Angela and Ava visited the hospital to see Yoanna.

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Yoanna had made a remarkable recovery, with a steward in the ward packing her belongings in preparation for her discharge. "Angela! Ava!" she exclaimed with excitement upon seeing them.

Ava inquired, "Are you being discharged today?"

Yoanna confirmed, "Yes, the hospital is too dull. The doctor said I could leave and return later for the cast removal."

Angela, Ava noticed the cast **still**

Yoanna's leg. "Congratulations on your

not being ideal, they genuinely shared in **Yoanna's** joy.

discharge." Despite the timing

The steward finished packing and was ready to escort Yoanna home. No one stayed at the hospital, but Angela and Ava introduced Yoanna to Sophia. Their personalities meshed well, creating a cheerful atmosphere. During their conversation, Yoanna extended an invitation to her home, which they had originally planned to visit, and expressed concern for Yoanna, so they readily agreed. They piled into a car and headed to the Tuckson residence.

Tuckson Family was affluent, and Yoanna, their only daughter, was especially cherished. Upon hearing that Yoanna was bringing friends home, Ferlisha Mason, who was Yoanna's mother, warmly greeted them at the front gate. Dinner took place at the Tuckson residence. When Harmen Tuckson, who was Yoanna's father returned. His expression was somber, but he maintained a smile in the presence of Yoanna's friends. After dinner, when the group left, Harmen's expression soured again.

Yoanna always understood Harmen well, and she guessed he probably had something on his mind, so she directly **asked**, "Dad, **what's** wrong?"

Harmen sighed before responding. The person responsible for your accident has been apprehended. You're aware, correct?"

Yoanna nodded. "Yes, you mentioned it before. Wasn't the mastermind behind it already caught?"

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"He has been released!" Harmen exclaimed in frustration.

Upon hearing this, Ferlisha furrowed her brow. *Given the severity of Yoanna's injuries, it seems implausible for the culprit to be released so swiftly.*

"What's happening? Harmen, please explain clearly. How did he get out in less than two days? How do those police officers even operate?" Ferlisha asked anxiously.

Although the Tuckson Family did not pressure the police, they should not be considered unreliable.

"Dylan found someone to take the blame," Harmen said. The scapegoat *is* quite clever. It was *the* driver from *the* night of the accident.

The driver who caused the accident that night had already taken money from Dylan, and now he had given the driver more money. Not only did he take the blame for the accident, but he also wanted to take the blame for what happened to Angela and Yaxley before. However, Harmen did not know whether he had succeeded or **not**.

"This person is truly lawless!" Ferlisha angrily said, then instructed Yoanna. "Yoanna, stay home these days. Don't go out." She was worried about Yoanna and dared not let her go out again. After all, Yoanna had already injured her leg last time. If someone targeted her again, even if they could make up for it later. they only had one daughter, and they would be heartbroken.

Yoanna also nodded obediently. After they finished talking, she went upstairs and told Angela about it. "Angela, you need to be careful. Dylan got away by framing someone else!"

Angela had just returned home, but Jonathan was still preoccupied with company affairs and had not returned home. Upon hearing Dylan had been released, she was not too surprised but relieved. She had long known Dylan probably had a backup plan, and Yaxley had not pressured the police station, nor had he deliberately targeted Dylan with his power. Yaxley wouldn't do such things, but Dylan definitely would.

ng to put in the effort, he would find a way out. “Okay, I got i In comparison, as long as Dylan was

Yoanna, you don’t need to worry, but you must be more careful now.”

Previously, Dylan had primarily targeted Yoanna because of Fanny. Still, now that she heard that the Tuckson Family was suppressing the Leigh Family greatly, if Yoanna went out casually, she might be targeted by Dylan again.

After exchanging some advice, they quickly hung up the phone.

When Jonathan returned, Angela was frowning in thought. “What are you thinking about?” he asked.

Angela recounted the incident of Dylan’s release, and Jonathan listened attentively before saying, Leigh Family still has some influence, even though Dylan’s management skills are not great.”

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Upon hearing his assessment, Angela knew that the Tuckson Family would not destroy the Leigh Family. Although the Tuckson Family was also prominent, individuals who upheld integrity and honesty would sometimes experience setbacks in the presence of those who were unscrupulous.

“I won’t talk about him.” Angela shook her head, dismissing irrelevant people before asking Jonathan, “Is everything going smoothly with your company?” Although she was not clear about the current situation of Jonathan’s company, she was very clear about his intentions to expand. He had also stayed in the Northland with her to pursue a career there. They knew each other well, and he never hid anything from

her.

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“We’ve confirmed a few more collaborations, and things are progressing well, Jonathan said, ruffling her hair with an indulgent and gentle tone.

Upon hearing this good news, Angela nodded and said, “Jonathan, you’re amazing!” She never hesitated to

admire and praise him.

Jonathan smiled as they talked, and then the doorbell rang. Oliver brought in a five–star meal. This was a late–night meal that Jonathan **had** pre–ordered. Although Angela had

already eaten, she ate a little with Jonathan. After the meal, they cuddled together again.

Until dawn. Angela woke up blushing, her heart pounding at the thought of last night.

Jonathan had already gone to the company, while Angela attended her training as usual. Upon entering the gate of Northland Medical University, she was halted by Christopher's unexpected presence. What surprised her even more was that Fanny stood beside Christopher.

Fanny still maintained a delicate posture, almost leaning against Christopher. However, unlike usual, Christopher was wearing a mask on his face.

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Angela had already anticipated that Fanny would show up when she learned about Dylan's presence, but she couldn't conceal her repulsion upon seeing Fanny standing unscathed before her. Observing Christopher and Fanny reuniting, Angela was at a loss for how *to* react. She glared at the duo blocking her path and stepped aside to make way,

However, Christopher obstinately obstructed her path once more.

Angela, in disbelief, inquired, "Is there a problem?"

Only after she initiated the conversation did Christopher smugly retort. "Nothing, just a friendly reminder. Refrain from mistreating Fanny Although Yaxley had brought Fanny to the police station this time, Christopher was **aware** of Angela's involvement.

Angela smiled, checked the time, and, realizing it was still early, she was curious to hear how she had supposedly mistreated Fanny. "Mistreat her? When have I mistreated her, and in what way? Enlighten me She refused to indulge them simply because they felt uncomfortable in her presence.

Sensing her deliberate inquiry, Christopher pointed at her accusingly and exclaimed, "How dare you ask!"

Angela asked, glanced at Fanny beside Christopher, and inquired, "Since he's unable to articulate it, would you care to explain?"

Fanny feigned surprise and sought refuge in Christopher's embrace.

Fanny's seemingly spontaneous reaction elicited a chuckle from Angela. Christopher noticed that Fanny was once again intimidated by Angela and held her closer. "Don't be frightened, Fanny, Christopher whispered reassuringly, as though afraid Fanny might faint from fear.

Fanny leaned against Christopher like a fragile flower, clutching his arm tightly, and timidly trembled **as** she stammered. "Christopher, don't worry. I'm not afraid of her."

Witnessing Fanny and Christopher's intimate display in broad daylight, Angela rolled her eyes in disgust.. She could no longer tolerate their affectionate exchange and turned to depart. As she stepped away, Fanny emerged from Christopher's embrace, appearing timid yet resolute as she blocked Angela's path.

"Wait." Fanny spoke again in her sickeningly sweet voice that Angela detested, her hand quivering and trembling slightly.

"Impressive performance, truly playing the innocent. But could you please **not** dirty my eyes?" Angela couldn't help but applaud Fanny's acting skills, expressing her honest opinion. Her words lacked courtesy, causing Fanny to tremble as if she were unable to bear it.

Fanny broke free from Christopher's embrace. Only then did Christopher react, swiftly catching up to Fanny and positioning himself before Angela. Upon hearing Angela's impolite remarks, Christopher glared at her and demanded. "Who gave you the right

to speak of Fanny in such a manner!?" Only at the end did he remember **to** comfort Fanny. "Fanny, pay no heed to her words. She's the one dirty other's

eyes.

Fanny gazed up at Christopher, tears welling in her eyes. She glanced meaningfully at Angela and restrainedly remarked. "Christopher, you shouldn't say that."

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"Why shouldn't I? It's the truth!" Christopher defended Fanny while glaring fiercely at Angela.

Angela yawned nonchalantly. “Tsk, anything else to **add**?” Not to mention that Christopher merely parrots her words, Angela indeed underestimates the feeble verbal sparring skills of Christopher and Fanny. Furthermore, while she was unsure why the two had suddenly provoked her, it was evident that both were holding back.

Fanny, perhaps to maintain a pitiable image, would never display disrespect towards Angela in Christopher’s presence, assuming the role of an innocent and helpless damsel.

Christopher was not good at verbal confrontation and was cautious because of Jonathan.

Angela’s yawn irritated Christopher, and he pointed at her, saying, “I told you! I’m here to warn you to stop bullying. Fanny!”

“Did you see me bullying her? Why are you wearing a mask? Do you have something you don’t want others to see on your face?” Angela asked casually.

This comment angered Christopher, who retorted, “Stop making up stories! Fanny’s arrest is connected to you!”

Angela remained unfazed as she coldly glanced at Christopher’s mask. “Looks like I hit the nail on the head. You seem quite agitated.”

Fanny also looked at Christopher’s mask, her expression uncertain. Noticing Fanny’s **gaze**, Christopher hurriedly explained. “Fanny, don’t listen to her lies, I have allergies. When Fanny remained silent, he scolded **Angela** again. “Don’t try to create conflict between us!”

Ignoring Christopher, Angela looked disapprovingly at Fanny. “Control your friend.”

Fanny paled at her words, and Christopher looked uneasy. Just as he was about to confront Angela, she abruptly walked away. Wanting to follow her, Christopher was stopped by Fanny, who whispered, “Let’s deal with the enrollment first.”

Remembering their task, Christopher agreed. “Okay, let’s focus on enrollment.”

However, both walked a few steps with their concerns. Fanny slowed down.

Noticing her gaze, Christopher instinctively adjusted his mask. The marks left by Jane had faded, but the nail marks were still visible even without the mask. Feeling anxious, he didn’t know how to explain it to Fanny. “Fanny.”

Fanny hesitated for a while. Before Christopher could speak, she interrupted. “I believe it’s just an allergy. As soon as she said this, she saw Christopher look surprised and breathe a sigh of relief. She felt relieved. Her thoughts were clear, and she realized it

was not an allergy. Could it *be* that Angela is right? Or does *she* know something? Desperate to see his face, Fanny knew she couldn't. *My* relationship with Christopher *is thin* ice, and I can no longer tolerate mistrust or conflict.

"Thank you, Fanny. Thank you for believing in me." Christopher was deeply moved. Though he felt a twinge of guilt, he quickly made amends. "Fanny, I didn't want you to see me looking bad with allergies.

"I understand." Fanny nodded.

After handling the transfer, Fanny didn't have to rush to class, so Christopher took the day off to spend

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time with her. As promised, he received a call from Jane but promptly ignored it. Jane made my face making me ashamed to be seen. As long as I don't have a masochistic tendency. I will stay far away from 1

Fanny saw Christopher hang up the phone. She felt puzzled and asked, "Christopher, who was that He casually replied. "Just a nuisance call. Let's go."

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Upon hearing Christopher's statement, Fanny obediently refrained from asking further questions.

As a precaution, Christopher promptly blocked Jane's number.

Once they were in the car. Fanny suddenly inquired, "Christopher, how did your blind date go?"

Caught off guard by Fanny's question, Christopher was unsure how to respond.

“Christopher, I understand you didn’t willingly go on the blind date. I initially intended to use Yaxley to tease you.” She realized she had to confront Christopher about Yaxley. Ignoring it would only leave Christopher with lingering discomfort. However, she couldn’t solely focus on Yaxley. Instead, she intertwined the topic with Christopher’s blind date. In this manner, even if Christopher felt slighted, he would also experience a sense of indebtedness.

“I understand.” Christopher paused before stating. “It was my mistake, and I won’t repeat it. Even if my father insists on another blind date, I won’t comply.” With a firm resolve, he spoke slowly and decisively.

Fanny breathed a sigh of relief. Though Christopher’s assurance isn’t entirely convincing, it does alleviate *my*

anricly.

After blocking Jane, she was spared further harassment, but a call from Michael interrupted when they entered a clothing store. Michael’s call came in.

As Christopher’s phone rang, Fanny observed him closely. She had a nagging feeling that Christopher was keeping something from her, which made her hypersensitive to his interactions. Fearing Christopher might dismiss the call as a nuisance again, she couldn’t help but let her mind wander.

all, Christopher informed Fanny. “It’s my

Upon seeing Michael’s incoming dad calling. Fanny, You go ahead and browse the clothes. I’ll be back soon.” And with that, he left.

Fanny watched him depart, pondering silently, but she chose not to follow.

Most likely, Michael’s call concerned setting up another blind date for Christopher.

Fanny, unsure if Christopher would uphold his promise, decided to make the most of her time. Instead of dwelling on Christopher, she selected an outfit to try on.

As Christopher answered the call outside the store, he was met with Michael’s unrestrained scolding. “Why are you ignoring Ms. Coolidge’s calls? Finally, she is interested in you. What’s wrong with you? If you mess this up, I’ll ensure you learn your lesson.”

The reprimand took Christopher aback, especially Michael’s initial statement. “She interested in me? Dad, what do you mean?” Although I ignore Jane’s call, the idea of her liking me is perplexing.

Michael calmed down and elaborated. “Ms. Coolidge from the Coolidge Family finds you appealing. So go out with her, get to know each other, and let’s set a wedding date soon!”

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Christopher was bewildered. Am I unaware of Jane’s feelings for me? *Despite my uncertainty about her intentions, I am sure Jane is trying to mess with me.* “Dad, I don’t think we’re a good match.”

Before he could continue, Michael interjected, “Do you believe you have the luxury to be selective? I asked

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you to meet with the Martinez Family before, but you declined. Now that someone is interested, you refuse? Are you trying to provoke me?”

Even over the phone, Michael’s anger was palpable. Before Christopher could respond, Teresa’s voice came on the line. She reassured Michael. “Don’t be upset, Christopher mentioned that Ms. Coolidge from the Coolidge Family may not be the right match for him, so he may not have feelings for her. As parents, can we force him to marry someone he doesn’t like?”

Christopher listened and silently **thanked** Teresa. Compared to Michael’s firmness, Teresa was more focused on his emotions.

“You, step aside!” Michael was so upset that he pushed Teresa, who was leaning in.

“Ah—Teresa was pushed **and** fell to the ground, holding her leg and sweating. “Michael, my leg hit the ground.”

Michael quickly set down his phone and went to check Teresa’s leg, but she said, “Michael, just get me some ice to apply

Then stay put. Wait here for me.” Michael helped her up and went to get some ice.

Christopher overheard their conversation and worried that Teresa had injured her leg. It wasn’t until he heard Teresa’s voice on the phone that he breathed a sigh of relief.

“Christopher, your dad is not here right now. Let me talk to you.” Teresa’s voice was low and sounded a bit tired.

Christopher felt concerned and obediently replied. "Mom, go ahead. I'm listening. In the Sanders Family, the person who cares for him the most is someone else or Teresa. His reliance on Teresa was naturally greater than on Michael Sanders.

Teresa sighed and said, "Christopher, you are not in Riverdon. You don't know how difficult things are for our family now. Your father had to arrange blind dates for you in the Northland. Now that Ms. Coolidge is willing to contact you, it's considered a good thing."

Christopher understood Teresa's implication but didn't know how to respond. Jane is not interested in me at all. After all, she showed no mercy when she slapped me in the *face*.

He remained silent, and Teresa continued, "Christopher, I don't ask anything else of you. Just stabilize Ms. Coolidge first **so** that your father can feel better."

Upon hearing Teresa's weary voice, Christopher clenched his teeth and reluctantly agreed. "Okay, I'll just stabilize her. not engage her."

Upon receiving this reply, Teresa's tone changed, and she said, "Then quickly call Ms. Coolidge back and make an appointment with her. Don't keep her waiting."

Christopher frowned, thinking about Teresa's injured leg. He hesitated for a moment but ultimately

Your father agreed. However, just as he was about to ask how severe Teresa's injury was, he heard her say. is back. I have to hang up now."

Christopher stared at the phone for a moment but eventually **resigned** himself to removing Ms. Coolidge's number from the blacklist. Instead of calling her, he texted her the meeting time and place. After **sending** the message, regardless of whether she replied, he turned off his phone and entered the store to find

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Fanny had just

shed trying on a new.outht when Christopher suppressed his guilt. Although he felt sorry for Fanny for visiting Jane, he had no choice

"Did Mr. Stosders scold you? Fanny doesn't ask Christopher what Micheal has asked him to do bur insocently asks it Michael has scolded him

Christopher nodded. “My dad has a temper, but don’t worry, I didn’t agree to go on a blind date with him.” He disagreed with Michael but couldn’t bear to refuse Teresa’s earnest plea.

Fanny blinked and didn’t pursue the topic further. Instead, she pointed to her outfit and asked, Christopher, does this outfit look good?”

Christopher hurriedly praised. It looks great I’ll buy it for you?

Fanny blushed and smiled before saying. Christopher, Joseph said we can visit my mom **and** Zacharias in the hospital now. Will you accompany me?”

Christopher thought about when he had agreed to meet Jane and softly said, “I’ll accompany you. It’s been a while since we visited Mrs Square and Zacharias. Christopher was aware that Joseph had transferred Zacharias and Scarlet **to** the Northland. Still, due to the strained relationship he had with Fanny before, he had not visited them. Now that we **have** reconciled, it is time for me to pay a visit.

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Fanny and Christopher were rushing to the hospital when Angela also received a call from Joseph.

Joseph asked her to treat Zacharias and stabilize his condition. Without hesitation, she promptly refused. *The last time I treated Zacharias, he accused me of mistreating Fanny. Why should I bother treating someone who will *only* cause me trouble?* Furthermore, despite only treating Zacharias twice since his arrival in the capital, she was well aware of his current condition. Even if she chose not to go, his life could still be sustained for the time being.

Upon arriving at the hospital, Joseph informed Fanny that she could visit. He observed that Zacharias was not faring well. He considered having Angela come to attend to Zacharias’s needs. Surprisingly, Angela flatly refused. Not only did Angela decisively decline, but she also did not offer any explanation. As he was about to inquire further, he heard the dial tone on the phone. “Angela!” Joseph’s expression immediately

darkened. He knew Angela couldn't possibly have good intentions. Despite agreeing to treat Zacharias before, she **was** now reneging on her word, which greatly displeased him. At that moment, Joseph had already forgotten that without Angela, Zacharias might have lost his life long ago. With a look of disdain in his eyes, Joseph paced restlessly before finally gritting his teeth and entering Zacharias's ward.

Upon noticing Joseph's solemn expression, Zacharias made a knowing remark. "She turned you down, didn't she?"

"You're right. She hung up on me outright!" Joseph replied, feeling disheartened and annoyed.

However, Zacharias calmly responded. "It's for the best.

Glancing at Zacharias, Joseph sighed and decided not to mention Angela any further. "Fanny will be visiting later, and if she sees you looking so frail, she will undoubtedly worry," Joseph remarked as he approached and sat beside Zacharias's bedside. Finally able to take a moment to rest, Joseph sat down, alleviating his fatigue.

Initially indifferent, Zacharias furrowed his brow upon hearing that Fanny would be concerned. Joseph believed Zacharias was furrowing his brow to prevent Fanny from worrying, but only Zacharias knew the actual reason behind his furrowed brow. He was frowning because he couldn't bear the thought of Fanny worrying about him. Even before arriving in the Northland, he had realized that despite his illness, he typically made sound decisions in most matters, except when it concerned their beloved sister, Fanny. His judgment would falter when it concerned her. During his near-death experience, he had a moment of clarity and saw many things. As a result, he believed his mind was now clear, and he wouldn't make the same mistakes again. Yet, just one visit from Fanny, and he had once again hurt Angela with his words. Subsequently, he acknowledged his error, but he was powerless to resist. He thought to himself, this must be fate as it has it. Although *I don't comprehend* why all this is happening. I can't help but follow the will of destiny to see

what awaits me in the end.

As he contemplated, there was a knock on the hospital room door. Not only Fanny entered, but also Christopher. Despite Christopher wearing a mask, Joseph and Zacharias recognized his voice as soon as he spoke.

After exchanging pleasantries, the atmosphere became quite cheerful.

Fanny recalled that she was able to attend Northland Medical University because of Zacharias's connections with the people in Riverdon. Fanny expressed her gratitude and concern.

Upon hearing Fanny's words of concern, Zacharias nodded reassuringly. "Fanny, don't worry. I will protect

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you."

Touched by Zacharias's words, Fanny's eyes welled up with tears as she hugged him to express her gratitude.

Zacharias gently patted her to comfort her. But nobody knew that in Zacharias's heart, there was a cold indifference as he watched this loving scene before him.

After exchanging pleasantries with Zacharias, Fanny instructed him to take care of himself and then left the hospital room with Joseph.

Christopher also followed but kept his distance from the siblings to give them space to talk.

"Joseph, how is Mom doing?" As soon as Fanny left the ward, she thought of Scarlet and felt sorrowful.

Joseph replied, "Mom has shown signs of waking up. The doctor said we need to stimulate her more"

"Stimulate?" Fanny murmured, repeating it once more, then excitedly asked Joseph. Joseph, how can we stimulate Mom to wake up?"

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Joseph shook his head. T'm not sure, but the doctor said that Mom only showed signs of waking up after

left last time." It was precisely because the doctor said this that Joseph was eager for Fanny to come back to the hospital and try again. If Scarlet could wake up and recover from the hospital, he wouldn't have to be so confined by its restrictions. I am working overtime almost to the point of going crazy.

Fanny lowered her eyes, recalling the words she had said to Scarlet when she visited him, and she pondered in her heart. Joseph, don't worry, I will do my best to wake our mother up!" As she became excited, she coughed harshly twice, which made Joseph nervous. After coughing for a while, Fanny finally recovered, but her face had become much paler.

Christopher, who had been following the two of them a few steps behind, quickly stepped forward and carefully supported her. “Fanny? What’s wrong?”

Fanny had always been in poor health, a fact known to all. In Riverdon, Fanny could still recuperate for a long time, but after coming to the Northland, she didn’t even have the conditions to recover.

“I’m fine. Just feeling a bit tight in the chest. Fanny said weakly, her face pale and drained.

As soon as they heard this, Christopher and Joseph became nervous.

“Isn’t this serious? Feeling tight in the chest! Let’s not see Mother first. Let’s go for a check–up. Joseph decisively decided that **Fanny** should go for a check–up first.

But Fanny resolutely refused, her face still pale. “Joseph, a check–up might take a lot of time. I’d rather go see our mother first.” Her voice was weak, and her appearance was pitiful. Despite Joseph’s reluctance in his heart, he ultimately agreed.

“I’ll accompany you. I want to make sure your body can hold up.” Joseph said.

Christopher quickly added. “Fanny, I’ll accompany you as well.”

Christopher and Joseph accompanied Fanny into Scarlet’s ward, but neither of them paid much attention to Scarlet lying on the bed. Instead, they were constantly watching Fanny’s condition.

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Even Evie appeared concerned and worried when she saw Fanny. “Miss Fanny, what’s wrong?” Fanny weakly smiled. I’m **fine**. You go out. I’ll talk to Mom for a while.”

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Evie looked at the two people beside Fanny. She nodded and left. After Evie left. Fanny sat down by Scarlet’s bedside with the help of the two. After sitting down, she relaxed and said, “See, I really am fine. You two go out.

Joseph hesitated. “Fanny, your face looks so bad. I am worried.”

Christopher also wanted to say something, but Fanny suddenly had a violent cough, which startled the two into wanting to take her for a check–up immediately.

But Fanny stubbornly refused. “Joseph. Christopher, let me talk to Mom for a while.” Fanny weakly requested and then promised. “Til listen **to** you and go for a check–up later. Fanny was adept at playing on people’s sympathies. Without needing to say much more, Christopher and Joseph agreed, unable to bear seeing her in distress.

Once the two men had left the ward, they remained concerned about Fanny, waiting anxiously on opposite sides.

Meanwhile, inside the ward, Fanny tearfully shared her ordeal with Scarlet.

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Fanny not only said so but also occasionally sobbed a few times.

As she cried, she felt it wasn’t enough, and even coughed violently.

“Mom, please wake up soon. I haven’t been feeling well lately, so I may not be **able** to visit you often in the future.

It was unclear if these methods would work, but she tried every stimulating method she could think of to try to wake up Scarlet.

After all the fuss, when she left the ward **again**, her body felt even more shaky.

Christopher and Joseph quickly helped her go for a check–up.

Meanwhile, Angela had just finished training and was sitting in the car on her way to see Jonathan’s

company.

“Mrs. Lawson, there’s a traffic jam up ahead. The traffic in Northland is much **worse** than in Riverdon.” Oliver sighed as he saw the long line of cars ahead.”

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Angela thought, after all, there are many more cars in Northland than in Riverdon.

“Mrs. Lawson, should I ask Mr. Lawson to leave work early to come and see **you**? This road will be jammed for at least an hour, After being stuck in traffic for more than ten minutes, Oliver looked **at the** sea of red taillights ahead and suggested.

After a moment’s **thought**, Angela shook her head. “We shouldn’t disrupt Jonathan’s work. I’m going to see him just because I have to leave Northland Medical University for two days due to training exams.”

In the blink of an eye, half a month had passed since the training began. During this time, everyone had each completed excellent projects, but **what** truly mattered was the midterm exam.

Everyone in the training program attached great importance to this exam because they speculated that the midterm exam **should** be similar to the final one.

When Oliver heard that she was leaving Northland, he quickly asked, “Where are you going?”

He was assigned by Jonathan to protect Angela and needed to be aware of where she was going in order to better protect her.

Angela reassured him, “Just to the outskirts of Northland. Although it’s not far, I probably won’t be able to come back **during** the exam.”

Upon hearing that it was on the outskirts of Northland, Oliver didn’t say **anything** further.

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Angela felt nervous at the thought of the exam. **The** reason for her nervousness wasn’t anything else but the fact that the exam **was** set in the outskirts of Northland.

She heard **that** this exam would simulate a battlefield rescue.

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Although she knew long ago that they would likely be dispatched to Third World countries with frequent conflicts to provide aid after joining the International Medical Association, she didn't expect them to start hinting at it so soon.

She was somewhat concerned that after this exam, the already limited number of participants might dwindle further.

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However, she didn't dwell on it too much. She closed her eyes and rested while gazing at the long **line** of traffic ahead.

Just as she closed her eyes for a few minutes, a phone call interrupted her tranquility.

Upon seeing Cassie's name on the phone. Angela smiled and cheerfully answered, "Cassie, what's up?" Over the past half month in Northland, they had been **in** frequent communication.

But each time Cassie reached out, aside from the basic inquiries, she would also share a lot of gossip. Angela wasn't particularly curious by nature, but as Cassie contacted her more frequently, she found herself looking forward to the gossip she brought.

Sure enough, this time Cassie first asked about Angela's recent health and mood before delving into the gossip.

However, when Angela learned from her about Cassandra's **arrival** in Northland, she was somewhat taken aback..

"Why is she coming to the capital?" She always felt a strange feeling in her heart whenever she thought or

Cassandra, who was paired with Christopher in her previous life.

It was **this** feeling that made her especially concerned about Cassandra.

When Cassie heard Angela's question, she hesitated before responding. I'm not entirely sure, but it could. be related to the company. Perhaps they've heard about the success of the Lawson Family in Northland, and maybe my family is also considering expanding there?"

As Cassie was still a student and not well-versed in the family business, she found herself **in** a state of half- knowledge and half-guessing.

When discussing Cassandra's visit to Northland, her words were tinged with envy.

"I envy my cousin so much as I've never been to the capital, she admitted..

Angela didn't press her further and simply offered, "When you're on vacation, come to Northland **and** I'll show you around."

Excited by the prospect of visiting Northland, the latter quickly agreed. Just because of your invitation, even if I can only take a three-day break, I'll come to visit!"

Angela smiled warmly and replied, "Please do. Jonathan has indeed made a name for himself in Northland. When you come, I'll provide food and accommodation for you."

Since she had accepted that she and Jonathan were truly husband and wife, she no longer felt so distant from him. And it seemed like he didn't like them keeping their distance either. Though he didn't say it

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4chan Dad sell a high roller? Casade teased Angela before turning serious. "By the way, my coronation should have arrived in Northland. If I had known you were inviting me, I would have asked you to accompany her and visit you"

Valomacy if you had come today, I really wouldn't have been able to accompany you. I have exams How the next day Angela regally informed her.

on her side Alexandra had already arrived in Northland, Angela felt a slight uneasiness, but she didn't dwell

much. After chatting a bit more with Cassie, she hung up the phone.

Not long after the call ended, the previously congested road seemed to clear up considerably.

As she drove forward, he muttered. So it was a car accident here. No wonder the traffic was so bad. It shouldn't take us much longer to get to the company now."

Recede and drive slowly Angela cautioned.

She also saw the various police cars on the roadside and the accident scene that had been reduced to a mess. Nie couldn't help but sigh.

Oliver was always calm while driving and nodded. "Yes, Mrs. Lawson."

The cat vident was just a minor incident, but it led to someone receiving a call demanding their return to the country after the accident.

In a bustling bar overseas, a vivacious and beautiful woman hung up the phone and let out a hearty laugh.

sa in such high spirits. Florence?” the bartender inquired as he slid a vibrant red cocktail across the counter, with curiosity in his eyes.

lorenc flashed a mischievous grin and took a sip of her cocktail before answering gleefully, “Just got some great news

“What kind of news? It wasn’t just the bartender but others nearby as well who leaned in to catch the

They were all acquainted with her and understood her personality well enough to recognize that her beaming smile meant something more than usual.

“My brother passed away in a car accident,” she announced, downing her cocktail in one gulp before adding casually. Drinks are on me.

The initial shock from those around her quickly turned to understanding and happiness as they began offering their sincere congratulations.

you headed back home? Your family’s business in Northland, both legitimate and less so, can **only** be managed by you, right?” someone familiar with the Shelton Family’s affairs chimed in.

Florence smirked. Those old-fashioned people in the Shelton Family couldn’t find anyone else, so naturally, they had to hand it over to me. Tsk, they supported my brother who was such a failure. But now

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it’s my responsibility, and I’ll put in even more effort than he ever did.”

Amidst the shocked gazes of the others, she raised her glass and continued, “I’ll work even harder to ruin- the Shelton Family.”

With that, she laughed nonchalantly.

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Shortly after, Oliver drove steadily and parked the car in front of Jonathan's company building.

Upon exiting from the car, Angela attempted to reach Jonathan by phone, but he was preoccupied and did

not answer.

Having visited his company numerous times in the past, she didn't think much of it **and** headed toward the company as usual.

Just as she arrived at Jonathan's office floor and stepped out of the elevator, she ran into Spencer coming out of the meeting room.

Surprised to see Angela, Spencer inquired, "Mrs. Lawson, why are you here?"

Angela naturally addressed Jonathan by his first name whenever she met his friends. "I need to talk to Jonathan.

If she didn't have to leave for training that evening, she wouldn't have hurried to the company to **see** Jonathan. After their meeting, she would have to return home and pack her bags. It was unlikely she would wait for him to finish work before departing.

Spencer nodded understandingly, then hesitated a bit before saying, "Jon is in **a** meeting. I'll take you to his office to wait."

Angela nodded. Since Jonathan didn't answer her call, she guessed he was probably in a meeting. Now, hearing it from Spencer confirmed her suspicion, so she wasn't too surprised.

After escorting Angela to the office, Spencer had tea brought in and went to attend to his own matters.

He was undoubtedly the busiest person in the company at the moment. Usually, he would be in the conference room negotiating partnerships with other business partners. However, the woman who came today requested a private meeting with Jonathan, and she claimed to be from Riverdon.

When he thought about Angela waiting in the office, he couldn't help but feel concerned for **Jonathan**.

Feeling a bit anxious, he worried that she might feel uncomfortable knowing that Jonathan was meeting with a woman from Riverdon.

Suddenly, there was a sound from the conference room. Since he was nearby, he went in directly.

To his surprise, the woman who was supposed to be discussing business earnestly was now apologizing to Jonathan with a guilty expression. "Mr. Lawson. I'm sorry. It was unintentional. I just didn't have a good grip on the teacup and spilled it on you."

As she spoke, she tried to wipe it off Jonathan.

However, Jonathan coldly stood up and avoided her. He walked out and said icily, "I'm going to change clothes."

Upon seeing Spencer at the conference room door, Jonathan nodded. "Please ask someone to come in and tidy up the table."

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The woman Dose in place when she caught a glimpse of Spencer, who had suddenly entered the meeting room. After listening to Jonathan's instructions, Spencer glanced at the messy table and sofa before saying to the woman. "I'll have someone come in to clean up."

"No need?" She directly refused. "I'll tidy up myself. The business I discussed with Mr. Lawson needs to remain confidential for now."

Spencer didn't express any opinion. He simply nodded and left.

He couldn't shake the feeling that the woman wasn't here to discuss business as it seemed more like she was trying to seduce Jonathan.

After all, who would bring a suitcase when they were just here for a business meeting at someone else's company? And not only did she not introduce herself upon arrival, but she immediately asked to see Jonathan

If it weren't for Jonathan actually knowing her. Spencer wouldn't have let her in at all.

Yes, Spencer was the vice president of Jonathan's company's branch in Northland, yet he didn't even know

the woman's name.

Spencer waited anxiously nearby for a while. Upon seeing Jonathan return in different clothes, he quickly asked. "Who's that woman?"

"Cassandra Hayes, Jonathan said, giving him a strange look before entering the meeting room. "We can consider this collaboration."

Spencer chewed on the name Cassandra Hayes in silence for a while.

With only one name given to him, he couldn't really assess the woman's identity or intentions.

Believing that Angela was still waiting for Jonathan, Spencer couldn't keep her waiting. After serving tea in the meeting room, he returned to his office.

However, he was preoccupied with something, making it hard for him to concentrate. Reflecting on the woman's behavior that appeared to be trying to seduce Jonathan, he grew even more uneasy.

Unaware of Spencer's unease, Angela mentally reviewed all the steps related to the test before opening her

eyes

Upon opening her eyes, she was met with his concerned gaze.

"What's the matter. Spencer?"

Jonathan shared a close bond with Spencer, and they would often gather at **Jonathan's** apartment or meet up outside. As a result, Angela was quite familiar with both Spencer and Yarrison.

Especially Spencer, who assisted at Jonathan's company. Whenever Angela visited Jonathan's company, she would inevitably run into Spencer.

After a few such encounters, they had become casual friends and were able to exchange a few words.

Spencer looked **at** Angela, hesitated for a moment, gritted his teeth, and finally spoke, "Mrs. Lawson, the person who came to speak with Jon, is from Riverdon, and she's a woman. As soon as she arrived, she

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insisted on speaking with Jon alone, and her eyes were fixed on him. Mrs. Lawson, you need to be cautious!"

Upon hearing Spencer's words, Angela first fell silent for a moment, then realized that he was reminding her not to be deceived.

She chuckled softly, first thanking him, then saying, "Jon wouldn't do anything to hurt me."

Upon hearing her words, Spencer became anxious and quickly said, "I am his friend, so I know he wouldn't **do** anything to hurt you. I trust his character!"

Angela smiled at his anxious demeanor. She knew he had something else to say, so she didn't interrupt him and let him continue.

Upon seeing that Angela didn't misunderstand his intentions as trying to sow discord, he continued, "But that woman's gaze toward Jon seemed off, and she kept trying to get close to him whenever she could."

After the tea was spilled, he had initially planned for someone else to bring more tea to the meeting room, but he was concerned and decided to do it himself. To **his** surprise, he witnessed the woman attempting to get closer to Jonathan during their conversation.

Despite Jonathan rebuffing her advances, Spencer was worried that Angela might misunderstand and create some distance between them due to Jonathan's concern for her.

Upon hearing this, Angela simply nodded and said, "I understand."

Just when he felt that she was too indifferent and still somewhat worried, she suddenly inquired, "Is **that woman** named Cassandra Hayes?"

"Mrs. Lawson, you know?" Spencer breathed a sigh of relief. He realized that she was not indifferent at all, but had prior knowledge.

"Yes, her name is Cassandra Hayes."

Just moments ago, he had been grumbling internally about Jonathan only providing a name, but now it proved to be useful.

Upon Cassandra's arrival in Northland, she went straight to see Jonathan, even carrying her luggage. She didn't seem to be there for business but rather seeking refuge.

Both Jonathan and Spencer were taken aback by the disheveled Cassandra, but Jonathan was intrigued by the collaboration she proposed and agreed to discuss it.

Even the unexpected and sudden events that surprised them both, Angela seemed to be aware of, as if she had foreknowledge.

It appeared that she still harbored concerns about Jonathan, fearing he might be swayed by someone else.

With this in mind, Spencer also felt a sense of relief.

Angela didn't know what he had imagined, but seeing him relaxed, she knew he wasn't as worried as before.

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After setting aside his concerns, Spencer continued, "The collaboration she suggested should benefit our development in the capital, so Jon agreed to meet with her. But don't worry, Mrs. Lawson, Jon only has you in his heart! He won't betray you"

During this period of time, everyone in the company could see from Spencer that Jonathan genuinely cared about Angela, so he was cautious not to cause any misunderstandings with her.

Angela nodded and smiled. I **understand**. But rest assured, that woman also attempted to test Jon in Rivendon. She's just a persistent troublemaker"

Angela spoke naturally as if a weight had been lifted off her shoulders.

On the **way** here, she had been feeling a bit lost.

Now that she was Mrs. Lawson, how could she feel like everything was obtained through deceit? Her simple task now was to protect those around her.

Reflecting on how Jonathan's condition had improved with her companionship and care. Angela felt that she and Jonathan were truly destined to be together.

In her previous life, Jonathan **passed** away early, and Cassandra only became his wife after his death. Such a marriage was simply not valid.

Realizing this, Angela felt a sense of relief in her heart.

She was never a homewrecker, and Cassandra was never that kind of person.

Upon hearing her words. Spencer finally felt at ease.

"Hold on, Mrs. Lawson. I'll go tell Jon to come out sooner," Spencer said as he **prepared** to urge Jonathan.

Angela helplessly replied. "No need to go. I'll wait."

Spencer glanced at her, nodded, and went to attend to his own tasks.

Angela didn't have to wait long before Jonathan returned to the office.

Upon seeing her there, Jonathan's usually stern expression softened considerably.

"You're here? Why didn't Spencer call me?"

Had he known Angela was waiting outside, he wouldn't have let Cassandra delay him for so long.

Cassandra's proposed collaboration indeed seemed beneficial for their development in Northland. However, her intentions were **dubious**, as representatives from the Hayes Family were not limited to him

alone.

Even if negotiations with her fell through, he could easily reach out to another member of the Hayes Family. As long as the Hayes Family still harbored intentions of doing business **with** them, he did not need to worry about Cassandra.

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“It’s alright, aren’t you here now?” Angela replied. She hadn’t waited long.

“Why did

you come to see me so early?”

She was well aware of his usual off–work hours, so her early visit likely wasn’t to pick him up after work.

It was then that she explained the purpose of her visit. “Starting tomorrow, I’ll be heading to the outskirts of Northland for a two–day mid–term training and testing. I’ll be leaving tonight.”

“So you’ve come to bid me farewell?” he inquired.

Angela nodded. “I’ll be back **in** two days, so you don’t need to worry.”

Though she said this, she couldn’t help but feel a pang of reluctance. Ever since she arrived in Northland, Jonathan had been by her side almost constantly, except for the one day he arrived later. Even though they both had their own busy schedules, whenever they had free time, they would spend it together.

Now, facing the prospect of being apart for a few days, neither of them felt quite ready for it.

Jonathan let out a sigh. “Let Oliver accompany you.”

Unfortunately, Cassandra’s timing couldn’t have been worse. If it were any other time, without the distraction of the Hayes Family’s business, he could have easily accompanied Angela to the outskirts of Northland for a few days. But not only did Cassandra insist, even the Hayes Family also demanded that their cooperation be overseen by him.

He considered entrusting this matter to Spencer, but he couldn’t easily trust him with it. Thankfully, he agreed.

Angela nodded. They didn’t talk for long, but she knew he had other matters to attend to, so she suggested going **back** to pack her bags.

Jonathan intended to see her off, but she stopped him.

“Oliver is waiting downstairs, so you don’t need to worry.” After saying this, she felt a little reluctant, and couldn’t help but step forward and hug him.

Jonathan hugged her back and couldn’t resist kissing her lips.

Angela blushed but did not resist.

It felt like a farewell compensation.

After a brief moment of tender kisses, Jonathan finally stopped kissing her but kept his arms,

“Good luck with the test and come back soon.”

Angela softly replied, “Okay.”

her.

She walked out of the office door with her heart racing. Before she had gone far, she **saw** a familiar face in front of the elevator.

Cassandra was surprised to encounter Angela there. The bright smile on her face stiffened slightly.

Confidently, Angela strode into the elevator and greeted, “Miss Cassandra.”

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“Miss Angela Cassandra made some space and pretended to be relaxed. “Are you here to check up on things?”

connection between Angela and Jonathan. However, Cassandra’s feelings for Everyone was aware of the Jonathan persisted, driven not just by her family’s wishes but also by her own affection for him.

She had always looked down on Angela. In her opinion. Jonathan, who was such an outstanding individual, had been in a difficult situation before, but now that his leg was healed, he should be with someone as exceptional as her.

Angela, on the other hand, lacking a prominent family background and any outstanding qualities, **was** simply not suitable for holding Mrs. Lawson’s position for long.

When Cassandra asked if she **was** there to check on things, Angela suddenly smiled and glanced at the suitcase beside Cassandra.

“You’re joking, I trust Jonathan.”

Cassandra’s expression froze momentarily.

However, Angela paid no attention to her reaction. She looked Cassandra up and down before speaking slowly, “Furthermore, since you believe I’m here to check on things, you should acknowledge my status and address me as Mrs. Lawson.”

The latter’s expression immediately turned sour.

She hadn’t expected Angela to change so drastically in such a short time.

Mrs. Lawson!? Is she even deserving of being called Mrs. Lawson? She isn’t!

Nevertheless, in this situation. Cassandra had no choice but to comply.

“Mrs. Lawson, you **have** a commanding presence. She forced a smile, but it was evident she wasn’t pleased. Fortunately, the elevator doors opened before they could exchange any more words.

Angela smiled at her. “Miss Cassandra, you’re welcome.

As they exited the elevator separately. Oliver was waiting by the car. When he saw Cassandra, he couldn’t help but furrow his brow

Cassandra happened to be looking at Angela when she noticed that even Oliver, who was standing beside Angela, was frowning at her. Thus, making her expression even more grim.

She had come to Northland alone, eager to meet Jonathan as soon as possible. But in Northland, there were also other distant relatives of her Hayes Family.

These people looked down on her, thinking she had come to see Jonathan carrying a suitcase.

But she really wanted to see him as soon as possible, and she genuinely didn’t want to wait. So after getting off the plane, she immediately went to see him.

She just hadn’t expected to run into Angela

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And she felt like even after she left the conference room, the deputy general manager of Jonathan’s company had looked at her strangely

Although everything was going against her wishes, she quickly composed herself **and** contacted their distant relatives in Northland.

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Fanny wept beside Scarlet's hospital bed for what felt like an eternity. She cried until she felt a little exhausted. Finally, Joseph and Christopher assisted her with an examination together.

The examination was thorough, mainly consisting of routine check-ups. However, the doctor's demeanor upon receiving the results was far from reassuring.

"Dr. Craig, what's the matter with Fanny?" Joseph, having spent some time at Mercy Hospital, was acquainted with many colleagues, though most were more senior in both title and expertise.

Henry, with a rank higher than Joseph's, studied the report with a solemn expression. "Let's conduct another round of detailed checks, focusing primarily on the kidneys."

Joseph was taken aback and instinctively reached for the report. Sure enough, among the various indicators, there was an abnormality concerning the kidneys..

Upon exiting Henry's office, Joseph wore an uneasy expression and it immediately drew the attention of Christopher and Fanny.

"Joseph, what's going on?" Fanny asked with reddened eyes.

Joseph shook his head and said, "We still got to do one more round of checks, Fanny. I'll stick with you."

He figured it best to keep her in the dark until they had more info. Telling her now would just pile on the

worry.

Christopher glanced at Joseph's face and tried to figure out what to say.

After they finished up with the last checkup and Fanny was exhausted, Joseph decided. "I'll hang around for the results, but you, Fanny, head on home and get some rest."

Fanny hesitated, sensing there was more to it than what Joseph let on..

Christopher caught Joseph's eye and suggested, "Come on, Fanny. Let's walk you home."

Fanny shot Joseph a look before finally heading out.

Once they were out of the hospital, Fanny couldn't shake the feeling of dread. "Christopher, do you think I got something serious?"

Christopher rushed to reassure her, "No way, Fanny. You'll be fine, trust

Even though he tried to sound sure, he had doubts nagging at him.

He couldn't shake off the

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somehow foreseen the gemory of the look Joseph gave him last, making him wonder if the latter had

somehow foreseen the grim outcome and that's why he sent Fanny away beforehand.

Since childhooiti, Fanny had always had poor health, never without **minor** ailments. But today, Joseph's expression made it seem **that it wasn't** just another minor ailment.

Christopher comforted Fanny and sent her back to her residence before calling Joseph.

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In the hospital. Joseph awaited the results of the tests anxiously. As he stared at the report, his expression shifted from confusion to realization.

He stared at the words on the report, going over them repeatedly, yet unable to change the outcome staring back at him.

Fanny's kidneys were failing. It was a renal failure. Though still in its early stages, she would need a kidney transplant for sure.

She was so young. They couldn't possibly deny her the treatment, but where could he find a kidney donor?

While he had some influence and connections at Riverdon Hospital, this was Northland. Where could he possibly look?

While mulling over the situation, he felt a headache coming on. He decided it was best to discuss the matter with James and figure out a solution together.

Just **as** he was about to dial a number, he noticed a call coming in from Christopher. After some hesitation, he answered.

Although the Sanders Family wasn't as affluent as before, they might still be able to help with finding a kidney donor.

Joseph, have the test results for Fanny come out yet?" Christopher asked eagerly as soon **as** the call connected.

Joseph sighed. "Yes, they have. Fanny isn't with you, is she?"

"I've already taken her home. Joseph, please tell me, is she sick?"

"She needs a kidney transplant."

Upon hearing this, Christopher initially thought he had misheard. But after confirming multiple times, the reality remained the same.

Fanny's illness was grave and she needed a kidney transplant.

Then let's arrange for a transplant!" Christopher suggested.

Joseph sighed. "Kidneys are hard to come by, but the Kins Family will do our best to find one. Christopher, you can keep an eye out **too**."

In moments like these, Joseph's attitude toward the latter softened a bit.

Christopher quickly agreed and then called Michael, who was far away in Riverdon, asking for help in the

search.

However, when Michael received **his** call, he first asked how his date with Jane went.

"Have you met Jane? Did you apologize? Did she forgive you?" Michael's tone was calm as he was obviously trying to reassure Christopher.

After all, if Christopher **was set** up on a blind date with a girl he didn't like, and had to apologize on top of it, his mood probably wouldn't be great.

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After Michael's reminder, Christopher remembered that he had arranged to meet Jane, but it had been quite a while!

"Dad. I'm sorry, I completely forgot about meeting **Jane**." He had informed Michael about his plans to meet Jane beforehand, so Michael knew that, according to the normal schedule, he should have finished his meeting with Jane by now.

But he had been at the hospital with Fanny for her check-up and then had taken her home, so he completely forgot about his appointment with Jane.

He had stood her up, but Jane had not reached out to him, which was unusual.

Upon hearing this. Michael scolded him. "What were you thinking? How could you forget your appointment? Has she contacted you?"

After Michael scolded him. Christopher felt both frustrated and unable to argue back.

He still needed to ask Michael for help finding a kidney source, so he couldn't afford to keep upsetting him at a time like this.

"Dad, don't worry. I'll apologize to her right away!"

Even though he really didn't want to see Jane, he had no choice but to go. For the sake of helping Fanny find a kidney source, even if Jane deliberately made things difficult for him again, he would sincerely apologize to her.

"Hurry up" Michael was not in the mood for more discussion. He just wanted him to go and make things right with Jane.

Afraid of his father hanging up the phone, Christopher quickly added, "Dad, wait, please don't hang up yet, I need to ask you for a favor."

But Micheal didn't give him a chance to speak again and hung up after the last sentence.

"First, sort things out with her before you're qualified to ask for my help."

After hanging up the phone, Michael felt pretty annoyed. He couldn't believe how compliant Christopher was just now. Turns out, he had something to

ask for.

“Did Christopher go to see Miss **Coolidge**?” Teresa asked cautiously as Micheal hung up the phone.

Michael replied grumpily, “Nope. Not only did he stand Miss Coolidge up, but she didn’t **even** try to contact him.”

Earlier, he had gone through the trouble of orchestrating a whole act with Teresa to get Christopher to meet Jane. But **that** unreliable Christopher dared to stand her up!

But Christopher was the one he personally sent to Northland which was far away, so he really couldn’t do much about him now.

Teresa fell silent upon **hearing** this.

“He seems to need my help with something, so he’ll probably apologize to Miss Coolidge next. Michael

added.

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Upon hearing this, Teresa felt a bit relieved and comforted him. “Christopher is still young and immature. Hell learn.

In Northland. Christopher stared at the abruptly ended call. He was tempted to call Michael back and urge him to start looking for a kidney donor.

But after hesitating for a while, considering Michael’s anger, he decided to hold off for now.

He tried contacting Jane.

However, despite calling her number several times, each call was promptly dismissed. It was clear that she had no intention of answering his calls.

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When Jane hung up on Christopher for the third time impatiently, her friend beside her leaned in.

Her friend, Harley Swift, handed a glass of wine to her and casually inquired, "Who keeps calling you?" Frowning, Jane took the glass of wine from her friend and replied, "It's someone from a blind date. Harley suddenly became intrigued, sitting up a bit straighter. "Blind date? The one who dared to hit you?"

It was hard for her not to focus on Jane's face as she asked this. Despite the dim lighting of the bar, she could still see the imprint of a slap on Jane's face.

Noticing Harley's gaze, Jane frowned and **said**. "I hit him back much harder."

Even though she had returned the slap several times over, the thought of the slap mark left by Christopher, which had not yet faded, made her realize **that** he had not held back at all.

Feeling infuriated, she downed another glass of wine.

She had seen Christopher's text invitation before, but she had chosen not to respond. Unsure of his intentions in contacting her now, she preferred to ignore him.

Her father had mentioned that the Sanders Family was seeking a favor from them, so she could act entirely as she pleased.

Despite her father's words, she hadn't explicitly expressed her dislike for Christopher. She knew that **even** without him, her father would arrange another blind date for her.

However, not everyone would be as manageable as Christopher.

Just as Harley was about to say something. Jane's phone lit up again. Harley decisively offered, "Jane, if you don't want to answer, let me do it. I'll give him a piece of my mind!"

Jane, having had a few too many drinks, didn't catch what was said, especially with the sudden increase in the bar's music volume.

"What did you say?" She asked.

Harley had already picked up her phone, pointing at it and saying, “Jane, I’ll scold him for you!”

With that, Harley answered the call..

By the time Jane realized what was happening and tried to snatch the phone back, it **was** too late to stop

her.

Christopher, who had finally gotten through to Jane’s phone, was pondering how to start the conversation when he was greeted with a barrage of insults.

He was stunned, confused, and puzzled.

After a moment, he realized that the person on the other end of the line was not Jane.


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“Who **are** you, and why are **you** answering **Jane’s** phone? Where is Jane?”

Harley snorted, ready to continue her tirade, but Jane took the phone from her.

Without hesitation. Jane promptly ended the call.

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“**Jane**, why did you **hang** up?I wasn’t done scolding him! You can’t let a man who hits women off the hook!”

Harley said regretfully, her heart aching and her indignation growing as she saw the not–yet–faded red mark on Jane’s face.

“Why bother with him?” Jane understood Harley’s temperament and handed her a glass of wine. “Just drink.”

Reluctantly, Harley took a sip before inquiring, Jane, what’s wrong?”

Jane pondered for **a** moment before recounting the earlier **events**. She had just stood Christopher up didn’t **want** to see him now.

However, Harley had a different perspective.

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“Jane, if he’s calling you long after the agreed time, it’s not just you who stood him up; he didn’t show up either!”

Harley never hesitated to assume the worst of men when it came to defending her friends.

Her offhand accusation turned out to be spot-on.

“**That** must be it; **a man** as impatient as him would have called you immediately **after** being stood up!”

The more she spoke, the more convinced she became, piling up her grievances against Christopher.

Jane, somewhat convinced, found Harley’s theory plausible.

Seeing Jane mostly convinced, Harley felt that such a man needed to be taught a lesson, egging her on: Jane, if he calls again, just play along **and** you’ll know.”

Jane reluctantly agreed.

As if on cue, Christopher called the next second.

Jane took a deep breath and answered the call.

“Why did **you** stand me up?” **Jane** questioned as soon as the call connected.

Christopher was taken aback, confused by her question since he thought Jane also hadn’t shown up.

But his first reaction was to explain, “I got held up by something, I’m sorry, Ms. Coolidge.”

His answer confirmed he **had** indeed missed the appointment..

Harley, listening in, couldn’t help but interject, “He really did stand you up! What a jerk, standing someone up and then keeping in touch?”

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Hearing the voice of the person who **had** just insulted him, Christopher realized he had been tricked, but he didn’t mind; his aim was to apologize to Jane.

As long as he could satisfy Michael afterwards, he could ask him to find a kidney donor.

Thinking that all of this was for Fanny, Christopher suppressed his temper and said, "I'm sorry, Miss Collidge. I'm here to apologize for this,"

Jane snorted. "A phone call to apologize? I don't hear any sincerity."

Harley chimed in, "If you have the guts, come and apologize in person!"

Christopher hesitated for a second, then decisively asked, "Ms. Collidge, where are you? I'll come and apologize in person."

He could tell from the noise on Jane's end **that** she was probably in a bar or a similar place. In such a place where he might not even be able to see people's faces clearly, he could just apologize and leave. He couldn't care about a little dignity for the sake of Fanny.

Jane and Harley exchanged a glance, and under Harley's encouragement, Jane gave Christopher the address of the bar.

After hanging up the phone, Harley said, "Just watch me **later**, Jane. I'll make sure he's embarrassed!"

Jane knew she was up to something mischievous, but she also wanted to see Christopher embarrassed. She smiled and raised her glass to clink with Harley.

"Then I'll leave it to you."

As their glasses clinked, they shared a smile.

Meanwhile, at the Northland Airport.

A woman walked out of the airport.

The woman was bright and flamboyant, and as soon as she appeared, someone noticed her and hurried over to greet her.

"Miss Shelton, welcome back to the country!" The person who greeted her didn't seem like an ordinary businessman but more like someone associated with the underworld.

The woman glanced at him and ignored him.

The man didn't mind and continued, "Miss Shelton, do you want to go home? The car **is** over there."

The woman finally paused, giving the man a faint smile, "Why go home? Take my luggage; I'm going to

see some friends.”

Her return was not to attend her brother’s funeral; she was back to squander the family fortune.

The woman was Miss Shelton from the Shelton Family. She was convinced that after her brother’s death, the Shelton Family, influential in both the underworld and legitimate spheres, would inevitably fall into

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Not only because she was of the Shelton bloodline, but also because of the family’s old-fashioned patriarch.

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If the outcome was already destined, why should she exert herself? Why not live as freely and recklessly as her brother did?

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Christopher **soon** arrived at the bar where Jane was. Amidst the dim lighting and noisy music, he found Jane and Harley’s booth. Wearing a mask, he clearly wasn’t there to drink.

“Ms. Coolidge, Christopher apologized straightforwardly **as** soon as he saw Jane, “I was wrong before, and I’m here to apologize to you.”

Jane, holding a drink, looked at him lazily and remained silent.

The noisy music and Jane’s indifference made Christopher frown.

“Who apologizes like this? Don’t you think it’s insincere?” Harley stood up from the booth and taunted Christopher.

Christopher frowned at Harley, recognizing her as the one who had insulted him over the phone.

Harley glared back fearlessly. Noticing Christopher’s mask, she remembered Jane mentioning how she had beaten him up and sneered, “What’s with the mask? Are you hiding something?”

Feeling that staying would only increase his irritation, Christopher turned to leave.

Harley grabbed him. “Aren’t you here to apologize? Are you thinking of leaving just like that?”

Jane stood up and added, “Right, I haven’t even heard your apology yet.”

Their booth was in a visible location, and when both stood up, they drew the attention of the neighboring booth.

Close by, several men surrounded a woman who was flamboyant and seductive, leisurely smoking, her gaze landing on Christopher.

“What are you looking at, Florence?” One man leaned in, following her gaze.

Florence casually said, “It’s too boring here, just watching a show to pass the time.”

The woman was Miss Florence Shelton from the Shelton Family who had returned to the country, but as soon as she came back, she found a place to meet a few friends at the bar.

She happened to see Christopher being harassed by Jane and Harley in the adjacent booth.

The man looked Christopher up and down, asking, “He’s not your type, is he?”

Florence looked at him speechlessly. “I don’t like this kind of person. I said I was just watching **a** show to pass the time. I bet a drink that he will end up kneeling down to apologize.”

The man looked over at Christopher, who was already coerced by Jane and Harley into drinking several glasses.

But Christopher's drinking was comical, removing his mask to sip and then replacing it.

"Is it enough now? I've apologized and drank, Ms. Coolidge. Can we put the past behind us?" Christopher asked, struggling with the taste of the alcohol and the dizziness.

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The three glasses of alcohol he had just drunk were not ordinary beer, but high-proof foreign liquor, but urged and coerced by Jane and Harley, he still drank it.

Christopher thought **that** after he had a drink, everything would be fine. However, he didn't expect Harley to speak up again. "Take off your mask to drink. Who knows if you're secretly pouring out the alcohol with half of your **face** covered?"

She lazily sat back on the booth sofa, pulling Jane to sit down with her, mocking Christopher who had just drank three glasses of wine in **vain**.

Christopher clenched his fist, but he held back.

"If I remove my mask and drink, will you forgive my past actions?" He asked, **ignoring** Harley and looking directly at Jane.

Jane shrugged. "It depends on your performance. Apologies must be sincere, you **know**?"

Feeling now amused rather than bored, Jane found playing with Christopher quite interesting.

"Alright," Christopher said, and took off his mask.

He had been wearing a **mask** since being hit by Jane, but he knew that the mark on his face was not as noticeable as before.

Upon his reveal, Harley laughed, and chuckles also came from the neighboring booth.

Ignoring Harley's mockery, Christopher glared fiercely at Florence in the next booth.

Florence, amused by his stare, felt a flicker of annoyance and said to her companion, "Looks like he really **has** to apologize on his knees."

However, the apology was not for Jane, but for her.

The man understood Florence's intent and signaled to the bartender.

A muscular bartender approached respectfully, receiving instructions to arrange a private room upstairs.

for them.

Florence gracefully stood up at the man's invitation, casting a glance at Christopher before heading upstairs.

Christopher, still trying to apologize to Jane, felt a cold shiver as if he had been scrutinized by a gaze, freezing him in place.

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Harley, noticing the adjacent booth emptying, didn't pay much attention to it. Instead, after Christopher finished his drink, she provocatively suggested. Your face looks a bit asymmetrical. To show your sincerity,

Why don't you slap yourself a few times to even it out?"

Christopher was immediately enraged, but before he could respond, a burly bouncer approached.

"Sir, a lady would like to have a word with you."

The appearance of the bartender puzzled Jane and the others.

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But Christopher knew he couldn't stay at this table any longer. He had almost lost his temper with Harley and Jane just now

Since someone was looking for him, he took the opportunity to leave.

"Ms. Coolidge, someone is looking for me. I need to step away" With that, Christopher looked at the bartender and gestured for him to lead the way.

Seeing Christopher leave, Harley couldn't help but feel a bit regretful. "This guy really knows how to pretend. The bartender must be someone he arranged himself, right? He just doesn't want to be played by

Jane shrugged. "Who cares? We embarrassed him enough. Did you notice how wobbly his walk was?"

She didn't want to make Christopher too miserable, after all, she was still count him to deal with her

on family.

The two of them didn't stay long before leaving the bar.

They didn't know that after being led away by the bartender for a few steps, Christopher confirmed that **Jane** and Harley couldn't see him, and said to the bartender, "No need to show me the way; I don't want

see your miss

As he spoke, he tried to head toward the bar's exit but was unexpectedly lifted by the bartender.

"My miss wants to see you; you don't have a choice," the bartender said, then lifted him up to the second floor as if he were carrying a child.

Having consumed several drinks, Christopher felt groggy and unable to free himself.

After being carried for a while, he was seemingly thrown to the ground.

"Is this guy drunk? Wasn't he just glaring at me?" Florence remarked disdainfully, kicking the prostrate Christopher and then stepping on his hand, waking him with the pain..

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This sudden jolt sobered Christopher considerably, **and** the nausea from the alcohol surged, leading him to vomit directly onto Florence's shoes, causing her to step back in disgust.

"D"mn it! Wake him up!"

Enraged by the mess on her shoes, she wanted Christopher to pay.

He was dragged to the restroom and doused with cold water.

“Cough cough cough- Christopher, drenched in cold water, looked disheveled and somewhat more SOBER.

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After the cold water treatment, the person who had doused Christopher stopped the water and dragged him out. When he was thrown in front of Florence again, Christopher shouted in **pain** and anger, “Who are you? What do you want?”

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Florence kicked him and, seeing that he stopped howling, you glaring at me just now?”

Pain from the kick silenced Christopher. Under the dim light, he looked up and finally recognized Florence’s face.

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seated at the adjacent **table** earlie

The alcohol was rinsed away by the cold water, and he recollected that Florence was the woman who sat at the table beside Jane and Harley.

When Jane and Harley were taunting him, this woman even ridiculed him!

It was her laughter that had provoked him to glare at her. Little did he know that such a trivial action would lead to him being dragged here.

“It seems you remember, Florence said nonchalantly, then turned to her bodyguards. “He’s been so rude. Aren’t you going to teach him a lesson for me?”

The bodyguards, recently assigned to her, were ready to take action. Without getting her hands dirty, she let them handle Christopher.

As soon as she finished speaking, the bodyguards in black attire unhesitatingly delivered forceful blows to Christopher.

“Ugh-

Caught off guard, he was overwhelmed by pain before realizing these men intended to beat him severely.

“You dare to hit me? I’ll call the police! If I do, you’ll all be arrested!”

His threats were ignored by the assailants, but Florence found his mention of the police amusing.

“Don’t worry, you can call the police after we’re done beating you.”

Her brazen attitude sent chills down Christopher’s spine, intensifying his pain..

As the beating continued, despite the threat of police, Christopher begged for mercy, “Uh–It’s all at misunderstanding, I won’t call the police. Ah! I didn’t mean to glare at you, it was an accident!”

However, his pleas did not sway Florence, who indifferently sipped her drink, enjoying the sight of Christopher being pummeled.

He numbly curled up, shielding his head as he was struck, beseeching for mercy while enduring the blows, hoping that Florence would **spare** him.

After a while, the man with Florence expressed concern. “Don’t kill him. I just took over this bar and haven’t made back my investment yet.”

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Florence glanced at her friend and casually remarked, “He’s so spineless, he probably can’t take much

more.”

Observing Christopher’s pitiful cries, the man agreed. “Right, he’s already crying for mercy.

Florence shrugged indifferently. "Let him call someone then. It'll be more fun that way." Understanding her intent, the man resignedly smiled, got up, and went to relay the message.

"Hold off for now," he said, prompting the bodyguards to look at Florence.

With her nod, they ceased their **assault**,

The room quieted down, leaving only Christopher's moans of pain. The beating had stopped, but the agony lingered.

Christopher's howls of pain were grating to hear. Concerned that he might further irritate Florence, the man kicked him and growled, "Shut the hell up."

He trembled, gasped in pain, and quickly silenced himself.

After he quieted down, the

man approached him and asked, "Are you scared now?"

With a bruised face and trembling voice, he admitted, "Scared, very scared..."

He was terrified of this group; every part of his body ached.

If he could escape, he would immediately call the police to arrest these people.

"Scared and still not apologizing?" the man taunted, whispering in Christopher's ear, "Still thinking of calling the police? Do you think that would help? You've offended Miss Florence of the Shelton Family: even the police would have to show respect to her,"

Christopher quickly apologized, "I'm sorry, it was my fault."

He didn't respond to the man's sarcasm, but inside, a storm was brewing.

Miss Florence Shelton? He had probably heard of the Shelton Family in Northland, knowing that they seemed to have connections in both the underworld and legitimate circles.

The person I had angered was *the* daughter of the Shelton Family?

The more he thought **about** it, the colder Christopher's heart became.

He could only bury his head and apologize, "I'm sorry, I'm sorry! I was wrong!"

This **woman** was not afraid of the police, and her methods were ruthless. Even if he were killed, the police might **overlook** the incident to favor the Shelton Family.

Bruised and bloodied, he looked pitiful as he cowered and apologized, feeling utterly humiliated inside.

“Call your family. An apology from you isn’t enough; your family needs to apologize too,” the man said, catching Florence’s bored glance and quickly getting to the point.

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Christopher quickly found Jonathan’s **number** and dialed i

At that moment, Jonathan was working late at the office.

He was discussing cooperation with the Hayes Family with Spencer

Due to Angela being out for the test, Jonathan had decided to stay at the office for these two days instead of gone home.

Just as he was talking to Spencer, his phone suddenly rang

Jonathan glanced at his phone **and** saw Christopher’s name on the screen, instinctively furrowing his brows

Christopher Spencer happened to be beside him, catching a glimpse of his hesitation, and asked, “Aren’t you going to answer!”

Spencer felt that this **name** sounded familiar, and after a moment of thought, he remembered that this was Jonathan's troublesome younger brother.

Spencer knew a bit about Jonathan's family situation, but he didn't know the specific relationship between Christopher and Jonathan

But seeing this incoming call, he instinctively felt that Christopher must have gotten into some trouble and needed Jonathan to clean up the mess.

Sensing trouble, he offered, "Shall I answer for you? I can say you're busy."

Jonathan was already busy enough with work, and he didn't want to see his friend troubled by **more** issues.

"I'll answer it, just give **me** a moment," Jonathan said, standing up and walking towards the window to answer the call

Spencer watched his friend's back, shaking his head helplessly.

In his opinion, Jonathan was completely different when it came to handling business matters and personal matters. While he was decisive in business, handling personal matters seemed more challenging.

However, Spencer didn't really **have** the qualifications to guide Jonathan, considering the chaotic situation in his own family

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As soon as Jonathan answered the phone, he heard Christopher's panicked voice on the other end

Jonathan, Jonathan, help me!

Before he **could** finish his sentence, the phone **was** snatched away.

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He couldn't bear to watch Christopher stuttering and hesitating, so he bluntly stated, "Your brother has offended our Miss Hurry over here, apologize to our Miss, and take this useless brother of yours **away**."

Jonathan inquired, "Offended your Miss? Who is she?"

The man glanced at Florence, who was listening in on speakerphone, and handed her the phone as Jonathan repeated his question. Florence casually replied, "It's me, Miss Florence Shelton," and then abruptly ended the call, tossing the phone onto Christopher.

Christopher, hit by the phone, realized the conversation had ended abruptly and worriedly asked, "Why did you hang up? What if my brother

"Are you worried he won't come?" Florence mocked. "If he doesn't show up today, he'll have to deal with your dead body tomorrow."

Christopher shuddered in fear. She dismissively assured, "If your brother is smart, he'll come once he hears the Mo family name."

Christopher wanted to say more but stopped upon seeing her growing impatience.

The man, sensing Florence's annoyance, kicked Christopher and snapped, "Enough talk. If we beat you badly enough, won't he have to come?"

Christopher felt helpless. He had intended to seek help from **his** brother, but the man's threatening words had potentially jeopardized that. What if Jonathan thought he was complicit with these people?

His fear intensified, but he remained silent, relieved when Jonathan finally arrived.

When Jonathan entered, Christopher was as pitiful as a beaten dog, trying to make himself as small as possible.

Jonathan arrived not alone but with Yarrison and several bodyguards, on Yarrison's advice, to handle the situation after the Shelton Family's name was mentioned.

They didn't appear to be there for a rescue mission, but rather to stir up trouble.

Christopher, seeing Jonathan, scrambled up, seeking refuge.

"Jonathan... you finally arrived."

Despite his battered appearance, he seemed much more spirited than before.

Florence clicked her tongue, ready to mock Christopher, but then she caught sight of the man he referred to as Jonathan.

For a moment, she was taken aback.

This man was undeniably handsome, she thought to herself, unable to resist commenting. "So you're Christopher's brother? You two don't look alike at all; he's not as handsome as you."

Ignoring Florence's comment, Jonathan signaled his bodyguards to help Christopher, but her men

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dragged him back first, unceremoniously dropping him at her feet.

"What did he do to warrant such treatment. Miss Shelton?" Jonathan inquired, not sympathizing with Christopher but needing to clarify the situation.

Florence, lounging confidently, replied. "Your brother offended me, and my men took offense. I'm still angry, if you apologize for him. maybe I'll feel better, and my men will stop"

Her gaze lingered on Jonathan, appreciating his calm, imposing presence.

Jonathan, uncomfortable under her scrutiny, pressed, "How exactly did he offend you?"

She chuckled and shook her head slightly, glancing at Christopher. "Let him explain himself." Terrified by her. Christopher began to panic, "I **was** wrong, I was wrong!"

Jonathan looked at Christopher with a furrowed brow.

"He admits he was wrong. Do I need to say more?" Florence said, smiling flirtatiously at Jonathan

Yarrison also noticed her peculiar gaze towards Jonathan and leaned in to whisper something in his ear

This woman has been staring at you, and her behavior towards you is quite odd."

Upon hearing this, Jonathan's intuition told him to disengage from Florence, so he stated:

"If Miss Shelton insists on an apology, I'll **leave** my brother in your hands."

With that. Jonathan didn't even spare a glance at Christopher, who was still being held by Florence's associates, and made his way out.

Florence stood still, while Christopher was bewildered. Jonathan?"

Seeing Jonathan about to exit the room, she couldn't help but stop him. "Wait, since you're here. I can't let you leave empty-handed!"

Jonathan halted but didn't turn around.

"I'll return this person to you, consider it as making a new friend," Florence said, gesturing for Christopher to be brought to Jonathan, who was then looked at by Jonathan's bodyguard.

After a nod from Jonathan, his bodyguard accepted Christopher, who seemed to relax in the presence of Jonathan.

"Thank you, Miss Shelton. Jonathan said, preparing to depart.

"What's your name?" Florence inquired from behind.

Not knowing the man's name, she believed he would eventually be in her grasp, so making a good first impression now was acceptable.

"Jonathan." After calmly responding, Jonathan asked, "Is there anything else, Miss Shelton?"

Florence mulled over the name Jonathan, then gazed at his flawless face once more, introducing herself

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with a **smile**. "I'm Florence Shelton."

The man next to her widened his eyes in surprise when she suddenly introduced herself by name and then, noticing the way she looked at Jonathan, he comprehended the situation and bowed his head.

Jonathan nodded in response to Florence and, finally meeting her unusually bright eyes, said, "If you have no further business, I shall take my leave."

Sensing his intention to depart, she reluctantly wanted to keep him longer, but the man beside her whispered something to her.

After giving Jonathan another look, though reluctant, she let him go. "Then, you may leave."

Jonathan signaled with his eyes for the bodyguards to lead Christopher out first, while he and Yarrison

followed.

After leaving the private room and descending the stairs,

Yarrison, maintaining some distance from the bodyguards, mentioned to Jonathan, “**That** Florence seemed quite interested in **you**.”

“What do you mean?”

Jonathan had initially thought Yarrison was just commenting on Florence’s peculiar personality, but now he was genuinely puzzled by Yarrison’s observation.

“Didn’t **you** notice the way she was looking at you? It was odd.”

Yarrison, aware of his friend’s occasional obliviousness, especially since **Jonathan** had eyes only for Angela, found it extraordinary **that** Jonathan hadn’t noticed Florence’s flirtatious glances, which were almost blatantly obvious,

Yarrison couldn’t help but find the situation somewhat absurd.

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“I didn’t notice,” Jonathan succinctly replied, then frowned as he thought about the Shelton Family background, labeling it as “troublesome.”

Yarrison agreed with Jonathan’s assessment of Florence as a problem.

Walking alongside Jonathan, he couldn’t help but express his concern. “Right, she’s definitely trouble. What now? You can’t let her cling to you.”

As they left, Florence and her group followed not far behind Jonathan and Yarrison.

Jonathan, without turning around, already sensed who was behind them and muttered in a displeased tone, "She's already clinging."

Yarrison glanced back, indeed seeing Florence's provocatively attractive face. He hurried to catch up with Jonathan, who had increased his pace.

Florence just trailed them, unhurriedly, until they all exited the bar,

In the deepening night outside the bar, Jonathan approached his car where the leading bodyguard was supporting Christopher at the roadside.

Jonathan..." Christopher whispered upon seeing Jonathan, visibly trembling.

Jonathan merely glanced at him, his look conveying a warning, silencing Christopher. He trembled uncontrollably, especially when he saw Florence emerging from the bar with her bodyguards.

Catching sight of Florence, Jonathan assessed the vehicles they had arrived in. He instructed the bodyguards, "Two of you take me and Yarrison, the rest take him to the hospital."

Understanding his intent, two bodyguards immediately opened the car door for Jonathan, while the others **took** Christopher to another vehicle.

"Mr. Lawson, are you in such a hurry to leave?" Florence called out, trying to engage him as he was about to get into his car.

Jonathan, without pausing, settled into the back seat and said coolly, "I have a wife waiting at home."

Ignoring Florence's reaction, he directed the bodyguard to drive off.

As the car started, her voice floated in. "Take care, Mr. Lawson. I'm sure we'll meet again soon."

Yarrison, seated next to **Jonathan**, caught Florence's smug expression and remarked, "Even after you mentioned your wife, she still behaves like this."

Jonathan, resting with his eyes closed, remained silent but visibly perturbed.

After driving for a while, **Yarrison** noticed a car following them and pointed it out.

"A tail?" **Jonathan** checked the rearview mirror **and saw** several cars behind them.

Yarrison warned, "Be careful with that woman. The Shelton Family is full of troublemakers. She's been

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violent since returning to the country, and as the Shelton Family heiress, she's a big problem." Jonathan instructed, "Try to lose the tail; head to the office."

The bodyguard executed the order, skillfully losing the followers through traffic maneuvers. In Florence's car, the driver cautiously mentioned they lost track due to a red light.

"Why wait for the red light? Couldn't you have driven through?" Florence reproached coldly.

The man beside her assured, "Don't worry, we're looking into him. We'll have his information tonight."

She demanded, "Get his number for me as soon as possible."

Though momentarily bothered by Jonathan mentioning his wife, she was not deterred, considering it a minor hindrance in her pursuit.

The man nodded, suggesting they return home since they lost the trail.

Once they had successfully shaken off the following car, Yarrison finally relaxed.

Jonathan continued to rest, maintaining his composure throughout the journey.

Meanwhile, the other car had already headed to the hospital.

pite being close to the Mercy Hospital, Christopher, insistent on avoiding it due to his fear of Florence, ended up at a smaller hospital.

His injuries, though painful, were not severe, lacking any open wounds. Still, he trembled from the pain during treatment.

After finally being treated, he refused to stay in the hospital and insisted on having the bodyguards take

him home.

As the bodyguards were about to leave, he quickly stopped them and dialed Jonathan's number in front of

them.

"Jonathan, I don't want to stay at the hospital. I want to go home. What if that woman attacks me again at the hospital?" he said. His voice was shaking but clear.

"Have them take you home," Jonathan ordered without hesitation.

Upon hearing Jonathan's command, the bodyguards paused their departure.

Christopher, slightly relieved, timidly asked, "Jonathan, will that woman come after me again? Can you keep them to protect me?"

Under normal circumstances, Christopher wouldn't dare to make such a presumptuous request. However, terrified by Florence and freshly rescued by Jonathan, he unthinkingly sought further protection.

Jonathan's response was nearly cold. "If you're scared, go back to Riverdon."

"**But...**" Christopher started to object, only to be met with a dial tone.

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Returning to Riverdon was not an option for him, given his tarnished reputation there. Moreover, with Fanny in Northland needing a kidney transplant, he couldn't leave her behind.

The bodyguards, following orders, dropped Christopher at his rented apartment and drove away. Left alone, Christopher, grimacing and limping, ascended to his flat.

Once home, anxious about Fanny's need for a kidney, he dialed Michael's number.

Meanwhile, Jonathan, just arriving at the company, received a call from an unknown number and instinctively rejected it. Persistent, the caller dialed again, prompting Jonathan to eventually **answer**.

A familiar, flirtatious voice greeted him, “Mr. Lawson, why keep ignoring my calls?”

It was Florence, her voice coy and bold.

“What do you want, Miss Shelton?” Jonathan asked, uninterested in small talk.

“Can’t I contact you for no reason?” she chuckled.

Wary of engaging in trivial conversation and aware of her influential status, Jonathan replied calmly. “If you have no business, Miss Shelton, I’ll hang up.”

Florence quickly added, “You’re so serious, Mr. Lawson. Are you mad at me? The people who followed you weren’t sent by me; they acted on their own.”

Jonathan responded coolly, “Then you should manage your people better.”

He doubted her claim, suspecting that Florence had indeed ordered the tailing and now sought to ingratiate herself by blaming her subordinates, effectively treating him as a fool.

“I’ll try, but managing isn’t my strength. Perhaps you could teach me, Mr. Lawson? You must be good at managing, given your success in Northland,” she suggested smoothly.

“Uninterested,” Jonathan curtly replied, his patience wearing thin, and made to end the call.

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However, Florence, sensing Jonathan’s intent to disconnect, hastily interjected. “Mr. Lawson, please don’t hang up yet. I have something important to discuss

Jonathan remained silent, his brows furrowed, holding the phone.

He had never encountered someone as persistently bothersome as Florence and was far from fond of her repeated overtures. If not for her **status** as the Shelton Family heiress, he would **have** ceased giving her any regard

“I would like to invite Mr. Lawson to my brother’s funeral. I hope you won’t refuse,” she proposed.

Jonathan’s frown deepened.

He wanted nothing to do with the Shelton Family, despite their significant standing in Northland, capable of swaying both lawful and unlawful realms.

Considering Florence’s dubious intentions, he simply stated, “I will need to consider it.”

Florence, detecting his reluctance, didn’t press further and ended the call after light banter. ng this, Florence didn’t push him further, joked a bit, and then hung up the phone.

Aware of the funeral in three days, he saw no need to rush a **decision** and went to rest in his office suite.

Meanwhile. Angela, having safely arrived at the Northland outskirts, promptly informed Jonathan and then slept until late at night, when she received his response.

up **late** working.

Waking early the next day, she noticed the time of his message and, suspecting he was up called him before her test.

Their brief conversation was filled **with** mutual care, leaving a faint smile on their lips post-call. Angela handed her phone to Oliver before entering the test site with Yaxley, feeling slightly nervous.

“Relax. Yaxley comforted as they approached their separate test stations.

Angela, stabilizing her emotions, methodically proceeded through the test, exhaling in relief only after completing the final step.

On the other side, Fanny skipped school to visit Christopher, knowing where he lived but shocked by his battered appearance at the door.

“What happened to your **face**. Christopher?” she exclaimed, catching the unprepared Christopher off guard.

Without a mask, **given** his facial injuries, he had taken leave from school to recover at home, not expecting Fanny’s visit.

With no place to hide his condition, he reluctantly let her in, saying, “Don’t worry, Fanny, I’ll **explain**

slowly.”

Although he said he would tell her slowly, he was actually very anxious and didn’t know how to say it.

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Facing Fanny eyes full of concern, he felt the same heartache.

Fanny said, “Christopher, take your time.”

She choked up, tears welling in her eyes as she looked at Christopher.

Recalling the despicable woman Florence, Christopher informed Fanny of what happened **last** night, but he did not mention Jane and Harley.

Upon learning that Christopher had been beaten at the bar, Fanny suddenly asked, “Christopher, why were you at the **bar**?”

Christopher had not mentioned Jane and Harley before, so he awkwardly didn’t know whether to bring it

up

Seeing his dilemma, Fanny immediately said, “Christopher, if you don’t want to talk about it, then don’t.” “Sorry, Fanny, but don’t worry, you’re the only one in my heart,” Christopher assured, skirting further explanation. His focus was on maintaining **Jane’s** help in finding a kidney donor.

He had informed Michael of his promising interaction with Jane and her positive perception of him..

Pleased with his tact, Michael, in a good mood, noncommittally agreed to help when Christopher hinted about a friend needing **a** kidney transplant.

Though the commitment seemed perfunctory, he knew his father would keep an eye out.

Fanny frowned unconsciously upon hearing his words.

Recalling the numerous tests she underwent at the hospital the previous day, she felt physically fine but couldn't shake a sense of unease, suspecting something might be wrong with her health.

Seeing Christopher in such a state only added to her worries.

Just as she was about to speak, her brother Joseph's call came through.

"Fanny! Mom's awake."

Joseph's voice, brimming with unhidden joy, conveyed the news.

Scarlet had awakened!

Fanny burst **into** tears of joy. "Really?"

Christopher, overhearing Joseph's words, felt more surprised than joyful.

Urgency gripped Fanny, and after ending the call, she hurried to leave for the hospital.

"Christopher, I need to see my mom at the hospital," she said while rushing out.

Considering his battered appearance, Christopher suppressed his desire to accompany her and replied, "Fanny, I won't go now. I'll visit your mother another **day**."

Understanding his condition, she reassured him. "Christopher, you rest at home. I'll visit mom and come

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back to take care of you later."

Her offer was more out of politeness, knowing Christopher's likely refusal.

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Indeed, Christopher, appreciating her concern, simply said, "We'll talk about it later. Go see your mother first," and saw her out.

Meanwhile, at Jonathan's company.

Florence, flanked by several bodyguards, entered the building and headed straight for the elevators.

"Miss, may I **ask** who you are looking for?" the receptionist approached, attempting to intercept her.

Florence's bodyguards swiftly moved to block the receptionist, prompting the company's security staff to

intervene.

As the bodyguards seemed ready to force their way through, Florence clapped her hands, signaling them to stop, then casually stated, "I'm here to see Mr. Lawson."

Bolstered by the presence of security, the receptionist gathered the courage to **inquire**, "Do you have an appointment, miss?"

"Appointment?" Florence laughed lightly. "I, Florence Shelton, don't need appointments to meet people."

With a glance to her bodyguard, they were about to confront the security when the receptionist intervened, "Please calm down; I'll contact Mr. Lawson for **you**."

Florence, smirking, ordered her men to stand down, saying, "Tell Mr. **Lawson**, Florence Shelton is here."

She wouldn't have chosen this approach if her calls to Jonathan had **gone** through. Impatient by nature, she disliked **waiting**

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Florence only waited for half a minute before the front desk disconnected the internal line she **had** dialed and informed her. "Miss Shelton, Mr. Lawson is currently in a meeting, but the vice president assured me he will be down shortly."

After relaying the message, the front desk gazed at Florence, who maintained a composed demeanor, her expression unreadable.

Spencer swiftly descended the stairs.

The individual descended was not Jonathan but Spencer, as Jonathan **was** occupied with Cassandra, who had **just** arrived at the company.

Upon reaching the ground floor, the tension in the air was palpable despite Florence's efforts to contain herself.

"Miss Shelton, are you here to see Mr. **Lawson**?" Spencer immediately noticed Florence, flanked by bodyguards, and inquired.

"And you are?" Florence raised her gaze to the sky, displaying a cold demeanor towards everyone except Jonathan.

Unfazed, Spencer politely introduced himself.

Recognizing him as Jonathan's vice president, Florence was not overly courteous, simply asking. "May I proceed upstairs now?"

Spencer, not one to beat around the bush, smiled and replied, "Certainly. You can go up, but what about your bodyguards?"

Before he could finish, Florence casually interjected, "They will wait for me downstairs."

She had come to discuss matters with Jonathan and had no intention of bringing her bodyguards before

him.

Spencer breathed a sigh of relief and gestured for her to proceed.

The group of bodyguards behind Florence felt uneasy about her going alone, concerned for her safety, and wanted to accompany her.

Florence, with her straightforward attitude, could not be swayed. She glanced at them and commanded. "You all stay down here."

Receiving her gaze, they obediently lowered their heads and stationed themselves near the front desk like

sentinels.

The receptionist nervously eyed the black-clad bodyguards, but Spencer reassured her with a gentle smile before escorting Florence to the elevator.

Florence was led to a meeting room, and only after Spencer departed did he instruct, "Miss Shelton, please wait. Mr. Lawson will join you after the meeting

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Subsequently, refreshments were brought without any errors.

Frowning, Florence showed no interest in anything else and inquired, "How long must I wait?"

Considering Florence's status and the nature of her meeting with Jonathan, Spencer hesitated before

behalf?" proposing. "Miss Shelton, if you're in a hurry, shall I remind Mr. Lawson on your

Agreeing, Florence allowed him to proceed and reminded him.

Within moments, Jonathan appeared.

Upon Jonathan's entrance, Florence rose and greeted, "Mr. Lawson."

Spencer followed beside Jonathan, noting the stark difference in Florence's demeanor from their previous

encounter.

Even her formerly cold tone had softened, leaving him bewildered as he observed Florence.

Florence glanced at him and couldn't resist rolling her eyes.

Jonathan asked. "Miss Shelton, how may I assist you?"

Before entering. Spencer had already briefed his company's security on the altercation between Florence and his staff.

Florence, the newly returned heiress of the Shelton Family, arriving at his company in such a conspicuous manner, seemed far from ordinary.

“If there is no urgent matter, why have you come?” Jonathan frowned, his demeanor already souring and his words lacking in politeness. “Miss Shelton appears to have a penchant for idle chatter.”

This was also the case when she suddenly called him last night. She started with some inexplicable

nonsense.

This remark made Florence furrow her brows as well. She smiled suddenly and said, “Yes, I do like it.” Despite his words, Florence couldn’t help but think: What I had said was clearly flirtatious, not idle chatter.

Spencer, however, could sense that Florence had feelings for Jonathan, but he furrowed his brow. Yarrison informed him **about** the previous night’s incident, and he initially thought he was joking. However, he was taken aback to discover that Florence truly had feelings for Jonathan.

“Since you don’t have anything urgent, we should go attend to our own matters,” Jonathan stated, preparing to leave.

Florence hastily interjected, “Actually, there is something important, but I only wish to discuss it with you.”

Upon the arrival of Spencer and Jonathan, she remained silent, but the latter regarded her with a puzzled expression. Unwilling to be a mere spectator, she promptly requested Spencer to leave..

“Mr. Lawson, I have other commitments to attend to,” Spencer declared, not waiting for Jonathan’s response before departing.

Jonathan’s swift exit caught Florence off **guard**.

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However, what surprised her even more was Jonathan’s subsequent invitation after leaving Spencer. “Since you have something important to discuss, let’s continue the conversation in my office,” he proposed.

Suspecting that Florence might not have a genuine reason, he headed straight to his office.

Florence followed him into the office, appearing perplexed. Jonathan sat down and began reviewing some documents.

“Your office is quite impressive, Mr. Lawson, Florence remarked, not finding the situation dull and even complimenting Jonathan’s workspace.

Jonathan offered a superficial response.

“Aren’t you curious about the important matter I wish to discuss with you?” Florence inquired.

Assuming it was nothing of significance, Jonathan chose not to pursue the topic or display any curiosity.

Not particularly.”

Nevertheless, Florence disregarded his aloof demeanor and persisted. “I came here because I missed you.” Jonathan’s expression turned colder, and he firmly refuted, “You and I are not that close.”

Upon witnessing Jonathan’s distant rejection, Florence couldn’t help but feel a surge of delight. Boldly, she smiled and declared, “Why not? I have genuine feelings for you. If you desire, we can get married today.”

Jonathan recoiled in disgust and responded icily. “Miss Shelton, **please** restrain yourself. I already have a

wife.”

“Where is she then? Why **haven’t** I seen her?

Florence adopted a fearless facade, though inwardly seething with anger. She was well aware of Jonathan’s marital status.

Jonathan mentioned that his wife was waiting for his return home the previous night. Intrigued by Jonathan, she had investigated, confirming **that** he had a wife.

A woman like that could be easily **dealt** with.

However, she had not yet taken action against her..

She wanted Jonathan to handle the situation himself.

Hence, Florence raised her crimson lips slightly and calmly suggested, “Just divorce her.”

Her audacious demeanor elicited a cold glare from Jonathan.

“I have a good relationship with my wife and will not divorce.” He asserted.

A **chill** ran down Florence’s spine as she was intimidated by Jonathan’s demeanor.

“Miss Shelton, if you have nothing further to discuss, kindly depart.” Jonathan’s words were direct, his tone **equally blunt**

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Florence narrowed her eyes, her gaze dark and mysterious. “You won’t get a divorce? Very well. I shall wait.

and see.

Without waiting for Jonathan to escort her out, Florence departed with purposeful strides.

However, as she descended the stairs, her demeanour was noticeably less buoyant than when she ascended, and the bodyguards dared not even breathe in her presence.

Upstairs, following Florence’s departure, Jonathan placed a call to Angela.

Oliver answered the phone, informing Jonathan that Angela was still in a meeting.

Upon learning that Angela was occupied, Jonathan felt somewhat relieved. He inquired about the meeting’s conclusion time the following day before ending the call.

Rubbing his temples, he pondered how Florence’s actions might impact her, causing him some concern.

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Fanny rushed to the hospital in a panic.

When she entered the ward, she saw Scarlet weakly sitting on the hospital bed.

Zacharias was sitting in a wheelchair on one side while Joseph stood anxiously on the other.

“Mom!” Fanny immediately rushed to Scarlet’s bedside, her eyes turning red and tears streaming down her

face

“Fanny, my dear daughter Scarlet quickly reached out her trembling arms and hugged Fanny tightly. “Good girl. Fanny, you’ve suffered”

Joseph stood by, watching the mother and daughter embrace, feeling his eyes welling up with tears.

He had only been talking to Scarlet on the bed **as** usual, but when he mentioned Fanny’s recent health problems, Scarlet unexpectedly woke up.

The first thing Scarlet does after waking up is want to see Fanny.

Joseph doesn’t even have a chance to tell her what exactly is wrong with Fanny’s health, but he is afraid to **speak** too soon due to Scarlet’s **weak** condition.

Before calling for Fanny, he vaguely tells Scarlet that Fanny is unaware of her health **issues**.

Although Scarlet kept asking, he did not explain the specific **problems** with Fanny’s health.

“My poor Fanny...” Scarlet murmured as she held onto Fanny, disregarding her recent awakening and

weakness.

Zacharias reminded her, “Mom, you’re still not well. You need to rest.”

Joseph told Scarlet to rest more, and they also had to say the news that Scarlet had woken up his family in

Riverdon.

“Dad will be so happy to know that Mom is awake,” Fanny heard Joseph planning to tell them and stopped her tears, quickly saying.

But before she could finish, Scarlet suddenly slammed the bed.

“George! Is he still messing around with Linda?”

Scarlet’s word made her gasp for breath, almost choking herself. Even though Joseph patted her back gently to stabilize her condition, her face was still flushed, obviously angered.

With these words, everyone remembered the reason why Scarlet had become incapacitated.

Joseph quickly said, “Mom, don’t worry. Linda has gone crazy. She’s the one who caused this to you.

She

deserves it!”

But Scarlet widened her eyes and almost glared at Joseph, asking, “Who told you it was her fault? The one who pushed me was George!”

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Scarlet had stopped recognizing George as her husband when he pushed her. And even earlier, when George openly had affairs with Linda, she had already been disappointed in George.

Especially after becoming incapacitated, she was initially in a daze. Still, in the following days, her consciousness was clear, but she couldn’t wake up, lying in agony on the sickbed for so long.

It was ail George’s fault.

The people in the ward were shocked to hear Scarlet’s words.

Previously, they had always thought that Linda was the one who caused Scarlet to become incapacitated based on George’s one–sided words, but now that Scarlet **had** woken up, she said it was George.

What on earth was going on?

“Joseph, call George for me. I want to divorce him,” Scarlet said, feeling unsettled. She added, “I want him to go to **jaill**”

Joseph’s gaze flickered but did not respond to Scarlet’s words.

Even Fanny didn’t know what to say. After all, if the news of the divorce of the two elders of the Kins

all. Family at such an old age were to spread, it wouldn’t sound good at

Zacharias furrowed his brow, glanced at Joseph, and guessed his thoughts.

Joseph would not agree to a divorce.

Indeed, Joseph comforts Scarlet before mentioning that they are far away from Northland while George is in Riverdon. Everything would have to **wait** until she recovered and returned to Riverdon.

Despite feeling resentful, Scarlet held back.

Joseph then escorted Zacharias and Fanny out of the ward and into Zacharias’s room.

The three of them appeared unwell, but Fanny spoke first,

Joseph, is there something wrong with my body?” Fanny was inquiring about her condition.

It was only then that Joseph remembered Fanny needed a kidney transplant and devised a plan.

“Fanny, there is indeed something wrong with your body.” Joseph said, noticing Fanny’s pale face. He quickly added, “Fanny, don’t worry. We’re already working on a solution!”

He spoke confidently, but Fanny felt a sense of panic.

She mentioned **that** Joseph and Christopher had been acting strangely towards her since yesterday. It turned out **that** there was something wrong with her body.

It wasn’t a minor issue.

She asked. “Joseph, **what** illness do I **have**?”

Whether it was psychological or not, she felt a bit short of breath, dizzy, and lightheaded.

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The intense pulses made her cough uncontrollably.

Her coughing made Joseph and Zacharias anxious,

They quickly rubbed her back, Joseph helping her sit on the bedside, and Zacharias even wheeled over **chair** to pour her some water.

Tears streamed down her face as she coughed, looking pitiful.

After taking a sip of water from Zacharias cup, Joseph hurriedly asked, "Feeling better. Fanny

Fanny weakly nodded, then raised her eyes to ask Joseph, "Joseph, what illness do I have?"

She had asked this question before, but Joseph and Zacharias hadn't answered before she started coughing again.

Now, asking again, Joseph felt even more reluctant,

Seeing Joseph at a loss for words, Zacharias set down the cup and comforted Fanny, "Don't worry, Fanny. A small surgery will make you better."

Joseph had not kept Fanny's condition a secret from him. Instead, he had told everyone in the family, asking for help finding a kidney donor.

Among all the family members, he was probably the least capable of helping, as he was still suffering from

his illnesses.

Unable to contribute to finding a kidney donor for Fanny, he could only try to comfort her as much as possible.

Fanny took a deep breath, trying to calm her breathing, but her face remained pale.

A surgery was imminent. *It* must be something serious.

She wore a pained expression, trying to figure out how to **ask** so they would tell her.

However, before she could even ask, Joseph seemed to **have** made up his mind and said, "Fanny, you a kidney transplant."

Fanny instantly widened her eyes and stared at Joseph in disbelief.

Even Zacharias turned his gaze towards Joseph, waiting for what he would say next.

He probably guessed that Joseph had a different intention when suddenly deciding to speak up.

Joseph continued. "Fanny, rest assured that we **are** already looking for a kidney donor for you."

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Fanny was struck **as** if by lightning on a clear day, standing frozen in place, not saying a word, with a blank look on her face. "..."

But before she could even say a word, she suddenly fell unconscious.

Her fainting spell startled Joseph and Zacharias, but Joseph quickly checked and found that she had only fainted, which slightly relieved him.

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After giving Fanny an injection, Joseph then left the ward with Zacharias

He could tell that Zacharias had something to say to him.

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Sure enough, as soon as they left the **ward**, Zacharias expressed his disagreement with telling Fanny about the kidney transplant and asked for the reason behind Joseph's decision.

Joseph reluctantly explained, "Mom needs Fanny to stay calm"

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Zacharias was not a fool. When Joseph made this statement, he immediately grasped Joseph's intention.

After all, Scarlet had just awakened and was already discussing divorcing George, even considering sending George to prison.

This **news** caught them entirely off guard.

Observing Zacharias' expression, Joseph continued with a sense of helplessness. "Mom is highly emotional right now. The Kins Family will suffer if we allow her to return to, Riverdon and act recklessly. Therefore, let's first address Mom's emotions in light of Fanny's situation."

If Scarlet persists in causing trouble with George, it will reflect poorly on the entire Kins Family. It could even impede the search for a kidney donor for Fanny.

Zacharias silently nodded in agreement.

Seeing this, Joseph finally breathed a sigh of relief and proceeded towards Scarlet's room.

The incident of Fanny fainting seemed to calm Scarlet temporarily.

Indeed, upon hearing that Fanny had fainted due to emotional distress, Scarlet immediately shifted her focus and expressed a desire to care for Fanny.

Joseph promptly intervened, reassuring her and advising her to concentrate on her recovery.

"Don't worry, Mom. We are actively seeking a kidney donor for Fanny. Jonathan and Dad are working diligently on it."

Upon hearing Joseph's words, Scarlet reconsidered the situation within the Kins Family and refrained from mentioning George.

The atmosphere at the hospital eventually settled down, but on another front, Florence was causing

further disturbances.

After confronting Jonathan in the morning, she returned in the afternoon.

Although she refrained from engaging in physical altercations with Jonathan's security this time, her demeanor remained haughty.

Jonathan failed to discern her intentions and promptly handed her over to Spencer.

Consequently, Florence, currently seated across from Spencer, appeared displeased.

"Why are you here again? Where *is* Mr. Lawson?"

Spencer responded politely, "Mr. Lawson is occupied."

Indeed, Jonathan was preoccupied, primarily due to his reluctance to encounter Florence. Florence's behavior **was** perplexing; after issuing threats, she returned without a change in expression.

"Very well. I shall wait here, I doubt he is occupied all day." Florence crossed her arms, exuding an air of

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infinite patience.

Spencer was taken aback but decided. "Then I shall have someone bring Miss Shelton some refreshments." With that, he rose and exited, leaving Florence no opportunity to decline.

Spencer's direct approach stemmed from the fact that Florence's room was merely a standard meeting room. In the event of other visitors, alternative meeting rooms were available, eliminating concerns about **occupancy**.

Utilizing a meeting room to manage Florence's disruption was deemed worthwhile.

Florence furrowed her brow and maintained silence as she witnessed Spencer's swift departure.

Even when the refreshments arrived, she remained silent, wearing a cold expression and awaiting **Jonathan**.

However, after waiting nearly the entire afternoon, Jonathan failed to appear.

Outside, Spencer marveled at Florence's patience but also felt a sense of unease.

If Florence's patience wore thin, would she erupt in anger?

As anticipated, the situation unfolded as Spencer had feared. Florence's patience waned, her mood soured, and her expression darkened.

Yet, Spencer had his responsibilities to attend to and simply needed more time to tend to Florence.

Just as Florence rose, preparing to head directly to Jonathan's office, another woman entered the meeting

room.

"Who are you? Where is Jonathan?" Upon seeing someone finally arrive, albeit not Jonathan, Florence's expression turned gloomy.

Cassandra gazed at her with confusion, feeling a strange aversion towards her, and responded, "I'm also here to see Mr. Lawson."

She spoke confidently while assessing Florence, quickly realizing that she probably had the same

intention.

Cassandra furrowed her brow, but when she met Florence's hostile gaze, she didn't back down and returned it with equal intensity.

Florence had already researched Jonathan and knew his wife didn't look like this, so she was unfriendly towards Cassandra. "Mr. Lawson is busy, and even if he's not busy, he doesn't have time to deal with you. You can leave."

However, Cassandra suddenly smiled and waved the file in her hand, saying, "Miss, you seem to have misunderstood, I'm here to see Mr. Lawson for business.

She had visited Jonathan in the morning, but because the documents were incomplete, she had to leave and return to complete the paperwork.

Now, she **was** determined to sign the contract on the spot.

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Florence's brows

still weeded even tighter, thinking that she had waited for Jonathan for so long and he hadn't seen her, so she stood up and walked towards the door.

Was the Shelton Family's business doing poorly

All she needed to do was bring someone who could discuss business, and she would surely be able to open the door to Jonathan's office.

As Cassandra inexplicably watched Florence's back, she felt puzzled.

Spencer was so busy that he forgot about Florence in the reception room. When he remembered to check, he found only Cassandra inside.

Although it was strange, Spencer still led Cassandra to meet Jonathan.

As soon as Cassandra saw Jonathan, she straightforwardly proposed signing a contract.

She presented all the information and maintained a humble posture.

Now that Jonathan was doing well in Northland, the Hayes Family would also benefit greatly if they could collaborate with him. Therefore, the Hayes Family was very pleased with the decision.

After reviewing the documents, Jonathan didn't hesitate much and officially signed the contract with

Cassandra.

It wasn't until Cassandra held the contract in her hands that she truly let go of her worries. After Cassandra left, Spencer told Jonathan that Florence had returned to the company.

At the mention of Florence, Jonathan frowned.

However, in the evening, Florence returned, accompanied by a seemingly intelligent man. His frown deepened when Jonathan learned that Florence was there to discuss **business**.

"Tell them I'm not here," Jonathan rubbed his forehead.

Spencer agreed and went out to deal with the two of them.

Jonathan glanced at the floor-to-ceiling window, thinking that Angela's test would be over by this time tomorrow, and he needed to pick her up early.

Florence was like a time bomb now, **and** he was afraid she would disturb Angela.

On the other hand, Angela's test was going very **smoothly**.

Two days of exams flew by.

On the second afternoon, as Angela walked out of the exam room, she saw Oliver waiting outside.

Standing next to Oliver was someone she had not expected to see, Jonathan

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Jonathan smiled, holding Angela’s hand tightly.

Oliver drove in front, pretending to be indifferent.

There was a warm and ambiguous atmosphere in the back seat, with Jonathan holding Angela close to him, asking softly. “Are you tired? I’ll take you to a place to relax and rest.”

Angela leaned against Jonathan and murmured in agreement.

She wasn’t very curious about the place Jonathan mentioned for relaxation. What mattered was that Jonathan would be with her, and she would relax a lot with him around.

That was the sense of security Jonathan gave her.

Soon, the car stopped in front of an ancient and elegant courtyard.

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Jonathan escorted Angela to a luxurious mansion that offered both dining and lodging. While the exterior appeared flawless, the interior revealed a completely different world.

The **waiter** guided the pair to the secluded courtyard Jonathan had reserved in advance, complete with a private hot **spring**.

After a relaxing soak in the hot spring and a satisfying meal, Angela finally began to unwind after two days of tension.

Meanwhile, Florence's expression darkened further following **another** unsuccessful attempt to track down **Jonathan**.

Growing increasingly frustrated, she turned to the man beside her and demanded, "Is this your idea of a plan? We haven't even caught a glimpse of him!"

The man, sweating profusely, struggled to comprehend why Jonathan had managed to evade their monitoring area.

"Perhaps he... resides at the office?" he tentatively suggested.

Unable to come up with any other explanation, especially since they had stationed multiple individuals at various exits, he felt at a loss.

Filled with resentment, Florence impatiently inquired. "Is there any other way to locate him?"

After two days, she realized **that** Jonathan was purposefully avoiding her. Every time she attempted to find him at the company, he conveniently remained absent.

Despite her efforts to stake out the company building, Jonathan devised a method to elude her surveillance.

Florence was unable to find any opportunity to encounter Jonathan.

The astute man beside her could only shake his head in resignation. The other party has shown no interest in the business proposal. There's nothing more we can do."

Florence glared at him. "If there's no way, can't you figure it out? You're utterly useless."

The man chose not to engage in an argument with Florence and simply hung his **head**.

After a moment, Florence impatiently remarked, "My brother's funeral is scheduled for tomorrow. Jonathan should be present, right?"

"He should be, **as** the Shelton Family has also invited **him**."

Prior to this, Florence had verbally invited Jonathan, but such an invitation needed to have formality. Subsequently, upon Florence mentioning the invitation to Jonathan, the Shelton Family sent an official

invite.

Upon hearing this, Florence finally relinquished her discontent and departed with her companions.

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Meanwhile, **Jonathan** received a text message from Spencer while dining with Angela.

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Spencer simply informed him **that** Florence had left with her team and that surveillance around the company premises needed to continue

“What has caught Jonathan’s attention?” Angela served additional dishes onto Jonathan’s plate

Setting his phone aside, Jonathan replied. “The update on the company situation that Spencer sent

Angela refrained from further inquiries as she was not well-versed in Jonathan’s business affairs.

“Did the examination proceed smoothly?” Jonathan inquired.

“Without any **hitches**, Angela attirmed, proceeding to share details of the examination with Jonathan.

Listening with a smile, Jonathan and Angela enjoyed a harmonious atmosphere.

After conversing for a while. Angela noticed Jonathan gazing at her tenderly. Her heart skipped a beat, prompting her to ask, “How **have** you been these days, Jonathan?”

“Fine, Jonathan responded, adding. Thave a funeral to attend tomorrow, and I’in contemplating whether

to go.

“A funeral? Whose? Angela inquired curiously, as she was unaware of Jonathan’s acquaintances in Northland besides Yarrison and Spencer.

The eldest son of the Shelton Family

Initially, Jonathan had only received a verbal invitation from Florence and had not confirmed his attendance. However, he **received** a formal invitation from the Shelton Family before picking up Angela, prompting him to consider attending.

Frowning in thought. Angela recalled the presence of a Shelton Family in Northland after a moment of

reflection.

Since she had never interacted with anyone from the Shelton Family, her knowledge about them was

limited.

“Would you like me to accompany you?”

Angela speculated that Jonathan’s hesitation stemmed from his need to leave, so she inquired.

After a moment of contemplation. Jonathan nodded.

Uncomfortable with the idea of leaving Angela **at** home decided to bring her along-

Following the test, Angela had a two-day break, during which Jonathan tried to keep her in his sight as much as possible.

They woke up, freshened up the next morning, and returned to their lodging.

In the afternoon, they visited the Shelton Family together.

The Shelton Family had invited guests to their mansion on the mountain to attend the funeral of their

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eldest son, but the event felt more like a regular banquet than a somber occasion.

After paying their respects, they made their way to the banquet hall.

To his surprise, he encountered Florence by chance.

As the heir of the Shelton Family. Florence was not entertaining guests but wandering aimlessly.

Upon spotting Jonathan, she approached them without hesitation.

“Mr. Lawson, it’s a pleasure to see you.” Florence greeted him.

Jonathan cordially greeted her and embraced Angela tightly.

“Who is this?” Florence recognized Angela from the information provided by her subordinates, but she asked anyway.

Instead of responding coldly, Jonathan introduced Angela. “She is my wife.”

Angela smiled warmly at Florence, but the gesture was interpreted as a challenge.

“Mrs. Lawson, Florence repeated, her expression unreadable.

“Miss Shelton,” Angela replied, sensing something off about Florence.

Florence remained silent, blocking their path.

Glancing at Jonathan for reassurance, Angela observed Florence’s peculiar gaze before the latter abruptly left.

“Jonathan, who was that?” Angela inquired as they walked towards the banquet **hall**.

“That was Miss Shelton from the Shelton Family, Florence, Jonathan explained.

Recalling Florence’s unsettling gaze, Angela noticed Yaxley approaching.

“Yaxley,” she greeted.

After exchanging pleasantries, they realized the funeral was more than just a simple ceremony.

A member of the Shelton Family took the stage to express condolences for the late eldest son of the Shelton Family and introduce Florence as the heir.

As Angela watched Florence on stage, she noticed the intense gaze directed at Jonathan, reminiscent of

Cassandra

Feeling a sense of unease, she locked eyes with Florence, who seemed to be challenging her.

As Florence began speaking, Angela couldn’t shake the feeling of being scrutinized.

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Angela, who would assist in retrieving it, remembered the expression in Florence's eyes while Jonathan was completely focused on Angela.

He closely monitored Angela's demeanor, wanting to ensure her safety at every moment.

Even when Angela went to the restroom, he waited nearby,

He was slightly concerned that Florence might take action, but fortunately, until the two departed from Mo's villa halfway up the mountain, Florence did not intervene..

It wasn't that Florence didn't intend to act, but rather she couldn't find the right opportunity.

Furthermore, she was preoccupied after their conversation, feeling overwhelmed.

By the time she had a moment of respite, Jonathan and Angela had already departed..

Upon learning from the staff that the two had left, Florence's mood soured. She only felt a bit relieved when she thought she might have a chance later.

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Meanwhile, Angela and Jonathan were already on their way home. Recalling the way Florence had looked at Jonathan, Angela felt a heaviness in her heart.

How could she possibly conceal her emotions from Jonathan?

Once they were in the car, Jonathan sat beside her and noticed that something was amiss. He gently inquired, "What's wrong? Are you feeling unwell?"

Angela shook her head without responding.

Jonathan paused and asked again, "Is something troubling you?"

Angela had been fine before their arrival, but now she appeared downcast at something had occurred.

distracted, indicating that

Given that they were almost always together, and he had been vigilant throughout, Angela shouldn't have encountered any issues.

Apart from that, it must have been something on Angela's mind that was causing her discomfort.

Angela bit her lip, hesitated for a moment, then asked, "What do you think of Miss Shelton?"

Upon hearing Florence's name, Jonathan furrowed his brow.

"Not very positively. His assessment was firm, surprising Angela as she looked up at him.

Observing Angela's surprised expression, Jonathan suddenly realized the misunderstanding and sighed.

"I only have eyes for you."

With just **that** statement, Angela was completely taken aback.

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Believing Oliver was still in the front seat, Angela blushed, even her ears turning red.

Seeing her blushing. Oliver turned back in surprise.

Her face flushed, and Angela felt even more embarrassed. Jonathan quickly embraced her, shielding her from further embarrassment.

Angela nestled in his arms, her cheeks and ears still burning.

Inside the car, no one spoke.

Angela could hear the intense beating of their hearts as if they were playing **a** drum.

After a while, her emotions had yet to scul

She had thought she would feel better once they arrived home, but upon returning, Jonathan **was** even more unrestrained, picking her up and heading to their room.

Angela felt both bashful and flustered, yet deep down, she also felt a sense of anticipation.

However, she **soon** found herself unable to resist.

Upon waking up the next morning, Angela blushed once more,

Jonathan had purposely stayed home that day instead of going to the office.

Upon her awakening, he embraced her and asked, "Where would you like to go today? I'll accompany you."

He asked because he had learned the previous day that Angela would have a few days off after the exam. He didn't want to miss the opportunity to spend time with her.

As for the matters at the company, he could entrust them to Spencer. If they couldn't be delegated to him, he would address them later.

Upon hearing Jonathan's words, Angela pondered for a moment before saying, "I don't feel like going out. Let's just stay at home."

With Jonathan by her side, she had no desire to go out. It was pleasant for the two of them to stay at home together.

Jonathan didn't push her to go out when he heard her words. Understanding Angela's temperament, he opted to spend a peaceful day at home with her.

They spent their days warmly and happily.

On the other hand, upon waking up. Fanny only grasped Joseph's intentions after he explained the situation to Scarlet multiple times.

Joseph intended to use her illness to calm the situation at Scarlet and prevent her from causing trouble in Riverdon.

Despite feeling uncomfortable, Fanny agreed to try to calm down and persuade Scarlet.

It wouldn't be beneficial for her if Scarlet stirred up trouble in Riverdon.

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Both Jonathan and her father were assisting her in finding a kidney donor. If Scarlet caused trouble, it **would** only hinder the process.

Upon entering the ward, Fanny saw Zacharias attempting to **calm** down Scarlet.

However, Scarlet was clearly unreceptive and even scolded Zacharias.

Seeing Zacharias's complexion grow paler, Fanny became genuinely concerned that he might faint, so she quickly urged. "Zacharias, you should go rest. I'll stay here with Mom."

Zacharias was indeed exhausted. He understood that Fanny was likely there to appease Scarlet on behalf of Joseph. After giving a few instructions, he left the ward.

He was still a patient and couldn't endure much longer.

Scarlet had recently woken up and knew that Fanny was unwell, but Joseph and Zacharias had not informed her about the need for a kidney transplant to avoid worrying her.

Now, they had no choice but to let Fanny inform Scarlet and prevent her from returning to Riverdon.

Once Zacharias left, Scarlet's attention shifted entirely to Fanny.

At a glance, she noticed that Fanny's face was very pale, even more so than when she had just woken up, and Fanny's eyes **were** slightly red.

"Fanny, why is your face so pale? Has Joseph had a doctor properly assess your illness?" Scarlet, who had been persuaded by Zacharias earlier, was holding back her emotions. Seeing Fanny's pale face, she became more agitated and demanded an explanation from Joseph..

Her agitation caused her to start coughing.

"Joseph had me checked by a doctor. It needs to be treated gradually." Fanny quickly moved forward to pat her back gently, then explained softly.

Seeing Scarlet calm down a bit, she sat beside Scarlet's bed and said slowly, "Mom, you just woke up. It's not **good** to get too worked up."

Scarlet acknowledged her condition and accepted Fanny's words.

She softened her tone before speaking, "Fanny, I'm going back to Riverdon. You should come with me."

Upon hearing that she still wanted to return to Riverdon, Fanny furrowed her brows and whispered, "Mom, I can't go back to Riverdon."

Seeing her hesitant expression, Scarlet inquired, "Why can't you go back to Riverdon? Fanny, don't worry. I will take you back and ensure you receive proper treatment."

Fanny shook her head, biting her lip as she explained, "Mom, my reputation in Riverdon was tarnished because I was deceived before."

She had previously confided in Scarlet **about** this while she was ill, but at that time, Scarlet was disoriented and didn't recall anything upon waking up.

Now, as **Fanny** brought it up again, Scarlet suddenly remembered all the things Fanny had shared while

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she was ill.

"Was it Angela who harmed you?" Her face twisted in disgust. "She must have taken advantage of me not being there to mistreat you!"

Fanny timidly remained silent, seemingly agreeing with her words.

"Fanny, don't worry. I will help you **seek** justice," Scarlet's emotions surged, and she continued. "I will

urn to Riverdon first, settle matters **there**, and then accompany you for treatment."

Upon hearing this, Fanny quickly advised, "Mom, you just woke up. You shouldn't go back to Riverdon."

"Why not?" Scarlet exclaimed, her agitation evident,

She was taken aback by Fanny's attempt to discourage her from going back to Riverdon.

Scarlet had always treated Fanny better than George. How could Fanny side with George at a time like this?

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Realizing the difficulty of finding a donor, she anxiously inquired, “Have they found one yet? How long will it take?”

“James and Joseph are actively searching for a donor, so hopefully, they’ll locate one soon.”

Seeing Fanny’s hesitant look and uncertain tone, Scarlet became more convinced that finding a donor wouldn’t be easy.

However, Fanny seemed to notice her anxiety and awkwardly changed the subject. "Mom, if you wish to return to Riverdon, go ahead, but my current state won't allow her to accompany you."

"Let me consider it."

Fanny nodded obediently, sitting by her side.

Scarlet deliberated for a while before ultimately setting aside thoughts of returning to Riverdon. She raised her head decisively and reassured Fanny. "Fanny, I won't be going back to Riverdon for now. Don't worry, I will stay with you."

"Really, Mom?" Fanny beamed, her eyes sparkling.

Scarlet quickly affirmed. "Of course, Fanny. With such an important matter at **hand**, how could I leave?"

Fanny finally breathed a sigh of relief.

Afraid **that** Scarlet might regret her decision, she casually added, "Mom, don't worry too much. Jonathan said that Dad is also helping to find a kidney donor, so we'll definitely find one soon."

"He's helping you find one too?" Scarlet suddenly asked in a low voice.

Confused, Fanny timidly nodded.

Scarlet clapped her hands and scolded, "At least he has a little conscience and knows what's right."

Deep down, she thought that as long as George didn't cause trouble, she wouldn't take action against him

for now.

Now that she was in Northland and George was in Riverdon, even if she wanted to go back, she had to make sure that both she and Fanny's illnesses were treated before returning.

Fanny finally felt at ease, and they chatted for a while before Scarlet fell asleep.

Seeing her asleep, Fanny left the ward and saw Joseph waiting outside.

"How is Mom doing? Is she still insisting on going back to Riverdon?" Joseph asked.

Upon hearing Joseph's question, Fanny felt a bit uncomfortable deep down.

But thinking that Joseph was ultimately worried about not finding a kidney donor, she *let* go of her discomfort, put on a smile, and said, “Mom has already fallen asleep. She said she would stay with me to get better first, and she will consider going back to Riverdon.”

Joseph finally let **go of** his worries. “Don’t worry about it, Fanny. As long as you **get** better.”

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Fanny was moved to tears. Joseph, you’re so kind.”

After exchanging a few words, Joseph had to go back to work, and Fanny went home.

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From the moment she fainted upon learning she needed **a** kidney transplant **to** now, waking up and using this situation to persuade Scarlet, her emotions had calmed down a lot.

Meanwhile, over the past few days. Christopher’s face and body injuries had also healed significantly, with no visible signs of any problems.

Feeling better, he brought up the idea of going to the hospital to see Scarlet with Fanny.

Fanny had no reason to refuse.

She took Christopher to the hospital. In the past few days, she had temporarily stabilized Scarlet with her illness, causing Scarlet to hold back his hatred towards George.

Scarlet did not rush back to Riverdon but stayed in Northland to recuperate.

The whole family was working hard to find a kidney donor for Fanny. Although she was not living in the hospital, she was undergoing daily check-ups.

After learning that Fanny already knew about his illness, Christopher became even more caring towards her. However, there was still no news about a kidney donor, and everyone, although not saying it out loud, seemed very anxious.

At the hospital, Scarlet saw Christopher and Fanny walking together again, but he didn’t say anything.

Over the past few days, Scarlet had been following the doctor’s orders for rehabilitation, and his body had improved significantly. It **was** likely that he would fully recover soon.

Back in Riverdon, George was extremely anxious upon hearing that Scarlet had woken up,

Later, he learned from Joseph that Scarlet had breathed a sigh of relief after stabilizing Fanny's condition a bit.

He definitely did not want to go to jail.

However, he was also worried that if Fanny's illness was cured, Scarlet might turn around and continue to try to send him to prison.

The more he thought about it, the more anxious George became.

No. I had to *confirm* this *myself*, to see *for myself* what *Scarlet's* attitude was.

After informing James, he quickly get off for Northland.

Upon arriving in Northland, George headed straight for Scarlet's hospital room.

"You're awake." George made a mournful expression, but everything seemed fine. As soon **as** Scarlet saw George, her expression turned gloomy. "Who let you

in?"

Seeing Scarlet's attitude, George held back his temper and said, "I'm just worried about you, so I came to

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"Worried about me? Worried if I'm dead or alive?"

Scarlet's chest heaved violently as if all his anger was gathering there, ready to erupt at any moment.

George **had** a bad temper to begin with, and seeing Scarlet's fierce appearance, he couldn't hold back either, and angrily scolded, "I came all this way to see you. Don't disrespect me!"

Upon hearing George's **raised** voice, Scarlet initially froze, then broke down in tears.

As she wept, George did not hold back, continuing to criticize her.

Before long, the commotion caught the attention of hospital staff, among them Joseph, who had been preoccupied and bewildered.

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How could it be that the moment Joseph arrived, he heard George's harsh scolding without any courtesy?

"Dad!" He quickly interjected, cutting off George's angry outburst.

It was only then that George noticed the wide-open hospital **room** door, with quite a few people outside making a commotion.

His expression immediately darkened.

"What are you staring at?" George brusquely dismissed the onlookers with his fierce and menacing demeanor.

The crowd dispersed, leaving only Joseph behind.

Joseph hurriedly closed the door and didn't say much to him. Instead, he quickly approached to check on Scarlet's condition.

Scarlet Square was quietly weeping, but her gaze toward George was filled with resentment.

"Mom, are you alright?" Joseph inquired with concern.

Before Scarlet could reply, George cut in. "What could possibly be wrong with her? She was just vehemently cursing at me a moment ago!"

“George, can’t I curse you for the despicable things you’ve done?” Scarlet confronted him after everyone else had left.

Her tears **hadn’t** dried yet as she pointed accusingly at him, her face flushed with anger.

George couldn’t let her insult him without fighting back, so he began cursing **at** her.

Despite standing several steps apart, they seemed like enemies meeting on a battlefield.

Upon seeing the heated exchange between the two, Joseph felt overwhelmed.

“Mom! Dad! Please stop arguing!” He attempted to interject.

But his voice was drowned out by theirs and went completely ignored. So, he resorted to drastic measures by covering George’s mouth.

“Mmmph- George suddenly found his mouth covered by Joseph’s hand. He glared at him and angrily pushed his hand away. “Why are you covering my mouth?”

“Dad, just calm down first.”

Scarlet sighed deeply, her eyes filled with resentment. Trying to calm him down? He’d rather push me again, wishing I wouldn’t wake up!”

“What are you saying. Scarlet? It’s you who wanted to push me, wishing I wouldn’t wake up, isn’t it? If it weren’t for **Fanny** needing treatment, you, you...”

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Upon seeing George struggling to catch his breath, Joseph quickly patted him and attempted to calm him down. “**Dad**, please, let’s not say anything right now...”

While watching George’s effort to regain composure, Joseph also turned to Scarlet and said, “Mom, please, don’t say anything either. You need to rest.”

He was genuinely afraid **that** the two would continue exposing each other’s secrets.

Thankfully, although they didn’t grant each other any courtesy, they still valued what Joseph had to say and remained silent.

Worried that the argument might escalate, Joseph comforted Scarlet briefly before leading George, whose expression remained grim, out of the ward.

“Dad, why did you come to Northland? You didn’t even tell me beforehand.”

George looked at him irritably as he was pulled out of the ward and asked, confused. "Didn't your James inform you?"

Before departing Riverdon, he specifically informed James about his trip to the capital, so the latter should have relayed the message to Joseph.

Joseph smacked his forehead, finally recalling that James had indeed called him and mentioned something about George. But he'd been swamped with work and hadn't paid much heed. It hadn't even crossed his mind that George would show up in the capital so soon.

"It completely slipped my mind," Joseph admitted, then inquired, "Dad, did you really come all this way just to butt heads with Mom? She just woke up, her health hasn't fully recovered, **and** she can't handle **any**

stress.

Since Scarlet woke up, they all knew George was the culprit behind the shove that injured her. They couldn't help but feel some resentment toward him. Even though they held Scarlet back from confronting George **right** away, they all knew it was his fault.

"Is that how you see me?" George asked, displeased. "I just came to see if she's actually calmed down. Why are you so jittery?"

"Mom already said she wouldn't come looking for you until Fanny's ailment is cured. You shouldn't have made the trip to Northland," Joseph responded.

George's arrival in Northland only served to further aggravate Scarlet.

Without waiting for George's response. Joseph declared. "I've got your return ticket covered. I'll send you

back.

But George promptly declined. "I've got other things to take care of. I don't need you looking out for me." His primary motive for coming to Northland was to ascertain whether Scarlet truly had no intention of identifying him, but there were also other loose ends he needed to tie up while he was there.

Joseph didn't want George causing trouble in Northland, but he was too preoccupied to keep tabs on him, so he reluctantly let him go about his business.

"You can stay in Northland, Dad, but please refrain from upsetting Mom any further. They had finally

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managed to stabilize Scarlet amidst Fanny's illness, and he didn't want any setbacks.

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George shot him a glare. "You think I actually **want** to see her?"

If he hadn't been concerned about whether Scarlet truly intended to let go of the incident where he had pushed her, he wouldn't have bothered making a trip to the hospital.

Having heard George's response, Joseph decided not to press him further and returned to

own affairs.

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As soon **as** George left the hospital, he attempted to reach Dylan, only to discover that his phone unreachable.

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He found out in Riverdon that Dylan and Fanny had offended the Collier Family, and he knew it was mostly Dylan's doing.

Unable to reach Dylan, he decided to go find Fanny.

On the other hand, after spending a cozy day with Jonathan, Angela persuaded him to go to the company.

However, soon after he departed, she stepped out for some shopping, only to bump into an unexpected figure.

"Miss Angela

The person looked her up and down, with unfriendly eyes.

"Miss Shelton?" Angela had crossed paths with Florence only once, but she left a lasting impression, especially with her reminiscent gaze toward Jonathan, akin to Cassandra's. Angela couldn't shake the feeling that Florence harbored similar intentions toward Jonathan.

Florence flashed a faint smile, though her eyes/remained icy. "I didn't expect you to remember me. Mr. Lawson mention **me** to **you**?"

Angela frowned. "No."

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If she hadn't taken the initiative to ask, how could Jonathan have mentioned Florence? Plus, Florence's brother's funeral had taken place just two days prior. If she hadn't confronted her out of the blue, Angela might have forgotten about her altogether.

"He didn't mention me? It's okay if he didn't. I would like to get to know you. Would you be willing to **chat** with me?" Florence continued, furrowing her brow.

Angela glanced at her and responded distantly. "It's not convenient right now. I have things to do."

"It won't take up much of your time, Miss Angela." Florence's displeasure was evident on her face, and without waiting for Angela to respond, she clapped her hands twice and walked toward the **car**.

Angela suddenly had a bad feeling as she saw two bodyguards coming down from the car Florence was heading to.

The bodyguards didn't do anything immediately, but just politely gestured toward Angela. "Please."

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Angela frowned deeply but still followed trailed behind Florence.

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The other party came prepared, but it seemed like they didn't have any malicious intentions. She could meet with them if needed.

However, if possible, she hoped Oliver would notice that she was being stopped.

She didn't forget to bring Oliver when she went out shopping, but she didn't expect that she would be stopped just as she asked Oliver to get something.

Although Florence didn't openly tie her up, if she refused, they might resort to force.

She promised Jonathan that she would always protect herself. At times like this, she knew temporarily complying with Florence was the right thing to do.

Once in the car, Angela wore a blank expression and had no intention of speaking.

The other party wanted to **chat** with her, but she had no interest in chatting.

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Florence stared at Angela for a moment and then remarked, "Miss Angela, you are truly not easily frightened."

Angela looked at her quizzically, and Florence added, "Your complexion seems a bit pale."

"Miss Shelton, where are you taking me?" Angela inquired without acknowledging the sarcasm.

Before Florence could respond, their car abruptly braked, and the driver announced, "Miss, someone is blocking the road."

"Who is it?"

Angela peered outside and recognized Oliver. She instantly felt relieved.

Oliver must have noticed her absence as soon as he retrieved the item and promptly followed her.

"Is he your companion?" Florence inquired.

Angela opened the car door without hesitation. "Miss Florence, let's continue this conversation another time. Jonathan will be here soon."

She purposely mentioned Jonathan to observe Florence's reaction. She saw that the latter furrowed her brow momentarily.

The car door swung open at her touch, and surprisingly, Florence seemed hesitant about something, yet no one stopped her.

It wasn't until she got out of the car that she breathed a sigh of relief. Oliver hurried over with concern etched on his face. "Mrs. Lawson, are you alright?"

Oliver was trembling with fear at the thought of almost losing Angela.

"I'm fine." She shook her head, glanced at Florence, then shut the car door. "Let's head back."

Florence looked strangely at the closed car door and stayed silent for a while.

"Miss, do you want us to bring her back?" the bodyguard in the front seat asked.

Florence chuckled. "Forget it. We'll chat with her another day."

She found Angela quite intriguing, but her heart was set on Jonathan. She was confident she could make Angela give up on her own.

"Miss, we could just snatch h

rand for her to divorce **that** guy surnamed Lawson." The bodyguard sitting in the passenger seat knew that she had come to Angela for Jonathan's sake, so he came up with **an** idea.

"Forget it!" Florence **snapped**.

Her men had beaten up Jonathan's brother before, and now her men who only knew violence encouraged her to kidnap his wife. She wasn't planning on leaving a **good** impression on Jonathan at all!

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But, she didn't really like Angela being Jonathan's wife either.

If it weren't for wanting to **leave** a good impression on Jonathan, she wouldn't have been so polite to Angela.

The bodyguard was scolded by her and didn't dare to come up with any more ideas.

Florence leaned back in her **seat and said**, "To Jonathan's company."

Even though she was probably going to be turned away again, she just couldn't resist going to see Jonathan.

The car sped off, while Angela also dialed Jonathan's number.

She knew that even if she didn't say anything, Oliver would inform **Jonathan** about the incident where she was almost taken away, so she simply mentioned encountering Florence briefly.

To prevent Jonathan from worrying excessively, she omitted the possibility of Florence seeking another conversation with her.

Following the brief interaction with Florence, she found her less intimidating than anticipated.

Jonathan had briefed her on the general situation of the Shelton Family, prompting her **to** steer clear of individuals like Florence as much as possible.

Angela did not chat with Jonathan for long before ending the call.

Unexpectedly, Jonathan hurried home shortly after out of concern for her. Consequently, when Florence arrived at Jonathan's company, she narrowly missed him.

Facing the receptionist's smiling face saying "Mr. Lawson just left," Florence turned away impatiently.

Once she left, the receptionist breathed a sigh of relief and filed an internal report.

Florence had previously clashed with the company's security team, and they all recognized her, so they were on high alert when they spotted her.

Meanwhile, Fanny, who had finally calmed down after two days, was taken aback when she learned that George was coming to Northland.

She mulled over his actions and felt a wave of uncertainty wash over her. It was tough for her to come to terms with the fact that he was the one who pushed Scarlet.

So, she refrained from reaching out to George herself.

Unexpectedly, he reached out to her directly, but it was just to inquire about Dylan's situation.

When George brought up Dylan, memories of the latter's past mistreatment flooded back into Fanny's mind. Despite her discomfort, she decided to disclose what had happened with Dylan to George.

After listening, George didn't offer much in response before departing.

Unable to reach Dylan himself, he had come to Fanny seeking information.

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Once he had a clearer picture of the situation, he could make his way to the Lime Family..

Even after George left, Fanny's thoughts remained unsettled. She contemplated seeking out Christopher but her plans were interrupted when she unexpectedly encountered Angela.

Instinctively, she hid away and observed with irritation **as** a cheerful Angela walked away with her companions.

At that moment, Angela was out shopping with Yoanna, and following recent events, Oliver had grown. even closer to Angela than before.

"Why are you so tense, Oliver?" Yoanna teased as she noticed their shopping trip had turned into a trio.

Yoanna, who had been recovering in the hospital, immediately made plans to **hang out** with Angela upon. her discharge. Angela agreed to accompany her during her training break.

Oliver responded seriously. I'm not tense."

Observing his demeanor. Yoanna refrained from further teasing.

Shortly after, Yoanna, seemingly influenced by Oliver's nervousness, glanced around inexplicably **and**, murmured, "Why do I feel like someone is watching us?"

Angela also scanned the surroundings but did not spot anyone familiar. "I don't think so."

Ignoring the strange feeling, Yoanna took Angela to eat, but as soon as they entered the restaurant and ordered, two people approached.

The two were dressed as bodyguards and completely ignored Yoanna as they headed straight for Angela. "Miss Angela, our Miss would like to have a word with you."

Oliver was also there, and upon seeing someone approaching, he stood directly beside Angela with a protective stance.

He knew that Florence from before hadn't given up yet.

Curious, Angela inquired, "Who is your miss?" She suspected the individuals were associated with Florence.

One of the bodyguards responded, "You'll find out when you arrive, Miss Angela. Our Miss has reserved a private room."

Unwilling to comply, Angela declined and stated she was dining with a friend.

The bodyguards, unwilling to disclose their miss' identity, left to report back.

After their departure, Angela decided to leave and informed the front desk that they were canceling their

order.

"Why are you leaving, Angela?" Yoanna asked as they got into the car. She sensed that something was

amiss.

Angela shared her suspicions.

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"Staying there might lead **to** trouble. Let's eat somewhere else"

The behavior of the other party confirmed to her that it was indeed Florence. Despite the different bodyguards, she was certain of the connection.

She wasn't afraid of Florence. She simply found her irritating, and she was frustrated by the latter's insistence on discussing this issue with her.

Upon hearing this. Yoanna chose not to pursue the topic further.

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The two of them discreetly stayed behind and found another place to eat, and Florence refrained from disturbing Angela again.

Just as Angels

Florence

had just parted ways with Yoanna and hadn't returned home yet, she received a call from

Before answering the call, she was unaware that it was Florence on the other end.

"Miss Angela, you're quite hard to please."

Upon realizing it **was** Florence on the other end, Angela instinctively furrowed her brows.

By saying this, Florence was indirectly acknowledging that the people who had intercepted Angela earlier were indeed her own.

"My friend was present earlier, so it wasn't convenient to discuss matters with you. Angela sat in the back seat of the car and reluctantly provided a reason for Florence's sigh.

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Florence didn't dwell on this point any further, but instead said, "When will free? Let me know when you're available so we can find a place to chat

Angela inquired, "Are you really that free?"

Florence chuckled **and** simply replied. "I'm indeed not as busy as you, so remember to inform me when you're free."

As soon as Florence's voice faded. Angela heard the busy signal.

When Angela returned home, she told Jonathan she had encountered one of Florence's people, but she avoided confronting her.

It seemed Florence had ulterior motives toward Jonathan, and Angela didn't hide it from him.

Jonathan immediately arranged for more bodyguards for Angela after understanding her implication, but except for Oliver, the others wouldn't stick close by.

Knowing Jonathan was worried about her, she complied with his arrangements.

"Make sure you watch out for yourself too." She couldn't help but remind him when she thought of Mo Florence's true intentions.

Meeting Angela's gaze, Jonathan asked teasingly, "Are you worried about me?"

She blushed and smiled shyly. "No way."

She didn't expect him to joke with her, but considering Florence's influential background **and** arrogant demeanor, she couldn't suppress her worry.

Jonathan saw through her sarcasm. He smirked, pulled her into a hug, and effortlessly carried her toward the bedroom. "Really?" he teased.

Angela suddenly panicked and instinctively wrapped her arms **around** his neck.

Nestled against Jonathan's sturdy chest, she couldn't help but whisper, "Just make sure you take care."

He responded with a passionate kiss.

Meanwhile, Florence found herself swamped with tasks and couldn't spare a thought for Angela. Although she couldn't focus on the latter, she kept an eye on Jonathan's and Angela's movements.

The Kins family members were equally concerned about the couple's movements. However, they could only discuss them privately at most, as they had no extra energy to spare for monitoring them closely.

Especially after George got into trouble and Joseph, who had been focusing on the hospital, had to deal with the aftermath for him.

When Joseph hurried to the police station, the sun beat down relentlessly. His irritation flared upon seeing George in custody. "Dad? What happened? Who did you get into a fight with?"

The police simply stated that George had assaulted someone, who then reported him.

Joseph asked about bail as soon as he entered the police station and felt relieved when he found out it was possible. He still remembered the last time Fanny was held and the police said she couldn't be bailed out. "Do I need to report to you every time I hit someone?" George's words nearly gave Joseph a heart attack.

He rolled his eyes impatiently and asked, "Do you still want to be bailed out?"

He knew George's temper would cause trouble, especially after the incident with Linda in Riverdon. However, he didn't expect him to have such an attitude now **that** he had been arrested.

Thinking of the old George **and** looking at the current disheveled George in front of him, he couldn't hide his disgust.

George angrily said, "Are you threatening your own father?"

His outburst not only made Joseph's face grim but even caught the attention of one of the nearby police officers who shouted, "What are you yelling about?"

As soon as the police officer spoke, George deflated.

He shifted his posture against the iron railing and urged Joseph, "Just bail me out already!"

"First, tell me who you hit," Joseph tried to maintain a calm demeanor and spoke calmly.

"Dylan Leigh, George spat out the name with anger. Remembering Joseph's concern, he clenched his fists and added, "He harmed Fanny. What's wrong with me giving him a taste of his own medicine?"

Joseph glanced deeply at him. He sensed that George's confrontation with Dylan was probably not about Fanny.

However, Dylan did indeed cause Fanny significant harm, so Joseph didn't probe further into George's

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intentions. He simply offered, "I'll bail you out. Hurry back to Riverdon."

He **was** keen to get him out of Northland, knowing he was a potential troublemaker. Unlike Riverdon, Northland wasn't forgiving. He feared that if George caused trouble here, it would be a disaster.

George looked at him discontentedly and casually replied, "Okay, hurry up and get me out of here."

Joseph arranged for bail, but before George was released, he purchased a ticket for him and rushed to the airport with his associates.

Just as he had obtained the ticket, he was planning to escort George to the plane, but then Zacharias suddenly fell ill. Upon receiving the news, he hesitated.

"You should check on Zacharias. I'll go back on my own!" George took the ticket and started to shoo him

away.

Joseph reminded him once more before quickly heading to the hospital.

Little did he know that as soon as he left, George canceled the ticket and left the airport. He stayed behind secretly because he still had unfinished business to attend to.

When Joseph arrived at the hospital, Zacharias had already been taken into the operating room, and Fanny was waiting outside.

Zacharias fell ill suddenly, and after the doctor contacted Joseph and he still hadn't arrived, the doctor reached out to Fanny.

Upon seeing Joseph, Fanny immediately threw herself into his arms with teary eyes. "Joseph, Zacharias has been in surgery for a long time. He will be okay, right?"

"He'll be fine." Joseph reassured her hastily.

Although he said so, he was also uncertain about Zacharias' condition.

It had been quite a few days since Zacharias was treated by Angela last time, but during this period, he had not complained of any discomfort or fallen ill.

He thought Zacharias had fully recovered, but he didn't anticipate him suddenly falling ill again and being rushed to the emergency room.

The two of them waited together outside for a long time before the doctor finally emerged.

"Dr. Clinton, how is Zacharias doing?" Joseph inquired urgently.

They were colleagues, and Gregory didn't withhold any information. "Zacharias' condition is very **serious**. Didn't you have someone perform acupuncture on him before? Why did you stop?"

Gregory took over Zacharias' treatment upon his hospitalization. Zacharias' condition was dire, but after Joseph had someone administer acupuncture, Zacharias condition stabilized for a few days.

At that time, he thought the acupuncture was miraculous and wanted to follow up, but he heard Joseph mention **that** the individual **was** not open to communication and declined.

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When Joseph heard him mention Angela Kins, his expression turned slightly sour, and he only inquired. "How is Zacharias now?"

"He has been temporarily stabilized and is still unconscious. He will be transferred back to the ward shortly. Several doctors have assessed him, but there is no definitive treatment for his illness. You should invite that individual again to stabilize him. His body may not endure much longer."

After uttering those words, Gregory let out a sigh and departed..

Fanny stood by, and upon hearing Angela being mentioned, she hesitantly spoke, "Joseph, could you please ask Angela to come and treat Zacharias as soon as possible?"

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Joseph frowned momentarily before dialing Angela's phone number. To his surprise, Angela did not answer the call.

Fanny blinked in surprise and inquired, "Joseph, should I try calling Angela to ask?"

Joseph's expression soured, but he nodded. He suspected that Angela had blocked his number.

Despite Fanny's attempts to reach Angela, the calls went unanswered.

After several unsuccessful tries, Fanny tearfully remarked, "Angela must be occupied with something."

"She's deliberately avoiding us by blocking our calls," Joseph asserted firmly, his face contorted with disgust and hatred. "She wants Zacharias dead!"

Fanny was taken aback because she was visibly shaken by the accusation. Joseph quickly regained his composure and said, "Fanny, you're not feeling well. Go back and rest, I'll handle this."

At first, she didn't want to agree, but after some coaxing, he managed to persuade her to leave.

After attending to Fanny, and checking on Zacharias' situation, Joseph went to find Angela.

But he never had the chance to find her, as he was intercepted directly outside.

During Angela's days of rest, she didn't leave the house at all and stayed with Jonathan the whole time.

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After a few peaceful days, she returned to Northland Medical University to continue her training.

Even though she rested at home for a few days, Jonathan was quite restless, claiming he was ensuring her safety.

After several days, her sense of security indeed skyrocketed, and she would wake up early to go to school when training resumed

As soon as she stepped into the classroom, she saw Cassie waving at her.

She walked over and sat next to her, who then mentioned that today's test results would be announced.

Before she could even react to how quickly the results came out, she saw the instructor enter the classroom.

The previously somewhat noisy classroom suddenly quieted down, and the instructor on the stage also began to speak.

The test results were out, but instead of grades, it was a pass-or-fail situation. Two-thirds of the students didn't make it.

However, both Angela and Cassie were among those who passed.

As the instructor read out the list of names, the students below started chattering. But within moments, he hushed them with a stern rebuke.

The instructor mentioned that the next test would be the real deal, and everyone became serious.

Without much ado, he explained the standard results of the last test and asked the students to review their mistakes.

After giving instructions, he left them to figure out their next steps.

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Angela recalled her test process, carefully comparing it to the standard procedure, and then planned to borrow some books from the library.

"Hey, Cassie, I'm off to the library to get some books," she said before leaving.

As soon as she stepped out of the classroom, she bumped into Lara, who was wearing a smile.

“Hey Angela, where are you headed?” Lara called her, but she rarely showed such a friendly smile, especially with Tyler always by her side.

Angela replied, “I’m going to the library.”

“What a coincidence, I’m also going to the library. Why don’t we go together?” Lara suggested.

Angela didn’t refuse and nodded in agreement. They walked together toward the library.

However, Angela didn’t expect to see Fanny at the library.

As soon as Fanny saw Angela, she came over immediately.

“Angela,” Fanny greeted. Only then did she notice someone else beside Angela, and her expression changed slightly.

Angela glanced at the people around her who were drawn by Fanny’s voice. She furrowed her brows, ignored Fanny, and went to the library’s book–borrowing machine to check out the books she wanted.

Lara, on the other hand, took a quick look at Fanny and felt a bit curious about her.

Despite Angela ignoring her, Fanny continued to call out with a dark expression, “Angela!”

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The library was already quiet, and her voice was like a thunderbolt, causing disapproving looks from those around her.

Angela halted in her tracks and shot her a cold look. She lowered her voice to warn, “Shut up for now. We’ll talk outside.”

Fanny’s expression soured even more, but she remained silent. Upon seeing Angela borrow a few books, she also casually grabbed two and went to the machine to check them out.

Her intention was simple. She just wanted to show off that she was also a student at Northland Medical University.

However, Angela paid her no further attention, took her borrowed books, and exited the library.

Lara had been walking alongside Angela the whole time, and would occasionally glance more at Fanny who followed along. She was clearly interested in her.

Angela stopped near the flower bed not far from the library. “Lara, I need to talk to her about something personal, so I won’t be going with you.”

Lara awkwardly smiled and did not insist on staying.

As soon as she left, Fanny couldn’t wait to speak up.

“Angela, Mom woke up. If you have an ounce of filial piety, come with me to the hospital to see Mom!”

Did Scarlet wake up?

Angela had just heard about it, as she really didn’t want to get involved with the Kins Family’s affairs and hadn’t paid attention to what they had been up to in Northland.,

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“She said it herself that I’m not her daughter. Why should I go see her? Who does she think she is?”

She found it amusing. Even if Scarlet woke up, it shouldn’t be Fanny asking her to go see Scarlet.

She didn’t think Fanny actually wanted her to go see Scarlet anyway.

Upon seeing her refusal, Fanny felt a weight lift off her chest.

I did ask! It’s Angela who doesn’t want to go!

The reason Fanny came to ask Angela to see Scarlet wasn’t Scarlet’s idea or Joseph’s suggestion, but rather it was specifically mentioned by Zacharias.

She was a bit displeased by Zacharias’ suggestion, but she kept quiet about it, especially since they were all in Scarlet’s ward at the time, and neither Joseph nor Scarlet objected.

Now that Angela had declined, Fanny felt a weight lifted off her shoulders.

Angela paid no mind to Fanny’s inner turmoil. Upon seeing that Fanny had nothing more to say, she turned to leave.

Recalling Zacharias asking her to inform Angela, Fanny couldn’t help but grab Angela directly.

Angela frowned and pushed her hand away, with a look of disgust in her eyes. “Is there something else?”

She couldn't comprehend how Fanny had the audacity to confront her. After being sent in by Yaxley before, she had hoped for some peace, but Fanny was already bothering her.

Fanny glared at her, recalling Zacharias' occasional defense of Angela before, and said harshly, “Let's not discuss Mom for now. Why don't you

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go see Zacharias at the hospital? You promised to treat him before!”

Angela smirked, “Fanny, are you truly clueless or just pretending? I did set a condition back then.”

Fanny's face stiffened, as the condition Angela had set was to clarify her relationship with the Kins Family.

“My registration has been transferred, so you must continue the

treatment!” Fanny knew that by saying this, Angela would not agree, and that was exactly what she wanted.

She hadn't forgotten their time in Riverdon, and facing Angela now, she sought a clear rejection.

“I formally declare that I will no longer care for Zacharias in the future,” Angela stated before leaving.

She had hoped that after the final treatment for Zacharias ended on a sour note, the Kins Family would not shamelessly come looking for her again. However, she did not anticipate that they would persist in challenging her perception as they always did.

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Fanny did not pursue her, but instead quickly gathered her emotions and made a phone call.

She cried on the phone, vividly and exaggeratedly recounting Angela's "misdeeds" to Scarlet.

The person who picked up the phone was none other than Scarlet.

Upon hearing how Fanny had gone to ask Angela to treat Zacharias, only to suffer such injustice, Scarlet was immediately incensed and vented her anger at Angela.

After listening to several sentences, Fanny smiled behind the phone, but her response was still soft and weak. "Angela said she will never treat Zacharias again in the future. Mom, what should we do..."

Scarlet was well aware of Zacharias' condition. After the last emergency visit, he was left extremely weak, and these past few days had only seen his health deteriorate further.

Joseph was worried sick but couldn't reach Angela, so Fanny volunteered to find Angela and ask her to help Zacharias.

This was all promised in front of Scarlet, so she knew the situation well.

"Fanny, you go back first." Scarlet sighed. She was reluctant to see Fanny being mistreated, so she insisted that she go back first.

Fanny sniffled a few times and obediently went back.

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Meanwhile, Christopher was summoned by Jane again.

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Last time, after Christopher was beaten up, he owed his survival entirely to Jonathan.

Somehow, news of the incident reached Jane's ears. Jane might not have intended to play tricks on him, but the friend by her side irritated him.

Initially, when Christopher received a call from Jane, he thought she was going to inform Michael about the threat he posed. However, he soon realized that it was Harley's idea to have some fun.

Unfortunately, Harley's plan worked like a charm, dragging Christopher, who had no intention of dealing with Jane again, back into the scene.

Jane and Harley were still at the bar, and as soon as Christopher arrived, Harley couldn't help but laugh and point at him.

"Well, look who's here with the scars still on his face," Harley mocked.

When his face was more severely injured before, Harley had laughed at him like this, but he didn't care anymore.

Over these past few days, his facial wounds had almost healed, and tomorrow, they won't be so visible.

Plus, the last time he exchanged words with Harley, he didn't gain anything from it. Even though Christopher clenched his fists tightly, he didn't engage with her.

"Are you blind?" Harley couldn't hold back her anger when she saw him ignoring her.

"Miss Coolidge, do you have something to discuss with me?" Christopher ignored Harley and directly addressed Jane, who was sitting at the table drinking.

Jane casually motioned for Harley to sit beside her, telling her to calm

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down before rolling her eyes at Christopher. "What could I possibly need from you? Who do you think you are?"

She couldn't stand Christopher. After threatening him once for causing trouble, she couldn't be bothered to address him again.

But Harley had heard some gossip that the Miss from the Shelton Family, who had previously beaten up Christopher, had taken a liking to Jonathan.

Now that was some big news.

She called out for Christopher because she wanted to hear it straight from him.

Christopher frowned.

As he suspected, it wasn't Jane's idea this time to call him out, but Harley

He scanned the dimly lit bar impatiently and only thought about how to leave quickly.

“Harley, just ask your question and then let him leave. I can’t stand seeing him.” Jane expressed her disdain for Christopher openly to Harley.

Harley smiled, noticing Christopher’s gaze on her, and then asked him, “How far along are your friend and Florence Shelton?”

Christopher was completely puzzled and looked at Harley, asking, “Who’s Florence Shelton?”

His question made her roll her eyes.

“He doesn’t even know who Florence is. He must not know much more than what I’ve already found out.” Harley complained to Jane.

Christopher put on a puzzled look and continued to inquire curiously,

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“So, who’s this Shelton person Jonathan’s supposedly involved with?”

Jane shot Harley a look, signaling her to kick Christopher out. Harley couldn’t just blurt out answers to Christopher’s questions, so she straight up told him to get lost.

“You better leave. That’s it for today. We’ll call you another time.”

Christopher frowned. It wasn’t because she told him to leave, but the part about calling him another time got to him.

But he didn’t say anything. He just lowered his head slightly and headed out of the bar.

Once outside, he lit up a cigarette.

He remembered Florence’s people attacking him, and when Jonathan came to his rescue, Florence even mentioned Jonathan’s name. Even though Christopher was groggy at the time, he heard it loud and clear.

Of course, he knew who Florence was.

He just didn’t want Harley and Jane to keep digging, and him playing dumb this time seemed to have worked. They didn’t pry further and let him off the hook with just a few teasing remarks.

But he didn’t expect that as soon as he left, Harley would be particularly unhappy and asked Jane to call Michael.

Word got to Michael about the altercation with Christopher, and upon hearing that Jonathan went to Christopher's rescue, Michael's mind started spinning with schemes. Especially after learning about Florence's interest in Jonathan, he had other ideas brewing.

However, in response to Jane's probing over the phone, he responded bluntly that Jonathan was already married.

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However, Christopher was oblivious to all this.

Feeling the brunt of Michael's scolding, Jane and Harley couldn't find an outlet for their frustration, so they called Christopher back.

As soon as Christopher got in the car, he received a call from the two asking him to come back to the bar. He felt like a slave being summoned back and forth.

He was seething inside but had no choice but to comply.

This time, though, he was forced to drink a lot of alcohol.

Meanwhile, George was escorted into a casino by a pair of good buddies. Both of them looked like they had drunk a lot, and were all tipsy.

"Joey, do you think this is Dylan's fault?" George, who was tipsy, patted Joey on the shoulder and said irritably..

Being patted, Joey sobered up a bit and replied with a serious gaze, "Indeed, it's that rascal Dylan. Don't worry, I'll figure something out. I'll arrange a meeting and make him apologize and compensate you!"

Upon hearing this, George chuckled drunkenly, "You're a true friend, Joey. He definitely owes me."

Although George was half drunk, he felt that staying was the right decision after hearing Joey's assurance.

He had originally just wanted to find an opportunity to trouble Dylan, but he didn't expect to run into him and Dylan's former friend, Joey Johansson.

After hearing about Dylan's situation, Joey even said he would help him!

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George immediately agreed to have a drink with him

“Let’s not talk about unhappy things today, George. I’ll take you to relax and have some fun.” Joey clapped his hands and took George to the gambling table.

When George was getting into the game, Joey got up and made a phone call in the restroom.

“The guy’s already at the gambling table, don’t worry, I’ll handle it. I’ll make sure he loses everything he’s got!” said the voice on the other end.

Joey quickly responded, “Hey, no need to thank me *for* this little favor. The Lime Family’s troubles are my family’s business. Dealing with the Tuckson Family is no walk in the park for you either. We’ll talk about meeting up later.”

After exchanging a few words, Joey hung up the phone.

On the other end, Dylan finally breathed a sigh of relief upon hearing that George had entered the casino.

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The Lime Family was facing tough times due to the pressure from the Tuckson Family. It seemed like they were on the brink of collapse.

Fortunately, the Tuckson Family didn’t aim to completely crush them. After a period of harassment, they backed off.

Just when things settled with the Tucksons, George came knocking by catching Dylan off guard with a brutal beating.

Despite sending him to jail, George surprisingly got out quickly and repeatedly tried to cause trouble.

Frustrated, Dylan turned to his friend Joey for help.

That was when Joey unexpectedly crossed paths with George.

At this moment, George, inebriated and unaware of being set up, was recklessly gambling at the table, fueled by alcohol-induced bravado.

Alcohol emboldened him, making him do things he wouldn't dare otherwise.

After a few small wins, his confidence soared.

Joey came back and was still praising and encouraging beside him. He immediately stopped his original intention of gambling a few times and leaving.

However, most of the subsequent gambling sessions didn't go as he wished.

Despite this, fueled by alcohol and the desire to win, he continued to gamble time and time again. After losing, he even borrowed money to

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gamble under Joey's influence.

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Meanwhile,

Three days later, Scarlet was discharged from the hospital. Her first action upon leaving was to wheel herself over to find Angela.

Fanny volunteered to accompany her and appeared excited.

Just after training, barely out of school, Angela caught sight of the two approaching.

She frowned, barely sparing them a glance, and simply went the other

way.

Oliver diligently stood guard beside Angela and effectively separated Fanny and Scarlet.

"Angela, stop right there!"

Seeing Angela blatantly ignoring her, Scarlet almost leaned over in anger, slapped the armrest of the wheelchair, and yelled fiercely.

Despite having recently woken up, her voice carried a strong tone, far from someone fresh out of the hospital.

Angela paid no mind and continued to walk ahead, while Oliver turned to glare at the two of them. He shielded Angela as they made their way outside the school.

Both Scarlet and Fanny were startled by Angela's reaction, but Fanny still pushed Scarlet trailing not far behind Angela.

Without a word from Angela, Scarlet shouted, "Angela!"

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Angela didn't even bat an eyelid and continued to walk away.

But after a few steps, she spotted Christopher approaching.

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He deliberately stood in her way, while Oliver swiftly positioned himself in front of Christopher.

Upon seeing Christopher, Fanny's eyes lit up, but she refrained from greeting him. Instead, she earnestly addressed Angela, "Angela, your mother has come to see you in person. Why won't you even acknowledge her?"

Angela sneered and didn't respond to Fanny. She just turned and gave a casual glance to Scarlet.

"What is it that you want to say?"

Christopher noticed Angela's reluctance to leave and approached Scarlet and Fanny at that moment.

He had been kept busy by Jane these past few days, but as soon as he got the message from Fanny seeking help, he quickly brushed off Jane and offered his assistance.

Scarlet was quite irritated by Angela's attitude. She slapped the armrest and said, "You promised to treat Zacharias, who is now in critical condition. Hurry and come to the hospital with me!"

Angela gave a cold smile, "Didn't your good daughter Fanny inform you? I'm not treating anymore."

She chose not to engage with these individuals, she simply gave Oliver a look and turned to continue walking out.

Upon hearing her words, the three of them attempted to stop her, but several bodyguards swiftly intervened and blocked their path.

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As Angela was escorted into the car by Oliver, the bodyguards followed suit and entered the car behind her.

The three of them were frightened by the bodyguards, and they remained silent for a long time.

It wasn't until Angela's car and the bodyguards' car had driven away that Christopher began discussing Angela.

Scarlet and Fanny were equally displeased with Angela, their expressions grim.

At that moment, Joseph from the hospital contacted several people.

Zacharias' health had taken a turn for the worse.

They rushed to the hospital and found Joseph looking dejected.

Upon receiving the news, James in Riverdon decided to hurry to Northland.

The Kins Family's business in Riverdon was already struggling, and with Zacharias in critical condition, James didn't hesitate to leave Riverdon and head to Northland.

“Will Zacharias be okay?” Fanny’s eyes were red from crying.

While others were also feeling uneasy, none had the time to console her. Christopher was the only one who sat beside Fanny and made an effort to be sensitive to her emotions.

“Don’t worry, Fanny, things will improve,” he assured her, though he doubted his own words.

“Thank you, Christopher.” Fanny cried so hard that she was exhausted, and she leaned on his chest.

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Before he could say more, his phone suddenly rang with a distinct ringtone, catching him off guard.

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It was a tone set by Jane at the instigation of her mischievous friend. They jokingly called it Jane’s “call–the–slave” ringtone because it always got Christopher’s attention like a slave being called.

Upon seeing Christopher’s reaction, Fanny looked at him with concern. “What’s wrong, Christopher?”

Meeting her gaze, Christopher felt panicked and quickly said, “It’s nothing, I just need to take this call.”

With that, he stood up and hurried down the hallway to answer the call.

Fanny felt a pang in her heart as she noticed Joseph and Scarlet, both wearing mournful expressions, too preoccupied to notice her standing by the entrance of the emergency room.

She could sense that Christopher was keeping something from her.

Once Christopher was out of earshot, he answered Jane’s call. Since their last encounter at the bar, Jane had been calling Christopher to various locations.

Despite his injuries not fully healed at the time, she showed no mercy. She often put him in difficult situations and mostly left Harley to harass him at her whims.

Jane had something on Christopher which made her confident he wouldn't dare to complain to the authorities.

As soon as the call connected, she gave an address without pleasantries and hung up.

Christopher clenched his fists but knew he had to go.

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After some hesitation, he composed himself and returned outside the emergency room.

Fanny kept a watchful eye on him and breathed a sigh of relief when he returned. She couldn't bear the thought of him abandoning her at such a crucial moment.

As Christopher approached, Fanny stood up with concern and asked, "Christopher, are you feeling unwell? Why is your face so pale?"

Christopher smiled weakly. "I'm fine, but the school suddenly called me back for a while, I..."

He made up a feeble excuse, hoping she wouldn't press further.

Before she could respond, Joseph, who had been listening, walked over to Christopher and said, "Go take care of school matters, we'll wait here."

Christopher agreed and bid farewell to Scarlet before departing.

Fanny lowered her head. She sensed that Christopher wasn't truly going back to school.

"Fanny, come here, we need to talk to you."

Upon hearing Joseph's words, Fanny followed him.

Joseph led Fanny to Scarlet, who was gazing at the emergency room door as if willing it to open sooner.

"Joseph, what is it that you want to tell me?"

Whether it was her imagination or not, she couldn't shake the feeling that Joseph had purposely sent Christopher away, and whatever he was about to say might also involve Christopher.

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Joseph did not directly answer Fanny's doubts.

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He first bent down and said a few words to Scarlet, then walked a few steps away with Fanny before saying, "Fanny, you should have less contact with Christopher in the future."

As expected, when Fanny heard Joseph mention Christopher, she didn't know how to react and could only lower her head and ask why.

With a sigh, Joseph said, "Fanny, he is secretly meeting with the lady from

- Northland."

Fanny replied, "Joseph, I already know about this."

She had known from the beginning of Christopher's blind date that it was all Michael's idea, and Christopher was not willing. In addition, he had explained to her about asking Michael to find a kidney source, so the last time Christopher was beaten was almost because of her, How could she not have contact with Christopher?

Surprised, Joseph fell silent for a moment. Just as he was about to speak, Gregory came out from the emergency room.

Fanny also saw the doctor and did not want to continue talking with Joseph about this. She hurried over and asked, "Dr. Clinton, how is Zacharias doing?"

Gregory said, "He's out of immediate danger, but he can't keep going like this."

Joseph walked over and overheard the conversation.

"We understand, Dr. Clinton," he said.

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Gregory glanced at them and left. Scarlet sighed with relief and then told Joseph about their failed attempt to persuade Angela to treat him.

"That wretched woman, Angela, wants Zacharias to die!" Scarlet said with tears welling up in *her* eyes.

Joseph sighed heavily. "If she won't treat him, there's nothing we can do. Mom, please don't cry. We still have to go see Zacharias later."

After a while, when Zacharias was wheeled out of the emergency room, the two of them followed alongside.

Suddenly, Gregory approached Joseph and whispered something to him. Joseph looked up, and Gregory said, "Let's talk in my office."

Joseph realized it was about Fanny's kidney donation and quickly followed him.

Soon, the two of them arrived at Gregory's office and Joseph couldn't contain his excitement as he asked, "Dr. Clinton, did you really find a suitable kidney donor?"

Gregory shook his head.

Joseph's hopes were dashed in an instant, and he visibly slumped with disappointment.

Dejectedly, he asked, "Then why did you say that earlier, Dr. Clinton?"

He had been so thrilled because he thought Gregory had whispered to him about news regarding Fanny's kidney donor.

Gregory sighed heavily, hesitated for a moment, and then began, "This isn't something I should be discussing, but..."

Joseph anxiously interrupted, "Then why use the kidney donor story to

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bring me here?"

Gregory didn't address Joseph's question directly and instead took a moment before asking, "Do you know the current situation of Zacharias?"

Joseph was taken aback. *Why did Dr. Clinton suddenly bring up Zacharias?*

Upon seeing his bewildered expression, Gregory continued, "If he's rushed into the emergency room again, chances are he won't make it back."

"What do you mean?" Joseph had a sinking feeling in his heart.

Gregory sighed. "He was the one who suggested the kidney transplant."

Joseph immediately understood what he meant. Stepping back, he nervously asked, "Are you saying Zacharias offered his kidney for Fanny?"

From what Gregory's implying, is it Zacharias' idea in the first place? With his health already so fragile, there's no way he can survive after donating a kidney! Does he really have no desire to live anymore?

Joseph felt the world closing in on him.

Seeing Gregory nod, Joseph struggled to breathe. But knowing that a kidney transplant could save Fanny, and considering Zacharias' perilous condition, he hesitated for a moment before finally asking, "Is it possible?"

"It's not certain. We need to conduct a compatibility test first, and only if the results are favorable can the transplant proceed," Gregory reminded, "You should begin with the compatibility test."

Upon learning that a compatibility test was still required, Joseph let out a sigh of relief before responding, "I will take that into consideration."

After his conversation with Gregory, Joseph left the ward feeling disoriented.

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He went to visit Zacharias, who was surprisingly awake and engaged in conversation with Fanny.

Joseph hurried over subconsciously, only to hear that they weren't discussing kidney transplants, which eased his worries.

Upon seeing Joseph's troubled expression, Scarlet felt a sense of panic and suddenly inquired, "Joseph, what did Dr. Clinton say? How is Zacharias' condition?"

As soon as she asked this question, both Fanny and Zacharias stopped talking and looked at him nervously, just like Scarlet.

Joseph immediately felt a headache coming on and stated, "I will go see Angela again."

Gregory even mentioned kidney transplant and compatibility, indicating that Zacharias was truly running out of time. However, he couldn't bring himself to say it in front of everyone.

If he had to say it, it would have to be in private.

Upon hearing this, the others did not press further. Instead, Zacharias smiled at Joseph and casually remarked, "Joseph, Angela probably won't change her mind." /

Joseph felt uneasy but replied, "Take care of yourself. I'll be back."

With that, he left the ward.

He attempted to contact Angela again but was unsuccessful, so he decided to find Yoanna's contact information in the medical records and gave her a call.

Angela had visited Yoanna at the hospital before, and Joseph had noted their acquaintance. Now, he could use Yoanna to reach Angela.

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“Who’s this?” Yoanna answered the phone without checking the caller ID.

Joseph was concerned that she might hang up upon knowing his identity, so he did not introduce himself directly. Instead, he said, “Miss Tuckson, I am looking for Angela Kins.”

Without any introduction, Yoanna, upon hearing Angela’s name mentioned, was not polite and continued to inquire, “Who are you?”

Joseph’s mouth twitched as he debated whether to be straightforward with her or not.

While he was still contemplating, Yoanna ended the call.

Yoanna was having a meal with Ava and Sophia.

After ending the call, she complained to her friends. “I don’t know who that was, calling me to find Angela.”

Ava asked, “If he didn’t disclose his identity, he must have some issues.”

Sophia pondered for a moment, then suddenly stated, “He didn’t directly contact Angela, but reached out to you, which means it must be because Angela does not want to speak with him.”

Yoanna thought it made sense and said after a moment, “Then let’s just ignore him.”

As soon as she said that, the phone rang again.

It was the same number as before.

She gestured toward her phone, did not answer directly, but informed the other two, “It’s the same person as before.”

Sophia reached for the phone, saying, “Let me find out who it is.”

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Yoanna handed her the phone directly.

Upon answering the call, Sophia mimicked Angela's voice and asked, "What do you want?"

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On the other end of the line, Joseph was first surprised, then delighted.

He didn't expect Yoanna to be with Angela. Just a moment ago it was Yoanna who answered the phone, but now it was Angela.

Ava and Yoanna also looked at Sophia in surprise. They did not expect her to be able to mimic someone else's voice.

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She couldn't hold back and demanded, "Who gave you the right to speak like that? What do you take Angela for? Your personal doctor?"

Though she didn't know who was on the other end, she particularly disliked the caller's attitude.

Yoanna chimed in, "Yeah, if I'm not mistaken, you're here to beg Angela for treatment, right? Is this how you ask for help?"

“You! You...” Joseph was being bombarded by remarks from the other side, leaving him fuming with frustration.

Sophia interrupted him and asked in her own voice, “Are you from the Kins Family?”

Hearing yet another unfamiliar voice, Joseph was infuriated beyond measure.

It was bad enough that he called Angela to seek treatment, but instead of hurrying over, she was there on the other end, mocking him in front of four people!

The more he thought about it, the angrier he became, and his expression gradually grew darker.

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“Do people from the Kins Family have any shame? Haven’t you already distanced yourself from Angela?”

Yoanna and Ava had heard some rumors about Angela’s past, but now they were listening to Sophia, a person from Riverdon.

Facing the contemptuous description of the Kins Family by Sophia, they didn’t hold back either.

Joseph angrily said, “What’s it to you? Let Angela speak.”

If Angela hadn’t been unreachable, he wouldn’t have contacted Yoanna. Initially, it would have been good for Angela and Yoanna to be together, but he didn’t expect there would be more than two people at Angela’s side.

He was completely outnumbered by them.

Of course, Angela couldn't respond because her voice from before was merely a mimic by Sophia.

"Do you still want Angela to talk to someone like you? Dream on!" Sophia spat out without hesitation.

Joseph was furious, but before his anger could erupt, he heard Sophia say, "You're the second in command of the Kins Family, right?"

Suddenly exposed, Joseph did not deny it. After all, Angela could recognize his voice, and when these people were together, they always found out through Angela.

"Angela, speak up. Zacharias just came out of the emergency room and the doctor said if he goes back in, he won't survive! Do you want to watch

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Zacharias die?"

He knew he couldn't argue with those people, so he just yelled at Angela on the other side.

However, the other girls on the line cursed at him a few times, but there was still no response from Angela.

Just as he was about to question again, the line suddenly went dead, but before it did, Sophia said one last thing, "The second in command of the Kins Family. Tsk tsk, you're nothing special. The voice of Angela just now was me pretending!"

As soon as he heard the last voice, sounding so much like Angela and realizing it was Sophia pretending, Joseph was shaking with rage. He tried to say something else, but the line had already been cut, leaving only the busy tone.

Consumed by anger, his expression darkened considerably.

"Joseph..." a soft voice came from behind.

Joseph quickly composed himself and turned to look at Fanny. "Fanny, what's wrong?"

"Joseph, have you been in touch with Angela? Zacharias is in a terrible state and he passed out while talking to us."

Fanny nervously clasped her hands and her face was equally pale.

Joseph said with concern, "Don't worry about Zacharias for now. Go back and rest. I will go find Angela."

Although he said that, he had no idea where to find Angela. He just thought of trying his luck at Jonathan's company.

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Upon hearing Joseph's telling her to leave, Fanny finally left the hospital reluctantly.

Before Joseph went to find Angela, he first went to find Scarlet.

Scarlet's face was very pale, and she frowned as she looked at Zacharias who was unconscious on the hospital bed.

If the doctor hadn't come and said he was just asleep, she wouldn't be so calm.

Mom," Joseph softly called her. "Let me take you back to the ward."

Scarlet shook her head. "I'll stay here with Zacharias."

She never imagined that his health had deteriorated to this extent in just a short period of unconsciousness.

And the heartless Angela had really made up her mind not to treat Zacharias anymore.

Joseph m said helplessly, "Mom, I need to talk to you about something."

Hearing this, Scarlet glanced at Zacharias sleeping on the bed, then allowed Joseph to wheel her out of the ward.

In the corridor, Joseph spoke as they walked, "Mum, Zacharias wants to donate a kidney to Fanny."

Scarlet was shocked and turned to look at him with her eyes widened. "What did you say?"

She thought she must have misheard.

Joseph had no choice but to repeat it.

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“With his current health condition, how could he possibly withstand losing another kidney? Scarlet immediately rejected the idea, saying, “You should talk to Zacharias.”

She never expected that Zacharias would have such an extreme idea.

Does he no longer *have the will to continue treatment? No, that's not acceptable!*

“I’ll go see Angela again!” Scarlet declared, patting her wheelchair.

As soon as she said this, Joseph said, “Mom, I’ll go.”

Scarlet had just intercepted Angela with Fanny at school, but Angela’s bodyguards stopped her before she could say a few words to her. Fanny had already explained these details to him clearly.

Perhaps if Scarlet went again, the outcome wouldn’t be any different.

“Are you sure you can handle it?” Scarlet was worried.

Joseph could only say, “I’ll go find Jonathan. Angela may not care about dignity and filial piety, but Jonathan surely wouldn’t want her reputation to be tarnished.”,

In both Riverdon and Northland, it was clear to anyone with eyes that Jonathan held a deep affection for Angela.

Now, it seemed like reaching out to Jonathan might be more effective than trying to locate Angela.

Despite Scarlet’s lingering concerns, Joseph could only reassure her, “Mom, stay put here at the hospital. Once Zacharias wakes up, you can have a proper chat with him.”

Even though he had mentioned to Gregory that he would consider the compatibility between Zacharias and Fanny, he was adamant about not

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giving up on Zacharias treatment. After all, they were brothers.

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Eventually, Scarlet relented. After bidding farewell to Joseph, she didn't return to her own ward **but** instead went back to Zacharias and steadfastly kept vigil by his bedside.

Not long after Joseph departed, Zacharias regained consciousness.

With the awareness of his limited time, he mustered a weak smile when he saw Scarlet by his side.

However, she said. "Zacharias, Joseph went to find Angela. He'll find a way to get her to treat you. Don't let your mind wander elsewhere."

Her message was crystal clear, and even in his dazed state, he understood her intent.

You know, Mom. it would be good if Fanny could be saved too. Zacharias smiled faintly.

Scarlet rolled her eyes, not agreeing with him.

"Don't even consider sacrificing yourself for Fanny! She'll find a kidney donor, and you'll recover too!" Scarlet's unease was evident in her tone.

Both Fanny and Zacharias had to survive!

Even if Fanny were to receive a kidney donation, it should be from someone other than Angela! How could they allow her son to donate?

The suffering in their family was all because of the wicked Angela! C

Angela should simply focus on helping Zacharias get better and then consider donating her kidney to Fanny! D

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Joseph waited on the ground floor of Jonathan's company. He hadn't made an appointment, and after speaking to the receptionist, he had to wait for a while. Unfortunately, when someone finally came down, it wasn't Jonathan but Spencer.

Spencer politely said to him, "Mr. Lawson isn't here. You can tell me anything anytime and I'll make sure to pass on the message tomorrow."

Joseph furrowed his brow and instinctively asked, "Could you please pass on the message now? It's a bit urgent."

Upon hearing this, Spencer looked hesitant. "Mr. Lawson is taking a rest today, so it wouldn't be appropriate to disturb him."

Whether he went home for lunch or was driven away by Florence's pestering, now with a visitor from the Kins Family, he had to treat them all equally.

"In that case, I'll trouble you. When you pass on the message, could you let him know that I'm Angela's older brother and that I need to discuss something very important with him?" D

"Sure thing, I'll pass on the message," replied Spencer, puzzled by the man's identity as Angela's older brother and surprised that someone of his stature couldn't reach out to Jonathan directly.

He casually agreed and politely bid farewell to Joseph.

Joseph frowned deeply but didn't press further. Before leaving, he exchanged contact information with Spencer.

After Joseph left, Spencer sent a text message to Jonathan.

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He hadn't intended to disturb Jonathan, so if he received the message, it meant that the latter was free.

Jonathan indeed had plenty of free time.

He had been bothered by Florence's persistent pestering, so he simply went home and spent all his time with Angela after she finished her training.

Upon seeing Jonathan come back early for once, Angela first checked his condition as usual and then performed acupuncture on him.

Lately, he hadn't shown any signs of emotional instability or self-harm.

Even when she had left for her test earlier, he had been doing well those two days.

For Angela, it was undoubtedly fantastic news.

She felt that with continued treatment, he would definitely get better and better.

After sweating profusely from acupuncture, Jonathan emerged feeling refreshed. Angela was reading a book when he came out.

He didn't want to disturb her but also didn't want to be too far away, so he simply sat beside her. However, he couldn't help but glance at her from time to time.

"Is the company really not busy today?" Angela, distracted by him once again, set the book aside.

She had borrowed the book from the library earlier and had already read most of it, but she couldn't focus with him occasionally stealing glances at her.

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Jonathan replied, "Not busy at all, Spencer can handle it."

Angela nodded. Thinking about how he had been sneakily watching her just now, she couldn't help but ask, "So, do you have something to tell me?"

After a moment's pause, Jonathan spoke up just when she thought he wouldn't.
"Joseph came to the company looking for me?"

He had seen the text from Spencer a while ago but had been hesitating whether to tell her. He was sure Joseph's visit meant trouble and hence, he selfishly didn't want her to know. Plus, he had already ordered an investigation to find out the reason behind it.

But with Florence's people tailing him, his own men were likely to be restricted. However, he had entrusted Yarrison with the task, hoping he'd uncover something.

"He came to see you? Probably not to ask me to treat Zacharias' illness, right?" Angela guessed Joseph's intention in one shot, recalling the time when Scarlet and Fanny had confronted her before she left school.

But she hadn't let them gain anything from her.

Jonathan raised his eyebrows, recalling the time when Joseph first arrived in Northland and had blocked them downstairs in his company building. It was true that they had been obstructed by him.

Back then, Joseph requested Angela to treat Zacharias.

"Maybe, Yarrison might already be onto it." Jonathan hesitated for a while, believing that Yarrison wouldn't take long to find out.

Angela seemed lost in thought and opted not to respond.

Sure enough, Yarrison was quick. Just as Jonathan mentioned him, the phone rang.

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Without avoiding Angela, he mentioned Yarrison's name and answered the call front of her

und out that Joseph Kins from the Kins Family wants you to persuade your wife to help Zacharias with his illness," Yarrison said over the phone.

Angels rolled her eyes upon hearing his words, Joseph indeed had this Kiss, and it was right on target.

Any other news" Jonathan asked Yarrison.

Yarrison continued. "Zacharias has been in the emergency room twice these past two days, his condition is critical, and it seems like they're preparing for a compatibility test with his sister."

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Angela glanced at the phone and asked him. "You managed to find out about this too?"

Yarrison heard Angela's voice and chuckled, "Mrs. Lawson, you're here too. I checked the messages of the doctors treating Zacharias and Fanny, and they mentioned a compatibility test."

Angela felt a tingling sensation on her scalp for no apparent reason. She knew that Yarrison was knowledgeable about computers and hacking techniques, but she didn't expect him to actually delve into intrusion.

Yarrison spoke a few more words, and then Jonathan hung up the phone.

Following the call, he concluded, "Joseph wants to donate a kidney to Fanny."

Angela nodded. "They haven't been matched yet, and even if they do, it's not guaranteed he can donate."

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"I'll have Yarrison monitor the situation." Jonathan decided firmly.

Angela nodded, choosing not to mention Zacharias' treatment.

The last time she treated him, she noticed something was amiss. He had unreasonably provoked her, perhaps in an attempt to successfully donate a kidney to Fanny.

Hmm, sibling love truly runs deep.

For Fanny's sake, he was willing to sacrifice his own life.

Recalling the times she had saved him from the brink of death, Angela felt like her emotions had been wasted.

Upon seeing her distressed, Jonathan came over to hug and comfort her.

Angela allowed him to embrace her and she felt much better both physically and mentally.

Just as they were getting comfortable, Angela's phone suddenly rang.

It turned out that Ava, Sophia, and the others had deliberated for a long time before deciding to inform Angela about Joseph seeking Yoanna.

To prevent any potential harm to Angela, they wanted to ensure she was prepared.

Angela left Jonathan's embrace and answered the phone.

The three of them quickly explained the situation with Joseph to Angela over the phone, and she found it somewhat amusing.

She thanked her three friends for their support and asked them to remain vigilant in the future before ending the call.

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After hanging up, she **and Jonathan** exchanged glances.

"I've blocked Joseph, **but he will** find a way" Angela sighed.

It was understandable **that** Joseph would approach Jonathan, considering he was her husband. However, she didn't anticipate him targeting her friends as well.

Although Ava, Sophia, and Yoanna **didn't** mind and even played a trick on Joseph for her, she knew **that if** he couldn't reach her through Yoanna and Jonathan, he would undoubtedly bother others.

It seemed she needed to have a conversation with Joseph, whether over the phone or in person.

Jonathan reassured her. "It's not your **fault**."

"I know," she replied with a smile.

She didn't believe it was her fault. The issues of the Kins Family were significant and troubling, and she simply wanted to avoid them and live peacefully, in this life or the previous one.

She treasured the life that had unexpectedly come her way. Whether it was spending time with Jonathan or having a circle of friends by her side, they were all valuable to her.

Hence, she was determined not to let anyone spoil it.

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