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Joseph began to gently prod Fanny for further details, his tone softening. After a while, he whispered, "It's okay if you don't want to talk about it right now," noticing her watery eyes. So that you may relax, let's return to your room. When James comes back, we can talk about everything."

With a kind nod, Fanny brushed away her tears and left in silence. One by one, the Kins Family members went to their rooms as the night wore on to get some rest. Christopher, on the other hand, was unable to sleep and became more and more restless at Riverdon. He headed toward the nightclub, desperate for something to divert his attention.

As he entered the boisterous club, he was recognized by a blonde man who was standing at the door, waving to him and calling him "Mr. Sanders!"

Christopher did not even bother to reply, hardly acknowledging him. Despite Christopher's apathy, the blonde man stayed focused, grinning politely and displaying respect.

"Mr. Sanders, Mr. Craig specifically asked me to wait for you."

Christopher reluctantly said, "Lead the way."

When he heard back, the blond man grinned and led Christopher, "Alright, Mr. Sanders, this way, please, I'll take you there."

Christopher trailed along, but his spirits did not rise. His demeanor did not alter even after he entered the private area and was greeted and applauded by everyone.

"Mr. Sanders, is something troubling you?"

Alexander, who had extended the invitation, handled Christopher's feelings by seeing his disgruntled countenance and asking him straight out why. Alexander poured Christopher a glass of wine as he sat down next to him. His approach was more informal, like he was speaking to a friend, even if his tone was worried.

Though he took the wine, Christopher did not smile or share a toast with Alexander. **"It's** nothing."

Though restless, Christopher regretted coming when he saw that the private area was crowded with low-class aristocrats like Master Jonathan. He realized he no longer belonged in the upper social circles where he had formerly flourished after seeing these folks from common origins.

Christopher was unable to get rid of the sensation that everything had altered. Back when the Sanders Family was doing well, he never would have taken the time to look at the folks in this private chamber. But aside from them, nobody else seems eager to interact with him.

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Is Mr. Sanders unwilling **to speak**? That's alright. The others, even Jonathan, can **guess.**" **Beside** Alexander, another man spoke out.

Although Alexander appeared somewhat annoyed, there was a faint smirk on the corner of his mouth. Alexander did not feel obligated to compliment Christopher even if he had invited him. The Sanders Family may have seemed formidable at first, but Christopher's bad reputation in Riverdon contributed to their downfall. Christopher knitted his eyebrows.

With a frigid stare, he studied the guy who conjectured about him, observing his coarse features and obscene actions, which made his brows furrow even more. Regrettably, the man's remarks led the other people in the room to begin speculating.

“Mr. Sanders **is** already running his own business at such a young age. Could business–related issues be the source of his worries?” The conversation was initiated by one individual, who spoke in a cool, non–offensive manner.

Another person complimented Christopher’s skills, implying that there could be another issue with him.

Someone with blonde hair questioned, “Could Mr. Sanders be thinking about his Angela?” abruptly.

There was uncertainty and chitchat.

This is really ridiculous! They seem to be talking about him as though he were someone they could easily control.

Christopher rose abruptly, casting a chilly glance at the blonde who had used the word “Angela.” A shiver ran down the blonde’s spine under Christopher’s look.

Alexander swiftly calmed Christopher down when he appeared to be about to blow out, saying, “Mr. Sanders, they have little knowledge and don’t know what they’re talking about.” Do not lower yourself to their level, ease.”

Christopher did not lash out as he gazed at him, his demeanor remaining composed.

Alexander was able to regain control of the situation and yelled, “Apologies to Mr. Sanders, all of you!”

Everyone in attendance gave Alexander some face even though he was the one who scheduled today’s game. Those who had made fun of Christopher earlier expressed regret once he was done speaking.

Someone said, “Mr. Sanders, our assumptions were incorrect. We ought not to have interrupted each other.”

“**As** a penalty, Mr. Sanders, I’ll down three glasses! I’m sorry to you.” Someone took a glass and

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drank three glasses very rapidly.

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This individual finished their drink, and the others started to sometimes apologize to Christopher. Eventually, Christopher gave a chilly snort, looked about at the people, and turned to go.

“Hey? Is Mr. Sanders heading out? Though Alexander tried to stop him, Christopher glared at him and hissed, “Move aside.”

Alexander could only let Christopher go since he insisted on going and he dared not stop

him.

But no sooner had Christopher exited the private area than there were many sneers audible in the once silent space.

Does he truly believe that the Sanders Family is pe

now? That’s right. The Sanders

Family may not be particularly noteworthy these days, but his reputation in Riverdon is still absurd.”

Is it not? Why is he acting so haughtily? This was made into such a huge thing by the Martinez family that everyone is aware of it.”

The folks in the private area began acting in ways that were very different from how they had behaved toward Christopher.

“Even though the Sanders Family is not doing well, don’t forget who Jonathan and Christopher’s father is,” Alexander stated with a disapproving click of his tongue. It’s essential to use greater caution when he was there, but you may say these things behind his back.”

This group was more inclined to heed Alexander’s comments, which is why he could occasionally arrange drinking parties with them.

Mr. Craig is accurate. Despite the fact that Jonathan is only the Sanders family’s half-brother, they made no qualms about reaching out to him.”

correct away, someone said, “That’s right, Jonathan is not someone to be trifled with.”

However, other people bravely said, “What’s to fear? Not even in Riverdon is he.

Alexander gave him a quick look. "His deputy can handle things

even in his absence. Regardless, Christopher should not be very offended in order to prevent problems from getting to Jonathan."

Simon was the deputy he referenced, the one Jonathan had purposefully left behind when he departed Riverdon. Alexander cautioned the guy not to exhibit his resentment on his face, even if he felt it.

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The meeting today was uncomfortable, so Alexander soon let everyone to go.

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Meanwhile, Christopher, who left, had no intention of going home and instead took a stroll on the road. It was not until dawn that he finally got into a car and returned home.

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Sitting in the vehicle, Christopher took another look at his phone. Neither missed calls nor **texts** were present. It **was** the third day of the deadline he had set for Fanny, and she had **still not** made an effort to get in touch with him.

Christopher's knuckles became white as he clenched his mobile phone in a restless grasp. The sky was still dark and had poor vision when the automobile entered the villa neighborhood and came to a stop outside of Christopher's house.

"We have arrived," the driver informed Christopher, who had not yet got out of the vehicle.

It was at that moment that Christopher snapped out of his reverie, unlocked the car, quickly got out.

"Hey, you haven't paid!" The taxi driver gave a frantic call.

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Christopher stepped back, frowning, and looked in his pockets, but they were empty. He felt**** in his jeans pocket, but there was nothing there. He carried nothing but his clothing and his cell phone. Christopher remembered he still needed to bring money, recalling that the night before he had hurriedly picked up a jacket and headed out. He had not driven his car back after drinking, so it was still parked close to the pub.

The driver chose to park the car and approach Christopher after observing him looking about in vain and being worried that he could drive off without paying.

Trying to keep his cool in the face of his situation, Christopher assured the driver, "I will go inside to get the money."

The driver kept glancing at him, as though attempting to cast doubt on his sincerity.

"You have no money on you?" the driver questioned sceptically as Christopher put up the awkward interrogation.

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Christopher acknowledged his error and nodded softly, not enjoying the driver's accusing glance.

He nodded and said again, "Wait for me. I'll go get the cash for you.

"Not at all. Consider utilizing your mobile phone as security. The driver made a suggestion, hesitant to allow Christopher into the home out of concern that he may not come back.

Christopher complained, frowning deeply, "My cell phone is valuable-."

Someone yelled his name before he could complete his statement.

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“Christopher?”

Christopher turned to see a woman in her middle years coming out of the villa.

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When she finally saw him, she looked happy and loving. “Christopher! You are the one! Have you returned to Riverdon? How’s it been recently, you and Fanny? Has my Fanny not been in your way, has she?”

“Who are you?” Disappointed that the woman was approaching him and bringing up Fanny, Christopher inquired, his uncertainty and irritation growing.

Fanny was supposed to get back to Riverdon in three days, but she hadn’t gotten in touch with him. His annoyance was only increased by the reference to Fanny. In addition, the woman in front of him smelled bad and was untidy.

The driver took a few steps backward and covered his nose in disgust **as** a lady who looked like a beggar came too close to Christopher. He could

not help but wonder whether the woman’s seeming poverty had anything to do with Christopher. But the driver was confused

notion.

by Christopher’s immaculate appearance, which defied any such

Christopher was furious with the driver’s decision-making, but he controlled his rage and gave the woman a menacing scowl. “Give me some space!”

“I am the mother of Fanny! “My name is Ms. Kourt,” the woman said.

When Britney learned that Christopher had instructed her to leave after failing to identify her, she flinched and stretched out to shake his hand in the hopes that he would take a closer look.

“Stay away from me!”

Christopher steered clear of Britney’s touch, disgusted. His face became more icy as he realized who she was and how she led now.

“Mr. Christopher?” Whispering, Britney hesitantly stepped forward.

The driver watched the scenario and eventually had a chance to say anything before Christopher could reply, “What are you two doing here! Pay me now, please.

for you.” Christopher turned to go inside, not wanting to

“I’ll go inside to get the money for you.”

remain.

He **was** swiftly followed by the driver, who said, “I’ll come in with you to get it.”

“Wait here!” said Christopher, pausing.

He did not want the driver to enter the building after him. If the maid discovered he could

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not afford the fare, it would be awkward.

I have to keep them in the dark. I have to keep my dignity among the family.

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Before the driver could finish his sentence, Britney exclaimed, “What’s the price? I’ll cover Mr. Christopher’s travel expenses.”

After giving Britney a dubious look, the driver looked at the meter to find out the fare. It was only a few bucks, but he didn’t think the unkempt woman could afford it.

Christopher was about to say no, so he was surprised when Britney offered to pay. But before he could say anything, Britney had already taken the money. Christopher was hesitant to touch her apparently dirty hand even though he wanted to stop her. In the end, he decided to let it go.

Britney gave the driver a fifty-dollar bill, and he gave her

er the change after taking it. After settling the fare, the driver sped off. Though he was still trying to figure out why Britney had paid for his journey, Christopher did not recognize her. He moved to the gate of the mansion, unlocked it, and went inside without turning around. Without being asked, Britney followed.

Britney halted and stopped Christopher as he was getting about to head upstairs in the foyer to change his shoes.

At the bottom of the steps, Christopher stopped, looked up at her, and said, "Just wait at the door." You can depart when I pay the ticket."

Britney stayed still, but she refused to accept the fee as payment.

"Christopher, you don't need to pay for the ride," she said with a sweep of her hands.

Christopher rushed in, "I don't have to pay for the ride? You can now depart, then.

The very concept of Fanny annoyed him and he was even less inclined to deal with Britney Kourt, Fanny's biological mother. Huld be reminded of the annoying Fanny if Britney lingered.

"What?" Christopher ordered Britney to go, a request that seemed to surprise her. Her hands were stuck in midair as she stood there in a stupor.

The air was stifling, and the mood seemed unpleasant. Luckily, Britney regained her composure immediately by remembering why she was with the Sanders Family. She gave Christopher a shaky grin and said, "I didn't mean it that way

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“What are your intentions in staying?” Christopher asked icily, waiting for her answer.

He could barely stand Fanny anymore, much less Britney.

“Can I go in and discuss with you?” Britney hesitantly requested.

Christopher shot down the notion with an emphatic “No,” saying, “Say what you have to say and get out.” My parents want you to leave their property if they hear any commotion.”

It was still early in the morning, and nobody was home. He would hear Britney out if she had anything important to say. He was curious to hear her perspective.

Britney held off on asking further inquiries, maybe afraid after

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hearing Christopher’s remarks. She bowed her head, brushed away her tears, and said, “This is the circumstance. Fanny, I’m not in touch with my family anymore. I believed I may inquire as to Fanny’s well- being in Northland since I heard you have made your way back to Riverdon.”

Christopher’s face reddened at the mention of Fanny.

What does it matter to you if she is doing well or not? It’s the Kins Family that she belongs to, not yours.”

Even though Christopher would not acknowledgeChapter 493 No Need to Hurry

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“Take your time,” Christopher said in a composed reply. “What do you mean by that?”

Did she think *that* by paying *the cab fee, she could manipulate* him?

Britney was taken aback by Christopher’s intimidating tone and began to explain tentatively, “I—I simply wanted to let you know that you don’t have to pay me back for the taxi. It was my intention to talk to you today when I arrived here. I haven’t gotten a chance to meet you yet because I just got here. How could I possibly to leave right now?”

Her eyes filled with tears as she spoke, expressing her extreme sadness and anguish.

ge it, he still harbored feelings for Fanny that were more than just platonic.

But he continued to see Fanny just as one of the Kins Family.

He did not want to have any relationships with a mother-in-law like Britney in the end, even if he did marry Fanny. For all of Scarlet’s dissatisfaction with him because of the Zacharias incident, she was still Mrs. Lawson of the Kins Family, much more so than the country lady Britney.

Christopher considered it for a moment but did not wait for Britney to ask further questions. “You’ve asked your question,” he said rather plainly. Please go now.

He moved forward and firmly closed the door after that. Britney looked messy, and he didn’t want to interact with her.

He could go back to his hotel and get some more sleep before beginning his *day* at the corporation because it was still early. It was okay to be a little late as his father had not put any hard rules on him, just asked that he be ready for marriage, whether that meant getting

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ready for Fanny to come to Riverton or psychologically preparing for being a husband.

Britney hesitated to knock again as she stood outside the locked door, her displeasure obvious in her demeanor. She still had not paid the Sanders family a purposeful visit. Equipped with dependable data, she was aware that Christopher was about to wed her cherished daughter, Fanny. She was going to use the Sanders Family's power to further her own financial interests. But Christopher's attitude made her pause, making her reevaluate what to do next. She stood to lose more than gain, after all, if her actions caused Christopher to leave Fanny!

Britney cursed Fanny for being cold-hearted since she knew that Fanny had not returned her calls since coming to Northland. But other than cursing her, there was nothing more she could do. She was unable to go back to the village since she had lost money gambling in the past. She required money for everything in the city, and even while she did have some on hand, it was all set up for food, so she was unable to spend any of it. As a result, she would sometimes put on a disheveled appearance and go begging on the streets. She would bet when she had the money.

She got another little win a few days prior, and this time she had enough cash to pay for her ticket to Northland. Britney was debating whether or not to travel to Northland in search of Fanny when she learned that Fanny was being married to Christopher, a member of the Sanders family, before she could make any travel arrangements. She got this information from a drunk patron of the casino who, in addition to having bad luck when it came to winning, had a habit of talking gibberish when he drank.

After initially dismissing him as a vagrant, Britney occasionally

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conversed with Christopher. Through these encounters, she learned important details regarding the impending marriage between the families of the Kins and Sanders. Christopher said that George had shared this information after just returning to Riverdon.

Britney had no idea that James had been watching George because of his gambling tendencies since he had returned to Riverdon from Northland. But James returned covertly to the casino when Scarlet called him to Northland.

When she first set out to find George, fortune was not on her side because she need assistance to find him. Unable to get in touch with Fanny, she made the decision to look for Christopher in the hopes of getting in touch with her after learning of his return.

She realized she would have to put up with Christopher's treatment of her for the time being since Fanny will ultimately come back! While Christopher did not want to provide money, Fanny was not going to turn her down. Or it's possible that the Kins Family might object to her stirring up trouble at the nuptials. Either way, she couldn't afford to haste now and didn't need to.

With the sky starting to lighten, Britney thought about what to do and made the decision to get away from the Sanders Family for the time being. She made her way cautiously northward.

Jonathan and Angela got up early. They got ready in a systematic fashion, shared breakfast, and then left.

With just bodyguards at their side, their three-car convoy rolled into Windmill City. The drive out of town went well, traveling at a modest speed on the suburban roads. After emerging from the city, no further cars were seen. For hours, they drove across the deserted

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roads without seeing another automobile. Jonathan sat next to Angela, his hug soft and consoling.

"There is still some time left before we get there. Would you want to snooze a bit longer?" Given that they had to rise earlier than normal in order to reach Windmill City in time, Jonathan voiced concern that Angela had not received enough sleep.

Just as Angela was going to shake her head, their automobile abruptly floored it. She leaned against his chest. Angela was fortunately held by Jonathan, so the abrupt stop did not surprise her.

“What’s wrong?” Jonathan sent a furrowed gaze towards the front seat. ,

In a prompt response, the front-seat driver said, “Sir, there is someone blocking the road.”

When Angela and Jonathan looked up, they spotted the automobile obstructing the road.

“That car deliberately cut in front after while scowling at the vehicle that was overtaking.” The driver said obstructing the path.

Oliver observed many vehicles of the same make and model approaching from the other way in addition to the vehicle obstructing the road as he was seated in the passenger seat.

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Oliver was positive they were all cooperating on the other side as all those automobiles came to a halt on the side of the road, closing the remaining gaps on both sides.

“Mrs. Lawson, Sir. There are five automobiles deliberately obstructing our way. Oliver told Jonathan and Angela to get dressed; they observed the same thing. Angela was quickly covered by Jonathan’s

arms.

Just as the five automobiles across from them came to a stop, several people immediately jumped out of the front car and started walking in their direction. Oliver reacted immediately, motioning for a bodyguard in another car to approach and confront them. Ten or more people stood across from them, each brandishing one or two weapons and projecting an aggressive stance.

He gave the order, “Defend yourselves,” before they could get to Oliver.

Oliver and his gang proved that they were not to be taken lightly, and they soon started fighting the other bunch. The opponents proved to be fierce opponents even though they carried a variety of weapons, such as knives and even a machete combined with a baseball bat.

But Jonathan employed these ex-soldiers and mercenaries as Angela's bodyguards. Despite the tumultuous beginning of the combat, they quickly disarmed their opponents and launched a vicious

counterattack.

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A person's back was severely injured by the sharp snap of a machete's blunt edge contacting flesh, although there was no apparent cut on the person. Concurrently, the horrifying noise of breaking bones reverberated when a baseball bat made contact with someone else's arm, evoking a chorus of anguished cries. Even with the loud screams, the four quickly overwhelmed the originally hostile gathering of more than twelve.

Oliver yanked one person up like he was holding a baby and said, "Who sent you here?"

"Mr. Lawson, Mr. Kaydron sent us here to..." "Mr. Kaydron is inside!" the shakily confessed guy pointed to the front automobile out of the five.

With his sharp eyes, Oliver followed the man's gesture and saw a

strange figure inside the car going from the rear seat to the front seat. Kaydron, the man in the automobile, was obviously scared. He

considered running away, realizing that even a huge group would not be able to handle Angela's four bodyguards.

Oliver looked closer and saw that Kaydron was the same person who had tried to snoop on Angela at school.

Kaydron plodded ahead, perspiring, and eventually made it to the driver's seat with a heavy frame. Without bothering to fasten his seatbelt, he jerked the handbrake to get the car started,

Oliver yelled at the bodyguard standing next to him, "He's trying to get away." Put an end to him!"

Kaydron's two bodyguards sped into different cars and made their way over to the one she had just started. The automobile carrying

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Kaydron crashed loudly, getting trapped between the two cars on either side.

Kaydron was immediately sweating profusely and paralyzed with panic. His face and entire body shook from panic, unable to unlock the car door. Squeezing the passenger side gently made the two bodyguards easily stop him from fleeing, forcing him to unlock the car door and get out.

Oliver saw the time and saw that Kaydron had been taken into custody. He said, "Take Mr. and Mrs. Lawson to the examination site first, secure the individuals, and then leave someone to contact the authorities for further action."

Oliver gave the command, and a few people found ropes fast enough to bind the prisoners. In the end, the ropes were found in the cars belonging to the group, blocking the route.

Seated in the automobile, Angela was really impressed.

"This is really amazing," Angela said.

She knew for a long time what her bodyguards were capable of. It had stuck with them, seeing their numbers outweigh opponents when Kaydron made problems at the school. Observing their skill again just increased her respect for them.

Angela was admiring the bodyguards' quick thinking and deft maneuvering when she finally turned to look at Jonathan. Jonathan met her gaze and couldn't help but smile slightly, a hint of satisfaction on his lips. For their well-oiled crew, the event appeared insignificant despite the fact that they were outnumbered.

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Fortunately, they had set off early, so there was no reason to be concerned about being late. Oliver joined them, though, and they soon drove out toward the exam location in the western suburbs in Angela and Jonathan's automobile.

"You're so thoughtful!" Taking in the last of the countryside outside and remembering how powerful the bodyguards were, Angela could not help but draw nearer to Jonathan.

With a serious expression, Jonathan automatically grabbed her close and said, "You deserve the best."

Angela's heart began to race wildly. She tried to divert herself as she was unable to quiet it, no matter how hard she tried.

Angela said, "Is that person, Kaydron, here to assist Fanny in harming me again?" as she looked out at the vanishing surroundings.

It was perhaps because of Fanny that Kaydron and her final encounter occurred at Northland Medical University. It had not occurred to her that Kaydron, who had received a reprimand, would continue. Or maybe it was Fanny who had persevered.

"We'll investigate. Jonathan's eyebrows tightened as he said, "This time, he won't get away with only a few days of confinement as previously.

"Alright." Angela needed to save her energy for the exam, thus she didn't have the stamina to handle these issues.

Jonathan advised her to lie down on him. "You have a few more winks to spare. When we get there, I'll wake you up."

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Angela softly closed her eyes as she rested on Jonathan's shoulder. The location of the intercept was near the exam site in the western suburbs, and Angela and her party arrived at the location without much delay.

After waking her up, Jonathan personally led Angela into the examination room. Jonathan's soft face went back to its customary icy expression as soon as Angela was out of sight.

Oliver came up to Jonathan and said, "Kaydron has been brought to the police station, sir. Mr. Yarrison is heading to the station after I asked him to help with the inquiry.

With a tinge of iciness in his gaze, Jonathan nodded. "This time, that man, Kaydron, won't get away."

Oliver knew what Jonathan wanted, so he told the bodyguard who was holding Kaydron. Florence heard the news when Kaydron was being questioned at the police station.

"Useless!"

The individual next to Florence shook in terror as a teacup was thrown to the floor, the sound of breaking china resonating sharply.

As he dabbed at his perspiration, he comforted Miss Linda, saying, "Don't worry. We are still able to influence Angela's grades even if Kaydron was unable to capture her."

Florence Shelton saw him shiver violently as she gave him a cold look. Do you have to remind me again? You were the ones who told me Kaydron could manage her, right?

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The man quickly went on his knees in response to her outburst.

"I didn't anticipate Kaydron bringing a group of tough men, but I still failed to defeat those bodyguards."

He was taken aback since he had assumed that Kaydron would use prudence even in the event of recklessness. But what was truly embarrassing were Kaydron's actions on the main road, when he was outnumbered and yet could not overpower them.

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Florence watched the man sweating profusely, his face as pale as if he were about to faint. Then, she glared at him. "If you want to die," she snapped, "then do so on your own time. Don't parade your incompetence before me."

The man quivered under her glare, struggling to maintain his composure.

He trembled as he asked, "Miss Shelton," he stammered, "Kaydron has botched the job. Should we still proceed with sabotaging Angela's results?"

He had previously mentioned tampering with Angela's results but had yet to receive a clear reply from Florence. Now, he mustered the courage to ask again.

He couldn't think of a solution besides directly tampering with the results.

When Florence learned that Angela was training and aiming to advance to the next round, she ordered them to ensure Angela couldn't achieve her goal.

So today, Kaydron led the group to intercept Angela. He had initially planned for Kaydron to go and capture Angela, then keep her detained for half a day to make her miss the exam. But Kaydron had managed to mess it

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Kaydron is simply incompetent, a waste.

He now wished he could deal with Kaydron and teach him a harsh lesson.

The man became angrier as he thought about it, especially after hearing Florence's words. He felt even more humiliated because of Kaydron's fault.

"**It's** just a score," Florence retorted dismissively. "Do I need to personally intervene to manipulate it?"

As the future heir of the Shelton Family, she naturally had the power to influence many things with just a word. However, she had not intended to leave any **traces** of her involvement in Angela's downfall.

The man's desperation verged on humiliation. "Miss Shelton," he pleaded, "this failure lies with me. I misjudged Kaydron's abilities-"

Florence cut him off with a scathing look. “Spit it out, then. What excuse do your incompetence?”.

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The man’s voice grew quieter as he spoke, realizing his error. Suddenly, he mentioned, “Miss Shelton, although Kaydron messed up this time, Angela **was** also prepared. That’s why he couldn’t stop them.”

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Angela not only did not miss the exam but also entered the exam room early. Kaydron’s failure was extraordinary.

“**Are** they prepared?” Florence’s cold eyes narrowed. “Are you suggesting that someone leaked information, and the other party knew in advance?”

The man considered it and nodded slightly in agreement.

Florence snorted. “Do you have evidence, or are you merely speculating?”

Though her subordinates hailed from the Shelton Family, Florence harbored suspicions of betrayal even though they wouldn’t do anything that could harm her interests.

She treated them with disdain, caring only for their usefulness, and didn’t care much about their opinions.

Now, she was a bit displeased with this person, both in her words and heart.

The man quickly denied in a trembling voice, “Miss Shelton, it’s not just my guess. It’s likely the truth.”

After saying this, he hesitated to speak further and glanced at Florence several times.

Florence impatiently kicked him with her toe. “Speak up if you have something to say.”

The man then spoke with a sense of impending doom, “Miss Shelton, Angela’s exam this time in WindMill City is different from last time. She has Jonathan accompanying her. They also had more bodyguards, so Kaydron couldn’t even delay her arrival.

Otherwise, with the dozen or so people he sent with Kaydron, they could have easily dealt with the bodyguards following Angela all the time.

“Jonathan? Has he gone to WindMill City, too?”

Upon learning that Jonathan had also gone to WindMill City with Angela, Florence’s unpleasant expression darkened even further.

The man didn’t dare to say anything, just nodded silently.

Florence’s current state frightened him. He was afraid that if he said something wrong, he would be called over by someone else to be beaten up by her.

They had basically figured out Florence’s temper from the time she returned to the country.

When she was annoyed, they should **act** dumb and blind.

Florence fiercely put down her leg and kicked over a small stool beside her **when** she **saw** his

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The stool rolled on the ground before stopping, and Florence spoke again.

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“Forget it. Go greet them in my name. Once the results are out, you hurry up and have them changed. Don’t let Angela be smug.”

As long as she thought that Angela was just going to WindMill City to take an exam, just for two days, and Jonathan went with her, she felt a surge of anger.

After all, she had specifically asked for a project from the elders of the Shelton Family to collaborate with Jonathan’s company. And the time for negotiation and cooperation was today and tomorrow.

She also made a requirement for cooperation, that Jonathan must be present during the negotiation and cooperation.

But now Jonathan accompanied Angela to WindMill City. This simply made her feel extremely resentful.

Is Jonathan giving up on our collaboration?

She had offered benefits to Jonathan, but he seemed uninterested. Florence couldn't comprehend the hold Angela had over him.

Does Angela *know* that *Jonathan has forsaken a beneficial project just to be with her?*

If she knew, wouldn't she be overjoyed?

Florence felt extremely depressed when thinking about how Angela would be of this.

"Why are you still standing there? Go and do it. Don't let Angela be smug."

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After hearing Florence's urging, the man got up from the ground. "Yes, Miss Shelton. I'll personally keep an eye on it, and change it as soon as the results are out."

"Change it to zero." Florence was exasperated.

The man's face stiffened for a moment, his steps pausing, and his lips murmuring as if he wanted to say something but dared not.

Florence didn't pay any attention to the man's expression at all. Seeing that he hadn't left yet, she asked impatiently, "Why are you still standing there staring blankly?!"

Finally, the man lowered **his** head and said, "Miss Shelton, their results don't have numerical values, only different grades. How about... changing Angela's to unsatisfactory?"

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Upon hearing this, she felt that this person under her command was just as foolish as Kaydron.

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She gave him a fierce glare and rolled her eyes. "Stop talking nonsense. Just make sure she can't be smug about advancing to the next round. Now hurry up and leave."

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“Alright, **Miss** Shelton.” The man quickly retreated after Florence’s admonition.

After he had left, Florence vented her frustration by smashing several **tea** cups but found no relief for her discomfort.

After some deliberation, she realized she couldn’t continue suppressing her anger and needed an outlet.

At the residence of the Kins Family in Northland.

Fanny **was** also awakened early by a nightmare.

She found herself drenched in sweat upon waking.

The first thing she did was check the time. Then, she hesitated whether to call Christopher first or find Jonathan to confirm their return to Riverdon.

After all, today marked the deadline Christopher had given her.

However, the day had just begun, and Joseph had returned the previous night. They were waiting only for Jonathan’s return to discuss their plans to return to Riverdon.

As she deliberated, a phone call came in.

She hesitated for a moment before answering, her heart freezing instantly.

It was a call from Kaydron.

Instinctively, she considered declining it. After all, she had already deleted all the photos of herself from Kaydron’s phone last night. So, she had no reason to care about his affairs now, especially when he should be busy with Angela’s abduction.

Last night, Kaydron had boasted about succeeding in kidnapping Angela this time.

Thinking of Kaydron's confident assurances last night, she hesitated for a moment but still answered the call.

She was eager to see Angela in a miserable state.

As soon as the **call** connected, Kaydron's voice came through, "Fanny, come quickly to the police station where we went last time."

Fanny was stunned for a moment and felt an urge to end the call immediately.

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How could she forget that even if Kaydron successfully kidnapped Angela, he probably wouldn't be able to escape. She shouldn't continue to associate with Kaydron at this time.

However, she refrained from severing ties explicitly, fearing retaliation in the form of slander.

"I got it." Fanny replied, striving for a composed tone but refraining from explicit agreement.

Kaydron breathed a sigh of relief, assuming Fanny would come. Seeing the police still monitoring him, he kept his words brief and simply said, "You hurry up and come," before ending the call.

After the call ended, he turned to the police officer and inquired cautiously, "Sir, this **isn't** a major issue, right?"

He had been detained but bailed out by Fanny with just one visit last time. This time, he requested to contact Fanny before facing detention again.

He assumed it wasn't a big deal this time, despite bringing more people along. After all, he hadn't harmed Angela in any way.

The police officer regarded him stoically and retorted, "Do you believe this isn't serious? I don't think you realize the seriousness of the situation."

"Huh?" Kaydron was confused.

The police officer confiscated his phone and pointed behind him. "Your call is over. Go squat over there with them."

He gestured toward a group of people squatting there. Each of them looked a bit disheveled, with ropes binding them together.

“Alright, Sir.” Kaydron didn’t dare to protest and quickly squatted down beside them with a forced smile.

He felt a growing unease as he recalled the police officer’s stern gaze.

He didn’t know if it was his imagination, but he felt that the way the police looked at him this time was different from last time.

Soon, he realized it wasn’t his imagination.

When the police brought several bags of white crystalline substances, Kaydron’s eyelids twitched involuntarily.

“Whose are these?” the police officer asked.

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Everyone, including Kaydron, looked up. Then, he shook his head subconsciously.

But as soon as he shook his head, someone nearby suddenly said, “It’s Mr. Reed’s.

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Kaydron instantly felt a chill down his spine, and his face turned pale as he denied it. “It’s not mine. **It’s** not mine.”

Even if he lacked common sense, the severe look in the police officer’s eyes, the deliberate way the packets were handled with gloves, and the innocuous yet vaguely dangerous appearance of the substance made him realize it was drugs.

He kept trying to distance himself from it. When the person beside him said it was his, he quickly grabbed his collar and asked, “What nonsense are you spouting? Are you sure they’re mine? Or are you fabricating accusations?”

“Ah.” The man winced as Kaydron tightened his grip but persisted, “They’re yours, Mr. Reed. I clearly saw them fall from you.”

The others chimed in, “It must be Mr. Reed’s. Apart from him, nobody else here could afford such a quantity.”

It was practically saying the word “drugs” out loud.

Kaydron felt the world spin around him. He angrily shouted, “Are you trying to frame me?”

After shouting, he realized it was futile and quickly said, "Sir, please believe me. It's not mine. I can take a blood test. I never touch this stuff. I've never seen it before."

The police officer glanced at him and surveyed the others. "Don't worry. There are fingerprints on the packaging. The fingerprints on it have already been extracted. We need each of you to cooperate and provide your fingerprints for comparison."

Upon hearing that fingerprints were on the packaging, Kaydron breathed a sigh of relief. "I'll do it. I'll be the first to do it."

He didn't want to be involved with this thing in any way. Looking at the quantity the police were holding, he could imagine being sentenced to at least ten years for possessing it.

They all cooperated one by one to provide their fingerprints, which were then compared by professional personnel.

The final result shocked Kaydron greatly.

When he was taken out alone, his nerves were extremely tense.

But he still comforted himself, thinking maybe Fanny had arrived and the police were going to release him on her bail request.

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However, his hopes shattered as he was taken into another room that looked even more secure and tightly guarded.

As the police prepared to depart, Kaydron's psychological defense collapsed instantly. He grabbed the iron railing and asked, "Why are you locking me up here alone?"

"The fingerprints on the packaging match yours. You're waiting here for the results." The police said and left, leaving him alone in the disheveled room.

"It's not me. I'm innocent," Kaydron shouted from inside.

The police stopped and reassured him. "Someone will interview you later for further details. You can protest then, but the fingerprints on the packaging do match yours."

With that, the police left, leaving Kaydron alone in despair.

The police saw a distinguished-looking man standing outside the detention area. It was Yarrison, who had already been to the police station to cooperate with the investigation along with his bodyguards.

“Mr. Holland, this case is no longer a simple kidnapping or brawl. We found drugs in the vehicle of the suspect Kaydron, so his sentence will be different from what was previously stated.”

Yarrison smiled and said, “Well. That’s a pleasant surprise. My client also doesn’t want him to come out and cause trouble again.”

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When the police heard Yarrison’s words, they only responded with a professional smile before turning to leave.

After the officer left, Yarrison quickly shared the good news with Jonathan.

He walked toward the entrance of the police station with the bodyguard that Jonathan had assigned to him. Then, he pondered the current situation before dialing Jonathan’s number.

Once the call connected,, his voice sounded somewhat cold.

“Has Angela entered the examination room?” Yarrison could sense Jonathan’s impatience and assumed Angela was not with him.

He had witnessed Jonathan's different attitudes when Angela was present and when she wasn't, and he had grown accustomed to it.

"Yes." Jonathan replied shortly. "How's the situation at the police station? Have you made any progress?"

Yarrison's mood changed instantly upon hearing his inquiry. He responded, "There's no need for me to intervene. He won't be released anytime soon.

When he received Jonathan's plea for help, he had been thinking about how to ensure that Kaydron wouldn't just be detained but would be sentenced to prison directly.

However, he hadn't expected that Kaydron would land himself in trouble.

Just as he had said before, it was a pleasant surprise.

"What happened to him?" Jonathan showed rare interest and actively asked for details.

Yarrison didn't continue to hide anything and immediately informed Jonathan about what he had heard at the police station.

After he finished speaking, he couldn't help but sigh, "I didn't expect that Kaydron would be so bold as to touch drugs. I heard there's quite a bit of it. He won't be getting out anytime

soon.

"Hmm." Jonathan responded affirmatively after Yarrison's lengthy explanation. "If anything else requires cooperation with the police, contact me again.

With **that** statement, he intended to end the call

"Hey. Wait a minute. Yarrison heard Jonathan's somewhat cold response and realized he

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wanted to hang up. He said helplessly, "Is that your only reaction?"

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“What else do you expect?” Jonathan’s voice was cold and lazy. He added, “If you’re free, you **can** continue to investigate the connection between Fanny and Kaydron.”

Yarrison had been investigating the connection between Fanny and Kaydron before.

However, the extent of their relationship was mostly acquaintanceship and some social interaction. There was no evidence to implicate Fanny in Kaydron’s crimes.

“The evidence I’ve found so far isn’t enough to incriminate Fanny. And it seems that Kaydron hasn’t mentioned Fanny to the police on his end. Tsk, Yarrison clicked his tongue involuntarily when he mentioned that Kaydron hadn’t implicated Fanny.

Jonathan also guessed that starting from what Kaydron had done, it was probably unlikely to find any evidence against Fanny. So, his tone remained indifferent. “Well. Do

Our best.”

Yarrison was long accustomed to Jonathan’s way of doing things but still couldn’t help but ask, “Aren’t you curious **at** all?”

“Curious about what?” **Jonathan** inquired.

did he get those drugs? Do you really think Kaydron could have obtained them by himself?”

Yarrison doubted that even if Kaydron could, he wouldn’t dare with his timid and cowardly

nature.

Jonathan casually remarked, “If you’re interested, you can help the police investigate this

matter.”

Upon hearing this, Yarrison hurriedly waved his hand, realizing Jonathan couldn’t see him, and said, “Forget it. Let Kaydron stay inside and behave himself.”

On the other end, Fanny completely forgot about Kaydron after ending the call with him.

However, she was still hesitating whether to first discuss with Jonathan the plans and arrangements for returning to Riverdon or to first discuss with Christopher how to deceive Florence about returning to Riverdon.

As she hesitated, Florence’s phone call unexpectedly came first.

She felt as if the—phone was burning in her hand when she saw the name on the phone. She wished she could throw it away immediately.

But she couldn't ignore Florence's call.

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She took a deep breath and nervously pressed the answer button.

"Miss Shelton." She was too nervous and scared to start with the usual "hello."

But even so, when the other person spoke, she was so tense that her body trembled.

"Come over. Your ride is waiting at the door."

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It wasn't Florence's voice but the voice of the man who always accompanied her. Fanny remembered that he stood indifferently next to Florence when she was beaten last time.

"Okay." Fanny didn't dare hesitate and quickly agreed.

Fanny relaxed slightly after the man hung up.

She didn't dare linger at home, quickly heading toward the door.

But as soon as Fanny stepped out of the bedroom, she saw Zacharias slowly wheeling his wheelchair out.

And Zacharias' original direction was toward her room.

"Fanny, you're awake. I came to look for you, Let's go see the results together."
Although no one else was in the living room, Zacharias didn't dare to speak too directly.

After all, they had gone for the compatibility test yesterday without informing the rest of the family.

As one of the parties involved, Fanny naturally knew what Zacharias meant by the results. But she didn't have the time to accompany him to the hospital now,

"Zacharias, I suddenly have something urgent to attend to and need to go out. Can we go later?"

She was equally curious about the test results but didn't know why Florence had called her over. Therefore, she could only ask Zacharias to wait for a while.

Upon hearing Fanny's words and seeing her anxious expression, Zacharias relented, "Alright, Fanny. You go and deal with your matters first. If the results come out, the doctor will call me **on** my phone. We'll go to the hospital depending on the situation."

The last sentence was full of implications.

Fanny instantly understood.

"Zacharias, okay." She nodded firmly.

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What else could they *do after* the results came out? *Naturally, they* would proceed with the operation.

The hospital they visited yesterday differed from the large ones they had been to before. There was no need for various preoperative adjustments to their physical condition. This also coincided with the expectations of both of them..

"Then go quickly and come back quickly, Fanny." After Zacharias finished speaking, he watched Fanny leave.

Just as Fanny stepped out the door and reached the roadside, she saw a van.

She recalled the person's words on the phone and walked toward the van proactively.

As she approached, Fanny saw the van's door pulled open, revealing a familiar face.

"Hello. Nice to see you again," Harley greeted her with a smile, flashing a row of teeth with evident arrogance and joy.

Fanny's gaze followed Harley's and landed on Jane inside the van.

"It's you." Fanny looked unfriendly, filled with hatred in her heart.

It was Jane and Harley who had brought her in front of Florence for punishment the first time.

So, she certainly couldn't have a good expression when seeing Jane and Harley again.

“It’s us. It is surprising, right?” Harley smirked, tilting her head to the side and casually flicking the bangs on her cheek. “Hurry up and get in the van. Or Miss Shelton will get angry, and you’ll be the one suffering.”

Upon hearing this, Fanny had no doubt and immediately entered the van.

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As soon as Fanny settled into her seat, the van started abruptly and sped away in a hurry.

As the van departed, another car arrived at the Kins Family’s residence.

James got out of the car and was about to get into the house directly.

Hugh quickly stopped him. “Hey. Wait a minute. Should I go in with you?”

James had been roughed up by Florence’s people the day before, but he was mostly just bruised on his body. With his clothes covering it, it didn’t seem like a big deal. However, Hugh had given him some medicine and knew that he must still be in pain.

Hugh thought that James had mentioned taking the Kins Family back to Riverdon, and he had plans to go to Riverdon to develop. It made sense for him to go in with James.

James glanced at Hugh when he heard this, but didn’t say anything. He just stood still.

Seeing that James didn’t object, Hugh swiftly parked the car by the roadside and walked to James’ side. “Let’s go.”

Only then did James start walking toward home, almost completely ignoring Hugh.

Hugh followed behind him and sent a text message to a number on his phone.

A reply came not long after.

Simultaneously, Zacharias' phone rang in one of the Kins Family residence bedrooms.

He picked it up and saw that it was a message from the doctor at the private hospital.

Zacharias quickly read the message.

Meanwhile, as the two entered the Kins Family home, Scarlet was packing up in the living

room.

Scarlet had been packing early in the morning in preparation to return to Riverdon.

Their family had already tacitly agreed upon the matter of Joseph going back to Riverdon. Plus, the marriage between Fanny and Christopher was bound to be completed there, so they couldn't delay returning.

Scarlet was particularly eager to go back to Riverdon. It was time for them to return, after all. Since she woke up, she had been looking forward to going back.

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She was humming a tune while packing.

Upon hearing movement at the door, Scarlet looked up and noticed James and Hugh. "James! You're back!"

Scarlet quickly put down what she was holding and walked toward James.

She looked James up and down and felt relieved when noticing his complexion was not bad.

"Yeah. I've finished my work, James replied gently, allowing her to scrutinize him.

When Scarlet finished looking at James, she seemed to notice Hugh beside him.

"Hugh is here, too."

As soon as she saw Hugh, she thought of Zacharias and Fanny going to the hospital for compatibility testing. Her expression turned sour at the thought.

But considering that Hugh was helping, she still smiled at him.

Hugh didn't mind Scarlet's awkward attitude toward him at all. Instead, he politely smiled and said, "Hello, Madam Square. I'm just on the way to drop James off."

She quickly Scarlet's complexion improved slightly upon hearing that it was on the way. responded, "On the way? So you must have other things to attend to? I won't keep you..."

"No rush. I'm heading to Riverdon on my way. I heard that you all are also planning to go back to Riverdon, so I thought I'd come in and sit for a while." Hugh didn't give Scarlet a chance to rush him out. Instead, he directly stated that his destination was also Riverdon.

On the way? Which way? Naturally, it's the way to Riverdon.

Scarlet was momentarily taken aback. "Oh. I see."

"He might be traveling the same way as us." James knew early on that Hugh was going to Riverdon, so he mentioned it casually.

Hugh raised an eyebrow at James' statement, then continued to stand beside him with a crooked smile.

Scarlet smiled awkwardly and said, "Alright, it's good. We can have someone to look after us together.

After seeing that Scarlet had no objections, James calmly inquired, "Mom, are Joseph and the

others at home?"

He hadn't seen Joseph yet since Joseph was released and didn't know how he was doing.

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This time, they needed everyone to return to Riverdon immediately.

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After all, the wedding date between the Sanders Family and the Kins Family was approaching, so they should return to Riverdon as soon as possible to discuss matters.

“Everyone’s home,” Scarlet replied quickly. “You two have a seat first. I’ll go call them out.”

As she spoke, Zacharias door opened, and he came out in a wheelchair, although his complexion didn’t look good.

“James, you’re back,” Zacharias said, approaching James and stopping beside Scarlet.

When Zacharias came out, Scarlet gently adjusted the blanket on his legs and asked, “Why did you get up so early? You should’ve had more sleep.”

Zacharias had the appearance of someone already prepared. It didn’t seem like he had just woken up.

“Mom, I’m fine,” Zacharias said softly, but his eyes showed a different emotion.

Just a few minutes ago, he suddenly received a text message from the doctor.

The compatibility result between him and Fanny was ready, and it was not a match.

Knowing that the compatibility result was not a match, Zacharias was quite upset. But what made him even more uncomfortable was that he had previously doubted Joseph and his

mother.

His mood darkened when reflecting on his previous suspicions toward his family.

“Are you really okay? Your complexion is so pale.” Scarlet was worried about him and touched his face, feeling that his face was pale and cold.

Hugh watched the affection between Scarlet and Zacharias, pulling James to sit on the couch. James still had injuries on his body, so standing like this all the time was not good for him.

James didn’t resist and followed his movements to sit down.

Sensing the movements of the two, Scarlet only then realized that there was also Hugh, an outsider, in the house. So, she pushed Zacharias to sit next to James.

“Hey. Zac isn’t feeling well. I’m not sure if it’s a good idea to travel back to Riverdon today,” Scarlet sighed and looked at James.

James turned to Zacharias and asked, "Can you hold up?"

Zacharias was stunned momentarily, then realized that his brother planned **to** take them

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He had planned to undergo kidney transplant surgery with Fanny if they had matched successfully.

"I can, Zacharias replied..

Upon seeing his troubled expression, James suggested, "You can rest in your room before we leave."

The discussion about returning to Riverdon didn't necessarily involve Zacharias.

After some consideration, he shook his head. He was feeling very upset right now, and he wouldn't be able to sleep even if he went back to his room.

Besides, Fanny had just left a few minutes ago. He didn't know how to tell his brother about Fanny leaving home.

After all, he **hadn't** asked Fanny where she was going. He had just heard Fanny say that she had

urgent matters to attend to.

Seeing Zacharias sigh, Scarlet sighed in response.

"Mom, can you go check if Fanny is awake?" James suddenly asked.

Scarlet also realized it was time to call Fanny out, so she hurriedly said, "Okay. I'll go check on Fanny."

Scarlet couldn't help but glance at Zacharias when thinking of Fanny.

Her troublesome third son was determined to donate his kidney to Fanny. But he completely ignored the fact that losing a kidney might leave him too weak to withstand his current state of illness.

As a mother, she could never accept her son sacrificing himself.

She couldn't tolerate someone coveting her son's life.

And now, her beloved Fanny seemed to have become that kind of person.

Fanny had undergone the matching process with Zacharias, hoping he would donate his kidney to her.

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Moreover, Scarlet was fully aware of the situation when Fanny accompanied Zacharias to the hospital for yesterday's compatibility test.

It was almost as if Fanny wanted her son to die.

Thinking about this, Scarlet struggled to maintain her composure.

However, she remembered Hugh's assurance that the matching result would be changed to unsuccessful, so she felt somewhat relieved.

Even though she was dissatisfied with Fanny, she couldn't show it too obviously.

The marriage between the Kins Family and the Sanders Family still required Fanny, and their relationship as mother and daughter over the years couldn't be ignored.

Scarlet could only try to make it up to Zacharias as much as possible and treat him better because she could not confront Fanny.

"Zac, you wait outside with your brother for a moment. I'll go see if Joseph and Fanny are awake," Scarlet instructed Zacharias before calling Fanny.

Hugh glanced at Scarlet and then at Zacharias, making a soft sound.

"James, you're back." Coincidentally, Joseph came out of one of the bedrooms before Scarlet knocked on Fanny's door.

Seeing the four people in the living room, Joseph approached James naturally. "James, are you okay?"

He knew he could come out quickly because of his brother's help. So, when his brother didn't come back last night, he was also unsettled.

Joseph finally felt relieved when seeing James.

Seeing Joseph come out, Scarlet didn't rush to knock on Fanny's door. Instead, she walked up to Joseph and carefully examined him.

Joseph didn't look well when they brought him home last night, and she was worried.

But even though she was worried, she didn't interrupt the conversation between Joseph and James.

She also knew in her heart that Joseph could come out this time because of the help of James.

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"I'm fine. How about you?" James asked Joseph, also assessing his condition.

Joseph had been imprisoned for several days, enduring both physical torture and undoubtedly suffering significant emotional damage.

Although he still wore a smile, James could sense that he hadn't fully recovered.

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Just the thought of his brother being tossed around like this **by** someone's whim made James furious.

Seeing Scarlet didn't go to call for Fanny, James didn't urge her either.

Because he suddenly remembered the information Florence had found for him, James was mainly deliberately targeted this time because of the Tuckson Family's intervention.

However, there was also some involvement of Fanny in tracing the matter.

"I'm fine, James," Joseph reassured him with a forced smile. "Let's just leave it at that. James, don't find Angela in trouble anymore."

He recalled his bitter experience this time and couldn't help feeling wary of Fanny.

He didn't expect Fanny to be able to keep him detained for several days. During these days, his usually pampered body had almost been worn out.

This kind of suffering was something he didn't want his brother to experience again.

James shook his head after hearing Joseph's words. "It wasn't Angela's doing."

"Huh?" Joseph didn't quite understand what James meant.

After all, before he came out, the last time James visited him at the police station, he was absolutely sure that it was Angela who was targeting him and deliberately pretended to be innocent to deceive him into thinking it was someone else's doing.

But now, James actually claimed it wasn't Angela who did it.

Then who could it be?

Who *else* would bother to target me like this?

Since he arrived in Northland, he hadn't offended anyone other than Angela.

"It's not Angela. It's the Tuckson Family," James said helplessly.

"The Tuckson Family?" Joseph seemed pondering, then widened his eyes and asked, "Do you mean the Tuckson Family I'm thinking of?"

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The Tuckson Family had a reputation in Northland. Although it was not comparable to the Collier or Shelton Family, it was a notable prestigious family.

In the eyes of the Kins Family, which was not very prominent even in Riverdon, the Tuckson Family was like an insurmountable giant.

But I have never provoked the Tuckson Family

“James, why would the Tuckson Family target me? I’ve never had any contact with them.”

Joseph felt extremely wronged. But even if he did, he only dared to complain to James and didn’t dare to confront the Tuckson Family directly.

Or perhaps he didn’t even have the qualifications to confront the Tuckson Family.

He felt as powerless as James did when thinking of the Tuckson Family.

James sighed. “You were implicated this time.

Florence’s people had investigated this matter thoroughly, and he knew all the details clearly. but he was still hesitant to tell Joseph.

After all, even if Joseph knew, he couldn’t do anything to the Tuckson Family. So, he was afraid that Joseph would feel frustrated.

James genuinely cared for his younger brothers.

James, tell me how I was implicated,” Joseph asked as he noticed James’ hesitation, quickly stepping forward to sit beside him and inquire.

It was at this moment that Joseph noticed Hugh sitting beside James.

He nodded at Hugh as a greeting and grinned at him before answering for James. “James is afraid you’ll feel defeated once **you** know.”

I won’t be,” Joseph muttered inwardly, feeling somewhat aggrieved. Then he said directly, in other ways.”

“Even if I can’t do anything to the Tuckson Family, I can still make amend, id directly,

Hugh asked James, “Do you want me to go into detail?”

As he asked, he glanced at the others in the room.

Scarlet and Zacharias were clearly curious about the matter as well.

“Go ahead,” James sighed.

After obtaining the desired information from Florence, James naturally didn't hide anything

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from Hugh With Hugh present, it was much more convenient to explain.

Upon hearing this, Hugh invited Scarlet to sit down “Madam Square, please sit down and listen.”

“Okay, Scarlet quickly sat on the opposite couch, feeling a lump in her throat. She wanted to know why the Turkson Family, a name she hadn't even heard of, would harm her son so severely

Once Scarlet Square was seated. Hugh explained the entanglement between the Tuckson Family and Dylan.

Naturally, this also involved Fanny's and Dylan's involvement.

Hugh's explanation was clear and coherent, and the Kins Family members were not fools. After listening to him, they all understood that Joseph had been manipulated by Dylan.

In this matter involving Joseph, although Dylan was only a middleman, because it was instigated by the Tuckson Family, Joseph naturally suffered.

“Dylan is just too much.” Scarlet expressed her displeasure after understanding the reasons behind it.

After all, if it weren't for Dylan, the Tuckson Family wouldn't have retaliated against Joseph.

It's all Dylan's fault.

“Was it intentional?” Joseph frowned tightly.

When he first arrived in Northland, he respected Dylan but never expected Dylan to stab him in the back.

This made him instantly lose whatever little respect he had for Dylan.

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“It’s difficult to say it wasn’t intentional,” Hugh remarked with a chuckle. “He probably aimed to divert attention from the Tuckson Family by targeting your Kins Family.”

The crucial point was that Dylan didn’t just consider it. He merely took decisive action and. succeeded.

Hugh glanced at Joseph while speaking and noticed that he still looked haggard. He knew

this detention had taken a toll on the latter.

that

“Where is Dylan now? I’m going to confront him.” Scarlet exclaimed, her composure slipping upon hearing that Dylan’s actions were intentional.

She stood up abruptly and was about to storm out.

Setting aside Dylan’s actions against the Kins Family, just the thought of Dylan being considered a close friend by George made her feel stifled and disgusted.

It is true that birds of a feather flock together. They are two villains!

“Mom,” Zacharias spoke up and gently pulled Scarlet’s clothes. Then, he shook his head at her and said, “Don’t be impulsive.”

Scarlet paused for a moment, her anger still smoldering inside her.

“Yes, Madam Square. Please refrain from rash actions. Let’s listen to James,” Hugh pacified Scarlet and then turned to James, waiting for him to speak.

Upon hearing this, Scarlet looked at James sitting on the couch.

The others also looked at James as if they had found their leader.

Under everyone’s scrutiny, James remained calm as ever.

“We can’t touch the Tuckson Family directly, but the Leigh Family is currently being harassed by them to the point of almost collapsing. So, we can still get back at Dylan for what he did,” James said calmly, a hint of sharpness in his tone.

“Is James suggesting retaliation?” Joseph asked eagerly.

Zacharias couldn’t help but glance anxiously at James, waiting for him to reveal his plan. Dylan dared to plot against the Kins Family, so he should be prepared to pay a heavy price. “Of course. We will retaliate, but I’ll handle it personally,” James said as he got up and headed

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toward Fanny’s room. “You all pack up and get ready to return to Riverdon. I’ll wake up Fanny.”

James’ intent was clear. The matter concerning Dylan didn’t require others’ involvement.

He had already made himself clear, so Scarlet and the others naturally wouldn’t push further.

Scarlet was already packing her things, so she was the first to return to her room to continue packing. Joseph glanced at James and Hugh before entering his room to pack.

Zacharias hesitated before returning to his room. He noticed James heading to Fanny’s room and said, “James, Fanny went out early this morning.”

“Hmm? Where did she go?” James paused and inquired.

Hugh also looked at Zacharias with a meaningful expression.

Zacharias replied, "I don't know. She said she had something urgent to attend to and would be back soon."

After saying that, he glanced at the time. "She just left. Should I call her and ask when she'll be back?"

He hadn't expected their return to Riverdon to be so urgent.

He had thought they would need at least a few more days.

"No need. I'll call her. You go pack up your things." James added, "We'll see a doctor for your illness when we get back to Riverdon."

Zacharias smiled wryly at his words.

He had seen numerous doctors already. If it were effective, why would Joseph keep seeking Angela's help?

So far, only Angela's miraculous acupuncture had provided effective treatment for his illness.

However, even with acupuncture, it did not wholly cure his illness. It just allowed him to survive with a weak bod

"Thank you, James," Zacharias/said with a smile, even though he knew there wasn't much hope. "James, remember to contact Fanny," he added.

James nodded. "Don't worry, Zac."

After Zacharias entered the room, James didn't immediately contact Fanny. Instead, he checked a message he had received during their conversation earlier but only now found a

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moment to check it. After reading it, he furrowed his brow, pocketed the phone, and headed toward his room.

Hugh didn't see the text message and followed him into the room.

Upon seeing James starting to pack, Hugh couldn't help but ask, "Aren't you worried about Fanny?"

James replied, "Fanny is with Florence."

"Huh?" Hugh was puzzled for a moment, then frowned. "Isn't she being detained?"

Don't worry about her. Florence won't harm her. But as for you, I need your help to find out where Dylan is."

James pushed thoughts of Fanny aside, recalling her message, assuring him not to worry. She would find a way to escape. He then tried to **shift** his attention away from that and turned to look directly at Hugh.

Hugh was quite helpless but still agreed.

Upon seeing that James didn't want to discuss further, he went to the balcony to make a phone call and have his men handle the matter.

It wouldn't take long to find Dylan.

Meanwhile, inside a van on the street, Fanny put away her phone after sending a text and looked at the person beside her. "Why are you guys coming to find me again?"

If she remembered correctly, Florence had sent two bodyguards to follow her. Those two should have been enough if she was supposed to meet Florence.

Harley rolled his eyes. "You talk as if we wanted to see you."

Jane also gave Fanny a once-over before generously giving her a reason. "Miss Shelton is tired.

of waiting for you. She wants you to bring Christopher to Northland today."

Jane's expression darkened at the mention of Christopher.

After all, she had contact with Christopher.

She might have even married him if she hadn't discovered his suspicious activities in time.

Although she had planned for a fake marriage from the beginning, she felt nauseous when she thought of the disgusting actions Christopher had done.

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“Today?” Fanny was suddenly stunned.

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After the shock, Fanny immediately covered her stomach in pain. “I have a stomach ache. Can I go to the bathroom?”

Fanny recalled that she hadn't had time to discuss the details of their plan with Christopher these past few days. Now, Florence wanted to see her. She couldn't help but feel extremely

nervous.

“Are you faking it?” Harley glared at her impatiently. “How could such a coincidence happen?”

“Are you trying to escape?” Jane also didn't believe she suddenly had a stomach ache and looked at her with suspicion.

Fanny felt like crying, even though she wasn't really in pain. She just needed to find a way to text Christopher and vent her feelings.

Otherwise, what if Christopher slipped up when Florence asked her to call him?

Fanny was nervous and speechless, so she could only pretend to have a stomach ache while secretly pinching herself to make herself sweat with pain.

“R-Really...” Fanny said to Jane with sweat on her forehead, “You can have someone watch me. I really have a stomach ache. I dare not run away when I have to meet Miss Shelton.”

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