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After saying that, Oneida walked past Jennifer and went straight to her room.

She had only lived there for a few days, **so** she doesn't have anything to pack. She just packed **some** daily necessities.

Edmund had appeared at the door before she noticed anything.

A tall man in a snow-white shirt stood at the door with his back to the light.

He pursed his thin lips and tried to say something, but he stopped.

To be honest, he refused to believe that Oneida really admired Jackson. She only marri ed Jackson because of Jennifer.

"Oneida is just a newcomer to Jeahron. How could she know Jackson who was a hermit ?" he thought.

In Edmund's eyes, Oneida had become the victim of the Chaser family.

Grandpa and Grandma didn't dare to offend the Bane family. Jennifer didn't want to fulfil I the engagement, so they had to push

Oneida out.

He thought about why his own sister was being treated like that.

Oneida didn't know what Edmund was thinking. She noticed his figure. She raised her e yes slightly and smiled. "What's wrong?"

"Oneida..." The handsome young man pinched his fingers awkwardly. Then, he made u p his mind and said, "If you are unhappy in the future, you can always come back. If you are bullied, get a divorce! I'm not afraid of them!"

The young man's **eyes** were full of sincerity and passion. "I will work hard and become s tronger so that I can protect Oneida." he thought.

Oneida paused for a moment.

She knew that Edmund probably thought she was forced to marry Jackson.

Although he had misunderstood, it was still nice to see such sincerity.

Oneida didn't explain anything and nodded. "Okay. You have to work hard to become st ronger, not only to protect your family but also to protect yourself."

She reminded Oneida word by word like an elder sister should.

Thinking of what happened to Edmund in his previous life, Oneida's eyes darkened.

She hoped that her little Edmund would be happy and healthy in this life.

After leaving the Chaser residence, Oneida rushed to the Garrison Mansion in Wutherin g Town without stopping.

It was a quiet and grand manor.

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The architecture was exquisite and covered a large area.

However, Jackson lived alone.

It was said that Jackson's siblings lived in the manor with his parents. Only Jackson moved to the Garrison Mansion alone due to health reasons.

She walked into the gate of the Garrison Mansion.

Seeing Oneida coming, a few maids looked at each other strangely, but they didn't mov e.

"Fiona, is she Mr. Bane's wife? She's so beautiful..." a maid said to the leading maid.

The leading maid was tall and voluptuous. She was also young and beautiful.

She pouted unhappily. "What's the use of looks? I heard she is just a country bumpkin. She is not worthy of Mr. Bane at all."

Oneida had good hearing.

Although the maids tried to lower their voices, she still heard it.

Oneida looked at the maid and said coldly, "What are you waiting for? Aren't you taking me to my room?"

The maid named Fiona was obviously reluctant as she was feeling angry.

"How could this country bumpkin marry that cold and noble man? She had already put o n an act when she stepped foot into the house..." she thought

There was a sound at that moment, and Jackson suddenly appeared in the hall.

His wheelchair was automatic, so he didn't need to do anything to move in a specific dir ection.

Fiona suddenly changed her expression and smiled joyfully when she saw Jackson app ear. "Mr. Bane! Why are you here?"

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Jackson ignored Fiona,

Instead, he looked at the maids with a cold face. "From now on, she will be the lady of t he house."

He obviously referring to Oneida.

"Treat her like I do." The man's voice was low and magnetic. It was pleasant, yet it was f ull of unbelievable dominance. "I don't wish to see this situation again."

The maids' faces instantly turned pale when they heard that.

Fiona's body stiffened, and the smile on her face suddenly disappeared.

Exactly!

Even if they didn't like Oneida, she was already married to Jackson. Hence, she was no w Mrs. Bane.

And they were just a group of lowly maids.

Jackson must have seen their behavior just **now**.

Seeing their negligence and rudeness to Oneida earlier, Jackson had spoken up to reprimand them.

"Understood, Mr. Bane. We will remember what you said, and we will serve Mrs. Bane well in the future." The maid immediately began to show their loyalty and respect.

Only Fiona stood still without saying a word,

She clenched her fists secretly, and her heart was drowned in jealousy.

"How? How could this useless woman..." she thought to herself.

Even if Fiona was angry, she couldn't disobey Jackson once he had given them his ord ers.

She lowered her eyes unwillingly and responded in a low voice, "Got it, Mr. Bane."

Several maids began to move Oneida's luggage to the room first.

Only Jackson and Oneida were left in the hall.

Oneida slightly pursed her lips as her eyes grew deep.

Just

now, Jackson was defending her and helping her to reach a standing in the household.

She didn't expect that.

She was so happy that she couldn't help smiling and asked Jackson in **a** low voice, "Jackson, were you defending me just now?"

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The way Oneida called Jackson made his heart skip a beat.

He remained calm and indifferent. "Since you married me, I will definitely protect you."

After saying that, he left.

Oneida didn't pursue the matter, so she followed a maid to her own room.

That was right. She didn't live in the same room as Jackson and had a separate residen ce.

This was obviously Jackson's order.

Oneida didn't have any objections.

Although she knew that a husband and wife would have intimate interactions, the relatio nship between her and Jackson was actually similar to that between strangers right now

"Those interactions would have to wait..." she thought.

In fact, Oneida was relieved.

Although she had lived for two lifetimes, she was still an innocent girl who knew nothing.

With Christopher, she had only just kissed him on the face.

There was nothing more than that.

She wondered how she would prepare if Jackson made a move on her.

Now, it seemed that she had thought too much.

She didn't know whether she should feel disappointed or lucky.

Oneida's phone suddenly rang.

The name "Simon" appeared on the screen.

She immediately picked it up.

"Boss, what are you doing recently?" Simon greeted her as usual.

Oneida said lightly, "Nothing, really. I just got married."

Her words were calm, but Simon almost choked. "Boss, are you serious? Are you kiddin g me?"

However, Oneida smiled and said, "I'm not kidding. I'm really married. I'm a woman with a husband from now on." Simon was stunned for a while before he came to his senses. "Boss, why didn't you inform me of your marriage?"

"We are just getting the marriage license/I'll invite you to the wedding ceremony if we de cide to have one in the future," Oneida

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said casually. She looked slightly calm and changed the subject. "You didn't come to m e to chat, right? Did something tricky happen?"

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Simon recovered from the shock and remembered his original intention of calling. He re plied, "Yes boss, I called you because of the virus. Boss, have you ever heard of the Sk ull?"

"The Skull?" Oneida thought as her eyes darkened.

She had actually heard about the virus before.

It was a super virus that was used to make waves on the internet before. It was said that t a computer's operating system would collapse, and the screen would turn black once it was infected by the virus.

There was nothing on the black screen except a white skull.

Oneida was so busy these days, so she didn't pay too much attention to this matter.

"Is it possible they haven't found the solution to the virus yet?" she thought.

"What's wrong?" She frowned and asked.

Simon's tone suddenly became serious. "Boss, the virus **has** now infected Aphotic Grou p!"

Aphotic Group was a powerful underground business empire that involved the economic lifeline of the whole world, and it was also a gathering of many talents, a for– profit group that people feared.

However, no one knew that the leader of Aphotic Group was actually a 19–year–old girl.

Oneida was the leader of Aphotic Group and the only owner.

Simon continued, "Of course, there are some important systems in the headquarters tha t have not been affected. After all, there are firewalls built by you, which are indestructibl e. However, some smaller systems were hacked by the Skull. These systems are not w orking at all right now. I had sent a powerful hacker

from Aphotic Group to deal with it, but the virus was really resilient and couldn't be eradi

cated at all. Although the core secrets of

our Aphotic Group are not affected, these systems are down and had affected our work.

After saying so much, Simon got to the point and said, "So, I'm afraid you will have to ha ndle it in person this time, Boss."

Oneida didn't even bat an eyelid and said coldly, "Useless people."

Simon laughed drily, "Those hackers are really useless, but they can't compare with you , Boss. You are the first hacker on Hackers' Leaderboard after all."

There was a Hackers' Leaderboard on the world's largest hacker forum.

The forum would hold an annual vote to determine the strongest hacker in all the hacker s' opinions.

Oneida had topped the list for three consecutive years!

She had managed to defeat the person in second place on the Hackers' Leaderboard wi th an overwhelming number of votes.

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"By the way, the developer of the virus just sent a message." Simon's voice continued to come from her phone.

"What did he say?" Oneida asked coldly.

"He demands us to pay 15 million dollars. Then, he can let the virus leave our systems," Simon answered honestly.

Oneida smiled and said coldly, "Interesting. Ask him to contact me. I will meet him."

Soon, Oneida and the founder of the Skull connected online.

The other party was obviously a top hacker. His confidentiality measures were in place, so Oneida couldn't detect his coordinates and information.

[Hello, have you made up your mind? With only 15 million dollars, your system would be back to normal.]

The other party had sent such a sentence at the beginning.

[What if I say no?] Oneida replied.

[No? Do you have a choice? This virus is my greatest pride and joy. So far, no one can crack it, except me. If you don't pay up, you'll suffer more losses. Don't think that you ca n crack the virus. So many top hackers had failed. Hahaha. I advise you to know your pl ace!]

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The other party sent such a long and cocky message.

Oneida's cold gaze hardened slightly as she replied: [Are you that confident? What a pit y... Your virus is about to be cracked!]

With that, Oneida immediately closed the chat window and ended the conversation.

Her slender and white fingers then flew across the keyboard. Her expressions were cold and focused.

At that moment, someone posted something on the world's largest hacker forum.

It read: [Latest report: Zero is about to decipher the Skull! I bet he won't succeed!]

Zero was Oneida's nickname when she was a hacker.

As soon as the post was published, countless people rushed to comment on it.

[Zero? Is he finally going to do it? The world has been suffering from the Skull virus for a long time. Will I finally see the Skull being conquered?]

[To be honest, Zero is very strong, but I'm not optimistic about him. The Skull is too stro ng. If it were so easy to crack, it wouldn't be plaguing us for so long.]

[I don't think he can do it either. Many people in the forum, including some world– renowned hackers, have lost to the Skull. It'U probably be the same for Zero.]

[Don't badmouth him, okay? What if he succeeds?]

[If he succeeds, I think he won't just be the top hacker, but the top hacker in the univers e.]

[How exciting. I can't wait to see what happens!]

However, during their heated discussion, Oneida pressed the last key and finally cracke d the Skull!

It only took her 23 minutes to crack the Skull, which countless hackers and internet com panies couldn't handle!

What an excellent ability!

What an amazing speed!

However, Oneida herself was not satisfied.

Looking at the computer screen

she pursed her lips subconsciously. "I still feel I could have been faster."

In fact, 20 minutes would have been sufficient.

She got distracted toward the end, so she was three minutes slower than expected.

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The news soon reached the hacker forum. The latest post read: [Good news! Zero crac ked the Skull! As expected of Zero!]

The post immediately went viral.

[I knew that Zero could do it. We can always trust in Zero.]

[He cracked such a tough virus just like that?)

[This is how strong Zero is! Zero is the best!]

[Zero is indeed different from other hackers. He is the master of hackers.]

[If Zero had done it earlier, we wouldn't have been tortured for so long!]

It was not only in the forum, the news

that the Skull had been cracked by the world's top hacker quickly spread to all social pla tforms. Even the news programs picked the story up.

More and more people came to know the name "Zero", and she was praised by countle ss people.

The world's top hacker proved her strength to the world.

Many Internet big shots were also stunned by Zero's strength. They all said that they wo uld hire Zero to work for them and even offered high salaries to him.

Meanwhile, in the Garrison Mansion's study, Jackson sat in a wheelchair with a cold and calm expression on his face.

"Mr. Bane, there is news about Zero," Victor said. He was standing in front of Jackson.

Jackson

raised his eyes slightly when he heard that. There was a deep coldness in them. "He fin ally appeared."

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Jackson was familiar with Zero.

He even clearly remembered the hacker's name.

It was because this super hacker had caused him trouble many times.

The most recent incident was last year when Zero hacked into the internal system of Pa ragon Group and stole the information of its employees.

He had even left an arrogant message that read: [I'm looking for someone, so I'm borro wing your information.]

Paragon Group was actually similar to the Aphotic Group and was also world– renowned. It was a large corporation and business empire. They had a deeper foundati on and was more powerful influence than the Aphotic Group.

Paragon Group and Aphotic Group, the two giant corporations, were called "the Stronge st Twins" by many. They were as powerful and as proud **as** each other.

Their leaders were also mysterious.

Everyone knew that the leader of the Paragon Group was named Evan, but no one kne w that his real name was Jackson.

Paragon Group was founded by Jackson.

On the surface, he was an incompetent, disabled, and ugly-

looking youngest child that was suppressed by his illegitimate older brother. However, h e had actually been wielding great power in the entire world.

However, Jackson had been hiding his strength. Apart from his close confidants, no one knew about his true identity, not even

Yvonne.

But then again, Jackson, the leader, was undoubtedly furious when Zero broke into Par agon Group's system and stole their information.

He sent someone to catch Zero, but in the end, it was useless.

However, the race to catch Zero was not over and even continued to this day.

For Jackson, in the face of such a powerful opponent like Zero, he could either destroy Zero with his own hands or get manipulated by Zero..

"Mr. Bane, since Zero has appeared, we should also reel in the net," Victor raised his ey es slightly and said in a deep voice.

"You know what to do. Go ahead," Jackson ordered calmly and coldly.

They didn't know that there was only one wall between them and Zero.

After cracking the Skull, Oneida contacted the virus creator again.

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The creator **wrote**: I can't believe you really cracked it! How is that possible? It's imposs ible for it to be cracked so easily.

He had obviously suffered a great **shock** because the virus he was most **proud** of was easily solved by Oneida.

Oneida tapped the keyboard a few times and replied: [Not only did I crack it, but I **also** I eft you a gift.

The other party was confused.

The creator asked: [What gift? What trick are you playing?]

A sneer flashed across Oneida's face..

She replied: [The security guards and the police will knock on your door soon. You jeop ardized the internet's security and spread viruses indiscriminately. Scum like you deserv e to be **arrested**.]

The creator was shocked and on the verge of a breakdown.

He wrote: [Impossible! You can't know where I am. I've hidden well...]

Oneida let out an almost inaudible laugh.

She replied: [Of course, I know. Because I'm Zero.]

With that, Oneida closed the dialog box..

But the next second, she noticed something was wrong.

Someone was probing her coordinates!

They were skilled and difficult to deal with.

However, she was not a coward.

If her location could be easily found out, she couldn't have behaved so arrogantly for so many years!

Meanwhile, in the same manor's study, Victor reported the latest update to Jackson, "Mr . Bane, Zero seems to be very close to us."

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