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Kelly's eyes popped out of her head.

"Kick the Shields family out and if they show up again, shoo them away. No need to inform me Erica said, turning to Larkin, "Let's go." Larkin nodded.

"Erica!" Calvert called out frantically. "Talk to me. Just the two of us."

Erica looked at Calvert.

Once upon a time, he treated her as his daughter.

But...

Erica shook her head, "No need."

With that, Erica ignored Calvert, grabbed Larkin's hand, and left the hall.

Orval stayed. Arms folded, he ordered the guards and servants to escort the Shields family out

Erica looked down at her toes, "Kelly wasn't lying earlier. When I was little, I did lie to others, saying that I was her mom's biological daughter"

If there was one thing Erica felt most guilty about towards her mother, it would be that.

When Erica was three, her mother suffered from severe depression and could no longer take care of her

Her mother entrusted her to the Shields family, while she went for treatment, only seeing her once a month. The incident happened a month before Erica's mother passed away

At school, a kid bullied Erica, calling her a bastard

Erica was scared, so the lie just slipped out.

From that day on, when Erica saw her mother again, all that was left of her was her ashes, no words left behind. Even now, whenever Erica thought about it, she firmly believed that her mother's death was the result of her lie

"I used to tell lies when I was a kid, too." Larkin said, looking at her

Erica was immediately distracted, "Weren't you a monk when you were young? Monks tell lies?"

"I was a monk, but I was also a kid." Larkin laughed, "I used to hate veggies. But there was a period when every meal had veggies. So I would secretly throw them away and lied to my teacher that I finished them. About a week later, my lie was exposed. I got my hands spanked and had to kneel." "That's adorable. Erica imagined the scene

She had seen photos of Larkin as a child in an album. The difference between him as a child and him as an adult was striking.

He was chubby and super cute.

Imagining him with teary eyes after getting his hands spanked made him even cuter

"Another time." Larkin continued, seeing that Erica enjoyed his stories, "It was too cold in the winter and I didn't want to get up. So I lied that I was sick My teacher asked what was wrong with me, I said I felt unwell all over. He got so scared that he carried me down the mountain to see a doctor. When the results showed nothing was wrong with me, my teacher spanked me again. I also had to sweep the courtyard for three months."

"That's a heavy punishment?"

"Mhm" Larkin nodded.

Erica looked at him, sensing loneliness from him.

"Did your teacher get mad when you quit being a monk? Did he hit you?" Erica asked.

Larkin obviously didn't expect Erica to ask that. He subconsciously squeezed her hand, "My teacher is a wise man. He asked why I wanted to leave. I told him I understood love. He had me kneel for three days, then agreed."

"Does he know about our marriage?" Erica didn't see any monks at their wedding.

Larkin shook his head.

"When I left, my teacher told me to not return or contact him now that I'm back to worldly life."

Tears welled up in Larkin's eyes.

He followed his teacher since he was three until he became an adult.

To him, his teacher was like his parent

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"So, if he tells you not to come back, you're just gonna listen to him? He might've said it casually, but he probably misses you like hell." Erica, who had always marched to the beat of her own drum, had no constraints now. "Once things here are sorted, I take you back!"

Larkin was a bit taken aback.

"If he wants to punish you, I can take the punishment with you, we'll face it together" Erica's words struck a chord with Larkin.

The gloom on Larkin's face disappeared in an instant.

He nodded, "Alright!"

"Are you not worried anymore?"

Larkin shook his head. It occurred to him that Jacob really didn't know what he had.

How could he have taken Erica for granted?

But then again, Larkin thought, it was a good thing Jacob didn't appreciate what he had. Otherwise, he wouldn't have stood a chance.

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Jacob returned to the last home he shared with Erica.

Her presence still lingered in the house

He used Erica's favorite body wash and then he crawled into her bed and fell into a deep sleep.

This was the longest he'd slept since he found out Erica was getting married. So long, in fact, that Mike started to worry something had happened to him.

Jacob had a long dream.

In the dream, he went back to the past, to the day Erica was bullied, and he didn't go skiing.

He picked up her call immediately, rushed to her side, and stopped the bullies right away

They never broke up.

After Erica finished her studies, they got married right away

They even had a pair of kids who looked just like her.

But the dream turned into a nightmare the moment Mrs. Strand showed up

Mrs. Strand hit Erica, a fire started in the house, and the kids disappeared in the fire.

Jacob tried to run in to save Erica, but his parents and elders held him back.

Then Larkin appeared.

Larkin rushed into the burning house without a second thought and carried Erica out of the fire.

The fire disappeared in an instant, replaced by a wedding ceremony filled with flowers.

Erica, in a beautiful wedding dress, shared a passionate kiss with Larkin

"Jacob"

"Jacob, wake up!"

Mrs. Strand's frantic voice echoed in Jacob's ears.

Jacob slowly opened his eyes.

His parents were by his side. He glanced at them, then looked at the ceiling

Tears welled up in his swollen eyes.

“Mom, is Erica back?” His voice was husky as he turned to look at Mrs. Strand

Mrs. Strand furrowed her brows, her face filled with worry as she softly said, “Jacob, Erica is married now. Can you let her go? We’re really worried about

you

Jacob felt his heart being torn apart.

Images of the church kept flashing in his mind.

His tears flowed freely

He curled up, clutching his chest, and asked painfully, “Why can’t I wake up from this nightmare?”

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Mrs. Strand, or Lenora Strand, looked at Jacob, her heart aching so much it was unbearable.

“Jacob, what kind of dream has you so messed up? Can you get up and talk to me?”

Jacob closed his eyes tightly, “Get out!”

“Jacob...”

“I said get out!” Jacob suddenly opened his eyes, raging at everyone in the house, “All of you, get out!”

Lenora and her husband Graham Strand were scared out of their wits

Jacob had never treated them like this before.

Even when he had serious problems with Erica, he only sounded helpless, he never lashed out at them like this.

“Forget it, let him calm down” Graham sighed, leading Lenora away.

Lenora was frightened by Jacob.

She glanced at Jacob, then chose to go out with Graham.

Outside, Mike was on the phone.

When Lenora came out, she heard Mike saying, "Yeah, Mr. Strand's parents are back, yes, I'm heading back to Moonlit Lake now"

Mike used to be Hilaria's assistant and has been working for Rosalynn for the past few years.

Lenora knew whose side Mike was on.

"Thank you for helping to take care of my son." Graham came forward and said politely.

Mike nodded, thought for a moment before leaving.

He knew that Mr. Strand had once helped Ms. Gabriella in a time of crisis.

So he said, "Mr. Strand doesn't seem well since he got back. You better keep an eye on him."

Lenora had some resentment towards Rosalynn for siding with Erica, so she scoffed, "What, you're saying Jacob can't live without Erica?"

Mike obviously didn't mean that.

"I've said my piece, whether you want to listen or not, that's up to you!" Mike replied, his tone less friendly, "I really don't get it, you pushed Mr. Strand to this point, don't you have any regrets? Is it because you're too educated that you can't take advice?"

Mrs. Strand's face changed significantly.

"Enough!" Graham held Lenora back, then said to Mike. "You've had a tough few days, you should go and rest!"

Mike didn't want to stick around either, he left Jacob's house straight away.

After Mike left, Lenora broke free, complaining, "What are you doing? The Strand family hasn't sunk so low that I have to put up with a security guard's attitude, has it?"

"When will you have had enough?" Graham had never seen his once brave son look so defeated, it broke his heart.

Graham also felt that Erica's scandal was hard to accept.

But if it was causing Jacob to be this upset, he chose to firmly support Jacob being with Erica.

However, it's just too late to regret anything now.

At the moment, all Graham wanted to do was to try his best to help Jacob get back to a normal life and a healthy body as soon as possible.

But Lenora was still stuck in the past.

“Do you really want to completely fall out with President Silverman and his wife because of Jacob?”

Lenora wasn't so foolish as to want to make enemies with Bane Corporation and the Jared Group.

Chapter 1669

“I just can't wrap my head around it. Erica is an illegitimate child with such a bad reputation, why on earth does Rosalynn insist on backing her up and protecting her?” Lenora covered her face, slumped on the couch, and started sobbing.

Everyone's saying she's in the wrong but what on earth did she do wrong?

She only has one son, Jacob. How could she possibly stand by and let him get involved with danger?

Graham lowered his eyes, keeping silent for a moment “Have you ever thought that Rosalynn, being as smart as she is, would choose her friends wisely? Do you really believe Erica is as bad as the rumors claim?”

Lenora looked up, frowning at Graham. “What are you trying to say?”

“Nothin' much.” Graham hesitated, then finally said, “I just feel like you've shifted your resentment for Erica's mom onto Erica herself. It's messing with your judgement!”

“What do you mean, shifting my resentment onto her? When have I ever resented someone as insignificant as her? Can't you see how bad Erica's reputation is? How many men has she slept with?”

“And what about Jacob? Graham interjected sternly. “You've said it yourself before, Jacob changes girlfriends too quickly. So, it's okay for Jacob to fool around, but it's not for someone else's child?”

“She's a girl! It's not the same!” Lenora shot back immediately.

Graham was crystal clear. “What's the difference between men and women? We're all human!”

As she was deep in thought, Lenora's phone rang.

It was Jacob's cousin, a little girl Lenora was quite fond of.

After hearing what Graham had to say, Lenora was so upset she felt like she might have a heart attack. She didn't want to argue with him and calmly answered the phone: “What's up?”

“Something’s happened!”

“What’s happened?” Lenora sat up straight immediately.

“A bunch of media outlets just reported that Kelly, Erica’s half-sister, has been framing and slandering her ever since Erica was nineteen! We have misunderstood Erica, it seems... she might not be that kind of promiscuous person...”

“No way!” Lenora stood up, instinctively denying it.

“It’s true, the Carter family have already got their lawyers on it. I asked Orval’s wife, and she said they’ve got solid evidence.” The other party urgently said I’ve got reliable info that the Shields family will soon issue a statement acknowledging the issue and cutting ties with Kelly!”

“That must be the Carter family trying to clear their name by throwing Kelly under the bus!” Lenora still didn’t believe it.

There was silence on the other end.

“This is a big deal. It’s only blown up on foreign social media so far, but domestic social media will soon report on it.” the other party said seriously. “We’d better not let Jacob see this. I’m afraid he won’t be able to handle it.”

This woke Lenora up.

“I got it!

“Do you want me to keep you updated with any new developments?”

Lenora wished she wouldn’t.

But the call ended

Lenora sat back down on the couch, her expression somewhat dazed.

“What did I just say?” Graham slapped his thigh, 1f Erica really was that bad, Rosalynn wouldn’t be friends with her. Now the truth is out, it’s clear someone’s been framing her!”

It’s the Carter family cleaning up their own name!” Lenora insisted.

Graham opened his mouth, then waved his hand dismissively: “Whatever, Erica’s somebody else’s wife now, she’s completely out of the picture for Jacob Whether she’s innocent or not, it has nothing to do with us now.”

Chapter 1670

The Carter family is moving pretty fast.

Erica may not be a household name in her home country, but thanks to Kelly's schemes, she's been the talk of the town overseas.

Her status as the illegitimate daughter of a tycoon has also brought her quite a bit of attention.

When the news broke, people abroad were blown away.

Initially, people were just reading the news, but as the buzz online grew, soon enough evidence started popping up online, including a recording of Erica confronting Kelly. Then, a paparazzi who had been following Erica came forward with an apology

"I got paid a hefty sum to tail Miss Erica for about three or four years. She's genuinely a good person, often taking care of stray animals. But for the sake of my client, I took many photos of her with men, some of whom Erica didn't even know. Her private life is very simple, she doesn't have many friends, and only had one boyfriend for over a decade. To create the image my client wanted, of her being promiscuous, I had to photograph her with strangers.

The paparazzi went into detail with quite a long post, sharing several stories of how Erica had touched him.

Like when he had his wallet stolen while backpacking, and she helped him out.

Or when they were stranded in the middle of nowhere waiting for help, and she shared most of her bread with a homeless man.

Or when Erica's pet cat, whom she had for many years, passed away. She held a heartfelt funeral for the cat and made a substantial charity donation in

its name.

Under this story, the photographer emphasized, "Having followed Miss Erica for a long time, I have a rough idea of her financial situation. She almost donated all her money for that cause! She really is a soft-hearted girl,"

He also mentioned the boyfriend she had been with for over a decade.

"He's also a tycoon's son, but unfortunately, it seems he believed the scandal fabricated, and he's been on and off with Miss Erica Under this, he posted some treasured photos. These photos were taken after they broke up, showing Miss Erica crying"

In one of the photos taken at an airport, Erica looked pale, half her face hidden in her scarf, with no luggage, she curled up on a chair in the corner

The image was heart-wrenching.

The photographer added, "That tycoon isn't exactly husband material. During his relationship with Miss Erica, he had several attractive girlfriends, including well-known supermodels. Miss Erica wasn't happy with him."

This post went viral overseas.

Erica was seen as the perfect victim.

She was beautiful and passionate but was bullied and wronged.

Looking at Erica's social media, it was clear she was a very positive and optimistic person.

Especially in her latest post.

In front of friends and family, she was wearing a beautiful wedding dress, kissing her husband happily.

One of the comments read, "I've seen many photos of Miss Erica, but this is the only one where her smile seems genuinely happy."

"I just read some news, Miss Erica and her tycoon boyfriend had been on and off for sixteen years, until she finally met her current husband! She looks really happy with him!"

"I learned about the whole process of Kelly framing Miss Erica, and I'm really angry. Erica was a person of both character and learning, and she had a tycoon boyfriend from childhood! But because of Kelly's jealousy, everything was destroyed! Even though her current husband is great, the end of that sixteen-year relationship is still a pity"