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The bite marks behind Shawn's hand were still evident. The blood had dried up and was left unattended.

"Mr. Wood, I've known Gale's mother since I was young, and she watched me grow up. It's perfectly reasonable that I handle her affairs. Even Gale agreed," Sam said.

He coldly responded, "I don't agree!"

Gale smiled snidely. "Ha... Shawn, what gives you the right to refuse? You're the one who killed my mother! She died because of you! If you hadn't infuriated her, and if you had pressed the bell in time, she wouldn't have died! The person least qualified to handle my mother's funeral is you!"

Every word was a crime on Shawn's name.

Yes, he should not have entered the room.

He should have pressed the bell. Even if Wendy had stopped him, he should have forcefully done it.

However, it was already too late to say anything.

The dead could not come back.

Shawn put his hand around her waist. "Gale, no matter what, Sam can't be the one to handle it!"

He was not so incapable that he needed to hand his mother-in-law's funeral affairs over to Sam!

He was Shawn Wood, the most noble man in the city!

Gale looked up. "had you ever thought maybe my mom doesn't want to see you at all? Don't you think that you're not worthy of being at her funeral? You're not worthy of being in front of her grave to offer flowers!"

After that, she pried his fingers away. "I'm tired. Let's stop here."

Gale's figure blended into the night, quickly disappearing.

Sam

was going to rush forward, but Shawn stopped him. "Stay away from her. Did you forget?"

"I shouldn't have handed her to you! So what if I don't get to work with the Wood Group? So what if you'll push us down? Gale being in this state is all your fault!" Sam said angrily.

He raised his fist and punched right at Shawn's face!

Shawn turned his head away and dodged it. "What? Are you trying to fight?"

"I've wanted to do it for a long time! Shawn, you ruined Gale. You ruined the Warm family!" Sam rushed forward and quickly started to fight Shawn

Shawn was a martial artist. He was incredibly dexterous and quickly gained an advantage.

However, the two of them had wounds on their bodies and faces.

Sam's eyes were bruised, and his clothes were a mess. Shawn had some blood on the corner of his lips.

Sam stared at him. "I should have taken Gale away from the start. Her staying by your side is a huge mistake!"

"You think you can? Dream on!"

"Ha, even if I can't do anything to you, you can't keep her heart! Shawn, she'll definitely leave you!"

Those words greatly agitated Shawn. "Shut up!"

"Are you scared? That's the truth. Are you really still so confident that she'll stay by your side and love you forever, bearing your children, even after the truth has been revealed and you killed her mother indirectly?"

Shawn angrily shouted back, "Shut up!"

He slammed his fist on the wall, causing a heavy bang.

Sam picked his coat up from the ground. "Shawn, you look like you have everything, but you've actually lost the most important thing!"

He left as well.

Shawn remained standing there alone. He had a dark look on his face and clenched his hands tightly. He looked like he was about to explode at any moment!

Right after dealing with one issue, another popped up!

The truth had just been revealed, but Wendy suddenly passed away!

Was even fate itself stopping him from being with Gale?

Were they not meant to be?

Shawn could not explain that he wanted to press the bell to stop Wendy but had been stopped by Wendy.

He did not anger her but instead swore in front of her and followed everything she wanted!

Yet, at that moment, Gale would not believe anything he said anyway!

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At the cemetery, the skies were dark, and there was a drizzle. It was a heavy atmosphere.

Gale had black clothes on and a white flower on her chest as she quietly stood in front of the gravestone.

Peter put a bouquet on the gravestone as he quietly looked at Wendy's picture.

After looking at it for a while, he reached out to wipe away the rain.
"You'll be staying here in the future, dear. I'll visit you and talk to you when I have time."

The rain wet Peter's hair.

Gale walked forward with the umbrella. "Dad, take care of your health."

She helped Peter up.

None of them wanted to leave.

Father and daughter. They were all each other had left.

In the end, Peter was the one who dealt with Wendy's funeral affairs with the help of Fiona.

Peter did not allow anyone to come, and even Same had been rejected.

"Gale, when my time comes in the future, you have to have me buried next to your mother. I'll be happy if I get to rest in peace next to her," Peter said.

"Alright, Dad, but you'll live for a long time."

Peter answered, "What's the point of living for a long time alone?"

"You still have me, Dad."

Peter patted her on the hand.

Gale grabbed his hand fearfully. "Dad, even if it's for my sake and the sake of your grandchildren, you have to live on. Don't have any wild thoughts, and don't do anything stupid, okay? I can't lose you again."

Peter did not say anything.

After a long time, he asked, "Gale, when are you leaving?"

"Soon, I have to leave within a month. Otherwise, my stomach will start to bulge. If Shawn notices that, I won't be able to leave. The children will belong to the Wood family."

"Okay, okay."

The two of them stood there quietly for a long time until both of them started to get tired. The rain got heavier as well, so Gale started to prepare to head off the

mountain with Peter.

The moment they turned around, she saw Aurum standing amidst the rain with a black umbrella.

"Mr. Leaving?"

"Who's that? He doesn't look familiar," Peter asked.

"He's an... important person. Whether or not I'll be able to leave will depend on him," Gale answered.

Aurum slowly walked over and put his flowers in front of Wendy's grave.

He bowed.

"Mr. Lefting, thank you," Gale said.

Aurum turned around to look at her. "When I heard the bad news, I didn't know how I should comfort you. My condolences."

"Yes."

"I was planning on figuring out how to get both your parents away from Sea City, and now..." Aurum sighed. "In the end, we're short one person."

Peter said, "I'm not leaving, Mr. Lefting."

Aurum was surprised. "Not leaving?"

"Yes, please just make sure that Gale will be able to leave. You don't have to put me into consideration," Peter said.

Aurum looked at Gale. "But...she was planning on bringing her family with her."

"I grew up in Sea City, and I worked here too. I won't be comfortable anywhere else. My wife is buried here, and I want to see her every year. If we leave, it will be hard for me to come back. She'll be lonely alone."

Peter did not want to burden Gale, and he did want to stay behind to visit Wendy's grave.

Peter held Aurum's hand. "Thank you."

"Mr. Warm, don't mention it."

Peter nodded and walked to the side, giving them some space to talk.

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The black clothes had an elegant beauty to them when coupled with Gale's white skin.

Aurum looked quietly for a few seconds, and his heartbeat actually sped out.

He felt a little moved.

He immediately averted his gaze, pushing down that feeling.

How could he get any feelings for Gale? He had his fiance, Natalie. They had a great relationship!

Gale did not know what Aurum was thinking. She asked softly, "Mr. Lefting, you mentioned faking my death last time. I think we can start putting it in motion. Shawn has been putting me under a tighter watch. It's going to be incredibly hard for me to

leave alive.

"Are you ready?" Aurum asked.

She nodded firmly.

"I've already figured out a plan," He tilted his umbrella toward her head. "You just need to follow through."

"Mr. Lefting, please continue."

The rain got heavier and heavier, pittering and pattering against the umbrella.

There were raindrops next to their feet.

Gale looked on as Aurum spoke, detailing the whole plan.

That's the gist of it. What do you think?" Aurum said.

Gale answered, "This way, I won't be able to come back anymore once I leave."

"Do

you still plan on coming back?"

"Sea City doesn't have anything I would miss. But my mother's grave is here. My father is still here. There's no way I can just not see my father in the coming decades, Gale said.

"Leave that to me. I'll take care of him and make arrangements for you to meet," Aurum answered.

"That's very dangerous. Shawn could easily find out."

Since she was leaving, she needed to be thorough.

If she did not cut off all ties or tried to come back in secret, it would be incredibly easy for everything to be ruined.

It was still raining.

Aurum looked at her and said, "Gale, your heart will actually always be in Sea City. Even after you leave, no matter how far you go, your heart will still be here."

"Yes, because my father is still here."

Aurum shook his head. "No, I think that your feelings for Shawn are deeper than you think."

Gale pursed her lips bitterly. "Mr. Lefting, are you saying that I love him?"

"Do you not love him?" Aurum asked.

"I do," Gale admitted.

"Then I was right."

Gale looked right back at Aurum. "However, compared to my love, I hate him even more. I hate him for blaming the wrong culprit, hurting my parents to this degree. I blame him for killing my child. I hate him even more for forcing me to stay because he claims he loves me..."

"At the same time, you're right. I love him too. I love him for spending so much to buy Heart of the Deep Sea for me. I love him for how he silently looks at me with his loving eyes."

"Honestly, I don't even know how I fell for him."

When it came to love, there was no way to be sure.

Even Shawn loving her was something without any rhyme or reason.

When he still thought that she was his mortal enemy's daughter, he fell in love with her.

When the hatred was gone, he loved her even more.

It was a bad relationship.

The rain wet Gale's shoes and shoulders.

Gale sighed and said, "Mr. Lefting, let's do it this way. Once you've made all the arrangements, tell me. I can proceed at any moment."

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"Alright, take care of your baby for the moment. I don't want anything to happen while you're running away." Aurum knew what the children meant to Gale.

"I'll be going to the hospital as soon as I leave."

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"Alright, take care of your health." Aurum handed her the umbrella as he turned around, not hesitating to walk right into the rain. He walked down the mountain with another path.

When Aurum's figure disappeared, Gale walked down with the umbrella in hand.

There was still some of his body heat on the handle.

At the foot of the hill, a black Maybach waited there silently.

"Mr. Wood, she's here," the driver said.

Shawn had been closing his eyes and resting. The moment he heard that, he opened his eyes and got out of the car.

Gale walked through the rain, looking cold and proud.

She said, "You were still waiting."

"I was always waiting."

"Can you distance yourself from me?"

Shawn pursed his lips. "Gale, what do I need to do to prove that I didn't do anything to your mother?"

She said, "You don't have to prove anything. You're still the cause of everything in the end. Two years ago, you barged into our family and let her witness her family shattering with her own eyes! She could not handle the sudden change, and ended up in a *coma*!"

"After she fought so hard to wake up from her coma, you held the best medicine back, not allowing her to have them. You were the one who made her get worse!"

"It got to the point where the illness was too severe. By the time you arranged for the best doctors to treat her, it was already past the best period for her to be treated..."

Gale stared at him with hatred. "It's too late, Shawn. It's already too late for you to do anything."

He kept saying that he would make up for what he did and pay her back.

In truth, the harm he had done was already past the point of return!

There was no way to turn back the time!

Shawn's hands were by his body. He clenched them for a long time before finally pulling her into his arms.

"I understand, Galey. I understand it all... But I can't bring myself to let you go."

Gale answered softly, "Then I'll be the one to let you go."

Shawn held her even more tightly. It was like he was trying to push her right into himself.

She did not struggle and did not say anything. She let him continue to hug her.

It was only when Shawn was hugging her so tightly that she was struggling to breathe when she said, "You're hurting me."

Shawn hurriedly relaxed his grip. He still wanted to hold her, so he looked at a loss. Galey..."

"I want to go to the hospital. Do you want me to faint in front of you again if you delay things more?" Gale said emotionlessly.

She had already made an appointment with Dr. Lighton.

After Wendy had died, she dealt with Wendy's affairs. She had been in an incredibly bad mood. She was struggling to fall asleep and had lost a lot of sleep as a result.

Even though Gale wanted to act more normally, she could not control the sadness in her heart.

Her two babies were suffering because of her.

Shawn nodded. "Alright, I'll send you there right now."

He carefully held her hand.

She did not struggle.

Shawn held her hand safely, opening the door for her before keeping the umbrella.

On the one hand, he was glad that she did not chase him away and that he had the chance to take care of her.

On the other hand, he was scared. The calmer she was, the sadder she felt.

Yet, he could not do anything.

"Gale, *you* can shout at me and hit me. You can do anything." Shawn turned to look at her face. "Don't be so cold to me..."

Gale answered, "Isn't this what you want? Would you go away if I wanted you to? You keep on sticking to me! Since I can't chase you away, I'll just do what you want. You can do whatever you want, but you think I'm being cold? Shawn, what do you want me to do? Do you want me to always greet you with a smile?"

The driver was so scared he almost lost control of the wheel.

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It was the first time he had ever heard anyone shout at Shawn!

Yet, Shawn did not get angry and just looked at her. "If you're cold to me your whole life but remain by my side, I would be able to accept it."

Gale glared at him. "You're shameless."

When he heard that, he smiled.

Suddenly, she felt a warmth on her feet. Shawn had bent down to hold her ankle, lightly lifting it to his knee.

"It's wet. Let's wipe it off and change to a new pair," he said.

Shawn looked down and wiped her feet earnestly.

His rough fingers constantly brushed against her tender feet. Gale wanted to pull her feet back, but he had a firm grip.

"No need. Shawn, let go. I'll do it myself," she said.

That stance was far too intimate.

Her white and soft skin complemented his honey-colored skin. It caused Gale to remember when he violently bullied her in bed unconsciously.

Thinking about that, her face started to heat up. Worried that Shawn would notice, she decided just to let things be.

When the car stopped in front of the hospital, Gale quickly got out of the car, not even looking back as she walked inside.

This time, Shawn did not follow.

He calmly ordered, "Tell Dr. Lighton to treat her properly. He's not to make any mistakes."

"Yes, Mr. Wood."

Shawn trusted Dr. Lighton a lot because Joe had recommended the doctor.

Even though Summer had a close relationship with Dr. Lighton, he was sure that Dr. Lighton would not dare to deceive him because of Summer!

Under Dr. Lighton's recommendation, Gale stayed in the hospital again.

Her pregnancy was not going well due to her own health, so she needed to stay in the hospital under observation to make sure everything was fine.

On top of that, Gale wanted to escape.

She needed to be as healthy and spirited as she could be to be able to escape without any issues.

To everyone else, Dr. Lighton said that Gale was far too depressed, which affected her blood sugar levels. She needed to stay in the hospital to recover.

Aurum had seen her a few times.

Every time, the two of them would have a long private conversation.

The plan was being perfected.

Shawn knew that Aurum was there but did not pursue the matter.

It was because he felt that there was nothing special about Aurum and Gale's relationship. They were not that deeply involved in each other. It was far different from Gale and Sam, who used to be engaged.

If Aurum wanted to be there, Shawn would allow it. Gale would only get unhappy if he stopped it.

The person who was there the most frequently was Summer.

She practically went over after work every day!

"These are some cherries I just bought," Summer took out a few bags of fruits. "Pregnant women need their nutrients!"

Gale hurriedly pulled her over. "Shush."

"Ah, *look* at my big mouth." Summer covered her mouth.

She cleaned up the fruits before trying them herself. "It's really sweet, Gale. Have some."

Gale answered, "Of course, I have to eat them. You're their godmother, after all."

Summer proudly lifted her head. "Of course, I can't mistreat those two."

Summer had a very easy going personality and knew how to liven up the mood. Gale felt much happier with her around.

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She tried not to mention anything about Wendy's passing as well. She did not want to reopen the wounds in Gale's heart.

Time still passed, as usual, and people needed to move forward.

The imported cherries were large and juicy. Every bite burst with juices. Gale said with interest, "There's too many for me to eat. Are you sending some to Dr. Lighton?"

"I didn't buy any for him."

"Thanks to him, I can raise my babies in peace. Just take it as a token of gratitude from me."

Summer waved it off. "Fine, I'll thank him properly later. Don't bother with it anymore."

Gale said, "Dr. Lighton is such a good person... Thanks to him being willing to hide it, we've managed to stop Shawn from knowing that I'm pregnant."

"Of course, just look at my relationship with him. It's been so many years, and this is the first time I've asked him for anything."

"What's your relationship?" Gale blinked. "Tell me."

"We're best friends! He's a male best friend!"

Gale let out a laugh. "Summer, why do you treat so many male friends as your brothers..."

The moment she said that the snide voice of a woman could be heard from outside. "

That's right, she's not like you, seducing every male friend you have. You've got all of them wrapped around your fingers!"

The words sounded snide and mean.

Gale looked over to the door. "Natalie?"

Natalie walked inside. "I can't believe you remember me, Mrs. Wood. I thought important people usually had too much on their minds. I thought you would have already forgotten about me."

Summer did not enjoy that tone, so she asked directly, "Who are you? If you don't know how to be polite, then just shut up. No one will think you're mute!"

Natalie had been raised as the Yarn family's beloved daughter since she was young. Everyone around her spoiled her, so how could she bear with that tone?!

She pointed right at Summer. "Who are you? I'm talking to Gale. What gives *you* the right to interfere?!"

"Why does that matter to you? You're not wanted here." Summer started to chase her away. "Get out!"

Natalie was not as strong as Summer and could not beat her with words either, so Natalie was at a disadvantage at that moment.

Gale stopped, "Summer, this is Mr. Lefting's fiancée, Natalie."

Summer had a surprised look on her face.

She looked at Natalie. "Really? Mr. Lefting is such a well-mannered and gentlemanly man. Why does he like an unreasonable woman like her?"

"You're the unreasonable one!" Natalie said, "Did I swear at all since I came here?"

"You haven't sworn, but everything you said has been filthy. Why are you trying to be so snide?! Do you not know how to talk properly?"

Natalie was not able to answer properly. "Y-you..."

She was not even talking to Gale yet, but she had already been completely dominated by the woman next to Gale. It was embarrassing!

Gale asked, "Natalie, did you come here for me?"

"Yes."

Gale said, "Have a seat. Summer, I'm hungry. Can you go get me something to eat?"

"Gale, you..."

"Just go, it'll be fine." She smiled.

Summer knew that Gale was trying to get her to leave, so Summer had to leave reluctantly.

When she saw that Gale seemed to have a reasonable attitude, Natalie no longer acted that arrogantly. "Mrs. Wood, I don't want any trouble either. You're an important person, and you have Mr. Wood's love. Offending you wouldn't be good for

me.”

Natalie was well-versed in climbing the social ladder of Sea City.

Whether it was the wives of the rich or the heiresses, she made sure to build good relationships with everyone. She had friends everywhere and was famous for building good relationships.

Natalie had only crossed the line a little that day because of Aurum.

To Natalie, Aurum was her whole world!

She was incredibly guarded about Aurum. As long as any woman tried to get close to him with any inappropriate thoughts, she would figure out a way to deal with them!

“Aurum has been contacting you a lot lately. I’m not very happy about that. He’s my fiancé. Mrs. Wood, you’re a married woman. You should keep your distance in case rumors start to surface!” Natalie said.

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Gale finally understood why Natalie seemed to see her with such animosity.

So Natalie thought there was something between Aurum and her.

“Ms. Yarn, I think you’ve misunderstood things. The first time we met, I was definitely careless and was a bit too close to Aurum, but Mr. Lefting’s already explained it. You know that I’m married to Shawn as well. I thought you would understand it,” Gale explained.

She was a pregnant woman. How could she have anything to do with Aurum?

Her husband was even Shawn.

“That’s right, I thought so then too. But you have an incredibly unusual relationship with Aurum! When you’re in the hospital, he comes to visit you every time. He even calls you behind my back!” Natalie answered.

Natalie bore with it the first few times, thinking that there was no way Aurum would be doing anything unspeakable with Mrs. Wood.

However, she started to get worried after it started to get frequent.

Not only was Aurum calling Gale, but she had also even heard Aurum shouting Gale's name in his sleep a few days before!

That was when Natalie started to feel some danger. She was in complete panic!

The man who was lying down next to her was calling for a different woman!

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How could she allow that?!

Gale explained, “Mr. Lefting and I just have some things to discuss. It's nothing scandalous. You're overthinking it. If you don't believe me, you can go ask Mr. Lefting.

How could Natalie dare to ask him?!

She was worried that she would hear the answer she was most afraid of. She was scared that she would lose him the moment she asked.

That was why she looked into it. She noticed that Shawn's relationship with Gale was not as good as she thought.

It looked like the two of them had a big fight!

After all, Gale and Shawn used to be separated by Shawn's grudge because of his father's death. It had been spread all around the internet. Even though Wood Group had completely deleted all those articles and news, everyone in Sea City was still talking about it in private, not daring to speak of it loudly.

Natalie thought that there was no way love would last when the couple had such a huge conflict. Gale might even be secretly trying to seduce Aurum. Once they got a divorce, she would immediately go for Aurum!

“Mrs. Wood, of course I trust Aurum.” Natalie's voice lacked a little confidence, but she still held on. “I just wanted to tell you to maintain some distance. We're all notable people in Sea City, and it would be embarrassing if word got out.”

Gale smiled. “There's nothing to be scared of if you did nothing wrong.”

With how calm Gale acted, Natalie started to doubt herself.
“Is there really nothing between you two?”

"There are no feelings of that sort between Mr. Lefting and I. Ms. Yarn, don't worry. You're the one he likes, and you're the one he will marry," Gale said.

Gale's calm demeanor made Natalie feel petty and unconfident.

She was clearly the heiress!

What about Gale?

Gale was just from a normal family!

Just thinking about that, Natalie straightened her back and reverted to her proud and confident manner.

She nodded.

"Of course. Aurum and I grew up together. We were engaged when we were young. Our twenty years of love is not something you can compete with in just a few months!"

Gale's expression changed to a complicated one then.

"Engaged since you were young? Did Mr. Lefting get engaged with you then?" Gale asked.

Natalie answered it without a second thought, "Of course it's me! There's no one else!

"But you're not the real heiress of the Yarn family.

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Natalie paled incredibly quickly.

That was a tightly guarded secret!

How did Gale find out?!

"You..." Natalie started to stammer. "Who told you that?"

"Mr. Lefting."

Natalie's body started to sway. She had to steady herself against the wall. "You've not even known him for that long. He even told you that?"

Yes, Natalie was an orphan the Yarn family adopted from an orphanage.

However, since she started living with the Yarn family, her life of luxury has come

incredibly easy. She had completely forgotten who she really was.

She did not like mentioning her life in the orphanage, and did not even like admitting that she had been from one!

As time passed, people slowly stopped mentioning it, and it was forgotten.

It reinforced Natalie's identity as the heiress of the Yarn family!

Gale looked at her. "Ms. Yarn, I don't mean anything by it, and I'm not trying to reopen old wounds. I just feel like you've taken the place of the Yarn family's real heiress in the end. You should have a heart of gratitude and humility."

She should not forget who she really was.

For some reason, every time Gale thought about that lost heiress, she would feel a surge of sadness and pity in her heart.

The girl should have been a princess who could live without any worries, but she was living a difficult life in some corner of the world, struggling for her own survival. She might even no longer be in this world.

"Are you mocking me?" Natalie's insecurities all surfaced at the same time. "Aurum really does treat you well. He even told you such a big secret! Yes, that's right, I really was adopted by the Yarn family!"

"So, Ms. Yarn, the engagement with Mr. Lefting wasn't with you, so you keep

mentioning it. You should think about the real heiress of the Yarn family. In the end, you're not her," Gale said.

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Natalie answered, "That's right, I'm not her. However, the one standing by Aurum's side right now is me!"

Gale sighed. "Both of us owe a lot to that girl. Mr. Lefting is nice to me because of her. You're able to be with him because of her as well."

"What do you mean?" Natalie did not understand. "Do you have any dealings with the real heiress?"

“I’ve never met her and don’t know her either, but Mr. Lefting says that he feels a sense of familiarity whenever he sees me. He feels like she’s looking at her, so that’s why he trusts me and helps me so much.”

Natalie constantly looked at Gale.

“You’re like her?”

Gale asked back, “Do you think I am?”

In the end, Natalie had never seen the true heiress before.

By the time she arrived at the Yarn family, the girl was already gone. Her parents put all the love and companionship on her instead. She got everything that girl had, including love and marriage.

Natalie merely saw some photos in the living room and bedroom the day she arrived. The next day, the Yarn family kept all those things.

She never saw them again.

Initially, Natalie was still incredibly worried and careful, silently loving Aurum but worried that Aurum would just see her as a replacement.

As time passed, she noticed that Aurum really did treat her well and started to relax.

In truth, Natalie knew her place at the bottom of her heart. That was why she tried to figure out ways to hold onto Aurum.

It was because of her status as ‘Ms. Yarn’ might change, but ‘Mrs. Lefting’ was a title no one could take away!

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Natalie said, “I’ve seen the pictures. But that was when I was young. A long time has passed, and I can’t really remember.”

Natalie did not want to mention that anymore and changed the topic. “Mrs. Wood, you’re an important person. You shouldn’t get too close to Aurum. Otherwise, it

wouldn’t be good for you if Mr. Wood finds out.”

Gale smiled faintly. “Ms. Yarn, you must be really scared of losing Mr. Lefting.”

“I love him. Of course, I’d be worried about losing him!”

Gale shook her head. “No, I feel like you’re more afraid of losing your status as the Yarn family’s heiress.”

Everything hidden in Natalie’s heart had been exposed by Gale.

It felt incredibly bad! Natalie was panicking!

How did Gale figure it out?!

Gale softly said, “Honestly, what’s yours will be yours. No one can take it away. What doesn’t belong to you will leave no matter how tightly you hold on to it. You must not have slept well these years.”

“Stop talking about it!” Natalie bit her lower lip. “Whether or not I’m sleeping well has nothing to do with you!”

“You should just live your life peacefully. If the real heiress really comes back some way, the Yarn family wouldn’t just toss you aside either...”

Natalie interrupted her. “Alright, that’s enough. Mrs. Wood, I didn’t come here for a lecture. I just wanted to tell you that there are boundaries between men and women. I still have other things I have to do. I’m leaving now!”

“Take care.”

The moment she walked out, Natalie thought about it and still felt unhappy.

“The one Aurum likes is me, not that girl from so many years ago. The one who’s been taking care of him and loving him all these years, is me!” she said.

Gale did not say anything, merely watching as Natalie left.

In truth, she wanted to ask how Aurum would have ever dated a girl from an orphanage and gotten engaged if she was not the Yarn family’s heiress.

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However, Natalie was already in an incredibly bad mood, and she did not want to add oil to the fire.

The ward became quiet. Gale was a little tired at this stage of her pregnancy.

She took many naps in a day.

She shut her eyes and quickly fell asleep.

Natalie waited for the elevator anxiously. She did not seem to be herself at all. The moment the doors opened, she rushed inside.

She almost ran into someone.

“M...Mr. Wood?” Natalie smiled. “What a coincidence.”

Shawn looked at her and felt like she was familiar, but he could not remember who she was.

There was no reason for someone of his status to remember anyone!

Natalie was quite smart. After all, she was a famous social butterfly in Sea City.

She introduced herself. “Mr. Wood, I’m Aurum’s fiancée, Natalie Yarn. We met during the jewelry exhibition.”

Shawn finally recalled it.

If he had not placed a bid that day, the Heart of the Sea might have ended up belonging to her.

“What are you here for?” Shawn raised an eyebrow. “Did you come to visit Gale?”

“Yes, yes, I heard that Mrs. Wood wasn’t feeling great, so I came to see her.

“Do you have a good relationship with her?”

Natalie smiled. “Mrs. Wood is friends with Aurum, and they see each other quite often. I got familiar with her thanks to that.”

She deliberately said that as she looked at Shawn’s expression.

Shawn pursed his lips.

Gale and Aurum were definitely close, and he had been jealous.

However, Aurum and Natalie’s love was something everyone in Sea City praised, so he did not think that Aurum and Gale would have any relationship of the sort.

However, Aurum definitely treated Gale differently.

As for why, only Aurum would know about that.

Shawn said plainly, “Galey doesn’t have that many friends in Sea City. If the two of you can get along well, then please hang out together more often.”

“Alright, Mr. Wood. You’re really so caring. Mrs. Wood is a lucky woman.”

After a few more words, Natalie left.

That was Shawn Wood. Anyone would want to get friendlier with him!

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Shawn walked toward the ward.

When he was about to see Gale, he felt a bit complicated.

The past few days, he had only dared to sneak into the ward deep in the night. He would look at her sleep and silently keep her company.

When the sun was almost up, he would leave.

He had already done that for a few days. Shawn felt like seeing Gale when she was awake was such a luxury.

Standing in front of the door, he did not hear anything inside, which gave him the courage to push open the door.

Summer suddenly called out to him. “Hey, hey, why are you here?”

“I came to see her.”

“She doesn’t want to see you. I just asked Dr. Lighton. Gale’s been recovering quite well. What if she ends up getting so angry everything goes backward when she sees you?!” Summer said directly.

The words were rude, but the meaning was true.

The person Gale wanted to see the least was Shawn.

However...

“She still has a long life ahead. There’s no way she can avoid seeing me her whole life,” Shawn said.

"That's easy, just get a divorce and say your goodbyes. Then you can just do your own things. The world is so large. As long as you don't deliberately try to meet, you won't see each other again!" Summer waved it off.

Shawn looked at her from the corner of his eyes.

He was still as imposing as always. Summer could not stand him looking at her like that. "I...I'm just speaking the truth."

Shawn coldly answered, "She should be asleep. I'll go in and take a look before I leave."

"Fine. Honestly, this is all pointless. You should just let her go. Just do it for Gale's sake," Summer said.

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Shawn was already inside.

Gale half-lying on the hospital bed with the pillow behind her back, sleeping.

Her long eyebrows cast shadows on her face.

She looked calm and peaceful.

Shawn slowly raised his arm, wanting to touch her face, but he was worried that he would wake her up. All he could do was hover his hand over her face.

He wanted to hug her intimately again and kiss her passionately. Yet, for the two of them, it became something impossible.

She hated him.

She hated him deeply.

Yet, he loved her.

He loved her so much that he did not want to and could not let go!

"Gale..."

What could he do about the two of them?

His father's death, that aborted child, her mother's death...

Every one of those things pressed on their hearts like massive stones.

No matter how passionate they were, they would still be suffocated.

Gale's eyes suddenly moved as she turned around and mumbled in her sleep, "Baby."

Shawn's breathing stopped, scared that he would wake her up.

"Babies, be good... Don't leave. I'll protect you two..." Gale said in her sleep.

"Be good, okay?"

"I don't want to lose you two..."

Initially, Shawn thought that Gale was dreaming about the child they had lost.

She told him that she regularly had nightmares about that.

However, Shawn was suspicious when she said 'you two'.

Gale only had that one child. When did she have two?