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However, Joe felt guilty.

Was he being too obvious just now? Did Shawn notice?

After coughing, Joe said, “There are too many cars, and this is a th**ay road. I was dazzled for a while, and there were too many white cars. In addition, Molly kept changing lanes deliberately, so I just... I got it wrong.”

Shawn said nothing. His face darkened.

After a while, he said, “Do you think it’s ridiculous?”

“Ridiculous?”

“We actually let a three-year-old kid escape from under our noses. Moreover, we watched Molly pick him up.”

Who were Shawn and Joe?

When the two people are together, they can make business leaders in Sea City tremble three times just by stomping their feet!

Now, they were played by a strange woman and child!

Shawn cursed deeply and got out of the car.

The car owner behind them cursed, “Who do you think you are? Can you drive? Why did you stop suddenly?”

However, when the owner saw Shawn and Joe, he immediately shut up.

Just by looking at their temperament, he knew he could not offend them.

Back at the hotel, the bodyguard stood at the door and greeted, “Mr. Wood.”

Shawn kicked him directly..

The bodyguard was in pain, but he did not dare to say a word and knelt down on one knee. ”
Please, Mr. Wood, punish me!”

He did not dare to refute.

Joe came to the rescue. “Forget it, forget it. Get out.”

“Yes, Mr. Winter.”

Shawn walked in, but there was something stuck under the leather shoes.

He looked up and saw that it was a room card.

Shawn said, “Joe, isn’t this yours?”

“Yes, yes, why is it here!”

“Joshua stole it. He stole it while you were sleeping,” Shawn speculated.

Joe patted his head with a sudden realization. “Oh yes! When I go to sleep, I take off my coat and put it aside, and the room card is in the coat pocket!”

He felt that his acting skills were superb.

In fact, if it were someone else, Shawn would have noticed something was wrong long ago.

He was so sharp.

However, he was Joe, his right-hand man and the person he trusted the most. He did not have any doubts!

“Go back to Sea City. It seems that I really have to visit the thatched cottage for the third time!” Shawn said.

“You... haven’t given up yet?”

“It’s even more impossible to give up now!”

If word of the matter got out, how embarrassing would he be?

Moreover, he had more information about Molly now.

There were also many clues!

If he went to investigate. again now, Shawn was confident that he would definitely be able to find out Molly’s true identity!

Joshua waltzed into the VIP ward in the hospital gracefully. “Nicole, I’m back!”

Gale could not help but tap his forehead. “Be serious.”

He was proud and said triumphantly, “I am happy. How well we escaped today!”

To Gale, just thinking about it was scary.

She and Shawn almost ran into each other several times.

Each incident was getting closer and closer to them meeting each other.

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They were lucky.

However, they would not be lucky every time.

As long as she and Shawn meet once, it will be over.

Nicole said, “Brother, congratulations on winning the championship. Mommy said we have a big meal tonight!”

Gale nodded. “You can eat whatever you want.”

Joshua’s ears were suddenly h**ed.

Gale said, “Come with me.”

“Oh, what’s wrong...it hurts, Mommy, be gentle. My ears are still growing!”

Gale grabbed him and went to the balcony.

“Let me ask you, how have you met and known Shawn?”

According to Zoe, when Shawn broke into the interview area and went straight to Joshua, Joshua was not afraid. He even had a long chat with Shawn.

They seemed to know each other.

Gale was surprised. How did Joshua know Shawn?

When did they meet?

This question has been circling in her mind, and now she can ask him.

“I... I have seen him before,” Joshua replied truthfully.

“What!?”

Gale really did not know what to say.

Gale asked, “When did you meet? How many times have you met? Why did you meet him? What did he tell you!?”

Joshua looked at her innocently. “Mommy, don’t be angry. You will grow old and get wrinkles when you are angry, and then you will not be the most beautiful mommy in the world...”

“Stop doing this. I’m serious!”

His sugar-coated bullets would not work now.

This matter was too important and serious!

Joshua pursed his lips and confessed honestly, “Uncle and I have met three times.”

“Three times!?”

Gale was about to faint from anger.

How could she not know!

Joshua said, “The first time, it was in the restaurant. I slipped in and chatted with him for a while and asked for his name.”

Gale was speechless.

Joshua was effortlessly friendly.

He could chat with people wherever he went, plus he is cute and handsome, with a sweet mouth, so he is very popular.

However, she did not understand why he wanted to chat with Shawn.

Although Joshua and Shawn are father and son and look slightly similar, it was not obvious to the point where people noticed it.

Joshua explained again, “The second time, it was at the apartment’s gate.”

“The gate? He was at the gate?”

“I didn’t go to see him this time. It should be that he happened to pass by, saw me, got out of the car, and chatted with me for a while.”

“You’re not telling the truth, Joshua. You’re a kid, he’s... A president of a big company. What does he have to say to you?”

Joshua sighed silently.

Oh, why was Mommy so smart at this time?

He could not hide anything from her.

“Well, I was fighting with some children at the community’s gate. Uncle saw it and supported me to stand up for me, making them and their parents apologize.”

This sounded like Shawn’s behavior.

Strong, partial, conniving.

No one could touch the person he wanted to protect!

Joshua said, “Uncle helped me. I have a good impression of him, and I was thinking of inviting him to my house for dinner to thank him!”

Gale really fainted when she heard this.

What kind of son she gave birth to!

One who almost led the wolf into the house!

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“Mommy, today is the third time we met. I didn’t expect him to kidnap me to force you to show up. I’m putting him in the bad guy category now, and I won’t meet with him anymore,” Joshua said.

Gale looked at him seriously and said, “Joshua, let me remind you that from now on if you see Shawn, you will walk the other way. Do you hear me?”

“Yes!”

“Don’t you dare meet him!”

Seeing her face getting more and more serious, Joshua also realized that the matter was serious.

He asked cautiously, “Is there... any hatred between you and uncle?”

The question stopped Gale.

Hate?

Yes, there was indeed hatred.

However... there was love too. She had loved him.

He loves her too.

Moreover, Shawn and Gale are still husband and wife.

Shawn did not agree to the divorce in the end.

He was not a divorcee, just a widowed man.

So, in fact, she was still his wife.

“I’m sorry, I won’t ask anymore.” Joshua quickly covered his mouth. “Mommy, I will listen to you, and I will never see him again in the future! He wants me to give him your phone number today, and I didn’t even give you a single number.”

Gale sighed.

She reached out and hugged Joshua into her arms. “It’s not your fault, Joshua, and it’s none of your business. It’s Mommy’s fault... It’s the grievance of our generation, and you shouldn’t be involved. You didn’t do anything wrong. I was rude, and I want to apologize to you.”

Joshua and Shawn are father and son.

Father and son should love each other deeply.

Even if they did not know each other’s identity, the subtle family connection always existed.

Shawn was very cold, kept away from strangers, and had almost no kind intentions toward strangers, but he was able to accept Joshua's intrusion into the room, and he could even help Joshua out of the blue when passing by.

If it were any other child, Shawn would not care at all.

Joshua panicked instead. "Mommy, you can scold me, or you can beat me to relieve your anger. Don't do this. I feel weird..."

He was not afraid of anything but only afraid that Gale would be sad.

Gale smiled and said, "Silly Joshua, you are a talented pianist. You just won the championship of the national competition and became popular all over the country. I am lucky to have a son like you. How could I be willing to beat you?"

"Are you really not angry anymore?"

"I wasn't angry."

Joshua looked at her face, confirmed it several times, and then felt relieved.

Joshua said, "Mommy, I got money from winning the championship. Our family is rich. How much are Nicole's medical expenses? I can pay!"

He thought his prize money was enough.

Gale repeatedly replied, "Aww, of course. Joshua is awesome, he can earn money to support his family, and it relieves my pressure all at once!"

Joshua smiled so much that his eyes narrowed.

"Let's go. Let's take Nicole to have a big meal together. What do you want to eat?!"

"Steak!"

"Okay, no problem!"

It seemed that they had escaped a catastrophe for the time being, but Gale continued to feel uneasy in her heart.

Moreover, it became more and more obvious that it had reached the point where she could not ignore it.

This city was no longer safe!

Shawn would definitely come again, and he would soon find her!

Soon!

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Meanwhile, at the Wood Group, everyone kept their heads down, their tails between their legs. They were even afraid of making loud noises when walking.

Mr. Wood's mood was extremely bad.

The boss was in a bad mood. Everyone below him would suffer.

Executives were called in one at a time and were scolded badly.

Especially the jewelry department.

They were next to meet Mr. Wood.

The people in the jewelry department looked as if they were on the battlefield.

“What is this? Is this called a design drawing?”

“When such a design draft is spread out, it looks like you plagiarized it!”

Shawn threw a stack of design drafts on the table.

“Who told you to imitate Gale's style?”

No one in the conference room dared to answer.

They got scolded.

It was because Mr. Wood wanted a designer like Molly to join the company, so everyone thought he liked this style.

As a result... they got a bad scolding.

“Peach! As the chief designer, give me an explanation!”

Everyone looked at her sympathetically.

Peach stood up tremblingly. “Mr. Wood... I will ask the designers to draw again. Draw in their own style, and won’t blindly follow the trend.”

“Is this your explanation?”

“Yes... yes.”

Shawn asked, “Did I ever ask you all to copy Gale’s style?”

Peach shook his head.

“Then why do you make your own decisions?”

Peach could not answer.

At this time, Summer stood up. “It’s my idea, and I made my own decision. Mr. Wood, if you want to scold someone, just ‘yell at me.’”

Shawn leaned back in his chair. “You?”

Summer said, “Yes. Mr. Wood went to a small town twice and didn’t hesitate to use a helicopter just for a mere Molly. So I think, since Mr. Wood likes her style so much, we have so many designers who have the same design capabilities.”

“So, I asked each of them to hand in three drawings to me, imitating Gale’s style.”

“Unexpectedly, this stack of drawings made Mr. Wood this angry.”

Shawn stared at her deeply, and his eyes were a little complicated.

After a while, he said lightly, “Why did you do this?”

“Because I want to tell Mr. Wood that anyone can draw a design draft, and anyone can imitate the style. You don’t have to have Molly. Lovito’s designers are the most talented in the country!”

“Only Molly’s designs are the most like hers. You guys only imitated the appearance and style without the essence.”

Summer met his gaze. “Boss, don’t you understand?”

Shawn pursed his lips slightly. “I don’t understand?”

“What you want is not a designer, nor Molly, but... Gale.”

After Gale’s death, no one in the Wood Group dared to mention it in front of Shawn.

He did not expect Summer to mention it.

In front of so many people, no less!

Summer asked, “Why bother? Even if Molly joins the team and she draws the design draft you want, she is not Gale. There is only one Gale in the whole world, and no one can replace her in your heart.”

“Mr. Wood, stop deceiving yourself and others.”

Everyone lowered their heads, not daring to provoke or worsen the situation.

Shawn did not speak either.

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The atmosphere was extremely solemn.

After a long time, Shawn said, “Summer, you don’t understand.”

Nobody understood his loneliness.

Nobody knew how he felt on those long nights.

Honestly, even he himself did not understand himself.

Yes, Molly reminded him of Gale, so he wanted to lure Molly to the Wood Group at any cost.

Molly’s presence would remind him of Gale.

Gale loved her work.

“The meeting is over.” Shawn got up and said, “From now on, you are not allowed to imitate her design.”

“Yes, Mr. Wood.”

Shawn left. Peach was relieved. “Summer, you are too bold!”

“What are you afraid of? He can’t eat me.”

“You mentioned Gale in front of Mr. Wood.”

Summer replied helplessly, “I have no choice. The other designers will not be happy if Shawn is so attached to Molly.”

Shawn went to invite her twice.

If Molly joined the job, Peach’s position as the chief designer would definitely be gone.

Secondly, other designers would not accept Molly’s management, thinking how it could be that an unknown person in a small town should lead them.

Molly would definitely have opinions and conflicts with her colleagues in the company if she were arrogant or scheming.

Needless to say, Shawn must be partial to Molly.

This potential altercation would definitely have a huge impact on future development!

Peach also understood. “But... Even Mr. Winter can’t change Mr. Wood’s decision.”

“We must try.”

Summer packed his things and left the conference room.

CEO’s office.

Shawn pushed the door open and walked in, and asked in a deep voice, “Fiona, how’s the investigation on Molly’s side?”

“There is progress. I received the information ten minutes ago.”

“Finally, there is progress.”

Fiona replied, “I changed the way of investigation and asked them to start with Joshua’s Grandma, and they immediately gained a lot of useful information.”

In the reporter interview area, when Shawn took Joshua away, an old woman kept chasing after him.

He did not pay attention to it at the time, but in retrospect, the relationship between this old woman and Molly must be very close.

Molly’s traces and identity information can be erased in advance, but the old woman’s identity can be found, and then Molly’s real information can be found!

Shawn sat down on the sofa and picked up a cigarette casually. “Speak.”

Fiona replied seriously, “This old woman’s name is Zoe. She is a native of the local area. But when she was young, she lived in Sea City and then, later on, went back to her hometown to work because of her health.”

“Sea City? What did she do here?”

“She worked as a se**nt in Aurum’s family home.”

Shawn’s brows and eyes were condensed. “Aurum?!”

“Zoe worked as a nanny in the Lefting family and took care of Aurum growing up. And...”
Fiona paused.

With Shawn’s ingenuity, he has already guessed something.

He asked, “All these years, Aurum and Zoe have been in touch, right?”

Fiona nodded.

“Aurum had transferred money often to her. The biggest sum... was half a month
million dollars.”

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Fiona flipped through the documents in his hand. “Not only cash, but Aurum also bought Zoe a house in the little town. The location of the house is the neighborhood where Joshual fought with a few children last time.”

“So, Joshua lives with Zoe. Molly’s expenses are all hidden under Zoe’s Name. She, herself, is well hidden.”

Shawn listened quietly.

He lowered his eyes slightly, unable to see any emotion, but his brows and eyes were raised slightly, giving him a somewhat oppressive aura.

Before this, there was no clue.

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He found what he wanted.

It was just...

What was the relationship between Aurum and Molly?

The money and the house seemed to be for Zoe, but in fact, Molly and her son are using them!

Furthermore, Molly has two children.

In other words, Joshua has another sister! It was someone Shawn had never seen or known! Shawn said, "Fiona, have Aurum and Zoe been in frequent contact for so many years?"

"No, it started four years ago."

"Four years ago?!"

Shawn felt quite concerned about the timeline!

That was the year Gale left him!

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Shawn frowned deeply, stood up, and strode out. "Prepare the car. We are heading to Aurum."

"Yes, Mr. Wood."

Shawn wanted to find Aurum.

There are too many mysteries, he has to solve them one by one, and he cannot wait a minute longer!

The car sped toward Lefting Group.

As soon as Shawn appeared, no one dared to stop him, and the supervisor of the reception department greeted him personally.

"Mr. Wood, you're here..."

"Where's Aurum?"

"Mr. Lefting is in a meeting. Can I pass a message on for you?"

Shawn replied lightly, "I'll wait for him in his office."

Shawn made himself at home.

In the conference room, Aurum heard that Shawn was there, and his face changed slightly. “I see. Make him a cup of tea and treat him well.”

“Alright, Mr. Lefting.”

Aurum frowned.

He felt... this time Shawn came directly to the door, and there must be something important!

He has to think hard about countermeasures.

The secretary made tea and put it down gently. “Mr. Wood, this is from the top tea brand in the country...”

Shawn interrupted, “How long will it take for Aurum to see me?”

“Uh... We are not sure about this either.”

He was about to speak, but the sound of high heels clacking on the floor came from the door.

Natalie walked in, and when she saw Shawn, she was also taken aback. “Mr. Wood?”

Shawn glanced at her expressionlessly.

“Mr. Wood, why did you come here today? Are you looking for Aurum? You are really a rare visitor,” Natalie said cautiously and politely.

“Sit down.” Shawn raised his chin deeply. “Others, get out.” The office door closed.

Shawn seemed to be the host, and Natalie seemed to be the guest.

The atmosphere was very tense and depressing.

Shawn asked, “Do you still remember the time you came to me four years ago.”

Gale and Aurum got too close. She felt uneasy and felt that she was about to lose her lover. “Are you sure what you said is true?” Shawn raised his eyebrows deeply. “You know what would happen to you if you lied to me.”

“Mr. Wood, how could I lie to you about this kind of thing? Aurum calls Mrs. Wood in the study at night, sends messages every day, and mentions Mrs. Wood to me from time to time... it all happened for real!”

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“What happened next?”

Natalie was stunned again.

She swallowed, and said more cautiously, “Later... Mrs. Wood just jumped into the sea and died... they broke contact.”

“Broke contact?”

“Mr. Wood, are you confused? She is dead. How can we contact her...”

Shawn looked at her deeply.

“Since then, Aurum never had close contact with anyone, did he?”

Natalie nodded.

“Heh...” Shawn suddenly h**d the corners of his lips and let out a sneer.

The atmosphere was cold.

Natalie knew if she said something wrong, it would make Shawn deeply unhappy.

After all, ever since Gale passed away and Shawn’s hair turned gray overnight, he has become more and more volatile and has a cold temper.

Those who offend him will end badly!

Natalie was restless and wanted to leave, but she was also afraid that Shawn would have something to ask her.

If she had known... she would not have gone to Shawn back then. Now she felt guilty, afraid that Aurum would find out and Shawn would blame her!

Shawn pressed the bridge of his nose deeply.

He did not know if he was thinking too much or... it was just a coincidence.

Back then, Aurum and Gale had a good relationship.

Aurum now bought a house, sent money, and took care of Molly, who was far away in the county, through Zoe's cover.

Was there any connection between these two people?

The contact between Aurum and Zoe became frequent again in the year Gale passed away!

Could it be...

Molly and Gale are the same person?

This idea was too bold, too shocking, and Shawn dared not think about it.

He was afraid it was a dream.

Or that it would bring him joy.

Click, clack. The sound of footsteps got louder as Aurum walked in.

"Mr. Wood, what brings you here?" Aurum has a good way of dealing with people. "You should tell me in advance so that I can prepare."

"What?"

"Well, you and I haven't seen each other for a long time."

Natalie stood up and walked to his side. "Aurum..."

She felt that Shawn's visit was not with kind intent. Trouble was brewing.

"You go out first. I'll talk to Mr. Wood. Wait for me outside," Aurum said.

"Okay."

Natalie left, and the smile on Aurum's face faded a little.

"Mr. Wood, just speak up if you have something to say. I really don't know why you came to me," Aurum replied.

"You should ask yourself what you did."

Aurum shook his head. "I don't understand Mr. Wood."

Shawn threw the transfer slip on the table with a snap.

He asked, “Who is Zoe? What is the relationship between you and Joshua? And, what is the relationship between you and Molly?”

Every sentence caused a little panic in Aurum’s heart.

On the surface, he could only try his best to keep calm. “Zoe was the aunt who took care of me and watched me grow up. She returned to her hometown after she felli, and I missed.

her more or less.

“You sent her that much money?”

“Shawn, how is that a lot? That is a trivial amount of money for you and me, right?”

Shawn nodded deeply. “Yes. But for ordinary people, it takes most of their lives to earn half of that money.”

Aurum replied without changing his expression, “Zoe is not in good health, and she spends a lot of money in the hospital every month. I was afraid that she would be reluctant to treat her illness, so I transferred a lump sum to her at once.”

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Zoe’s consumption records did show that the money was spent in municipal hospitals. Therefore, Aurum’s rhetoric has no loopholes.

“Okay, then, who are Joshua and Molly to you?”

“I don’t know the two people Mr. Wood mentioned.”

Shawn stared at him deeply. “Joshua is attached to Zoe.”

Aurum smiled and said, “Oh, that’s her grandson. I’m unfamiliar with Zoe’s family; she seldom mentions it to me, and I have never been to a small county.”

No matter what Shawn asked, Aurum could reason.

Shawn could not fault it at all.

Shawn sneered. “No wonder you took so long to come, so... you were thinking of a countermeasure!”

“You are joking. I was in a meeting just now.”

“I don’t have time to go around in circles with you.” Shawn’s face was gloomy. “Where is Molly? What is her real name, and who is she? Tell me!”

He simply pointed out his face, unwilling to be hypocritical and polite.

He had no patience!

Aurum was not an easy person to deal with!

Shawn had to find Molly. He had spent so much time and effort, and it was impossible for him to end up with nothing in the end!

Aurum replied, “I don’t know Molly, and I’ve never heard of the name Joshua. Mr. Wood, why do you want to make things difficult for others?”

Aurum did not quite know how Shawn found Zoe.

However, now he could not let go no matter what!

Anyway, Gale did not have any whereabouts exposed. No matter how powerful Shawn was, he could not find out.

“Okay, very well.” Shawn nodded and stood up. “It seems that I’m going to Zoe’s house.”

Aurum was startled. “Why are you going to see Zoe?”

“She lives with Molly and Joshua. You say, with Zoe in hand, will Molly still hide and refuse to show herself?”

Shawn left.

Since Aurum could not answer his questions, he would go there himself!

This was the third time he would be visiting that wretchedly small town, and he must see Molly herself!

He would not return without her!

Aurum stepped forward quickly. “Mr. Wood! You can’t go. You will scare Zoe.”

“Then let Molly come to see me.”

“I really don’t know Molly.”

Shawn stretched out his hand, and patted the dust on Aurum’s suit. “It’s okay, wait until I find her and bring her to see you, then you can take a good look... Do you hear me?”

After finishing his words, he strode away.

Aurum could only watch helplessly as Shawn entered the elevator, followed by his secretary and bodyguards.

This was bad!

Why did Zoe get exposed?

Although Zoe was innocent, she was closely related to Gale’s life. If anything was revealed it will be over!

Aurum’s expression changed, and he turned to go back to the office. Natalie hurried over and took his hand. “Aurum, is something wrong?”

“Nothing.”

“But your expression...”

“I’m very busy now, Natalie. I can’t accompany you temporarily, sorry.”

Aurum walked into the office, closed the door, and left her alone outside.

He quickly took out a mobile phone from the bottom drawer and dialed Zoe’s number.

“I need to talk to her.”

Zoe replied, “Okay.”

Gale’s voice came. “Mr. Lefting, what’s the matter? Is there any news about the bone marrow?”

“Shawn found Zoe. The place where you live is very dangerous!”

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“I’m in the hospital, not in the town.”

Aurum warned, “I know, but for safety’s sake, just be careful. In short, you can’t be in the same place as Zoe again! Shawn will find out!”

Gale gripped the phone tightly.

How did Shawn find out about Zoe?

What should they do?

Should they move to the mountains?

What about Zoe?

If Shawn could lock Joshua in the hotel and lure her into showing up, he would definitely kidnap Zoe and lure her into showing up again!

Gale knew his character too well!

Aurum said, “Gale, just go first. Let’s talk about it another time!”

“What about Zoe?”

“I’ll go with you too.” Aurum made a decisive decision. “The two children, too, take them.”

Gale sighed.

What she was most worried about still happened.

There was no avoiding it.

“Mr. Lefting, even if we escaped, what about you?”

Aurum fell silent.

Gale said, “He and I used to be husband and wife, and I know him well. With Shawn’s character, if you can’t find Zoe, he will definitely make things difficult for you.”

Aurum replied, “It doesn’t matter. I have a way, and you don’t have to worry.”

“How can I implicate you?”

“Gale, now is not the time to discuss this issue. I took the risk to send you out of Sea City, and I can’t just watch as Shawn takes you away. Unless you are willing to return to him.”

Only Shawn's bone marrow matched.

Only Shawn could save Nicole.

Other than that, Gale had no reason to appear in front of Shawn.

After a while, Aurum asked, "Is there any news from the bone marrow bank?"

"Not yet. I have to wait another week."

"Then you can stay away for a week, Gale. After this time, if there is no match, only go to Shawn. Now you have to find a way out for yourself. Because once he sees you, there will be no room for redemption."

Aurum thought they must have tried all they could to hide.

At this moment, it had not reached the point of desperation!

Gale hesitated for a few seconds before saying, "But..."

Aurum interrupted her, "No buts. Just arrange it as I said. I'm afraid that Shawn will make a move soon."

"Okay."

Gale could only agree.

After hanging up the phone, she began to pack her things quickly.

Zoe did not ask anything and silently started to help her.

"Mommy, can I be discharged from the hospital?" Nicole looked at her expectantly. "Are we going home?"

Gale walked over and patted her head. "Yes, you don't like the hospital. Let's get out of here."

"Wow! Really!"

Nicole laughed happily. Her pale face was filled with joy.

Joshua sat next to him and gnawed on an apple, and said, "Nicole, let's go back to kindergarten, and I'll take you to play on the slide."

"I won't go back to kindergarten. I will inform the teachers. We're going on a holiday!" Gale

said.

Joshua and Nicole asked in unison, “Where are you going?”

“Go to a... paradise with mountains, a lake, and waterfalls!” The two children jumped up with joy.

Gale and Zoe quickly packed up their luggage, took the child by the hand, went through the discharge procedures, and left by the back door.

Aurum arranged for a car and driver to take them to an even smaller village.

The area was full of nature, beautiful mountains, and clear waters. It was usually a

relatively well-known tourist attraction, but it was off-season now, and there were not many tourists.

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Gale’s family stayed in a bed and breakfast.

Joshua and Nicole were running in the field, plucking flowers.

Zoe followed behind. “Slow down, two little monsters. I can’t catch up with you.”

Gale stood on the balcony, watching this adorable and harmonious scene, yet feeling extremely heavy in her heart.

She never expected that the designs she drew would attract Shawn’s attention and bring huge troubles to her peaceful life.

Aurum was also implicated.

Time was running out. Should she continue to hide and stay or go to find Shawn...

Gale closed her eyes.

At night in Temperley Hall, the whole villa was brightly lit, and the bodyguards came in and out. All of them looked very solemn.

Shawn stood in the middle of the living room.

The crystal chandelier set off his silver hair more beautifully, making his facial features.

look cold and hard.

Verbal status reports from subordinates kept coming out of the walkie-talkie.

“Mr. Wood, there is no one here at the hospital. They went through the discharge procedures and left at four o’clock in the afternoon!”

“Mr. Wood, Zoe’s house is locked. No one is here.”

“Mr. Wood, Zoe can’t be found or contacted. She didn’t go back to her hometown.”

“I didn’t see Molly and the two children.”

Shawn listened quietly, with a twitch at the corner of his mouth.

He sneered.

They acted so fast.

In just one afternoon, all four of them disappeared, their whereabouts were unknown, and his men did not know where they were hiding!

Was it a coincidence?

No! They were deliberately avoiding his search!

Shawn ordered in a deep voice, “Go and bring Aurum. Immediately!”

“Yes, Mr. Wood!” The bodyguards nodded, and just as they turned around to leave, Aurum appeared at the door.

“Is Mr. Wood looking for me?” Aurum stepped in with a relaxed expression. “It’s a tacit understanding. I’m looking for Mr. Wood too.”

Shawn squinted deeply. “You still dare to come to me on your own initiative?”

“Why don’t I dare?”

Shawn curled his lips. “Very well.”

He waved his hand, signaling the bodyguards to go out.

Aurum really impressed him. Under such circumstances, he actually dared to come to his door.

“It was you who arranged for Molly’s family and Zoe to hide.” Shawn pointed it out directly without going around in circles with him. “You move quickly.”

“Zoe was my nanny. I won’t just sit and watch Mr. Wood single-handedly ruin her peaceful life.”

“Then what does Molly have to do with you? Why do you want to protect her like this?”

Aurum replied, “I told you, I don’t know Molly. But Mr. Wood said that they were Zoe’s family. So, I naturally want to help them all together. In case Mr. Wood uses her family to blackmail her.”

Shawn’s eyes were sharp. “Aurum, I don’t have the patience and time to dance with. you. Let me ask you one last time, will you hand over Molly?”

Aurum met his eyes without any fear. “I will not hand anyone over to you.”

Shawn looked straight at him.

It had been a long time since anyone dared to contradict him like this.

“Very well, Aurum.” Shawn bent down and sat down on the sofa. “Then you will not leave! You can only leave once you hand over Molly.”

“You’re trying to put me under house arrest.”

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gave you a choice, but you chose to offend me.”

Aurum shrugged and sat down on the sofa. “It is said that the Temperley Hall is the

pinnacle of villas in Sea City. It is extremely luxurious. Well, even the interiors are made of gold. It’s my honor to have this opportunity to live here.”

