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The driver glanced at Zachary through the rearview mirror, followed the latter's gaze out the window, and his eyes widened. Isn't that his wife? Who is the man beside her? He's wearing a cap and a mask, appearing in a photo studio. Could he be a celebrity? The man seems to have a good relationship with Mrs. Fuller

The driver whispered, "Mr. Fuller, Ms. Carston has come out."

Zachary responded with a nonchalant "Mhm."

The driver was somewhat unsure of what his employer meant.

"Drive the car to the entrance of the studio," Zachary said.

If I drive up to the entrance of the studio, won't Mrs. Fuller see us? The driver mulled it over in his mind.

Still, he followed Zachary's instructions and drove the car to the entrance of the photography studio.

In the midst of the conversation, Jonas lifted his chin slightly. "Is that Mr. Fuller?"

Lenora followed his gaze and saw a black Cayenne parked at the entrance of the photography studio. The license plate number matched the one Zachary often used.

Susanna stood in front of the car.

Zachary specifically got out of the car and whispered something to Susanna. A moment later, Susanna's face lit up with joy.

Subsequently, Zachary moved to the other side, opening the car door for Susanna. Acting the gentleman, he used his palm to shield the top of the car. Only after Susanna had settled in did he circle to the other side to take his seat in the back. The driver then drove away.

He specifically came to pick up Susanna. A wave of bitterness welled up in Lenora's heart.

Jonas, however, didn't pay much attention. "My agent has been in touch with a script recently. They say the female lead is already set. It's Susanna, backed by Fuller Group's subsidiary, Stardust Entertainment. It's a big-budget production, and they've specifically invited Avery to shoot it. Mr. Fuller really spares no expense for his girlfriend, huh? I heard that Yara used to be the spokesperson for MQ, didn't she?"

The edge of Lenora's lips twitched. Unbeknownst to her, her fists were already clenched

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tightly, her nails digging into the flesh of her palm, leaving behind a series of crescent-shaped indentations.

She felt a stifling sensation in her heart. It turns out that Zachary had already done so much for Susanna in places I didn't know about. "Jonas, you're here too." Fiona had just finished packing up her things and was leaving the photo studio when she saw Jonas.

She was very surprised. "Are you here for a shoot too?"

"Yes. It's been a while since we last met. How about I treat you all to a meal? Would the honor, Ms. Rouge?"

Fiona said with a smile, "Of course. Why pass up a free meal, right?"

"Let's get in the car then."

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Upon arriving at the restaurant chosen by Fiona, the three of them reserved a private dining

room.

Fiona was flipping through the menu, raising an eyebrow at Jonas. "Mr. Zirk, would you mind if I order whatever I want?"

Jonas chuckled. "Just order whatever you want. It's not like I'll eat less because of you."

Jonas pushed another menu toward Lenora. "Nora, order something for yourself too. No. need to hold back."

Lenora also picked up the menu, ordering a few dishes that she particularly enjoyed.

Jonas glanced at the dishes she ordered, then looked up at Lenora and said, "Is that all you're ordering? I remember you loved the beignet from this place. Why didn't you order any?"

In the midst of their conversation, Jonas added beignet to the list.

Fiona's gaze shifted between the two, a teasing smile on her face. "Oh, you remember that clearly, huh? Do you also remember what I like to eat?"

Jonas gave a helpless smile. "I'll definitely remember next time."

The dishes were served one after another.

In the midst of their meal, Jonas took a trip to the restroom.

Fiona immediately moved closer to Lenora, whispering, "Is there something going on between you two?"

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Lenora shook her head. "What are you thinking? Which eye of yours saw that there's something going on between us?"

"Which eye? Of course, I saw it with both eyes."

"Then you saw it wrong."

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Seeing Lenora's denial, Fiona didn't ask any further and sighed. "Nora, shouldn't you be looking for a partner? Aren't there people in your company who are pursuing you? You don't like any of them? How about I introduce someone to you?" "I have a boyfriend."

Within the company, there were indeed employees who seek Lenora's love/

There was even a man who was relentlessly pestering her before.

To avoid any hassle, Lenora announced to everyone that she had a boyfriend.

Fiona scoffed. "You may fool others, but do you really think you can fool me? If you truly have a boyfriend, why don't you bring him out for us to meet?"

Lenora lowered her gaze. "I didn't lie to you. If there's a chance in the future, I'll take you to meet him."

She had indeed considered it before. Once her relationship with Zachary was stable, she would gradually share the news of their marriage with her friends.

However, that idea could no longer be realized.

Looking at Lenora's expression, Fiona was puzzled. Could it be that Lenora really has a boyfriend? Why has he never been seen by Lenora's side? Even if it's a long-distance relationship, there shouldn't be such a lack of news. Could it be that he's a celebrity? Jonas returned from the bathroom, and after a while, Lenora also took a trip to the bathroom.

In the corridor on her way back, she suddenly heard someone calling her. "Lenora?"

Lenora turned around, looking at the person with a faint smile. "Mr. Lothar."

"Lenora, is that really you? Are you here for a meal too? Zachary is in that private room over there. Would you like to go over and say hello?" Charles pointed to a nearby private room.

Lenora glanced over, inevitably recalling the scene at the entrance of the photo studio.

If Zachary is here, doesn't that mean Susanna is also here? While she was hesitating, Charles had

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already walked toward the door of the private room.

Lenora had no choice but to follow.

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She subtly took a deep breath, maintaining her composure. It was Charles who invited me. I didn't come on my own accord. We're not here to tail Zachary, so what's there to be afraid of? Charles pushed open the door of the private room, where the atmosphere was lively.

Lenora stood at the door, her gaze casually sweeping across the room. She immediately spotted Zachary, who was seated in the middle of the couch, and Susanna beside him.

It seemed as if the two of them were in a different world from everyone else.

Zachary tilted his head slightly toward Susanna, listening to whatever she was whispering in his ear, a gentle smile gracing his face.

Susanna, with an intimate gesture, held onto his arm and suddenly planted a kiss on his face.

Zachary was taken aback.

Suddenly, Charles' voice echoed from the entrance. "Zack, guess who's here?"

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Zachary looked up, his gaze immediately landing on the figure of Lenora standing at the doorway.

She stood against the light, her facial expression obscured and hard to discern. Yet, he had a gut feeling that she was looking at him.

"I happened to run into Charles in the corridor. Thus, I thought I'd come over and say hello to everyone." Lenora said with a slight smile, her gaze sweeping over the crowd.

"Are you here to eat with friends?" Zachary asked.

"Mm-hmm."

Michael asked with a smile, "Lenora, what have you been busy with lately?"

"The endorsement of MQ."

Michael was taken aback, suddenly realizing he had dropped a bombshell.

However, the others were unaware that was a ticking bomb. Pointing at Susanna, Charles laughed and said, "Isn't the spokesperson right here?"

With a warm yet indifferent smile, Lenora walked straight up to the table and picked up an empty wine glass. She poured herself a cup of wine and said, "Today, I happened to run into you all. Allow me to toast you with wine. I apologize for the intrusion, and I'll invite for a meal another day. Zachary, this toast is for you too."

She enunciated "Zachary" with exceptional clarity.

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Ever since they got married, Lenora hardly ever called him "Zachary" anymore. Instead, she affectionately referred to him as "Zack."

Lenora emptied the wine glass in her hand in one go.

"Now, if you excuse me, I have some matters to attend to, so I won't disturb you any longer. Lenora put down her wine glasses.

Just then, Charles chimed in, "Nora, this won't do! Susanna is sitting right here. Aren't you going to toast her?"

Charles is courting death. Michael was cursing Charles in his mind because he was about to smooth things over. However, the busybodies around him had already started stirring up trouble. "Lenora, aren't you going to toast Susanna, who Zachary personally stamped

approval on? Aren't you two still collaborating? Have a drink."

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Lenora lowered her gaze, lightly pressing her lips together.

How could she possibly offer a toast to Susanna

"I don't think she need to," Michael said.

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mile. "What's the matter? Are you dissatisfied with Susanna, This is the wife Zachary has chosen."

His words carried a hidden depth of meaning.

He was basically saying. "How could you, a young lady adopted by the Fuller family, dare to disrespect the future Mrs. Fuller?"

After all, if even Lenora didn't recognize Susanna, then the person with the title of Mrs. Fuller wouldn't hold any authority in the circle. Gerald had always doted on Lenora, so Lenora's attitude perhaps represented his attitude.

Everyone turned their gaze toward Lenora.

Susanna smiled gently, smoothing things over. "Nora surely didn't mean it that way, Charles. Don't put Nora in a difficult position."

"Susanna, you're still as understanding as ever." Charles turned to look at Zachary. "Zack, Susanna is your girlfriend. Aren't you going to say something?" Suddenly, everyone's attention shifted to Zachary.

Lenora looked at Zachary, her hand curling into a fist.

Zachary looked up.

Their eyes met, their gazes intertwined.

He leaned over to pick up the wine glass on the table, poured a small amount, and placed it in front of Lenora. "Lenora, do me a favor. Toast a drink to Susanna." His words wounded Lenora.

After all, he was asking her, his wife, to propose toast to Susanna in front of all his friends.

Lenora wondered if he considered her as his wife at all or if she was merely a plaything for his amusement.

Lenora's body stiffened as if she had fallen into an icy cave.

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Zachary adjusted his tie and narrowed his eyes. What's the matter? You don't want to do it? Or do you not acknowledge Susanna?"

Listening to his casual words, Lenora felt a wave of sourness surge in her throat, and she unconsciously frowned, Zachary, you really know how to bully people! You know just how to hurt me the most.

"Lenora, isn't it just a matter of offering a toast to Susanna? Why the unwillingness?"

"Ms. Carston is really considerate. What's the harm in offering a toast to her?"

With a taut expression, Lenora pursed her lips, stepped forward, and picked up the wine glass on the table. She raised it slightly in front of Susanna, then drained it in one gulp.

She set down her wine glass, said nothing, and turned to leave.

"You didn't even say anything to Susanna while doing it," Charles said with a laugh.

"She really thinks she's the daughter of the Fuller family. How dare she show such an attitude to Zack."

"It's already a privilege for her to have a place in Fuller Group. Ms. Carston is the future lady of the Fuller family, yet Lenora dares to disregard her. Zack, are you just going to stand by and watch Ms. Carston be wronged?" Michael cleared his throat, looking at Zachary, whose face was growing increasingly dark. "Let's stop talking for now."

Upon seeing Zachary's displeased expression, everyone assumed that he was unhappy with Lenora. Consequently, no one else brought up the matter again.

There was one person, presumably trying to curry favor with Zachary and Susanna, who loudly said, "Mr. Fuller, Lenora was only a teenager when she came to the Fuller family. She can't even be considered as an adopted daughter of the family. You can't spoil her like this. Look at her now. She doesn't even regard you and Ms. Carston

properly. Isn't she just relying on the support of the Old Mr. Fuller? If you don't teach her a lesson, maybe even the shares in Old Mr. Fuller's hands will end up with her."

"Oh? And how do you think she should be taught a lesson?" Zachary asked, his expression somber and inscrutable, casually swirling his wine glass.

"Isn't it simple? She's not married yet, right? Just find a man for her to marry. Won't her husband be grateful to you?"

"That's a good idea you have there."

Upon hearing the praise, the person smiled.

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Zachary slowly stood up and suddenly kicked the man in the back of the latter's knee.

Caught off guard, the man fell to his knees with a thud, a sharp pain shooting through both of them.

Everyone was taken aback.

Zachary looked at the person coldly. "Lenora is still a member of the Fuller family, no matter how inadequate she may be. I don't want to hear the same words again." "Yes, yes, yes."

"I'm leaving." Zachary turned to Susanna and said, "I'll have the driver take you home."

Lenora returned to her private room, appearing calm on the surface. However, inside, she was already in unbearable pain, unable to muster any energy.

The three of them had work the next day, so they didn't chat too late into the night..

Jonas settled the bill, and the three of them headed to the garage together.

Fiona waved at them. "My car is parked over there. I'll be leaving first." "Mm-hmm." Lenora nodded in response, then said to Jonas, "I should be going now."

Jonas reminded, "Don't forget to come over to my place for dinner in a couple of days."

"I won't

Fiona, who hadn't walked far, nearly spat out the saliva in her mouth in surprise. Her round eyes stared at Lenora in disbelief. She told me there's nothing going on between the two of them, yet she's already meeting his parents! Could it be that the boyfriend Lenora mentioned is actually Jonas? Jonas' career is currently on the rise. I bet Lenora has not yet made their relationship public out of fear. of affecting Jonas's career.

Fiona felt that she had discovered the truth.

Lenora had no idea that Fiona had deduced so much in such a short period of time.

Lenora drove into the garage of the mansion, carrying her handbag as she entered the living room, only to find Zachary sitting on the living room couch.

He

was

5 still dressed in a suit, leaning against the back of the couch. His elbow was bent. forearm resting over his eyes, as if he had fallen asleep. Hearing a noise at the entrance, he slowly raised his arm, opened his eyes, and looked straight at her.

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""You're back?" Zachary asked.

Lenora paid no attention to him and went straight upstairs.

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Zachary's eyes darkened, his gaze trailing her figure until it disappeared at the end of the

staircase.

After sitting downstairs for a while, Zachary got up and went straight to the master bedroom upstairs. He pushed open the door but didn't see anyone in the room. All he

could hear was the sound of running water from the bathroom. Lenora was taking a shower. Zachary's Adam's Apple bobbed as he loosened his collar. He picked up a bathrobe from the wardrobe and headed to the bathroom outside to freshen up and take a bath.

Zachary returned from outside just in time to bump into Lenora coming out of the bathroom.

She had forgotten to bring her pajamas. Her hair was half-dried, and she was only wrapped in a bath towel that hung from her chest, barely covering her buttocks. Her neck was graceful, her shoulders round and slender. The parts hidden by the towel were perky and full. Zachary seemed to be able to recall their touch. Her long, slender legs were bare, her skin as white as milk, smooth as silk.

Their eyes met.

Lenora immediately averted her gaze, heading to the wardrobe to fetch her pajamas. As she did so, she casually mentioned, "I'll be sleeping in the guest room tonight."

"Lenora, what's the meaning of this?" Zachary turned his head to look at her.

"It's no big deal. I'm just granting you two of your wishes," Lenora sneered, a faint scent of alcohol wafting from her.

Zachary leaned lazily against the doorframe. "Are you upset because I asked you to toast Susanna?"

"Did

you think I won't?" Hearing his nonchalant tone, Lenora raised an eyebrow.

She was upset about more than just the toast.

The way his &

his friends rallied around Susanna was particularly grating to Lenora.

"Sooner or later, you'll be referring to Susanna as your sister-in-law. Why fuss over this one time?"

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"You can rest assured. After the divorce, I will never refer to a third wheel like her as my sister-in-law."

"Lenora!" Zachary's face darkened.

"What do you want me to do?"

Zachary straightened up and stepped forward. "You say Susanna is a third wheel. Then what about the man at the entrance of the photo studio?"

Lenora had no idea how he ended up involving Jonas.

Seeing her silence, Zachary spoke again. "Is he the one you like? Ever since I returned from my business trip, you've been rejecting me. You've been contemplating divorce for a while. now, haven't you?"

Lenora never expected Zachary to turn the tables on her. She smirked with fury and said, "That's because..."

She stopped mid-sentence, her voice abruptly cut off. She swallowed her words. "Think what you will."

"Why? Because you want to remain pure for the one you love? You know what I think? I think you simply can't explain anything. It's why you agreed to the divorce so readily. It turns out that Susanna and I have been fulfilling your wishes all along, even taking the blame for you in front of my grandparents." Zachary's eyes were dark as he calmly voiced his suspicions.

"Why would you think that?"

"Isn't that the case? Would you rather help both of us or would you prefer to be with the one you love?"

Lenora burst into incredulous laughter.

Earlier, her heart had been wounded by him to the point of numbness, riddled with countless scars.

She closed her eyes in resignation. "Think what you will. I need to go back and rest."

She was simply too exhausted to engage in any further disputes with Zachary,

Lenora turned around and walked away.

"Hold on." Zachary grasped her wrist. "You take the master bedroom, I'll sleep in the guest room..."

When he ended his sentence, Lenora let out a startled cry. She was pulled off balance and

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suddenly toppled over to one side.

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With a swift extension of his long arm, Zachary quickly pulled Lenora into his embrace. "Are you okay?"

"I'm fine." Lenora shook her head, still in shock.

Suddenly, her towel fell to the ground.

A chill ran through her entire body.

Lenora was taken aback, her face flushing bright red in an instant. She was all flustered, hands moving up and down in a frenzy. "You... Stop looking!" she stammered.

Zachary stared at her flustered appearance and couldn't help but feel a playful urge to tease her. "I've seen it before, you know."

As he glanced at her naked body unintentionally, his Adam's apple bobbed involuntarily, and he found it hard to look away.

"Aren't you going to the guest room? Hurry up!" Lenora hurriedly picked up the bath towel, holding it in front of her chest for cover.

As she lifted her gaze, she met Zachary's pair of deep, dark eyes, as if they were trying to draw her in.

Lenora was taken aback.

The handsome face before her gradually enlarged, and his warm breath sprinkled on her face.

She couldn't help but close her eyes.

Even with her eyes closed, she could sense the darkness before her, the light being blocked OUL

Yet, the kiss never seemed to come.

Lenora opened her eyes.

Zachary had already taken a few steps back. "I'm sorry, I'm heading to the guest room. You should rest early

He stood outside the door, closing his eyes, striving to forget the scene that had just played out in his mind. I almost leaned in for a kiss. I must be truly gone mad. I'm about to divorce Lenora and be with Susanna soon. How can / still be with Lehora?

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He comforted himself, thinking it was only natural for a normal man to have a physical reaction to Lenora's hot, naked body.

Zachary rubbed his brow.

Listening to the heavy sound of the closing door, Lenora stood rigidly in place.

The icy air around her seeped into her skin, strand by strand.

In a hurry, she lifted the blanket, covering her body and shrinking into the corner of the bed. She buried her head into the blanket as tears seeped from the corners of her eyes, soaking into the bedding.

Zachary's cold departure was like a harsh slap landing squarely on Lenora's face.

Whenever he showed her the slightest bit of affection, she would completely lose herself in it. She really was so easily swayed!

Not long ago, he had her propose a toast to Susanna. Yet, with just a slight tease from him, she couldn't help but throw herself at him! Even when I handed myself to him on a silver platter, he still didn't look at me! He is truly loyal to Susanna. I've embarrassed myself again. He must think I'm a cheap woman. Then again, he never truly considered me his wife. To him, I am merely a plaything. When he was in a good mood, he didn't mind pampering me; when he wasn't, he would manipulate me at will. Compared to Susanna, I am even more delusional. Lenora, remember this. Stop longing for things that don't belong to you. Let's get divorced quickly. I don't want to stay here anymore. I want to leave. I miss Dad. I want to resign, go to a nice place, and quietly give birth to my child and raise them. Boom!

Some time later, the thunder roared continuously outside.

Lenora jolted awake from her dream, her heart pounding fiercely.

She silently stared into the darkness before her, taking a few breaths, and wiped the sweat from her forehead.

Flames, fresh blood, and scenes flashed before her eyes. Her mind was filled with gruesome images that she just couldn't shake off.

The moment she closed her eyes, the piercing sound of screeching brakes would echo in her cars. She would see her father, drenched in blood, his bones exposed.

Rumble...

Lenora gritted her teeth, her body trembling, and the sweat on her forehead increasing. Her breathing became increasingly rapid, and the scene before her eyes gradually blurred.

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Not good. Lenora mustered her strength to leave the bed, rummaging through boxes and drawers in the dark until she finally found her medicine. She unscrewed the bottle

and poured out a single pill. Just as she was about to pop the pill into her mouth, she suddenly remembered she was pregnant. She couldn't take that medicine anymore..

With trembling hands, Lenora pushed the medicine back in place and lay down on the bed again, curling up into a ball. Everything will be all right. Just hang in there a little longer. Everything will be all right. Outside, the thunder rumbled ominously, intermittently punctuated by flashes of lightning. In the stillness of the deep night, it was particularly frightening.

Suddenly, the sound of the door handle being turned echoed in the room.

The voice was faint, but in the quiet room, it was exceptionally clear.

Lenora, like a cat shocked by electricity, bristled all over, her body tensing up. She watched the door warily, shrinking into her blanket, peering out with one eye. She held her breath, daring not to make a single move. The door to the room was opened.

A towering figure made his way toward the large bed.

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Lenora quickly closed her eyes, pretending to be asleep.

Don't see me, don't see me, don't see me... She silently repeated in her heart.

Yet, her body was subtly trembling, revealing her emotions beyond any doubt.

The footsteps of the man were getting closer and closer.

He walked toward the bed.

Lenora's heart leapt into her throat.

Suddenly, a chill ran through her body as the blanket was lifted off.

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Startled, Lenora froze in place. Her eyes were tightly shut, her legs stiffened, and she silently repeated to herself, I am sleeping, I am sleeping. As long as I can't see his face, he won't kill me.

"I know you're awake. Open your eyes and look at me, or else face the consequences." The man whispered softly into her ear, his breath cool against her skin.

Lenora's mind went blank. She opened her eyes in fear, her voice trembling as she said, "I'm opening my eyes, please don't kill me, please don't kill-

In the middle of her sentence, she clearly saw the man's face before her.

It was none other than Zachary.

Lenora's expression completely froze, her face showing a mix of fear, confusion, and a touch of embarrassment.

She forgot that Zachary was still at home, and with the mansion's strict security, there was no way anyone could break in.

Lenora blinked. "Why are you here?"

"There's thunder outside. I was

our after their marriage that. Worried you might not be able to sleep." Zachary only found

fearless outside the house.

was afraid of thunderstorms, even though she appeared

Lenora pursed her lips, "I'm not having trouble sleeping."

"Oh? Really?"

"Really." Lenora firmly replied.

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"Then, should I leave now?" Zachary made a move to stand up from the bed.

Lenora stiffened all over and opened her mouth, but no words came out. 22%

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She rolled over, facing inward, and muttered under her breath, "Leave if you want to."

The sound of departing footsteps echoed from behind as the door swung open and closed.

He really left. Tears welled in Lenora's eyes.

She sniffed. I knew it. Zachary doesn't really care about me. He's just putting up an act. If that's the case, why did he bother to come? Why did he give me hope only to let me down? Although, isn't Zachary always like this? "You wanted me to leave, didn't you? Why are you crying now?" A voice echoed in Lenora's ear, causing her to stiffen.

She abruptly turned around and found Zachary standing by the bed. "You... You didn't leave?"

"I didn't leave." Zachary sat on the edge of the bed, turning to lie down.

He reached out and gently patted Lenora's shoulder. "All right, go to sleep. I'll stay here with you. Once you're asleep, I'll leave."

Lenora gave a noncommittal, "Mhm." Oh Zachary, why must you be this way? You'll treat me harshly then nicely. I know his tenderness is like arsenic, poisoning me to the marrow, yet I can't bring myself to push him away. Eventually, she fell asleep.

The next day, Lenora woke up to find Zachary was no longer by her side. The doors and windows were tightly shut, as if Zachary had never been there at all.

After washing herself, Lenora had breakfast and headed to the office. She spent half the day engrossed in work before finally making her way to the photography studio in the afternoon.

After a day of adjustment, the shooting speed noticeably increased, and Susanna gradually hit her stride.

During the break, Fiona showed Lenora some photos she had taken that day with her camera.

Once the venue was reorganized, the shooting resumed.

Under the spotlight, Susanna, with her exquisite makeup and styling, was undeniably breathtakingly beautiful. Even Lenora had to admit she was somewhat dazzled by Susanna.

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Alas, the shooting was over, and everyone was packing to leave.

Lenora stepped forward, joining Fiona to examine the photos in the camera.

Susanna also came over to take a look together.

Yelena called out, "Susanna, guess who's here?" 22%

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Susanna looked up, joyfully exclaiming, "Zack!"

Zachary strode over, his expression suddenly changing. "Watch out!"

Upon hearing the sound, Lenora looked up, only to realize that she had been pushed forcefully. Bang!

The shelf beside her crashed to the ground, creating a thunderous noise.

Lenora stumbled and fell to the ground, feeling a sharp, bone-piercing pain radiating from

her ankle.

"Are you hurt?" Zachary asked, holding Susanna with concern.

"Zack, you scared me to death. Thank goodness you arrived in time and picked me up. If you hadn't pulled me just now, I would have definitely been hit." Susanna leaned against Zachary, her face filled with fear.

"That was close. The shelf was just a few centimeters away from you. Thankfully, Mr. Fuller was quick to react." Yelena stepped forward and said, "We really owe Mr. Fuller a big thank you. Without him, you would have definitely been injured, Susanna." The scene before Lenora stung her.

She was so upset she couldn't even feel the pain in her ankle. In his eyes, there is only Susanna. All he could see is Susanna.

What hurt Lenora the most was not Zachary's concern for Susanna, but the push Zachary gave her.

That push placed her in danger.

He simply didn't care about my safety. His only concern is Susanna. He would even let me suffer or die in place of Susanna. However, Zachary, if you're so fond of Susanna, why did you come last night? Why is it that every time my wounds are about to heal, a knife is thrust into my heart? Lenora held back

her tears.

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Fiona watched in disbelief as the rack crashed down in front of her. The loud noise had left her stunned. Snapping back to reality, she quickly put down her camera to help Lenora. "Nora, are you okay?"

A slight movement of Lenora's ankle brought a piercing pain to her as if millions of ants were gnawing at her lower abdomen, causing a dull ache.

Lenora suddenly felt something was wrong. She grabbed Fiona's hand, struggling to say, "Fifi, take me to the hospital quickly!"

Only then did Zachary notice Lenora sitting on the ground. His face changed immediately, and he rushed over to pick her up. "Nora, are you okay? I'll take you to the hospital."

At that moment, Lenora couldn't care less about anything else. Grasping his arm, she said weakly. "Hurry!"

The pain in Lenora's abdomen was becoming increasingly evident, a look of panic and agony etched on Lenora's face. My child! I must protect my child!

Zachary held Lenora tightly, quickly getting into the car. He urgently told the driver, "Quick! Take us to the nearest hospital immediately!"

Without uttering another word, the driver immediately started the car and drove off.

Lenora leaned into Zachary's embrace, her consciousness gradually blurring.

Zachary anxiously whispered in her ear, "Nora? Nora, don't fall asleep. We're almost at the hospital."

"Mmm." Lenora vaguely heard it, forcing herself to stay conscious.

In a daze, Lenora was rushed to the emergency room. Weakly, she pleaded with the doctor. "Doctor, please save my child. I beg you, you must save my child."

"Don't worry, we will do everything in our power to save them," said the doctor.

After receiving the doctor's response, Lenora breathed a sigh of relief. However, she didn't forget to add, "The man outside is my ex-husband. Please don't tell him about my pregnancy."

The doctor was surprised. The man outside seems quite concerned about her. I initially thought they were a young married couple, but who would have thought they were already divorced? Well, patients have their own privacy. Since she is unwilling to share, it's only natural I keep her secret. Although, why does the man outside look somewhat familiar?

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After an indeterminate amount of time, Lenora woke up in complete darkness. The first thing she noticed was the smell of disinfectant.

Lenora opened her eyes, looked around, and realized she was in a hospital room.

"Lenora, are you awake? How are you feeling?" Aman's voice entered her ear.

Upon opening her eyes. Lenora was met with the handsome and dashing face of Zachary.

Subconsciously, she rested her hand on her own abdomen.

"I'm fine." She glanced out the window, noticing that it was already dark outside.

Just then, her stomach grumbled.

"Are you hungry? Shall I have some food sent over?" suggested Zachary.

"I'm afraid it'll be too slow. I'm really hungry now, can you go buy something for me?" Lenora looked up at him.

For the first time, Zachary saw Lenora with such a well-behaved and gentle expression. Subconsciously, he nodded. "All right, I'll go buy it for you. Be careful in the ward by yourself. If you need anything, call the nurse. Don't get out of bed on your own." Lenora nodded.

After Zachary left, Lenora rang the bell, and a nurse quickly arrived. "Do you need anything? Are you feeling any discomfort?"

"I want to know about my child..." said Lenora.

"Rest assured, your child is fine. However, your fetus is currently unstable, and you've sprained your ankle. I would advise you to stay in bed and avoid walking around for the next few days."

Upon hearing the answer she desired, Lenora finally breathed a sigh of relief. "All right, thank

you."

"You're welcome. Due to your pregnancy, we didn't prescribe any oral medication for you. Instead, we've given you an external treatment to apply to your sprained ankle. Just make sure to change it on time. You should be able to leave the hospital tomorrow." "All right, thank you."

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Before long, Zachary returned with his purchases.

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He bought the meal in the hospital cafeteria. It was a balanced combination of one meat dish, one vegetable dish, a bowl of soup, and a serving of rice, topped off with a pear and a bottle of milk.

Lenora opened her meal box and started eating "Why don't you go home first? The nurse is here. You can come and pick me up when I'm discharged tomorrow. If you're busy, just send the driver."

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stay here with you. It's not convenient for you to be alone with your leg injured. I've already asked the driver to bring some fresh clothes," answered Zachary.

A warmth spread through Lenora's heart. "All right."

Suddenly, Zachary's phone started to ring.

He pulled out his phone from his pocket, glanced at the screen, and answered the call as he walked away. "Hello, Susanna?"

Upon hearing those two words, Lenora blinked, and she listened carefully.

Unfortunately, he walked too far away for her to hear anything.

After a moment, Zachary returned, apologizing, Lenora, I'm sorry. Susanna is not doing well. I must go to her now. I've called the driver to bring Miranda here. I'll come to pick you up and take you home tomorrow." Before Lenora could respond, Zachary quickly walked out of the sickroom.

Watching his anxious figure, Lenora let out a bitter smile.

In the end, the driver still brought the housekeeper over, who spent the night in the hospital with Lenora.

Early the next morning, after Lenora had her medicine changed, the driver came to take her home.

With Miranda's help, Lenora, leaning on her crutch, made her way to the car.

There was only the driver in the car.

Zachary didn't come.

Lenora lowered her head, pursing her lips.

She sat in the car, watching the scenery flashing by outside the window. Quietly, she

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harbored a hope in her heart that Zachary would come.

She was really easy to appease.

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However, Zachary simply wasn't willing to expend even that bit of effort on her.

Lenora's leg was injured, so naturally, she couldn't go to the office. She had Milly bring her laptop home so she could work from there, handling some of the daily tasks with ease.

To avoid the hassle of going up and down the stairs, she stayed in her second-floor bedroom without ever stepping out.

Her meals were also brought to her by the housekeeper.

At that moment, Lenora was busy with her work. Hearing the door open, she thought it was the housekeeper bringing food, and casually said. "Just leave it on the table. I'll eat in a bit." "Let's eat first before you get back to work. You can spare a little time," Zachary said.

Lenora looked up and saw that it was Zachary who had come to bring her food. "You're off work."

"Mm-hmm." Lenora closed her laptop.

Zachary promptly placed the meal on the bedside table in front of her and then went downstairs to eat.

After she finished eating, he came up to collect the bowls and fork for Lenora.

When Zachary came back up, he had an extra bag in his hand, filled with Lenora's medicine..

That included not only the medicine just prescribed by the hospital, but also the medication previously taken by Lenora for "digestive discomfort".

As Lenora watched Zachary take out each medicine one by one, a jolt went through her heart as her fingers tightly clutched the corner of her clothes.

Zachary held up two unmarked white bottles, giving them a little shake. "These are the gastrointestinal medicines you prescribed from the hospital, but what's with this packaging?"

Lenora nervously explained, "I changed it myself. The boxes were inconvenient, and I may be on a business trip next week, so I switched to bottles."

That reason was somewhat acceptable, so Zachary didn't press further. "Your foot may not heal by the end of the week. If it's not absolutely necessary, let someone else go." "Mhm," Lenora responded, quietly letting out a sigh of relief.

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He glanced again at the other medicines in the bag, took them out, and asked, "Yesterday, the hospital only prescribed medicines that are applied externally. Didn't they give any oral anti-inflammatory drugs or something like blood circulation-promoting medicines?" Lenora shook her head and said, "I've been having some stomach issues recently. The doctor said the medication may irritate my stomach, so he didn't prescribe any."

It's because of a bad stomach

Zachary slightly furrowed his brows, feeling that something was amiss, yet he couldn't quite put his finger on it.

"I'm here to change your dressing." Zachary said, walking over with a roll of gauze and some medicine. He sat down by the bed and lifted Lenora's blanket.

"How about asking Miranda to change it for me?" suggested Lenora.

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"Should I invite her up then?"

Lenora pursed her lips, but said nothing.

Zachary knew that whenever she acted like that, Lenora's words didn't match her true feelings.

He firmly held her injured foot in his large hand. His hand was so warm that the heat made her want to pull away.

He carefully removed the bandage, revealing a swollen ankle joint and the ointment on it that had not been fully absorbed.

Zachary first used an alcohol wipe to remove the excess ointment, revealing the swollen joint in its original state. It was white, bulging, and elevated, resembling a puffed-up loaf of bread.

Zachary picked up a cotton swab again, applying a fresh layer of ointment on the ankle, then wrapped it up with gauze and finally tied a knot

"All right." Zachary carefully tucked the blanket around Lenora again.

"Thank you," she said.

Zachary put all the medicines back. "No need to thank me. Why are you being so formal with

At that moment, Zachary's cell phone rang. He took it out, glanced at the screen with a slight frown, and answered the call. "Hello, Susanna...

Zachary's expression gradually became serious as he listened to the call. "All right, I understand. I'm on my way."

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Zachary hung up the phone and strode out.

Lenora stopped him, looking at him. "Will you be coming back tonight?"

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"I'll try." Zachary said.

"What's wrong with Ms. Carston?" Lenora asked, gathering her courage.

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She had a premonition deep in her heart that once Zachary left, he wouldn't return, just like yesterday.

What could be the reason Susanna called him away? This has been going on for two days.

Zachary turned to look at her, frowning slightly "Lenora, you wouldn't have asked so many questions before."

Lenora's face turned pale. "My foot hurts a lot. Could you-"

"Your foot injury isn't serious. If you need anything, just call Miranda."

Zachary's tone was cold, and without looking back, he left.

Looking at his retreating figure, Lenora felt an extreme bitterness in her heart.

She rarely let down her tough exterior and revealed a hint of vulnerability, yet he had accused her of being meddlesome.

When someone is not interested in you, showing your vulnerability won't make any difference.

They were already on the verge of divorce. What right did she have to interfere?

She had been confused. When Zachary applied the medicine for her, she had lost herself completely.

Once again, she had brought shame upon herself.

What Lenora hadn't expected was that when Zachary left, he didn't just leave for one night. He didn't return the next day, not even by the evening.

She was restless, sitting on the bed until late into the night, mindlessly scrolling through her phone until she could no longer resist and fell asleep. She left a lamp lit by her bedside. When she woke up in the morning, the sheets beside her were neat and tidy, showing not signs of anyone having been there.

Lenora lay on the bed, staring at the ceiling, and let out a long sigh.

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Why bother?

Since we're getting a divorce, why hold on to such hope?

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However, he was the man she had adored for ten years, the man she had shared a bed with as husband and wife for three years. How could she possibly let go willingly? Perhaps when Zachary continued to disappoint her, eroding all her love for him, she would no longer hold onto hope.

Lenora lay in bed for a while, then struggled to get up and freshen up.

It was Sunday, and tomorrow, which was Monday, was the day she and Zachary had agreed to pick up their divorce papers.

Once they received their divorce certificate, their relationship would be completely and utterly over.

They still had to live together but without the constraints of marriage.

No matter how close he was with Susanna, she no longer had any say in the matter. All she could do was watch helplessly as her husband became another woman's man. Days like these were likely to be even harder to endure.

Lenora didn't want to live this kind of life, nor did she want to become a resentful woman.

She walked onto the balcony with the support of her cane and settled down in the rocking chair to bask in the sunlight.

A notification sound from WhatsApp came from the phone nearby right then.

Lenora picked up the phone. It was a message from Jonas.

FatCat: Didn't you say you were going to visit my house in a couple of days? It's already the weekend Why haven't you come yet?

Only then did Lenora remember the promise she had made to Jonas a few days ago. She quickly replied to the message.

Hot NCold: I'm sorry. I'm afraid I won't be able to make it. Please apologize to your parents on my behalf. When I have time in the future, I will definitely go visit them.

FatCat: What's wrong? Have you been too busy with work? I haven't seen you at the studio these past few days.

Hot NCold: It's a long story. I haven't been to the studio these past few days because the last time I went,

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I got hit by a rack and sprained my foot. I'm still lying at home right now....

Jonas was silent for a moment, and then suddenly a video call came through.

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Lenora answered the call, and Jonas' handsome face appeared on the screen. He looked worriedly at the phone screen and asked, "How are you? Is it serious? Have you been to the hospital? What did the doctor say?" Lenora reassured him, "Don't worry. I went to the hospital right away. The doctor said it's not serious. A few days of rest at home will do."

As she spoke, Lenora switched her front-facing camera to the rear one, showing Jonas her bandaged right ankle. The swelling was clearly visible and quite pronounced.

"It's not serious? How did it end up like this?"

"Maybe I'm just unlucky. Things have been going against me lately," Lenora said with a smile.

"Hey, I'm off for a few days, and my mom is planning to visit the church. How about I ask her to get a rosary for you?"

"That's great!" Lenora switched the camera back to the front-facing mode.

"Hey, where are you staying? Since you can't come over, how about I come to see you? What would you like to eat? I can bring some along. Would that be convenient?" Jonas said, seemingly without any particular intention.

Lenora and Jonas were childhood playmates, but they had only formally reunited last year. Due to Jonas' demanding job, they rarely had the chance to meet privately. Most of their encounters were arranged outside for meals, or Lenora would visit Jonas' parents at his home. Jonas was unaware of Lenora's circumstances, only knowing that she had been adopted by the Fuller family.

Since Jonas had suggested coming over to see her, Lenora naturally wouldn't refuse, especially since Zachary was not at home.

She agreed with a smile, "All right, you can come over. I live in Galaxy Bay. Let me know when you reach the gate. Oh, and when you come, could you get the duck confit from that place on Hill Road, and the Black Forest cake from the bakery on the first floor of Glory Plaza?"

"These two places are not on the way..."

"Could you please go out of your way for me? If you're coming to see me, you should at least show some sincerity."

"All right, all right, I'm on my way." Jonas replied with an indulgent smile, his tone laced with

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affection.

When Jonas arrived, it was already nearing noon.

The security guard specifically made a video call to confirm, only then did he let Jonas into the residential area.

At this moment, with the help of Miranda, Lenora had already made her way from the second floor to the first and was sitting in the living room.

Jonas found the location of the mansion based on the house number given by Lenora.

As he walked in from outside, he commented, "The property prices here must be pretty steep, right?"

Lenora chuckled and said, "You're a big star. Are you really short on money?"

"Well, not really. I just want to see how the Fuller family treats you. If they don't treat you well, I might as well just take you in and have you live at my place." Jonas said, half-jokingly. half-seriously.

Just then, the housekeeper emerged from the kitchen and asked, "Miss, what would you two like to have for lunch today?"

Lenora had specifically asked Miranda to address her that.

She was about to divorce Zachary. This obscure chapter of her life was unknown to her friends, and at this point, there was no need to let him know.

After the divorce, the mansion would be under Lenora's name. Inviting Jonas over was no issue.

Lenora listed a few of her favorite dishes, then turned to Jonas and said, "Tell Miranda what you like to eat. Her cooking skills are top-notch. She can make anything."

"Well then, I won't hold back." Jonas also named a few dishes he liked.

Miranda went back into the kitchen. Lenora said to Jonas, "Bring out the Black Forest cake you bought for me. I want to eat it now."

"All right

This time, Jonas had brought quite a few gifts. He went outside to the trunk of his car and had to make two trips to bring everything in. The items weren't anything rare or extraordinary. They were simply tokens of affection from Jonas' parents. Lenora pointed to one side of the living room and said, "Just leave everything here. After we

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finish eating, we'll have Miranda clean it up."

While nodding, Jonas took the duck confit in his hands to the kitchen.

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During lunch, the two of them chatted and laughed, reminiscing about their childhood. They couldn't help but burst into laughter, creating a harmonious atmosphere.

It was past one in the afternoon when Jonas drove off.

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Lenora returned to her bedroom to take an afternoon nap.

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Just past three in the afternoon, Zachary returned home, looking weary. He headed straight.

the kitchen and poured himself a glass of water. His eyes casually fell on a pile of gifts in the corner of the kitchen. He asked, "Miranda, did we have any visitors today?"

Miranda replied truthfully, "Mrs. Fuller's friend visited today."

Miranda seemed to want to say something, but then she stopped herself.

Zachary looked at her. "And then?"

"Mrs. Fuller asked me to refer to her as 'Miss' in front of her friends."

Zachary's brow furrowed. "Her friend is a man?"

"Yes,"

Zachary had a hunch that this friend who had visited their home today was the one Lenora had feelings for.

It seems that Lenora is pretending to be unmarried in front of that person, which indicates that she must really like him. She's probably afraid that he might reject her

because she's been married before. Zachary held his water cup, took a sip, and then asked, "How is the man? I mean, what does he look like?"

"He seems to be a celebrity."

Miranda didn't really watch new dramas. She only found Jonas vaguely familiar but couldn't recall his name.

Celebrity.

Zachary recalled that the last time at the entrance of the studio, that person was fully equipped with a face mask and hat, looking every bit like a celebrity.

Indeed, he's the person Lenora likes.

Zachary took another sip of water, put down the cup, and headed straight upstairs.

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She was staring blank

at the ceiling when suddenly, she caught the sound of footsteps

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outside the door. Turning her gaze toward the entrance, she saw Zachary pushing the door. open.

If it were this time yesterday, Lenora would have been very happy to see Zachary return.

But now, Lenora had been waiting for too long. When Zachary returned, she didn't feel much of a stir in her heart.

He must have returned at this time to get the divorce certificate with me tomorrow.

It seems he can't wait any longer.

"Are you awake?" Zachary walked over and sat by the bed.

Lenora hummed in acknowledgment, sitting up from the bed. She was about to carefully phrase a question, asking why he hadn't come back the night before yesterday and last night.

The moment she began to speak, she abruptly noticed that Zachary's clothes were somewhat disheveled, especially his shirt, which had many more wrinkles than usual. Right at the collar, there was a faint trace of a lipstick mark. Drawing closer slowly and taking a delicate sniff, she could catch the scent of a woman's perfume on him.

She had interacted with Susanna before, and she was very clear that this was the perfume Susanna often wore.

In an instant, Lenora felt as if she had been struck by lightning, her mind a complete blank.

She had once imagined that Zachary and Susanna might already have been intimate with each other. But seeing it with her own eyes at this moment, Lenora still found it hard to accept.

Her nose tingled, and her eyes immediately reddened.

The lipstick mark on the collar was so glaring to Lenora at this moment. It felt like an unabashed taunt directed at her.

Lenora suddenly shouted, "Don't come over."

Suddenly, a wave of nausea hit Lenora, and she leaned over the edge of the bed, retching.

Zachary immediately brought a trash can over for Lenora.

His approach intensified Lenora's reaction.

Zachary realized something. He turned his head to sniff his own shoulder and said to Lenora,

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Lenora lay on the edge of the bed, dry heaving for a few minutes. Yet, nothing came out. Instead, it was her tears that were forced out.

Zachary went to take a bath and changed into a fresh set of clothes. When he returned to the bedroom, he saw that Lenora had already calmed down. He began to explain. "You misunderstood. There's nothing going on between me and-" "Zachary, I have something to tell you," Lenora calmly interrupted him.

She knew Zachary's nature. Before the official divorce, he wouldn't have anything to do with Susanna. Otherwise, that lipstick mark wouldn't have been on his clothes, but on him.

However, she no longer wanted to hear his explanation.

Since we're both heading toward divorce, what's the point in him explaining anything?

He will inevitably be with Susanna, sooner or later.

It's just a matter of time.

"What is it?"

"After we divorce tomorrow, I'm thinking of quitting my job."

As the words echoed, a profound silence enveloped the bedroom.

After a long while, Zachary finally asked, "Lenora, are you sure you want to quit?"

"Yes." Lenora nodded seriously.

"What are you quitting your job for? Isn't being the director of MQ good enough?" Zachary frowned, puzzled.

"What I plan to do after quitting my job is my own business. With the generous amount of money you're leaving me in the divorce settlement, why on earth would I need to work?"

Zachary burst into incredulous laughter.

This reason was somewhat beyond his expectations.

In the years she had spent at the Fuller residence, their grandparents had showered her with love. The pocket money they gave her was more than enough for her to live comfortably without working. However, Lenora had always been working hard

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She wasn't the type to be lazy.

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"If you don't tell me what you plan to do, I won't agree to your resignation. Don't look at me like that. Even if Grandpa knew about it, he wouldn't let me agree."

"I don't really have any plans. I just feel a bit worn out these past few years. I want to take this opportunity to travel abroad and relax. We're getting a divorce, and if I stay here, we'll still have to play the role of husband and wife in front of Grandma and Grandpa. That will be a burden for

you

Zachary raised an eyebrow at her. "Is it because working with Susanna is getting a bit tiring

now?"

He knew how much effort and passion she had poured into MQ. She had been fine before, so how could she suddenly give up just like that?

Lenora pursed her lips, tacitly agreeing.

"Hang in there for a while. Once Susanna's endorsement is over, I'll give you some time

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"I don't want a time off. I want to quit."

"Lenora, stop messing around," Zachary said in a deep voice.

"I'm not!"

Zachary fell silent for a moment. "Do you have to quit your job to travel abroad? Or is this something you've discussed with him?"

"Hmm?" Lenora didn't understand.

Him?

Who is he?

"Did your friend come over today?"

"Yeah. I hurt my foot, so he came to see me."

"You're coming up with all these excuses to quit your job, but the truth is, you just want to run away with your lover, isn't it?"

Finally, Lenora understood. He was talking about Jonas.

She found it amusing. "What are you babbling about? It has nothing to do with him. I want to resign on my own accord."

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"Nothing to do with him?" Zachary chuckled. "I heard that in front of him, you had Miranda call you Miss. Why? Are you afraid he'll find out you're married?" Since Lenora was silent, Zachary continued, "Those who like you won't stop liking you just

liking you even if

because you've experienced a divorce. Those who don't like you won't, king you just

you're unmarried. If he cares about this, then you should consider whether he is really suitable for you. Don't be deceived by others. Don't trust the untrustworthy." Lenora's lips twitched.

His tone was one of helplessness, much like a parent trying to reason with a rebellious child.

Why can he speak these words so calmly?

When it comes to being deceived, to trusting in the untrustworthy, he is the least qualified to speak on

the matter.

"I said it has nothing to do with him!"

The facts are right in front of you, yet you still defend him. Do you really like him that much?" Zachary's face was filled with frustration and disappointment.

At this moment, Lenora finally realized that she shouldn't have brought up her resignation on the day Jonas came. "I just want to resign!"

"I disagree with your resignation."

Feeling a rush of anger, Lenora blurted out, "Yes, you're right! I do want to run away with him! What right do you have to control me now? If you can be with Susanna, can't I have someone I like?"

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Zachary's face turned cold, and he sneered, "What right do I have? You are now my wife, my sister. Have you ever thought about why he wants you to go abroad? Once you're abroad, you'll be all alone. Have you ever thought about what might happen then?" Lenora did not know what would happen.

All she knew was that she was on the verge of exploding in rage.

She kicked the blanket irritably.

"Ouch!"

A sharp pain jolted through her injured ankle as it touched nowhere in particular.

Lenora winced in pain, drawing in a sharp breath of cold air. Tears were already welling up her eyes.

Zachary lifted the blanket, grasping her injured ankle. "What's wrong? Are you hurt again?"

With hot tears in her eyes, she nodded in grievance.

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Zachary helped her get the medicine and unwrapped the bandage on her foot. After cleaning it thoroughly, he gently massaged it and then applied a cool ointment. The pain finally eased. significantly. Zachary put the ointment back, his expression serious. "Lenora, I won't agree to your resignation. Don't bring this up again in the future."

Lenora sighed, feeling utterly frustrated. She lowered her gaze, remaining silent.

Zachary sat down by the bed. "We're not divorced yet. Don't bring strangers into our home."

Lenora looked up. "Not even friends?"

"Are you friends with him?"

Lenora looked away in a huff.

Zachary is sick!

"I don't want to talk to you.

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After dinner. Lenora went upstairs to wash up and found a document on the table in the bedroom.

Could it be that Zachary didn't come from Susanna's place, but from the company instead?

She leaned in for a closer look, only then realizing that this wasn't a company document, but rather a medical record from Mercy Hospital. The medical record was quite thick, with the name Susanna written on the cover. In other words, this was Susanna's medical record. What illness does Susanna have?

A hint of curiosity began to stir in Lenora's heart

She reached out to flip open the medical record but suddenly held back just as she touched

1. it.

Lenora turned her head and went to the bathroom to wash and take a bath.

When she came out again, the medical record on the table had already disappeared.

The very next morning, Lenora, limping, made her way downstairs for breakfast.

While they were eating, she casually asked Zachary, "Are we going to get our divorce certificate today?"

Zachary glanced at her, then swept his gaze down to her ankle under the table. "Are you sure your foot can handle it?"

"Of course. I have my cane." Lenora patted the cane resting against the table. "It's not like I can't walk."

Zachary shook his head. "I have to go on a business trip today and don't have the time. We'll take care of it when I get back."

Lenora pondered for a moment, a slight frown creasing her brows. "You're going on at business trip? What kind of business trip?" "Why? You want to come with me?" Zachary looked at Lenora calmly.

Lenora quickly shook her head. "No."

"Then wait for me at home."

A surge of complexity engulfed Lenora. The uttered words painted a picture of them as a devoted couple, yet in truth, their bond was already marred with wounds and scars.

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After Zachary left, Lenora spent another two days resting at home.

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When Lenora was at home, she would watch the news during her free time. Thanks to the power of big data, the system would curate news articles tailored to her interests.

On this very day, she received a notification. The headline read: Controversy sparked by leaked photos of Susanna. MQ employee: Can't help it. She's the proprietress.

Lenora had thought it was just a marketing account casually spinning some news to gain traffic. However, after clicking in, she realized that this was not a simple marketing account. This article was interspersed with a few candid photos of Susanna.

This wasn't just a simple candid photo, but a picture secretly taken during the MQ endorsement shoot.

Based on the angle and clarity of the photos, Lenora could instantly confirm that this was the work of an insider.

In the eyes of the people behind the marketing account, this wasn't the focus. What caught their attention was that Susanna's candid photos revealed an exceptionally peculiar makeup style.

Makeup was applied to accentuate Susanna's temperament. However, her overly prominent cheekbones transformed her from cool and elegant to harsh and menacing. The deliberately drawn plump red lips had sharp edges, emphasizing a mature charm but inadvertently shortened the distance between the upper lip and philtrum, revealing a hint of childishness, which seemed out of place. Moreover, her eyebrows were too straight and stiff, which also drew criticism from her fans.

It was clear to them that this MQ endorsement was bound to fail.

Negative reviews poured in.

The first to cheer were Yara's fans. They were delighted to see Susanna fail. They even left comments on MQ's Twitter page that read: That's what you get for not choosing Yardt. Among them were many unsuspecting passersby and some haters.

Thanks to the combined efforts of all parties involved and the boost from marketing accounts, the topic quickly made it to the trending list, sparking more discussions

among people. Many fans had already made a commotion on Twitter, demanding MQ and the Fuller family give Susanna an explanation.

Fan A: What a cr*ppy makeup job. It's a total waste of her beautiful face!

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Fan B: Does your family do makeup with their toes? Can't you even copy her previous works properly?

Fan C: I'm at a loss for words. She's the proprietress and this is how you treat her?

Fan D: This is normal. I've long known that makeup artists here are far behind those abroad.

Fan E: Not to be blunt, but she really shouldn't have come back. You all understand how the entertainment industry is back home.

Amidst the barrage of criticism and ridicule from numerous fans, there was also a chaotic battle between different fan groups, especially those of Yara and Susanna.

The number of comments on MQ's Twitter page was steadily soaring.

Lenora immediately called Milly. "Has the PR department noticed? Have them suppress the issue as soon as possible."

Not long after, Milly called Lenora back, sounding distressed. "Ms. Wilkin, the people from the PR department said that Ms. Wimble has already consulted with Mr. Fuller to resolve the issue in collaboration with Susanna's team. Lenora didn't say much and just hung up the phone.

Previously, Zachary, including the deputy in charge of MQ, had given Lenora a great deal of freedom. Any news related to MQ, including public relations, was handled solely by Lenora, without any interference from the Public Relations Department. However, ever since Susanna became the spokesperson, Zachary seemed to have lost trust in her, handing over the job to Lola. Lenora gave a bitter smile.

She just hoped that Lola could handle this well without adding any more trouble for her.

At that moment, Miranda went upstairs. "Mrs. Fuller, someone just delivered a package. Please have a look yourself."

"A package?" Lenora was puzzled. She hadn't ordered anything online recently, and it was even less likely for Zachary to have done so.

Upon seeing Lenora's expression, Miranda asked in confusion, "Haven't you been buying anything recently, Mrs. Fuller? Could it be that the delivery person made a mistake? That can't be. I've checked several times and I'm sure it's your contact information." Lenora chuckled and said, "No worries. Perhaps someone sent me a gift. We'll know once we open it."

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Miranda handed the small express delivery box to Lenora.

Lenora used a small knife to slice open the tape and then opened it.

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When she saw the contents of the box, her face changed dramatically. She tossed it far away and began to retch at the side of the bed.

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The contents of the box were flung out.

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That lump of something, a mix of red and white was a gruesome sight of blood and flesh. It was utterly nauseating to look at.

A vivid red liquid was splattered all over the ground, emitting a foul, rotting smell.

Miranda was also startled, but she quickly regained her composure and said, "Mrs. Fuller, don't be scared. I will clean up these things right away."

"Don't. Call the police immediately." Lenora covered her nose, limping as she got out of bed.

"All right, I'm going to call the police now. Would you like to call Mr. Fuller?"

Lenora paused for a moment. "He's on a business trip. There's no need to inform him."

"All right."

Miranda immediately reported the incident and the police arrived as quickly as possible. They collected evidence from the scene and took statements from Lenora and Miranda, assuring them that they would soon find out what happened. Once the police had left, Miranda began tidying up the living room, spraying disinfectant and air freshener several times.

This prank was too easy.

The police quickly obtained the courier's information through surveillance and registration. at the guardhouse. By further investigating the courier, they were able to track down the information of the parcel and identify the sender. According to the household registration information, the sender was a minor and a student.

After confirmation, the police immediately carried out the arrest.

Once the suspect was apprehended, the police informed Lenora, and Miranda made a special trip to the police station.

At first, the student did not admit that he was the one who sent the parcel.

He was just a student, naive at heart. The seasoned police quickly found his weak spot, and he had no choice but to admit to the matter.

He also explained the reason for his actions. He was a die-hard fan of Susanna, and he

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couldn't stand to see Susanna being bullied by Lenora.

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Lenora hired a well-acquainted lawyer from the Legal Department of Fuller Group to handle.

this matter.

Upon returning from the police station, Miranda couldn't help but lament to Lenora, "Kids these days are so mindless when it comes to their pursuit of celebrities."

Lenora asked, "Did he say how he knew I lived here?"

"It seems that his grandfather is the janitor of the residential area."

"Make it clear to the property management and transfer him somewhere else."

Staying in a narrow-minded state could potentially pose an unseen risk.

"All right. I'll go talk to the property management."

Once Lenora had calmed down, she finally had the mental space to check on the public relations situation. To her surprise, she found that she had received numerous replies and private messages on Twitter.

She clicked on the comments, and the first one that caught her eye was a remark under her latest post that read: What kind of lousy director is this, messing up the makeup and costume? Open your eyes and see what it's turned into.

The second comment read: Oh, it's Ms. Wilkin. We've been working together for so long, yet you haven't said a word. Your aesthetic standards are too high

MQ is not good enough for you, neither is Susanna. I think you can switch to a better company. Could you please let Susanna go?

The third comment read: If I am guilty, let the law punish me, not subject me to the sight of Susanna's makeup. Spare the fans, spare Susanna. The fans are too pitiful, and Susanna is too pitiful. What have we done wrong? The fourth comment read: I've gone blind.

Lenora's mind went blank for a moment when she read these comments.

She read them one by one. They were mostly of the same nature, criticizing her.

Her Twitter account wasn't verified. It was just an ordinary private account, yet somehow it had suddenly received so many comments.

Under her latest Twitter post, the comments from a few old friends had been pushed down. The top spots were all occupied by the most recent comments. The first one had received over a thousand likes, and the following few also had several hundred likes each. 2/4 Chapter 29 Take That Bet

Moreover, the comments below were still there, gradually increasing in number.

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From their comments, Lenora could roughly infer that someone had shifted the blame onto her, accusing her of recklessly altering the makeup, which led to this outcome.

Lenora scrolled through Twitter and quickly found the source of the trend.

In the group chat of Susanna's fan club, someone had captured screenshots of the fan group admin's comments.

They were naturally a member of Susanna's team.

The group admin posted in the chat: I hope everyone can stay calm and avoid posting any extreme comments under MQ's Twitter page. Otherwise, it may negatively impact Susanna. We are all upset about this situation. Susanna's makeup and styling were perfectly fine, but Ms. Wilkin insisted on changing it! She is the project manager, so Susanna had no choice but to comply.

Someone in the group asked: Doesn't Susanna have connections with Mr. Fuller? Can't she do anything about this?

The group admin sent a shushing face emoji: I can't say any more than that.

Following that was another screenshot from a fan group. A superfan had somehow dug up some information about Lenora: No wonder Susanna can't handle Ms. Wilkin. I found out she's actually the adopted daughter of Old Mr. Fuller and holds a certain status in the Fuller family. She's only twenty-five years old. Think about it. How could she possibly be in the position of a director at such a young age without some sort of backing?

Fan A: No wonder

Fan B: People like this usually think quite highly of themselves.

Fan C: Exactly. Don't judge her by her messy makeup. She must think she looks absolutely stunning.

Fan D: Do you know her Twitter account?

Fan E: I've got it.

"The unofficial Twitter post that Susanna's fan club account had posted had already garnered over a thousand comments. The number was quite impressive. Together with other fans, they all left comments and private messages to Lenora."

The comments section was markedly more respectful compared to the private messages, where people started off by insulting her parents.

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After browsing through a few, Lenora decided to delete all the private messages.

So this is the solution that Lola discussed with Susanna's team?

To blame it all on me?

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Lenora saved the screenshots as evidence and logged out from Twitter. First, she contacted the person in charge of the studio, insisting that they must find the staff member who leaked the picture, and asked him to retrieve the surveillance footage. Lenora then made a phone call to Lola.

Lola was certain she would call. As soon as the phone rang, she answered, "Hello? Is this Ms. Wilkin? How have you been doing at home?"

"Lola. stop playing innocent with me! Did you do what happened on Twitter?"

"Ms. Wilkin, please don't be angry. I'm really left with no choice. Mr. Fuller handed this matter to me, instructing me to eliminate all rumors about Ms. Carston at all costs without affecting the brand. So, I had no choice but to sacrifice you." Lola's triumphant voice came through the phone.

Upon hearing the name "Mr. Fuller," Lenora felt a slight tremor in her heart. "Is it Mr. Fuller who asked you to do this, or is it your own decision?"

"It's my decision. But even if I did this without Mr. Fuller's approval, he wouldn't do anything to me once he found out. Ms. Wilkin, do you dare to take that bet?"

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Lenora was speechless, her mouth agape. She didn't know what to say.

She took a gentle, deep breath, feeling a bitter and stifling pain in her heart. [SEARCH THE \(f\)indNOVEL.net website](#) to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

She didn't dare to take that bet.

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She had long understood that in Zachary's heart, she was nothing compared to Susanna.

He could push her out to block a falling shelf for Susanna, so why couldn't he push her out to shield Susanna from the rumors and gossip?

Moreover, those were just rumors and gossip on the internet. They couldn't hurt her in the slightest.

Seeing that Lenora was silent, Lola became even more arrogant. "Ms. Wilkin, do you take this bet?"

Lenora didn't respond. She simply hung up the phone.

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She knew clearly that this was a game she was bound to lose. There was no need to bet.

Even if Zachary did know about this, he might support it.

She simply couldn't admit defeat just like that. Someone had to give her an explanation for this matter.

The person in charge of the studio had already sent her the surveillance video from the dressing room that day.

There was no sound, but the scene and actions were such that anyone could tell what had happened.

Lenora casually captured a scene and posted it in the WhatsApp group with Susanna's team, along with a few screenshots from the fan group. "Apologize on Twitter.

Otherwise, don't blame me for being ruthless and releasing the surveillance footage. Think about the consequences!"

Everyone in the WhatsApp group fell silent.

Not a single person responded, nor did anyone want to take responsibility for this matter.

Five minutes later, Lenora saw that there was no response in the WhatsApp group, so she began to reach out to the marketing accounts.

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She had done promotions before and had a few marketing accounts that she regularly collaborated with.

Since there was already a fuss, she didn't mind escalating things a bit more, adding fuel to the fire for this endorsement. Regardless of whether it was negative or positive, in the end, it was all about the attention it garnered. Just then, Lenora's phone started to ring.

Zachary's name appeared on the phone screen.

For a fleeting moment, when Lenora saw his name, a trace of joy crossed her heart. Did he see what happened on Twitter and come to check on me?

She answered the phone. "Hello, Zack."

"Lenora, don't release the surveillance video."

This was the first sentence Zachary uttered.

Lenora felt a chill run through her body, and the smile on her face faded away.

She should have known better. She shouldn't have entertained any misconceptions about Zachary,

Lenora drew a laborious breath, finding even the act of breathing to be a source of discomfort at this moment.

No wonder Susanna's team didn't respond. They are confident and fearless with Zachary vouching for them. My threats had no effect.

Not hearing any voice on the other end of the phone, he continued, "I'm sorry about what happened with Susanna's makeup that day. I misunderstood you." Lenora laughed out loud.

This is truly laughable. It's just too ridiculous.

If it weren't for what happened today, would Zachary have apologized for what happened that day?

Would Zachary have apologized if it wasn't for Susanna?

The answer, of course, is no.

"Zachary, I don't need your apology. I just need people on the internet to stop slandering

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"Lenora, I know you're upset. I'll suppress this matter as long as you don't release the surveillance video." 221

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At that moment, a thought suddenly sprang up in Lenora's mind. Thankfully I didn't agree to Lola's bet

Thank goodness.

"So I'm just supposed to take this injustice lying down? I'm just supposed to be the scapegoat? I'm just supposed to take the blame without a word?" Lenora suddenly roared into the mouthpiece.

"I will compensate you."

"Compensate me? How would you compensate me? What can you give me besides money? Unless you don't divorce me. Can you do that?"

On the other end of the phone, Zachary remained silent for a while before asking, "What do you want?"

Lenora laughed out loud.

As expected, he couldn't do it. His greed simply made him want everything.

He wanted to divorce her and reunite with his old flame. He even expected her to take the blame for his old flame and bear the brunt of everyone's insults.

"I'm sure you know what I want. Since people out there aren't happy with me as a director, I'll leave. Is that okay?"

"No. I won't agree to that," Zachary said, his voice firm and resolute.

Lenora was feeling somewhat tired. She understood that she wouldn't gain much from Zachary. All he could offer her was money, but that wasn't what she needed. Over the past three years working for Fuller Group, she had earned a lot of money from her salary and bonuses.

"That's it, Zachary. I won't say any more. Goodbye."

Lenora abruptly ended the call, lying on the bed with a sense of desolation, suddenly unsure of what to do next.

Her phone rang once again right then..

Lenora picked up the phone directly. "I've said goodbye. Stop calling me."

"It's me, Nora." Jonas' voice came through the speaker.

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Lenora paused for a moment and glanced at her phone screen. "I'm sorry. I mistook you for someone else just now."

"I know. I saw what happened on Twitter. How are you now? Are you okay?"

"I'm fine. What could possibly happen to me? It's just a few harsh words from irrelevant people, that's all."

The insults on the internet hardly caused her any harm.

The only one who could hurt her was Zachary.

"That's a relief. Someone is already managing the trending topic. It's likely that Mr. Fuller has arranged for someone to handle it."

Upon hearing this, Lenora couldn't help but ask another question, "How do you know it was him who did it?"

"Just check out the trending topics and you'll know."

Lenora refreshed the trending topics on the Twitter app on her iPad and was taken aback to discover a hot topic had abruptly surfaced on the platform.

The main cast of Cloudwater City had been officially revealed.

Subsequently, several celebrities and their roles also trended on the hot search, such as Susanna and Aqua, and Jonas and Zander.

Lenora tapped on the first trending search, only to discover that it was the official account of Cloudwater City announcing the cast lineup.

Susanna would play the female lead, Aqua Whiteman, while Jonas would play the male lead, Zander Rion. The announcement also included a lineup of supporting casts, tagging the respective actors.

The actors had also flocked to the official announcement post to respond and share.

The announcement of the main cast for Cloudwater City seemed somewhat hasty. Usually, when other productions announced their cast, they included official character portraits. However, the team for Cloudwater City did not. They simply introduced the cast through text. The actors had just been confirmed and they hadn't had time to take their official photos yet.

However, for some minor actors, this wasn't necessarily a bad thing.

Cloudwater City was an action film, directed by the renowned director, Avery Chance. The screenplay was written by the original author and a top-tier scriptwriter in the industry. The

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producer and executive producer were both big names as well.

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It was fair to say that everyone, regardless of age or gender, was vying for a role in Cloudwater City. Naturally, there were those with resources who would try to insert their own people into the mix. Once the roles were decided, it would be best to announce them as soon as possible. The longer the delay, the more room there would be for complications to arise.

Many netizens could see that the official announcement of the main cast for Cloudwater City seemed like a smokescreen for something else.

They were speculating that it was about Susanna's endorsement deal, rather than guessing anything related to Lenora.

Nevertheless, this form of protection seemed to be effective. The amount of abuse on Lenora's Twitter page had significantly decreased. Susanna's fans had all gone to support her by leaving comments on the official account of Cloudwater City.

What was an endorsement compared to a big production TV show?

After supporting Susanna, a fan rushed to Lenora's Twitter page and commented: Did you see that? This is the script that Mr. Fuller invested in for Susanna. How dare an adopted daughter show off? Just wait until Susanna becomes Mrs. Fuller. You have to acknowledge her as your sister-in-law!

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