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Therefore, although it appeared that he forced Lenora to break up on New Year's Eve, in reality, Lenora merely went along with the flow.

She clearly wanted to break up with Connor, yet she put on a facade of not wanting to end things, just to provoke him.

She had grown bolder after their divorce.

Zachary removed his earphones, casually tossing them into the glove compartment.

The flame within was burning brighter and brighter, nearly impossible to contain.

In his mind, he was clamoring to turn back, to seek out Lenora and settle the score. He wanted to pin her down on the bed until she cried, and see if she still dared to provoke him!

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During a brief pause at a traffic light, Zachary reached into his pocket, pulling out a cigarette box and a lighter. He placed a cigarette between his teeth, ready to ignite it, but then he thought of Harrietta back seat and put the lighter back in his pocket. The traffic light turned green, and Zachary stepped on the gas.

By the time he reached Galaxy Bay, the cigarette filter had been chewed beyond recognition.

After dropping Harrietta off at home, Zachary turned the car around and headed toward the company.

Just then, his phone rang

He glanced at the phone beside him, freeing a hand to answer the call. "Hello?"

Right off the bat, Tamara asked, "Zack, did you register Hattie into the family registry?"

A flicker of irritation flashed in Zachary's eyes. He had no desire to speak, unwilling to argue with Tamara.

Tamara exploded, "Y-You've really lost your mind! What on earth has Lenora fed you to make you give up on your child? If Hattie was a boy, that would be one thing, but she's a girl..."

"Aunt Tamara, I know exactly what I was doing. From now on, I will be Hattie's guardian. You're welcome to visit her whenever you miss her, but as for anything else, please refrain from interfering."

Zachary stared straight ahead, watching the flow of traffic in front of him. His tone was resolute as he said, "You can say certain things in front of me, but please refrain from saying them in front of Hattie. It would upset her." ""You're really going to be the death of me!"

"I didn't mean to do that"

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"Do you know why I've always been against her being with you? I'm going to tell you the truth, Lenora has had a child with another man! When she was studying abroad and I was on a business trip in Fairlake. I saw her in a bar, all over a bunch of guys. The next time I saw her, she was pregnant and quickly hid from me, afraid that I'd discover what she'd been up to overseas! Normally, I wouldn't interfere in her affairs, but your grandfather insisted on binding you two together! Zack, think about it, how was I toward her before all this? A woman like her is simply not good enough for you!"

Before they got married. Tainara was quite aloof, treating Lenora as if she were practically invisible.

Although they weren't close, they never spoke ill of each other.

After Gerald announced their marriage, Tamara's attitude toward Lenora took a drastic turn for the worse. It was indeed as she had said, a disservice to her nephe

Zachary lowered his gaze.

He had researched Lenora's history abroad and knew that Tamara's words were embellished, a mix of truth and fiction.

Perhaps, Tamara really had encountered Lenora when she was pregnant, so.....

Zachary narrowed his eyes, his voice deepening as he asked, "Were you the one who gave Susanna the photo?"

There was a sudden silence on the line for a few seconds.

Tamara didn't expect that Zachary would suddenly think of this.

She admitted, "Yes, I go to wake up to reality!"

it to her! I wanted you to see what kind of person Lenora really is! I wanted you

Unexpectedly, Zachary was able to accept the fact that Lenora had once given birth without any reservations!

Tamara had originally planned to use Susanna's influence to publicly expose the photograph, intending to ruin Lenora's reputation.

She couldn't be the one to take this action, otherwise, it would only harm the bond she shared with Zachary,

She simply hadn't expected for Susanna to be so incompetent, allowing Zachary to effortlessly trick her into giving away the photo.

"I'll act like this never happened. Marriage is personal-only those in it know what it's really like. So please, Aunt Tamara, stop interfering in the name of 'doing what's best for me when it only harms my marriage," Zachary warned.

Seeing her words fall on deaf ears, Tamara was so frustrated she nearly choked on her own irritation.

She wasn't keen on having their conversations constantly fraught with tension when she spoke with Zachary. So, she took the initiative to change the subject. "Never mind, do as you wish. By the way. I heard from other shareholders that there's been some friction with the Hoffman family in business matters recently. Did the Hoffman family snatch up several of our company's projects?"

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Reflecting on past events from her youth. Tamara could roughly guess why Ezekiel had targeted the key family after gaining power. A complex emotion flicker in her eyes "Yes,"

"I've heard that the current head of the Hoffman family is Ezekiel. Have you met him?"
Tamara asked tentatively

"Do you know him!"

"I've heard of him"

"I've encountered him twice, Zachary said. "However, he was unwilling to say much, and it's still unclear why he has an issue with the Fuller family"

"Ezekiel used to live abroad, and he was close with Lenora during their study years. I think perhaps it's because of Lenora Tamara hinted.

"That's impossible, Zachary dismissed her guess.

Miles had once speculated that it might be because of Lenora, but Zachary felt otherwise intuitively.

Ezekiel had been particularly fond of Lenora, he wouldn't have lost all contact with her over the years, let alone suddenly cause trouble for a well-matched corporation on her behalf.

However, Tamara's words sparked doubt in Zachary's mind. It seemed like she knew a lot about Lenora's life overseas,

Tamara spoke again. "Ezekiel was not previously working in the company. Now that he has suddenly returned to the country to take charge, there must be people within the Hoffman family who are skeptical. He is an ambitious man, seeking to divert the internal conflicts outward to prove his own strength. He will surely target Fuller Group next, so be careful."

Ezekiel truly took after his mother, Luna. He was deeply cunning, always coveting things that didn't belong to him.

Zachary neither confirmed nor denied. "All right, I've got it

With that, he ended the call.

Upon recalling Tamara's words from earlier, Zachary felt that things weren't quite as they seemed. Fuller Group wasn't really a match for Ezekiel to showcase his authority, and Ezekiel was well aware of it

So why on earth did Ezekiel do it?

Damaging the enemy while hurting oneself in the process, those projects that were suitable for Fuller Group may not necessarily be suitable for the Hoffman family. If the Hoffman family undertook them, they might not only fail to reap the expected benefits, but they might also risk sinking their funds into it, leaving them in a difficult position with no easy way out.

Upon returning to his company. Zachary was immediately informed by Miles that Ezekiel had aggressively bought up shares of Oasis Technology, beating Fuller Group to the punch,

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As Zachary had anticipated, he said, "Keep watching, stir the pot

Perhaps Ezekiel was still basking in the joy of having seized Fuller Group's project at the moment. What awaited him afterward would gradually unfold.

After Miles left, Zachary turned on his computer. As he gazed at the brand new monitor before him, he inevitably thought of Lenora. A surge of anger began to rise within him.

After struggling to focus for a while, Zachary picked up his phone and made a call.

At eight in the evening. Zachary punctually arrived at the club's lobby. He took the elevator up and soon found himself standing in front of a private room. Pushing the door open, he stepped inside.

The room was devoid of people. Zachary casually closed the door behind him, settled down on the sofa and lit up a cigarette with a lighter he pulled out.

Roughly ten minutes later. Susanna pushed open the door to enter. Immediately, her gaze fell on Zachary who was leaning against the back of the sofa, his elbow resting on the armrest, a cigarette pinched between his slender fingers.

He gently parted his lips, a wisp of smoke curling from them, reminiscent of swallowing clouds and exhaling fog.

Susanna's gaze swept over the cigarette butts in the ashtray, her eyes slightly narrowed, a shadow passing across their depths.

He had actually started smoking.

Settling into the seat across from Zachary, she feigned ignorance and asked. "Zack, what did you want to see me about?"
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Susanna recalled, back when she was first rescued, in the face of her ordeal, Zachary had been unusually silent during that period and never mentioned breaking up again.

She could sense his desolation, self-reproach, and frustration. Despite his sleepless nights, he had never turned to smoking

During his university years, Zachary, the young master of the Fuller family, was a diligent student who often forgot to sleep or eat due to his dedication to his studies. He was recognized as an exemplary student.

When she pursued him, the ever-confident Susanna experienced a major setback. It was only then that she seriously acknowledged Zachary, a man who was completely different from the usual wealthy heirs. He had his own aspirations, his own persistence.

She thought that he would always stick to his principles

Unexpectedly, Lenora shattered it with ease.

Zachary pinched the cigarette butt, pressing it into the ashtray. As he lifted his arm, the folds of his clothing naturally outlined his muscular frame. "If you're willing to testify, name your conditions," he said. When Susanna received a call from Zachary, she immediately guessed his intentions. Her heart was filled with unstoppable anger, fury, and jealousy.

She looked at Zachary, and suddenly burst into laughter. "Zachary, I don't know whether to your foolish love or scold you for your lowliness!" praise you for

Not only had he come to terms with the fact that Lenor, had children from a previous relationship, but now he found himself eagerly seeking her attention, even when she was giving him the cold shoulder. Lenora had only been her assistant for two days when he eagerly came forward to negotiate terms on behalf of Lenora.

How on earth did Lenora manage to win his affection?

"Think what you will," Zachary said, his expression composed. "There's no point in further discussion, just state your terms."

"What if I don't agree to any of the conditions?" Susanna raised an eyebrow.

"You don't have this option." Zachary spoke in a calm tone, yet it carried an undeniable insistence.

Kieran was unwilling to deal with her, and Zachary could easily ruin her with a mere flick of his finger.

Susanna gripped her handbag straps tightly, looking at Zachary as she proposed a different deal. "Fine, I'll testify for you, but only on one condition: marry me. Agree to that, and I'm in. What do you say?" "That's impossible," Zachary replied flatly.

Seeing his indifference, Susanna gave a bitter smile. "You didn't even hesitate."

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Once upon a time, she had asked him the same question.

She'd been lying in a hospital bed, holding him close. "Zack, will you marry me?" she had asked.

"Yes." His response then had been resolute-just as it was now.

Only this time, his answer was entirely different.

What Susanna regretted most wasn't her decision to get closer to Zachary after listening to Johanne's advice, but that her realization came too late.

When Johanne turned around and married Mallory, she should have seen it-Johanne was never reliable. He had never considered marrying her; all those sweet words were just a means to use her.

It was a shame that back then, she was so fixated, hopelessly in love with Johanne. She insisted that Johanne divorce Mallory, to give her some closure.

As one might expect, she was pushed to the brink by Johanne, leaving her no choice but to flee abroad.

Had she given up on Johanne back then, if she had focused solely on being with Zachary, everything that Lenora has now would have been hers!

Seeing Susanna remain silent, Zachary said, "Whatever resources you need, feel free to ask."

Taking a deep breath, Susanna smoothed her hair back from her temples. "I think, there's no need to specify anything. Simply restoring my resources to their previous state would suffice."

Her previous state referred to the time when Gerald was still alive.

Zachary nodded. "All right."

"I have another request." Susanna spoke again.

"Go ahead."

With a smile, Susanna said, "There's a banquet in a few days, I hope you can accompany me. After the banquet, I'll head to the police station to testify." [SEARCH THE find novel.net website](#) to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Zachary paused for a moment. "All right."

Susanna couldn't help but scoff. "You really would do anything for her, wouldn't you? Aren't you afraid she might misunderstand if she sees?"

"You don't need to worry about this."

Lenora noticed something off about Susanna's gaze toward her, as if she was scrutinizing and sizing her up. It had been like this since early morning, with her constantly bossing her around, even losing her temper over trivial matters. "Did you eat dynamite today?"

During a break in filming. Lenora finally couldn't help but raise an eyebrow in inquiry.

"You're really lucky," Susanna said, staring at Lenora as she suddenly blurted out these words.

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Two sisters encountered the same man, yet their outcomes were entirely different.

Susanna clutched the script in her hand, a wave of jealousy surging within her

The disparity between the two of them stemmed entirely from their father.

Lenora found herself under the care of Fernando, a responsible father figure. Despite the absence of a biological connection, their bond was no different from that of a real father and daughter. He was willing to sacrifice everything for his daughter. Even though Kenneth was her biological father, he was utterly useless, dying in such a pathetic manner.

She wouldn't have ended up in this situation if Kenneth, like her uncle, had been a bit more ambitious. And it's not like she asked him to die for her!

Susanna harbored a great deal of resentment toward Kenneth in her heart.

Lenora raised an eyebrow in surprise, chuckling at herself sarcastically. "Should I give it to you then?"

From a young age, her parents had divorced. Not long after she started understanding the world, her grandparents passed away one after the other. During her teenage years, her father had a car accident. As a young adult, she tragically lost the child she was carrying. Lenora didn't think she had any luck in her life.

Perhaps in Susanna's view, the chance to enter the Fuller family and marry Zachary was simply a stroke of good fortune.

But that was obtained at the cost of her father's life.

If given the choice, she would have preferred her father to be alive and in good health.

Susanna replied, "Isn't that the truth? So many people envy you, wishing to enter the Fuller family but unable to do so.

She truly wished she could be Lenora, firmly holding Zachary in her grasp!

Lenora wore a subtle expression, poised to say something, when the stage supervisor called her over to speak with the stunt coordinator.

Today, Susanna has another action scene, with Lenora stepping in as her stunt double.

After finishing her scene, Susanna took a temporary break inside the studio.

Suddenly, a cellphone ringtone echoed from within the shed.

Susanna looked around, realizing that the sound was coming from Lenora's handbag.

She glanced at Lenora, who was deeply engrossed in filming, and on a whim, she reached for her handbag and rummaged through it to find her phone.

The incoming call displayed a name she didn't recognize- someone called Jayden.

What was his relationship with Lenora?

Susanna answered the phone, the voice on the other end belonged to Jayden. "Ms. Wilkin, we've spotted

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Gaston near the Clusia-Myssona border. We should be able to apprehend him soon."

Upon hearing the name "Gaston", Susanna's breath hitched, her heart leaping into her throat. Gaston had been discovered!

"Ms. Wilkin?"

After a long silence on the other end of the phone, Jayden called out again. "Ms. Wilkin?"

Susanna snapped back to reality. "I'm sorry, I'm Lenor's friend. She's busy at the momen quite sure what you're saying, but I'll be sure to pass along your message."

Jayden didn't harbor any doubts. "Thank you. You've been a great help."

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After hanging up the phone, Susanna immediately put her mobile back in her bag, then returned the bag to its original place.

She looked back at the scene once more, yet her mind was miles away, restless and unsettled.

In the following few scenes of the drama, Susanna was out of sorts, resulting in several retakes.

The director was somewhat displeased, his brows furrowed as he addressed Susanna. "Melody should appear confident in this scene... What have you turned her into? Guilty! I'm beginning to question whether you've done something to feel guilty about... Never mind, let's shoot the fighting scene first. Go and get into the right mindset."

While he was speaking, he instructed the stage supervisor to call Lenora, who was resting-

A seasoned actor was even less impressive than a novice stunt double.

After finishing her action scenes, Susanna resumed filming. Although she hadn't fully recovered, she was significantly better than before.

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When Lenora went to deliver lunch to Susan, she overheard Sanwering a phone call inside her car. It seemed like the call was from other do, indicating that a few seriges had been delivered by the investors and they wanted Susanna thre Among those scripts, Lenora had heard of two, both of which were highly anticipated by investors for the nem phase. Many artists were so eager to get involved that they would do almost anything

One of the scripts was a major production, backed by a renowned director and screenwriter duo who had collaborated multiple times before. They were well-known successful figures within the industry, having won countless awards She checked the remaining ones only to find that they were all adaptations of popular novels with significant fan bases, naturally generating a certain level of buzz Lenora was taken aback for a moment.

Over the past couple of days, while she was resting, she overheard the crew members and extras chanting Gradually, she began to understand a bit about this industry. Those who had the privilege to choose their scripts were either those who had gained popularity and had a substantial fanbase, or those who had

T significant financial backing

Susanna initially had a solid fan base, but after returning to her home country and remaining inactive for six months without any new work, coupled with a scandal where she was implicated as the third party, she suffered a severe loss of fans. With the absence of Zachary's support, she eventually had to resort to playing the fourth female lead in a drama series, a role that was only prominent in name.

But how could she be choosing scripts again now?

Could it be because of Kieran?

Over the years, Kieran had led the Carston family to prosper and had established a strong foothold in Jacaster. However, after Zachary and Susanna had parted ways, Kieran had also severed ties with them. It was unlikely that he would help Susanna again, right? Perhaps Susanna had gotten involved with other investors.

Susanna was incredibly composed, as if she expected it all along. She instructed her assistant to bring over the script in the evening so she could thoroughly review it

Once they finished filming the afternoon scene, Lenora draped Susanna in a down jacket and they headed to the makeup room together. Casually, she mentioned "I noticed on the call sheet that you don't seem to have any scenes for the next few days, starting from tomorrow."

"Yes, in a couple of days, you'll come with me to Sparaville. We have a variety show there

"All right."

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"Also, tomorrow morning at eight fifty, we have a meeting at Centurial Club You're cothing with me"

Lenora glanced at her in surprise. "What kind of meeting is scheduled for nine in the rooming

"I'm going to meet with the director in charge of a project and dox table read. After that, we'll have a meal together." Susanna said, leisurely settling into her chair he smiled at Lenora "Just remember to help me avoid the drinks" Lenora was aware that typically, after the roles were chosen, the production team would hold a script read through. This was done to organize the script and fill in any gaps, and also to deepen the actors understanding of their characters. She nodded. "All right, I understand."

After seeing Susanna off in the minivan, Lenora said, "See you tonight," before turning around and heading toward the car park.

Watching Lenora's retreating figure, a glint of malice flashed in Susanna's eyes

The thought of Zachary making a special trip last night just to negotiate terms for Lenora sent her heart into a frenzy of jealousy. All of this should have been hers!

Susanna made a phone call. Once connected, she asked "Is everything ready?"

The man on the other end of the phone chuckled in a sleazy manner. "Don't worry, I have the drugs in my possession and the camera is set up right in front of the bed. All we're waiting for now is her

He was growing impatient, eager to discover what Zachary's partner tasted like.

Susanna instructed, "Remember to station more people at the entrance, we don't want any mishaps allowing her to escape."

-I know."

Susanna hung up the phone with a sense of relief, a shadow of a thought flickering in the depths of her

eyes.

Zachary was supposedly magnanimous, right? Well, she was going to see just how far his magnanimity could stretch!

She simply couldn't believe that Zachary could remain calm after witnessing a video of Lenora in bed with another man!

At eight fifty in the morning the next day, Lenora promptly showed up in the grand hall of Centurial Club

In just a few minutes, Susanna arrived. She called for Lenora to join her, and together, they ascended the stairs to the reserved private room. .

A few people had already arrived in the private room, all of whom Lenora recognized as actors, including a very famous and talented middle-aged actor. They must have been part of the project's cast.

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Upon seeing Susanna enter, a few people politely greeted each other.

Susanna found a spot and sat down.

The private room regained its tranquility, and the atmosphere gradually became stagnant.

That talented middle-aged actor took the initiative to speak up, sparking a conversation.

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Though their conversation was somewhat superficial, filled with casual agreements, it at least managed to break the awkward and strange atmosphere.

Lenora wondered, was this the reality of the entertainment industry?

Even among colleagues, it was challenging to interact like normal people. There was always the possibility that interests might become entangled at any moment, turning them into adversaries. Around ten past nine, the others arrived.

Everyone stood up to greet them.

This time, it was the project's director, two assistant directors, and the screenwriter who came.

Upon seeing their arrival, Lenora was taken aback.

One of the two assistant directors was the very same man who starred in the video Gordon had sent her. He was the one who had spent the night at Susanna's house, Gary Marlow.

Just at that moment, the assistant director turned his gaze toward Lenora. His eyes held an appraising look, as though he was evaluating a piece of merchandise.

Upon seeing Susanna, the director was taken aback. He glanced at Gary, but said nothing.

He still had a script with him, which was in the final stages of completion. He had to oversee the editing and dubbing, so the preliminary preparations and casting for the new project were all handled by the two assistant directors.

His current filming crew was located next to Tyler's. Occasionally, when he dropped by, he saw Susanna acting. Tyler was too lenient; if it were up to him, he definitely wouldn't have allowed Susanna to pass. Indeed, this director was none other than Kyle.

After the introductions were made, Kyle took the initiative to invite everyone to take their seats,

It was then that he recognized Lenora. He couldn't help but take several glances at her. Wasn't she Susanna's stunt double? How did she become an assistant?

All the actors took a seat around the table, each holding a script in their hands, and began to do a table read.

In the understanding of many, script readings were typically held after the characters had been chosen but before official filming began. The timing varied, usually taking place anywhere between half a month to two months.

Before the roles were chosen, there would be a script reading session. Sometimes, even two actors vying

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for the same role would participate together. That was exactly the ion at hand.

This implied that the production team was still in the process of casting.

However, this time, Susanna was the only one who care for the role of the second female lead.

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The scene being rehearsed this time was a significant

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"Huh?"

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Lenora was taken aback when her name was called. She looked up in confusion, only to find all eyes fixed on her.

As an assistant, she had been doing her utmost to be invisible. But why would Kyle ask for her opinion? Hold on, it seemed like Kyle knew her?

"What do you think should be Marianne's reaction?" Kyle asked again.

Lenora studied the director's solemn expression before carefully voicing her thoughts. "I haven't seen the script, so I'm not sure about the storyline. But from a viewer's perspective, if the character Marianne is driven by utilitarian motives from the very beginning, it would undermine the essence of her character, making her indistinguishable among the villains. I believe the audience would prefer to see a kind-hearted person forced into a darker path due to life's pressures. This would make Marianne's character more nuanced and relatable."

Characters forced into villainous roles often stir more sympathy and empathy than direct villains, simultaneously showcasing the actors' performance skills.

In past television dramas and films, there were a few notably successful characters who were forced into villainous roles. This was indeed a testament to the mutual accomplishments of the actors and characters.

Lenora added, "Of course, this is just my personal opinion. The final decision still lies with the director and the screenwriter."

Kyle nodded. "No need for modesty, you're right. The significance of Marianne's character is exactly that, Her transition from being close friends with the female lead to parting ways is a major highlight. Otherwise, why would she be the female lead's best friend?" He had also noticed the issue earlier, but Eugene had brought it up before him.

Kyle cast an appreciative glance at Eugene, but when his gaze shifted to Susanna, his eyes held a somewhat intriguing expression.

If one were to truly interpret the role as Susanna envisioned, the character of Marianne would appear fractured, even falling apart, turning into a caricature of a villain.

Susanna's expression subtly shifted. She discreetly shot Lenora a glare, tightening her grip on the script.

Upon hearing Lenora's calm and composed narration, Gary felt an increasing anticipation, itching to fast-forward to the midday meal. [SEARCH THE Find_Novel.net website](#) to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

The screenwriter spoke up, and together with a few others, they discussed revising this particular line for

Marianne.

Before they knew it, it was already past midday.

After another round of table read, Kyle glanced at the time and put down his script. "All right, that's enough for today," he said. "I'll notify you when the time for the next table read is confirmed." 1/4

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Camelly, Gary caught Sun's eye and suggested, "14 all have a med together before we head back. 11

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The young actor was vying for the deed the third male lead, and there was another newcomer on the scene alio contending for the came role

During the previous group table read, both individuals had their own interpretations. Kyle had not dearly expressed his opinion, leading everyone to believe they all had a chance.

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"Everyone, please take a scar, I'll be back" said Cary "the meal has already been ordered, so just sit back

He stepped out for a bit and returned in just a few mines

Once the waiter had served the dishes, Kyle made a few remarks. It was unclear who initiated the toast, but soon, everyone was raising their glasses in unison.

The table was a chaotic spread of dishes and drinks, with hardly anyone paying attention to their food. Everyone was just echoing each other's sentiments.

At that moment, the young actor's agent took the initiative to start a round of toasts. First, he toasted to Kyle and the other key creators, then to Eugene, who we confirmed as the leading man. After toasting the leading lady, it was Susanna's turn Susanna gave a small laugh, shooting Lenora a look. "Im sorry, but I've been having some stomach issues recently, so I won't be drinking

Lenora picked up her wine glass, clinked it against the two others, and said, "No need for formalities, on behalf of Ms. Carston. I toast to you both"

As she spoke, she drained her cup in one gulp, revealing its empty bottom.

Another newcomer, fearing to be outshone, also began to offer toasts. Likewise, it was Lenora who drank in Susanna's place.

After finishing the drink in hand, the subsequent toasts made by the other actors were peculiarly directed. The words were aimed at Susanna, yet the glasses were raised toward Lenora.

After the third woman and the second man had offered their toasts, Susanna and Lenora made their rounds, toasting everyone at the table.

After toasting Kyle, Susanna filled Lenora's cup to the brim. She nodded toward Gary, "Gary, I look forward to working closely with you in the future."

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"On behalf of Ms. Carston, I raise a toast to you," Lenora said, lifting his glass to clink with Gary's

Gary chuckled, "Of course, if we all put our hearts together, we're sure to make a big splash next year."

She wasn't sure if it was just her imagination playing tricks on her, but she always felt there was something off about the way Gary looked at her.

He drank one glass after another, feeling a burning sensation in his stomach, as if a fire was raging within. His cheeks were flushed from the alcohol, his eyes moist and gradually becoming hazy. After showing respect to the last actor, Lenora simply felt dizzy.

Returning to her seat, she rested her hand on her forehead and leaned on the table, her head bowed in silence. She seemed to be in considerable distress.

She often had to entertain when she was working before, which had honed her alcohol tolerance.

But this time, it seemed like she hadn't drunk much, yet she felt dizzy, a relentless warmth spreading throughout her body.

"Lenora, are you all right?" Susanna asked with concern.

A phrase flashed through Lenora's mind: "One who offers unsolicited hospitality must be harboring evil intentions."

Alarm bells rang in her head, as she struggled to regain a shred of sanity. "I'm okay... I just need to use the restroom," she said.

Lenora leaned on the table as she stood up, staggering as she made her way out.

Once Lenora had left the private room, Susanna smiled and said to Kyle and the others, "I noticed she seemed unsteady on her feet. I think I should go check on her." Kyle waved his hand dismissively. "Go on, I think we should take her home."

"Let's see how it goes."

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Exiting the private room, Lenora, slightly tipsy, leaned against the wall as she briskly moved forward.

With a few swift steps, Susanna caught up and firmly grasped Lenora's wrist with a domineering aura. "Where do you think you're going?"

Lenora attempted to break free from Susanna's grasp, but her body felt weak and powerless. Her voice was faint, barely above a whisper. "Let me go.."

Susanna held on tightly, a triumphant smirk flashing in her eyes. "Didn't you say you needed the restroom? Allow me to lead the way!"

Susanna firmly pulled Lenora into the elevator.

Lenora was utterly defenseless, her body growing increasingly hot and unbearable. Her mind was foggy. Her cheeks flushed a deep red, and her consciousness was dwindling. She leaned weakly against the elevator wall, murmuring, "So hot... Help..." 3/4 13.01
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Her breath was faint, reduced to a mere whisper.

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As soon as the elevator doors slid open, Susanna swiftly pulled Lenora into the pre-arranged hotel room. With a swift push toward the large bed, Lenora helplessly fell onto it, unable to control her movements.

Lenora's eyes were tightly shut, unconscious. Unaware, the tug

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at her collar, murmuring softly, "Hot...."

The scheme was about to succeed, a fleeting grimace crossed Susanna's face.

She stepped forward, pinching Lenora's cheek. "Oh Lenora, even you have days like this! After today, let's see if Zachary will still want you!"

As she spoke, she sent a message to Gary.

A few minutes later, Gary sneaked in with a sly look on his face. Upon seeing Lenora unconscious on the bed, a lewd smile crept onto his face, a glint of delight flashing in his eyes. "Ms. Carston certainly keeps her word, I'm very pleased with this gift!"

Susanna chuckled, turning on the camera by the bedside. "As long as you're satisfied," she said, "Now, it's your show. I'll leave first. Remember to send me the video when you're done!" "Rest assured!"

As soon as Susanna left, he hurried to lock the room from the inside. He then made his way to the large bed and eagerly removed the cotton clothes from Lenora's body. Suddenly, Gary froze.

Lenora's eyes had opened without him even realizing it.

"Don't play dumb, I have the camera's memory card in my hands. You wouldn't want me to call the police, would you?"

Listening to Lenora's clear and strong voice, Susanna paused. "You weren't drunk at all?"

Lenora didn't respond. "Don't change the subject."

After some thought, Susanna said, "If you have any conditions, just lay them out."

"I need you to head to the police station immediately, to identify the suspect."

"I promise you, I'll come over tomorrow."

"Why does it have to be tomorrow?"

"I'm tied up right now, I can't make it!"

"What's the matter?" Lenora asked.

"At a party, the rehearsal is already underway. It's no easy feat for me to secure this slot, so leaving on a whim would only result in the organizers blacklisting me. If you can't wait, then call the police. But let me make it clear, if you dare to alert the authorities, I'll never step forward as a witness!" Thinking about the current whereabouts of Gaston, Lenora fell silent for a moment. "All right, let's meet at the police station tomorrow morning. If you dare not to show up, I'll definitely hand over the evidence to the police!"

"Don't worry, I wouldn't gamble with my future," Susanna said.

After hanging up the phone, Susanna immediately dialed another number.

A few seconds later, the call connected, and a male voice came through from the other end. "What's up?"

"The plan has changed, leave immediately, before tomorrow, right now, at once!"

"Didn't we have a month?" The man on the other end of the phone was taken aback

"Stop with the questions, if you get caught, we're all done for

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The glass bottle shattered into pieces, causing the liquid to splatter everywhere.

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Observing him lying motionless on the bed, Lenora stood up and nudged him slightly with her foot. Seeing no reaction from him, she let out a sigh of relief

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Lenora reviewed the footage from the camera. The input of the vixen had expired primed the conversation between Susanna and Gary, serving as perfect evidence to attest the authenticity of her recording. Lenora carefully removed the memory card from the device and immediately wore safely stored away.

Concerned about the possibility of someone waiting thinking about calling Sophia to pick her up when her thought flashed through her mind.

A minute later, Lenora dialed the emergency number.

Instead, Lenora didn't immediately leave the way she landed on Gary who was lying on the floor.

Lenora had no intention of alerting the police, instead she planned to negotiate privately with

Gary was certainly too guilty to call the police, but if he was left here unconscious, and something unfortunate happened to him, the situation would be entirely different

To be on the safe side, Lenora called for an ambulance. At the same time, it allowed her to leave securely.

Half an hour later, the medical team, along with the hotel front desk manager, arrived and hosted Gary onto the ambulance.

When Lenora descended with them, she caught sight of a suspicious figure lurking at the fire exit. She felt a sense of relief, glad that she made the right move.

After Susanna returned to the private room, facing Kyle and the others, she simply stated that Lesort was drunk and had the driver take her home first.

Earlier, Gary had excused himself due to feeling unwell, and Kyle subsequently dismissed everyone, advising them to go home and rest well.

Susanna, along with the other actors, arrived at the underground parking lot. After bidding everyone farewell, she got into her car but did not leave immediately. She glanced at the time on her phone and leaned back against the car seat for a bit of rest.

After waiting for roughly half an hour, Susanna was just about to contact Gary when, unexpectedly, someone called her.

The person who made the call was the same individual she had assigned to keep watch outside the room.

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Upon recognizing him, Susanna was taken aback for a moment. She answered the call and asked, "What's wrong? Has something happened?"

The person on the other end of the phone fell silent for a moment. "An ambulance just came and took Gary away."

Susanna was puzzled.

Could it be that Gary, after having a few drinks, accidentally slipped and fell?

Oh well, he was an overweight man in his forties. Susanna wasn't surprised at all that this happened!"

Every time she was with Gary, it felt to her like an agonizing torment.

The thought that Lenora would face the same fate brought much relief to Susanna's mood. .

"I just took a closer look earlier, Gary's clothes were intact, but someone had cracked his head open..."

Susanna asked incredulously, "What did you say? Are you sure you didn't see it wrong?"

"No."

Susanna was at a loss for words.

She didn't know how to describe her feelings at that moment.

A thought struck Susanna, causing her heart to skip a beat. She quickly asked. "Did you check the room? The camera..."

"I managed to slip in during the confusion earlier, but the memory card inside had already been taken." Susanna's heart lurched.

She hung up the phone in silence, unable to suppress her emotions any longer, she fiercely pounded on the steering wheel. Useless! A bunch of good-for-nothings! That Marlow is nothing more than a pig-headed fool! No, he's even worse than a pig!

He had allowed Lenora, who was well within his grasp. to slip away.

Susanna had already lost all sense of reason in her anger.

The memory card was definitely taken by Lenora!

She remembered, after switching on the camera, she had a brief conversation with Gary.

If Lenora had reported it to the police or made it public. the situation would have been unimaginable.

However, she speculated that Lenora probably wouldn't call the police, but would negotiate with her instead...

Just as these thoughts were crossing her mind, her cell phone began to ring

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Susanna glanced at the caller ID, it was indeed a call from Lenora.

Knowing that Lenora had come to negotiate, Susanna's emotions gradually settled down.

She might just have to testify earlier than expected.

Lenora had only been an assistant for a few days, she really lucked out!

Susanna took a deep breath before answering the phone. "Hello."

Lenora cut to the chase as soon as the call was answered. "Where are you now?"

"What's the matter?"

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After ending the call, Susanna dialed another number.

"How is it going? Have your people made it to the border yet? If Gaston falls into Lenora's hands, then we..."

The man on the other end of the phone said, "He's gone, currently, Gaston's whereabouts are unkno

Susanna let out a sigh of relief, a glint of ruthlessness flashed in her eyes. "If I had known that Lenora could dig up the case from ten years ago, I should have..

Get rid of her as well.

The man on the other end of the line fell silent.

Susanna laughed mockingly. "When your Fuller family adopted her back then, you certainly didn't anticipate today, did you?"

Johanne said. "It was me who suggested to Grandpa that we adopt her."

At first, Gerald simply wanted to financially support Lenora to continue her studies.

It was his suggestion to bring Lenora to the Fuller family, to be raised as their adopted daughter.

Gerald held a great admiration for Fernando. Upon hearing the news of his death, he was filled with sorrow. Back then, he had made a point to bring along his eldest grandson, who was already working, to attend Fernando's funeral. Back then, Johanne only knew that a friend of Gerald had passed away, so he accompanied him to the funeral.

When he arrived at the funeral, the sight of the large black and white photograph left him frozen on the SPOL

The memorial photo was unremarkable, yet he felt as if the man in the picture was eerily staring straight at him. Watching the sorrow etched on the Gerald's face and the other mourners, Johanne was in utter agony

He saw Lenora. Back then, she was only about sixteen or,seventeen, young and naive, her innocence still intact.

Upon learning that Fernando was the last living relative of Lenora, a sense of compassion rose within him. He then suggested the idea of adoption to the old man

Gerald had accepted this suggestion.

After Lenora arrived at the Fuller family home, she found Johanne to be warm and friendly, in stark contrast to Tamara's indifference. Gerald was extremely pleased with Johanne's attitude-

As for Zachary, at that time, his girlfriend had just experienced a crisis and he was also trying to compensate for the losses caused by the leak of his company's research and development project. He only

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showed up at the Fuller residence on the night Lenora arrived, visibly distracted, and didn't return to the residence for a long time after that.

Susanna's grin faltered, her expression turning to one disbelief. "Y-You don't actually have a soft spot for

you her, do you? No wonder I told you to get rid of her when she first started investigating, but didn't dare lift a finger!"

What a busybody!

If

or had been just an ordinary person, where would she have found all the resources and manpower to investigate those past events?

"Indeed, I'm not as ruthless as you. You fear exposure, so you'd readily kill someone, talking about it as if it's the easiest thing in the world!"

Susanna could hear the mockery in Johanne's words and she scoffed, "Scared that your younger brother will threaten you, you sent a woman to spy on him! How noble are you really? You know exactly how your grandfather died, but you pretend to be clueless. Isn't it just because you're afraid of your secrets being exposed and your true self being revealed to your wife

What truly infuriated Gerald was not the minor issues concerning Zachary, but rather the actions of Johanne in the past.

In Susanna's narrative, she conveniently shifted all the blame for her unilateral decisions onto Johanne.

Upon hearing her words, Johanne immediately hung up the phone.

Susanna listened to the busy tone on the other end of the line, a hint of sarcasm flashing in her eyes.

She blamed herself for not recognizing Johanne's true colors earlier!

Mallory was in the same situation, except, she was luckier. Johanne truly liked her,

Upon returning home, Lenora found that Sophia was around.

She settled down on the sofa, raising an eyebrow. "Finished work so early today?"

"My dad asked me to attend a party." Sophia rolled her eyes. "Nora, you're free tonight, right? How about you accompany me?"

"Can't you just not go?" Lenora asked, seeing her displeasure and curiously inquired.

"My dad insisted that I go on a blind date, claiming that the guy would be there as well and that I should go have a chat. I had no interest in blind dates! I planned to just show up, deal with it, and then head back home!" "All right, I'll join you."

At half past seven in the evening, Lenora and Sophia arrived at the party venue.

While it was billed as an evening party, it felt more like a cocktail gathering. Numerous successful individuals, resplendent in their suits and polished shoes, huddled in small groups, engaged in conversation

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The two of them grabbed some desserts and headed straight to sit in a corner

Lenora asked. "Has your blind date arrived

Sophia glanced at her phone, took a bite of her cake, and said, "Not yet."

Interestingly, a young gentleman did approach the two attempting to strike up a conversation. However, seeing their indifference, he departed.

After a while, Sophia held her phone, simultaneously replying to messages and saying. "He's here, I'll be back after having a brief chat with him." "All right."

Sophia had left, heading toward the balcony, while Lenora remained seated on the sofa.

Suddenly, she received a call from the Benedict

This case was peculiar, with the suspect having eluded capture for many years, and it was intricately linked to the case involving Lenora's father.

Richie was merely a middleman, connecting the dots between the kidnapping case and Fernando's car accident. The person Lenora truly wished to apprehend was Daryl

To avoid inadvertently alerting the enemy, the police station chose not to summon Richie. Instead, they stationed a team of officers around his residence, which also belonged to Dard. Meanwhile, another team was dispatched to investigate at Richie's biological father's home, simultaneously examining the connection between Richie and Daryl

They were simply waiting for Susanna to step forward and confirm Richie's guilt. Only then would they arrest Daryl under the guise of an investigation

Benedict relayed to her over the phone that Richie had run off.

To put it accurately, he had disappeared.

Every day, the officer kept watch near Richie's house. Richie had shown himself in the morning, but was nowhere to be seen in the afternoon. Feeling something was off, the

officer, under the guise of a home improvement supplier, decided to knock on Richie's door, only to discover that Richie was no longer at home

Connor had gone to work, oblivious to everything.

When Samantha, Richie's wife, was taken to the police station for questioning, she discovered for the first time that her husband was a kidnapper. His supposed work abroad was actually a ruse to evade investigation. The revelation left her trembling and breaking out in a cold sweat, she was at a loss for words and could not answer any of the questions

Connor was also taken in for questioning. Once he learned that Gaston was one of the wanted kidnapers, a realization suddenly dawned on him.

No wonder Lenora was so indifferent toward him when they were abroad, but suddenly became cordial after returning to their home country.

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o, it turned out that everything had been preplanned

After his breakup with Lenora, he genuinely spent one time nursing broken heart, lamenting the unpredictability of life.

Now he knew, he might have never been fond of him and strongly, this realization made Connor feel somewhat better

It was always easier to accept having no hope at all, rather than experiencing the crushing disappointment that came after hope was given and then taken away
Lenora couldn't believe it, couldn't accept it, but Richie had indeed run away.

An image of Susanna flashed across her mind.

Could it just have been a coincidence?

Since she began her investigation, despite the long duration, Richie had not fled. However, the moment Susanna agreed to testify, Richie ran away.

It must have been Susanna!

Incredibly, Susanna had ripped off her own kidnapper just to thwart her plans?

Lenora was consumed by fury, her chest rising and falling noticeably with her heavy breaths. A tidal wave of self-reproach surged within her, leaving her gasping for air under its oppressive weight." Lenora despised herself!

She was fully aware of Susanna's character, so why on earth did she agree for her to testify the next day? Search The website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

She should have taken Susanna directly from the party to the police station!

No, it was very likely that the party Susanna mentioned was just a fabrication!

A ball of anger gathered in Lenora's chest, unable to vent. She clenched her phone, about to call Susanna, when suddenly there was a commotion at the entrance of the hall. The host of the party stepped forward to greet the newcomers. Amidst the bustling crowd, Lenora caught sight of Zachary. He was impeccably dressed in a well-tailored, clean suit, his posture upright and his stride steady.

He had female companion by his side, and it was none other than Susanna!

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Bewildered Lenora watched the two figures, a cold smirk playing on her lips.

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Susanna who was standing next to Zachary, was dressed in a fitted mauve-colored gown. She elegantly held onto Zachary's arm while engaging in light-hearted conversation with a smile.

Had it not been for her understanding of the kind of person Susanna was, Lenora might have been decemed by her as well.

At fest. Lenges simply thought Susanna's hostility was due to her unsuccessful attempt to rekindle her past relationship with Zachary, and her resentment toward Lenora for being the current obstruction. However, in was only after Susanna's actions led to the death of Gerald that Lenora truly understood her malicious

This time, in an act of revenge. Susanna went to extreme lengths to thwart her quest for avenging her

her Shockingly, she even tipped off her own kidnappers to stall for time. It was a move that completely redefined Lenora's understanding of her.

By this point. Lenora no longer believed that Susanna would step forward to testify.

She had never considered stepping forward to testify. The so-called one-month assistantship was nothing more than a ruse to toy with her.

Given the circumstances. Lenora cast aside her reservations. She whipped out her phone and walked to the corridor to call the police

Why keep Sauna around if she's no longer of any use? I should just get her locked up in prison! She intends to continue her journey in the entertainment industry? Well, she can forget about it! I'm going to call the police right now and have Sason taken away by the police under the watchful eyes of everyone present!

Sophia had a brief chat with her blind date before emerging from the fire escape. She casually glanced around, her eyes suddenly widening

I'm not seeing things, an It Is that Zachary and Susanna? Fe! Those scoundrels"

Sophia rolled her eyes in annoyance and muttered something under her breath. Subconsciously, she looked toward the resting area where Lenora was supposed to be, but she couldn't spot her anywhere.

Right away. Sophia began to look around searching for Lenora.

Zachary truly is an unparalleled womanizer! He's trying to be with Nora while having an inappropriate relationship with Susanna' He could such a person be worthy of Nora?

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With a swift glance. Sophia peered through the crowd and pulled out her phone, snapping a few pictures of Zachary and his companion.

After putting down her phone and lifting her gaze, Sophia found herself meeting Zachary's distant and indifferent stare. She tensed up for a moment, then quickly tried to act nonchalant as she turned and walked in the other direction. Upon seeing Lenora enter from the hallway, Sophia's eyes lit up. She quickly walked over and called out to her, "Nora!"

Zachary followed Sophia's gaze and spotted Lenora. His pupils contracted abruptly, his complexion: shifted slightly, and he tensed up momentarily.

Why is Nora here too?

Lenora happened to look over as well.

Across the expanse of the grand hall, their eyes met, their gazes interweaving.

A detached, faint smile lingered in her eyes, tinged with a subtle hint of sarcasm, all of which Zachary noticed.

After locking eyes for a couple of seconds, Lenora looked away and took two steps toward Sophia as she asked, "Have you met your blind date yet? How is he?"

"Nothing impressive," Sophia responded nonchalantly. She then asked, "You saw Tyrant Fuller arrive, didn't you? I thought you were avoiding them and had hidden yourself away!"

Lenora chuckled. "I haven't done anything wrong, so why would I be hiding from them? Come on, let's go sit over there."

Sophia looked puzzled. "I've met the person for the blind date. Aren't we going back?"

Lenora shook her head. "I've changed my mind. Let's wait a little longer."

Sophia followed Lenora back to the rest area in a state of confusion, taking a seat.

Susanna noticed something amiss with Zachary. As she followed his gaze, a subtle smile graced her face. "It's Lenora. Should we go over and say hello?"

Richie should have already made his escape by now, right?

Zachary withdrew his gaze and replied in a deep voice, "No need."

Sophia was nibbling on a small cupcake as her gaze flitted over to Zachary. She blinked in confusion and asked, "Why aren't we heading back, Nora? Don't tell me it's because of Tyrant Fuller!"

Lenora raised an eyebrow at her. "As if! There really is a reason for this. You'll just have to wait and see." "All right, then." Sophia reluctantly believed her.

She raised her eyes to observe Lenora's expression, pursing her lips slightly as she continued, "Nora, I have a question for you..."

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She had been mulling over this question for a long time, but out of consideration for Lenora's feelings, she never managed to ask it.

"What is it? Go ahead and ask away."

"Did you use to have a thing for Tyrant Fuller?"

When Sophia learned of Lenora's marriage to Zachary, their marriage was already in a state of crisis. However, after spending a considerable amount of time with them, she managed to pick up on a subtle hint-Lenora must have once held feelings for Zachary. At the very least, she had feelings for Zachary while their marriage lasted.

Perhaps the feelings were quite deep, otherwise, Lenora wouldn't have been so numb immediately after the divorce, even if part of the pain was due to the child.

Lenora paused for a moment, touched her lips with a smile, and said. "Yes"

With a knowing expression, Sophia asked. "Have you been in love with him for many years?"

For as long as she had known Lenora, she had never seen Lenora show any clear affection for someone. It was highly likely that Lenora had feelings for Zachary even before they met. "Mhmin" Lenora nodded, twirling the fork in her hand as she lowered her gaze. "It's quite funny when I think about it. I had fallen for him the year I arrived at the Fuller residence." Sophia's mouth fell open in surprise as she hadn't expected it to be such a long time. When she calculated it, she realized it had already been ten years.

"Do you still have feelings for him now?"

Lenora fell silent for a moment, yet before she could speak, a sudden commotion erupted at the entrance of the hall

Under the guidance of a security officer, two police officers entered to meet with the host of the cocktail party, Tywin.

The hall fell silent in an instant. Everyone turned their attention toward the police, whispering among themselves in hushed tones.

The room was filled with the bigwigs of Jacaster, many of whom had their hands dirtied. There was no telling who might be arrested next

Those who were feeling guilty, were sweating bullets for themselves.

Upon seeing that, Lenora stood up. She glanced at Sophia and said, "The real show is about to start. Let's

go

Sophia's attention was diverted by the police, and she walked alongside Lenora with a face full of curiosity. "Did you call the cops?"

Yup

"Why"

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"You'll find out soon enough."

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Lenora walked over, greeted Tywin, and then turned to the police officers. "Officers," he said, "I was the one who called the police." It was unclear what the police had told Tywin, but upon their exchange, one of Tywin's waiters began to move in a certain direction. Susanna watched as the waiter drew nearer and nearer a sense of unease gripping her heart. She had a bad feeling about this.

She glanced past the waiter, her gaze meeting that of a police officer. The look in his eyes didn't seem as though he was seeking her testimony, but rather as if he was on the hunt for a suspect.

Once again, she saw Lenora approach the police officer, which took her by surprise.

Was it Lenora who called the police? Isn't she afraid that I'll refuse to testify?

As Susanna shifted her gaze, the waiter had already approached her. He glanced cautiously at Zachary standing next to her, then addressed her in front of everyone. "Ms. Carston, the two police officers are looking for you. They request your cooperation." Susanna's face turned pale, she tightly clutched Zachary's sleeve. "What's going

on?

"You'll understand once you head over, replied the waiter, lowering his head. Susanna glanced up at Zachary, noticing his silence. With a firm bite on her lower lip, she followed the

waiter

Despite only being a few steps away, the glares that fell upon her were either mocking or filled with amusement. Their intensity was scorching Susanna could only feel an overwhelming sense of torment.

Even so, she maintained her composure as she approached the police officers "Excuse me, officers, may I ask why you're looking for me?"

A police officer flashed his badge and said, "Susanna, you're currently implicated in a criminal case. Please come with us to assist in the investigation"

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Sosanna was taken away by the police, and Lana toad left the scene.

would steal a glance The hall was abuzz with die son, and every now and then, someone at Zachary

With some effort from Tywin, the original lively atmosphere was successfully restored.

Zachary quickly used himself and left the scene.

Having presented evidence and given her statement, Lenora emerged from the interrogation room at ten in the evening

She headed toward Sophia, who was waiting in the hall, and said, "Let's go

Sophia put away her phone and said, "Everything okay now?"

"Yup. They'll summon me again if there's anything else."

Sophia was already aware of the incident that had taken place at noon. She was filled with righteous indignation. "Susanna is truly disgusting. I'm telling you, you mustn't show any mercy. No matter how she comes begging for your forgiveness, you can't agree. Let her rot in jail!"

She was clearly implying something

With a smile, Lenora said, "I know. There's no way I'd show mercy."

Even if Susanna were to tell her right now that she could provide immediate proof, she wouldn't be swayed

Upon leaving the police station, a cold wind hit her face

The streets were scarcely populated with pedestrians.

Lenora's car was parked by the side of the street.

A black car trailing behind was flashing its hazard lights, which was particularly eye-catching in the night.

Lenora gave it a quick glance. Noticing the license plate, her eyebrows raised slightly, a hint of sarcasm flickering in her eyes.

"That's Zachary's car! He followed me to the police station, huh? Is he really that eager to pull strings for Susanna?" Lenora averted her gaze, walking straight toward her car. She then opened the passenger side door and got Sophia started the car and slowly drove away.

She was irritated and couldn't help but criticize Susanna in her head.

Having vented enough, Sophia took a deep breath, finally stopping. She then focused on driving. Suddenly, she asked, "Nora, do you see that car behind us? It seems as though it's been following us."

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Lenora glanced to her right, a frown creasing her forehead in irritation. That's Zachary's car," she said.

He truly is smitten with Susanna!

"Huh?" Sophia widened her eyes. "Why is he following us? He isn't expecting you to write a settlement agreement, is he? Nora, you absolutely mustn't agree!" Lenora nodded. "I know."

Inside the black Cayenne, Zachary received a message from his subordinate. Only then did he learn about the incident that had occurred at noon.

His eyes were pitch black, and his large hand slowly tightened, a glint of malice flashing in his gaze.

Susanna actually dared to scheme against Lenora!

Zachary could not dare to imagine what might have happened next had it not been for Lenora's foresight. Thank goodness she's unharmed...

Originally, Zachary was quite upset, a simmering kind of anger, upset because she kept pushing him away.

After learning about the events that transpired at noon, his anger instantly dissipated, leaving only worry behind.

At that moment, all he wanted was to hold her close.

Zachary swiped his finger across the screen, his thumb hovered over a number for a few seconds before he pressed it. Lenora's phone began to ring

She saw the caller ID on the screen and immediately hit decline.

Sophia glanced over. "A call from Zachary?"

"Yeah."

"Good job declining his call."

Half a minute had barely passed when Zachary's call came through again.

Once again, Lenora declined the call and promptly turned off her phone

The black car trailed not too far, yet not too close behind.

Zachary listened to the mechanical beeping sound coming from the phone, pursing his lips slightly.

Previously, she merely declined his assistance, but today, she wasn't even taking his calls

Why is it because she saw me with Susanna tonight? Is she upset? Does she perhaps have a slight liking for me, then? Zachary found it somewhat hard to believe.

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Sophia drove all the way to the entrance of the residential area's garage. The barrier gate automatically lifted after recognizing the license plate number of her car. She drove in, and the gate closed behind her. The residential area had strict regulations; vehicles not owned by residents were not allowed to enter.

The car came to a halt in its parking spot. Lenora unbuckled her seatbelt and stepped out of the vehicle. She made her way to the elevator entrance and pressed the button for the upper floors. The elevator promptly descended from the tenth floor

Suddenly, the sound of footsteps echoed from a distance, particularly noticeable in the quiet underground parking garage.

Sophia was oblivious, engrossed in rapidly typing on her phone, deflecting her father's probing questions.

Lenora softly pursed her lips and lowered her gaze.

Somehow, she had this peculiar feeling that the footsteps belonged to Zachary,

However, he shouldn't have been able to come in.

"Nota,"

A familiar voice echoed from behind.

Lenora turned around, a slight frown creasing her brow as she looked at Zachary. "What are you doing here?" Zachary strolled over leisurely. "The lofts in this residential area are quite nice, so I bought one for myself."

It was just above Lenora's unit.

Lenora fell speechless when she heard that.

Ding!

The elevator reached the first basement level, and the doors slid open.

Just as Lenora was about to step in, Zachary firmly grasped her wrist. "Hold on; I have something to tell you."

"Let go! There's nothing for us to discuss," Lenora said coldly.

"It'll only take a few minutes, just a few minutes of your time," Zachary insisted, refusing to let go.

Feeling agitated, Lenora rolled her eyes, casting a glance at Sophia.

Sophia instantly understood what she meant. She leaned toward Lenora's ear and whispered, "Whatever you do, don't agree to forgive him."

After she finished speaking, she stepped into the elevator first. As the elevator doors closed, it began its slow ascent.

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Lenora shot Zachary a casual glance and said, "Whatever you want to say, just go ahead and say i

Zachary was about to speak when Lenora added, "If you're here to ask me to write a settlement agreement. then you might as well turn around and leave."

"No, I won't make you write an settlement agreement. Zachary looked at her earnestly before continuing "This afternoon... I'm just glad you're okay." Lenora raised an eyebrow at him. "Thanks for the concern. Anything else?"

Seeing Lenora's indifferent attitude, Zachary not only didn't get angry, but also felt a subtle sense of satisfaction. Search the Find_Novel.net website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

He flashed her a faint smile, raising an eyebrow as he asked, "Are you upset? Nora, are you jealous? Am I right? You do have some feelings for me, don't you?" Lenora reacted as though she had just heard a joke. "Stop joking! Is there anything else you'd like to say? not. I'll be heading upstairs."

Zachary's face tensed up. He quickly grabbed Lenora's hand and asked, "Wait! You just called the police like that? Aren't you afraid that Susanna might refuse to testify?"

The fact that she didn't call the police at the time must have meant she intended to use this incident to pressure Susanna into testifying as soon as possible. She preferred to act against her heart's desire and get closer to Connor willing to take risks to investigate the case, and even chose to be Susanna's assistant, all to avenge her father. But why did she suddenly call the police earlier? Isn't she afraid that Susanna would refuse to testify? Lenora looked at Zachary, raising an eyebrow as she asked with a sarcastic smile, "What's the matter? Are you worried about her going to jail?"

"You know that's not what I meant."

"What are you implying, then?"

"My relationship with Susanna isn't what you think it is

"Did you not court her again, or did you not attend the party with her? Zachary, do you still remember how Grandpa passed away?" Lenora questioned.

"I have my reasons for doing this."

"What's the reason?"

Seeing him go silent, Lenora chuckled. H

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Catching a glimpse of the sadness in Zachary's eyes, Lenora pursed her lips and clenched her fists.

I'm just telling the truth, aren't I? What does he have to feel hurt about?

"That's right! Zachary, the way you're acting is not only an insult to the relationship between you and Susanna but also undermines me. Do you think I'll fall for your

scheme? Impossible! Whatever it is you want from me, I advise you to end it here," she uttered coldly. A vein throbbed in his forehead as he fastened his gaze on her. "What do I want from you? Tell me, what is it that I want?"

"I was about to ask you the same thing. I'm afraid only you know the answer, she responded while arching an eyebrow.

He let out an exasperated chuckle. Setting his jaw, he fixed Lenora with a burning gaze and strode forward, closing the distance between them.

Upon meeting his deep gaze, she instinctively took a step back, her heels pressing against the wall beside the elevator door. "What... What do you think you're doing?"

He braced his arm against the wall and dipped his head slightly. His warm breath fanned over her cheeks and ears, and she could not help but shrink back at the tickling sensation.

"Look at me," he said in a low voice.

She looked up and found herself staring straight into the depths of his eyes. His gaze was unfathomable, mysterious, and imposing. It seemed able to see through any secret and thought, and none could escape.

eyes on her sent a chill down her spine. Feeling as though she was sitting on pins and needles, she could not help averting her eyes, saying, "Ms. Carston is still at the police station. Are you sure you want to waste time here instead of going to see her?" Zachary chuckled. "I asked you to look at me. Why don't you dare?"

"It's not that I don't dare. I just don't want to have anything to do with you anymore-"

"Lenora, you don't dare. You're scared," he stated confidently.

She lifted her gaze and locked eyes with him.

As their gazes intertwined, she clenched her fists tightly and suppressed the urge to look away. "So? What are you trying to say?"

He looked into her eyes. Then, uttering each word distinctly, he said, "Nora, when I approached you, I indeed had my motives- "See, you've admitted it yourself"

"What I desire is you!" he declared with conviction. "All I want is you!"

Lenora's lips parted slightly. Momentarily stunned, she stared into his eyes in surprise, clueless as to why

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her heart skipped two beats.

She studied his face intently, attempting to detect any signs of deception but to no avail.

His gaze was sincere, as though every word he said was the truth..

However, she knew that he was the best at deceiving others. 4974%0

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Previously, when I saw Susanna looking all haggard at the hospital, I almost believed him. But when I later saw her outside still living a carefree life, I realized he was still deceiving me. He even went so far as to claim that he had some sort of unspeakable difficulty, treating me as though I was a fool. It's no different this time. He can't even come up with a better excuse. Claiming that he has his reasons? Who would buy that? Who could possibly coerce him into doing something he doesn't want to do? He's the chairman of Fuller Group, yet Susanna is getting in his way? If word of that gets out, who would believe it?

Seeing that she remained silent, he continued to speak Lenora, I love you. I only want you. Who else could I possibly desire apart from you?"

She looked away and laughed. "Zachary, do you even believe what you just said?"

Does he think saying that will make me forget how he provided Susanna with resources once again and even attended a party with her?

He noticed the mocking glint in her eyes as he looked down and gripped her wrist tightly. "Tell me what you want me to do. I can prove it to you. If you don't trust me, it must be because I haven't done enough

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Wearing an indifferent expression, she arched an eyebrow and responded, "You want to prove it to me?" "Mm-hmm."

"I don't need you to do anything. Just tell me the unspeakable difficulty you've been struggling with, and I'll be able to discern the truth."

He froze.

She made it clear on several occasions that she doesn't want my help, nor does she want to accept my feelings. If she knows that I went to negotiate with Susanna because of her... I explain this time, she'll surely enquire about the reason / let Susanna go previously. She mustn't find out about her background and that photo of her pregnant.

A look of mockery flashed across her face when she saw him hesitate. "If you can't do it, then forget it. I don't need you to prove anything. Keeping your distance from me is already the greatest gift you can give

me."

At that moment, the elevator doors happened to open. A resident emerged from within and glanced at the pair before walking away.

Just as the elevator doors were about to automatically close, Lenora broke free from Zachary's grasp, darted inside, and pressed the button for her floor.

The elevator immediately started ascending.

Once she got back, Sophia immediately stood up and looked behind her. "Did Tyrant Fuller give you a hard time?"

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"Actually, no," she replied, casually closing the door behind her.

She also found it rather odd that he had not asked her to write a settlement agreement for Susanna

"Don't let your guard down. He might come up with other methods," Sophia cautioned.

"Okay."

News of Susanna being taken away by the police was reported by some media outlets. Although no specific reason was given, netizens speculated that it must have been for something pretty serious. Some of the project teams that were in negotiations with Susanna went about gathering information discreetly while some others had already quietly erased any traces of their collaborations with her.

Tyler held his forehead in distress. They had almost finished filming Susanna's scenes, but now that this unexpected incident had occurred, he feared they would have to replace her and reshoot. It would cost a great deal of time, money, and energy.

Fortunately, her role is only a special appearance, and she didn't have many scenes. So, there's still a chance to salvage things. It's just that finding the right actor will be challenging rough, but finding one who's both suitable and available will be even more difficult. He pinched the bridge of his nose.

As for Kyle, he was also worried, but not over Susanna. In fact, Susanna being unable to act anymore was just what he wanted.

Instead, he was worrying about Gary. It meant that he would be losing an assistant, and finding a replacement he could get along with would not be easy.

Meanwhile, Lenora knew nothing of their distress.

It was Easter that day, and she had specifically gone to the Fuller residence for lunch.

Before arriving, she had thought she might run into Zachary. To her surprise, he had gone earlier that morning and dropped off Harrietta before leaving, claiming he had social engagements and would not be around at noon.

Lenora felt much more at ease, yet there was an indescribable feeling lingering in her heart.

Nonetheless, she ignored it and busied herself making Easter eggs with Allison.

Harrietta also hurried over excitedly to lend a hand.

Easter was also celebrated in places abroad where Clusian communities gathered, but the atmosphere was not as vibrant as it was back home.

Soon, Johanne and his family arrived.

Upon seeing Mallory and Johanne this time, Lenora noticed that their relationship appeared to have thawed significantly. Judging by the way they interacted, it seemed that Johanne had been making quite an effort to humble himself. It was only after chatting with them that she learned that Mallory was pregnant.

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The couple had been married for many years but only had one child, Ryan.

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In truth, Mallory had been pregnant once before Ryan was born, she had miscarried for some unknown

reason.

She had already been unsure about her decision to divorce, and the recent pregnancy only made her event more uncertain. Then, when Johanne pleaded for reconciliation once more, the strain in their marital relationship eased significantly, Griselda also arrived not long after but there was no sign of Stanley.

Lenora could detect a hint of displeasure in Griselda's tone when the latter mentioned Stanley's girlfriend. Recalling her chance encounter with Stanley and his girlfriend previously, she just smiled quietly and did not say anything.

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Though Stanley hadn't formally introduced his girlfriend to his parents, it was no secret that he had been going out on dates with Mindy. Griselda could easily find out with a simple investigation.

Who wouldn't hope for their son to find a girlfriend from a similar social standing?

When Griselda initially found out about Mindy's identity, she wasn't too pleased.

Mindy came from an average family. Her parents were both ordinary workers, and she had two younger sisters and a brother, all of whom were still in school and required financial support. Mindy's grandparents were grning on in years and frequently fell ill, while her uncle was in even worse health, confined to a Tspital bed

In shon, the Schmidt family was financially strapped.

Mily herself had dropped out of middle school and was working as a salesperson in a clothing store at a certain shopping mall.

Her conditions were a far cry from Stanley's.

Fortunately, Griselda didn't place much importance on social status. Considering that her son, who was deeply immersed in his studies, had finally fallen in love, she quickly accepted Mindy's background. She believed that Mindy must possess qualities that her son admired. Otherwise, he wouldn't be fond of her. A couple of days ago, Griselda,

who was filled with curiosity about her future daughter-in-law, invited a few high-society ladies to go shopping. They visited the clothing store in the mall where Mindy worked. Back then, there were other customers in the shop.

A couple of girls who appeared to be in high school were trying on clothes in the store. They were dressed modestly, Mindy was indifferent to them, barely acknowledging their presence, her eyes constantly darting toward the store entrance. Upon seeing Griselda and her party enter, she quickly abandoned the girls and hurried over to greet them, her face lighting up with a welcoming smile as she introduced them. around.

Griselda's face had taken on an unpleasant look at that time.

Mindy, oblivious, was wholeheartedly focused on pleasing the major client.

Griselda went off to the side for a bit, and in the blink of an eye, Mindy had started arguing with those two young ladies.

ladies.

Originally, the young ladies wanted to try a different size, so they sought out Mindy, who was the one who initially served them. Somehow, a disagreement arose. Mindy, growing impatient, told the young "If you can't afford it, don't try it on!"

One girl, being rather sensitive, immediately flushed crimson. The other, filled with indignation, threatened to lodge a complaint against Mindy.

In the heat of the argument, Mindy's arrogance was palpable. With a defiant outburst, she challenged, "If you dare, go ahead and file a complaint! Do you even know who my boyfriend is?"

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Griselda's face immediately darkened completely.

At that moment, she felt overwhelmingly embarrassed

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Fearing that the name of Stanley might slip from Mindy's lips and be overheard by the ladies who had arrived, Griselda immediately stepped forward to help her young ladies out of the predicament.

Mindy could only muster enough courage to intimidate high school students, pretending to be more powerful than she was. However, when faced with the affluent and imposing Griselda, her facade of bravery instantly crumbled.

The situation was eventually resolved peacefully, but Mindy's image in Griselda's heart plummeted drastically,

The company had been particularly busy recently, so Stanley hadn't been able to return home for two consecutive days, Griselda hadn't yet had the chance to discuss the matter with him.

She was truly feeling suffocated in her heart, but she didn't want to bother Allison with this matter. Her relationship with Tamara was average at best, and she certainly didn't want her circle of high-ranking ladies to know about it. So, she only vented her frustrations to Lenora and Mallory.

Lenora didn't comment on Mindy's character. She simply consoled, "Aunt Griselda, don't worry. How long has Stanley been seeing her? It's not certain that they will end up together."

Griselda said, "You're right. I'm indeed being too hasty

Shortly after, Griselda stepped out for a bit, and Harrietta also ran off to play in the yard, leaving only Lenora and Mallory alone at the table.

The two were engrossed in conversation when Mallory asked, "Nora, have you decided on a kindergarten

"No, she wants me to accompany her this afternoon to take a look," Lenora responded.

"Why don't she go to Ryan's school? They can keep each other company."

"Your suggestion is excellent. This afternoon, I'll take Hattie to have a look. If she likes it, we'll settle on it.

With a smile, Mallory hesitated for a moment before continuing her inquiry. "I heard that Hattie is registered under Zack's household. Given how close she is to you, are you and Zack... considering reconciling?" Lenora denied, "Mallory, you've misunderstood. I just really like Hattie. That's all"

"I see..."

Lenora noticed the unnatural look on Mallory's face and asked, "Mallory, what's wrong?"

Mallory set down the food she was holding, her gaze dropping low. With a deep sigh, she murmured, "Yesterday, I heard him on the phone with that woman again..."

The person he was undoubtedly referring to was Johanne.

Upon hearing this, Lenora was infuriated, exclaiming. How could Johanne do such a thing?"

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Mallory, pregnant, gradually let go of the idea of divorce. Surprisingly, Johanne hadn't ended things with the other woman.

Seeing Lenora standing with her against their common enemy, Mallory felt an increasing sense of injustice. Her eyes welled up with tears as she took Lenora's hand and said, "Nora, I really don't know what to do..."

Lenora studied Mallory's condition, noting that she had lost a considerable amount of weight since their last encounter. Her appearance was haggard and worn.

She was pregnant and if things continued this way, it wouldn't be good.

The concept of love was indeed enigmatic. It could kill without a trace and wound without leaving a mark, yet it could effortlessly tear a person apart, leaving them riddled with emotional wounds and heartache.

If Johanne and Mallory had a marriage alliance, perhaps Mallory wouldn't have experienced such pain. today.

"Mallory, do you want this child?" Lenora asked earnestly.

Slightly hesitant, Mallory responded, "I'm not sure..."

She had initially intended to stay, but after what transpired yesterday, she found herself uncertain again.

Indeed, just as people often say, once infidelity occurred, it was likely to happen again. If Johanne continued to maintain relationships with the other woman, what was the point of her persisting? She might as well just get a divorce.

Lenora advised, "If you wish to keep this child, I suggest you take some time apart from Johanne. This will not only provide you with the time and space to calm down, but it will also aid in the baby's development. Moreover, it can give you a chance to gauge Johanne's attitude. If you don't want to, then it's better to decide sooner rather than later..."

With gratitude, Mallory tightly held Lenora's hand. "Thank you, Nora."

She had recently been immersed in sorrow, finding it hard to pull herself out of it. It was necessary for her to take some time to calm down. Otherwise, her constant melancholy could potentially harm the child she was carrying. "You're welcome."

After lunch, Lenora caught a glimpse of Johanne smoking in the courtyard. Taking the initiative, she approached him. "Johanne."

Johanne turned around and nodded. "Nora."

"Forgive my audacity, but are you still in touch with that woman?"

After Johanne heard this, a sudden jolt passed through his heart, causing the fingers holding his cigarette to stiffen momentarily.

"Which woman?" He nonchalantly took a puff from his cigarette.

"Stop lying to me, Johanne," she said. "Mallory told me that she heard you on the phone with that woman"

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yesterday"

Johanne paused, then realized that he had been overthinking.

He thought Lenora knew about that incident.

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Seeing Johanne remain silent, Lenora spoke again. "Johanne, since I've come to the Fuller residence, you've treated me like your own sister. There are some things I feel I should say outright. I've witnessed your and Mallory's journey together. You two are so in love, and your son is bright and adorable. It's an enviable sight. I thought you two would continue on that path, but I didn't expect you to be the one to change your heart first... If that's the case, why not part on good terms? Why do you insist on holding onto her? After keeping her by your side, you don't cherish her. Now, she's pregnant and yet she's so melancholic..."

After listening, Johanne gazed deeply at Lenora, who was earnestly advising him. He exhaled a ring of smoke and sighed. "Nora, if I were to tell you that I had no romantic involvement with that woman, would you believe me?"

"If there's nothing romantic going on, then why can't you tell Mallory?"

Johanne took a drag of his cigarette. "You'll understand in due time."

Kews had arrived from his men stationed at the border that Gaston had fallen into the hands of others.

The secret of that matter could no longer be concealed

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