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Lenora studied Johanne's expression, momentarily unsure whether he was speaking the truth.

If that were true, what is his relationship with that woman? Why can't he share this with Mallory, his spouse? If it were a lie, then what purpose would his words serve?

She was about to ask something else when suddenly, her cellphone started ringing

Lenora glanced at her phone, noticing that it was an incoming call from Jayden. Her heart skipped a beat before she gave Johanne a subtle nod, stepping away to answer the call.

As soon as the call connected, Lenora asked impatiently, "Has Gaston been caught?"

On the other end of the line, Jayden's voice was filled with regret. "I'm sorry, but no, Gaston has fallen into

someone else's hands"

Lenora was taken aback, her heart dropping. "Someone else's hands?"

Could it be that the mastermind sent someone to rescue Gaston? Given these circumstances, it will be difficult to apprehend Gaston again. Susanna refuses to testify, so what should I do to avenge my father?

"Indeed, while we were pursuing Gaston, we were stopped twice. Later, I discovered that the two groups obstructing us were not allies. One of them was likely trying to rescue Gaston, while the intentions of the other group remained unclear. Unfortunately, Gaston ended up in the hands of the latter.

Lenora managed to let out a sigh of relief.

As long as Gaston hadn't fallen into the hands of his rescuers, there might still be hope.

"Could you please figure out who those people are and why they captured Gaston? And do it quickly. I can pay extra," Lenora said.

It wasn't a big deal that Richie had escaped. According to the information relayed by Connor, it was clear that Daryl and Gaston knew each other, Capturing Gaston would suffice, as he could also implicate Daryl

At that moment, all she wished for was the swift capture of Gaston. The longer it took, the higher the chances of Daryl slipping away.

"I understand."

After hanging up the phone, Lenora turned around, only to find that Johanne was no longer in sight.

She didn't pay it any mind and returned to the living room.

Inside the room upstairs, Johanne made a call, saying. "Gaston hasn't fallen into their hands but another group's. Track him down immediately. We must get him."-

The person he had sent reported back that Gaston had been apprehended. Initially, Johanne had assumed The person he had sent reported back that he'd fallen into the hands of Lenora.

Upon overhearing Lenora's call, he realized there was another group of people involved.

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After leaving the kindergarten Lenora took Harrietta to the mall. They bought a couple of small backpack, a pencil case, and other school supplies

While she was strolling through the mall Lenora received a call from the police. They told her that Harrietta wanted to see her

Lenora glanced at the petite figure beside her setting up for the next day

After leaving the mall, the two of them were to have a meal

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By the time dinner was over, it was already past seven in the evening. In the Whis top of the photography course, the students had metaphorically set up their bags, expertly awaiting the commences. There was a photography class scheduled for that evening. It was the third semester

When Lenora drove up to Galaxy Bay, she spotted a dark black sedan parked at the carriage

Has Zachary just returned!

Lenora stepped out from the driver's seat, opened the back door of the car and shed Harrietta out. She then sealed out a paper bag containing clothes and a backpack handing over Harrietta "Harrietta, go on in I'll see you the day after tomorrow" She had promised Harrietta that she would take the bag to school on the first day.

Harrietta was carrying a huge paper bag that was almost touching the ground. She looked at Lenora with a pitiful expression and pleaded, "Aunt Lenora, it's too heavy for me. Can you please help me carry it?" Chege 301 Fury Unleashed

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Lenora bid farewell to Miranda and Harrietta, then left the villa.

Meanwhile, the black sedan was still parked at the mansion's entrance,

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Miles stood by the driver's door, his arm propped up on the roof of the car, as if waiting for someone.

Seeing Lenora emerge, he took a step forward. "Ms. Wilkin."

"Mr. Lancaster, why haven't you left yet?" Lenora asked curiously.

"I... I need to talk to you." Miles said hesitantly.

"Whatever it is, go on."

Actually, Mr. Fuller has his reasons for supporting Susanna again and attending the dinner with her," Miles revealed.

Over the past few days, a gloomy aura surrounded Zachary. Wherever he went, he brought with him a chilling atmosphere.

Whenever the secretaries in the GEO's office reported their work, they were invariably filled with trepidation.

The department heads were holding documents that required Zachary's signature. They hesitated at the office door for a long time, but in the end, they repeatedly handed him the documents, forcing them to face Zachary's wrath. Consequently, Miles was heartbroken by what he saw,

He knew that Lenora was at the heart of the problem, and there was a need for him to save himself.

Lenora hadn't expected Miles to discuss such things with her. She was taken aback for a moment. "What' the reason?"

"Mr. Fuller didn't want you to suffer as Susanna's assistant, so he took the initiative to negotiate terms with Susanna. You've always been reluctant to accept his help, so he didn't tell you."

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Lenora stared at Miles, her eyes wide with astonishment.

Zachary has a deal with Susanna for my sake? So, were all the resources provided to Susanna, including the dinner party, Susanna's demands? "Really? You're not lying to me?" Lenora asked skeptically

"I swear I'm telling the truth!" Miles nodded repeatedly, "Susanna promised to testify right after tonight's event, but who would have thought.

With a scoff, Lenora said, "Zachary is really naive. Did he really think that Susanna would testify just because he agreed to those terms? She would never."

Of course, Lenora was just as foolish as he was

The two of them were equally naive and ended up being completely played by Susanna

With a smile, Miles said, "No matter what, it demonstrates Mr. Fuller's sincerity."

"If he doesn't want me to know, then what's your purpose in telling me?" Lenora asked, raising an eyebrow.

Miles scratched his nose, saying, "He hasn't been in a particularly good mood lately..."

In an instant, Lenora understood. She fell silent for a moment before saying, "Answer one more question for me."

"Ask away!"

"Why did Zachary release Susanna from the mental hospital?" Lenora asked.

The question triggered a flicker in Miles' eyes. "About that... I'm not sure..."

The absolute truth about Lenora's real identity and the fact that she had a child couldn't be revealed. Lenora stared intently at Miles, a smirk playing on her lips. "You really have no clue"

"I don't!" Miles shook his head vehemently.

"Then you should go back."

"Huh?"

"What do mean by huh?" Lenora folded her arms. "You're Zachary's closest associate, yet you don't know why. I can only interpret this as there aren't any outside factors- Zachary simply likes Susanna. Therefore, if you tell me that he had a deal with Susanna because of me, I won't believe it. His recent poor mood isn't because of me either. It might be due to something else

Miles was utterly flabbergasted, unable to regain his senses for a while.

What in the world? How could Lenora possibly think that?

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"If there's nothing else, I'll be on my way," Lenora said, heading toward her car.

"Hey, wait, Ms. Wilkin!" Miles Yang hurriedly called out to her.

Lenora halted, turning around to look at Miles. "Is there something else?"

"Everything I've told you is the truth! I have no reason to deceive you!"

"Let me ask you again, why did Zachary release Susanna back then?"

From Miles' reaction, it was certain he knew the reason but didn't want to tell her.

Miles shook his head again. "I truly don't know."

"Let me take a guess, it wouldn't have anything to do with me, would it?" Lenora ventured to ask.

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In truth, she had no reason to doubt Miles' earlier words. The skepticism she showed was merely a way to find out what Zachary's so-called reasons were. Otherwise, the matter would linger like a thorn in her heart. Every time she saw Zachary, it would remind her of his ambiguous relationship with Susanna. Miles was taken aback for a moment, nearly nodding in agreement. "I don't know, Ms. Wilkin... Please don't put me in a difficult position..."

"Could it be that Susanna has something on me?" Lenora speculated, staring into Miles' eyes.

Miles remained silent.

"But, what kind of dirt could Susanna possibly have on me?" Lenora was extremely puzzled.

She simply couldn't figure it out.

"Ms. Wilkin..."

Seeing that he was at a loss for words, Lenora sighed. "Understand, it's alright. You can go now. I'll get in touch with Zachary,"

Miles let out a sigh of relief. "Alright, thank you, Ms. Wilkin."

Lenora drove home and headed straight to her study to turn on the live stream of the photography

course.

Ezekiel's voice echoed from the speaker.

His voice was slightly hoarse, his tone steady. As he spoke, he quickly drew his audience deep into the topic with his knowledge.

At the same time, Lenora was diligently taking notes.

At a certain point, Ezekiel paused, cleared his throat lightly, took a sip of water, and continued his lecture.

She wasn't sure if it was just an illusion, but she felt that Ezekiel seemed somewhat weary.

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Once the photography class ended, one was allowed to replay it. Lenora opened the video to catch up on the parts she had missed earlier.

At that moment, her phone chimed, signaling the arrival of a message.

Ezekiel asked: Did you pay attention in class today?

Lenora: I missed the earlier portion, so I'm currently catching up on the replay.

Ezekiel: If there's anything you don't understand, feel free to ask me.

Lenora: I got it. Thank you, Ezekiel. Your voice seems a bit off, are you feeling unwell? Remember to bundle up, keep hydrated, and get some rest.

With that, Ezekiel responded: Okay.

He didn't have a cold but had overused his voice instead..

Obviously, a weekly photography class wouldn't have done that to his vocal chord

The real reason was that issues had arisen from the company's acquisition project. Not only did the acquisition fail, but it also consumed a portion of the company's cash flow.

Meanwhile, those who were dissatisfied with him had also made their move.

Thus, he had been busy dealing with his problems for the past few days, getting very little rest

Zachary had deliberately shown interest in Oasis Technologies, luring Ezekiel into a competitive bid. It was only when he began to invest in Oasis Technologies stock that the latter realized there were issues within the company. Internally, Oasis Technologies was resistant to the acquisition, implementing a poison pill strategy to oppose it and dilute the shares held by Ezekiel.

Even the spokesperson for Oasis Technologies made a public statement. If the Hoffman family insisted on a hostile takeover, they would have no choice but to implement a scorched earth strategy, liquidating company assets before the acquisition could be successful. At this point, Ezekiel found himself in a predicament. Given the circumstances, he had to deal with the difficult Oasis Technologies, only then can he fulfill his responsibilities to the board of directors.

Naturally, given the Hoffman family's vast wealth and influence, acquiring Oasis Technologies was just a matter of time. However, due to the outstanding issue, discontent toward Ezekiel within the Hoffman family gradually increased, and his enemies started to undermine him.

This situation was Zachary's true intention from the very beginning.

Leaning back in his chair, Ezekiel rubbed his temples before sending a message to Lenora: Do you have time tomorrow? Let's have a meal together. There's something important I need to discuss with you.

Lenora was puzzled. She replied: An important matter?

Ezekiel: Yes

Lenora thought it was about the photography competition, so she agreed: Alright, let's meet tomorrow at

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I put down her phone, replaying the lecture while jotting down notes.

the end of the session, she stretched herself languidly.

After freshening up, she slipped into her pajamas and lay down on her bed. Picking up her phone, she pondered for a moment before dialing a number.

The phone rang for what seemed like forever, only getting answered just before it was about to disconnect automatically.

A familiar male voice came through the phone, laced with restraint and displeasure. "Didn't you say that you were disgusted with me? Why are you calling me?"

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That morning, Zachary received news from Elijah-Richie had escape

In that moment, he understood Lenora's feelings and the reason with Susanna was what made her angry with me...

Zachary blamed himself for what happened.

behind her calling the police. So, seeing me

Lenora had just gained leverage over Susanna when Richie mysteriously disappeared. It was highly likely that Susanna was involved.

Susanna had personally experienced brutal torment and didn't want to confront the kidnapper, so he had given her time.

Had he directly forced Susanna to identify the culprit, catching her off guard. Richie wouldn't have managed to escape.

Due to the kidnapping case, he had shown Susanna an excessive amount of tolerance.

He could understand why she wasn't willing to testify: it was due to her hatred for Lenora

However, he never imagined that she would actually let go of the captor who had once harmed her.

Susanna's actions led to the last shred of Zachary's pity for her disappearing fully.

The situation she found herself in today was entirely her own doing. Yet Zachary was still in a gloomy mood.

Every time he thought about Lenora's words from the night before, he felt a lump in his chest, a frustration he couldn't describe. His heart felt heavy, and the bitterness extended all the way to his throat. She had actually called him disgusting

It felt as if it he meant nothing to her.

Thus, Zachary could only numb himself through work.

When Zachary saw the incoming call from Lenora, his initial reaction was of surprise, and a subtle sense of delight rising from the depths of his heart.

He picked up his phone, his thumb trembling as it hovered over the answer button, nearly pressing on it.

No! Why would she call me after saying all those things about me? If I answered too quickly, what does that make me? I still have my dignity!

Zachary paused for a moment, placing his phone back on the table, his gaze returning to the documents.

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Zachary stared at a certain spot, his mind in a complete mess. The familiar words on the documents seemed to lose their meaning to him.

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Why is she calling me? I just can't focus!

Zachary glanced at the still-ringing phone beside him, then picked it up again.

I guess it's time to answer. If I don't, she would just call again, disrupting my work.

That was how Zachary convinced himself. He simply didn't want his job to be affected. With that, he finally answered.

He swore that he had planned to do so calmly.

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However, he quickly realized he had no control over himself as he blurted out the resentful response. It was as if he was a disgruntled woman making a fuss. After he finished speaking, Zachary felt as if he had been possessed by someone else, for those were certainly not words he was capable of uttering.

However, now that the words had left his lips, he couldn't take them back.

Zachary waited anxiously for Lenora's response, his lips pursed tightly.

Lenora chuckled. "Aren't you mad at me? Why did you still answer my call?"

Had she not heard it herself, Lenora would have found it hard to believe that Zachary could utter such

words.

He was like a child craving attention by speaking with a sour tone.

"If it weren't for the incessant ringing of the phone disrupting my work, do you think I'd want to answer?" Zachary retorted.

"Did I interrupt your work? If so, I'll hang up, okay?"

Zachary was rendered speechless, absolutely certain that she was getting on his nerves on purpose.

Zachary took a deep breath, calmly stating. "Since you've already interrupted me, just get on with it!"

Lenora replied, "Zachary, I called to apologize. I'm sorry, I spoke too harshly yesterday. I shouldn't have treated you that way... An unexpected incident occurred yesterday, and I was just too angry. I'm sorry... The news of Richie's escape had dealt her a great blow

Just as success was within grasp, she was thrown back to square one. At that moment, Lenora truly wanted to strangle Susanna, and her irritation toward Zachary grew.

Hearing this, Zachary straightened his posture, cleared his throat, and said, "I understand how you feel. There's no need for you to apologize."

It would have been nice if she had addressed me as Zack instead of Zachary,

I heard that you negotiated with her?"

Suddenly, Zachary felt a wave of discomfort wash over him. "How did you know?"

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"Mr. Lancaster told me about it, but don't blame him. I found it odd and pressed him to spill the beans, including the difficulties you spoke of the last time." Zachary's heart skipped a beat, his fingers subconsciously tightening, "You know everything already?"

The difficulties I spoke of last time...

"Mmm-hmm," Lenora continued, "only after I learned everything did I realize I had misunderstood you. You released Susanna all because of me. Zack, I'm sorr Zachary paused, holding his breath while remaining silent.

What she says is true, but something feels off...

"But Zachary, I'm an adult. I don't need you to protect me while keeping me in the dark. Why would you hide something so important from me?" Zachary pursed his lips, countering, "What's so important?"

Lenora paused. "Do you think I'm probing you?"

Have I given herself away?

Hearing Lenora speak in this manner, Zachary grew even more convinced that she was trying to deceive him. "Mmm-hmm," he responded. Lenora found herself at a loss for words, falling silent for a few moments. "Do you really need me to say it out loud?" she finally asked. Zachary asked casually, "Why not?"

Lenora paused for a moment, then let out a cold huff. "Zachary, you really are clever!"

All she felt was a sense of frustration,

Zachary chuckled softly. "You flatter me."

In reality, her performance was quite convincing, so much so that he almost believed it.

He pondered for a moment, considering that if Lenora knew she wasn't Fernando's daughter, her reaction wouldn't have been so calm, and she certainly wouldn't have been in the mood to seek him out to apologize. Listening to his laughter, the budding

affection Lenora had just started to feel for him dwindled once again. "Where did I give myself away? Or, is it because you let Susanna go not for my sake, and I just assumed too much?" Zachary smiled slightly. "You don't have to try and bait me. I'm not going to tell you."

Rendered speechless, Lenora took a deep breath. "Zachary, do you think you're some kind of hero?"

"Hmm?"

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about it last night, so why didn't you say anything?

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Zachary paused for a moment. "You said you didn't need my help. I was afraid it might upset you."

Lenora raised an eyebrow, chuckling lightly. "Zachary, weren't you quite brazen when you were scheming against Connor? Why are you afraid of upsetting me now?"

"That's a separate matter altogether. Zachary seemed to have thought of something, his tone laced with a hint of sarcasm. "Shouldn't you be thanking me for scheming against Connor, giving you a legitimate reason to break up?"

A twitch played at the corner of Lenora's mouth. "I wasn't even praising you, why are you getting all smug

"Don't you want to hear my gloat?" he asked, having misunderstood.

Zachary thought she would scold him or change the subject. However, to his surprise, Lenora fell silent for

couple of seconds before saying. "Let me hear it then.

you not only Zachary shifted the topic, sternly saying, "Lenora, you really are something. To find clues. approached Connor but even started dating him! What would you have done if you hadn't received the information you wanted? Have you ever considered that if Richie saw you with Connor and recognized you, he would attack you?"

Lenora said, "You're backing down Zachary. Weren't you going to gloat in front of me?"

In the past, when Zachary was having sex, he was typically silent. Only when he couldn't hold back would he let out a few muted, sensual moans.

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"How about you come over to my place, and I'll let you hear me panting?" Zachary suggested.

"Heh, dream on."

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The topic was rather embarrassing, but Lenora didn't want to dwell on it. So, she simply made an excuse. "It's getting late. I need to sleep. Good night."

"Good night," Zachary said reluctantly.

"Wait, I just remembered something else."

"Go ahead," he said.

"I saw Mallory at the Fuller residence today," Lenora said. "She's pregnant, but she told me that Johanne is still in touch with that woman outside. Maybe you should have someone look into who this woman really Zachary was taken aback for a moment. "Are you sure your brother is still in touch with her?"

"Mallory personally overheard their conversation."

"Alright, I understand," he said. "I'll have someone look into it"

After hanging up the phone, Lenora placed her phone on the bedside table and turned off the light to sleep.

Meanwhile, Zachary, as he looked at the call history displayed on the screen, found the corners of his lips curving into a subtle, almost imperceptible smile.

Recalling Lenora's words from earlier, Zachary's eyes were deep and thoughtful, lost in contemplation.

Upon learning about Johanne's driver's suspicious behavior, Zachary had someone keep a close watch on Johanne.

He spent most of his time either at his company or at home, only occasionally venturing out for social engagements or to meet up with friends.

There wasn't a woman who had an unusual relationship with Johanne.

However, Mallory mentioned that Johanne was still in touch with that woman.

Suddenly, Zachary's fingers paused, as an unbelievable thought flashed through his mind.

Did Susanna really let her kidnapper go just because she detested Lenora?

Johanne seemed to have strayed, yet he acknowledged the existence of that woman. He claimed his relationship with her was innocent, but he avoided discussing it with Mallory.... Could it be...

With a serious expression, Zachary dialed Elijah's number.

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Zachary waved his hand "Go on leave

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With a frid posture, Miles exited the office his hearted with unease.

However, nothing much happened until the end of theworkday in the evening.

Zachary's gaze shifted back to the computer screen, his slender fingers tapping away on the keyboard.

He saw the fear-stricken look in Miles eyes, yet he said nothing

That audacious brat, he dared to defy my orders and leaked the information to Lenora!

Considering the good deed he had done, Zachary decided to give Miles a scare for the day.

At noon, Lenora arrived at the restaurant where she had arranged to meet with Ezekiel

Upon their meeting this time, there was a hint of fatigue in Ezekiel's eyes and brows.

Lenora asked with concern. "Have you been really busy lately?"

With a smile, Ezekiel rubbed his temple. "Is it that obvious? The company has been dealing with some issues these past few days."

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"I know," he said.

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"Did you ask me out today because of the photography competition?"

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The registration for the photography competition had already closed, and it was currently in the judging phase.

Ezekiel was one of the judges,

During the evaluation, the judges could only see the photographs and numbers associated with each participant, not their names. In the end, there were designated staff responsible for tallying the scores. Lenora wasn't really in this for the meal, she just wanted to gauge her true skill level. Before uploading the picture, she didn't let Ezekiel preview it. Of course, she believed that even if Ezekiel had seen it, he would still score it fairly. Leaning back in his chair, Ezekiel gently shook his head. "No, it's something else."

Lenora was taken aback. "What's the matter?"

Ezekiel leisurely pulled out his phone from his pocket. After a few swipes, he placed it in front of Lenora. "Do you know this person?"

When Lenora lowered her gaze, he saw nothing but a somewhat blurry photo on the screen. The photo depicted a man being pinned down by several others.

She fixed her gaze, her pupils suddenly constricting, her heart pounding wildly. She looked at Ezekiel, excitement lacing her voice, "Gaston?"

With a smile, Ezekiel said, "A client of mine had an encounter at the border. They were pursued by two groups of people. Upon inquiring, it seems to be related to you." Lenora could hardly believe it.

After Richie had fled and others had taken away Gaston, she was on the verge of despair.

Unexpectedly, the tables had turned and Gaston had fallen right into Ezekiel's hands.

She immediately relayed Gaston's identity to Ezekiel.

Ezekiel said, "My client is still at the border. It will take him a few days to reach Jacaster. However, he

was watching him and trying to take Gaston back from him." mentioned that someo

Lenora nervously glanced at Ezekiel. "Ezekiel, could you tell me his location? I want to gather more people To go there, or perhaps hand him over to the police once they've entered the country." Ezekiel chuckled. "Don't worry, I'm aware of his significance to you. I won't let him fall into the wrong hands."

Lenora looked at him gratefully. "Thank you, Ezekiel. I really can't thank you enough. Come, let me toast to you.

She picked up the wine glass and took the initiative to fill it up for Ezekiel.

The two of them clinked their glasses together, draining the wine from their cups.

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Lenora didn't respond. Instead, she asked. "What's wrong?"

"I asked you, how did you end up with Ezekiel?" Tamara raised her voice interrogating as if dealing with a criminal. "Did you two sleep together?"

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Lenora could no longer put up with Tamara and cried Aunt Tamara This is my personal mar you have nothing else, I will take my leave now "Hold on Tamara commanded

Lenora continued to walk without pause.

From behind, Tamara's warning echoed. "Lenora. I'm warning you if you dare to harm Zack. I will never let you off the hook!"

Lenora was somewhat perplexed. She got into the car and with a "thud, she shup the door.

As she watched Lenora's car drive away, Tamara clenched her fists tightly.

Lenora really took after her mother, quite the promiscuous and despicable woman

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Lenora paid no heed to Tamara, heading straight for the police station

Susanna was currently being detained.

The officer led Lenora into an interrogation room, where Susanna was already seated across the table restrained in her chair.

When she saw Lenora enter, her gaze was intensely fixed on Lenora, as though she was on the verge of saying something. However, upon noticing the police officer nearby, she held her tongue.

"You two carry on with your conversation. Ill step-out for a bit. Don't take too long the oficer sad before exiting through the door.

Inside the interrogation room, Susanna glared at Lenora, a trace of malice flashing in her eyes, quite flustered and exasperated. "Lenora," she said, "we agreed that I would testify the next day. How dare you break your promise and actually call the police?" Lenora mocked with a smirk, grasping the back of the chair and pulling it back, she sat down opposite Susanna. "Wasn't it you who broke the promise? You thought I didn't know you delayed the time to testify and tipped off Richie? You never intended to testify!" "How absurd! That's the same man suspected of kidnapping me years ago. Why on earth would I tip off? Susanna shouted.

"Your phone call history was restored, and there was a conversation with Richie." Lenora stated confidently, a mocking smile playing on her lips. Just how much do you hate me, to even put a above me?

In an effort to piece together the scheme between Susanna and Gary, the technical team at the police station managed to restore certain WhatsApp conversations and call logs from Susanna's phone

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Given that Susanna and Lenora were both involved in the kidnapping and car accident cases, the chief took a special interest in this criminal case. Consequently, he noticed a number from Richie in the recovered call records.

Benedict was truly at a loss for words. Could Susanna really harbor such deep resentment toward Lenora?

Not only did she scheme against Lenora, but she also let her own kidnapper go.

Upon hearing this, Susanna's face stiffened.

Lenora looked at her and said, "The police mentioned that you wanted to see me. What's the matter? Speak up.

Susanna glared resentfully at Lenora, biting her lip. "Lenora," she demanded. "issue me a agreement!"

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Susanna was considered an accomplice. Her plot had not been successful, and coupled with the victim's agreement for a settlement, there might be a chance for her to appeal for a lighter sentence. I can't go to jail!

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She absolutely couldn't end up in jail. Otherwise, her life would be ruined forever.

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Hearing Susanna's righteous tone, Lenora let out a cold laugh. "Susanna, do you still not understand your current situation?"

"Of course, I understand," she said, "So, let's make a deal. Don't you want to know why Zachary chose to let me go?" Susanna raised an eyebrow.

Lenora was taken aback. She hadn't expected Susanna to bring this up on her own. Raising an eyebrow, she asked, "Didn't you say back then that Zachary had feelings for you?" Looking back, it was clear what happened.

At that time, Zachary did let Susanna go, but it was due to a specific reason, not because he had feelings for

Susanna.

Susanna held her leverage tightly, capitalizing on Zachary's affection for her to gain her freedom from

him.

Now, Susanna wanted to use this advantage to make Lenora give her a settlement agreement.

Hence, Zachary did not lie at that time.

Susanna laughed. "Of course not."

Lenora said, "First, you claimed that Zachary let you go because he likes you, and now you're saying that's not the case. You're talking in circles. Who knows which of your statements is true?"

"Of course you can do as you please, having Zachary to protect you! As for me, I had to tread carefully. Zachary threatened me, forbade me to speak out, especially to keep you in the dark. What else could I do?" Susanna asked. Lenora was befuddled. "What you're implying is..."

"It's about you."

Lenora feigned disbelief. "Ha, are you implying that you have something on me and that Zachary let you go because of me? What a joke! What could you possibly have on me?"

"If you're skeptical," Susanna offered, "I can give you one piece of information first. You're free to verify it before deciding whether or not to proceed with the deal."

By this point, Susanna had long since thrown her agreement with Zachary to the back of her mind.

She only knew that she couldn't be convicted.

Lenora wore a puzzled expression, hesitating for a moment before asking, "So, you're saying you have two pieces of leverage over me?"

She was incredibly curious.

She couldn't possibly fathom what kind of leverage she might have inadvertently left in Susanna's hands, let alone two!

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"You may say so." Susanna leaned back in her chair, her face exuding an air of confidence and certainty.

After a few seconds of silence, Lenora finally spoke, "Alright, I agree to your terms. You tell me one of these things first, and after I verify it, if it's true, I'll come back to find you." Susanna raised an eyebrow. "Let me start by telling you the first thing. Actually, you are not at all-

In the middle of their conversation, a police officer suddenly pushed the door open. "Time's up, Ms. Wilkin. Please come out," he said.

Lenora was speechless.

She turned to glance at the officer, a playful smile on her lips. "Could you perhaps be a little flexible and grant me five more minutes?" she asked.

The officer shook his head. "I'm sorry, it's an order."

Lenora paused. "Alright then."

She reluctantly rose from her seat, casting a glance at Susanna. "I'll come back another day."

There was still time before the case would be prosecuted.

"Wait a moment..."

Susanna was about to say something when she was interrupted by the officer, "Oh, by the way, Ms. Wilkin, someone is looking for you outside."

"Is someone looking for me?" asked Lenora as she walked out.

Who would come looking for her at the police station?

Upon entering the main office, Lenora cast her gaze around.

Next to the main entrance, in front of the floor-to-ceiling window, a figure stood tall and straight, hands clasped behind his back.

He was dressed in a black overcoat, with suit pants adorning his lower body. The trousers were neatly creased, and he wore handmade leather shoes. His shoulders were broad and sturdy, his overall appearance neat and clean. Lenora pursed her lips, her gaze falling on the back of his head.

Everyone has their own unique quirks, and she was no exception.

Lenora actually had a fondness for Zachary's nape and the back of his neck.

Due to prevailing trends, many young men sported slightly longer hair, resulting in a layer of hair accumulating at the nape of their necks.

Lenora didn't like it, especially during winter. They would wear layers of thick clothing, with their hair tucked behind their necks, appearing rather unkempt.

As for Zachary, he often got his hair cut, always keeping the back of his neck impeccably clean, leaving

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bebat wish trace. Sometimes, it even felt a bit prickly to the touch.

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Experially when they were in bed, the subtle sensation was always there whenever her hand brushed against the back of his neck, sliding into his hair. Hearing the sound of footsteps, Zachary turned his head.

Lenora walked over and asked, "How did you know I was here?"

"Sworned to see you. I guessed you'd come to meet her," Zachary said.

Loredan eyebrow. "What's the matter? Did you know Susanna would come looking for me to negotiate? Are you afraid I'll find out something?" Zachary end at her. "So, what do you know now?"

Lenors looked up at him, umirking slightly. "Susanna told me she has some dirt on me, and you let her go for my sake. What do you have to say, Zachary?" "Do you believe it" Zachary retorted.

In truth, after her conversation with Miles that day, she had started to believe it. That was why she decided to deceive Zachary

The words Susanna spoke today only served to solidify her belief-Zachary had truly let Susanna go Because of her.

This left Lenora feeling somewhat at a loss

It seemed as though Zachary truly fancied her, not Susanna

Thus, she had always misunderstood Zachary in the pas

A couple of nights ago, she had accused Zachary of harboring ulterior motives. She had called him disgusting and demanded that he keep his distance from her....

Lenora lowered her gaze, averting her eyes before she spoke. "I won't believe it, unless you tell me what evidence Susanna has against me

What kind of leverage was it that could even make Zachary overlook his grandfather's death and spare

Susanna?

Lenora felt as if her heart was being clawed at

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Zachary gazed intently at Lenora's face, a hint of a smile playing at the corners of his lips: "Since you're so curious," he said, his words laced with an undertone, "why not make a deal with me instead of her? Chlike her, I would never harm you. She had

always had this quirk of saying one thing but meaning another, and she'd never changed

Thankfully, she's always been this way. I like it.

Especially when she would cry out "no" while in bed.

Lenora glanced up and shot him a look

He sure knew how to voice his opinions.

That being

d, doing business with Zachary was indeed far more profitable than dealing with Susanna,

After all, Susanna's animosity toward her was even more intense than that of the kidnappers. If she were to forgive Susanna, who knew if she would still inflict harm on her?

As for Zachary, one could guess what he wanted in exchange. It was nothing more than the usual affairs between men and women.

Seeing Lenora remain silent, the smile on Zachary's face faltered. "You're not seriously considering giving her a settlement agreement, are you?"

Immediately. Lenora replied, "Of course not, I'm not a fool."

After she finished speaking, her eyes widened as she looked at Zachary "Zachary, she's your ex-girlfriend after all. Do you really not want me to forgive her?"

"She needs to take responsibility for her actions" Zachary glanced at Lenora, his eyes lowered, a trace of depth crossing his gaze. Then, lifting his eyes again, he smiled and asked, "Why? Trying to set a trap for me?"

If his suspicion was indeed true, then all he hoped for was that Susanna would be locked behind bars for her whole life.

"Who's setting you up?" Lenora raised an eyebrow, changing the subject. "I'm open to negotiations, but consider this, Susanna is at her wits end. What if she plans to fight to the death?"

"She won't, Zachary said.

If Susanna was jailed, she'd be sentenced to a few years prison at most.

But if she dared to throw caution to the wind and spread the news about Lenora's affairs, Zachary guaranteed she would spend the rest of her life in prison.

For Susanna, who was fiercely competitive, living like that was worse than death. She knew what she had to

choose

"Do you know her that well?" Lenora raised an eyebrow

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Meeting her gaze, Zachary paused for a mere moment before saying sorely, "Less, if you don't like me

Lenora, then don't show such a jealous expression. It might be me to mind"

Had he not known that she didn't like him, he might have understood her behavior as being jealous

He still remembered the night before last, when she had revolved around being jealous. Her expression was utterly serious and sincere. She wouldn't even lie to him

The next day, she called to apologize and all his anger evaporated

Zachary had to admit, unknowingly, that he had completely fallen for her.

Just like a few days ago when he was so frustrated with her that he felt like he was spitting blood, upon hearing the news that she had been manipulated, worry immediately took over

While others were like frogs being slowly boiled in warm water, Zachary willingly jumped into boiling water, cooking himself. He pursued Lenora, offering his well-cooked self, fearing she might not accept him

Their eyes met Lenora moved her lips slightly and teasingly asked, "What if I really got jealous?"

Zachary paused, gazing at her in bewilderment.

With a warm smile, Lenora patted Zachary's shoulder. Just joking

Then, she changed the subject. "Since we're making a deal, let's hear your terms."

Zachary looked at her, his eyes lowering in desolation

When she spoke like that just now, a wave of ecstasy surged within him, and he almost thought

Actually, it was clear upon reflection that she was only joking

He got his hopes up for nothing

Zachary took hold of her wrist and began to walk away. Let's go back first. We'll talk in the car," he said.

After leaving the police station, Lenora hesitated for a moment, then decided to leave her car in the parking lot and rode in Zachary's car.

"Mr. Fuller, where to?" the driver asked

Zachary glanced at Lenora. "Have you eaten?"

"I've already eaten."

Zachary paused for a moment, then said. "Let's go to the company."

The driver acknowledged, gently steering the car into the traffic.

Lenora asked, "Tell me about your terms."

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There were many familiar faces there, and Lenora didn't want them to see her walking with Zachary

After going in some thought, she realized that her divorce from Zachary didn't mean they had to cut all ties. They still had connections through the Fuller family, so appearing together wouldn't be an issue. She was a bit too sensitive

The dunes drove the car into the underground parking

Lenora and Zachary took the VIP elevator straight up to the floor where the chairman's office was located.

The chairman's office was situated a floor above the CEO's office, effectively avoiding any interaction with Lenora's former colleagues

The expression on Zachary's secretary remained essentially unchanged, demonstrating exceptional control over his emotions

Upon seeing Zachary and Lenora emerge together from the elevator, the secretaries at their desks simultaneously looked up, cordially greeting them without giving an extra glance, except for Miles. He guessed correctly

When Zachary hastily left the company, indeed, he was off to meet Lenora.

Zachary nodded at his secretaries, instructing, "Bring in a cup of coffee"

Upon entering the chairman's office, Lenora first looked around, and let out a low whistle. "Zachary, your office is half the size bigger than the CEO's impressive

Zachary ducked "Fancy that? If you return to work. Let me arrange to have one just like it for does that sound?"

Er, so thanks Lenora sat down on the couch, crossing her legs casually

She was enjoying her carefree days. Why would she want to return to work?

Moreover, she wasn't one to rest on her laurels

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She posted photographs on social media platforms, and a few companies bought the rights to them. They used these images for postcards, illustrations, and the like, providing her with a source of income.

A secretary knocked and entered, carrying a cup of coffee. He placed it in front of Lenora before stepping back and standing upright "Mr. Fuller, the meeting will start in ten minutes

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"Get ready

"Yes" The secretary responded, then promptly exited the room.

"Are you off to a meeting?" Lenora looked up.

"Yeah, just sit here for a while. We'll talk more once I'm done with my meeting."

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As he spoke, Zachary moved to his office desk, pulling out a document from the drawer that was needed for the meeting

"Okay then"

"Make yourself at home"

"Okay" Lenora said.

After Zachary left, she was left alone in the office.

Lenora rose to her feet, taking a casual stroll around the room.

The chairman's office was impressively spacious. The custom-made desk alone took up a significant

amount of space, boasting three display screens.

Against the northern wall, a whole row of bookshelves was arranged, displaying books and valuable

trinkets

The eastern side was the guest area, with a comfortable and spacious couch. The coffee table was delicately small and exquisite.

In the various nooks and crannies, there were items like fish tanks and sculptures, and famous paintings

adorned the walls.

To the south was a full-length floor-to-ceiling window, while the west side featured a side door that led to a private lounge

Lenora had never been inside, but she knew about the CEO's lounge. It was comparable to a high-end hotel suite, fully equipped with everything one could need.

After taking a stroll around the office, she found herself in front of the fish tank, utterly captivated by the swimming fish.

After a while, the sudden ring of a phone was heard.

Instinctively, Lenora reached into her pocket, only to realize that the ringing wasn't coming from her

device.

Following the source of the sound, she turned her head and noticed a phone lying on the office desk, its screen lit up due to an incoming call.

Zachary must have left it here before he went to the meeting.

Lenora turned her head back, acting as if she hadn't heard a thing.

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After she had her fill of watching the fish, she picked up a magazine from the bookshelf to read.

Before long, the sound of footsteps echoed from outside.

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Zachary entered the room, documents in hand, to find Lenora engrossed in a book. "Have you been waiting long? Are you bored?" he asked.

"I'm okay. By the way, someone called for you earlier," Lenora said.

"Who is it?" Zachary casually inquired as he placed the documents on the table.

"I didn't check it out"

Zachary stiffened for a moment, his fingers paused as he was about to pick up his phone.

For reasons unknown, what was clearly a simple statement had struck a nerve in Zachary's heart.

A sudden burst of bitter feeling engulfed his heart.

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During their marriage, they kept a low profile. Other than answering calls from Miles, Lenora wouldn't pick up any other calls for him, yet she didn't shy away from his phone.

However, from the day of their wedding anniversary, she never looked at his phone again.

Somewhere along the line, she had stopped leaving the light on for him when he came home late. She no longer laid out his suit and tie for the next day, nor did she care if he ate his meals on time. She even stopped calling him Zack. She gradually distanced herself from him.

He was oblivious to everything, still harboring the audacious hope of keeping her by his side.

Lenora noticed something off about Zachary's expression and curiously asked, "What's wrong? Did meeting not go as planned?"

"No." Zachary paused before he spoke.

He swiped across his phone screen, noticing a missed call from Elijah, and returned the call.

Lenora closed the magazine she was holding and casually placed it on the table. "Do you have time now?"

"Just a moment."

The call connected, and Zachary made a gesture, placing the phone against his ear. "Hello? What's up?"

On the other end of the line, Elijah said something that made Zachary's expression swiftly turn grave and angry. "Are you sure? Alright, I understand. I'm on my way." Once he had hung up the phone. Lenora asked, "What happened?"

"Sorry, I need to step out for a bit

"How long? When will you return?"

"It won't be too long. Would you mind waiting here for me for a bit?"

After giving it some thought, Lenora realized that she had already been waiting, so a little while longer wouldn't make a difference. "Just make sure you come back soon." "Okay."

Zachary picked up his coat and left the office. As he passed through the workspace, he instructed his secretary to bring some snacks to Lenora.

In front of the police station, the back door of the black car swung open, and a finely crafted leather shoe, paired with black trousers, was the first to touch the ground.

Zachary casually closed the car door. Elijah, who was standing at the entrance, immediately walked over. He glanced at the police station's main hall and said. "He's arrived. He's still inside." 1/5

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"Alright, Zachary responded before he took a step and walked inside.

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Johanne left the interrogation room in displeasure. As he turned around, he suddenly halted in his tracks.

Zachary was standing just three steps away from him, his gaze deeply fixated on him. "Johanne," Zachary Their eyes met

Johanne's pupils abruptly contracted, his complexion subtly shifting. His dangling fingers unconsciously

lightened, caught off guard for a brief moment. However, he quickly regained his composure, "Zack? What a coincidence. Are you here to see Ms. Carston?" Zachary

suppressed the anger in his heart, forcing a smile that didn't reach his eyes. "Actually, I've come to we you?"

Johanne fell silent for a few seconds. "Me?"

"Do you have some time? We haven't seen each other in two weeks. How about we grab a drink?"

Johanne looked at Zachary, hesitating for a moment before giving a slight nod. "Alright."

Zachary subtly shifted to the side, making way for Johanne.

Johanne pressed his lips together, and taking a step forward, he passed by Zachary.

Zachary walked shoulder to shoulder with him, suggesting, "Hop in my car. We'll have someone take yours back later, Johanne's pace faltered. He glanced toward the direction of his car, his fist suddenly clenched and then relaxed.

When he arrived, he was driven by a chauffeur. However, Zachary insisted on having someone drive his car back. Clearly, the driver was already under Zachary's control

"Johanne, please."

Zachary took the initiative to open the rear car door, turning his gaze toward Johanne.

His demeanor appeared humble, yet every move he made radiated an undeniable dominance.

Johanne glanced at him, then ducked down to get into the car.

Subsequently, Zachary slid into the vehicle, closing the car door behind him. He then relayed an address to the driver.

The driver acknowledged with a sound, fired up the vehicle, and headed toward the club,

Inside the car, it was eerily quiet, the atmosphere heavy with silence.

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The driver sensed something was off, daring not to even take a deep breath.

Zachary leaned back against the chair, his legs crossed his brows were furrowed in deep thought, his hands clenched so tightly into fists that his knuckles turned white. A heavy, suppressed aura emanated from him. The flames of anger ignited silently within him, yet they burned with an intense heat, threatening to consume his sanity entirely.

Johanne's appearance at the police station and his meeting with Susanna had essentially confirmed Zachary's suspicions.

After Elijah uncovered the hidden connection from college days, where Susanna had once pursued Johanne, Zachary understood what was going on. However, he still held onto a glimmer of hope in his heart. After all, Johanne was his elder brother, someone whom he felt immense guilt for, someone whom he deeply respected.

Why did he have to do this?

Beside him, Johanne appeared completely at ease.

At this point in the situation, Zachary knew everything he needed to know. Any further concealment would be of no use.

The best way to hide a misdeed was not to commit it.

From the moment Lenora began investigating the kidnapping case, he was already prepared for everything to come to light.

"Why?"

In the quiet confines of the car, Zachary was the first to shatter the silence. Each word was punctuated by a gritting of his teeth. "Why did you have to do that?"

The words sounded disjointed and incoherent,

However, both of them knew exactly what Zachary was referring to.

After a long while, Johanne let out a soft chuckle, replying, "Why? I'm not sure myself. Perhaps I hadn't been thinking straight."

"Not thinking straight, huh?" With a cold chuckle, Zachary remarked sarcastically.

As soon as his words fell into silence, he didn't speak again, and Johanne also remained quiet.

Upon arriving at the club, the waiter led the two to the entrance of the reserved private room. Opening

the door with a welcoming gesture, he said, "Please, come in."

Zachary cast a glance at Johanne, his face devoid of any expression.

Johanne stepped inside.

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The waiter followed behind Zachary, about to step in to serve him. However, Zachary raised his hand stop him, instructing the waiter. "We have matters to discuss. There's no need for drinks or fruit. Your may leave."

The waiter paused for a moment, then nodded in agreement. "Of course, Mr. Fuller," he said. "If there's anything you need, just call for me:

Without a second thought, Zachary nodded and stepped into the private room, casually closing the door behind him.

He hung the coat he'd been draping over his arm onto a hanger, removed his suit jacket, and untied his tie tossing it casually onto the couch. He then looked up at Johanne.

Beneath his white shirt, his biceps bulged impressively, Suddenly, Zachary landed a punch on Johanne's.

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Caught off guard, Johanne staggered back a few steps, his cheek and the corner of his mouth instantly turning red and bruised.

As soon as Johanne steadied himself, Zachary's second punch was already swinging in, landing squarely on Johanne's eye socket.

-The third punch landed squarely on Johanne's nose bridge.

Johanne instantly became extremely flustered.

As Zachary swung his fourth punch, Johanne deftly blocked it, countering with a punch of his own.

A trace of crimson blood seeped from the corner of Zachary's mouth. With a casual swipe of his hand, he dashed forward and began fighting with Johanne.

After an indeterminate amount of time had passed.

It wasn't until they were completely exhausted that the two finally stopped. One lay sprawled on the ground, the other slumped on a couch. They were far from the polished figures they had been upon arrival. Their hair was disheveled, their faces glistening with sweat, bruised and swollen. They were a picture of utter disarray.

Zachary gently touched his swollen cheek, his chest heaving dramatically.

within the private room, only the heavy panting of the two individuals remain

After resting for quite a long time, Zachary regained some of his energy. He stretched out his leg and nudged Johanne, who was lying on the ground. "Quit playing possum. What on earth happened?" he asked.

Johanne bent his leg, lying on the ground as he stared at the ceiling. "Don't you already know?"

"I want to hear it from you!"

"Then let me tell you honestly. It was I who directed Susanna to get close to you, to pursue you. I was the one who commanded her to steal the core project data I was also the one who sent those kidnappers beyond the country's borders. Are you satisfied now?"

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"Why?" Johanne repeated in a hushed tone. "Because you are nothing but an illegitimate child, yet Grandpa always favored you. He even wanted to hand the company over to you. On what grounds? I am the rightful future heir of the Fuller family

"So, you've never seen me as a brother, but as an enemy who caused your parents death and fought with you over Fuller Group's inheritance? Zachary looked down at him

With a cold laugh, Johanne cast a frosty gaze at Zachary "Isn't that true

Whether at home or out. Johanne always presented himself as a gentle and refined man.

Zachary thought that such a cold, hateful gaze would never be directed at him again.

The last time Johanne had that look in his eyes was back in elementary school. He had tossed Zachary's backpack into the river. As Zachary was trying to fish it out with a stick, Johanne pushed him in as well. Once Zachary had managed to climb out, soaked to the bone, Johanne threatened him not to tell their grandfather.

After returning, Zachary found himself drenched from head to toe. His explanation was that he had accidentally fallen into the water.

However, Gerald did find out. It was unclear what he said to Johanne, but Johanne ended up apologizing to Zachary.

Since then, their relationship had softened, growing more and more akin to family.

At least, that was what Zachary thought.

In retrospect, it seemed nothing more than his wishful thinking.

So it turned out that Johanne had simply altered his approach, burying his apparent hatred deep within his heart. He had deceived not only his grandfather but also himself.

"So that's what you were thinking... But I have to say, I never intended to compete with you for anything. Let alone the position of CEO at Fuller Group. That was Grandpa's decision.

Johanne looked at Zachary with a sarcastic gaze. "You speak so nobly, but I don't believe for a second that you're unaware I wanted that position! Even if you didn't know before, you certainly do now. But you still took the chairman's seat, didn't you?"

Zachary slightly raised an eyebrow. That was Grandpa's dying wish. I wanted it to be you, but in my heart, no one could ever surpass Grandpa I gave you a chance....

He had been away from Fuller Group for two and a half months, turning down several invitations from the board members.

If Johanne managed to stabilize Fuller Group during this period, he wouldn't return.

Johanne became even more infuriated. "Speak plainly! You think you're superior to me, don't you?"

"Yes, I do."

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"So you knew the cause of Lenora's father's death from the very beginning Zacheteows furrowed deeply as he stared intently at Johanne, his words produced with delivery emphasis

I suppose you could say that. In fact, you might even me a thank you Without me you would never have met Lenora," Johanne said

Zachary clenched his fists and delivered a harsh kick toJohannesley "What on earth is going on? I need to know the details! Starting now, don't leave out a single thing" At the very beginning, things were incredibly simple

Back then, the Carston family merely owned a small factory, and Kenneth wasn't the one calling the shots in the factory

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Susanna's family circumstances were already far superior to those of the average person. However, when compared to the elites of Jacaster, they simply didn't measure up.

Though her parents were together in appearance, they were emotionally distant. Her mother often voiced her complaints, while her father was unfaithful. At times, they would look at Susanna with a sigh. lamenting why she wasn't born a son.

Having lost hope in Kenneth, Helen had placed all her expectations on Susanna. Growing up in such an environment. Susanna had become incredibly ambitious. She was determined to climb higher, to prove her worth to her father and those condescending cousins of hers.

However, her social status was limited. The environment she lived in only allowed her to meet people of similar or lower financial standing. The wealthy heirs of the upper class had their own exclusive circles. Trying to cross into these upper echelons was exceptionally challenging.

Susanna didn't give up, not until one day when a friend of hers took her to a private room in a certain place. There, she finally met the eldest grandson of the Fuller family, Johanne.

Back then, Johanne had already joined the family business, while Zachary was at university, immersed in his studies and keeping a low profile. Given his status as an

illegitimate child, almost everyone believed that Johanne was the unequivocal heir to the Fuller family fortune. Coming from a privileged background, with handsome features and a gentle demeanor, Susanna found herself instantly smitten with Johanne.

However, Johanne's gaze was solely focused on his circle of friends. He was rather indifferent toward Susanna, a person who had entered the scene through several layers of connections. Susanna was incredibly bold, taking every opportunity to appear before Johanne after that incident.

However, Susanna was ultimately young and naive. After experiencing numerous attempts of others trying to win her over, Johanne could see through Susanna's intentions at a mere glance.

Johanne conducted himself with a gentlemanly demeanor, refraining from saying much. He expressed his feelings with a certain detachment, but to his surprise. Susanna took his words as mere formalities. She grew increasingly familiar with him, acting as if they were old friends in front of others.

As a result, Susanna gradually became part of Johanne's social circle.

Johanne did not care for women who were overly manipulative, and his annoyance toward Susanna grew progressively. This annoyance peaked when Susanna confessed her feelings to him on one occasion.

He rejected Susanna, mercilessly mocking her for her foolish infatuation, likening her to asking for the

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He thought such venomous words would make any sane person steer clear of him.

Unexpectedly, two days later, Susanna came knocking again. She sought to discuss her own merits with Johanne, expressing her loyalty toward him.

According to Susanna, she would do anything for Johanne, offering him her full support.

She wouldn't be confined within the realms of love and marriage. Instead, she would prove herself useful, like a sharp blade, wielded by Johanne.

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Back then, there were rumors circulating in the circle that Johanne had confessed his feelings to a young model, only to be rejected. Susanna even subtly hinted that she

could arrange a meeting with the said model. Johanne sneered. Did he really need Susanna's approval to do what he wanted?

In the fleeting moment when Johanne had turned his head, Zachary happened to pass by the entrance of the office.

Johanne recalled that Zachary was about to start his internship at the company.

He casually gestured toward the door, addressing Susanna. "You said you'd do anything for me, didn't you? Then go after Zachary. If you can win him over, I'll agree to your request."

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Indeed, the whole affair started with a playful, somewhat challenging remark from Johanne

However, Johanne had not anticipated Susanna's sense of conviction.

In the following six months, Susanna did not seek Johanne again. Johanne assumed she had given up understanding the challenge-after all, pursuing Zachary was no easy task Johanne had never seen any woman by Zachary's side.

Unexpectedly, Susanna really did it.

When Zachary had just started his internship, Johanne invited him to lunch one afternoon after th Zachary actually replied and accepted.

After their meal, as they were leaving the restaurant, a young woman was waiting at the entrance walked over to them, and Zachary introduced her as his girlfriend, saying, "This is Susanna

Susanna greeted Johanne politely, as if meeting him for the first time.

Johanne observed her expression, then looked at Zachary, who seemed oblivious to the subtle eno There was a hint of curiosity in Johanne's gaze.

That evening, after returning home, Susanna took the initiative to reach out to him

Initially, Johanne didn't have many thoughts on the matter, but Susanna would frequently update him on Zachary's activities.

One detail especially caught Johanne's attention. Susanna claimed that Zachary had told her he chose to study finance along with mathematics because he was determined to compete for the CEO position at Fuller Group. When Zachary heard this, he raised an eyebrow and gave a cold, dismissive laugh. "I never said that." He replied firmly.

It became clear that Susanna had stirred up trouble between them!

Indeed.

Susanna knew that in order to enter a relationship with Johanne, she needed to prove her worth to him. Only then could she possibly win Johanne's regard.

As the eldest grandson of the Fuller family, Johanne had everything he desired. It was difficult for Susanna to influence him. Her only option was to manipulate Zachary, making it seem as if Zachary posed with her.

to Johanne. Then, she could step in to help Johanne deal with Zachary, thereby gaining Johanne's trust.

Johanne glanced at Zachary, not questioning whether his words were true or not. "At first," he said also somewhat skeptical.

It wasn't until Zachary demonstrated exceptional performance during his internship that he received several compliments from Gerald.

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Those people, with questionable intentions, reminded him that Gerald didn't care about Zachary's background. He treated both brothers equally. Who would become the Fuller family's heir was still up in the air. Fated family members of the Fuller family and the higher-ups subtly shifted in their attitude toward

During that period, Susanna reached out to him frequently, subtly hinting at Zachary's "meticulous plans" and "ambitions." She indicated that if Johanne needed it, she could find a way to get hold of Zachary's project data. Johanne could be described, at best, as gentle and kind-or, less charitably, as indecisive,

Over the span of a decade, including when Lenora began investigating the kidnapping case, he had countless opportunities to suppress the matter, yet he never managed to seize them.

Gerald had chosen Zachary over Johanne, one of the reasons being Johanne's mild character. He lacked the assertiveness to command the higher-ups and the resilience to withstand the business battles.

The words of Susanna and others subtly influenced Johanne's judgement. His hostility toward Zachary

day by day, but he hesitated for a long time, unable to make a firm decision.

Following that, there was more good news from the research and development project Zachary was involved in. The project leader repeatedly expressed his appreciation for Zachary in front of Gerald. Gerald transferred the five percent shares that were originally under Ronald's name to Zachary. Johanne's sense of crisis intensified, accepting Susanna's plan by default.

Using her position as his girlfriend, Susanna leaked Zachary's project data, causing significant losses to the development project.

After an investigation, Zachary emerged as the prime suspect behind the data leak.

However, it was merely a suspicion, without any concrete proof. Given Zachary's status, the matter could only be left unresolved.

Upon hearing this, Zachary raised an eyebrow. "Just as I suspected, I had my doubts about her from the

start.

His nature was such that he was bound to investigate matters thoroughly, regardless of his status. If he wasn't the one who had leaked the information, he wouldn't take the blame. However, if it was his actions that led to the data breach, he would shoulder the responsibility.

Turns out, the investigation led right back to himself.

He wouldn't leak the data, so the only possible source could be someone close enough to access his computer. The prime suspect was Susanna.

Back then, he had spent some time with Susanna and had come to the conclusion that they weren't a good match. The idea of breaking up had crossed his mind.

Unexpectedly, after the standoff between the two, Susanna ran out in distress, only to be kidnapped/ tormented.

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The data breach and the breakup were both put on hold.

"Honestly, I regretted it the second she wrapped up the task. It's hard to believe that a move like that would go unnoticed."

But what was done was done, and the fallout left Johanne in a tough spot—there was no going back now.

Zachary speculated, "So, is the kidnapping case related to Susanna? Did they do it to clear her of suspicion?"

Johanne said, "Yes, the kidnapping case was completely staged by Susanna. Those so-called unbearable experiences were nothing more than fabrications she created."

After Susanna had taken action, it was then that Johanne received the news.

Because Susanna had no way out.

She couldn't allow herself to back down or give up halfway.

Once her act of leaking the data was confirmed, Zachary would break up with her, making her useless to Johanne as well.

Given this one mistake and her lower social status, Gerald wouldn't allow her to become Johanne's wife.

Everything she had done lost its meaning, and she might even face substantial compensation and imprisonment.

Even though Zachary had already suspected it, when he heard Johanne admit it himself, he couldn't help but clench his fists. The veins on the back of his hands bulged and his temples throbbed. The kidnapping case was a sham, the ordeal she faced was a farce, and the emotional trauma was nothing but a fabrication!

A surge of intense anger flashed in Zachary's eyes as he gritted his teeth, his fists clenching tighter and tighter until his knuckles popped—yet he remained unaware of it.

The kidnapping incident had granted Susanna far too many advantages and indulgences.

He even hurt Lenora, all because of Susanna!

The thought filled Zachary with immense self-loathing Why hadn't he noticed the peculiarities sooner?

If he had seen things more clearly back then, he wouldn't have divorced Lenora. Their child wouldn't

have....

Zachary's chest heaved dramatically as he took a deep breath, his voice low as he asked, "So what's the deal with Lenora's father? Was it all because he snapped a photo of the kidnapper?"

Even if they hadn't been caught, those kidnappers would have been sent abroad regardless. So why go through the unnecessary trouble of killing Fernando?

"More than that." Johanne raised an eyebrow. "Susanna originally planned to send those few overseas to lay low, thinking that it would put an end to the matter. However, unexpectedly, there was a hiccup in the plan. Somehow, Fernando managed to find the location of the hostages,

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Fernando was an unforeseen element in the plan, an unexpected twist that no one had anticipated.

"So...

"He overheard the exchange between Susanna and the kidnappers."

Zachary immediately came to a realization.

Fernando did more than just capture photos of the kidnappers, he also discovered that this seemingly heinous kidnapping case was nothing more than a charade. The hostage and the kidnappers were in cahoots, staging the whole event themselves! He felt extremely angry.

The so-called kidnapping turned out to be nothing more than a rich kid's game of make-believe. Not only did it waste a substantial amount of police resources, they didn't even catch anyone!

No wonder it was like that!

Susanna and the others discovered traces of Fernando,

Upon realizing that Fernando was a journalist, Susanna was filled with dread, fearing that Fernando might report her to the public.

If word got out and it was confirmed that Susanna had orchestrated her own kidnapping, her reputation would plummet drastically. She might even be held accountable by the police. The truth about the data leak would be exposed, and her efforts would've been all in vain.

Johanne wouldn't protect her, and the Fuller family wouldn't want a daughter-in-law who was constantly embroiled in scandalous news!

She couldn't let her efforts go to waste!

One lie necessitated the weaving of countless others to maintain its facade.

Fearing that Fernando would call the police, Susanna immediately sought him out privately for a discussion

Fernando couldn't tolerate any flaws, thus he rejected Susanna's proposition.

Within a couple of days, Fernando was involved in a car accident and passed away in the hospital.

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Actually, Susanna's initial plan was to falsely accuse Fernando of assaulting her during the interview.

Given that she was seen as the victim and the disadvantaged party, most people were inclined to believe her. By the time Fernando was branded as a rapist, his words

naturally lost credibility. He would even be suspected of trying to frame Susanna with false accusations.

Fuming with anger, Zachary slammed his fist into the wall. Grinding his teeth, he demanded, "Why did she change her mind at the last minute?"

Once, he felt guilty about the kidnapping incident and clung to a shred of affection for Susanna, always hesitant to think poorly of her.

Later on, he just considered some things as minor schemes from Susanna.

It was only now that he truly recognized the venomous heart hidden beneath her facade.

This wasn't just some minor schemes-it was ruthless and inhumane!

Johanne remarked, "Someone must have reminded her."

After that reminder, Susanna changed her plan.

As a somewhat renowned journalist, Fernando had a fair share of connections in his field. He even had a few acquaintances in the police department who were on good terms with him. Simply framing him might not necessarily lead to any repercussions, there was a chance he might turn the tables instead.

For the first time doing something like this

The plan had succeeded.

The kidnapper had fled abroad.

Susanna reassured herself that she was unstoppable.

Fernando died in a car accident, and no one linked the accident to the kidnapping case.

Everything was just perfect.

Had Lenora not stumbled upon that photograph, the truth behind these two incidents would have forever- remained a mystery.

The staged kidnapping act was something Susanna did impulsively. Johanne only found out about it afterward.

Susanna aimed to use her tragic experiences to shake off Zachary's suspicions. It was indeed a smart move, Consequently, Johanne sent those who posed as kidnappers out of the country, even funding Richie and the others for their carefree life abroad.

However, it was due to the money that Johanne discovered an inconsistency in the amount. He found an extra person, Daryl, who had caused the accident. So, he decided to question Susanna about it.

Susanna laid everything out on the table.

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Only then did Johanne realize, Susanna had caused someone's death to erase any trace of her staged scheme.

At that moment, Johanne's heart was a whirlwind of emotions, predominantly fear. He was terrified of Susanna's character-he had assumed that she was merely ambitious, but he hadn't expected her to be so ruthless and unscrupulous!

During that period, he was particularly anxious about the police uncovering the truth, and Susanna betraying him. His fear wasn't about going to jail, but rather the prospect of seeing the disappointment in Gerald's eyes. Gerald had always wished for harmony between the brothers.

As the matter gradually faded into obscurity. Johanne also slowly let his guard down.

It wasn't until he attended Fernando's funeral with Gerald

Under the onslaught of complex emotions, he proposed to Gerald to adopt Lenora.

Following this incident, not only did Johanne and Susanna's relationship fail to strengthen, but it also grew increasingly distant

The indifference and cruelty of Susanna was something Johanne couldn't accept. To put it more bluntly, he was traumatized by Susanna. And then, he encountered Mallory.

Mallory was gentle and kind-hearted, a stark contrast to Susanna. Upon their first meeting. Johanne fell head over heels for her.

From Johanne's words. Zachary inferred something. "So. Susanna's decision to go abroad, was it related to you?"

Johanne nodded gently. "Do you remember that Mallory had a miscarriage before Ryan was born?"

Zachary was taken aback. "Susanna was behind it?"

"Yes,"

At the time, Susanna had not yet graduated. Due to her kidnapping incident, Zachary spent more time with her, comforting and guiding her. As a result, Susanna didn't have many opportunities to meet with Johanne. Given Johanne's deliberate distancing and concealment by the time Susanna found out, it was already the eve of Johanne's wedding with Mallory.

Susanna had done so much to get close to Johanne. She would never settle if someone else were to reap the fruits of her labor.

She had sought out Johanne in private on numerous occasions. However, finding that Johanne remained unmoved, she began to threaten him.

If Johanne wasn't going to be with her, she threatened to call the police, confessing that everything was orchestrated by Johanne, ensuring they would both go down together.

The bank statement served as proof.

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The two were now inextricably entwined, Susanna held leverage over Johanne because her demerence was no longer as meek as it once was

Johanne was worried that Susanna might actually call the police to be had no choice but to soften his attitude and appease Susanna. Yet, he was still reluctant to part ways with Mallory

At that time, he was faced with two choices. The first was to devise a plan to counter Susanna or to take a risk betting on the chance that Susanna wouldn't dare to call the police. The second was to break up Mallory and be with Susanna. However, back then, he was indecisive and chose the most foolish method.

Susanna discovered that he hadn't divorced Mallory and gradually lost her patience, choosing to take action against Mallory.

The intention was for Johanne to make a choice-with her around, he and Mallory would never!

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Unexpectedly, Mallory became pregnant. Although her injuries were not severe, she lost the child

The loss of her child had a profound impact on Mallory Zachary had visited her in the hospital during that period. At that time, Mallory was incredibly worn out and depressed.

He could have never imagined that Mallory's miscarriage was actually caused by Susanna

Faced with his wife, her face streaked with tears. Johanne finally realized that he had to end things with Susanna once and for all

Susanna wouldn't call the police.

Alerting the authorities would be like burning bridges. Considering the reality of the situation and Johanne's status, it might not cause him significant harm, but it would definitely backfire and even implicate the Carston family in offending the Fuller Group. This would make it even harder for her to turn the situation around.

Compared to being imprisoned with Johanne, Susanna would undoubtedly choose to step away.

After realizing this, Johanne effortlessly took control of the Carston family's project, forcing Susanna to

leave.

As expected, Susanna didn't dare to cause a scene. With a mix of anger and resentment, she left for a foreign land.

Johanne could finally breathe a sigh of relief.

Coincidentally, it was at this very moment that the young Zachary assumed his position as the CEO of Fuller Group

Susanna was filled with regret. She shouldn't have been entangled with Johanne, instead, she should have held on tightly to Zachary

But it was already too late. Johanne wouldn't believe that she had let go, he wouldn't allow her to stay in the

country.

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Her only option was to leave the country and patiently wait for the right opportunity

Before she left, she tearfully told Zachary that she loved him deeply, but the dude's far warty of hie

These words had deeply pierced Zachary's heart, intensifying his guilt. As a result, he kept him updated with Susanna's news, visiting her annually

Now, upon learning the truth, Zachary felt a nauseating disgust, as if he had swallowed a y

When he thought back to his tolerance of Susanna in the past few years, and his neglect of Lenora, he couldn't help but wish he could slap himself

Why hadn't he been able to see Susanna's true colors?

He even went so far as to hurt his wife and child for the sake of a murderer.

Zachary was consumed by a mixture of anger and self-reproach. His chest rose and fell rapidly, his emotions too overwhelming to quell. A palpable tension hung heavily around him, casting mood.

What was he doing when Lenora lost her father?

He was keeping Susanna company at the hospital!

He was accompanying and consoling the very perpetrator who caused the death of Lenora's father

Back then, she was only sixteen. The only family she had passed away, leaving her to rely on the mercy of others. He couldn't imagine how devastated and helpless she must have felt during that time. Living under the same roof, he clearly had numerous opportunities to care for her, to cherish her, yet he didn't.

In the face of her suffering, he tiptoed around it, choosing to turn a blind eye. His tone when greeting her was laced with indifference, never once did he engage in a proper conversation with her. He couldn't even quite remember what she was like at sixteen...

Memories from that time were tragically scarce....