

No Remarriage: You Don't Deserve Me (Lenora and Zachary) Stay Away

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Zachary was momentarily stunned.

"Lenora."

Lenora didn't respond. She simply turned over and continued to sleep.

Are you kidding me?

Before long, the sound of even breathing filled the room.

Zachary was so uncomfortable that he just couldn't fall asleep.

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He felt like a girl who had been exploited without receiving anything in return, while the woman beside him seemed like a scoundrel who would turn his back without a second thought once he got what he wanted. The latest line of apparel from MQ had entered its promotional phase.

Susanna's advertisements were divided into several different series, which were officially launched one after the other. They appeared on various major platforms and the homepages of social media sites.

Previously, with Susanna's makeup scandal, both the media and netizens were closely monitoring this endorsement

Lenora also ensured that her employees were always aware of the prevailing trends. When necessary, they could hire ghostwriters.

Aside from the online platform, the offline promotion of MQ was also in full swing.

In Jacaster, large LED screens in several squares were already displaying advertisements featuring Susanna. Additionally, MQ's advertisements were visible everywhere-on subways, at bus stations, airports, and more.

Lenora had been genuinely busy for quite some time. By the time she managed to catch her breath, she found herself scrolling through a post about the film production booting ceremony of Cloudwater City on social media. The post was from three days ago. "Ms. Wilkin"-Milly rushed in from outside, not even bothering to knock-"Ms. Johansen is sick. What should we do?"

Milly was referring to Yasmin Johansen, who served as the spokesperson for MQ

Three days later, they were scheduled to have a live-streamed product launch. As was customary each year, Yasmin would take the stage to present and explain the product.

"Sick? How is she? Is it serious? Lenora put down the work in her hands.

"Earlier this morning. Ms. Johansen was suddenly rushed to the hospital due to severe abdominal pain. It turned out to be acute appendicitis, requiring surgery. The doctor mentioned that she would have to stay in the hospital for at least three days post-surgery. I'm afraid..."

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Seeing Lenora remain silent, Milly repeated with worry. "What should we do now? Should we get Ms. Reed to do it?"

Francis Reed was the product manager of MQ primarily responsible for liaising between the designers and the factory.

"Get me Ms. Johansen's manuscript and then you can get on with your tasks. There's no need to worry." Seeing that Lenora was calm, Milly relaxed, handed her the manuscript, and sent her a digital copy.

Before she left, Lenora asked, "You've contacted Ms. Carston in advance, right?"

"Yes, Ms. Carston will take a leave from the film crew when the time comes."

"Okay, you should head back first."

The brand launch for MQ would take place on September 5th.

It was the day that countless netizens had been eagerly anticipating. They were ready to enjoy the show.

Netizen A: Is the rumor true? Surely Lenora isn't planning to take the stage herself, is she?

Netizen B: According to the usual practice, Zachary would kick off the event with an opening speech. Susanna, being the spokesperson, would have to be there as well. If Lenora were to join them on stage, it would indeed be quite a spectacle. Netizen C: A huge drama is about to unfold

Rumors had begun circulating on the internet yesterday, suggesting that MQ's spokesperson had fallen ill. It was said that the product presentation at the upcoming press conference would be personally handled! by Lenora, the brand director. Under normal circumstances, it certainly wouldn't have attracted much attention.

However, Lenora had been in the eye of the storm not long ago. Now, with the announcement of the press conference featuring the three key figures-Lenora, Zachary, and Susanna-the internet was set ablaze. Netizens were eagerly anticipating the day of the press conference.

As the brand director, Lenora, and the spokesperson, Susanna, were likely to interact with each other based on the already released schedule.

When the wife and the mistress shared the same stage, it was bound to be quite the spectacle.

Milly scanned the trending list and muttered, "Is this going to be okay?"

A coworker nearby comforted, "Of course. Just relax. Ms. Wilkin must have her reasons for doing this."

Indeed, Lenora was the one who orchestrated the release of this piece of gossip through various paid social media accounts.

She was ready to take the stage herself.

Even though the heat surrounding her hadn't subsided the slightest scandal could stir up a significant amount of buzz for MQ.

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In addition to Zachary and Susanna's existing popularity, the press conference had already topped the trending topics even before it began. Netizens were eagerly awaiting its commencement.

The day before the press conference, Zachary sent a message to Lenora before clocking out from work. Wait for me tonight. Let's go home together.

Lenora replied: Okay.

After work, she stayed a little longer in the office, then sent Zachary a message, letting him know she'd be waiting for him in the car.

Lenora went down to the basement level first, settling into the back seat to spend some time on her phone.

Roughly ten minutes had passed before Zachary finally appeared in the underground parking lot.

He pulled open the backseat door, settled into the car, and said to the driver. "Let's go."

The driver started the car, pulling out of the underground parking lot.

"I heard Ms. Johansen is sick?" Zachary asked.

"Yeah, she fell ill a couple of days ago and is still in the hospital. I just visited her yesterday," Lenora answered truthfully.

Zachary looked at her. "Do you really plan on handling tomorrow's press conference by yourself?"

When he saw the trending topic, he instantly knew it was Lenora's idea.

Her marketing strategy was incredibly successful.

Lenora looked at him as well, their eyes meeting. "Is there a problem?"

"No, as long as you're not afraid."

"There's nothing to be afraid of."

Lenora didn't enjoy being in the spotlight or having attention focused on her, but that certainly didn't mean she was afraid.

Just like how her father, a journalist back then, could bravely face countless public audiences, she, too,

could do it.

"Don't worry, I'm here, Zachary assured her, gripping her hand. At that moment, he felt like a father watching over his fledgling, wondering if it could take flight.

The press conference officially started live streaming at three o'clock in the afternoon on September 5th.

In the morning, they had to run through the rehearsal twice.

Bright and early, Lenora arrived at the scene. She confirmed the process with the staff, checking all the preparations. She meticulously planned down to the minute, even anticipating potential unexpected issues for remediation. chake over there Milly reported, stepping forward.

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Lenora glanced at Susanna, who was standing to the right of the main entrance. "Get her to rehearse."

At that moment, Susanna stepped forward, thrusting the paper bag she was holding into Lenora's hands. "Nora. I passed by Glory Plaza on my way here and picked up a black forest cake from Afternoon Delight for you. Lenora looked down at the paper bag in her hand with surprise. She's trying to disgust me.

"You like this cake too. How can I possibly take what you like?"

"I specifically bought this for you.

Lenora did not respond. Instead, she instructed Milly, "Take Ms. Carston to the rehearsal."

The bustling studio was filled with various onlookers and other staff members. Susanna found it inappropriate to say more. She turned to Lenora and reminded, "Nora, don't forget to eat the cake."

Susanna was just about to follow Milly to the rehearsal when she casually glanced over and spotted Zachary, who had just entered the studio. She waved at Zachary and called

out, "Over here, Zack." Zachary glanced over and walked slowly toward them. What were you guys talking about?"

Nothing."

"I brought Nora her favorite black forest cake."

Lenora and Susanna spoke in unison.

Susanna glanced at Lenora, biting her lower lip. "Lenora, this is just a small token of my affection. If you don't like it, you can disregard it."

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Zachary glanced at the paper bag of cake in Lenora's hand. "Just accept it. It's only a cake. It's a

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Susanna looked at Lenora with anticipation.

Just the sight of Susanna was already enough to make her sick.

But upon hearing Zachary's words, Lenora felt a wave of nausea wash over her.

She's always been kind-hearted and wants to make it up to me?

How ridiculous.

To describe Susanna as kind-hearted would truly be a desecration of the term.

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Seeing Lenora silent, Susanna continued, "Nora, I know you're upset with me... If you don't want it, just give it to me. I'll throw it away."

As she spoke, she attempted to retrieve the paper bag from Lenora's grasp.

"All right, I'll take it. You go ahead with your rehearsal, Lenora said nonchalantly.

Not only was Zachary nearby, but there were also other staff members and even surveillance cameras. If she stubbornly refused to accept, it could easily cause a scene. Perhaps the next day, footage would be posted online accusing her of bullying Susanna.

Susanna smiled joyfully. "Thank you, Nora. Zack, I'm off to the rehearsal. Make sure Nora eats the cake,"

After speaking, she followed Milly and left.

Lenora placed the cake on the table, intending to leave, when Zachary called out to her. "You've been busy for quite a while. Why not take a break and have some cake?" Zachary carefully removed the cake box from the paper bag. He gently unwrapped it, stuck a fork in the cake, and pushed it toward Lenora

He sure listens to Susanna, doing whatever she tells him to.

'Don't you usually love eating this?' Zachary asked as he noticed Lenora remaining still. "Or is it because Susanna bought it?"

Lenora took a deep breath, picked up her fork, and scooped a bit of the cream, placing it in her mouth.

For reasons unknown, the taste was just as it had been before. She used to eat it with such joy, but now, the same food churned uneasily in her stomach. "Ugh!"

Lenora clutched her mouth, dashing to the trash bin by the door, doubling over as she retched

Zachary immediately followed her, gently patting her back. "Are you okay? Is your stomach still bothering you? You seemed fine eating this at the hospital."

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Lenora dabbed at the corner of her mouth with a napkin. "Don't ever buy me this cake again. I don't like

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"Why so sudden?"

He remembered how much she loved eating this cake.

Susanna also liked it.

After the argument he had with Susanna, he gave the cake to Lenora. Later on, he saw Lenora buying the black forest cake a few times and felt relieved that he had given the cake to the right person. "People's tastes can change. I just don't like it anymore. All right, I have to get back to work. Could you throw away the cake for me?"

Susanna had successfully achieved her goal of disgusting her.

After returning from the rehearsal, Susanna saw Zachary seated in a certain spot in the audience area. She walked over and asked, "Zack, did Nora eat the cake?"

Zachary glanced up at her.

Susanna bit her lip. "I know I've made her suffer. I want to make her happy again."

"She doesn't like it. Don't do this anymore and stay away from her."

"Zack, are you blaming me too?"

"No, it's just that I think you should know she doesn't like you. If you keep your distance, she'll be happier."

By two-fifty in the afternoon, the live-streaming room's countdown had begun, heightening the sense of anticipation

At three o'clock, the press conference officially commenced.

The LED screen started showing the opening promotional video.

The camera panned across the venue. The press conference was held in a rather intimate setting, simple yet elegant. The guests were seated at the front, with the media positioned at the back, and there weren't many outsiders present

After the opening video, the host took the stage, announcing the official start of the press conference and introducing all the guests

Every time the host announced a guest's name, they would be featured on camera.

The first two were official figures of Jacaster, the big shots of the big shots.

The third person was none other than Zachary, the CEO of Fuller Group.

The camera panned to him. He was staring at the stage. He was strikingly handsome, with a chiseled side profile and well-defined features. Dressed in a suit and leather shoes, he exuded an air of refined elegance and professionalism that was undeniably captivating. I didn't take long for him to captivate numerous

online viewers.

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Someone commented: Zachary is indeed quite handsome.

Some people also said: He's such a jerk.

Following Zachary were several high-ranking members of Fuller Group, and then came Lenora.

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The most widely circulated clip of Lenora online was a video of her being intercepted for an interview near a hospital by the media.

The camera did not do justice to the makeup, and Lenora's less-than-ideal complexion at the time, coupled with the blurry video quality that made recognition difficult, was captured and used as a contrasting cover image to highlight Susanna's beauty in the video. But this time, Lenora was officially facing the media.

She was set to take the stage as the brand spokesperson to introduce their products and interact with the guests. She had specifically prepared her look and makeup for the occasion. Under the camera's lens, her features were subtly defined, exuding a calm and composed demeanor.

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As soon as Lenora appeared, the comments section went into chaos. There were praises and criticisms alike, and some even started public arguments. There were also fans who were puzzled, wondering why Lenora was ranked ahead of Susanna. The buzz around the press conference was indeed on a steady rise, with comments flooding in non-stop.

The chaotic barrage of comments continued until the camera focused on Susanna, where a flood of supportive comments swept across the screen.

The first two segments were speeches, with the first official representative and then Zachary each taking their turn on stage.

Once the official representative had finished his speech, the host announced, "Now, please welcome Mr. Zachary Fuller, the CEO of Fuller Group, to deliver his speech."

The camera panned to Zachary, who adjusted his collar and rose to his feet. His figure was striking as he walked onto the stage. He took the microphone from the host and began to speak off-script

"Hello everyone, I'm Zachary Fuller. I'm delighted to be here with all of you to witness the launch of the new autumn and winter collection from MQ, a brand under Fuller Group. On behalf of all our staff..." His tone was steady and unhurried as the spotlight shone on him. He was like a natural-born leader, commanding everyone's undivided attention.

Delivering such a speech was a minor task for him.

It all started with his Uprian speech on Walund Street in Navarre, which had taken the internet by storm. His identity was revealed and it drew in a large fanbase

After he finished his speech, he bowed and stepped off the stage.

The host took the stage, readying the audience for the next segment led by Lenora. She was set to formally introduce the product. Following her introduction, there would be two additional mini-activities, and

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guests would be invited on stage.

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As the voices grew louder, Lenora stood up. She walked calmly to the stage and started presenting the product with the media crew.

She had been involved in every step of MQ's new season clothing line, from design and manufacturing to the final product. She was intimately familiar with it.

Lenora stood on the stage, her eyes radiating confidence as she calmly narrated the journey of MQ thus far.

As soon as Lenora appeared, the atmosphere in the comment section turned rather gloomy. However, some praised her professionalism in their comments. Following the

product introduction was the interactive segment, where the guest participants were selected through a random draw.

Lenora knew what the netizens wanted to see.

Since they had already decided to leverage her relationship with Zachary and Susanna to generate buzz, she would take full advantage of it

Thus, the guest selection for the interactive segment was predetermined.

No matter how the cards were drawn, Zachary and Susanna would be selected.

During the draw, the stream of comments increased.

Someone wrote: Zachary or Susanna won't be selected, right?

The netizens were all too eager to spectate the unfolding drama, filling the screens with Zachary's and

Susanna's names.

"Let's now reveal the first guest to join us on stage."

The host turned his gaze toward the big screen.

At that moment, the scrolling big screen suddenly stopped. Boldly displayed on it were two clear words- Zachary Fuller.

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The emcee exclaimed excitedly, "We're really in luck today. Our draw has landed on Mr. Fuller. Please, Mr. Fuller, come join us on stage."

The media was incessantly snapping photos, the flash from their cameras never ceasing.

The live comments section exploded.

So fake.

Everything's set up, right?

Now the real show's about to begin.

Zachary rose to take the stage.

"Before we start, let's have a quick interview. Mr. Fuller, do you happen to know what tonight's first interactive game is?"

"I don't know." Zachary shook his head.

He truly didn't know.

Fuller Group had its fingers in many pies, operating numerous brands under its umbrella. Zachary was often involved in such events, so he had grown accustomed to them. Previously, he would typically make his speech on stage and then leave, without making a conscious effort to understand the entire event.

process.

But you must know you'll be interacting with Ms. Wilkin, yes? Why don't you start by sharing your impression of her?"

Zachary glanced at Lenora beside him. "She's exceptionally talented. Without her, MQ wouldn't have achieved what it has today. I sincerely want to thank her for that."

The emcee cleared his throat, deliberately casting a glance at the media below the stage. "Mr. Fuller, you know that's not what we want to hear."

Zachary didn't expect the emcee to continue to probe. He subtly glanced at Lenora.

The emcee's script was always written by internal staff, and there was never room for impromptu additions. The fact that the emcee would ask such a question only meant that Lenora had instructed him to do so.

Of course, Zachary knew her intentions-exploiting their relationship to stir discussions and generate

buzz.

Gossip about men and women was always the most sensational, especially now that Susanna was still seated among the audience.

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The online audience in the livestream was utterly engrossed in the spectacle unfolding before them. The buzz surrounding the broadcast skyrocketed, breaking the billion mark. It was prominently featured on the homepages of all major platforms and instantly topped the trending searches.

After a moment of silence, Zachary responded, "Lenora's smart and sensible."

This was an answer that simply couldn't go wrong, no matter what.

"I didn't expect you to be so cunning, Mr. Fuller. The emcee chuckled. "Then, let's circle back to Ms. Wilkin. How would you describe your relationship with each other?"

Lenora held the microphone, smiling at the camera, deliberately pausing for a moment.

The live comments section was filled with anxiousness.

The audience fell incredibly quiet as well.

Having successfully piqued their curiosity, Lenora then chuckled and said, "Take a guess."

Live comments started flooding in: I'm seriously done. I'm all ears, how can she still say this?

"Ms. Wilkin, you're even more cunning than Mr. Fuller. All right, let's kick off our first interactive game, Threading The Needle. Allow me to explain the rules."

As the name suggested, the game "Threading The Needle" referred to the act of passing a thread through the eye of a needle.

However, the rules of the game dictated that players couldn't use their hands, but rather, their mouths.

In other words, one person had to hold a needle with their mouth, while the other person had to hold a thread between their lips. The two would have to work in unison to thread the needle.

Just thinking about it, one could tell that the interactions between the two players would inevitably be extremely intimate.

As soon as the rules of the game were revealed, some agitatedly sent a comment in the live comments section. D*mn, who came up with these game rules?

Who holds a product launch with these kinds of interactive games?

The guests below the stage were amused, waiting to watch the drama unfold, while the media outlets were all smiles.

Such games, where men and women interacted, were mostly seen on variety shows and other entertainment programs. No one would've imagined that such games would be played at a product launch press conference, so it was easy to tell, that as soon as the broadcast commenced, its popularity would inevitably skyrocket.

Zachary lowered his gaze.

Needless to say, this game must've been permitted by Lenora too.

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It was foreseeable that after the press conference, Lenora would probably face a barrage of criticism once

again.

The staff brought over the props.

's holding the needle and who's holding the thread? You two decide," said the emce

Lenora glanced at the needle and thread, then turned to Zachary and asked, "Which one do you want?"

Zachary took the lead and picked up the sewing needle, holding one end of it in his mouth. Lenora then picked up the thread, biting one end while leaving a small portion of it exposed.

"Let the game begin. You have two minutes. If you don't succeed within that time, you both will have to face the punishment."

Lenora and Zachary exchanged a glance and got started on the game.

Biting the needle, Zachary steered the eye of the needle toward the thread Lenora was holding. In turn, she worked in harmony with him.

The two of them were so close that their foreheads were nearly touching and their noses were brushing against each other. The atmosphere was extremely steamy.

The cameraman knew exactly what he was doing, intentionally magnifying the close-up shots of the faces

of the two.

Unintentionally, their lips brushed against each other in a careless encounter.

At that moment, the director didn't forget to focus the camera on Susanna in the audience.

The live comments section exploded at once.

The game was quite challenging.

Several times, it seemed like success was within reach, yet it always fell just a bit short.

F*ck, this woman can't be swaying on purpose, can she?

After all this, I won't believe it if they say they aren't together

Actually, it's not really a big deal. Isn't this just a game?

The countdown began to appear on the big screen.

Finally, in the last few seconds, the thread passed through the eye of the needle.

The game was a success.

"Congratulations, Mr. Fuller and Ms. Wilkin, you're off the hook now. Ah, what a pity though. Mr. Fuller, please feel free to return to your seat. We'll proceed to draw the second special guest for our interactive

segment.

The big screen started scrolling and, unsurprisingly, it landed on Susanna.

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It must've been arranged beforehand.

The staff planning this really knows their stuff.

Under the watchful eyes of the crowd, Susanna stepped onto the stage.

The camera captured Susanna and Lenora in the same frame, a sight that no one had expected.

Surprisingly, it was a somewhat harmonious scene.

The live comments section, however, was far from harmonious, filled with incessant bickering.

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The emcee first had a brief interview with Susanna. "We all know that you're the spokesperson for MQ Ms. Carston, and it's also your first endorsement since returning to the country. Can you tell us how you bagged the MQ endorsement? Any special stories during this period?"

Susanna responded, "There aren't really any special reasons. Both parties are interested so we just signed the contract."

"Oh? There are rumors online saying that you got this endorsement because of Mr. Fuller. What's your take on this?"

The question was so straightforward it hit the nail on the head.

Susanna looked at Zachary below the stage and lifted her lips into a smile. "That's not true."

The emcee gave a knowing smile. "I see, I see."

She shifted her gaze to the camera and said, "To all the viewers out there, have you got it?"

A barrage of comments flooded the screen, stating that they had understood.

However, there were also fervent fans of Susanna who voiced out their anger, commenting. What's with this emcee? Susanna already clearly said that that's not true. Is he trying to stir up unnecessary drama?

"Moving on to the next question, what are your impressions of each other? Let's start with you, Ms. Wilkin."

"My impression of Ms. Carston is that she's beautiful and gentle."

Her words were no different from saying nothing.

"Ms. Carston, what about you?"

Susanna glanced at Lenora. "I think she's quite the sensible girl. The first time I met Ms. Wilkin, she was only 16 and extremely polite."

Susanna's response was quite similar to Zachary's, only that her answer held a bit more information.

Everyone e was

surprised to learn that the two ladies had known each other for so long.

Lenora was only sixteen then, and that was likely the time when she was just adopted into the Fuller family.

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Susanna having already met Lenora at that time only implied one simple fact-Zachary had already taken Susanna home to meet his family back then.

The simple statement made by Susanna instantly sent the live comments section into a chaotic mess once again. Casual observers, fans, and worshippers of the couple all got into a fierce argument.

Subsequently, the emcee announced the interactive game Susanna and Lenora would be playing, and that was, "Draw And Guess".

Lenora guessed, while Susanna drew.)

The two of them weren't exactly in sync, but they weren't dragging each other down either.

Soon, the interactive games came to an end.

Susanna was about to descend the stage when the emcee smilingly said, "Ms. Carston, please hold on a moment. We have another activity coming up that requires your participation. Ms. Wilkin, please make your way down and take a seat for now." All right."

Lenora walked to the side of the stage, handed the microphone to a staff member, then stepped off the stage and took a seat in her designated spot.

Her unflustered demeanor clearly proved that she knew well about the program's subsequent flow.

Things surely aren't that simple. I think the emcee must be up to something again.

Don't tell me he's going to invite Zachary up the stage again, huh?

The comment above, you're definitely right.

The emcee announced with a grin, "Mr. Fuller, could you please join us on stage again? You'll be partnering with Ms. Carston for t

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The camera focused on Zachary's face. He wore a calm expression, but his eyes were deep and inscrutable.

Under the watchful eyes of the crowd, he ascended the stage and positioned himself next to Susanna.

She was wearing high heels, making her a head taller than him.

The media went wild, snapping photos of them relentlessly.

The director had consistently kept the camera focused on them, only occasionally cutting Lenora, who was sitting below the stage.

With a warm smile, the emcee asked, "Now, I have a question to ask Ms. Carston on behalf of our audience. You mentioned earlier that Ms. Wilkin was sixteen when you first

met her. Could you tell us where this first encounter took place?" The emcee was informed about this question by the director through the in-ear monitor.

Susanna pursed her lips, casting a glance at Zachary beside her.

"Ms. Carston, it's perfectly fine if you're not inclined to answer. But I believe everyone here gets the picture. At least, I certainly do. And to all our viewers at home, have you caught on?" S~EARCH the (f)indNΘVEL.net website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Comments responding "yes" to the emcee's question flooded in again, so overwhelmingly that it covered the entire screen.

The next question is for Mr. Fuller. When did you first meet Ms. Carston?"

Zachary paused for a moment before replying, "University."

The emcee meaningfully responded, "Oh, so you two liave known each other for quite a while too."

The live comments section exploded once again.

Though the two never made their relationship official, in the eyes of the online community, it was almost as if they had.

The couple worshippers of Zachary and Susanna were delighted, knowing their hopes had been rekindled.

The planning team was best at manipulating fans.

Just a moment ago, the couple fans had their hearts half-broken when they saw the interaction between Lenora and Zachary. Now, they felt as if they had been revived. "Without further ado, let's begin our next game interaction."

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There weren't many balloons prepared; only three in total.

Zachary and Susanna worked together to pop the balloons.

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The emcee led the applause, expressing. "Thank you, Mr. Fuller and Ms. Carston. Please, both of you may now step down and take a break."

The two of them stepped off the stage, one after another.

As Susanna was descending the stairs, Zachary turned around to lend her a hand.

The director had a keen eye for capturing the right moments, swiftly incorporating this scene into the live broadcast.

After the press conference concluded, all the special guests gathered on stage for a group photo.

One after another, everyone got up and made their way toward the stage, searching for their own place.

At the same time, there were still staff members bustling about, causing a bit of chaos on stage.

Lenora took to the stage, her eyes set on the farthest corner. Just as she was about to make her way there. Susanna unexpectedly passed by her side. Her dress was stepped on, nearly causing her to stumble and fall.

"Be careful." Zachary lent Susanna a helping hand.

She steadied herself, shot Lenora a glance, then addressed Zachary, "I'm fine."

Zachary also glanced at Lenora, then lowered his head to say to Susanna, "Let's go take a group photo."

"Okay."

Zachary walked over, and apart from the two officials, everyone else made way for him and Susanna.

And so, in the group photo, they stood side by side at the center of the stage, in the most conspicuous spot.

Meanwhile, Lenora stood in the corner, where the light was dim, seeming like an outsider.

Later on, this group photo was posted on Twitter, triggering a frenzy among the couple fans of Zachary and Susanna: Just their position alone already speaks volumes. There's no need for more explanation.

The press conference came to a close. Some guests started to exit, while others stayed behind for a final interview segment.

The reporters pursued Zachary, asking. "Mr. Fuller, are you and Ms. Carston currently in a romantic relationship?"

One would assume that he would seize this opportunity to confess, but surprisingly, he answered. "This is MQ's product launch press conference, please focus on the product instead. It's not appropriate to discuss my personal matters now. However, I'll be more than happy to answer any questions related to finance and

economics."

Although he declined to answer the question, his words didn't come off as off-putting in the slightest.

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His high emotional intelligence response attracted yet another wave of fans.

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Lenora didn't schedule any follow-up interviews, instead, she busied herself with wrapping up alongside

the staff.

A reporter and a photographer from a media outlet approached her, intending to interview her. However, she declined their request.

They didn't insist. After all, they had quite a fruitful haul from the press conference.

The popularity of MQ skyrocketed, with an exponential increase in search indices on Twitter and other social media platforms. Even after the press conference ended, it remained a trending topic for an entire day.

After wrapping things up, Lenora had the employees leave work early.

Up until that day, the promotional activities had passed a phase. Next, the product would be officially hitting the market, so they still couldn't afford to let their guard down.

When Lenora exited the studio, she received a message from Zachary on WhatsApp: I'll wait for you in the underground parking lot.

Upon seeing this message, Lenora raised an eyebrow.

She assumed Zachary had left with Susanna since she didn't see him while she was wrapping things up earlier.

Others might not have noticed, but she did. She could tell that Zachary's face had darkened when he was

on stage.

Among the wealthy scions, he was rather on the understated side.

Even though he had countless fans, he still hadn't set up his own personal social media account.

As much as the online community berated him for his infidelity, he let them rant. He didn't think there was a need to explain his personal life to them.

It was obvious the event planning team for the press conference earlier that day had treated Zachary like an idol, expecting him to partake in games and interactions like other celebrities did in variety shows to entertain fans. That was something Zachary, as the CEO of Fuller Group, simply couldn't tolerate. Moreover, he was not only asked to take part in the games once, but twice, and with two different ladies, both of whom were involved in scandalous rumors with him, no less..

The fact that he managed to suppress his anger on stage and complete those games was all out of respect for Lenora.

Lenora could imagine how furious Zachary was.

Nonetheless, it was something she had to face sooner or later. As such, she took the elevator down to the underground parking lot and headed toward where Zachary had directed her to.

"Zack, can you join me for dinner tonight? It's been a while since I've managed to get away from the film set, and it feels like ages since I've seen you.

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Around the corner, Lenora heard Susanna's voice and immediately halted in her tracks.

"Head back first. There are reporters on the lookout tonight. It's not convenient," Zachary said.

"But..."

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"Susanna, be good. I've told you before, that I made a promise to Grandpa that I'll try to get along with Lenora for a while. During this time, I can't have much interaction with you, especially if there's a risk of being photographed by the press or discovered by Grandpa. He can't handle any more shock.

With a hint of tears in her voice, Susanna responded, "I know you're worried about your grandfather, but... but. Zack, I'm so scared. What if you end up falling in love with Lenora and stop loving me? Zack, I can't bear to lose you."

"Susanna, don't you always feel guilty toward Lenora, thinking that you shouldn't have returned? If such a day truly comes. I'll send you abroad and ensure you live a comfortable life."

Susanna suddenly froze, her face crinkled up.

Upon hearing this, Lenora almost burst out laughing.

Susanna's always portrayed herself as vulnerable and kind in front of Zachary. She just nearly shot herself in the foot.

Then, Susanna's voice rang out again. "Zack, I really can't bear to part with you. Please don't abandon me. I know I've wronged Lenora, but I truly can't live without you. Every night. I dream of that day when I was dragged into a run-down van and thrown into a tiny dark room. They did things to me..."

As she spoke, she suddenly collapsed into Zachary's arms and began to sob.

Zachary's voice softened as he comforted Susanna, "It's all in the past now. Don't dwell on it anymore. I'll call Ms. Wate and have her take you to the doctor."

Upon hearing this, Lenora slightly furrowed her brows

He says it's all in the past now. Does that mean it really happened?

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Could it be that Susanna's so-called illness was caused by this Zachary thought.

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"I can't move on." Susanna wept with a heartrending sorrow. "Every time I close my eyes, the scene from then replays in my mind. I can't forget it. I was calling out your name, desperately wishing that you would. come to save me..

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Zachary remained silent.

Lenora was also standing around the corner instead of leaving.

Outside, there was a loud "bang," and the sound of sobbing was cut off by the car door.

Lenora's hands tightened subtly in the breeze as she glanced sideways outward. The black Cayenne had just driven out of the underground garage.

Lenora glanced at her phone screen and sighed, a sense of resolution settling in her heart.

She had anticipated early on that Zachary would make concessions to Susanna.

She held no expectations for Zachary, so she didn't feel disappointed. Instead, she felt a sense of loss, melancholy, and "Just as I thought."

She loved him, yet she dared not hold any more expectations of him.

Lenora took the elevator back down to the first floor, then stepped outside to hail a taxi home.

On the way back, Zachary texted her: I'm sorry, Lenora, I had to leave early due to some matters.

Lenora responded: Okay. I'll take a taxi home.

Zachary: Wait for me at home. We'll have dinner together tonight.

Lenora: Okay.

As she replied, she didn't care because she remembered that Zachary was always out for the entire night. when he was called away by Susanna.

It would truly be a miracle if he did return by dinner.

It would indicate that Susanna's skills had not improved but rather had declined.

After several busy days, Lenora felt somewhat exhausted. Upon returning home, she first headed upstairs. to soak in a bath.

While she was soaking in the bathr, she scrolled through her phone, browsing Twitter and other platforms. Quite a few people were discussing the press conference. 19:41
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However, after the press conference, Lenora managed to clear her name.

After trending online, Lenora's identity was once again exposed.

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Eager netizens uncovered that Lenora's father was the renowned journalist of yesteryears, Fernando.

It had been a decade since Fernando passed away, so the younger generation was unfamiliar with him.

However, whenever the food additive case was mentioned, everyone would immediately think of him.

Over a decade ago, when digital media was still in its infancy, a report on food additives garnered a readership surpassing a hundred million. The newspapers had to go through multiple reprints to meet the demand.

The person in charge of a certain food brand involved in the food additive case was sentenced to prison indefinitely.

Before that, Fernando had also reported on other cases that sparked heated discussions. However, in the eyes of his peers, it was a thankless task.

Following the food additive case, Fernando entered the public eye. His records were also brought to light, leaving the public in awe for a time.

When Fernando met his untimely demise in a car accident, there was a widespread sense of sorrow and regret. The memorial service was packed to the brim, drawing in a sea of mourners. The media also reported on the tragic event. More than a decade had

passed, and little remained of the news from those years, with only a few blurry photos from the memorial service available.

At the time, Fernando's high school-aged daughter was broken-hearted. However, once the initial intensity had passed, no one paid any attention to her anymore.

Interestingly, certain media outlets mentioned that Fernando's daughter was adopted and would continue her studies.

With that, the truth about Lenora being Fernando's daughter and being adopted by the Fuller family after his death was revealed.

With such a respected father, Lenora's reputation naturally improved.

In addition, following the press conference, the public believed that the news of Lenora being the third. wheel was merely a rumor spread by the media.

The public thought it wouldn't make sense that the three of them could stand so peacefully on the same. stage otherwise..

Additionally, based on Susanna's speech, they assumed she had known Lenora for a long time, and her tone suggested that she treated Lenora like a younger sister.

An average person wouldn't have spoken in that tone to a mistress.

However, Susanna's fans continued to target Lenora relentlessly.

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Susanna nearly tripped and fell during the group photo when someone stepped on her dress.

However, when the camera was directed at her, Susanna, steadied by Zachary, glanced at Lenora.

Netizens couldn't see who stepped on the dress, but Susanna saw it clearly.

Thus, with just that one glance, the fans assumed the culprit was Lenora.

There were many more comments under her Twitter post that day. Thankfully, she had turned off her private messages. Otherwise, her inbox would have definitely exploded that day. However, those comments didn't affect her. She casually skimmed through a few, then closed the app and put down her phone.

Whether it was praise or criticism, it all amounted to her popularity.

A knock echoed outside the room. "Dinner is ready, Mrs. Fuller."

"All right." Lenora responded as she stepped out of the bathtub. She slipped into some comfortable loungewear before heading downstairs to eat.

"Mrs. Fuller, will Mr. Fuller be returning this evening? Should I save some dinner for him?" Miranda asked.

"He probably won't be coming back. No need to save anything for him." Lenora said.

"All right."

After finishing dinner, Lenora went upstairs, leaving Miranda to clean the pots and wash the dishes.

After that, Miranda emerged from the kitchen, only to see Zachary returning from outside.

He loosened his collar a bit and asked Miranda, "Is it time for dinner?"

Miranda froze. "You're back, Mr. Fuller? Mrs. Fuller said you wouldn't be home tonight, so I didn't save any dinner for you. The dishes have already been cleaned... I'll go make something for you right away." Zachary remained silent for a moment before he said. "All right."

His eyes dimmed as he headed straight upstairs toward the master bedroom.

Lenora didn't have to work overtime that day, so she spent her night playing with her phone on the bed carly on.

Suddenly, the door swung open, and Zachary strode in from outside.

Upon seeing him, Lenora was taken aback. "You're back already?"

Zachary stood by the bed, looking at her dazed expression. He couldn't help but chuckle in anger. "Didn't I tell you to wait for me to come back for dinner tonight

"Oh," Lenora replied with a calm expression. "You used to be gone all night. I thought you wouldn't return tonight either."

Zachary's mouth stiffened slightly, and he pursed his lips. "You saw it?"

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"Yes."

"I took her to the hospital and came back, Zachary explained immediately, observing Lenora's calm demeanor and tone. Somehow, he felt uneasy.

In the past, whenever he returned from Susanna's place, Lenora's attitude toward him would always turn exceptionally cold. Yet, at that moment, she seemed so calm, as if nothing had ever happened.

Then, there was the press conference.

When Zachary was engaged in the interactive game of threading a needle together, he felt nothing unusual.

However, later, she even arranged an interactive game for him and Susanna, which inexplicably irritated

him.

Lenora was truly magnanimous, providing her own husband and the mistress an opportunity to grow

closer.

In reality, the underlying reason was that she didn't love him.

She was in love with Jonas.

"I see," Lenora casually responded.

She wouldn't praise him simply because he returned right after dropping Susanna off at the hospital that day when he used to spend the nights with Susanna. Both scenarios were the same to her, unless he rejected Susanna outright.

"Lenora, Zachary called out her name.

Lenora's gaze shifted from her phone to him. "Is there anything else?"

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"You did a good job with today's press conference. It's truly commendable. Zachary praised while gnashing his teeth in anger a little.

I knew it. He's here to confront and question me. Lenora sat up straight and looked at him, explaining earnestly, "I apologize, but my intentions were for the good of the MQ brand. Given that we naturally attract attention and generate discussion, why shouldn't we use that to promote the brand's products?"

"Anything else?"

"I shouldn't have set up those interactive games for you. You're not like those popular celebrities."

""Anything else?"

Is there something else? Lenora truly couldn't remember any.

She blinked, silently observing Zachary,

Zachary chuckled furiously. "Why did you set up an interactive game for Susanna and me?"

""You don't like it?"

Zachary scowled. It's not about whether I like it or not!

Lenora honestly said, "You two have quite a large fan base. Giving them something they want to watch will only boost your popularity."

Zachary was left speechless. The edge of his mouth twitched. She truly has a knack for seizing opportunities, capable of using anything at her disposal.

Seeing Zachary silent, Lenora spoke up confidently. "The press conference today was very well-received. I have great confidence in the product launch that's coming up. I believe you shouldn't blame me for this."

"You think you're in the right?" questioned Zachary,

"All I've been doing is for the sake of the company."

"Aren't you afraid of being ridiculed by others?"

"Don't worry, I've never been afraid."

"This won't happen again."

"Thank you, Mr. Fuller." Lenora gave him a smile.

Zachary went downstairs to have dinner, and upon returning to the master bedroom, he washed and freshened up.

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Seeing Lenora engrossed in her phone, he leaned over, resting his head on her shoulder. "What are you

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"I wasn't really looking at anything, I was just casually scrolling." Lenora immediately closed her phone.

She was using her alternate account to check out the fan club accounts.

The interactive game session from the press conference had already been clipped and shared in the fan club accounts.

Seeing her appear guilty, Zachary narrowed his eyes, "there's nothing wrong, why are you hiding your phone?"

His hot breath fanned against her cool neck, causing her to recoil instinctively. She reached out to push him away. "Don't stand so close to me."

Zachary pulled the mobile phone from her grasp. Immediately, Lenora lunged forward to retrieve it, exclaiming. "Stop!"

He knew her password, and once he unlocked her phone, he would see what she was looking at earlier, which she wished to prevent.

Zachary extended his arm outward. He was tall, so Lenora couldn't possibly reach his hand. She had to exert a tremendous amount of effort just to pull his hand.

With great effort, she pulled his arm down, only to discover he had used his other hand to hold it.

All her efforts were for naught.

Furious, Lenora demanded, "Give me my phone back, now!"

When Zachary saw her little face flushed with urgency, he couldn't help but suppress a chuckle.

During the struggle for the phone, her loungewear had come undone slightly, so when he glanced downward, he could see her naked body.

His Adam's apple bobbed up and down as he leaned in, nipping at her ear. "Shall we do it tonight?"

Over the past few days, they shared the same bed as they used to, but Lenora had been busy with work recently. She would fall asleep pretty quickly after lying on the bed, uninterested in doing anything. Since the promotional period had finally passed, there was time to take a breather.

Lenora shook her head, pushing him away. "Not tonight. I'm really tired and want to get some rest early."

"You don't need to move," suggested Zachary.

"That won't work either."

How about I help you relax?"

Lenora fell silent, indicating to Zachary that she had tacitly agreed.

All she knows is how to indulge herself. Zachary thought with a slight grin.

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Once everything was over, Lenora lay motionless on the bed, not wanting to move. Zachary took care of her, attending to the necessary cleaning.

Lenora closed her eyes and fell into a deep sleep.

While half awake, she was roused by the jarring sound of a cell phone ringing.

The ringtone only chimed for a brief few seconds before someone answered. As such, while in a daze, she thought she was still dreaming.

Subsequently, she heard some sounds as the room door opened and closed.

Suddenly, Lenora opened her eyes. The room was shrouded in darkness. Using the moonlight, she glanced at the spot beside her and found it empty.

It turned out it wasn't a dream earlier. Someone had indeed called Zachary

In no time, the doorknob was gently turned. Zachary tiptoed in, casting a glance at the peacefully sleeping Lenora. Quietly, he moved into the dressing room to change his clothes.

After getting dressed, he quietly left the room.

The door was closed, and silence returned to the room.

Before long, the hum of a car engine echoed from downstairs.

Lenora opened her eyes, gazing at the ceiling shrouded in darkness.

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had a hunch that the call Zachary received was from Susanna.

She actually wanted to ask him, but she didn't dare to

She was a timid soul and didn't want to humiliate herself again.

Also, she believed that, even if she had pleaded for him to stay, Zachary would not have stayed.

Lenora closed her eyes, but sleep eluded her. She tossed and turned restlessly.

As dawn was about to break, the sound of an engine echoed from downstairs once again.

After a moment, the door was opened. Zachary, removing his travel-worn coat, lay down beside Lenora as if he had never left.

Lenora also played along with him, pretending she didn't know he had gone out.

At half past six in the morning. Zachary woke up punctually, heading downstairs for a run.

After he had left, Lenora slowly opened her eyes. Her gaze was clear and bright, tinged with a hint of red. It was clear she didn't rest well.

She lingered in bed for a while longer, only rising to freshen up as it neared seven o'clock.

After dressing up, she went downstairs to find Zachary already waiting on the couch, ready to have breakfast with her.

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"You're awake. Let's eat," Zachary put down his newspaper, rising from the couch. He studied her

lexion. "Didn't sleep well last night?"

Lenora said. "I've been too tired these past few days."

Zachary remained silent.

When Lenora arrived at the company, Skylar unexpectedly added her to a WhatsApp group.

The name of the WhatsApp group was Hot Spring Resort.

The group announcement read: In light of the hard work from the MQ MF, and ME departments, Mr. Fuller has decided to generously fund a two-day vacation for them to a hot spring resort in the city suburbs.

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1. MQ, MF, and ME were all sub-brands under Fuller Group. MF was a cosmetics brand, while ME was a personal care and skincare brand. They were part of the same series, and the relationships among department employees had always been harmonious.

The company wasn't a large corporate group.

The employees let loose a bit, sending emojis in the group chat and wrote: Thank you, Mr. Fuller!

Lenora, along with everyone else, sent an emoji and a message in the group chat: Mr. Fuller is generous. Then, she casually scrolled through her social feed.

Suddenly, her fingers paused.

Susanna posted on Instagram at three in the morning yesterday: Thanks for the late-night company.

The accompanying image was of two hands intertwined together.

It was clear from the image that those hands belonged to a man and a woman.

The characteristics of the man's hand were quite distinct. It was fair and slender. Having been Zachary's wife for three years, Lenora would undoubtedly recognize it.

Lenora had a hunch that the Instagram post was probably only visible to her.

She was amused because Zachary was trying to keep it a secret from her while Susanna was surreptitiously attempting to inform her about it.

Lenora was about to screenshot and send it to Zachary when she hesitated.

Then, she abandoned the idea.

Like a primary school student tattling, she once approached Zachary about her makeup, but Zachary simply didn't believe her. She told him about Lola's grudge against her, but he still didn't believe her.

Lenora believed that, in his heart, Susanna was gentle and kind, completely incapable of stirring up trouble among friends.

She also thought Susanna was the person he cherished, and so he would be even less inclined to believe that Susanna was doing something bad.

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More than that, she assumed he might even accuse her of slandering Susanna.

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A message was sent in the group chat, stating that everyone should gather at the company's main entrance after work the following day. The company had arranged for a charter bus to take them to a hot spring resort in the city's suburbs. They were to head there the night before.

All in all, the three departments combined had over forty people accommodated in two passenger buses.

When the department staff arrived for work the following day, they all brought their clothes, toiletries, and other items. As soon as their shift ended, they immediately left arm in arm, their hearts yearning for the hot spring resort.

By the time Lenora made it downstairs, the company bus was already filled with a handful of employees. She boarded the bus, heading toward the back with her bag in tow. There, she found an empty double seat and settled herself in. The employees gradually boarded the bus.

The car was almost filled to capacity.

"Ms, Wilkin, may I sit here?" A male voice asked. Lenora looked up at the man and slightly nodded. "Sure."

"Thank you."

""You're welcome." Lenora recognized the person beside her.

His name was Liam York, an employee from the MF department.

Liam was originally part of MQ, but was later transferred to MF. Furthermore, Liam had once expressed his fondness for Lenora.

Lenora didn't respond, and so it was left at that.

Suddenly, someone said in surprise, "Mr. Fuller, you're coming, too?"

Lenora lifted her head and saw Zachary holding a luggage bag as he entered the bus, nodding.

Yesterday, Zachary had mentioned that he would drive her over..

However, Lenora declined, fearing that her colleagues at the company might overthink it

"What's the matter? Can't Mr. Fuller take a break, too?" another person asked with a chuckle.

The atmosphere within the bus instantly warmed up, with playful banter and lively exchanges

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There were only a few seats left on the bus, either in the middle or at the back. Zachary kept walking until he reached the very end and found a seat to settle down

Liam withdrew his gaze, his voice hinting a faint surprise. "I didn't expect Mr. Fuller to be here as well. I always thought work was all he ever did."

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It seemed as though he was speaking to Lenora, yet he also seemed to be talking to himself. Lenora didn't respond. Instead, she leaned against the window, eyes closed in restful repose.

After a moment, the vehicle set off, heading toward the hot spring resort.

The bus was buzzing with energy. The employees, who rarely had the chance to unwind, were engaged in uninhibited conversation. "Ms. Wilkin, do you have a boyfriend at the moment?" Liam asked suddenly, his voice barely noticeable amidst the clamor of the bus. He must have intentionally lowered his voice so as not to be overheard and made a joke of by others.

Lenora nodded. "Yes."

"Is that so? I don't think anyone has seen him before. Ms. Wilkin, I really do like you. I hope you can give me a chance to pursue you." "Pursue me? Haven't you heard the rumors going around the company?" Lenora asked curiously.

Rumors circulated within the company that she had seduced Zachary to secure her position within the Fuller family, becoming his mistress.

"All those people are just spouting nonsense. I know you're not that kind of person," said Liam

"Thank you for trusting me, but I really do have a boyfriend. It's just that he's always busy with work."

"Well, all right then."

"Hey, what could Liam be discussing with Ms. Wilkin? Surely, he's not confessing to her?" a laid-back colleague suddenly shifted their gaze toward the two and jokingly remarked. "Is what he said true, Liam?" The other colleagues began to tease.

"Ms. Wilkin, what do you think of Liam? He's tall, handsome, and capable. Moreover, he's only got eyes for you. Even if he fails, he'll try again. Don't you want to consider giving him a chance?" With no other option, Liam stood up and said. "Stop spreading rumors. Nothing of that sort happened."

-What's this? Liam, are you feeling shy?"

"What's there to be shy about? If you tell us, we might even be able to help you pursue Ms. Wilkin."

Many people were teasing Liam in the bus.

Zachary was seated in the back, subtly clearing his throat.

Miles immediately stepped in to defuse the situation. "All right, all right, keep your jokes to yourselves. Don't talk nonsense in front of the ladies."

Only then did the men toned down a bit

Lenora was just about to continue resting her eyes when she heard a WhatsApp notification sound.

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She glanced at her screen. It was a message from Zachary: My room is 0104.

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The room arrangements for the employees had been set: two women per room and four men per room. Meanwhile, Zachary was in a single room, a presidential suite. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Lenora responded to the message: This is unnecessary.

She had roommates, so if she didn't spend the night in her own room, there was bound to be gossip. Zachary: I have a private hot spring pool in my room.

Lenora hesitated.

The company had sponsored a team-building trip to the hot springs resort at that time, but they definitely couldn't arrange a room with a private pool for each person.

As such, her colleagues were confined to the public pool, but she wasn't fond of sharing with others.

In other words, the allure of the private hot spring pool was simply to irresistible for her.

The bus pulled into the hot spring resort, coming to a halt in an open area. One by one, the employees disembarked, following Skylar to the front desk to collect their room keys.

Skylar sent a message in the group chat: After settling into your rooms this evening, you're free to do as you please. Tomorrow at noon, we'll have a barbecue gathering on the restaurant's second floor. Then, she posted a map of the resort in the group chat.

Cindy Ziegler, a MF staff member, was the female employee who was assigned to share a room with Lenora.

The two of them first headed to their room to unpack.

After Cindy sent a message, she asked Lenora. "Ms. Wilkin, I've invited a few female colleagues out for dinner. Would you like to join us?"

Lenora said, "You guys go ahead. I'm not hungry yet. I'll join you later."

"We'll be heading out first, then."

Once Cindy had left, Lenora exited the room, headed to Room 0104, and knocked on the door.

Zachary opened the door from inside. Upon seeing Lenora, he said, "Come in."

Lenora stepped into Room 0104, taking in the layout of the space. It was a presidential suite. The decor and arrangement, along with the provided amenities, were all top-notch and complete. Indeed, it was far superior to her own room.

Outside the room was a private hot spring pool.

"Are you staying here tonight?" asked Zachary

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"No way. I'll head back later and come over tomorrow for a soak in your hot spring."

"How about we unwind a bit tonight? It could help us shake off some fatigue."

Lenora was moved.

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"Feel free to soak in the hot spring first. I'll have someone bring dinner over. You can eat in the pool when it arrives."

Lenora was moved even more.

In the end, she was won over. "Wait here. I'm going to get my pajamas."

Lenora quickly returned to her room, grabbed her pajamas, and took a brief shower. Afterward, she returned to room 0104 to soak in the hot spring

So comfortable! Lenora let out a long, relaxed sigh.

The warmth of the hot spring water enveloped her entire body, instantly washing away all her fatigue.

Lenora was leaning against the edge of the hot spring pool, her eyes closed in relaxation. Suddenly, she heard the sound of approaching footsteps. Opening one eye, she saw Zachary coming in a bathrobe. She quickly asked, "Why are you here?" "I'm here to soak in the hot spring. What are you saying?" replied Zachary

Lenora halted abruptly. Crp, why did I forget about him?

Just as she was lost in thought, Zachary had already taken off his bathrobe and stepped into the pool.

No matter how many times Lenora looked at his physique, she was still drawn to it.

He had broad shoulders and a narrow waist. His muscles were visibly firm, and his abdomen boasted an impressive eight-pack, exuding an undeniable sense of strength.

That was the legendary concept of appearing slender in clothes yet having an impressive figure

underneath.

At some point, Zachary had appeared before her, his fingers flicking in front of her eyes. "What's this? Do

like looking at me so much? Didn't you used to see me every day?"

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Lenora blushed and averted her gaze. "Who's looking at you? I was just lost in thought."

"Oh..." Zachary's voice trailed off, responding meaningfully. He took a seat next to Lenora. "Are your shoulders tired? Would you like me to give you a massage?" "Surc." Lenora tilted her head back.

For the past few days, her shoulders and neck had been feeling stiff and sore, so she thought it was time for a good massage.

Turn your back to me." Zachary gently placed his hands on Lenora's slender shoulders, slowly kneading them.

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With the help of the hot spring water, Lenora felt her shoulder and neck areas relax quickly. She was so comfortable that she was panting a little.

Seeing Lenora immersed in pleasure, Zachary grinned, his hand slowly moving downward.

By the time Lenora realized it, it was already too late.

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She felt weak all over, as if she had turned into a puddle of water. Leaning into Zachary's embrace, her face was flushed, her lips slightly parted as she panted heavily. Noticing her body shudder, Zachary withdrew his hand.

"How do you feel? Do you feel completely relaxed now?"

Lenora leaned against him, not wanting to move an inch. She hummed softly in response, much like a contented kitten.

Zachary wrapped his arms around her before-lifting her up to sit on his lap.

Realizing his intentions, Lenora quickly struggled, exclaiming, "No, no, we can't..."

If they indulged in further activities, the child wouldn't be able to handle it.

Zachary said, "Of course we can. Let's not go to work tomorrow."

He had been abstaining for two months now.

Moreover, he had been constantly helping her to relax these past few days, which only made even harder to endure.

Lenora failed to escape his clutches, but just then, there was a sudden knock at the door.

Breathing a sigh of relief, Lenora nudged him and urged, "You should go and open the door."

Zachary closed his eyes briefly, cursing whoever it was outside the door under his breath. It had to be their evening meal being delivered, but the timing couldn't have been worse.

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He had no choice but to put on his bathrobe and head to the door to collect their dinner.

The dinner was incredibly lavish, with Zachary assisting in setting it up on the platform by the hot spring pool.

Lenora was enjoying a hot spring soak while having dinner-the level of comfort was simply indescribable.

After finishing dinner, Lenora rose from the hot spring pool and wrapped herself in a bath towel. "I'll head. back first. Take your time eating.

The vein on Zachary's forehead throbbed..

This clever little rascal! Slipping away after enjoying herself?

After Lenora left, he had a few more bites to eat, then got out of the hot spring pool and tidied up the area.

around it.

Returning to the living room, Zachary picked up the phone on the sofa, intending to unlock it. Only then did he realize that this wasn't his phone but Lenora's, which had been left behind.

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He knew the passcode to Lenora's phone.

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After cracking the password, the screen was left open on her Instagram feed, as if she had just been scrolling through it but hadn't finished.

He casually scrolled down, his finger suddenly coming to a halt.

It was a post Susanna made the night before that stated Thanks for the late-night company.

He tapped on the attached image, instantly recognizing one of the hands in the picture as his own.

The timestamp on the post was exactly that night when he had secretly gone to see Susanna, keeping it from Lenora..

Zachary abruptly furrowed his brows, a wave of panic unexpectedly flashing through him.

Has Lenora already seen this post? She probably hasn't, right?

Zachary pulled out his own phone and scrolled through his Instagram feed. However, he couldn't find Susanna's post.

He tapped on Susanna's profile picture using Lenora's phone, confirming it was undoubtedly her.

A thought flashed through Zachary's mind.

He sent a message to Charles: Charles, did Susanna post on her Instagram the night before last?

Charles quickly replied to the message: No, why do you ask?

Realization dawning, Zachary sent: It's nothing.

This post was visible to Lenora only.

Why did Susanna post such a message on her social media? Was it on purpose for Lenora to see? To show off in front of Lenora? Wasn't she always saying how she felt guilty toward Lenora? Zachary would rather believe he was overthinking things.

After much thought, Zachary dialed Susanna's number.

The call connected swiftly, and Susanna's joyous voice floated through the receiver. "Zack! Have you had dinner yet?"

"I just ate. Are you still on set or at the hotel now?"

"At the hotel. We finished filming quite early today. Is something the matter?"

"Susanna, I have a question for you. I need you to answer me honestly."

Susanna's heart skipped a beat, and when she next spoke, her tone was wary. "What is it?"

"Did you post something on your Instagram the night before last?"

The voice on the other end fell silent.

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With that, Zachary understood what had happened. His expression was grim as he asked, "That post is only visible to Lenora, isn't it? Why?"

There was a moment of silence on the other end of the line, then Susanna's voice came through, choked with tears. "Zack, Zack, it was me, please don't hate me, okay? I... I was just so scared of losing you! That day, when you told me you might fall for Lenora and not divorce her and would send me abroad, I was really scared! I was scared of being apart from you. I didn't know what to do, and in a momentary lapse of clarity, I posted that message on my social media. I'm sorry. Can you forgive me?"

From what she knew, Lenora would never willingly show Zachary that post, which was why she had dared to act so recklessly. However, she hadn't expected that Zachary would still find out.

Zachary fell silent.

Upon seeing that post, the image of Susanna in his heart began to undergo a subtle change.

Over the receiver, Susanna was still rambling on, pleading for his forgiveness..

"Zack. Zack, can you forgive me? I can go apologize to Lenora right now. Just please don't abandon me! I can't live without you!"

"Just this once. Delete that post."

"Yes, all right, I'm deleting it now. Zack, you've forgiven me, haven't you? I'm sorry, Zack, I've let you down. How could I treat Lenora like this? I've hurt her again; she must absolutely despise me now."

"She probably didn't see it, so there's no need for you to blame yourself. Just keep your distance from her in the future."

"I understand."

Despite Susanna's verbal agreement, inwardly, she felt a touch of reluctance.

It's a shame that Lenora didn't see that post.

After ending the call, Zachary refreshed the Instagram feed using Lenora's phone, only to find that the post had already disappeared.

He let out a soft sigh.

In this way, Lenora probably wouldn't know that he had left that night, right?

At that moment, there was a knock at the door.

Zachary stepped forward to open the door, and sure enough, it was Lenora

She looked at him. "I think I left my phone here."

"Indeed you did." Zachary handed her phone back to her.

"Thank you." Lenora turned to leave, but then she paused as though suddenly remembering something. "By the way, could you do me a favor?" "Come in and speak," he said.

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Lenora entered his room.

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After closing the door, Zachary said, "Just speak your mind. Is there any need for formalities between us?"

"Can I take a picture of you to post on my Instagram?"

Zachary's heart skipped a beat, and he unconsciously licked the corner of his mouth. "You want to post my picture on social media?"

Could it be that she had already seen Susanna's post?

Lenora explained, "While we were in the car, Liam asked me if I had a boyfriend, expressing his interest in pursuing me. I told him I was already taken, but he didn't believe me. I'm worried he won't give up, so I want to discourage him with your photo. Don't worry, I won't reveal your face." Previously, there was a male colleague at the

company who was incessantly pestering Lenora. He constantly hounded Lenora until Zachary stepped in and had him transferred.

Upon hearing this, Zachary immediately agreed, "Sure. How would you like it taken?"

"I want to take a more intimate photo, one that's believable."

All right.

"How about this? I'll lay in your embrace while you wrap one arm around me. I'll hold up my phone to take a selfie, so that will only capture you from your chin downward. Is that okay?"

"Sure. Let's take it on the bed."

The two of them arranged themselves on the bed. Lenora took several pictures, and in the end, selected one that she was satisfied with.

In the photo, her face was at the center. Beside her, one could easily tell, was a man in a bathrobe, his chest, half exposed. His collarbone and neck were visible, yet the shot cut off at his lower jaw so his face remained unseen.

"This one will do. But don't post it today. Wait until a couple of days after we return to post it."

If she were to upload it today, their colleagues would surely guess it was him.

"Okay. Then, I'm heading back first."

With her phone in hand, Lenora left with a spring in her step.

Zachary watched her slightly cheerful gait, his brow furrowed in annoyance.

In her mind, he was truly just a backdrop, ruthlessly discarded once she had no more use for him.

Lenora returned to her own room, settled down on the bed, and opened up Susanna's Instagram page.

She tried to look for the post from the day before yesterday, but she couldn't find it anymore.

Did she delete it? Even so, I still want to disgust her and make her miserable.

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The photo she took with Zachary earlier actually wasn't intended for Liam but rather for Susanna. She was certain it would utterly disgust Susanna. Moreover, she had a legitimate reason. Even if Susanna threw a tantrum at Zachary, he wouldn't order Lenora to delete the post.

She could hardly wait to see Susanna's reaction.

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The following day, Lenora, along with her female colleagues, explored the resort, taking in the sights and capturing a few photos as memories.

At half past twelve in the afternoon, all the staff gathered together to enjoy a barbecue on the second floor of the cafeteria where they had reserved three tables. The females occupied one table, while the males took up two.

The females had opened a few bottles of juice, while the male colleagues had cracked open two cases of

beer.

Everyone was laughing and joking around, some even gaining liquid courage and starting to tease Zachary boldly.

Zachary gave a light, nonchalant smile, showing no signs of annoyance. This made the employees even more cheerful.

After lunch, someone suggested playing a game.

The employees were having a blast, so they enthusiastically agreed.

"Sure, let's play. What do you suggest we play?"

"Let's keep it simple. Spin the bottle," one person suggested, placing an empty beer bottle horizontally on the table. "Whoever the bottle points at must choose truth or dare." "Sure thing," many of the employees responded in unison.

With Zachary present, no one dared to decline participation. Even if they truly didn't want to join, they had to grit their teeth and go along with it.

Carlos Clarke, director of MF, asked, "Mr. Fuller, are you going to join us? Why don't you come play? Everyone's been looking forward to your participation, isn't that right?" "Exactly! Come on, Mr. Fuller," everyone chimed in.

"All right, I'll join you guys for a bit," Zachary reluctantly agreed.

The employees cheered.

Under Skylar's lead, the group of people ventured to the standalone mansion at the back of the resort to play games.

This standalone mansion was equipped with a spacious living room, a pool table, a game room, a poker table, a home cinema, a gym, a bar, and so forth. It was designed specifically with vacationers in mind. Everyone settled down on the floor of the spacious living room, forming a circle. In the center was a green beer bottle-

Carlos volunteered enthusiastically, "All right. I'll go first. Let's see who's lucky enough to get picked first."

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As he spoke, Carlos spun the beer bottle on the ground.

Everyone fell silent, their attention riveted on the beer bottle, hardly daring to take a breath.

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The bottle spun a few rounds before coming to a halt, its mouth pointing toward a male colleague.

Having dodged a bullet, the other employees started to rease, "Samuel, you sure are lucky. What'll it be, truth or dare?"

The male coworker, Samuel Zarate, didn't beat around the bush. He stated, "I choose truth."

Everyone began to bombard him with questions all at once.

Carlos cleared his throat. "Everyone, calm down. With all these questions being thrown at him, who do you expect him to answer first? Whoever spins the bottle will be the one asking questions." The others quieted down and looked at Carlos.

Carlos looked at Samuel, giving him a smile. "Samuel, are you still a virgin?"

The crowd erupted into laughter. The females were somewhat embarrassed, yet they still kept their gaze on Samuel, waiting for his response.

Samuel's face turned red, but after a moment of hesitation, he nodded slightly. "Yes."

Another wave of laughter erupted.

"Samuel, it's your turn to spin."

"Stop laughing! Just you wait, I'm going to make sure this bottle lands on you all," asserted Samuel, twirling the beer bottle.

This time, the beer bottle pointed toward another male colleague.

After giving it some thought, the man said, "I choose dare."

Samuel said, "I won't put you in a tough spot, just kiss the person on your right."

The person sitting to the right of the male colleague was another man.

The male colleague was particularly embarrassed, and the man to his right was even more so.

Amidst the raucous encouragement of the crowd, the male coworker quickly pecked the man on his right, then hastily stood up and declared. "All right, all right, it's my turn to spin the bottle." "Go ahead."

Lenora found herself in the midst of the crowd, observing as everyone around her became more raucous in their excitement.

The questions also became increasingly personal.

Someone asked, "When was your first time?" Another person inquired. "How long did you manage to hold on during your first time?"

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Some people, fearing the difficulty of answering, opted for a dare. However, the dare was not something one could easily bluff their way through.

If one was unwilling to answer truthfully and also refused to accept a dare, then they would have to face a penalty of three cups of liquor.

There were simply too many people. To give each person a turn, it would take at least over 40 rounds.

Thus, Lenora had not gotten a turn so far. In the meantime, a few other female colleagues did have their turns, but the questions they received were somewhat more restrained. Carlos had just finished a dare. "Finally, it's my turn again. Let's see who it'll be this time?"

The beer bottle spun and spun.

Everyone watched intently as the bottle slowed down. Finally, it pointed toward a person who sent a wave of excitement through them all - Zachary.

With a sly grin, Carlos said, "Ah, Mr. Fuller, it's finally your turn. So, what will it be, truth or dare?"

"Truth."

So, I have to ask, Mr. Fuller, was Ms. Carston your first?"

Everyone gasped, quietly thinking how fearless Carlos was to ask such a question.

They were all ears, their faces filled with anticipation and curiosity, eager to hear Zachary's response.

Zachary subtly glanced at Lenora before replying, "No."

While he was initially in love with Susanna, he had never actually touched her.

He was born out of wedlock, so he was particularly restrained when it came to that aspect of his life. He would never allow himself to step out of line.

Fortunately, his grandparents were incredibly fond of him, and his relationship with Johanne was not as contentious as one might expect from half-brothers sharing the same father.

Therefore, it was only after he and Lenora were manipulated that he began to entertain the idea of marrying her.

"Then who was it?" Carlos immediately asked eagerly.

"You're only allowed to ask one question, and I've already responded."

The corners of Lenora's lips unconsciously curled up.

Back when she married Zachary, she was aware that he had once been romantically involved with Susanna. However, that was all in the past, and she had no knowledge of what had transpired between them. She also knew she had no right to delve into it. Now, knowing that they had never gone all the way in their relationship, she felt a secret sense of relief.

Disappointment was etched on everyone's faces. Someone voiced out, "Carlos, you shouldn't have worded your question like that. You should have directly asked who it was."

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Carlos said, "Next time! Definitely next time!"

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one expected it, but after a few rounds, the bottle's mouth once pointed toward Zachary. However, this time, the person who posed the question wasn't Carlos but another male colleague. Following the crowd's suggestion, the male colleague asked, "Mr. Fuller, who was your first?"

After a few seconds of silence, Zachary said, "Pour me a drink."

No one expected that Zachary would rather choose to drink than respond.

Carlos couldn't help but persuade gently, "Come on, Mr. Fuller, are you really not considering sharing? Do you really want to drink?"

"Yes.

"Why won't you say? Is it because this person has a special status or something?"

"That's a secret."

Zachary rose to his feet, taking a bottle of wine from one of the employees. He poured himself a glass and drank it all in one go. Without pause, he downed two more glasses, then held up the empty glass for all to see. "Is that enough?" "Aww..."

When they didn't uncover the information they wanted to hear, the crowd was somewhat disappointed.

If it had been a casual acquaintance or even an ex-girlfriend, there was no need for secrecy.

Could it be that he was keeping it a secret because they knew that person?

The next round began.

Two rounds later, the bottle unexpectedly pointed toward Lenora.

Lenora started to feel anxious.

The one to ask Lenora her question was the carefree male colleague on the bus. "Ms. Wilkin, would you prefer truth or dare?"

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"Truth." Lenora said.

"All right then, I won't ask about you anymore. Let's talk about your boyfriend instead. I've heard you have one. How long is he?"

In an instant, the tips of Lenora's ears turned a bright shade of red.

This question had been posed before. It was hard to say how the person being asked felt about it, but those watching the spectacle were thoroughly entertained.

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Under the watchful eyes of the crowd, she cleared her throat and said, "Eighteen centimeters, I suppose."

"That long? Are you for real?"

Another round of commotion ensued.

Lenora casually spun the bottle, intending to disengage herself after answering the question. However, as luck would have it, the mouth of the bottle pointed directly at Zachary,

In an instant, she locked eyes with Zachary, their gazes clashing intensely.

"Mr. Fuller, truth or dare?" Lenora asked him.

Truth."

Had the circumstances been different. Lenora would have wanted to ask him whether he had ever harbored even the slightest bit of affection for her.

Around them, the others were buzzing as they tossed out suggestions to Lenora.

Someone suggested asking Zachary how long he was, while another wanted to ask how old he was when he had his first time.

Another even suggested asking Zachary about the total number of women he had been with.

She was well aware of how long he was, so there was no need for her to ask that. Although she couldn't interfere with his personal life before their marriage, knowing about it would only make her uncomfortable. It was better to remain ignorant. But when it came to the majority of information about Zachary, she was well-informed. She needed to ask about something she didn't know.

After some thought, Lenora asked, "How did you meet Ms. Carston and end up together?"

The other employees perked up their ears too, waiting for Zachary to tell his story.

Zachary's eyes flickered as he looked at Lenora, causing her heart to quiver slightly. Everyone was silent.

A moment later, Zachary slowly began, "We met during a school event where we had to perform together. After the performance, we started dating"

"Did you fall for each other during rehearsals?" someone asked.

""Yes."

So, that's how it happened.

Lenora had an indescribable feeling in her heart.

The romance one experienced during their university years was beautiful and innocent, making it hard to forget.

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Before she fell for Zachary, she had once dreamed of experiencing a passionate love affair in university.

However, after falling for Zachary, it was clear that wouldn't be possible.

While she was still attending university, he had already graduated and joined a company. She was forever trailing in his footsteps..

Just as Susanna had said, she had spent her youthful years alongside Zachary. Their journey together, side by side, was likely what had etched such deep, unforgettable memories into her heart. Following that, Lenora was left alone for several rounds.

Suddenly, her phone vibrated twice, indicating an incoming WhatsApp message. Lenora, seeing that the current round didn't concern her, picked up her phone and glanced at the WhatsApp message. It was from Zachary

Your answer earlier was one centimeter short,

Upon reading these words, Lenora's composure instantly fell apart and vanished.

Earlier when everyone was teasing her, Lenora had managed to keep her face from turning red. But now, her face was flushed. She shot Zachary a subtle glare, sent a bomb emoticon as a reply, and then turned off her phone screen.

When it came to games, everyone was always eager to see their boss make a fool of himself. They were no exception, each scheming to have the bottle land on Zachary. Surprisingly, they managed to succeed once again. Carlos was already contemplating asking whether they knew that woman.

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acquainted, it would be easy to rule out suspects.

However, Zachary didn't give him the chance to ask. This time, Zachary chose to do a dare.

The male colleague who was setting the challenge, a man known for his kindness, said, "Mr. Fuller, lift the fifth girl from your left and do twenty squats with her. That should be okay, right? It's quite simple."

It certainly sounded much better than the outrageous ones before.

Who was that fifth girl on the left, though?

It was unclear who first figured it out, but someone exclaimed, "It's Ms. Wilkin!"

"Sorry to involve you, Ms. Wilkin."

"Ms. Wilkin, your boyfriend won't mind, will he?"

Zachary had already risen from the ground. "Lenora, come over here."

Lenora stood up and walked over.

With practiced ease and efficiency, Zachary effortlessly lifted her in a horizontal carry, then began to

squat.

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Lenora clung to his neck with both hands, not daring to so much as twitch.

Twenty squats were quickly finished.

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His breathing hadn't even faltered; it was just slightly heavier than usual. The warm heat of his breath brushed against her face.

Carlos couldn't help but exclaim, "This is really too easy for Mr. Fuller!"

"Come on, let's continue."

Their game of Truth Or Dare didn't wrap up until four in the afternoon.

The employees were both clated and exhausted, each of them heading back to get a good night's sleep.

On her way back, Lenora was accompanied by Cindy and others. Along the way, she received a message from Zachary on WhatsApp: Would you like to come over for a hot spring soak?

It was obvious what he was thinking, as clear as day. Without hesitation, Lenora responded: No, I need to

rest.

Zachary: Are you sure you won't come? We only have tomorrow left here. Are you planning on soaking in the public Pool instead?

After much contemplation, Lenora finally replied with: 71 go soak for a while tonight.

Zachary: There were food scraps left at the bottom of the pool, so there was an official announcement stating that eating while soaking was not permitted.

Zachary was worried that she would eat while soaking and then just take off once she was done eating. again.

Lenora: Fine, I'll head over after I've already eaten,

Lenora leaned against the headboard, casually scrolling through her phone.

Susanna was trending with a hashtag: #SusannaCarstonGranatanolan#.

Lenora tapped the link to read the article.

Upon returning to her homeland, Susanna had taken part in a variety show, which had just aired today.

The trending section featured a clip from the variety show, where Susanna introduced herself as being fluent in Granatanolan.

The other guests encouraged her to say a few words, to which Susanna replied, "I'll tell a story in Granatanolan then."

Following that, Susanna spoke a string of words in Granatanolan.

Having listened to Zachary's Granatanolan stories quite frequently, Lenora found them somewhat familiar

Susanna said, "This is a truly classic fable called "The Crow and The Fox A crow had managed to steal a,

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piece of cheese. Perched liigh up in a tree, it was about to devour its prize. However, due to the crow's nature, it couldn't stay quiet while eating. A fox heard the crow's self-satisfied cackling as it pecked at the cheese and came running. The fox craftily said to the crow. Ah, Mr. Crow, never in my life have I seen a bird with such beautiful feathers and a graceful figure like yours! If you have a beautiful voice that sings enchanting melodies, it goes without saying that everyone would undoubtedly choose you as their king. inviting you to be the leader of all birds. These flattering praises tickled the crow's vanity. How it yearned for others to hear its lovely song! Just as it opened its mouth to sing, the piece of cheese fell. The fox immediately caught it nimbly, munching on it while impcking the foolish crow. Everyone should have heard this story before, right?"

One of the guests chimed in. "I've heard of it. I remember it from my primary school textbook."

Another guest in charge of the event asked. "Ms. Carston, you spent the past few years in Atharia, so why did you choose to learn Granatanolan? Was there a particular reason or a fortunate coincidence?" Lenora's heart sank. She could already guess what Susanna was about to say.

Susanna gave a faint smile. "Actually, I learned from a friend. He's fluent in four languages- Clusian, Uprian, Japriumian, and Granatanolan. Whenever I couldn't sleep, he would tell me stories in Granatanolan." The guests suddenly understood, letting out a meaningful "oh."

As I expected.

Lenora's lips twitched as she felt a dull ache in her heart.

As it turned out, she wasn't the only one he told his Granatanolan tales to.

Even the Granatanolan stories were leftovers from Susanna.

A sudden urge to laugh washed over Lenora

Just a moment ago, during their game of Truth Or Dare, she was secretly rejoicing that Zachary and Susanna had not engaged in any physical relations.

She was such a fool, really. Even if they hadn't been intimate, what did it truly matter?

Zachary was in love with Susanna. He poured all his gentleness, patience, and passion into his relationship

with Susanna.

She, Lenora, had indeed shared three years of marital life with Zachary, but what had come of it?

The outcome was that he didn't treat her as his wife but rather as a mistress he kept whom he could trample on at will.

She had won Zachary's physical affection, but not his heart.

As if she hadn't tortured herself enough, Lenora checked in on the fan club account for Susanna and Zachary as a couple. There was a new post.

Fans had discovered a video on the international web of Zachary delivering a speech in Granatanolan,

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confirming that the friend Susanna referred to was indeed Zachary

The couple fans were going crazy with excitement.

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Whenever Susanna couldn't fall asleep, Zachary would tell her stories in Granatanolan. Oh, such love! It was as though it was straight out of a fairy tale!

Every time Lenora found herself unable to sleep, Zachary would soothe her with Granatanolan stories as well. Yet, Lenora felt like she was a joke.