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She loved this man. From the first moment she laid eyes on him, she was deeply smitten.

So, even when his health was compromised, she didn't mind.

As long as he was by her side, she felt victorious and happy.

However, they should have a child together. A child would help rekindle their bond and create a tie between them.

So, before Theo's health was fully recovered, she brought back the child she had previously abandoned, lying to him that the child was theirs.

The moment he saw the child, he didn't doubt her. He believed the child was his.

Because the resemblance was uncanny.

But the child never warmed up to her. No matter how kind she was or how much she loved him, he would never call her mommy.

Sophia at times lost her patience and wanted to discipline the ungrateful child, but fearing the man would find out, she always held back.

If she couldn't tolerate this, wouldn't all her efforts be in vain?

She would try to be good to the child, so the man would believe they were once a loving couple.

Then, once Theo's health was restored, they could have their own baby. By then, without any manipulation on her part, the man would naturally prefer the newborn.

As for the older child, she could find an excuse to send him abroad for studies and discretely deal with him.

Now the biggest obstacle was the man's health.

In fact, he was now fully convinced that they were husband and wife.

His refusal to let her help him bathe was merely due to his pride. He was unwilling to let his wife see his vulnerabilities.

In short, he would absolutely not have room in his heart for that woman, Ellinor. The psychological conditioning he had received over the years was thorough. He would never remember her.

Meanwhile.

At Cheesey Pizza House.

After a round in the play area, the three little ones were exhausted and each munched on a big slice of pizza.

Veronica, resting her cheek on her hand, watched her niece and nephews, finding them more and more adorable.

Suddenly, she noticed Ellinor, who was somewhat absent-minded, sitting next to her and waved a hand in front of her dazed eyes.

"Sis, what's on your mind? We agreed to bring the kids out for fun, yet you've been distracted all along. You're not thinking about Bartlett, are you?"

Ellinor snapped back and looked at Veronica thoughtfully. "No. I bumped into Sophia at the preschool gate earlier."

Veronica was startled. "What?! You ran into her? Wasn't she in M State? When did she come back?"

"She said she just got back."

Veronica frowned in resentment. "I get angry just thinking about that woman! If not for her, my brother wouldn't have disappeared! She's to blame!"

Ellinor squinted her eyes. "Back then, she was holding a child."

A child? Veronica was taken aback. "She has a child? Who's the father?"

A cloud of doubt crossed Ellinor's face. "She said she's married, and the child is hers and her husband's."

Veronica seemed to share Ellinor's suspicion. "Who's her husband? What's his name? What does he look like? Did you see him?"

Ellinor shook her head. "No. It was just her holding the child."

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Veronica furrowed her brows, eyeing Ellinor hesitantly. "Are you suspecting that her husband is..."

There was a shadow of doubt in Ellinor's mind, but she felt her suspicion didn't quite add up.

Could it really be Theo?

Even if Sophia managed to snag Theo and elude their investigation, how could Theo willingly stay with such a scheming woman and even have a child with her?

"Never mind; I don't even know what I'm suspecting. She said her husband's last name is Rogers, so maybe we're overthinking it."

Everyone decided not to mention to Ellinor that she had actually given birth to triplets, fearing it would upset her. Veronica, however, knew the truth. She had a gnawing suspicion that the child Sophia was carrying was the first baby Ellinor had given birth to.

Veronica gritted her teeth. "I'm going to find out who her husband really is!"

Ellinor simply shrugged off Veronica's intense reaction and sipped her juice through a straw.

She didn't think a strong-willed man like Theo would willingly stay by Sophia's side and be controlled by her, let alone have a child with her.

However, she would need to look into Sophia's purpose for returning to the country.

After dinner with the kids, Veronica didn't join them in the car, claiming, she was going to visit a friend. She hailed a cab and left.

Ellinor simply reminded her to come home early and took the kids back home.

Veronica headed straight to the Crescent Society.

Crescent Society.

As soon as Ida returned from a meeting, she found Veronica waiting outside her office, looking grave.

“Miss Blanchet, what brings you here? Is there something you need?”

She adjusted the gold-rimmed glasses on her face as she asked.

Veronica rose to her feet, nodding solemnly. “Yes! There’s a situation.”

A situation?

Ida instinctively thought it had something to do with the boss. She ushered Veronica into her office.

“Have a seat, Miss Blanchet. What’s the situation you just mentioned?”

Without taking a seat, Veronica began. “Today, Ellinor and I took the kids out. She said she saw Sophia at the preschool gate.”

Hearing Sophia’s name after such a long time made Ida pause and raise an eyebrow. “So she saw her. Did she do anything to our boss?”

Veronica shook her head. “No, not yet. But Ellinor said Sophia was carrying a child. She also said she’s married now, and her husband’s last name is Rogers. Miss Gipson, haven’t you been monitoring Sophia’s every move all these years? Have you noticed her getting married? Who is her husband? And when did she have this child?”

Ida frowned. “She has a child? We did have people keeping tabs on her and Thaddeus International Corporation, but we didn’t notice anything unusual. Thaddeus is very good at counter-surveillance and often gives our people a run for their money. Also, Sophia has been traveling to various cities on her family’s private jet for years. They have their own airport, which is a hard nut for us to crack.”

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Veronica’s face was all scrunched up. “See! I knew you guys weren’t keeping a close enough eye on things. Our people haven’t noticed anything unusual at Thaddeus International Corporation either, nor have we heard anything about Sophia getting married and having a child. So, I found it very peculiar. Any normal girl, if she gets married, would want the whole world to know and witness her happiness. But Sophia has been oddly secretive. She’s hiding something; I can feel

it!”

Ida was more cautious. “If she really wanted to hide it, why would she bring the child back here? And run into the boss so easily? It doesn’t make sense, does it?” Veronica retorted. “How should I know? I came to you so you guys could investigate what Sophia is up to. Check out her husband and child too. Try to get some photos and detailed information if possible. I don’t want to stir things up at our end yet. My grandparents are old; they can’t handle the shock.”

Ida nodded. “Don’t worry, I’ll definitely have someone look into it and keep you posted.”

Veronica fretted. “If there’s any bad news, I’d rather you don’t tell Ellinor. I suspect that the child Sophia was holding is the first child Ellinor gave birth to, but she still doesn’t know that she had triplets that day. If we can’t find that child, I want her to never find out.”

Ida adjusted her gla**es. “Rest a**ured. We care about her feelings even more than you do.”

Veronica seemed a bit relieved. “Alright, then you dispatch someone to investigate as soon as possible. Now that Sophia is back, happens. Once she flies back to M State, we won’t have as much control.”

Ida conceded. “Understood.”

Having made her request to Ida, Veronica turned to leave, planning to head home.

we can handle her if anything

She was still quite worried about her sister-in-law. Seeing Sophia today must have stirred up a lot of old memori

and caused her distress.

She wanted to rush home to comfort her sister-in-law and keep her from dwelling on it.

She hoped Ida could find some clues this time. She had always suspected that Sophia was the one who had trapped her brother.

But how could a man like her brother be trapped by someone like Sophia?

What had happened that day? And why was her brother in a wheelchair?

Why did they both disappear after Collin pushed him into the airport?

The key thing was that neither of them had boarded the plane, and coincidentally, the plane had crashed.

-After putting all these things together, it was clear that something fishy was going on.

For three years, their family, the Howards, and Ida's people had been keeping tabs on Thaddeus International Corporation and Sophia but found nothing unusual!

Thaddeus' power in M State was too strong. Although they had tried to infiltrate it, they often got exposed and thwarted by Thaddeus's men.

This time, while Sophia was back home, they had to find some leads.

She had a feeling her brother was still alive.

Just as Veronica was about to open the door, it was pulled open from the outside.

Chase walked in, surprised to see her. "Ms. Blanchet, what brings you here?"

Veronica replied grimly. "I've told Ms. Gipson everything. You can ask her. I hope you can investigate as soon as possible. Don't let her escape again."

With that, she hurried off.

Chase looked puzzled. "Who escaped?"

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Ida adjusted her gold-rimmed glasses and responded with a steady tone. "Veronica mentioned that the boss ran into Sophia while picking up the kid today."

Chase's expression faltered. "When did she return? Our guys didn't even notice."

Ida squinted thoughtfully. "Clearly, she's been aware of our surveillance over the years. She's good at avoiding detection. Considering her family's influence in M State, it's entirely possible she slipped past us to return home. Furthermore, according to Veronica, Sophia claimed to be married and was carrying a child. Veronica came to us to investigate the identity of Sophia's so-called husband."

Chase took a seat opposite Ida. "She married without a noise? We've been watching her, but there's never been any man around her. Could it be...?"

Ida knew what Chase was suspecting. "We can't jump to conclusions yet. Have someone check out which hotel Sophia is staying at, her husband's background, and the purpose of her return."

Chase gestured an OK sign. "Leave it to me."

He then stood up to make a call. A few minutes later, he returned, saying, "Found it. Sophia and her family are staying at the Greenhaven Hotel in the city center. She's also

brought along Thaddeus's most professional bodyguards. There were about a dozen men."

Ida raised an eyebrow. "Any leads on her husband's identity?"

Chase shook his head. "Nothing useful yet. Just a name: Marcus."

After hearing that Sophia's husband was named Marcus, a hint of disappointment flashed in Ida's eyes.

Chase continued. "Another reliable piece of information. Thaddeus is probably going to retire soon. He's preparing to hand over the family's conglomerate to his daughter, Sophia. Sophia is willing to take over her father's company. This return is to liquidate some assets here, abandon the market here, and never come back."

Ida was suspicious. The market here had great potential for development, but Sophia was going to sell it all.

Greenhaven Hotel.

The man took a bath for about an hour.

With his disability, it took most of his strength and time to get out of the bathtub and dress himself.

He sat back in his wheelchair, roughly dried his hair, and then opened the door to exit the bathroom.

Sophia had already fed and put Tristan to sleep.

She frowned slightly in disappointment after noticing that he had tidied himself up.

"Marcus, I know you're self-conscious about your disability, but we're married. I won't despise you. You bathing alone is dangerous. You don't need to avoid me like this. Let me take care of you."

The man's hand rested on the wheelchair wheel as he moved to the side of the bed, and his deep gaze fell on his sleeping son. "I just don't want to be a burden to others."

Sophia couldn't hide her sadness, and her voice raised slightly. "I'm not others' to you. Your concerns are not a burden to me!"

The sleeping child on the bed furrowed his brows, seemingly disturbed by the noise

The man frowned and raised a finger to his lips, signaling her to be quiet.

At the same time, he reached out a large hand, gently patting his son's body, reassuring him to continue sleeping.

The child's eyebrows gradually relaxed, his breathing evened out, and he fell into a deep sleep.

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Sophia, fearful of waking the child, had finally managed to lull Tristan to sleep. She heaved a sigh of relief, whispering, "Alright, Tristan's asleep now. We can go out for dinner. I've ordered some red wine and steak from the hotel."

The man waved her off. "You go ahead/I'm not hungry."

Sophia furrowed her brows. "You skipped lunch. How can you not be hungry?"

He insisted. "You go on. If I get hungry later, I'll go eat."

Sophia felt slightly irked, sensing that the man was deliberately avoiding dining with her.

But she was helpless. Arguing about having dinner together now might wake Tristan up. She turned to leave, planning to eat alone.

"Sophia."

She had barely turned when she heard the man's deep voice calling her name.

Sophia was pleasantly taken aback and turned around. "Marcus, what is it?"

Marcus, his eyes as deep as the night, gazed at her. "I want to get some fresh air tomorrow. Staying in the hotel all day is suffocating."

Sophia was taken aback, and her eyes flashed warily. "Marcus, the environment here is not as good as our hometown in M State. I'm worried that you might have an allergic reaction due to the poor air quality."

Marcus seemed to have anticipated this response, showing no surprise.

But he still insisted on going out. "Do you really think I'm some greenhouse flower? Have you ever thought that this way, I might never be able to stand on my own?"

Sophia raised an eyebrow, noticing the dissatisfaction in his eyes. After a moment, she nodded. "Fine! Tomorrow morning, I'll discuss the acquisition with the local company. I'll come back for you and Tristan in the afternoon, and we can go out for a walk."

"Thank you." Marcus replied, his emotions as elusive as ever.

Still, his gratitude felt distant to Sophia.

A husband and wife shouldn't be so formal.

It was a weekend, and the weather was splendid..

After breakfast, Veronica was eager to take the kids out for a picnic to enjoy the spring atmosphere.

Ellinor was engrossed in her laptop and reviewing real-time business news, so she showed little interest.

That was until the three little ones surrounded her and gazed up at her with puppy-dog eyes.

After lifting her eyes from the laptop screen to the children, she felt a strong pull at her heartstrings.

Unable to resist their longing, she closed her laptop.

“Alright! I’ll join you guys on your trip. Your aunt has nothing better to do than coax you into playing all day.”

Veronica approached, pouting, “Ellinor, I’m doing this for their own good.

Think about it. They have no homework from preschool, and it’s so boring at home on weekends. Why not take this opportunity to go out and play?

Once they start elementary school, they’ll have homework on weekends, and there will be no chance to play.

Moreover, you’re also busy with work. You finally have a weekend off, so we can relax together. What’s wrong with that?”

Ellinor shot her a disdainful look. “You’re the one who suggested this picnic. Have you prepared the food we need?”