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But she couldn't find anything to hold the water in.

Ellinor looked around, broke off a few large leaves from the bushes, and folded them into a makeshift cup.

Sure, the leaf cup leaked a bit, but as long as she moved fast, Theo could still drink the water

Once she filled up the cup, she hurried back to the cave.

In the cave, Theo was still in the same position, eyes closed, not awake.

Ellinor brought the water up to him, knelt down, and gently patted his shoulder, "Theo, wakey wakey, have some water!"

Theo didn't wake up

Ellinor patted him a bit harder. "Theo? Wake up!"

Still, Theo didn't wake up.

Ellinor's brow furrowed as she realized something was off.

From her experience with him, she knew he was super vigilant with top-notch scouting skills. He wouldn't usually sleep this deeply, especially not in the wild!

There was just one possibility left, Theo had fainted!

But he was fine, why did he suddenly faint?

Could it be because the snake that bit her today was venomous?!

Theo had sucked out the poisoned blood for her, but he didn't rinse his mouth.

With

this thought. Ellinor felt heartbroken. She quickly put the leaf cup aside, shook Theo by the shoulders, and called out, "Theo! Theo? Wake up! Theo..."

But no matter what she did, she couldn't wake Theo up.

Ellinor started to feel uneasy; she was so worried something might happen to him.

A person can go without food for a short time, but not without water!

When the body is not in good condition, it's especially important to rehydrate.

And if Theo really passed out because of snake venom, he needed to drink more water to flush out the toxins.

Ellinor tried to feed him water, but he couldn't swallow. All the water dripped down the corners of his mouth. What a waste!

This couldn't go on!

She hesitated for a few seconds, took a deep breath, took a big gulp and was about to feed him in the most primitive way

Saving him was important; she couldn't care less about anything else.

At this moment, Theo furrowed his brows and suddenly opened his eyes, just as Ellinor's lips were about to touch his

Theo froze, then stared at her with sharp eyes when he saw Ellinor's face get so close.

Ellinor froze when she saw that Theo was suddenly awake. She swallowed the water in her mouth, quickly moved away from him and breathed a sigh of relief.

"Theo, since you're awake, get up and drink some water yourself!"

She handed him the water left in the leaf cup

Drink water?

Looking at the water Ellinor handed him, Theo pondered for a moment, suddenly realizing what her actions were for

Without saying a word. Theo closed his eyes again.

Seeing this, Ellinor felt puzzled, "Theo?"

What was going on? Did he pass out again?

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Ellinor was shaking Theo's arm desperately, "Theo! Wake up, don't scare me!"

Theo closed his eyes and remained silent for a minute before he slowly said, "Why did you stop doing what you were doing just now?"

Ellinor was speechless

What she had been doing was.

Ellinor understood Theo's meaning after a bit of thought, and she wasn't happy, 'Don't you dare take advantage of me!'

Ellinor was pissed when she realized she had been fooled. She brought the remaining water to him and coldly said, "Drink it yourself! I busted my ass to bring this water back for you, if you don't drink it, it's all going to go to waste!"

Theo wasn't even thirsty

But little Ellinor had gone out of her way to bring this water back for him, so he was definitely going to drink it.

Theo reached out to take the leaf cup from her and drank the remaining half cup of water in one gulp.

Then, as if he suddenly thought of something, he stared at the empty reed leaf cup in his hand.

"Ellinor, have we met somewhere before?"

Ellinor sat there, hugging her knees, and looked quite skinny.

She thought he was messing with her again when she heard Theo's words. She looked at him and said, "Theo, stop pretending to have amnesia, it's boring!"

But Theo wasn't joking, he said very seriously. "I mean, a long time ago, did we meet somewhere?"

She gave him a strange look as she listened to Theo's serious tone, which was completely unlike his usual teasing

"I don't think so! Before I was eighteen, I lived in a village and had no chance to meet a rich boy like you, Theo."

Theo lowered his head in deep thought

Ten years ago, he went to the countryside to inspect the poverty alleviation projects established by his group in poor areas but was ambushed by enemies and seriously injured

In a hurry, he hid in the forest of a small mountain village, waiting for his subordinates to come to his aid
.

While waiting in the forest, he was dizzy from excessive blood loss, and the smell of blood attracted a poisonous snake that bit him.

That day, he almost lost his life, but a little girl who happened to pass by saved him.

The girl wasn't very old and was only around ten, but she was remarkably calm and mature.

First, she used a headband to tightly bind his arm to prevent the poison from spreading through his blood vessels, then she sucked out the poisonous blood from his wound and spat it out, one mouthful at a time
. Afterwards, she found a certain herb in the nearby bushes, chewed it up, and applied it to his snakebite.

The girl told him that where there are snakes, there was usually this herb and that it could neutralize most types of snake venom.

Then, she took out her handkerchief and bandaged another wound on his body.

Due to the remaining venom in his body, he temporarily lost his sight and couldn't see the girl's face clearly

For the next three days, the girl would pass by the forest every day, bringing him a bun and pouring a cup of water from her bottle for him to drink.

She, too, had fashioned a cup from reed leaves to hold the water

The day his subordinates found him, the girl hadn't come yet, and he had urgent matters to attend to. He left a

subordinate to wait for the girl, leaving her a bracelet his mother had given him as a token, and told her that she could come to the Blanchet Corporation in Greenhaven for help any time she needed it.

He took the leaf cup the girl had made as a souvenir

Soon after, a girl came to the Blanchet Corporation looking for him with the bracelet.

That's when he realized that the girl who had saved him was Patricia, who had been vacationing and recovering in a summer villa in the country at that time.

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That reed

cup didn't last long before it withered and got tossed out by the housemaid during the clean up.

Who would have thought Ellinor could make such a thing out of reeds.

"Theo, we got company!"

Ellinor's voice snapped Theo out of his thoughts. He turned his head to see flashlight beams sweeping at the entrance, accompanied by the noise of a helicopter approaching

Theo got up, took Ellinor's hand, and headed towards the entrance to check out the situation

A helicopter was hovering low in the valley with someone on board shining a flashlight around, searching the land.

It must be the rescue team!

Ellinor lifted her phone with the flashlight on and waved it toward the helicopter to get their attention.

The people on the helicopter noticed the flickering light below, changed direction, and flew towards them, slowly descending

The cabin door opened, and Jonah and Kemp immediately jumped down

"Theo, Ellinor, are you guys okay? Are you hurt?"

Jonah came over quickly, shining his flashlight on them to check them out.

Ellinor shook her head, "We're fine."

Theo glared at Jonah. "Did you guys remember to come save us only after finishing dinner?"

Kemp came over to explain, "Theo, the rescue team was stuck in traffic on the mountain. We called a helicopter to pick them up, but ours were too big to fly in the valley. Jonah had to borrow this small one; that's why it took so long"

Jonah nodded in agreement, "Yeah! I had to ask a lot of people before finally borrowing this small junky helicopter. None of us usually buy these tiny ones!"

Theo pinched his eyebrows, "Alright, let's get out of here."

He then put his arm around Ellinor's shoulder to help her into the helicopter.

At that moment, a mournful roar came from the bear in the cave.

Ellinor heard the bear's cry, looked back at the cave entrance, then down at Theo, "Theo, the bear..."

"I know." Theo understood her meaning without her having to finish, turned to Jonah and said, "There's one more inside, have them bring it too."

Jonah looked puzzled, "One more? It was just the two of you who came down, who else?"

A few minutes later, the rescue team carried out an injured brown bear.

Jonah couldn't help but joke, "Theo, when did you become such a softie, even saving wild animals?"

Theo replied flatly, "Ellinor likes it. I'll take it home for her to play with for a few days, then we'll release it."

Jonah looked at his friend of over twenty years in shock, "You're really thoughtful!"

Theo shot him a cold look, then boarded the helicopter.

Jonah shrugged and followed

Once everyone was on board, the helicopter flew off.

Back at the cliff.

As soon as Ellinor stepped out of the helicopter, a tearful Belinda rushed over. She immediately hugged her, "Ellinor, thank God you're okay, you scared me to death."

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Ellinor gave Belinda a helpless pat on the back, "Chill, girl. It's all good now"

Byran walked over with a sour look on his face and asked coldly. "Ellinor how am you feeling?"

Wrapped in Belinda's arms, Ellinor let her weep. She then turned to Byran with a smile, saying. Im not hurt, that must be a bummer for you, huh?

Byran frowned, "Why would I be bummed?"

Ellinor replied casually, "Well, if I were dead, you wouldn't have to go through all the trouble of getting rid of your sister's love rival"

Annoyed, Byran retorted, "I didn't wish for you to die! I just

Just then, Yvette, the white horse lingering at the edge of the cliff, let out an excited neigh and started running towards Ellinor

Everyone was on high alert!

After all, this wild horse had thrown Ellinor off the cliff earlier that day, and it seemed ready to attack her again.

Theo quickly moved in front of Ellinor, shielding both her and Belinda.

Jonah, Kemp, and Bartlett also stepped forward, ready to lend a hand in stopping the crazed horse.

Finding a human barrier in its path, Yvette had to stop and started pacing nervously, letting out anxious neighs

Seeing this, Ellinor gently pushed the still weeping Belinda away and squeezed through the people blocking her way to approach Yvette.

Theo grabbed her wrist, sternly saying. "Don't go there!"

Ellinor was cool as a cucumber, "Theo, I'll be fine. Let me go check on it. It won't hurt me."

Though Theo was uneasy about her getting closer to Yvette, her determination made him pause. He decided not to stop her and followed her instead.

Ellinor went up to Yvette, gently stroking her face, and said softly. I'm okay, don't worry or blame yourself."

Yvette's restless mood instantly calmed down. It nuzzled Ellinor as if apologizing, making a sound like a sob.

Tickled by its nuzzles, Ellinor couldn't help but laugh.

Watching all of this, Theo's tense expression relaxed a bit, and a tender look flashed in his eyes

Belinda, wiping away her tears, walked over and said,

"Ellinor, after you fell, this horse has been standing here. No matter what we did, it just wouldn't leave. And it wouldn't let us get close! I think it knew it did something wrong and was feeling guilty you know?"

Ellinor turned her head to look at Belinda, explaining seriously. "It's not the horse's fault it was used"

Belinda's eyes widened in confusion, "What are you talking about? It was used? Ellinor, are you saying someone used this horse to hurt you?"

By then, it had gotten dark.

Ellinor didn't elaborate to Belinda; instead, she scanned the people around her.

Finally, her gaze landed on Jonah, "Lend me your flashlight!"

Jonah looked around, realizing Ellinor was talking to him. He walked over, twirling the flashlight in his hand, teasing. 'Beg me, and I'll lend it to you.'

Ellinor smirked, "As if I'd beg you!"

With that, she swiftly grabbed the flashlight from Jonah's hand.

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Ellinor didn't pay him any mind and went straight

to the horse's side instead Seeing Jonah being bullied by Ellinor, Theo couldn't help but crack a smile

Ellinor got to work, taking the saddle off Yvette and handing it to Theo, who was standing next to her. She then lit up the horse with a flashlight, combing through its coat, searching for something.

Under the flashlight, something tiny suddenly reflected the light.

Ellinor swiftly brought the flashlight closer and took a good look. It was a diamond studded earring that had completely embedded itself in the horse's skin.

And the earring was identical to the one that had pierced Haillie's foot during the day.

Theo also noticed the earring but didn't say anything for a moment

As she was allergic to silver, Ellinor didn't touch the earring. She turned around and said to everyone in a nonchalant tone.

"Everyone, come take a look. This is why Yvette freaked out today"

Everyone was curious. When they got a close look at the earring on the horse, they instantly understood what had happened

Then, everyone turned their gaze towards Haillie, who was just pretending to care about Ellinor a moment ago; their eyes filled with suspicion and rejection.

Byran furrowed his brow deeply. Fuming with anger, he roared. "Haillie, how could you do this?"

Hallie pretended to be clueless, "What are you talking about? What did I do? Byran, what are you babbling about? I don't understand you!"

Byran pointed at the earring on the horse, "Come and see for yourself! Why is this earring on Yvette the same as the one that stabbed your foot this morning? Did you sneak it under Ellinor's saddle when we weren't paying attention? Is that why Yvette freaked out from the pain and threw Ellinor off the cliff?"

Haillie's face turned pale instantly, her lips trembling as she stammered,

"It wasn't me! Byran, you can't slander

me like this... Just because that earring is the same as the one that pierced my foot this morning, doesn't mean I was the one who put it there!

Byran was already furious and disappointed, but seeing the woman he had always respected and trusted refusing to admit her mistake, he couldn't help but feel disgusted

"If it wasn't you, then who? Me? I'm a guy; I don't have pierced ears, so I couldn't possibly have earrings!"

Haillie didn't know how to respond, but she still wouldn't admit it, so in her confusion, she was desperate to clear her name and blurted out.

"Byran, I wasn't the only person in the woods at that time! Wasn't Belinda there too? She was there..

As soon as Belinda heard this, she immediately replied, "Haillie, what are you implying? Are you saying I wanted to harm Ellinor? What are you spouting? Why would I harm Ellinor? I can't even love her enough!"

Ellinor was speechless.

That sudden deep love confession....

Because Theo was there, Haillie never dared to offend Belinda and awkwardly explained, “Belinda, I didn’t mean that; I was just trying to tell Byran not to be so certain that I did it.”

Belinda asked discontentedly, “If you didn’t do it, then who did? Ellinor is allergic to silver, she can’t touch those things, and she doesn’t have a masochistic streak, so she definitely didn’t do it herself! So, other than you, it’s me?”

Haillie didn’t know what to say, “Belinda, it’s not like that, I...”

Belinda angrily said “I didn’t want to think of you as that bad, but now you even dare to frame me! You really are a wicked woman!”

“Uncle, stay away from this bad woman in the future! She’s full of tricks and always trying to harm your wife!”

Theo’s face was cold, he was visibly angry, and his gaze was fixed on Haillie.

Haillie was completely panicked and she shook her head in fear, ‘Theo! It really wasn’t me...”

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A tiny earring couldn’t show fingerprints, and even if it did, they’d be rubbed off on the horse by now. There wasn’t any surveillance in the woods, so yeah, there’s no concrete evidence pointing to Haillie.

But everyone knew what was really going on

Theo didn’t reply to Haillie and just lifted his hand to adjust Ellinor’s Jacket

“It’s cold here, let’s go back to the hotel at the racecourse”

The hotel at the Mountain Racecourse.

A doctor rushed over to examine the snakebite on Ellinor’s arm and commended them on their quick thinking. Even though the snake wasn’t poisonous, they’d done well to apply herbs to the wound, which would kill bacteria and prevent infection.

Only after the doctor confirmed that the snake was non-venomous did Theo finally relax.

The doctor gave Ellinor a few more instructions, telling her to keep the wound dry, and then left after checking on Theo

Once the doctor was gone, Ellinor asked Belinda to fetch some cling film from the kitchen.

She wrapped the film around the wound to keep it dry, then headed to the bathroom to take a shower.

She was all mucked up from today’s cliff adventure, and her hair was full of dust. She’d feel uncomfortable if she did not have a shower, and she probably couldn’t even sleep

Theo knew what Ellinor was up to the moment she started wrapping the cling film around her wound.

He lazily leaned against the bathroom door, his tall frame slightly tilted, arms crossed, watching her “Need a hand?”

Ellinor frowned at his teasing and replied sarcastically. "Thanks for the offer, Theo, but how could I trouble you with this!"

Theo leaned closer and whispered into her ear with a smirk, "No trouble at all. I'd be more than happy to assist you."

Ellinor smiled faintly, "No need!"

Theo's laugh grew louder, "Are you sure you don't want to reconsider? My services are top-notch and are guaranteed to make you comfortable"

Comfortable?

What was he saying?!

Ellinor was blushing furiously as she glared at him, "Theo, you're a shameless pervert!"

Theo explained in all seriousness, "I was talking about giving you a massage. What were you thinking?"

Ellinor was beyond embarrassed, "You..."

Unable to counter him, she decided to avoid him instead!

She quickly stepped into the bathroom and locked the door!

He had taken to teasing Ellinor, finding her blushing reactions amusing.

Belinda, who was also in the room, had witnessed their playful exchange and was laughing.

"Uncle, so this is how you are around Ellinor"

Theo's smile vanished instantly, and he resumed his usually stern expression, shooting Belinda a harsh glance. "Stay here and keep her company; I'm stepping out." Belinda quickly agreed, "Sure thing, Uncle! Don't worry, I'll take good care of Ellinor!"

Theo responded and turned to leave

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When Ellinor came out of the bathroom with her hair still wet, she noticed only Belinda was there and instinctively looked around for Theo

Belinda leaned in and said, "Ellinor, Uncle just left. He's probably off to give Haillie—that wicked woman a piece of his mind, all for your

Ellinor froze and her brow furrowed

Haillie was indeed nasty. She was sly and cunning pretending to be sweet while plotting Today, she even tried to kill Ellinor

But, Theo, Haillie, and Jonah had been friends for many years. He wouldn't ruin the friendship just for her, a pawn who would be gone in three months.

Besides, Haillie was Patricia's bestie, and Patricia was the girl Theo had a crush on. He wouldn't do anything to Haillie.

As Ellinor was thinking. Belinda, grinning from ear to ear, grabbed her and said, "Ellinor, let me dry your hair for you!"

"No need. I let it dry naturally Ellinor casually rubbed her semi-wet hair with a towel.

But Belinda shook her head and said seriously, 'No way! The nights here are chilly If you go to bed with wet hair, you'll catch a cold! Plus, Uncle told me to take good care of you if you catch a cold and he hears you sneezing when he comes back, he'd blame me for sure!"

Belinda was overthinking, especially when it came to her and Theo's relationship!

Ellinor had no choice but to let Belinda dry her hair. Belinda pushed her into a chair and started blow-drying her hair.

The hairdryer Belinda brought didn't make much noise and didn't interfere with their conversation. It was pretty good

"Ellinor, I saw that you guys brought back a bear from the valley. Are you going to roast it and eat it?"

Eat it?

With the right amount of heat and wind from the hairdryer, Ellinor, feeling sleepy, lazily answered, "That's an endangered animal, we can't eat it. If I hadn't stopped your uncle today, he would have killed it"

Belinda was a bit surprised, "Ellinor, you are so kind. Only you can handle my uncle like that!"

Ellinor was puzzled, "What do you mean?"

"He didn't kill the bear because you stopped him. You don't know, but my uncle is a famous wildlife hunter. He hunts in the tropical jungles abroad every year to practice his shooting skills, and he never shows mercy to any wild animals. He only listens to you. If it was someone else, he wouldn't do it!"

Ellinor asked awkwardly. "...Really?"

Belinda nodded vigorously. "Yes' Ellinor, you just married him a month ago, you probably don't know him well yet. Once you get to know him, you'll see how ruthless he is!" "How can you badmouth your uncle like that? He seems pretty nice to you!"

"Of course, my uncle cares about me because we're family! But he's really ruthless, heartless, and brutal towards outsiders. He has a bad reputation, and his name alone scares the hell out of many people!"

Ellinor had heard about Theo's brutal reputation before.

That's why when she found out that the man she randomly kissed on the street was Theo, she was so scared!

But she hadn't really seen Theo's brutal side yet. Was he really that terrifying?

At that moment, someone knocked on the door of their suite.

Who could it be?

Belinda turned off the hairdryer and ran to open the door.

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The door swung open Standing there, in all his grim seriousness, was Byran.

Belinda's brows furrowed the moment she saw him "Byran, what are you doing here?"

"I'm here to see Ellinor"

"And why would you want to see her? You and Haillie are two peas in a pod. You're not welcome here!"

With a furious glance at her Byran retorted, "Move aside, I'm not here for you"

Pushing

Belinda away he barged into the suite. Seeing Ellinor's arm wrapped in bandages, he sighed in frustration Ellinor, I heard you got bitten by a snake?"

Lounging lazily in her chair, legs crossed, Ellinor replied, "Mhm, I did."

Looking somewhat uncomfortable, Byran asked, "Are you okay?"

With a playful kick in the air and a smirk, Ellinor replied, "I'm fine, the snake wasn't venomous. You must be disappointed, huh?"

Byran frowned, "Ellinor, I'm

not as bad as you think. I just wanted you to stay away from Theo I didn't want anything bad to happen to you!"

Belinda stepped in to interrogate him, "Byran, you're such a piece of work! Who do you think you are to ask her to stay away from Theo? They're married! It's none of your

business!

Byran was fuming. "Ugh! Get lost; I'm not arguing with you!"

Belinda shot back angrily "Who are you calling a fool? You're the fool here!"

And so the argument began....

These two seemed to lock horns every time they met. Ellinor rubbed her temples in exasperation.

After a lengthy argument, Byran couldn't beat Belinda and left her with a "I'm not arguing with you!" He turned to Ellinor and asked seriously "Ellinor, can I ask you for a

favor?"

Ellinor was quite surprised, "Wow, Mr. Howard, you need a favor from me? That's a first."

Byran seemed to struggle to voice his request. "Theo is really mad about today's Incident. He's planning on pulling out his investment from Haillie's family business. The Knotts

haven't been doing well recently, and if the finances dry up now, they're definitely going to go under. So, I was wondering... Could you maybe talk to Theo? Give Haillie another chance to make things right?"

Ellinor was silent for a moment, deep in thought.

Theo was really getting serious about Haillie?

Seeing Ellinor's hesitation, Byran added,

"Haillie is my sister's best friend. Despite what she did today, she did it for my sister's sake. I can't just stand by and do nothing..."

Ellinor looked at Byran calmly. 'I'm sorry, but you've got the wrong person. You should be asking your sister to talk to Theo, not me, the victim'"

Byran's brows furrowed in anxiety

"I can't ask my sister! She's too kind hearted. If she found out what Haillie did for her, she'd be devastated and blame herself! Plus, my sister isn't well. I'm worried that all the worry and anxiety will keep her up at night."

Ellinor couldn't help but feel a little moved as she watched Byran's concern for his sister.

Such a strong sibling bond was truly rare.

Patricia, who held such an important place in

Theo's heart and was cared for so deeply by her brother, was

indeed special. He was so protective of her that he couldn't bear the thought of her losing sleep over something. Even her best friend, Haillie, was willing to hurt others just to help her resolve a romantic rivalry

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So many people were willing to go all out for her, she must be someone special, huh?

Ellinor thought for a while, then said to Byran. 'I've got an idea. The Howard family's loaded, right? Even if Theo pulls out his investment from Haillie's family business, you guys could still step in and help out your sister's best buds, the Knotts family, through this rough patch

Byran looked troubled. "I don't have the say in our family's finances. My brother has always kept his personal and business life separate, and he's never been a fan of Haillie. So, he's definitely not going to invest in the Knotts family"

Ellinor expressed regret, "Well, that's a bummer, I can't help you then"

Even if she had some pull with Theo, she had no right to interfere with his decisions. Even if Theo would listen to her, she wouldn't lift a finger to help Haillie

As for the one who repeatedly set her up and nearly got her killed, Ellinor wouldn't plead for her.

She firmly believed in karma. If a person did something wrong, they had to pay for their actions.

Byran looked tense and stepped forward. "Ellinor, I'm begging you, go talk to Theo."

Ellinor stood her ground and slightly tilted her head, "I'm tired"

Belinda stepped in just in time to back her up and pushed Byran a bit. 'Did you hear that? She's tired. Byran, you can hit the road now! Stop bathering her!'

Byran was already in a bad mood. Seeing Belinda get involved, he suddenly became furious, "Belinda' I'm talking to Ellinor, mind your own business!"

Belinda didn't back down. "Her business is my business! Haillie's been bullying her for too long. Theo dealing with her is just him sticking up for Ellinor; it's only right! I think just pulling out the investment is already lenient!"

Byran couldn't refute her, he was so mad that his face turned green, "Buzz off, you have no say here!"

After saying that, he tried to bypass her to continue talking to Ellinor.

Belinda spread her arms and blocked his path, "You're the one who should get lost! This is Theo and Ellinor's room! I have every right to speak here!"

"Belinda' You re so annoying!"

"Haha, I thought you were going to say something harsher! Byran, you're such a dunce!"

"Belinda""

And they started bickering again!

Ellinor felt a headache coming on and sighed.

While they were going at it, she slipped away from the suite to find somewhere quiet.

Meanwhile, in another room.

"Theo, okay, I admit, I did put the earring there, but I only wanted to scare Ellinor a bit; I really didn't expect her to fall off the cliff."

Upon hearing that Theo wanted to pull his investment from their family business, Haillie immediately felt terrified, stopped resisting, and quickly admitted her mistake.

Their business hadn't been doing well these years, and it's only through their collaboration with the Blanchet Corporation that they could stay afloat in the business world.

If Theo pulled out his investment, their business would be completely ruined!

Back in the day, it was thanks to Patricia that Theo invested in their family business.

And now, for Ellinor, he was actually going to pull out.

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After a long silence from Theo, Haillie spoke up again

"Theo, you know the score with our family. If you pull out your investment now, the Knotts family's business will go down the drain!"

Theo, standing on the open air balcony of the suite, lit up a cigarette and looked at the nervous Haillie

"The Blanchet Corporation isn't a charity. The problems in your family didn't just pop up overnight. The money the Blanchet Corporation has been investing in your family has been dwindling year after year I've been turning a blind eye because we've been pals for years. But now, if you didn't consider me a friend, then there's no reason for the Blanchet Corporation to continue helping the K notts family"

Haillie shook her head frantically, trying to explain. "Theo, not How could you think that? When did I ever stop considering you a friend? We've known each other since we were kids, you're one of my closest friends!"

Theo raised an eyebrow blowing out a puff of smoke, "Really? If we're friends, why do you keep hurting my wife?"

Haillie was extremely embarrassed but also somewhat defiant, "Theo, we are friends, but I don't think I have any ties to Ellinor. I admit I can't stand her arrogance, so wanted to teach her a lesson

Theo cut her off, "My wife is my business. If you dare to mess with her, you're messing with me!"

Theo's words left Haillie dumbfounded

Then, she lowered her head timidly. "I'm sorry. Theo.

I was wrong, and I won't do it again. Please, for the sake of our friendship, don't pull out your investment ."

"Do you really think I'd still consider you a friend after you played around with my wife's safety, Haillie?"

"Theo, are you really going to cut ties with me because of Ellinor? We've known each other for so many years."

With a burning cigarette between his fingers. Theo flicked off the ash indifferently, "Haillie, you better pray my wife's okay. If she feels anything wrong today, you and your family will pay a much heavier price than the withdrawal of my investment"

Haillie was frozen in place

She had never seen Theo act so coldly towards her or any of their friends.

The way he addressed her as "Haillie" felt distant. It wasn't how friends would address each other.

Theo was really pissed

Haillie was in a panic, "Theo, we've known each other for so long: don't be like this..."

Theo had said all he needed to say. He didn't say anything more to Haillie but put out his cigarette and walked towards the door, leaving the suite.

Even though this was Byran's suite, Byran had already left. He didn't want to stay there for too long to avoid any misunderstandings, given the fact that they were alone. Watching Theo leave, Haillie felt completely hopeless.

She knew Theo was a man of his word. The withdrawal of his investment was inevitable.

But there was one thing she just couldn't stomach!

Thinking of this, Haillie clenched her teeth and yelled out to Theo's retreating figure, "Theo, wait! I have something else to say!"

Theo didn't stop.

Seeing this, Haillie had no choice but to run up and block Theo's path, demanding excitedly,

"Theo, I just want to ask you one more thing! Have you forgotten your promise to the Howard family and Patricia? Or are you just like every other man, always chasing after someone new?"