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Although Bruce Everett did not want to forgive Joanna Haynes, he could not deny that what she said was true!

A child could not be without a mother's company or a mother's love! Especially a mother's love could not be bought with money!

"There's no possibility that the custody of the children will be given to you!

"The children will be living with me in the future! I can promise you to let you visit them once a week!"
"No, I want custody of the children..."

Bruce sneered coldly, his brows slightly furrowing. "Joanna, don't negotiate with me! You know best what kind of person I am!"

After saying that, Bruce got in the car directly!

Lilia Haynes started crying, "Mommy, Mommy..."

"Lilia!" Joanna looked at her daughter and really wanted to hug her...

Bruce did not give Joanna a chance to cuddle her daughter at all, and slammed the car door shut directly!

"Bang, bang, bang!" Joanna pounded on the car door angrily!

"Wait a minute. You have to let me take back my luggage and the car!"

Bruce rolled down the car window and looked at Joanna coldly. "Don't worry, I don't want any of your belongings.

"I'll have someone pack them up and send them to your company."

With that, Bruce closed the car window and ordered the driver to leave.

Joanna watched as the car drove away.

She was filled with anger and frustration, but she knew Bruce was difficult to get along with.

However, this was also good. Being completely separated from him was not a bad thing!

Joanna angrily hailed a taxi and returned home.

In the car.

Bruce let out a few rough breaths, but his anger still could not be suppressed.

Lilia continued to s ob softly. "Mommy, Mommy..."

"Stop crying. She's not your mommy anymore!"

"Daddy, please don't be angry with Mommy, okay? I am begging you. Please forgive her!" With tears in her eyes, Lilia pitifully shook her father's arm.

Bruce, upon hearing this, became even more frustrated. He leaned back in his car seat and closed his eyes to relax.

Joanna cared so little about his feelings and cared so much about Jaydon Grimm! He really could not accept to forgive her!

This time, she had already crossed his bottom line. He would not forgive her so easily. He wanted Joanna to know that he was not a man with no principles!

Ring, ring, ding!

Bruce was already feeling extremely annoyed, and now the phone was ringing again!

Feeling restless, he took out his phone and looked at it. Surprisingly, it was a call from Jennie Garcia.

"So annoying!" Bruce irritably muttered and threw the phone aside.

Ding, ding!

Not even a minute after the phone call ended, a Messenger message came through.

[Hey, Bruce, what have you been doing these days? Why aren't you answering your calls?)

[Are you angry? I'm really sorry about that night. I didn't mean it! I sincerely apologize to you. Did it cause a misunderstanding between you and Joanna?]

[Bruce, reply to me. Are you really angry?]

[Should I call Joanna to explain?]

Jennie sent several voice messages in a row to Bruce.

However, Bruce could not be bothered to listen to them.

He did not like women who were too manipulative.

Even though Jennie's tricks were perfect, how could a smart and wise person like him not see through them?

The next day.

In the conference room at the Everett Group.

Bruce walked into the conference room with a cold face.

The conference room was already filled with senior executives and directors, all with serious expressions, not daring to be the slightest bit careless.

"Let's begin the meeting!"

"Mr. Everett, we have good news!

"Princess Daisy from Novlis will arrive at Greyport next month for an international dialogue. They are currently selecting a hotel for their stay.

"The hotel under our Everett Group is also on the list!"

Bruce frowned. "When next month?"

"On

the eighth of next month, Princess Martha will also be present!"

"We have to do our best to strive for this opportunity for reception and not make any mistakes!"/
"Understood, Mr. Everett!"

For foreign royal members to stay at the hotel was equivalent to creating sensational worldwide publicity for the hotel.

It would also raise the status of the hotel greatly. Therefore, all major six-star hotels were eagerly competing for this opportunity!

"Mr. Everett, here are the reports from the past few days."

"Put them aside for now."

"The orders from Escostan have also been faxed over."

"Okay..."

The executives from various branches and the vice president reported on their work one by one, and Bruce gave further instructions.

After the meeting.

It was already 11:30 in the morning.

Bruce returned to his office, and Andy had already made coffee.

Bruce spoke as he rubbed his throbbing temples. "Andy, go to the Haynes Group.

"Go and deliver Joanna's car and her luggage to her."

"What..." Andy was a little surprised when he heard this. He looked at Bruce with confusion.

Delivering luggage to Miss Haynes's company? Wasn't that clearly announcing a breakup?

He could not figure out whether Mr. Everett was serious about it or not.

Bruce frowned and said impatiently, "Why are you still here? Just go!"

"Sure, understood!"

As Andy was about to leave, he could not help but ask further worriedly, "... Mr. Everett, is there anything else you want me to do?"

Bruce's face turned cold. "No, that's all."

"Then I'll go right away!"

It was 1:00 in the afternoon.

Joanna was in the office dealing with the work at hand.

Knock, knock! The sound of knocking on the door echoed.

"Come in."

Cora pushed the door open and walked in. "Miss Haynes, Andy is here!"

Joanna was surprised.

"What's the matter?"

"He said he's here to deliver your luggage and the car."

Upon hearing this, Joanna could not speak a word and her face instantly turned pale.

Heh.

Bruce was indeed ruthless, sending someone to deliver her things to her office.

He was clearly telling everyone that he dumped her and kicked her out!

"Alright, I got it."

Joanna spoke and went downstairs to meet Andy personally.

"Andy!"

Seeing Joanna approaching, Andy forced a smile. "Hello, Miss Haynes.

"Here is your car key and your items are already in the suitcase. I've placed it in the trunk for you.

"You can check to see if anything is missing."

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"What did they talk about on the phone?"

Lilia looked innocent and said, "It seems like they were discussing that if Mommy wanted to meet Mr. Grimm, Daddy would cut ties with Mommy!"

Irvin tilted his head, puzzled, and asked, "Why? Mr. Grimm is a nice person. Why does Daddy hate him so much?"

Davian pulled a long face and lightly patted Irvin's head. "You're silly. Daddy must be jealous of Mr.

Grimm!"

"Is that so?"

"Of course! Daddy wants to be with Mommy, but Mr. Grimm is also pursuing her.

"Now, if Mommy goes to see Mr. Grimm, Daddy will definitely be angry!"

Upon hearing this, Irvin suddenly realized. "So what should we do then?

"Should we think of a way to help Daddy and Mommy get back together?"

"Well, let's assess the situation first..."

It was 11:00 in the evening.

At Greenwick Residential Complex.

Joanna was busy until late at night, and it was already past 11:00 when she finally returned home. When she got home, she was completely exhausted.

She had been busy at the company all day and had to figure out how to deal with the issues at the factory in Mossbourne. It was overwhelming for her.

"Joann, you are back?" Miranda quickly took over Joanna's bag.

"Yeah!" Joanna replied wearily.

She then took off her clothes and went into the bathroom to take a shower.

After that, she went straight to bed to sleep.

"Joann, aren't you going to eat something?"

"I already ate at the office. I'm too tired now."

Seeing how exhausted she was, Miranda said with concern, "I see. Rest well then."

"Good night."

Miranda turned off the lights in the room and gently closed the door.

The next day.

News of Bruce and Joanna's breakup spread like wildfire.

The internet was abuzz with discussions and various true or false rumors were flying around.

[Rumored to have broken up, Mr. Everett and Miss Haynes living separately!]

[Love turned sour. Heading towards its end!]

[Miss Haynes, a skilled two-timer, harvesting love from Mr. Everett and Mr. Grimm]

[Mr. Grimm got involved in a car accident, accompanied by Miss Haynes as an official girlfriend]

The people in Greyport were once again eagerly digging for gossip, waiting for even more overwhelming revelations.

Joanna was busy dealing with company matters and naturally did not pay attention to these rumors.

Early in the morning, as Joanna reached the underground parking lot on her way to work, several entertainment reporters emerged from all directions when she was about to get into the car.

They somehow managed to infiltrate and were lurking downstairs, waiting for Joanna. They swarmed towards her the moment she appeared.

"Miss Haynes, is it true that you broke up with Mr. Everett?"

"Miss Haynes, is your official boyfriend Mr. Grimm or Mr. Everett?"

"Are you two-timing? Did Mr. Everett kick you out of the Everett family?"

"Go away, I have nothing to say!"

"Miss Haynes, just say a few words!" The entertainment reporters rushed to bother her with questions. Feeling annoyed, Joanna got into her car and drove out of the parking lot.

Unfortunately, her current address had been exposed. She could not stay there anymore and needed to move as soon as possible.

To a more private location.

It was 8:10 in the morning.

Joanna arrived at the building of the Haynes Group.

To her surprise, as soon as the car arrived, another group of entertainment reporters rushed towards her again.

Her current situation felt like being surrounded by ambushes on all sides.

"Miss Haynes, is it really over between you and Mr. Everett?"

"Have you completely given up custody of the children?"

"Is it still possible for you to reconcile with Mr. Everett?"

Joanna maintained a cold expression and remained silent, striding towards the company in an imposing manner.

She had been really annoyed lately!

These media outlets were like flies, constantly waiting outside her house or lurking around the company building every day!

After returning to the office, Joanna calmed her emotions and immediately called Michael.

Ring, ring, ring!

The call connected very soon. "Hello, Miss Haynes."

"Hey, Michael."

"What can I do for you, Miss Haynes?"

"I will be going to Mossbourne this afternoon. Prepare all the necessary documents and client information."

"Understood, Miss Haynes."

"Okay, that's all. I'll hang up now."

After ending the call, Joanna focused her attention on dealing with the company's matters. In the afternoon, she had to rush to Mossbourne to deal with matters at the Industry and Commerce Bureau and the Fire Department.

Therefore, she needed to ensure that the work here was well taken care of in the morning.

At 1:00 in the afternoon, Joanna hurried to Mossbourne with Cora.

She would probably have to stay in Mossbourne for the next few days. If the matters here were not handled properly, she could not be at ease.

In the blink of an eye, five days had passed.

Joanna was busy and occupied every day.

On the sixth day, she finally resolved the issues with the Industry and Commerce Bureau and the Fire Department. The factory was operating normally again.

However, the client base was not very stable. If the factory wanted to stabilize completely, it had to explore new markets,

All in all, things were still going well. At least everything was back on track, and there was no interference from Bruce. Joanna could focus on her work, and her efficiency doubled.

Venturas.

At Marhall Hospital.

With most of her work at hand being handled, Joanna finally found some free time to visit Jaydon. In the hospital ward.

Joanna entered with nutrition supplements and a bouquet of flowers. "Jay, are you feeling better? I come to see you!"

Seeing that Joanna had arrived, Jaydon instantly brightened up. "Joann, why are you here today?" "I managed to squeeze out a bit of time today to come and see you!" Joanna said as she placed the flowers and nutrition supplements on the bedside table.

Jaydon was also very happy; his eyes seemed to sparkle with joy and tenderness.

He had been looking forward to Joanna's visit every day, thinking that she would not be able to find time to see him.

But unexpectedly, she came today out of the blue.

"How are you? Are you feeling better?"

"I'm alright! Don't worry!"

Jaydon had been transferred from the intensive care unit to a regular ward. In the ward, other than Jaydon, there were also Carmel Basil and two nurses kept him company.

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Joanna heard the voice and instinctively turned around. "What's wrong?"

Carmel pulled a long face and stared at Joanna fiercely. "Ms. Haynes, I want to talk to you privately!" "About what?" Joanna was puzzled.

"I want to ask you why you're still entangled with Mr. Grimm when you clearly have a relationship with Mr. Everett?"

Joanna fell silent and looked at Carmel in confusion.

"Hmph! Haven't you done enough harm to Mr. Grimm? How much more do you want to harm him?" Joanna was even more stunned after hearing this.

Carmel glared at Joanna with anger and said bluntly, "Mr. Grimm's company is in trouble because of you!

"Otherwise, Starlight Media would not have such a bad reputation and hit rock bottom!

"It's all because of you, you and your ex-husband!"

Joanna's eyes darkened as she listened.

Indeed, Jaydon's company had reached this point of chaos, and Bruce had played a significant role in it. Starlight Media had been sabotaged by Bruce behind the scenes, which pushed the entertainment company to the brink of bankruptcy.

Although Jaydon was from a wealthy family, losing this amount of money was simply nothing, Starlight Media was still a business he built, and now it was destroyed by Bruce.

It was definitely infuriating!

Carmel continued without stopping. "Also, the reason why Mr. Grimm got into a car accident was to rush to see you!"

When Joanna heard this, she found it even hard to believe.

"I don't care who you love. If you want Mr. Grimm to be well, please stay away from him!

"A woman like you is not worthy of Mr. Grimm!" Carmel angrily scolded without reservation.

Joanna took a deep breath and looked at Carmel calmly. "Miss Basil, I think you have misunderstood.

"Jay and I are good friends. It's not what you think!"

Carmel sneered. "Huh, no need to explain. I'm not a fool.

"We are all sophisticated adults. How could I not understand what you are planning about? You just want to make use of Mr. Grimm!

"Please stay away from him and stop bothering him!"

Carmel came from a less privileged background and had to work hard to make a living at a young age. In her eyes, men were more like resources to be utilized, a stepping stone to climb the social ladder. The more benefits she could gain from a man, the more it proved that he loved her.

Based on her own experiences and mindset, she naturally assumed that Joanna had the same thoughts and intentions. She believed that Joanna was merely using Jaydon to gain more advantages.

Of course, Carmel truly loved Jaydon and fantasized about becoming his official girlfriend.

Joanna remained silent and shrugged her shoulders. "Fine, I understand what you mean. But I'm sorry, I don't need to explain my relationship with Jay to anyone.

"I can't accept your request."

Carmel became even angrier after hearing Joanna's reply. "Joanna, are you insisting on sticking to Mr. Grimm?"

"It's not that I'm insisting on sticking to Jay. Jay and I are good friends! I won't lose my good friend because of anyone or ignore their well-being!"

"Joanna, what you're doing is unethical..."

"I don't want to say much to you right now, so please step aside!"

Joanna finished speaking and did not bother saying anything more to Carmel. She walked away directly. Watching Joanna's departing figure, Carmel felt irritated. "Hmph, Joanna, don't get too smug at the moment! One day, I will make Mr. Grimm fall in love with me completely!"

Joanna left the hospital, feeling a sense of unease in her heart.

She had never considered being with Jaydon!

However, outsiders always assumed that there was a romantic relationship between them, which was not the case.

Carmel had also treated her as an imaginary rival in love!

After returning to Greyport, Joanna checked the time and realized tomorrow was Sunday.

It was also the day she had agreed with Bruce to see the children.

Although she was busy with work, she still wanted to meet her children.

Ring, ring, ring!

Bruce's phone rang.

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He was sitting in a chair, smoking one cigarette after another.

It had been a whole week, and he thought that Joanna would show some weakness and seek reconciliation with him...

But to his surprise, a whole week had passed, and Joanna had not even called him once.

Now that he saw Joanna's call, Bruce's heart suddenly raced with excitement.

"Hey, what's up?"

"... Bruce, tomorrow is Sunday! I want to bring the children back to stay for a day."

Upon hearing this, Bruce's heart sank, his face turning grim.

Joanna had not contacted him the entire week, and now that she finally did, it turned out she just wanted to see the children!

"Hey, are you listening?

"Didn't we agree to let me see the children once a week?"

Bruce replied coldly, "I didn't say I disagree, did I?"

"Fine, how do we arrange it for tomorrow? Should I pick up the children, or will you send someone to bring them over?"

Bruce choked his words when he heard Joanna.

"Tomorrow morning at 10:00, I will have someone send the children to the entrance of Century Plaza.

"You can only see the children under the surveillance of bodyguards, and the time will be limited to one hour."

Upon hearing this, Joanna's heart ached with anger. "Bruce, can't you be less domineering?

"I only get to see the children once a week, and now you want to have them monitored and restrict the time to only one hour. I don't agree. You can't do this..."

I want to see them, it will be on my terms. If you

Bruce let out a cold sneer and said without a doubt, "Don't bargain with me. If you don't agree, then don't bother seeing them at all!"

Joanna was furious. "Fine! I'll wait at Century Plaza tomorrow!"

"Then it's settled," said Bruce coldly and hung up the phone directly.

After ending the call, Bruce threw his phone heavily on the table, and his eyes were slightly red with anger.

This d amn woman really did not care about his feelings at all!

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"Actually, Daddy is very easy to coax. As long as Mommy apologizes to Daddy and says a few sweet words, Daddy will definitely forgive you!" Lilia carefully helped Joanna come up with a plan.

The children were too young to know about the complicated relationship between adults. She only knew that she hoped that her Daddy and Mommy could reconcile and be together forever.

Hearing this, Joanna sighed in secret.

"Mommy, please come back! I'm begging you. I really want you and Daddy to reconcile!"

"Mommy, Daddy is really easy to coax." Lilia looked at Joanna pitifully and tried to convince her.

When Davian heard this, he snorted. "Lilia, I don't agree with you! Why should Mommy coax Daddy but not Daddy coax Mommy?"

Irvin also pouted and added, "That's right. Daddy has a bad temper. He's too fierce and gets angry at the slightest provocation. He's simply like a tyrant."

"But I still want Daddy and Mommy to be together! It'll be great if Daddy can change his bad temper."

When Lilia heard this, she quickly defended her father. "He's not fierce, not fierce. Daddy is not fierce at all.

"We just have to be obedient and listen to Daddy. Daddy is very easy to get along with and dotes on us.

"Mommy, can you be a little more obedient? Daddy really isn't fierce."

Joanna let out a sigh and rubbed the children's heads. "Good baby, you'll know what happened between Daddy and Mommy when

you grow up.

"No matter what, Daddy and Mommy will always love you."

"Mommy, we don't want to be with Daddy. We want to go home with Mommy." Davian shook Joanna's arm and begged pitifully.

Davian had the coldest personality and was the least close to Bruce.

In addition, Bruce had a bad temper and always bullied Joanna. Davian did not like his daddy at all.

"Bear with it for now. When I have the ability, I will definitely bring you back to me.

"Let's go! What do you want to eat?"

"Okay, we want fried chicken, fries, and ice cream..."

Joanna paused and agreed with a smile. "Alright! Mommy will bring you guys to eat!"

The nanny quickly went forward to stop. "Miss Haynes, I'm sorry. Mr. Everett has instructed us not to bring the children to eat these unhealthy things."

Joanna was at a loss for words.

In the past, she rarely fed the children these unhealthy foods. She would only bring them to eat such things once every couple of days.

Ever since the little children entered the Everett family, they had not eaten these things. Bruce was very picky about the diet. The children's diet was made by top nutritionists.

seen the children for too long. She still wanted to

to have them once in

please don't. If there's anything wrong with the

looked at the children apologetically. "Davian, Irvin. There's not enough time

two little

drive bumper cars and see monkeys. Let's go to the amusement park,

Mommy will

this, she quickly rejected, "Miss Haynes, I'm very sorry! Mr. Everett has instructed that you can only see the children at Century Plaza!"

Joanna was left

tyrannical. Anyone who did not go along with his thoughts would have a tough

not allowed. That is not allowed. Can't eat this, can't eat that! Am I supposed just to sit and wait with the kids for an hour?"

the nanny saw that Joanna was angry, she looked serious and cautious. "That's what Mr.

disobey!

there are only ten minutes left. If you exceed the time limit, we will

heard this, she was even more furious. "Are you kidding me? It hasn't even been five minutes since I got out of the car! Why are there

hour was calculated from the moment they left the

"PA"

so angry that her body

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she really wanted to chop Bruce's
to Bruce, she had less than half an hour
would definitely be
"Beep, beep, beep!"
and called Bruce directly.
the phone, Bruce's cold voice
the phone, "Bruce Everett,
you talking about?"
you again and again. What exactly do
Bruce felt much better.
woman, she dared to make me unhappy. Then I would make her unhappy twice as much," thought he.
to
did I provoke you
about the children from the moment I was pregnant until they were born.
you've snatched them away. You are so shameless! What's the difference between you and a
is that I'm only allowed to see them an
calculate the time from when the kids leave. Based on that, the
do you mean?"
die from anger. Her eyes
mean anything. Do I need to
curso, "Bruce Everett You're
scold me? Alright, don't se
week "Bruce was never a good person.
he started to act up, he went to extreme
her entire body was trembling. She couldn't
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"Alright, alright, alright. Since Miss Haynes has made the decision, it's useless even if we object!"
"But you're going to hold a technology exhibition. What's this about?"
"That's right!"
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"And the online platform? We don't even know what you're doing!"

Mr. Roger and Mr. Paul were both from the Raymond Haynes era. They did not know much about these things on the internet.

In addition, there was still a difference between Greyport and Mossbourne, so they did not really approve of it.

Joanna patiently explained to the two of them, "It's popular to sell goods online around the world now. We have to follow the trend of the times.

"This is what I think. We'll hold a technology exhibition and invite internet celebrities to do a live broadcast. This is also a way to

promote our company.

"If possible, we might set up an online company in the future to train our own live—streaming sales anchors."

"Well, this..." Mr. Roger and Mr. Paul looked at each other.

They didn't object or approve.

Joanna patiently explained her three ideas again.

Mr. Paul, Mr. Roger, and the other higher-ups were finally convinced.

Anyway, the Haynes Group was half-dead now. It might be a good idea to change their old approach.

"Alright, that's all for today's meeting. I'll leave Greyport for a while in the next few days."

"Okay."

Mr. Paul and Mr. Roger walked out of the conference room.

Joanna sorted out the information she needed. "Cora, print out two copies of this document."

"Will do."

"Get ready. Come with me to Mossbourne this afternoon."

"Alright, Miss Haynes!"

"Call Michael Lawrence later and tell him that I'll be there in the afternoon. Tell him to call Trumpet's company first. We might have to cooperate with him a second time and ask Michael to prepare for the collaboration!"

"Okay, got it!" Cora replied and got back to work quickly.

At two o'clock in the afternoon.

After the meeting in the morning, Joanna rushed to Mossbourne with Cora in the afternoon.

She had worked with Brother Trumpet once before and felt good about it.

Brother Trumpet had also told Joanna that she had her natural influence. He suggested they do a live stream together to sell products, thinking it might have a great effect.

In the past, Joanna did not want to be noticed. But now that she thought about it, since so many people were paying attention to her, why not make use of it?

After Joanna arrived at the factory in Mossbourne.

Michael and Nicholas were already waiting in the office. "Michael, have you contacted Brother Trumpet?"

I've already contacted him. After knowing that it's you, he's very willing to cooperate with us for a second time."

Joanna smiled. "Really?

been set. He wants you to make a trip to Greene

285 "Well, okay.

all the products for the technology

All of them are the top new products of our company."

me to the workshop."

"Alright!"

Joanna

and development engineers that Joanna brought back from Melta previously

this is a newly developed fourth—generation smart bot. Not only does it have all the functions of the previous robot, but it has an additional function

thoughts and make corresponding instructions," the research and development engineer Alex Field introduced the functions of the product

happy to

and smart dishwashers. Our technology is internationally state-of-the-art. But the fee is only half. If

your hard

welcome. It's what I should do."

the Everett Group in Greyport.

was also busy.

Daisy's hotel accommodation been confirmed?"

confirmed. Our hotel has been

higher-ups applauded

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finally heaved a sigh of relief. "That's great! During the reception,
don't worry! We've already started training
welcome party during Princess
plan of the welcome party.
and gave it
"Good, very good."
might have
"Of course, keep up the good work."
"Got it."
After the meeting.
the schedule. "Mr. Everett, this is your schedule
look. He was flying to Escostan the
week, they would have to inspect several developed
he had to
he had to go even if he
all, his business there was
Villa, eight o'clock in the evening.
left, Bruce moved back to Sherane Bay
No. & Residence had too much of the aura of Joanna's existence. He couldn't take it anymore, so he
brought the children back to the place where they used
The three of you
okay. I
looked at Bruce reluctantly. "Daddy,
you gifts
"Daddy..."
"What's wrong?"
you call Mommy?"
frowned. "Why do
coax Mommy
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darkened. "Don't

straightened up. "Lilia,

not dare to say anything else.

lost his appetite and went

Davian criticized Lilia sternly. "Are you stupid? Daddy is such

should

want Daddy and Mommy to get back together,

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Ever since their divorce, he had been hoping that Joanna would take the initiative to contact him every night.

Unfortunately, Joanna did not contact him ever once.

Even after she returned to Greyport, she had almost never taken the initiative to send him a message.

"Ahem, ahem!" Bruce subconsciously let out a cough.

These three simple words actually made him feel butterflies in his stomach.

Bruce deliberately waited half an hour before slowly replying, "What's the matter?"

"Ding dong!"

When the three kids heard the phone ring, they immediately gathered together to check.

"Daddy texted back! Daddy texted back!"

"Quick, take a look. What did Daddy say?"

Davian frowned and said, "He replied with three words, 'What's the matter"!"

Irvin blinked. "Davian, how should we reply then?"

"Well..."

The three kids tilted their heads and thought for a long time.

Lilia suggested, "Why don't we just apologize to Daddy directly? Just say that I shouldn't have made you angry and that i shouldn't have met Mr. Grimm!"

"No, no. This is too straightforward. Daddy definitely won't be appeased,"

"Then how do you think we should reply?"

Davian rolled his eyes. He was the smartest of the three.

He thought for a while and typed a few words on the phone. [Are you still up?]

"Swoosh!"

The message was sent to Bruce again.

Irvin grinned. "Ah, it's so simple. Will it work?"

"That's right. Daddy is in a fit of anger now. You have to coax Daddy well! Say some sweet words in Mommy's tone. If Daddy is happy, he might not be angry anymore!"

"You don't understand. You have to flirt slowly. Let's see Daddy's reaction first."

Soon.

Bruce received a message from "Joanna."

[Are you still up?]

After reading the message, Bruce couldn't fall asleep anymore. His heart was itchy.

"This damn woman finally couldn't take it anymore and came to make peace.

"However, she made a mistake that went against my principles, so I'm not going to forgive her easily," thought he.

1Speak up!] Bruce replied coldly.

"Daddy texted back again!"

Irvin could not help but worry after reading it. "Ugh, how do we reply? Daddy's reaction is very cold."

"Yes, let me think about it."

Davian typed a line of words on the screen and

Bruce read the message, a warm

was the first time Joanna had confessed to him so

woman had finally

airs to let her know that I'm a

resisted the urge to reply

keep them interested but not too close. Play it cool. That way, she'll feel unsure, and that's when she'll

an hour

from their daddy, they were already so

big yawn. "Why isn't Daddy

her sleepy eyes. "Yes!

Daddy won't reply today. Let's

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is this method going to work? Why do I feel like
"We have to take it slow.
back to
"Okay."
of Lilia's room. They returned to their rooms to
enjoyed a bedroom alone, and the two boys shared a room.
the room was relatively close, the servants did
time. Seeing that Joanna did not reply,
The next day.
got up early in the morning and felt exceptionally refreshed today. He didn't look as unpleasant as a few
morning, Daddy!" The three little kids were sitting at the dining table and having breakfast.
suit and rushed out. "Good morning,
overseas for a business trip later. Be good at home, the
we understand."
driver to send the
Everett, leave it
nannies. Even if Bruce and Joanna were
time and hurried
was flying to Escostan today.
the luggage is
"Alright, let's go!"
In the car.
Bruce kept checking his
and flipping through the chat
not to reply to her messages, but he wanted her to keep sending him messages.
not send another
damn woman is very arrogant! Could it be that she retreated when she saw
the initiative to reply
spoiled too much. That's
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The expression on his face alternated between melancholy were so frightened that they did not even dare such rich facial about today? He was so serious and focused," At Porash. not idle. her personally taking clients. held in the Haynes, you can take "Okay, okay!" thousand people at the same time, and our product cabinets will be placed decided on the internet celebrity who you consult Brother Trumpet. He's the leader of the internet celebrity world. He definitely knows "Okay." me the phone. "There you go." Chapter 287 Tick-tock! Another group of emojis was sent over. One was a little yellow duck dancing, and the other was an emoji of a husky being stupid. Bruce frowned. What did that mean? He knew Joanna quite well. She looked weak, but she was actually very strong and stubborn. Acting cute and coquettish was not her style at all. [?] Bruce sent a question mark over.

"Eh? Why is there only a question mark? It seems that Daddy doesn't want to forgive Mommy at all."

When the three little guys heard there was a Messenger message, they quickly rushed to check it.

"Daddy replied. Daddy replied."

Davian smiled smugly. "No way. If Daddy really didn't want to get back together with Mommy, he wouldn't have replied at all."

"Since Daddy replied, it means that Daddy really wants to reconcile with Mommy."

When Irvin and Lilia heard this, they were very happy. "Then how should we reply?"

"Well, use Mommy's tone to care about Daddy first."

Then, Davian replied to their Daddy with a message on Messenger. [Take care of yourself!]

Bruce was even more confused after reading it.

Joanna used to love him very much.

However, ever since he insisted on divorcing her, Joanna must have been heartbroken and changed completely.

She couldn't wait for him to die, so why would she care about him?

[Who the hell are you?] Bruce sent a voice message.

He suspected that it was not Joanna at all.

"Daddy is suspecting us. How are we going to reply?"

"How should we reply? What if Daddy video calls us?"

Davian thought for a moment. "Looks like we have to use our ultimate move."

[I'm the babies' Mommy.]

[Honey, you've had a hard time on your business trip.]

It seemed that Bruce had confirmed the other party was indeed Joanna from this message.

[Honey, I was wrong before. Can you forgive me?]

"Heh..." After reading the messages, Bruce could not help but laugh.

[Honey, take good care of yourself overseas! The weather in Lundi is not good. Be careful not to catch a cold!]

There were a few heart–shaped emojis at the end of the message.

Bruce's heart instantly softened. He replied with a message. [Got it!]

For the rest of the day, Bruce had a smile on his lips.

assistant, it was

and his blood froze for the entire

is Mr. Everett laughing

"How would I know? Mr. Everett has been very strange these past two

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right! He was also absent-minded when stared at his phone. I didn't know why he was with a smile on
his face
about
a big investment. It's normal to be
acquiring such a large company. But I've never seen such a strange smile from him. It makes
a reason for something abnormal. It's
the storm."
"Yes, I think
returned to the hotel at night, his phone rang again.
sleep.
the message, Bruce's heart was
he had overestimated his
to break up with Joanna completely, but unexpectedly, he forgave her so easily
words to him.
tight!] Bruce replied.
little children gathered together again
said that as long as Mommy bows down to Daddy first,
"So what's next?"
meets Mommy, won't we be
have to help Mommy."
thinks. As long as Mommy still loves Daddy, there won't be
Beep, beep, beep.
made a Messenger video call
when she heard the phone ring.
that it was a Messenger
while feeling sleepy. "Hello,
you sleeping?"
already so late, Why
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so we video-called

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heart warmed. "I miss you guys too."
to say something but
wrong, baby? What's the matter?" Joanna forced herself to stay awake
a few blisters on her feet. Now she
is on a business trip."
"What's wrong
want to
"Tell me."
you... still love Daddy?"
Joanna was stunned.
to the children
were so little. How could they
Why are you suddenly asking this question?"
you for peace, will you still
again. Even
was the man she had loved for more than ten years. He had
she said that she didn't love him, how
was trying
"Mommy, answer me!"
"Baby, you're still young. Can you not care
tell me, will you forgive Daddy?"
son, Joanna laughed
an arrogant and conceited person.
when he heard that. "That's
should
Chapter 288
Before going to bed, Bruce's Messenger prompt sounded as usual.
[Honey, when are you coming back?]
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Bruce was overjoyed and wished that the plane would take off tonight. [I'll fly back tomorrow. I want to see you.]

[That's great. I want to see you too.]

[I'll text you when I get on the plane.]

[Okay!]

[I'm going to sleep!]

[Good night, honey. Kiss!]

After sending the Messenger messages, the three little guys were worried again.

Irvin looked melancholic. "What should we do? Daddy will be back tomorrow! When Daddy comes back and finds out the truth, will he be even angrier?"

Davian analyzed calmly for a few seconds. "Yes, I think he will. But from Daddy's tone, he is no longer angry with Mommy. What we have to do now is to arrange for them to meet."

"Daddy will definitely be willing to see Mommy, but if we want Mommy to be willing to see Daddy, we have to think of a way!"

"How about we just call Mommy and confess everything to her? That way, we can call Mommy to come over directly!"

Davian's face was solemn. "That won't work. If Mommy knew the truth, she definitely wouldn't come over."

"So what do we do?"

"I'll call Mommy first and find out what she thinks."

"Mm..."

Davian picked up the phone again and made a video call to Joanna through Messenger.

Beep, beep, beep.

Joanna's phone rang again.

Soon, Joanna picked up the call. "Hello, baby."

"Mommy!"

Joanna smiled at Davian in the video. "What are you guys doing?"

Davian chuckled and blinked cutely. "Mommy, um... Are you free tomorrow?"

Joanna was stunned. It would be Saturday tomorrow. It was not yet time to visit the children. "What's wrong, baby?"

"We miss you. We want to see Mommy."

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"I miss you guys too, but I'm still in Mossbourne."
"Mommy, when are you coming back?"
"Maybe the day after tomorrow! I'll visit you on Sunday."
When Davian heard this, he paused for a few seconds. "Mommy, can you come back tomorrow?"
"Anything happened, baby?"
Irvin also squeezed into the video and said, "Um, Daddy will be back from overseas tomorrow!"
"Oh!"
smile. "We want to pick Daddy up at the airport tomorrow and give him a surprise. We
she heard that. She said patiently, "I don't think
time at the
you take just one day
guys on
little guys looked disappointed. "Mommy..."
Talk to you later. See you!"
blew the three little guys a kiss, she
hung up? Mommy said she was in Mossbourne. She definitely won't be able to come back tomorrow."
we
rolling his eyeballs, he suddenly had an idea. "Hey, how about this? We'll lie to
sick.
that case, Mommy
Daddy and Mommy meet, they might
Davian and Lilia heard this, they also felt that it was a good idea. "Yes,
it was
children did not have to go to school.
two o'clock in the afternoon!
Beep, beep, beep!
afternoon,
"Hello..."
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"Mommy, bad news. Lilia

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Boom!
line, Joanna felt a chill run
hurt terribly and she
no one in
holiday. We don't know
that possible? Get the driver to send Lilia to the hospital first..."
Lilia can't take it anymore. Mommy, come quickly!"
for her daughter, so she didn't have time to think too much.
Sherane Bay Villa!"
be right
quickly. Lilia can't
Joanna hung up, she was so anxious
called
you have dialed
with concern, "Miss Haynes, what happened?"
to Sherane Bay Villa. Lilia
this, Cora
fall sick at any time. Therefore, they did not suspect that the news was
you go quickly! Lilia is more important."
to you.
got it. Miss
She couldn't care about the exhibition and hurriedly drove
rushed to Sherane Bay Villa.
you here..." The guards were very
Davian called
heard that Lilia was sick, they
was more favored than her two brothers.
Irvin were already waiting. "Mommy, you're
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Irvin, where is Lilia?"

"Lilia is inside!"

and Irvin held Joanna's hands and ran into the

Villa

took a long time for them to just walk to the

led Joanna into

Chapter 289

"I don't want to hear this."

"Mommy, stop it. Today is our family reunion day!"

"Sorry, I'll pay attention in the future!" Bruce still had a trace of fantasy in his heart, hoping that Joanna was joking with him.

Hence, he put on a smiley face and went forward to hug Joanna!

Joanna subconsciously took a few steps back and pushed his arms away. She looked at Bruce in surprise. "Bruce, what are you doing?"

Bruce choked again!

Joanna's attitude toward him was as cold as ice. It did not seem like a joke at all. She clearly called him honey in Messenger, and she even acted coquettishly and begged for peace.

"Joanna, why are you so fickle?"

Joanna's face darkened. "You're the fickle one. I don't know what you're talking about."

"Didn't y

t you know that I was overseas on a business trip?"

When Joanna heard this, she was even more furious. "Bruce, you're really strange. How would I know that you were going on a business trip?"

A few days ago, Davian called her and said that their Daddy was on a business trip. However, Joanna did not expect Bruce to be on a business trip for more than a week!

Bruce touched his dry upper lip and took out his phone. "Did you send these messages to me?"

Joanna glanced at it. The Messenger account was indeed hers, but she was not the one who sent the messages.

"Bruce, can you not play these little tricks?"

"What tricks did I play?"

"I haven't used that Messenger account for a long time. What's the use of your playacting?"

Puff!

When Bruce heard this, he was completely dumbfounded. The gaze he used to look at Joanna turned from hot to cold and finally froze into ice.

It seemed that he had been tricked.

What was even more annoying was that he actually believed it and was foolishly happy for a few days.

When the three little children saw this, they lowered their heads and did not dare to make a sound!

They thought that once they made peace between their Daddy and Mommy on Messenger, their Daddy and Mommy would definitely be very happy to see each other and let bygones be bygones.

However, they never thought that when their Daddy and Mommy met, there would be a big fight.

Bruce took a deep breath and looked at the three little guys gloomily.

He now knew that it was not Joanna who had sent him the messages these past few days.

Looking at the guilty reactions of the three little guys, Bruce knew it was probably them.

"Heh, I see!" Bruce sneered.

"What did you see?"

Bruce sighed in frustration. He was speechless to the extreme.

never bowed down to him, much

of your business about what I see! Now that you've barged into my house for no reason, I can

really moody!"

right! I'm moody, so what? I'm richer than

choked in

"What a lunatic!"

me lunatic again, I'll send you to a mental hospital and you can forget

was the first time in his life that

this, Davian's face turned pale. "Daddy,

I stole Mommy's Messenger account.

Joanna heard this, she was instantly suffocated. She looked at her

you do that?"

want Daddy and Mommy to reconcile!"

this, Joanna became even angrier. "Davian, I've told you many times. You're not allowed to do such things again, and you're not allowed to lie..."

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him?"

is my child too! I definitely have to teach my child a

so scared that she pursed her lips and said with a sobbing tone, "Daddy, Mommy, stop

Irvin was so scared that he started crying

a deep breath and held Joanna's hand. "If you want to argue,

and dragged her into the house.

quickly struggled. "Let go. What do you

not dare to enter the house with him. If she entered the house, it was very likely that she would be bullied by

should be me who asks you what you

of them instantly quarreled

originally happily brought a bunch of gifts for Joanna,

little guys started crying together.

let's not argue anymore. Let's not argue in front of the

"Hmph!"

saying that, Joanna left Sherane Bay Villa angrily!

that he

next day, in the conference room of the Everett Group,

threw the proposal book onto the face of the planning director and said, "What kind of bullshit plan is this? Take

it!

the details of the contract? Type a new report for

Everett, this is a new

be it. If they don't want to cooperate, then ask them to

the eighth of next month. There's still a week left. Where is the

would I spend so much money on you? Why are you asking

was in an extremely bad mood.

their heads, not daring to

Mark still had

say? The calm before the stormn!"

to be more careful these two days.

Mr. Everett so angry for no

Mr. Everett and Miss Haynes seem

"Really?"

had a fierce

"No wonder!"

Crack! Crack!

office, Bruce threw all the documents on

kind of shit are you making? Send

Chapter 290

"Joanna, you unfilial daughter. Get out here! I'm going to take you down with me..."

Cora hurriedly ran out to take a look. Then she said, "Miss Haynes, it's Mr. Haynes causing trouble."

"What?" Joanna furrowed her brows, wearing an extremely displeased expression on her face.

Shaun was at the entrance of the exhibition hall.

Shaun had a huge sign hanging around his neck. On it were the words "Shameless Joanna" written in red ink.

He was holding a loudspeaker in his hand and cursing Joanna loudly.

Someone asked, "Who is this person? Is he crazy?"

Then another one answered, "I think it's Miss Haynes's father."

"What? No way!"

Joanna hurried out. Then she asked, "Dad, what are you doing?"

After seeing Joanna, Shaun pointed at her nose and scolded, "You unfilial daughter. Don't call me Dad. You're a jinx. I won't acknowledge you as my daughter!"

"Dad, stop fooling around..."

Shaun continued, "Get lost. How could I give birth to a wretch like you? Do you know that you've harmed Roxy badly?

"Our entire family has been harmed by you. You're a jinx. Everyone, come and take a look. This is the bitch who seduced her brother—in—law and drove her sister crazy."

His words sparked a lively discussion among the crowd.

"Oh,

my God. Is it true?"

The online streamers and media present were shocked.

Joanna's face turned pale. And she almost gasped for breath.

She never expected her father to come to the trade fair and ruin her reputation in such a way.

And the flashlights of the media went off in a frenzy. They captured a series of intense shots of Shaun.

The popularity of the internet celebrities' live streaming rooms skyrocketed instantly.

"What's going on? A battle between father and daughter?"

"I don't know. It's so fierce."

"What's the grudge between them? Why does this father subject his daughter to such a devastating blow?"

The security guards quickly came over to maintain order and tried to pull Shaun away from the scene. "Sir, please don't cause

trouble here!"

Shaun shouted, "Get out of my way. And let's see who dares to stop me today! Whoever tries to hinder me, I'm determined to take

Joanna down with me!

"Everyone, gather around and witness! Joanna is a jinx who specializes in harming her own family. What sins did I commit in my previous life to give birth to a jinx like you?"

\* Joanna trembled with anger and said, "Dad, have you had enough of this commotion?

"Take him away!"

guards no longer hesitated. They grabbed Shaun's arms and

hell! Why aren't you the one who went crazy? You caused Roxy to become like

She was so angry that she could not say anything. And she felt like she had been hit by a thousand

up and leave this place. Don't cause trouble

break free, and he was getting more and more agitated.

attack and slumped to the

Mr. Haynes!"

already had hypertension and heart disease, had a sudden episode

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and send Mr. Haynes to the
of her made Joanna's mind go
quickly called the ambulance.
was very
sent to the
hospital. Ingrid was in jail. Moreover, Derick and Ryan were not by Shaun's side.
only wait in
carefully prepared trade fair was ruined by
hour had passed.
doctor walked out of the
asked, "Doctor,
infarction. He can't handle any more stress. Otherwise, he might be paralyzed for
Joanna felt a
do your best to
We'll do
and then went
blinked and tears rolled down
moment, she truly felt a
"Miss Haynes, don't worry too much. Mr. Haynes will definitely be fine."
to fate," Joanna replied and sighed in despair. Then she sat on the hospital chair
have anything to do with her
him in the
call Derick and ask him to
took out her phone and dialed Derick's number.
Derick
"Hey..."
lt's
from the other end of the phone. "Well. Why are you calling
said coldly, "Dad is hospitalized. Come to
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you

said that Dad is in the hospital. Come to the hospital quickly to take care of celebrity. When he heard Joanna's call, he was extremely was now the pillar of the family. Then he asked, "Why is Dad hospitalized? Where is much. Dad is at the Northshore Hospital in Porash now. Come over

Joanna

her father did not want her to be his daughter, she did not

don't you

later, I'm afraid he'll

She replied, "Just let

and a half had passed.

Derick rushed over.

soon as they met, Derick immediately cursed, "Joanna,

bitch. Not only did you harm our family, but you also even caused Dad to cursed as he flew into a rage. He looked like he wanted to fight