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Just when both of them were about to leave the café to set their plan in motion, they saw a young couple walk in through the mall entrance.

“F*ck, why did we have to run into them.”

Sabrina’s expression was filled with animosity the moment she saw them.

The look on Sasha’s face was equally grim.

Averting her gaze, she intended to leave via a different exit with Sabrina.

“Let’s go from the other side. Don’t let it spoil our plans.”

“Sure...”

Sabrina quickly complied which was rare for her.

Just when they turned their backs, the lady who was with Solomon called out to them suddenly. “Sabrina, it’s a surprise to see you here. Where are you going?”

The lady was none other than Roxanne.

Sabrina used to hate Sasha and was on good terms with Roxanne.

However, ever since Trevor betrayed Sebastian and had gotten their family entangled in an abomination of a marriage alliance, she hated Roxanne’s guts.

“Ms. Rocke, don’t you dare call my name. I fear that my family will disown me if they find out.”

“You...”

Agitated by the insult, Roxanne’s expression darkened.

Standing by the side, Sasha avoided looking at them. However, she could feel an intense gaze being focused on her.

“So, both of you are in league with each other now? Don’t you hate her anymore? Especially after what she has done to your brother? Instead, both of you seemed to be on good terms?”

Roxanne finally aimed her fury at Sasha. Every single word she spouted was filled with hatred.

Nevertheless, it was ironically humorous at the same time.

What’s wrong with this woman? Did learning medicine cause her to lose her sanity?

Sasha sneered to herself and didn’t say a word.

Instead, Sabrina unleashed a tirade. “Are you crazy? How can you accuse her of harming my brother? You and your father are the ones truly responsible for doing this to him.”

“What did you say?”

“Enough. Stop arguing. Do you think it’s glamorous to be quarreling in public?”

Glaring at Roxanne, Solomon chided her, ignoring her pride.

Roxanne was furious.

However, not daring to retort, she had no choice but to comply obediently.

Sabrina sneered at once, “Both of you are really meant for each other—one is a bast*rd while the other a wench. Why didn’t you get together from the very beginning?”

A second before Roxanne lunged angrily forward, Sasha quickly covered Sabrina’s foul mouth.

“Sabrina! That’s enough. Don’t forget who you are. If you get into a fight, people will recognize you while your dad will disown you!”

Sasha admonished her at once.

Only then did Sabrina stop.

I am lost for words at the things that could come out from her mouth...

Meanwhile, Solomon grabbed onto Roxanne to restrain her. He had wanted to leave with her but coincidentally, the jewelry shop owner they were supposed to meet came over.

“Mr. George, Ms. Rocke, it’s a surprise to see you here. I assumed both of you were no longer coming. Now that you’re here, would you like to see the diamond ring together?”

It was now evident that they were there to check out their engagement ring.

Solomon's expression drastically changed.

The first thing he did was look in Sasha's direction.

However, he was disappointed by what he saw.

Sasha didn't react at all. Instead, she was dragging Sabrina away and persuading her to leave. It was as if she had not heard the exchange.

“What's wrong? Are you sad that she has no reaction at all?”
Roxanne sneered in a bout of jealousy.

She had noticed that his gaze had been fixated on Sasha instead of her.

Although she didn't love Solomon, she still felt slighted by the fact that he was pining for Sasha.

Behind his specs, Solomon glared fiercely at her.

“Watch your words!”

“My words? Mr. George, don't think that I'm not aware of your history with her. Why don't I test her reaction to your nuptial arrangement on your behalf?”

With that, she ordered the jewelry store boss to bring the diamond ring to them.

“Bring it here?” the boss gasped. “Are you sure it’s a good idea? After all, it’s a custom-made ring that’s exceptionally expensive.”

“What are you afraid of? Good things are meant to be shared. Go and get it now. I want to show it to everyone.”

Finally, the boss went to retrieve it.

The jeweler was among the best in the city.

Although it wasn’t as prestigious as foreign brands, its luxurious pieces were highly sought after by local socialites.

When the boss brought down the engagement rings, a crowd gathered to take a look.

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“My God! It’s a custom-made DS luxury piece. Let’s go and have a look.”

“Mmm-hmm. It seems to be a pair of diamond rings. Wow! I’m so envious. I heard their diamond rings can only be ordered once in a lifetime and cost a bomb. Due to their unique designs, they are the dream of every newlywed couple.

“Exactly...”

The excitement in the crowd intensified when they heard that it was a diamond ring. Within just a few seconds, an envious crowd swelled around Roxanne.

Sasha finally took notice.

“What’s going on?”

“Who cares?” Sabrina snapped in a foul mood.

However, her expression changed the moment she saw the jewelry store boss revealing two sparkling diamond rings.

“F*ck!”

While everyone was gasping in awe, Sabrina swore instead.

“The despicable duo actually ordered engagement rings from DS ?
Are they trying to show off to us that they are getting married ?”
Sabrina ranted.

Unfortunately, her words were true.

Sasha’s face turned sullen but not because of their marriage alliance.

After all, it had absolutely nothing to do with her.

Instead, she was concerned that if someone had recognized them, it would cause Sebastian to be the talk of the town again.

“Let’s go now before we cause any trouble for Sebastian.”

Stomping her feet, Sabrina finally suppressed her anger and prepared to leave.

Just when they were about to do so, Roxanne called out from the crowd.

“My dear sisters-in-law, the rings have been brought down here. Why don’t you help us take a look and see if you think they are beautiful?”

The crowd exclaimed in surprise as they turned their attention toward Sasha and Sabrina.

Sisters-in-law ?

Both of them suddenly felt as if they had been struck by lightning.

Did we hear her wrong? Did she just call out to us? How disgusting can she be ?

Both of them were nauseated by Roxanne’s actions.

However, the crowd had noticed the two of them after Roxanne had greeted them warmly.

This included the boss of the jewelry store.

“Ms. Hayes, it’s a surprise to see you here!”

He emerged from the crowd with an excited expression, even more so than when he saw Solomon and Roxanne.

After all, Sabrina was the famous lady of the Hayes family, renowned for being arrogant and domineering. In fact, unlike those whose status was elevated because of overnight riches or fame, Sabrina was well known the day she was born.

When everyone heard the boss' words, all of them were thrilled by Sabrina's presence.

“My God! It really is Sabrina! The legendary lady of the Hayes family!”

“That's right. Oh my! I have never seen her in person before. Let me take some photos.”

With the crowd in an uproar, many of them took out their phones and snapped furiously.

Sabrina seethed in response.

To avoid being photographed, she raised her hand to cover her face while staggering backward.

Sasha's expression was equally sullen.

At a crucial time like this, Sabrina couldn't allow herself to be photographed. If she was pushed into the limelight, her family's controversy would also be dragged out alongside her.

Hence, Sasha quickly shielded Sabrina's face for her.

“Wait, who's that lady? Why is she stopping us from taking photos?”

The crowd was incensed.

Glaring at Sasha, they began to berate her and speculate about her identity.

“The lady who ordered the engagement ring seems to have referred to her as her sister-in-law?”

“Sister-in-law?”

Feeling a chill running down her spine, Sasha could sense the impending dread.

“Given that she knows Sabrina and is shopping for an engagement ring, is she the fiancée of the second son of the Hayes family? The one who has reappeared out of nowhere?”

“My God, in that case... the lady whom she has referred to as her sister-in-law must be the previous Hayes Corporation president’s wife!”

Evidently, someone had pieced together the relationship.

At that very moment, a loud gasp was heard among the crowd. Everyone looked at Sasha, filled with shock and disbelief.

The second son of the Hayes family.

Ever since Solomon had returned to the Hayes, Frederick had referred to him in public as such.

At the end of the day, Frederick couldn’t bring himself to deny their awkward relationship. Hence, he publicly acknowledged Solomon’s identity despite him being his illegitimate son. From then on, Solomon was now known in Avenport as a Hayes.

However, the crowd wasn’t shocked to see him and his fiancée.

Instead, they were stunned by Sasha's presence.

After all, she was Sebastian's wife.

The man who was the de-facto king of the city. The same man that every woman dreamed of marrying. Holding immense power and authority, he was the epitome of the perfect husband.

However, no woman succeeded in catching his eye throughout the years, until he met the down-to-earth woman standing right before them.

Why is she worthy?

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“Who is she? How did she become the woman of someone so illustrious?”

“Exactly? What makes her so special? She looks ordinary to me. Perhaps, she knows witchcraft?”

“That must be it. Or else, why would Sebastian leave Hayes Corporation all of a sudden? Given how young and talented he is, it's really strange for him to resign from such a high position.”

Within a few short minutes, the crowd was filled with animosity toward Sasha.

They suspected that she had used some kind of sorcery to manipulate him into her grasp.

As a result, Sasha was infuriated by their snide comments.

However, Roxanne gloated over her predicament.

She hurried over to the boss' side. "That's right. I'm surprised that you know Sabrina."

"Of course, she is the lady of the Hayes family."

The boss nodded with a smile, unaware of Roxanne's purpose for saying it.

Roxanne's grin widened in response.

She was now a different person. The Roxanne of old never liked wearing dresses. Instead, she would wear casual clothing that made it easier for her to conduct research in her lab.

But now, she liked to dress flamboyantly, just like how Xandra used to be.

"That's wonderful. Please show my sister-in-law the ring."

"Sister-in-law?"

"Yes, she's the one." Roxanne pointed toward Sasha.

"She is Sebastian's wife. I'm sure you know who he is. But, they have yet to hold a wedding ceremony. If she happens to like the diamond ring, you might be able to secure a new customer."

Smiling vibrantly, Roxanne pretended to introduce a business opportunity to the boss.

The crowd, together with the boss, were elated.

After all, everyone in the city, young and old, knew Sebastian Hayes.

Sebastian was the pride of the city. Whenever his name was mentioned, it would command respect.

Is that woman really his wife?

Why didn't they hold a wedding?

Given that he was the illustrious president of Hayes Corporation, why did he choose not to? Even though he has now left the company, he is still a member of the Hayes family. Therefore, it would be irresponsible for him to act so casually.

What does it mean?

Does it imply that he isn't keen on marrying her?

Or, is it a sign that the marriage was a part of her scheme? After all, there used to be tons of women racking their brains to find ways to marry him.

Many of them sneered at her.

Given that they were jealous, it somehow made them feel better about themselves when they stared at her with contempt.

One by one, their expressions reflect the disdain, mockery, and resentment they felt for her.

Amidst the stares, Sasha's face turn pale.

However, it wasn't because of the crowd's ridicule. Instead, Roxanne had brought up a sore point of hers.

The engagement ring!

Evidently, after being married to Sebastian for so many years, he had never bought one for her.

Despite it being a symbol of everlasting love and a token of his love for her, she never received one. The wedding ring she wore back then was bought by Frederick instead.

Consequently, her fingers gradually clenched.

Despite being reluctant to admit it, her heart felt a sting over something she had not given much thought to.

Little by little, the pain gradually grew.

“Are you sad because he has never presented you with a ring before? Let me tell you. I have received two from him. The first one was when he planned to marry me when he was twenty-two, while the second one was last year when we got engaged. He personally chose that one for me. Sasha, do you even have any?”

At the crucial moment, Roxanne stepped forward and whispered those words into Sasha's ear, as if she was the devil himself.

Sasha swooned in response.

He gave her a ring at twenty-two.

During that time, I was still foolishly writing to him while he was overseas.

As a suffocating sensation began to swell from the depths of her heart, her face had lost all color.

“Roxanne, what are you doing? Stay away from us!”

Having regained her senses, Sabrina lunged forward and pushed Roxanne away.

Meanwhile, when Solomon saw that events were unfolding in a way he didn't intend, his expression darkened.

“Roxanne, that's enough madness for one day. Now, let's go!”

“Madness?”

Roxanne laughed heartily. “Since when am I crazy? Solomon, didn't you see it for yourself? I have gotten the answer for you. After clinging onto Sebastian for such a long time, she has never received an engagement ring. Hence, don't you worry, you still stand a chance.”

Sasha trembled violently.

However, there was nothing she could retort against what Roxanne had said.

After all, the fact was she didn't have a ring.

Furthermore, it was the reason that she still felt uncertain that he truly loved her. Or, the fact that he really wanted to spend the rest of his life with her.

At that moment, the sneers around her got louder.

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“Look, that woman’s words hit the nail on the head. She must have used unscrupulous methods to become a daughter-in-law of the Hayes.”

“What daughter-in-law? It’s not even a done deal yet. She should stop dreaming.”

“Haha...”

Closing her eyes, Sasha could feel the excruciating pain in her heart. Her fists were clenched so tightly that her nails dug into her palms.

“Sasha?”

“I’m fine. Let’s go,” she quipped before turning around to leave.

Sabrina didn’t know what to say.

“Who said I didn’t buy one for her? Am I obliged to show you whatever I bought for my wife?”

Just when everyone was laughing mockingly at Sasha and waiting for her to scurry away, a deep and magnetic voice reverberated through the mall.

Instantly, everyone, including Roxanne, turned to look.

Despair seized her when she saw a tall lanky figure. Despite the cold, he was dressed in a thin black tailored shirt and with a pair of tapered pants that revealed his ankles. His outfit accentuated the perfect ratio of his body composition.

Although his gaze was gentler than it used to be, it did not diminish his dignified and commanding presence in any way.

The moment he appeared, the crowd gasped in awe.

Sebastian Hayes!

The most famous man of Avenport is here!

Roxanne's face turned white as sheet.

As for Sasha, she stared blankly at Sebastian.

“Mr. Hayes, it's really you! It's been a long while.”

When the boss saw Sebastian, he hurried over in an ingratiating manner, as if he was about to drop to his knees and grovel.

However, Sebastian ignored him and walked toward Sasha instead.

“Are you angry?”

“Huh?” Sasha's mind was blank. “No... not really.”

Feeling guilty, Sebastian tousled her hair and sighed.

“I’m sorry. Before this, I felt that there was no need to be romantic since our children were so big. Hence, I didn’t buy a ring. Instead, I bought the entire company on both you and the children’s behalf as an investment. I hope you won’t mind?”

Sasha was dumbfounded.

“Of course, if you do, I can sell it off. Although DS isn’t an international brand, the proceeds from the sale would be more than enough to buy a blue diamond.

Sasha’s heart melted at his words.

As for the crowd, all of them caught their breath when they heard Sebastian’s words. Falling silent, everyone gaped at what had just happened.

While ordinary people buy diamonds, Sebastian purchases the entire jewelry store.

Instead of buying an engagement ring, he presented the store to his wife as an investment. If she didn’t like it, he would sell it and buy a rare blue diamond for her.

Damn it, what kind of ridiculous relationship is this?

All the ladies present were filled with jealousy. Even Sabrina’s hand was trembling from the shock.

“Sebastian, enough. Don’t forget we’re in public. So, you better mellow down your sweet nothings.”

“I’m just declaring my love for my wife.”

“You...”

Sabrina almost burst a vessel.

Meanwhile, Solomon and Roxanne looked equally sullen.

Roxanne felt especially devastated because her meticulous plan to humiliate Sasha had backfired terribly on her.

She had never experienced such treatment from him before.

Despite the fact that he relied on her and obeyed her for the duration of his eight-year treatment, she realized that it didn't mean he loved and accepted her at all.

Only when he did something of his own accord solely for a person's sake could one say that he truly cared for that person.

Consequently, the brand, DS, had a meaning behind it.

It was short for “Dear Sasha”.

Only then did she realize that her assumption of her being the one to reject his advances back then was wrong.

Roxanne's face had lost all color.

At the same time, the animosity she felt when she saw the happy couple began to overwhelm her.

The matter was finally concluded with Sebastian's appearance.

As for the bystanders, all of them left heartbroken after hearing his touching words and seeing how loving they were in each other's presence.

As Sasha watch them disperse, she remarked, "Luckily, no one we know is here."

"What?"

"If someone we knew was here, they would likely have seen through your lie." After glancing at the jewelry store boss, she let out a cheeky smile.

Sebastian was jolted.

Does this silly gal not believe me?

Why is that so? Is it because I'm no longer at Hayes Corporation? That's why she thinks I can't afford such a gift?

Or perhaps, I have hurt her so much that she would never believe that I was hers from the very beginning.

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Feeling guilty, Sebastian had no choice but to turn toward the jewelry store boss.

"Bring me the store's business license."

"Yes, Mr. Hayes."

The boss ran back to the store at once.

A few minutes later, Sasha saw the boss return with the business license in his hand while panting heavily.

When she saw who the legal owner of the store was, she was stunned.

My God! My name is right there!

By the time she left, she still felt giddy as if she was still in a dream.

When did he present me with a jewelry store?

Given how turbulent their relationship was and how much he used to hate her, she didn't even dare hope to receive a diamond ring, let alone an entire jewelry store.

So when did he prepare the gift?

Sasha was filled with turbulent emotions.

No matter when he had prepared the gift, she couldn't deny the ecstasy in her heart.

The sensation she felt was similar to getting an answer to a burning question she had for years. Every fiber of her body was filled with delight.

"Thank you." Beaming, she lowered her head in coy delight.

"Why are you thanking me? You are my wife after all. Isn't it expected of me to present you something? Just remember, whatever I have is yours, including my entire being."

His last sentence was the ultimate declaration of love.

Even Roxanne staggered backward in shock.

After that, she stared daggers at both of them before running away with a grimace on her face.

Solomon was equally shaken.

He felt as if he had just been brutally slapped in the face. Even though what he did to Sasha was unforgivable, he still harbored the fantasy that they could still be together.

After all, he assumed that he still had a place in her heart.

Moreover, given how much Sebastian had hurt her, their bond had likely been weakened.

But now, he was obviously proven wrong.

“In that case... why don't we go home? Why did you come suddenly? Aren't you supposed to be home?”

“I'm here for grocery shopping. This is the largest mall nearby and has the best selection available.”

“That's true.”

“Mmm-hmm. Shall we go together?” Sebastian pinched her nose affectionately.

She really is gullible.

Despite looking clueless, she sometimes surprises me with a stroke of genius. Nevertheless, I can't call her smart as she can be too easy to fool sometimes.

Is it because she lets her guard down when she's with me?

In the end, Sebastian and she left the mall holding hands.

Consequently, Sabrina stomped her feet in anger. "Damn it. Am I invisible to both of you? Why aren't you inviting me to join you?"

Both of them ignored her as if they were oblivious to her presence.

Bursting a vessel, Sabrina had no choice but to leave on her own.

As for Solomon, he too left in a miserable mood.

"Mr. George, Sinch Enterprise has sent someone to see you. He is waiting in your office," the receptionist informed Solomon when he returned to the president's office at Hayes Corporation.

Solomon's expression darkened in response.

However, he had no choice but to enter.

"Mr. George, you're back. I'm here on behalf of the chairman and his wife."

Just as expected, Solomon saw a bespectacled middle-aged Jetroinian man standing up to greet him.

However, he didn't look like he came on friendly terms.

The chairman ?

Mr. Tsurka ?

Solomon's expression grew solemn. Pulling out his tie, he threw it onto the table in frustration.

“What is so important that the Tsurka family needs to send someone as important as you over ?”

“No, Mr. George, you have misunderstood. Mr. and Mrs. Tsurka are just worried that you are unable to cope with your role at Hayes Corporation. Hence, they have sent me to help you.

The man's tone remained cordial.

Furrowing his eyebrows, Solomon lifted his gaze at the Jetroinian.

“What is the meaning of this ?”

“Mr. George, when Mr. Tsurka heard that your assistant was killed by Sebastian, he was worried about the foundation of your strength. Hence, you can leave this matter to me.”

After glaring ferociously at the Jetroinian for a long time, Solomon finally asked, “What are you trying to do ? Hiro's death was just an accident. You had better not mess around.”

“Mr. George, is it really ? Hiro has served you for many years but died because of your desire for a woman. Mr. and Mrs. Tsurka agree that love and loyalty may be something good, but not to the extent of not knowing where the boundaries lie...”

The Jetroinian's last sentence sounded like a dire warning which sent a chill down Solomon's spine.

Widening his eyes, he glared at the Jetroinian with murderous intent.

“Ken, be forewarned. Don't mess around with me, or I will make sure you regret it!”

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“Mr. George, your efforts would be better focused on the company's shareholder meeting which is in ten days. That's when the Hayes Corporation will announce its reorganization to the public. I hope you will not let Mr. and Mrs. Tsurka down then.”

With that, the Jetroinian turned and left.

Solomon was stumped.

After a long while, a loud bang was heard from the president's office, as if something had been smashed onto the ground.

The noise terrified everyone outside.

Two days later.

Sasha had received the huge amount of funds that Andy had sent. In her excitement, she went to see Sabrina at once.

“I've gotten the money. Have you convinced your dad?”

“I tried, but he disagrees!” Sabrina replied bitterly.

Disagree ?

Why would he do that ? Does he really intend to lose Hayes Corporation to someone else ?

Or perhaps, he is blinded by the trust he has for his bast*rd son ?

Sasha fumed, “Why ? Didn’t you make it clear to him ?”

“I did!”

“So why doesn’t he agree ? Isn’t he going overboard with this ? They are both his sons after all. Must he draw a line between them ?”

“Huh...”

Sabrina felt equally indignant but had no other ideas.

As Hayes Corporation was a listed multinational, any transfer of shares required the consent of its largest shareholder.

So, what’s the point in raising so much money ?

Sasha felt disheartened.

“Perhaps, I can steal his seal and ID,” Sabrina quipped out of desperation.

Steal ?

That might work.

With hope burning brightly within her, Sasha's eyes lit up. "Is it possible?"

Sabrina knitted her eyebrows. "I'm not sure, but I can try. Why don't you come home with me? That way, you can keep a lookout."

Sasha fell silent as she wasn't sure whether to agree.

She had never stolen anything in her life before and was naturally worried about getting caught. We would be finished!

"I..."

"Look, you keep insisting that you're doing all this for my brother. But yet, why are you turning me down when I'm only asking you to keep watch? I'm the one that's stealing, not you. I would be the one held responsible if we get caught."

Before Sasha could finish, Sabrina ranted away.

Sasha's face turned pale in response.

I'm not afraid. I just think that this isn't well thought out. In fact, it might even jeopardize all the work that we have done.

In the end, both of them headed to the Hayes residence.

"Oh? Dad isn't home. What a coincidence!"

They were delighted to see that Frederick's Rolls-Royce wasn't there when they arrived.

Sasha heaved a sigh of relief.

In truth, she was afraid of entering due to her awkward status. Although she was a daughter-in-law of the Hayes family, her husband had been kicked out by them.

Hence, she quickly followed Sabrina inside.

The moment they entered, they were surprised by the atmosphere.

Unlike in the past where it would always be lively, the house was so quiet that it felt deserted.

“What happened here? Why is your house so empty?”

“Why are you even surprised? Robert and his mom moved out while my cousins have refused to visit after my dad chased Sebastian out. So, wouldn't it naturally be quiet?”

Sasha was dumbfounded.

Sabrina meant Ethan's children.

Sasha had assumed they were simply leeches who lived off Hayes Corporation.

Hence, she was surprised to see them stand by Sebastian's side at the crucial moment.

Meanwhile, Sasha followed Sabrina inside.

She had assumed that they would be heading for Frederick's bedroom. However, she was surprised when Sabrina led her past it and went to the backyard instead.

“Why are you going that way? Isn't your dad's stuff in his room?”

“Of course not. How can one leave something so important in the bedroom? It must be in the memorial hall.”

“Huh?”

Sasha was stunned.

Memorial hall?

Isn't that the place where they keep items belonging to their forefathers? Why would those things be there?

Sasha didn't get it.

However, she would have understood if only she knew that only a member of the Hayes family was allowed to enter.

Furthermore, the memorial hall wasn't just an ordinary building. It was enclosed on all sides. Downstairs was where all the photos and portraits were placed while the upstairs was a lot more complicated than she could imagine.

Knowing her way around, Sabrina led Sasha toward the building entrance.

“Alright. It’s somewhere here. You keep a lookout at the door while I search the inside.

“Huh?”

The small building send a chill down Sasha’s spine.

My God, is she really going in there?

Aren’t we not allowed to enter this place?

When she first moved in after she got married, Frederick had clearly forbidden her from going in there. Hence, no one was allowed to even straddle near the place.

Therefore, despite staying there for a year, she had never even gone near the small building.

But now, Sabrina was going to steal something from inside.

When Sasha tried to grab Sabrina by reflex, she was too late.

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In a blink of an eye, Sabrina had taken off her earrings and started picking the lock with it.

Click! The door unlocked.

Just when Sabrina was about to enter, she reminded Sasha, “Alright. I’ll go in while you keep watch here. Oh, you had better find a place to hide, just so that no one sees you here.”

Given how quickly events were unfolding, Sasha had no choice but to agree.

After closing the door behind Sabrina, she found a spot to hide.

As time ticked by, she began to worry as Sabrina had yet to come out after being inside for a long time.

What made matters worse was that someone had come over.

“Strange. Why is the door opened?”

“Oh? Let’s go in quickly and check. Mr. Hayes is about to come home. It would be troublesome if he finds out.”

The moment she heard the frantic exchange, it was quickly followed by the sound of footsteps entering.

What?

Mr. Hayes is coming back soon?

Sasha retreated in panic. She planned to avoid them and find a way to inform Sabrina.

However, she suddenly heard a loud thump coming from inside the building.

What’s going on?

Did something happen to Sabrina?

Sasha turned pale at once. When she saw the maid approach, she dashed into the building without thinking.

After that, she shut the door tightly behind her.

The moment it was closed, no one outside could see what was going on inside.

After she saw the maid leave from the keyhole, she turned around and scrutinized the place as it was her first time in there.

“Whew...”

“Who is it?”

The sound of someone breathing caused Sasha to break out in cold sweat.

However, after gasping in shock, she realized that there was no one around.

Instead, the plaques that filled the memorial hall and were illuminated by a dim light sent a shiver down her spine.

This place is really spooky.

Gulping, Sasha forced herself to calm down.

After that, she glanced upstairs and began tip-toeing upward in search of Sabrina.

“Sabrina? Sabrina? Where are you?”

Silence greeted her instead.

When she arrived upstairs, it was just as eerie. She could hear nothing else other than her own breath.

Where's Sabrina? Where did she go?

Standing on the second floor with all the windows shut, Sasha scanned the surroundings quickly.

She was shocked to see that the second floor was a complete bedroom. It had a bed, table, and even a dresser.

However, they seemed to have been there for a long time due to the amount of dust covering them. Also, the furniture design was from a different era and looked like antiques instead.

Who lived here?

Gradually walking forward, she noticed that there were a few pieces of paper scattered over the dresser.

What are these?

She picked them up.

“Birth certificates?”

She was stunned.

Why are there birth certificates here? Moreover, they look to be in the old format.

Looking curiously at the faded piece of paper, she saw the name Shin Jadeson in the father's column. In the mother's column, it was written: Frieda Soprano.

Frieda Soprano ?

Shin Jadeson, what a strange name. I have never come across it before and don't know anyone by that name.

However, the name Margaret Soprano rang a few bells.

Isn't Sebastian's mom's surname Soprano ?

Can it be her ?

She almost said it out loud.

However, she quickly dispelled the idea after giving it some thought. She recalled that although Sebastian's mom's surname was Soprano, she wasn't called Frieda.

Instead, her name was Margaret.

So who is this woman ?

Just when she was baffled, she suddenly heard a loud crash that reverberated throughout the building.

“Who is it ?”

After stuffing the papers into her clothes, she ran toward where the sound had come from.

Finally, she was shocked to see Sabrina lying on the floor. Beside her leg, something seemed to be chewing on her toes.

“Ah...”

She screamed!

Sasha had gone missing.

When she didn't turn up for lunch with Sebastian as agreed, he realized something was amiss.

“Mr. Hayes, I found out that Mrs. Hayes went to meet Ms. Sabrina.”

“Again? Ever since she came back, she seemed to have changed. Why does she keep meeting Sasha? Have both of them grown closer now?”

Sebastian ranted the moment he heard that his sister had invited Sasha out.

Karl had no choice but to listen quietly.

It wasn't a few minutes later when one of their scouts returned with information.

“What did you say? They went to the Hayes residence?”

“Yes. But we don't know what they were doing there as we weren't able to enter. All we could do was keep the house under surveillance. However, we have yet to see them come out.”

Karl's expression drastically changed in response.

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What are they doing at the Hayes residence ?

It definitely must be something stupid.

Of all the ideas Ms. Sabrina could have thought of, she had to go with the dumbest one.

If Frederick finds out, she would definitely get her brother into more trouble.

Karl was exasperated.

At that moment, another messenger approached them.

“There’s trouble, Mr. Frost. Mr. Hayes has returned.”

“What?”

Karl sprang to his feet in shock.

“I’m going to kill her!”

At the same moment, Sebastian, who was already fuming, smashed his fist onto the table. Kicking the door open, he stormed out.

Karl quickly followed behind.

Twenty minutes later, they arrived at the Hayes residence.

Just as expected, Sebastian saw the Rolls-Royce parked outside.

With a sullen look on his face, he got out of his car and prepared to storm in.

The moment Sebastian entered, he saw Frederick with his walking stick, as if he was already expecting him. Moreover, Frederick had someone carry a lady behind him as he walked up to the entrance.

“You’re finally here,” Frederick greeted Sebastian indifferently.

Sebastian scowled in response before recovering his gaze from the lady behind Frederick.

“What happened to her?”

“She’s alright. It’s just that she had sneaked into the memorial hall. Sebastian, it seems you have grown more brazen. How dare you steal from me after I asked you to leave Hayes Corporation?”

“What did you say?”

The moment he heard Frederick’s words, Sebastian was outraged.

However, Frederick was unfazed and responded with a look of disappointment.

“Am I wrong? Both of them would never dare steal from the memorial hall without your permission. Sebastian, I never imagined you to be someone like that. You’re nothing but a hypocrite. If you were unwilling, you should have been upfront with me about that. Why did you need to involve those two women in your scheme?”

Frederick's last sentence was ruthless.

Meanwhile, when Karl, who had just arrived, saw the fury swelling within Sebastian, he dashed forward at once.

“Mr. Hayes, calm down!”

However, all he got in response was a pair of bloodshot eyes.

I have to stop this.

In a desperate attempt, Karl grabbed Sebastian's arm and bellowed, “Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Hayes is still inside. She is still waiting for you!”

Only then, did he see the murderous intent Sebastian was emitting gradually subside.

As someone who had served Sebastian for a long time, Karl naturally knew what he would be triggered by.

There is no way he would covet Hayes Corporation.

He is simply too egoistic. The fact that he can easily dish out ten billion after being removed from Hayes Corporation means that he still has the capability to build another empire.

Furthermore, he is a proud man. He would rather die of hunger than accept any pity.

Therefore, Frederick has no basis to ridicule him at all.

How well does he know his son ?

After Sebastian carried Sasha over, Karl didn't dare to linger a second longer. The moment both of them got into the car, he slammed on the accelerator and sped off.

He was worried that the matter would escalate further.

A few hours later at the Wand residence.

By the time Sasha was awaked, it was already nightfall.

When she opened her eyes and saw the dim yellow light over her head, she was puzzled as to what had happened.

It took her awhile for the memories to rush back into her head, after which she was jolted up from bed.

“You're finally awake. It's been a tough one.”

Coincidentally, Lance entered the room.

Somehow, she could detect the strange tone in his voice. It no longer contained the usual deference he had for her.

At that moment, Sasha had a sudden realization.

Ignoring his attitude, she frantically asked, “How did I come back? Who brought me here?”

“Other than Sebastian, who else can it be? Sha, what were you thinking? How could you have done such a thing? Do you know how furious Sebastian was when he brought you back?”

Having no intention of listening to his lecture, Sasha jumped out of bed and began looking for Sebastian.

However, she was disappointed to not see anyone else in the house, including the children.

Is he angry?

Does he not want to see me? He isn't even here, and he has taken the kids with him.

Panicked, Sasha wanted to start searching outside.

Suddenly, she heard a child's voice from the outside. "Finally, we're home. Ian, help me. It's too heavy for me."

"No one asked you to choose such a big one. Obviously, you deserve it."

"Wah..."

Sasha dashed out of the house at once.

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She was relieved to see the three children outside. At that moment, Vivian was carrying a huge watermelon and could barely hold it.

Hence, she was pleading with her brothers to help her.

Finally, Ian relented and carried the watermelon into the house.

After that, he knowingly led his siblings upstairs, leaving his parents in the yard to sort things out.

“Sebby, are you... angry? I’m sorry. It’s my fault. I shouldn’t have done that. I...”

Sebastian, whose hands were filled with groceries, hardly showed his displeasure.

However, his expression was still frosty. In fact, he didn’t look at her when he plainly replied, “No.”

With that, he went straight into the house with the groceries.

Sasha’s face turned pale.

And yet, he says that he isn’t angry.

She ran after him at once.

“Sebby, l-let me explain. I didn’t do it on purpose. I-it’s just that... after Peter gave me the share transfer agreement, Sabrina came to see me. Since I didn’t want to see what you have built given away to others, I... I went along with Sabrina’s plan.”

Just like a guilty child, she continued following him from behind.

However, Sebastian ignored her completely.

After he entered the kitchen, he began sorting out the groceries and preparing the ingredients.

She felt as if she was invisible to him.

As her eyes reddened, she wondered what she could do to pacify him.

“Sebby, don’t be angry, alright? I have regretted my actions.”
Left without a choice, she reached out her hands to hug him from behind.

If it was any other time, he would have been delighted.

But this time, with her hands outstretched, she saw him raise his hands from the sink to stop her. “Out you go. Or else, you will dirty your clothes.”

She was dumbfounded.

After glancing at him with tears whirling in her eyes, she pouted before leaving the kitchen.

Evidently, she had messed up big time given how angry he was.

Having returned to the inner courtyard, Sasha sat on the steps in frustration.

“Mommy? Stupid Mommy?”

“Huh?”

With her hands cupping her face, Sasha lifted her gaze and noticed her three children waving at her.

What are they...

When she saw the disappointed look on their faces, she gradually picked herself up and went upstairs.

“What do you want?”

“We want to help you, of course. Mommy, you have gone overboard this time. After Daddy brought you back, he was so angry that he asked Mr. Karl to give him a jab.”

“What?”

Sasha’s face lost all color.

Currently, Sebastian was taking meds to treat his condition.

However, to have needed an injection, it was evident that his emotions were extremely volatile.

Suddenly, Sasha felt worse about herself. “I made a bad decision. I thought I could help him but ended up making things worse.”

“That’s why you have to do your best to pacify him this time,” Matteo suggested. After all, he was good at thinking on his feet.

Pacify?

When Sasha recalled what had occurred in the kitchen, she frowned. “It’s useless. Daddy is giving me the cold shoulder.”

“Given how grave your mistake was, of course, he is ignoring you. You have to come up with a special plan.”

“Special plan? What kind of special plan?”

“Such as making dinner for him or going somewhere together. Also, you can use your beauty to enchant him too.”

For some strange reason, Matteo spoke like a true vixen.

Mesmerize him with my beauty?

Sasha’s blushed at once.

“What do you mean by enchanting him? Matt, what nonsense are you spouting?”

“Mommy, I’m just telling you as it is. I don’t know why every man seems to like their wives to seduce them. Ian, don’t you agree?”

“Mmm-hmm!”

Sasha couldn’t believe the usually serious Ian would agree to a statement like that.

Utterly embarrassed, she didn’t know what to say.

Finally, with her face flushed red, she fled at the first opportunity.

How did those little devils know about such things? They’re still kids! And yet they know about seduction?

Sasha felt like drowning in embarrassment.

Nevertheless, after dinner, she got Lance to do the dishes while the kids went back upstairs to play on their own.

As for her, she hurried back to the bedroom.

Half an hour later, Sebastian came up.

The moment he opened the door, he saw her in a black silk nightie.

“There... you are.”

She was extremely nervous.

After all, she had never worn something so revealing before. Standing in front of him, she felt so skittish that she didn't know where to put her hands.

The moment she saw him, the blush on her cheeks intensified. Her frantic gaze was tinged with coy submission.

Sebastian expression darkened.

Oh no, what is she trying to pull here? Is she trying to apologize with her body given that words had failed her?

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“Oh, I just wanted to charge my phone.”

“Huh?” Sasha was stunned.

Charge his phone? Isn't he planning to go to bed?

Sasha stared blankly at him as he went to get his charger. His gaze fell upon her for a fleeting moment when he entered. And that was the only time he looked at her.

At that moment, she felt as if he had poured cold water on her, dousing the anticipation she had.

What am I going to do now ?

Even seduction has failed me.

This is the first time I have put on this dress. Furthermore, I have never worn anything this skimpy in front of him. How can he... not have any reaction at all ?

Feeling slighted, Sasha collapsed onto the bed with her nose burning.

Unbeknown to her, right after Sebastian left the room, he hurried to his study and downed a big glass of iced water.

Da*n her!

When he returned to the bedroom an hour later, she was already asleep.

Hugging a pillow, she curled up in a corner, just like an abandoned kitten. When he went over to her side, he could still see her butterfly-like eyelashes moist from tears.

“I’m sorry...”

Sobbing in her sleep, she continued to apologize.

What a fool.

Unable to keep it up any longer, he lay down beside her and hugged her tight.

“It’s alright,” he murmured.

“Let’s leave this place, shall we? We can leave everything behind. We’re still young and can build a new life someplace else. What do you think?”

He whispered into her ear in a pleading tone.

Worried that he would be driven mad if he stayed any longer, he was filled with the urge to leave.

All this while, he had assumed his ruthlessness and power would make him invincible. However, when the truth was laid before him, he was unable to behave indifferently.

It’s probably because I’m not cruel enough.

Both of them hugged each other to sleep.

The next day, when Sasha woke up, Sebastian was already gone.

As she gradually came to her senses, she was delighted when she felt the residual warmth beside her. However, when she saw that her nightie was still intact, her heart sank.

She was devastated that he had not made advances on her.

When she went downstairs, she realized Sebastian and the kids weren't at home. After checking with Lance, he told her that Sebastian had sent the children to school.

Why didn't he wake me up? Is he avoiding me?

After that, Sasha went to her office feeling depressed.

While she was there, she received a call from Sabrina.

“F*ck! Are you alright? Did my brother yell at you yesterday?”

Looks like she still has a conscience by asking about me before ranting at me.

Sasha felt worse after hearing Sabrina's question. “Your brother is giving me the cold shoulder...”

“Huh? Ignoring you?”

Sabrina felt terribly guilty. “What are we going to do then? He is capable of doing anything whenever he is angry. In fact, he can even ignore someone for years.”

“What? Years?”

“Of course. Am I not the best example? He sent me on exile just because we quarreled.”

Those are two entirely different situations.

Nevertheless, Sasha recognized how terrible Sebastian could be when he was angry. After all, that was why everyone in Hayes Corporation feared him.

Sasha felt further disheartened.

“However, there’s one way to trick him into revealing his thoughts.”

“What is it?”

“Playing video games. Let me tell you, he loves playing them. Do you have an account? If you do, just add him. After all, he has all the time in the world now. In fact, he might even be playing games when you’re not at home. Once you play together with him using your account, he will be trapped.”

Given how Sabrina revealed his weakness, they are undoubtedly siblings.

With that, Sasha was suddenly filled with hope.

Of course, she had an account, it was just that she seldom played and was terrible at it.

Then, Sabrina was all excited to share his account details, Sasha wanted to end the call right away.

“Hey, you really don’t have a conscience, do you? Why didn’t you even ask me about my condition?”

Suppressing her restlessness, Sasha asked in a guilty tone, “In that case, how are you doing?”

“F*ck!” Sabrina swore. “My dad had me kneel in the garden since yesterday. My knees are all sore!”

Sasha didn’t know how to react to that.

After all, Sabrina was a lot more fortunate than she was.

“So, when did your dad release you? By the way, what did you see on the second floor of the building? Also, what was that thing chewing on your toes...”

“What? That thing was chewing my leg? Argh!”

Sabrina screamed into the phone.

After a long while, Sabrina managed to calm down. “I don’t know. When I went up and was rummaging through the dresser, something suddenly pounced on me from behind.”