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George was slightly taken aback by what Penny said but at the same time, he felt much more relieved.

To his surprise, Eugene was a man who was very serious about his relationship.

In that case, did that mean there was in fact nothing between him and Olivia?

"George, are we still visiting Grandpa?" Penny asked.

George pursed his lips in embarrassment because he only suggested visiting Old Man Nolan to spy on Eugene.

But now...

"Forget it. Since your brother and Olivia are going there, I think we'd better not butt in. Let's head back downstairs!" With that, he turned around and took the stairs to the first floor.

Penny quickly followed him. Although she was slightly confused, she was happy as long as she got to spend time with him.

Outside the villa, Aleena was leaning on a pillar looking weak and feeble. Two crimson patches were visible on her cheeks and the straps of her dress were pulled down to her arm by herself, revealing a large area of her fair and smooth skin.

The guests who walked past her couldn't help but stare at her quizzically. She knew she should go back home and rest in such a state but she had yet to even speak with Eugene tonight. It was not time for her

to leave yet because she had yet to witness how Olivia would react under the effect of the drugs and how she was going to embarrass herself.

At the same time, she wondered why the cool breeze no longer worked on her although it was able to make her feel better just now.

Not able to stand properly because her legs had turned to jelly, she slumped to the ground with her back against the pillar as she felt heat surging in her body waves after waves, which slowly became more and more unbearable.

At the moment, the thin dress she was wearing made her feel like she was wrapped in a thick wool blanket. If it wasn't because she still had some sanity in her, she would not have hesitated to just strip!

For some reason, her heart was filled with such acute emptiness, loneliness and desire which was so overwhelming that she was having difficulty containing them.

There was a strong itch inside her which could not be alleviated just by scratching and she was very aroused to the extent that she could barely control herself with the little sanity that remained in her.

What was wrong with her?

Why was she having the reaction as though she was drugged?

But...

Why was she experiencing the effect of the drugs instead of Olivia, who had consumed the drugged drink?

Did Olivia take her wine glass by accident?

Keeping her eyes closed, she tried to recount the moment they were having drinks at the table just now.

It was not accidental!
Olivia must have done it deliberately. She had purposely broken the ceramic plates and made use of the time she bent down to swap the wine glasses.
She had realized that her drink was drugged right from the beginning!
How cunning was she to have swapped the glasses silently!
What should she do now?
This was the strongest aphrodisiac sold in nightclubs and the only antidote was men.
How could she spend the night with other men considering that she had to keep her virginity for Eugene?
You're a b*tch, Olivia!
She blew her top at once. Coupled with the effect of the drug, she became even more fiery-tempered and the fact that she was losing her sanity didn't help.
At the most inopportune time, Olivia and North came out of the villa. With fury in her eyes, Aleena leapt to her feet without thinking and staggered toward Olivia where she confronted her furiously, "You did it, right?!"
Olivia was given a huge fright by her disheveled look and how she had dashed out from nowhere.
Out of instinct, she took a step back.
Eugene immediately took a step forward and held her arms to keep her steady.

In the meantime, George instinctively put himself in front of her whereas Nathan pulled North into his arms to protect the boy.

In less than three seconds, the three guys formed a protective barrier around Olivia and her son.

The sight of George and Eugene protecting Olivia together instead of having a fight over her was so heartbreaking for Aleena that she felt as though her heart had just been dumped into a fryer filled with hot oil.

Pointing at them, she started laughing hysterically with tears streaming down her face. "Both of you are such a fool to protect a woman who's been two-timing!"

Knowing that Aleena was losing her mind because of the drug, Olivia stepped forward from behind George and spoke in a crisp and nonchalant voice.

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Olivie found her stetement rether hilerious. "Miss Jones, which gless of wine ere you referring to? Do you meen the one you pessed it to me yourself?"

"Please watch your mouth!"

Aleena let loose a loud guffaw before pointing at her accusingly. "You're so cunning! Did you trick me into drinking that glass of drugged drink just now?!"

With a frown on her forehead, Olivia stared back at her indifferently.

Since Aleena had set the trap for her in the first place, why couldn't she use the same trap back on her?

She could never compare to her in terms of slyness.

How could Aleena even have the face to accuse her of being cunning when she was the one who drugged her drink in the first place?

She must be crazy!

With her current condition, shouldn't she put a stop to the scene so that she could leave and get a man to settle her needs?

Wearing a dark expression, Eugene walked over to her and asked, "What happened?"

The moment Aleena saw him, tears immediately trickled down her face because she felt so aggrieved and terrified.

"Eugene, Olivia set a trap to sabotage me!"

Olivia curled the corners of her lips into a faint smile that came with a trace of disdain. However, she sounded innocent when she spoke, "Miss Jones, I really don't understand what you're talking about."

Aleena totally lost it due to the raging fury inside her. Pointing at Olivia, she chastised, "Why are you acting all innocent after doing something like that? You knew your glass of wine was drugged long before you drank it. You deliberately broke the plate so that you could make use of the time to swap the drugged drink with mine. Otherwise, how can you stand on such a stable footing?"

Olivia found her statement rather hilarious. "Miss Jones, which glass of wine are you referring to? Do you mean the one you passed it to me yourself?"

Aleena looked dumbfounded because in her fit of rage just now, she had forgotten about the fact that she was the one who passed the glass of wine to Olivia. "It's you who deliberately offered me the glass of drugged drink!"

Keeping her arms crossed in front of her chest, Olivia examined her as though she was a clown who was struggling to break free from a hopeless situation. "Since you insist on saying so, I have no choice but to ask Mr. Nolan to check the CCTV footage to have my innocence proved."

Eugene, who was starting to understand the situation, eyed Olivia disbelievingly and asked, "Did she drug your drink?"

Just as Olivia was about to answer him, Nicole dashed over to them out of the blue and wrapped her arms around Aleena, who appeared disoriented. "Aleena! Aleena, you're wasted, aren't you?"

Burying her head in Nicole's arms, Aleena complained, "Olivia sabotaged me!"

Nicole quickly supported her weight before she said, "Eugene, you guys should walk Doctor Maxwell out while I bring Aleena away! She's so drunk!" With that, she frantically hauled and dragged Aleena away.

In the meantime, Eugene's face fell. "Wait a minute!"

Nicole, who had no choice but to stop moving, pleaded with him, "Eugene, she needs to lie down!"

At that moment, both Alex and Hayden already realized what the matter was all about because they had been there at the table when it happened. However, they decided it was not the right time for them to voice their thoughts.

Also, it would bring disgrace to the Nolan Family if they allowed Aleena to continue making a scene looking so unkempt outside the villa.

Therefore, the two of them advised Eugene, "Forget it, you still have plenty of time to get to the bottom of this after tonight. What's more, she won't be able to tell you anything now even if you insist on making her stay."

"Just let her go. If she continues making a scene here, it's your family who will suffer the embarrassment instead of me," Olivia opined.

At last, Eugene stopped voicing his objection and allowed Nicole to bring Aleena away.
A babble of voices soon broke out among the guests.
"What's this whole thing about? Why can't I understand a thing of what they said?"
"Seems like Aleena is behaving this way because Olivia drugged her drink!"
"What nonsense are you talking about? Both of you have gotten it wrong! It was Aleena who wanted to drug Doctor Maxwell but in the end, she ended up taking the glass that contained the drugged drink by accident."
"In my opinion, Doctor Maxwell must have found out that her drink was drugged and that was why she decided to swap it with Aleena's!"
Their voices were loud enough to be heard by Eugene and he secretly agreed with the opinion offered by the last guy because he knew his girlfriend was no pushover who would suffer silently when she was bullied.
Seeing that the matter had been solved, Olivia did not intend to stay on. "Mr. Nolan, we shall get going then."
Despite feeling apologetic and reluctant to see her leave as well as having the urge to tell her everything in his mind, Eugene managed to subdue all those emotions and said to her politely, "Don't worry, I'll give you an explanation for what happened tonight."
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Eugene confronted them in his exesperetion, "Whet exectly took plece et the teble just now?"

Alex responded resignedly, "In fect, I reelly heve no idee. Heyden, did you cetch enything?"

Heyden enswered, "Nope beceuse no one left the teble throughout the entire time. Right from the beginning until the end, Aleene only proposed e toest to Doctor Mexwell once end they didn't interect much with eech other leter on. I reelly heve no idee when she drugged the drink."

"It's fine because I'm not really bothered by it," said Olivia.

Eugene assured her, "I understand and I know how to handle this."

She then nodded slightly at him before leaving.

Meanwhile, North gave him a wink and bade him farewell. "Uncle Eugene, see you next time!"

Eugene nodded at him with a smile. Staring at their figures which were getting further and further away from him, he slowly adopted a solemn face as he turned around and made his way back to the mansion.

Looking guilty, Alex and Hayden followed behind him. For some reason, they felt responsible for the matter although they were not the culprit.

After all, Eugene had entrusted Olivia to them because he was worried about her, but what happened in the end? If Olivia had not been alert enough, she would have been the one who was looking like a mess now instead of Aleena.

No wonder Eugene was so pissed with them!

It was only after they walked into a room did Eugene turn around and glare at the two guys behind him dangerously.

Feeling coldness creeping down his neck, Alex tried to excuse himself guiltily, "Why are you staring at us like that? We had no clue that she pulled off so many tricks just now!"

Eugene confronted them in his exasperation, "What exactly took place at the table just now?"

Alex responded resignedly, "In fact, I really have no idea. Hayden, did you catch anything?"

Hayden answered, "Nope because no one left the table throughout the entire time. Right from the beginning until the end, Aleena only proposed a toast to Doctor Maxwell once and they didn't interact much with each other later on. I really have no idea when she drugged the drink."

Alex pointed out, "But when Olivia broke a plate when they were drinking, no one was looking at the wine glasses as everyone's attention was on the broken plate. Perhaps it's during that time that Oilvia swapped her drink with Aleena's!"

Alex had been busy observing Eugene's expression while talking. "Why are you so angry over this matter? You should be pleased to have such a smart girlfriend who was not only sharp enough to tell that her drink was drugged, but she even knew how to give Aleena a taste of her own medicine!"

To be honest, Eugene was really pleased by what he said because he knew his girlfriend was indeed a brainy one. However, did that fact have anything to do with them?

Once again, he shot them a baleful stare and criticized, "If she hadn't been smart enough, she would have been drugged."

"Fine, I admit it's our fault for failing to take care of her properly," Alex conceded.

Still looking sullen, Eugene asked, "Where did Aleena get that glass of wine?"

Knitting his brows together, Hayden wondered, "Now that you mention it, it was rather odd. She took it from one of the waiters so no one would have thought it could be drugged!"

Alex, who was stroking his chin in puzzlement, commented, "Don't you think Olivia is even odder? She had been with us the whole time and she didn't go anywhere after sitting down at the table. How did she find out that the wine was drugged?"

"You're the odd one!" Eugene shot him another glare.

Alex chuckled, "I'm serious. If you were in her shoes, would you have been able to tell whether that glass of wine was drugged or not? I'm sure I wouldn't be able to do that, let alone come up with a plan to get back at Aleena so quickly!"

Feeling proud of Olivia because of Alex's comment, Eugene spoke airily, "I'm going to the control room." He was curious to know how Olivia did it. Alex quickly followed after him. "I'm going with you." Hayden too followed suit because he was keen to know how Olivia managed to realize the problem. When the three of them reached the control room, Eugene instructed one of the security officers to play the CCTV footage of when they were drinking at the table. Soon, the footage reached the part where Aleena was taking the glasses of wine from the waiter. Eugene narrowed his eyes to examine the waiter. Could he have colluded with Aleena? "Wait a minute. Let's see where the waiter got the drinks from." The security officer first glanced at Eugene before rewinding slowly. In the footage, the waiter was shown to be walking out of the kitchen with a tray of drinks and then walking into the kitchen after serving them. Meanwhile, the footage of when he stood by the table to serve them the drinks was not shown. Upon closer look, the security officer found that there was something wrong with the time stamps. Chapter 324 "Young Mester Nolen, there's e seven-second gep here."

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"Young Master Nolan, there's a seven-second gap here."

Eugene furrowed his brows together as it seemed like someone had deliberately deleted some parts of the footage.

"Keep rewinding. I want to know who else Chris came into contact with before he served the drinks."

Again, the security officer rewound the footage and to no one's surprise, there was another gap which lasted for 4.37 minutes.

Eugene sneered at how Aleena had naively thought that she would be able to get away with it just by deleting the footage but at the same time, he couldn't help but be impressed by how resourceful she was.

Then, he gave an instruction to the bodyguards standing outside, "Lock Chris up first."

The bodyguards acknowledged his instruction before leaving.

The footage continued playing and it reached the part where Aleena made space for Olivia and how insistent she had been to propose a toast to her.

Throughout the entire process, Olivia behaved politely and she didn't look like she was on her guard at all when she was interacting with Aleena.

Both Alex and Hayden were also staring fixedly at the screen to check what they had been so busy doing at the time that made them miss out the problem with Olivia's drink.

In the footage, Olivia was seen lifting up her wine glass and turning her body to face Aleena, and just like that, the plate on the table was pushed onto the floor by her arm. What followed shortly after that was them putting down their wine glasses and bending down to clear up the mess on the floor.

Eugene furrowed his brows before looking up confusedly at Alex and Hayden, who appeared similarly flummoxed.

Surprisingly, they still couldn't figure out how Olivia had done it even with the footage.

However, Eugene had a hunch that she must have done something at that time. It was just that when the footage was playing at normal speed, they couldn't see how she dropped the plate at all.

Again, he instructed the security officer, "Play the footage at a slower speed!"

The security officer did as he said and it was only when the footage was playing 8 times slower than the normal speed did Eugene manage to see her movement clearly.

In fact, Olivia had already nudged the plate closer to the edge of the table in a barely noticeable manner before the plate was dropped so that when she later turned her body, she would be able to reach the plate with her arm. Just as Aleena bent down to check if she was injured, she made use of that opportunity to place the glass of drugged drink next to Aleena's glass rather shrewdly.

She had done everything so swiftly that no one would be able to notice anything without scrutinizing it.

With that, by the time Aleena straightened up, she would naturally take the glass which was nearer to her and drink the glass of drugged drink that originally belonged to Olivia.

Alex, who was very impressed with Olivia's skill, exclaimed, "My goodness, she can definitely move fast!"

Meanwhile, Hayden was so flabbergasted that he could not even utter a word.

With a faint smile, Eugene recounted, "On the day I met her for the first time at the airport, she bumped into a random guy like that and she somehow got the guy's phone during the process. When I noticed her bringing that phone to the toilet, I assumed she was a habitual thief and because of that, I chased her out when she came to Nolan Group for a job interview on the basis that she had a bad character."

As soon as he said that, both Alex and Hayden were gaping at him with admiration and consternation at the same time.

"How did you guys patch things up after that?" Alex asked.

Hayden questioned, "Did she tell you anything about the guy's phone?"

Eugene's face would be filled with warmth and affection whenever Olivia was mentioned. "I checked the CCTV footage of the airport later on and found out that the guy was the thief instead of her. Olivia just happened to catch him stealing that phone which belonged to another girl but because she didn't want to make a big fuss out of it, she retrieved the girl's phone from the thief using the same way he had stolen it earlier. The reason why she went to the toilet with that phone was because she wanted to return it to the girl. Regarding our row that took place during the auction at the bar, she only started a fight with me because I rejected her job application at that time."

"If that's the case, how did the two of you..." Alex was really curious as to how the two of them, who were arch-rivals in the first place, turned into such a lovey-dovey couple.

Eugene seemed to be in great spirits today probably because he was glad that Olivia managed to avoid the drugged drink, or probably because he was proud of how brilliant she was.

In short, he was in a buoyant mood, so much so that he decided not to be bothered by the fact that Olivia was brought back home by George.

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Eugene then cerried on, "I didn't expect thet she would be the doctor hired by Nethen to treet my grendfether end even she wes stunned the moment she sew me. But then egein, she still did her work professionelly for my grendfether's seke end she didn't hesitete to teke the fifty million fees from me."

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Eugene then carried on, "I didn't expect that she would be the doctor hired by Nathan to treat my grandfather and even she was stunned the moment she saw me. But then again, she still did her work professionally for my grandfather's sake and she didn't hesitate to take the fifty million fees from me."

Alex guffawed, "Ha ha ha, that does seem like her usual style of doing things! Not only did she manage to keep your mouth shut, but she also took fifty million from you!"

Hayden taunted him too, "Most importantly, you weren't pissed off by what she did at all!"

The two buddies of Eugene started mocking him without reservation. Then, Alex suddenly raised his eyebrows suggestively at him as he remarked, "However, I don't think you actually suffered any loss by paying her that amount of money!"

Knowing what he was trying to say, Eugene glared at him with some irritation but at the same time, he couldn't help but agree with him because not only did he not suffer any loss, he actually made a great fortune out of the deal!

At that juncture, the voice of a maid came from outside the room, "Young Master Nolan, it's time to cut the birthday cake; Old Man Nolan's come down to the first floor."

Eugene acknowledged it before heading downstairs with Alex and Hayden. The living room was already packed with guests at the moment. On the gigantic screen at the back of a platform on the right side of the living room, slides that showed the photos of Old Man Nolan together with the rest of the family were playing.

After offering his birthday wishes for Old Man Nolan enthusiastically on the platform, the host invited Old Man Nolan's children and grandchildren to the stage to offer their wishes to him too.

Eugene's usual stern and detached demeanor had returned when he went onstage as the head of the family. People who didn't know him well enough could never imagine him to be the smug person he was when he talked about Olivia just now because the difference between the two was simply too huge.

Having taken over the microphone from the host, he nodded at the guests and started his speech in a crisp voice, "Ladies and gentlemen, good evening. First of all, I'd like to express my utmost gratitude on behalf of my family to all of you who made time to be here to celebrate my grandfather's birthday. Although my grandfather is already a man at eighty-five, his mind is still sharp and his health is still robust. In fact, that's the best thing that we hope for and the greatest wealth for us as his children and grandchildren. Grandpa, you're the pillar of strength of our family and you're the presence that is capable of bringing all of us together. You're the reason why our family exists and nothing in this world is more valuable than your presence in our family. Grandpa, I wish you a happy birthday and I hope the coming years bring even more happiness and health!"

As soon as he ended his speech, he was given a round of thunderous applause by the guests. Old Man Nolan's eyes were glistening with a layer of moisture when he heard Eugene's speech. Staring at his grandson who was in his prime, he couldn't help but feel bittersweet wondering how many more years he could stay by his grandson's side.

After leaving the stage, Eugene made his way to his grandfather. "Grandpa, let's get on stage to cut your birthday cake!"

"Okay," Old Man Nolan responded before heading toward the stage obediently with Eugene's help.

At that juncture, some of the lights in the living room were dimmed while someone was seen pushing a trolley that carried a ten-tier cake toward the stage. There were two candles in the shape of the numbers '8' and '5' placed on top of the cake. As the flames of the candles were flickering, the cake looked spectacularly beautiful. Without being cued, everyone started singing the birthday song while clapping hands.

When the cake was pushed to the platform, Eugene looked at Old Man Nolan and invited, "Grandpa, you should make the first cut." With that, he took the cake knife from the maid with which he made the first cut by holding his grandfather's hand.

Of course, the first piece of the cake went to Old Man Nolan. They then left it to the maid to distribute the rest of the cake to the guests. At that moment, everyone was enjoying the cake while offering their heartfelt wishes to Old Man Nolan.

Eugene, who was worried that his grandpa might get too tired after standing for too long, instructed one of the maids to help him return to his room. Just as the rest of the guests were getting ready to leave the villa, the huge screen suddenly flickered as the slides were replaced by a section of CCTV footage which started playing. It seemed to be showing one of the store rooms in the villa and there was a guy and a woman standing there with their backs facing the camera. Their conversation could barely be heard.

"Put this in the wine later."

That sentence successfully drew the attention of the guests in the living room who were getting ready to leave. All of them stopped in their tracks and turned to stare at the screen.

Eugene, who was standing not far away from the platform, naturally saw the video too. He could even tell that the voice belonged to Aleena.

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He knitted his eyebrows, extremely suspicious of who did thet.
Wes it the person who deleted the video?
Or wes there someone deliberetely scheming egeinst Aleene?
The video continued end showed Aleene hending e white pill to the weiter.
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He knitted his eyebrows, extremely suspicious of who did that.
Was it the person who deleted the video?

Or was there someone deliberately scheming against Aleena?
The video continued and showed Aleena handing a white pill to the waiter.
The waiter took it and asked, "Miss Jones, what is this?"
As usual, Aleena sounded haughty. "It's none of your business. After you drop it in, just wait near our table. Once I call you, bring it over to me."
Startled, the waiter quickly rejected, "No, I can't do it! Miss Jones, you should find someone else to do it. If Young Master Nolan finds out, he will punish us!"
Aleena said, "All you have to do is serve a glass of wine. After this, I'll instruct someone to delete the surveillance footage. No one will find out anything. Not a soul."
However, the waiter held onto his stand. "I really can't do it, Miss Jones. I finally got the opportunity to work for the Nolan Family after passing countless interviews. If Young Master Nolan finds out, I will definitely be fired."
Aleena didn't say a word and just took out a card from her bag. "There's 200 thousand in it, which I'm sure is equivalent to your annual salary. You just have to serve a glass of wine, that's all. Besides, there are so many maids and there's no surveillance camera so no traces can be detected. Plus, you're not the main culprit of this matter so what are you afraid of? Aren't you afraid to offend me?"
Hesitating, the waiter asked again, "Are you sure you'll delete the surveillance footage?"
"Don't worry. I don't want to expose myself either!"
"Then who are you aiming at?"
"Olivia!"

"Isn't she Master Merlin's doctor? I can't do it, Miss Jones. Young Master Nolan will definitely kill me if he finds out!"

Aleena said, "Wealth is always accompanied by risk. Besides, money doesn't grow on trees, not to mention 200 thousand. How about this? Once you complete this task, I'll offer you another reward of at least 100 thousand. In the future, if I successfully marry into the Nolan Family, you'll have become a great contributor. By then, I can even promote you to the position of the butler of the Nolan Family."

At last, the waiter couldn't resist the temptation and agreed to Aleena's request.

Before Aleena walked away, she reminded again, "Keep in mind that the wine I want is the wine with the drugs."

As soon as she finished her sentence, the screen on the stage suddenly blacked out.

At once, the crowd in the hall burst into an uproar.

"Oh my god! It's so shocking that Miss Jones is such a person in private."

"She's truly a disgrace to her father, who has always been an honest man. How did his daughter grow up to be so deceitful?"

"Strange. Since she's the one who drugged Doctor Maxwell, why did she seek revenge on Doctor Maxwell instead?"

"Because she's foolish. She accidentally drank the glass of wine that was drugged. What makes me speechless is she even accused Doctor Maxwell for being cunning and evil."

Right now, Alex and Hayden were in front of Eugene. When they finished watching the footage, they felt sick for some reason, not to mention Eugene.

"Do you think that there's something wrong with her mind?" Alex's voice was loud enough for only all three of them to hear. Furrowing his eyebrows, Hayden replied, "I think she's just trapped in her dream." On the other hand, Eugene seemed utterly disgusted. Ever since he heard Aleena say that she would marry into the Nolan family and promote the waiter to become a butler, his expression had darkened and disdain was evident on his face. How could there be such a shameless person on this earth? "Who did this? Wasn't this video deleted?" Alex asked. Hayden replied, "Did the person who deleted the video do this?" "I don't think so. Since he deleted it, he definitely wanted to conceal it from the public so he would be shooting himself in the foot if he played it now. I think the person who did this is either someone who is holding grudges against Aleena or an expert in computers." Upon hearing that, Eugene suddenly glanced at the time and realized that it had been an hour ever since Olivia left. Therefore, they must have reached home by now. Chapter 327 He suddenly smiled. He knew that bret wouldn't let it slide eesily! Yet, his smile stertled Alex end Heyden. Alex weved his hend before Eugene's eyes. "Eugene, you're scering me! Whet's going on here? Do you know who did this?"

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Yet, his smile startled Alex and Hayden.

Alex waved his hand before Eugene's eyes. "Eugene, you're scaring me! What's going on here? Do you know who did this?" Raising his eyebrows, Eugene didn't say a word. Right at that moment, the screen in the hall lit up again. Then, a woman's loud moan rang, followed by a man's voice. Everyone couldn't help but gasp in surprise while looking at the screen, which showed a man and a woman having s*x in a room. The woman was facing the camera so everyone recognized her immediately—it was none other than Aleena. Her eyes were closed and she was enjoying herself. On the other hand, although the man, who was rocking on top of the woman, was not facing the camera, his figure looked similar to Ben. At once, Eugene's face turned grave. Although he was glad that Aleena was being taught a lesson, and although this video would only tarnish Aleena and Ben's reputation, he was unhappy at the fact that the brat was watching this kind of video. In a cold voice, Eugene immediately instructed, "Turn off the screen!"

After that, he said politely to the guests, "My grandfather's birthday party will end here since we have some private matters to settle. Kindly make a move."

Gossiping with great relish, everyone started to disperse since the screen was already turned off and the host had asked the guests to leave.

[&]quot;Miss Jones has completely embarrassed herself today!"

"Indeed. It's shocking that she has grown into such a disgraceful woman when her father is an honest and upright person."
"Aleena must still be in a muddle due to the drug."
"That's not a sound reason at all. If she's not in the right mind, she should've gone home. Look at where she is. How can she do such a disgraceful act in someone else's house? What's worse is everybody knows it now. Sigh. I wonder how she's going to live honorably from now on."
"Ben really knows how to seize opportunities. Didn't Eugene just chase away the woman he was dating? It has barely been a few hours and he's already in bed with Aleena."
"If Ben and Aleena end up together, it would be a more reliable marriage than uniting with the Smith Family."
"So turns out it's a beneficial incident?"
"Do you think that the arrogant Young Lady would be interested in Ben, who's fickle and frivolous, if she wasn't drugged? Didn't you hear what Miss Jones said? She's only interested in Eugene!"
On the other side, Eugene walked out the door with a phone in his hand. After he found a quiet spot, he called North.
The call was answered after two beeps and North's cool voice rang.
"How is it? Have you received my present?"
Suppressing his anger, Eugene scolded, "You're still so young! Why are you watching these nasty videos?"
Speechless, North rolled his eyes. "I didn't watch it. I only connected it to the screen and played it for all

of you!"

It was only then did Eugene realize he had been impulsive so he softened his voice. "You're still young so don't watch this kind of video in the future. It's not good for you."

Pursing his lips, North replied, "I got it but only you think that I'm still young."

Eugene broke out laughing. "Yeah. You've even learned to seek revenge for your mother in your own way."

Unhappy, North didn't say a word. He had thought that he would be praised but he received a lecture instead.

Eugene knew that he was in the wrong. "How is your mommy and what is she doing now?"

"She's talking to Uncle George." After that, North paused for a second before asking, "Will both of you split up?"

Eugene smiled. Olivia and him were actually not the saddest when they quarreled, but him. After spending so much effort to create meeting opportunities for them and bringing them together, North still

had to suffer in anxiety.

It was forgivable if Olivia had no idea about it, but he shouldn't let his son worry about them anymore.

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He esked, "Are you efreid thet your mommy end I will split up?"

For e second, the other end of the phone went silent but soon, the child's cool end errogent voice reng egein. "Whet is there to be efreid of? You're not the only guy in this world."

Eugene refuted, "But they're not your fether!"

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Eugene chuckled. Then, his voice suddenly beceme croeky while emotions surged in his heert. "Don't worry, son. I won't let enybody snetch your mommy ewey end you definitely won't heve eny chences of celling someone else your deddy."

North wes delighted but he pretended to be scornful when he spoke, "Well, it won't be certein if you don't work herder."

Quietly, Eugene lifted his lips into e smile. "Alright, I'll work herd. Now, turn off the surveillence cemere end go to sleep. You cen leeve the rest to me."

Obediently, North egreed end hung up the phone.

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When Eugene welked up to the cer, he sew the cer plete number end found that it was Eric Jones, Aleene's fether.

He asked, "Are you afraid that your mommy and I will split up?"

For a second, the other end of the phone went silent but soon, the child's cool and arrogant voice rang again. "What is there to be afraid of? You're not the only guy in this world."

Eugene refuted, "But they're not your father!"

North paused again and after some time, he said huffily, "But what can I do if you're so useless?"

Eugene chuckled. Then, his voice suddenly became croaky while emotions surged in his heart. "Don't worry, son. I won't let anybody snatch your mommy away and you definitely won't have any chances of calling someone else your daddy."

North was delighted but he pretended to be scornful when he spoke, "Well, it won't be certain if you don't work harder."

Quietly, Eugene lifted his lips into a smile. "Alright, I'll work hard. Now, turn off the surveillance camera and go to sleep. You can leave the rest to me."

Obediently, North agreed and hung up the phone.

When Eugene was walking back to the villa after the call ended, a car drove into the front yard. Curious as to who it would be, he didn't resume his pace and just waited there.

The car drove all the way to the door before it stopped.

When Eugene walked up to the car, he saw the car plate number and found that it was Eric Jones, Aleena's father.

When the car door opened, a man and a woman got out of the car. The man looked like he was in his 40s or 50s, was tall and had deep-set features.

On the other hand, the woman was gentle and beautiful just like a typical noble lady. She was none other than Kelly Hills, Aleena's mother.

Eugene stepped forward and greeted them. "Hello, Uncle Eric and Aunt Kelly!"

"Eugene, what's going on?!" Eric said anxiously. "Lara didn't explain the incident clearly over the phone just now and just told me to rush over. I'm still on duty!"

An icy smile appeared on Eugene's face. They're really good at scheming. Now that they have fallen out with the Smiths, they are trying to establish connections with the Jones.

"I'm not sure about the ins and outs either. Uncle Eric, please come in first."

However, Eric was still anxious. "How is Aleena?"

Eugene seemed hesitant. "The house's internet was hacked just now and some disgraceful video of her was played. I'm still investigating it now."

Eric, who was walking forward, stopped his pace and asked Eugene in doubt, "What disgraceful video?"

"We should speak inside," Eugene replied.

Eric then stopped asking questions and followed Eugene into the house.

Most of the guests had already left by this time and the remaining were some close friends.

However, everyone was gathered in front of one of the rooms.

Right at that moment, Lara threw a slap across Ben's face. "What were you thinking? How could you do that to Aleena?"

Clutching his face, Ben explained in grievance, "It's not my fault, Aunt Lara. It was Aleena who begged me. She said that she couldn't take it anymore so—"

[&]quot;How are you going to explain it to Uncle Eric later?"

In the midst of scolding Ben, Lara glanced at the door and pretended to just have noticed Eric and Kelly.

"Eric, Kelly, you're finally here." While saying, she walked up to them.

Edward walked over to them too and both parties greeted each other.

After that, Eric and Kelly exchanged a look and asked, "I didn't get what you said on the phone just now. What happened to Aleena?"

Lara sighed helplessly. "I don't even know where to start. Even I wish to kill my nephew. I'll pass him to you and you can do whatever you want to him."

After that, she dragged Ben to them. "Tell them yourself!"

Looking at Eric and Kelly, Ben kneeled down with a thump. "Uncle Eric, Aunt Kelly, I'm sorry. I didn't mean to take advantage of Aleena!"

Upon hearing that, Eric and Kelly's expressions changed drastically. "What?! You took advantage of Aleena? Where is she now?"

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Feeling uncomforteble, she even grunted unconsciously.

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Kelly welked into the room end gently nudged Aleene. "Aleene! Aleene, weke up!"

Unfortunetely, no metter how meny times Kelly celled Aleene, she didn't weke up. Helpless, Kelly could only cover her with the blenket end shut the door before welking out of the room.

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Kelly looked around and her eyes were instantly locked on the room where the door was half-opened. In a few steps, she dashed toward the room and pushed the door open only to find Aleena lying on the bed.

Aleena was still sleeping and she was almost fully naked. She looked like a mess!

Feeling uncomfortable, she even grunted unconsciously.

Kelly's brain buzzed as if thunder had struck her.

Their family was rather traditional. She and her husband were upright people and their daughter was definitely the apple of their eyes.

She always told her daughter that she must love herself and never do anything inappropriate before her marriage.

On the other hand, Aleena was always obedient, so how did she suddenly end up like that?

Kelly walked into the room and gently nudged Aleena. "Aleena! Aleena, wake up!"

Unfortunately, no matter how many times Kelly called Aleena, she didn't wake up. Helpless, Kelly could only cover her with the blanket and shut the door before walking out of the room.

Then, she walked directly toward Ben. Without hesitation, she raised her hand and swung it at his face!

A clear smack could be heard along with her heartbroken curse. "You b*stard!"

Ben staggered after the slap.

Hastily, Eric pulled Kelly over and asked, "What happened? Where is Aleena?"

Kelly pointed at Ben with her reddened eyes. "He assaulted our daughter!"

Upon hearing that, Eric's face turned dark and he glared at Ben fiercely. "You really did that?!"

Ben didn't try to explain and just said, "I'm sorry."

At once, fury coursed through Eric, causing him to kick Ben.

Ben was knocked over to the floor but he got up on the spot and kneeled. Then, he kowtowed to Kelly and Eric while saying sincerely, "Uncle Eric, Aunt Kelly, please don't be angry. Let me explain myself. I didn't assault Aleena. In fact, I care for her more than anyone else. To be honest, I've always admired her and what I did today was solely to save her. Uncle Eric and Aunt Kelly, don't worry. I'll be responsible and marry her! If I had an alternative, I swear I wouldn't have done it, but I asked for her permission and she agreed."

After all, Eric didn't know the details so he didn't understand what Ben was saying. "What do you mean?"

Ben replied, "Uncle Eric, Aleena was drugged and the potency is not only strong, but it also lasts for hours. I never wanted to hurt her and only wanted to bring her to the hospital. Unexpectedly, Aleena... Regardless, I'm a man and I will always be the one who is in the wrong. If you're angry, you may hit me!"

Eric was extremely shocked. "What do you mean, drugged? Who did it?"

While asking, he looked at Eugene. That glance was full of blame as if he was saying, My daughter was hurt at your place so you must take responsibility for it.

Eugene secretly scoffed while looking at Lara and Ben, who were putting up a show. What an interesting performance.

Ben first allowed Eric and Kelly to vent their anger on him. After that, he slowly led them into finding out that it was all their daughter's fault and he was only trying to save her.

Then, Eric and Kelly would feel extremely guilty toward Ben, who was misunderstood. Taking that opportunity, Ben would get twice the result easily through negotiation.

If Ben was clever enough, he might even secure himself a marriage.

What a brilliant tactic of making concessions in order to gain advantages!

Eugene was in a quandary as he said, "Uncle Eric, Aunt Kelly, I think you should watch the CCTV footage first."

After that, he led Eric and Kelly to the monitoring room and played the video that had been projected on the screen by North.

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Looking et Eugene, Eric esked, "But why wes she drugged insteed end wes even teken edventege of?"

Eugene expleined, "She plenned to drug my grendfether's doctor. Upon checking the surveillence footege, it turns out that both of them eccidentelly took the wrong wine gless, ceusing Aleene to drink the wine that wes meent for Doctor Mexwell. Just now, someone hecked our network end pleyed the video of Aleene end Ben when they were in the room. I immediately turned off the screen—"

Before Eugene could finish his sentence, Eric sprung up from the cheir end widened his eyes in shock. "Whet did you sey? Someone deliberetely pleyed the video of them when they were together in the room? Who wes it?!"

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After watching the video, apart from disbelief, Eric and Kelly were utterly ashamed. When did their obedient, sensible daughter become such a horrible person, who spent 200 thousand buying off a

waiter to drug someone?

Even worse, she had unashamedly promised the waiter that she would promote him to the position of butler once she married into the Nolan Family.

If they hadn't heard her voice or seen her face, they wouldn't have believed that the person in the video was their daughter!

Looking at Eugene, Eric asked, "But why was she drugged instead and was even taken advantage of?"

Eugene explained, "She planned to drug my grandfather's doctor. Upon checking the surveillance footage, it turns out that both of them accidentally took the wrong wine glass, causing Aleena to drink the wine that was meant for Doctor Maxwell. Just now, someone hacked our network and played the video of Aleena and Ben when they were in the room. I immediately turned off the screen—"

Before Eugene could finish his sentence, Eric sprung up from the chair and widened his eyes in shock. "What did you say? Someone deliberately played the video of them when they were together in the room? Who was it?!"

The headline in tomorrow's newspaper would definitely be about his shameless daughter doing disgraceful acts with Ben at Old Man Nolan's party. If that truly happened, how could he live respectably in the future?

In contrast, Eugene remained calm and continued, "Yes. If you don't believe me, you may ask whoever was present tonight. We were all in the living room when someone hacked the internet and connected the projector to the surveillance camera in Aleena and Ben's room. Therefore, it was almost like a live video. When you arrived, I was in the midst of investigating the person who hacked the internet in the house. Unfortunately, that person is an expert so we failed to find him."

Then, he deliberately paused before continuing, "But I have a rough idea. Would you like to know, Uncle Eric?"

Eric sat down again. "Sure, go on."

Kelly was completely shattered by this incident now and she had no idea how she would handle the endless waves of gossip tomorrow.

After standing up to turn off the surveillance footage in the monitoring room, Eugene sat back down on his seat. "I think whoever benefits from playing the video is the culprit."

Eric was still in a muddle. "Who would that be?"

Eugene replied, "What would you do now that this has happened?"

Eric took a deep breath and said, "What else can I do? Since things have taken such a turn, if I force you to marry my daughter, I would be bullying you. Actually, you're the one that I favor the most from the beginning. I've even talked to your father about it. Plus, Aleena likes you too..."

Eugene was speechless. Marry his daughter?

No, thanks! He already had a wife and a son.

In order to show his seriousness, Eugene cleared his throat and said, "Uncle Eric, Aleena is just a friend to me and I've never seen her as anything more than that. If it isn't for you and Aunt Kelly's sake, and since Aleena is also a victim herself, I ought to give Doctor Maxwell an explanation. Regardless, Aleena shouldn't scheme against others. If Doctor Maxwell was drugged, my grandfather's treatment would be affected. I'm sure that you've heard of it too that it's all because of Doctor Maxwell that my grandfather survived this time. She's our family's savior and even I need to be respectful toward her!"

Eugene's words hit hard, especially toward Eric, who was upright and honest.

Eric even felt that those words were like an invisible palm slapping his face mercilessly, causing his face to burn at once.

In his whole life, he had never been so lost for words after being reproached.

It was only after a long time did he explain with a flushed face, "It's all our fault for not disciplining Aleena due to our busy schedule, causing her to act willfully. We'll find a time to apologize to Doctor Maxwell in person."