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"I'm really sorry about that. No one taught me that since I was young."

While Edward was speechless, Merlin said to him, "You're in no position to make any decision in this family. So, just be quiet." When he was done, he turned to look at Brian. "Brian, come sit next to me!"

Brian responded and brought a chair next to him. Then, he gestured to the bodyguard holding Tres to remove the tape over Tres' mouth.

"So, Tres, was I right?"

Even though Tres looked indignant, he had to succumb at another person's turf. For the past few days, Brian really went all out with him; taking turns with him from day until night so that he couldn't catch any sleep at all. Otherwise, he wouldn't have allowed Brian to have his way.

In the end, he could only face Lara in embarrassment as he stole a look at her and answered in a resigned tone, "Yes, it's Miss Lara who instructed us to do all that!"

Staring at him in disbelief, she couldn't believe that Tres would be so unreliable when he was usually so respectful toward her. "When did I instruct you to do any of those things? What's my motive?"

After snorting, Brian then said, "That's because Dr. Maxwell is Eugene's girlfriend, and you would never let any chance against Eugene to pass by. Moreover, I think the most important reason that makes you hate her to the core is because she cured Grandpa of his illness! Because Grandpa has recovered, all the time you spent taking care of him has gone down the drain, causing a delay in your plans to take over the Nolan Group. That's why you're blaming this on Dr. Maxwell."

Lara chuckled. "Since you're so good at making up stories, why didn't you become a storyteller?"

"We can tell just how ambitious you are through everything happening today which was caused by you," Brian sneered. "Even though your ultimate aim is to take the Nolan Group as your own, Edward has no

intention to fight for the position of the president at all, and you prodded him from the back. It doesn't matter whether you admit it or not because this makes no difference to the things which you have done, and it's impossible for you to wriggle out of the situation as the innocent party!"

Hearing that, Edward lifted his eyes at Brian, and he had to admit that Brian hit the nail on the head. Then, he cast a suspicious look at Lara. Although he knew that she was ambitious and admired this type of woman, he never thought that he would become a part of her plot and be made use of.

How should he describe his feelings?

Maybe it was a disappointment for him. As it turned out, the woman whom he had wholeheartedly believed and protected thought of him as nothing different from anyone else in her heart.

Lara panicked more and more, especially when she saw the disappointment in Edward's eyes, she was even more afraid. If even he didn't speak up for her, she may really not be able to walk out of this conference room today!

"Don't believe them, hubby. They're making up all these stories just to crucify me. Look at the injuries on Anna Maxwell and Tres. Isn't that because Eugene made them say the things which he wanted? Dear, anyone can doubt me, but not you!"

After listening to her, Edward thought that it made sense. It was true that not many people can tolerate Eugene's methods, and it was highly possible that Eugene had fabricated the truth in order to avenge what happened back then so that Lara would be exiled.

Others may not believe her, but not him! She was the person who shared his bed, and if he didn't protect her, it would be as good as watching them hammer her to death!

Coming to this resolution, Edward placed his arm around her shoulders. "I know. Don't worry, I believe you!"

However, Eugene sniggered at those words. "I'll give you an extra chance, then. People like you deserve it even if others do you in!"

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"Your stepmom has a point," Edward argued. "They can be completely forced into this by you."

"Fine, I'll make you give up completely today, then!" Eugene answered. "Bring Isaac Black in!"

A startled Edward remembered that Isaac was the man they sent to sow discord between Brian and Eugene, but there was no news from Isaac afterward. He thought that Eugene had gotten rid of him, but he was still alive until this day!

Isaac had been staying at Brian's place the whole time with no injuries on him, and Brian had promised to keep him alive as long as he agreed to cooperate with Eugene's plan for today.

After entering the room, Brian smiled at everyone before greeting Lara, "Hi, Miss Lara!"

As it had become a habit for her to deny everything, Lara blurted subconsciously, "Who are you?"

"I'm Isaac," he answered with a smile. "Did you forget that you're the one who brought me back from Master?"

"That's rubbish. I don't know you at all," she said.

Eugene's eyes drifted to Edward. "You don't know him as well?"

It was impossible for Edward to deny that he knew Brian, so after contemplation, he answered, "I know him. Isn't he the guy who killed your mother in a car accident back then?"

Eugene nodded. "I didn't expect that you still remember him. Then, do you know who instigated him to do so?"

A baffled Edward muttered, "Didn't he accidentally knock her down because of drunk driving?"

A cold smile spread across Eugene's face. "I'll let him tell you the story himself!"

Immediately, Isaac realized what he had to do and shared, "More than a decade ago, I applied for the bodyguard position in the Nolan Family, but I'm not charismatic and didn't buy over the person-in-charge, so I was eliminated. President Nolan saw that I'm quite capable and hired me to protect Young Master Brian and his mother. Indeed, those days were very relaxed, and soon after, I had a girlfriend. Still, the salary I received was not enough to make ends meet, and right at that time, Lara Roberts contacted me and gave me 200,000 upfront. My salary back then was only 2,000, and this figure was equivalent to my entire life of work. Unable to resist the temptation, I became her henchman, and the first thing she wanted me to do was to find an opportunity to kill President Nolan's mother—"

Before he could finish, Lara shouted in fury, "Are all of you just going to let Eugene bring any kind of Tom, Dick and Harry to set me up? I don't know any of these people, and that's all poppycock he's saying!"

In response to that, Eugene cast a look at Curtis, who immediately led two bodyguards forward.

The bodyguard apologized and wanted to grab hold of her. "Pardon me, Madam!"

A panic-stricken Lara staggered backward. "What are you going to do? Are you just going to watch, Edward?"

Getting up on his feet, Edward was about to help out when he was held back by other bodyguards. "What are you doing, Eugene?" he demanded angrily.

As Eugene was still seated in a chair, he smirked devilishly. "I would like to let you know why it's over for you and see it clearly for yourself just how blind you are!"

"With the unfounded statements by these people?" Edward snapped.

"Let him finish!" Eugene said, gesturing to Isaac.

"Back then, I was a little afraid to do it," Isaac continued. "So, Lara Roberts told me to have some drinks and make it look like I was drunk driving, saying that I could get away with three to five years of jail time, and just like that, I was convinced by her. So, I picked a rainy day and followed behind Mrs. Nolan's cab. When it came to a downhill road, I stepped on the gas pedal and rammed into her. After that, I was worried that the truth would be exposed, and I confessed my mistake to President Nolan, telling him that it was unintentional. At that time, he had no idea about my betrayal and thought that it was an accident. Even though he beat me up, he kept me alive and sent me to the police station. Just like Lara Roberts said, I was sentenced to three years in jail based on the drink-driving law. In the second year, Lara Roberts bailed me out and I left for Mastar."

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"Previously, Lara Roberts got me back and wanted me to frame this incident on President Nolan. The reason was to sow discord between him and his brother, Young Master Brian, and she even taught me what to say. Since Young Master Brian already had a rift with President Nolan, he easily believed my words and went directly to President Nolan to settle the score. It looks like Young Master Brian found out the truth a few days later, though, and I have no other choice but to come clean now!"

After that, Eugene turned to Edward and asked, "Is there anything you would like to say?"

Rendered dumbstruck, Edward gazed back at him. If it was anything else, he might not have believed it, but not this matter because he really knew it and it was even his idea.

However, why was Isaac's version of the story different from what he knew?

Isaac's girlfriend was Lara's secretary. When the accident happened back then, Isaac had asked Lara for help and she refused him in order to avoid suspicion.

In spite of that, she had bailed him out for the sake of his girlfriend and sent him abroad after that.

In that case, did Lara lie to me? As Edward stared at Lara, he asked, "Tell me, what's going on?"

As her lips were sealed by tape, she couldn't say anything, but she shook her head vigorously.

"Are you sure you want to listen to her excuses?" Eugene asked.

"I've already divorced your mother, so she had no reason to do something like that!" Edward said while looking at him.

The smile on Eugene's face turned even colder and he instructed someone to rip off the tape on Lara's mouth.

Gazing at her, Edward was overcome with helplessness. Actually, he was already starting to believe them, but he had to ask for himself. "Tell me, Lara. What the hell is going on? Didn't you tell me that you only bailed him out because of his girlfriend so that they could be together? Why did he say that you're the one who asked him to do it?"

She looked wronged as she struggled while saying, "I have no idea why he would say that, either. Back then, I helped him out of kindness because of his girlfriend!"

Eugene's lips turned upward to form an indifferent sneer. "Weren't you the one who was adamantly insisting earlier that you don't know him? So, you know him now?"

A stunned Lara was now at a loss of what to do and her mind went blank as she had completely forgotten what she said earlier.

Everything Eugene did today had caught her off guard and it didn't cross her mind that he would feign illness to set up such a big trap for her.

Was she unguarded?

No, because she had clearly gone to the hospital several times.

Was Eugene too crafty for her?

Not exactly, either.

Lara was too careless and wanted the Nolan Group too much, confidently assuming that Eugene was hospitalized due to poisoning. That was because it was a foolproof plan.

It was just that she didn't think that he would discover it and used her plan against her to set her up!

Looking at him calmly without any trace of panic, she elaborated, "I'm just having my guard up against you. Who knows what other tricks you have up your sleeve to frame me?"

"You really have a knack for twisting the truth." Chuckling softly, Eugene cast Isaac a look so that he would continue.

In reply, Isaac nodded and continued saying, "In fact, my girlfriend broke up with me after that accident. Seeing how much I did for her, she told me the truth and said that Lara Roberts had intentionally sent her to seduce me so that I would risk my life for her! I even have a voice recording of my recent conversation with Lara Roberts."

After that, he fished out his cell phone from his pocket and pressed the play button to reveal Lara's voice echoing from it.

"Everything will be done if you just make him believe it. You're working for Eugene, and he was the one who instructed you to do that so that he could have a foothold in the Nolan Family. Since Brian always had a grudge against him, he'll definitely look for Eugene to settle the score after hearing this. At that time, no matter what Eugene says, it will be useless."

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As soon as these words came out, an uproar broke out from the crowd. As Lara's voice was quite unique, just a few phrases would be enough to recognize it, not to mention such a long statement.

However, it didn't cross their minds that it was really her, so how would she wriggle herself out of this now?

With looks of schadenfreude on their faces, they turned to Lara. As a matter of fact, after what happened back then, everyone didn't say it out loud because they were afraid of Edward and Lara's influence, but they all knew it in their hearts that those two were the ones who had planned it.

And now, Eugene had made his counterattack by bringing in the evidence one by one. Like a knife slowly slicing meat, he watched as she made her last struggle before death.

Oh, it really made one wonder how Edward would react when he found out that his wife was actually such a vicious person. Yet, he was still rather composed now because he was a part of this plan, so everything was within his expectations.

However, it didn't occur to him that Lara would be so careless, not even knowing that someone had recorded her conversation.

At the same time, Lara was filled with remorse; she was too careless and didn't know that her assistant had blurted out to Isaac the fact that she had sent the assistant to seduce him. In addition, she thought that Isaac was working for her the whole time and was already her henchman. Thus, she didn't guard against him, but it was already too late to say anything now as the voice recording continued to play.

"Will Brian believe that Eugene killed his own mother to have a foothold?" Isaac asked.

"You have a point. Put it this way, then. Initially, Eugene wanted to create a fake accident as a fudge to show us that he was sincere about breaking off all ties with his mother, but it backfired unexpectedly and his mother really died in the accident. That way, even if Eugene didn't do it on purpose, Brian won't let him get away with it, either. As long as the brothers fall out with each other, it's mission accomplished for you."

"What about me? I'll be dead if I fall into Eugene's hands."

"It works as well if you go directly to Brian, and it will be best if you can bump into him unexpectedly. You're just carrying out orders and have no other choice, so Brian can't do anything to you and will look for Eugene to get even instead."

"Miss Lara, will you really give me a million after I do this?"

"Of course, it's not the first time that we're working together, right? Did I give you a penny less from the 200,000 I promised you the last time?"

"Thank you, Miss Lara. Don't worry, I'll find a chance soon to get this done for you."

The recording stopped at this point and Isaac turned to everyone. "This is a recording of my conversation with Lara Roberts that day in a private suite. Because of the fake girlfriend incident from back then, I became wary and wanted to keep this as protection. If she doesn't pay me, I'll use this against her, but I didn't think that it can be used as evidence now!"

This time, Eugene didn't look at Lara, but kept his eyes on Edward instead. "Is there anything else you would like to say?"

With a stunned expression, it finally dawned on Edward that Isaac was the one telling the truth and he gaped at Lara blankly, hoping that she would convince him again. "Is what Isaac is saying true? Are

you really the one who hired someone to kill Ellen?"

As she trembled, Lara was one who had always made a clean kill all these years. Even though she had targeted Eugene many times, he never got a hold on her even once. How did she end up in this state today?

Despite that, she continued to argue. "It's obvious that the recording is fake. Am I so dumb as to let him have a recording when I'm hiring someone to do something like this?"

Giving Eugene an eye-roll, Edward seemed to be asking whether this explanation would pass.

On the other hand, Eugene burst into laughter. Seeing how terrified Edward was, he suddenly felt that it was truly more gratifying than killing Edward.

With his eyes locked on Edward, Eugene commented, "She claimed that I forced the stories on the witnesses and faked the evidence. Should I also invite the hospital director and the cosmetic surgeon from Trinity Hospital to come over? It's fine if she said that I forced one or two of them, but this is already the third witness and she's still denying it. However, you just love listening to her excuses when in fact, you know it very clearly in your heart that Lara Roberts was the mastermind behind my mother's murder as well the real culprit who kept targeting me and North. Still, you refuse to accept this fact. Let me guess why this is so."

His lips turned upward. "I got it. It's because you're afraid. You're afraid that you're really so blind!"

Enraged by his words, Edward refuted, "What am I afraid of? Everything you provided can't stand up to scrutiny, and even if what you said is true, what's her motive? She already has me, which is what she wanted, so she has no reason to do all these things!"

Pity gradually crept over Eugene's eyes. "You're pathetic, Edward Nolan. Do you really think that it's you that she wants? What she really wants is the Nolan Group! You're merely a stepping stone for her to get to that, but no matter how much she has calculated, she never imagined that the position of the head of the Nolan Family, which was supposed to be yours, was handed over to me directly by Grandpa!"

Edward bellowed, "Don't just speak offhandedly, Eugene! Are you making up stories and just saying anything you like?" His voice carried a hint of inexplicable panic amidst his fury.

While retaining his composure, Eugene admitted, "I know that you won't give it a rest until I make you give up!" Once again, he instructed Curtis, "Let them in!"

Hearing that, everyone exchanged glances at each other. No matter how they looked at it, Eugene had come prepared; otherwise, how could he keep the witnesses coming in one after another?

In order to make Edward give up, he had really gone the extra mile!

Soon, about a dozen people walked into the room while being led by Curtis. There were men and women, and they appeared to be in their fifties.

Then, Eugene stood up to greet all of them. "On behalf of my mother, I thank everyone for your help," he said and instructed someone to bring the chairs over.

One of the men responded, "You're welcome. If it's not for you, we wouldn't be able to get together like this!"

"Please take a seat, everyone!" Eugene said and shifted his attention to the surprised Edward and Lara at the conference table. "I suppose the both of you know who these people are. Aren't you going to say hi?"

The look on Lara's face turned into a scow and her originally fair face was already void of all traces of blood as she thought, Since Eugene brought them all here, does it mean that he knew all about what happened thirty years ago? But, how is that possible?

Technology back then wasn't as advanced as it was now, and they were all separated for such a long time that even she didn't know where they were living. How did Eugene manage to find them?

Meanwhile, the more Edward scrutinized these people, the more familiar he thought they were. Standing up from the conference table, he paced toward his ex-classmates. "Y-You guys are... Goodness! Why are all of you here?"

"Do you still recognize us?" one man asked.

A delighted Edward laughed. "Of course I do! You're Nigel Lowe, and you were my rival in love back in those years!"

Nigel chuckled before he then said, "Do you still remember this? You have a rather good memory!"

As he was proud of himself, Edward started, "That's Christian Langdon, Heather Lively, Dorothy Schmidt..." He went on to call out their names until he reached the last person. "You're... Lower... But, what's your name, again?"

Casting him a coquettish look, the woman uttered, "Oh my, I chased after you for so long back then. How dare you remember everyone else but forget me!"

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Edward laughed heartily. "No, I was just startled for a moment. Oh, I remember now! You're Hannah Lower, and I remember you were a crybaby who would turn on the waterworks easily when we were young."

Glaring at him, Hannah retorted, "That's all because you broke my heart."

"I was ignorant back then. Don't hold it against me," he said with a chuckle. As though he just remembered Lara, he spun his head around at her. "Lara, come over quickly. Can you still recognize our old classmates?"

However, she was still held back by a bodyguard and could only smile awkwardly.

Only then did Edward snap back to the situation. As he was overjoyed to see his old classmates, he had forgotten about the current situation. Why did Eugene bring all of them here? "All of you are here because..." he trailed off, his voice filled with bafflement.

"Firstly, I must apologize to you," Nigel started. "I've been feeling bad all these years, actually, but later when I heard that you're together with Lara, I thought it was a good thing and didn't say anything. This time when your son found us, I learned that Ellen had already passed away in a car accident."

A confused Edward said, "Tell me the main point. What do you mean?"

"Do you remember our first gathering after graduation?" Nigel asked. "It was in a restaurant that caught fire after that."

Nodding his head blankly, Edward answered, "I remember, and it was Lara who saved me."

Nigel helplessly shook his head. "It wasn't like that—"

Before he could finish, Lara's panicked voice echoed loudly. "Nigel Lowe!"

When all eyes darted toward her, she forced herself to be composed and tried to turn the situation around. "I recognize you now. Oh my, it's been years since we last met. You still remember me, right?"

A frosty smile appeared on Nigel's face. "For sure I do. You're my first love." After Hannah cast an indifferent stare at him, he immediately explained with a grin, "I'm only saying that to start the story of what happened back then. Of course, my favorite person is you, my wife!"

It was only then did Hannah turn away.

Edward blurted in surprise, "Both of you are married?"

"Yeah. Fortunately, she's the one I married," Nigel answered.

"I'm also glad that you're the one I married!" she said as well.

Everyone burst out into laughter hearing that; for those who didn't know, they just listened to it as a joke, but Edward knew that Lara was the one whom Nigel liked at first and Hannah had a crush on himself.

Now, both of them were married to each other and what was more frustrating was that they sounded so glad.

Inexplicably, he had a feeling that those statements were like two slaps across his and Lara's faces. Why are they glad? Was it because Lara and I are not good? Or, are they purposely respecting each other in front of a crowd?

In spite of that, he still didn't know what Nigel wanted to say. "So, tell me. What happened?" he asked.

"The fire back then was deliberately set by someone and it wasn't an accident at all," Nigel confessed.

An astonished Edward asked, "Who did it?"

Pointing a finger at Lara's direction, Nigel answered, "It's her!"

Following Nigel's gaze, Edward gazed at Lara with a livid face in the end and he was shocked. "That's impossible! Why would she commit arson?"

Nigel snorted and turned to look at Lara. "Do you want me to say it for you or you want to say it yourself?"

Gritting her teeth with hatred, she wondered just how capable and influential Eugene was. Not only was he able to find them, he was even able to convince them to testify for him. It seemed like he had been hiding his true powers in their previous exchanges!

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Perhaps he had been planning this a long time ago. Otherwise, how could he possibly find all of her classmates and invite them over in such a short time?

Edward turned to Lara as well. "Lara, what does he mean? Why did you start the fire?"

Seeing that Lara looked like she wanted to tear him apart, Nigel smiled and said, "Since you don't want to say anything, let me tell him—"

However, before he could start talking, she asked angrily, "Why? You promised me that this matter will never see the light of day. Do you know that you only lived this long because I trusted you?"

He sneered. "I know you're ruthless enough to do whatever it takes to achieve your goals. You're cold to the bones. I just didn't expect that you would end up killing Ellen! What kind of deep hatred made you willing to let her die? At that time, I actually believed that it was just a moment of jealousy. If I had said

something at the time, maybe Ellen wouldn't have died, and you might not have been able to go around creating trouble for so long."

The more he listened to them, the more Edward became more confused as he glanced between the two of them. However, his heart had started to waver, and he didn't want to listen to Lara's excuses anymore.

He said to Nigel, "Make this clear. What the hell is going on?"

Nigel fixed a fierce glare on Edward. "You're really something. You were already married to Ellen, yet you divorced her for Lara. The most annoying thing is that you even used such a method!"

Edward looked embarrassed. Why did Eugene tell him everything? "You don't know the truth about what happened back then..."

Nigel retorted, "How could I not know? Didn't you and Lara deliberately design a whole play about Ellen cheating in order to force Ellen to divorce you? Above anything else, I'd believe you if you claimed that someone else cheated, but how could Ellen possibly do that? She loved you so much. You're just cruel. At any rate, she gave birth to two sons for you, yet you actually forced her to leave? How could you have such a heart?"

This matter wasn't a secret. Pretty much the entire Nolan Family knew about it, but talking about it in front of so many people still made Edward a little embarrassed.

"I didn't mean to force her. She gave up her divided portion of the property, then left the house and everything else behind. All right. Let's not talk about her anymore. You—"

Nigel didn't let Edward finish speaking as he fiercely continued, "If Lara hadn't found her and admitted that you plotted the whole cheating act, how could she be sad and not want anything? You're not hers anymore. Do you think she'll still want what's yours? It's not that I want to criticize you, Edward, but you're really something. At any rate, she's your legal wife. If you didn't like her, you shouldn't have married her. You ruined her life..."

Hannah reached out and tugged on Nigel before she began to complain about him as he kept going on and on. "All right. All right. Let's get serious. That's all in the past, so what's the use of talking about it now?"

"It's useless. She's already dead. Even if he repents, it's no use!" He grew increasingly angrier as he spoke since he had truly misjudged Edward. Was what Edward did something a person would do?

Edward actually felt sorry for Ellen, but she didn't say anything at that time, so he didn't know that Lara had approached her! Then, he took a deep breath. "Okay. Okay. Stop criticizing me. I feel guilty about it too. Tell me what's going on. I remember that Lara saved me. How did she end up starting the fire?"

Glancing at Lara, Nigel slowly enunciated, "What do you mean by Lara saved you? Even if she saved you, she was just compensating you. When we were at the party, I went to the bathroom and happened to see a figure floating by. I thought it was Lara, so I chased after her out of curiosity. Then, I heard Lara say to two men, 'Take action once she enters the room'."

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"I had no idea back then, so I didn't think it was anything. It wasn't until the fire happened that I started to feel suspicious. My sixth sense told me that her actions signified arson, so after she followed you to the hospital, I found her. I said I heard the conversation between her and the two men, and I asked her why she did it. As a result, I tricked Lara. She relied on the fact that I like her to beg me, saying that you're about to get engaged to her. She was suddenly jealous and wanted to be your knight in shining armor so that you wouldn't forget her. Although I found it somewhat hard to understand, I also felt sad, but I still kept it a secret and let her go."

Nigel continued, "But, after she went abroad, we gradually lost contact. I gradually stopped liking her, and my sanity finally returned. Something made me really think things through. In fact, at that time, I rushed into the restaurant too. Lara was standing sideways by the door and supporting you with one hand. The door of the private room was half closed. I didn't have time to think about it, so I asked you how you were doing. She hurriedly told me, 'She's fine.' Then, she walked out with you propped up against her. I asked if Ellen was still inside. She said that Ellen was worried that someone would go in and have a look, so she asked her to leave first. Then, I said that I'll go in and have a look, so she asked me to take care of you while she went in to take a look."

A while after I helped you get out, they came out. Now that I think about it, with the angle she was standing at the time and the way she was holding you, it's not impossible to say that she was closing the door of the private room!"

When everyone heard his explanation, they instantly knew what he wasn't saying—Lara wanted to kill Ellen in that fire!

Glancing at the whispering crowd, Lara said angrily, "With the assumption you're making, I also have the right to suspect that you went in because you wanted to close the door too!"

He cast her a faint glance, then retracted his gaze and looked at Edward, seemingly trying to compromise. "That is indeed my assumption, but you should judge for yourself. Lara started the fire because she wanted to save you."

For a moment, Edward was dumbfounded, after which he held Nigel and asked eagerly, "Are you telling the truth?"

Nigel gave him a bleak look. "Of course it's true. Do you think I have so much time on my hands that I would come all the way here just to lie to you? I can't get it off my conscience."

Hannah added, "In fact, Nigel wanted to come back several times to clarify this matter. However, when he heard that you and Lara were married, he figured that what was done could not be undone, but we didn't expect you to kill Ellen. Nigel blamed himself for not telling the truth earlier. This time, your son approached us and asked us about what happened back then, which was why we made a trip here."

Edward stepped back while uttering, "No. No..." Then, he turned to Lara. "Didn't you say that Ellen discussed starting the fire with two men? Why is it that you are the one who did it?"

Lara refuted, "It was Ellen. She deliberately schemed all of that in order to marry you. It's not me. They're just slandering me. They were all bribed by Eugene."

"Bullsh*t!" Nigel fought back on the spot. "It's already gotten to this point, yet you're still making excuses. You really fear nothing, huh?!"

Eugene looked at a dazed Edward with slightly cold eyes. "If my mother had set the fire, would she have allowed Lara to take the credit? To see who you're biased toward? If you have even the slightest bit of analytical skills, you won't be deceived by this woman to such a point. You've forgotten what my mother told you, haven't you? In that fire, my mother saved you. My mother extinguished the fire at the door of the private room with a broom. She endured the heat and moved the beam away. Lara did

enter, but she stole you from my mother and helped you out, but there were still people in the private room, and my mother was brought back in again. This way, others would think that it was Lara who saved you. I think if it weren't for Mr. Lowe rushing in and asking about my mother, it's very likely that my mother would have died in that fire!"

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Lara yelled, "Stop with the nonsense! What evidence do you have?"

However, her words just sounded like a dog barking, as everyone simply ignored her.

Everyone had their gazes fixed on Edward, who hadn't said a word in a long while. Indeed, if Ellen had set the fire to capture his heart, then why was he grateful to Lara?

It was because after Lara returned, Edward still didn't manage to get a divorce, so Ellen drugged him and they ended up having Brian. Because of this preconceived impression, he accepted Lara's provocation and hated Ellen to the core, feeling that his life had been ruined by her to the point where he didn't like Eugene and Brian. He disliked Brian, in particular, because he felt that it was a betrayal toward Lara.

However, he never thought that the woman was probably just using that method to keep him by her side.

What had he done?

He plotted a scene of Ellen cheating and forced her to divorce him and she even ended up dying at Lara's hands.

Lara was the one who directed that scene and Edward had liked her even more because of that scene where he didn't think he could live without her.

For so many years, he had been spoiling her and treating her as his savior, but how was he supposed to believe her now?

No matter how capable Eugene was, it was impossible for him to look for so many people to speak for him. The disappointment Edward felt was magnified. What he thought was affection and righteousness turned out to just be a conspiracy.

He stared at Lara with red-rimmed eyes. "You staged the entire incident and pitted her against me. Even if you wanted to be with me, why did you kill Ellen? We were already divorced!"

Lara initially wanted to make up more lies, but seeing that Edward already believed it, she simply gave up and sneered. "It's hard to guarantee that you won't rekindle your old feelings. Ellen is so shameless, and she even stalked you at school. I was better rest assured when she was dead."

Edward was immediately filled to the brim with anger as he pointed a finger at her. "Y-You're so heartless!"

Eugene snorted. His method was much simpler than what Edward planned as he instantly gave the bodyguard a look.

The bodyguard immediately understood and slapped Lara twice across the face.

The sound of her being slapped truly relieved Eugene's anger.

"Eugene, how dare you hit me!" Lara shouted angrily.

He let out a cold laugh. "If I hear you insult my mother again, you'll be getting more than these two slaps!"

With that, he stood up and walked to Nigel and Hannah before thanking politely, "Mr. Lowe, Mrs. Lowe, thank you for coming here for my mother's sake. If you're tired, you can head back and rest first. I'll treat you both to a meal tomorrow."

"Okay," Nigel responded.

Eugene ordered his men to bring the witnesses out first.

Everyone slowly left the conference room. After all the outsiders had left, whatever happened within closed doors were the affairs of the Nolan Family.

The somewhat bustling environment earlier became quiet in an instant.

He sat back in place and looked at Edward. "Is there anything else you want to say?"

For some reason, Edward felt guilty. "I didn't know she did so many things."

Eugene was reluctant to let him off the hook and wanted him to take a stand. "Now that you know, what are you going to do?"

Edward shot Lara a slightly bitter look, then sighed helplessly. "Whatever you want. She only made such a mistake because she cares too much about me!"

To that, Eugene chuckled and abruptly leaned back against his chair. His eyes were filled with disappointment, and he felt as if he had been sapped of vitality.

After knowing that Lara had done so many bad deeds, Edward was still speaking up for her.

Chapter 630

Sure enough...

It was no wonder that Lara was so fearless!

The man in front of Eugene only had this woman in his eyes and saw no one else.

Eugene's mother had asked him to let Edward off the hook, but he went the extra mile and found so much evidence!

Wouldn't it be good to just teach the man a lesson?

Eugene looked at his father, the smile on his face becoming colder and colder. "You don't care about my mother at all, and you don't care about me or North. Do you only care about Lara? I seriously suspect that you're involved in all these things too. People like you should go to hell along with Lara!"

Merlin was taken aback and subconsciously pulled Eugene and exclaimed, "Rocky!"

He glanced at Merlin. "Grandpa, don't you think I'm just helping them to achieve their aim?"

Merlin grew emotional and cried out, "Edward Nolan!" Then, he pointed at Lara. "That woman has broken up your entire family! She killed your wife, and now she's attacking your son and grandson. Don't you have a heart? Don't you know the difference between good and evil? How did I have a son like you?"

As he spoke, he threw a teacup at Edward's direction.

Edward subconsciously dodged before he explained guiltily, "Didn't I already say it? Eugene can take care of it any way he wants. I really didn't know about all the things she's done. I'm disappointed too,

but she's my wife, and everything she's done is for me. W-What do you want me to do?"

Eugene slapped the table in anger and his demeanor was ice cold as he stood up. "You're so naive! For you? You're as good as a tool to her! Do you know why she refused when you proposed the first time?"

That's because she has long been Gerald's lover, and she wanted to marry him. Do you know why she came back? Because Gerald chose his family and didn't want her anymore. When she went back to you, she only did it because of Nolan Group's success. In order to win your sympathy, she deliberately said that she was burned and went for plastic surgery. You foolishly believed her. For such a woman, you gave up your family and forced my mother to leave in such a despicable manner."

He then questioned, "Do you know why she had to kill her mother? Because my mother knew that she wasn't injured at all during the fire. It was my mother who was injured! You're completely blinded, and you can't even distinguish right from wrong anymore! Until now, you're still finding reasons to justify her actions. Have you gotten addicted to that b*tch?"

His eyes were filled with hate, and every word he spat out seemed to have the freezing ability!

After that, he said to his son, "North, bring up the list of shareholders of Kanes Corporation."

North nodded before he turned on the computer and his little fingers flew across the computer at the speed of wind.

In no time, Kanes Corporation's year-end dividend appeared.

Eugene got up, then took a few steps toward Edward before grabbing him by the collar and dragging him to the computer. "Open your eyes and take a look! This one percent stake in Kanes Corporation is the breakup fee paid to Lara after she stayed by Gerard's side for three years! The woman whom you think loves you wholeheartedly is actually a woman someone else was tired of sleeping with!"

Edward peered at the line of numbers and the familiar name. He stood stiffly in place, as if he hadn't heard what Eugene just spat at him. All he could think of was that Lara had already been Gerald's lover a long time ago and she only returned to him—the next best thing—because Gerald didn't want her.