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"I need you to turn this novel into a movie within three months. In fact, I don't care how much money you have to spend; I want you to make it the most popular movie in the world!"

Stefan cut to the chase with his request.

The Stuart family owned the world-renowned entertainment company Universal Entertainment.

The artists signed by the company were all international superstars who had produced many internationally-acclaimed movies, TV series, and variety shows.

Stefan knew he could entrust this matter to Xavier.

"You didn't have to tell me. I had the same thought after reading it too!" Xavier's eyes lit up.

"The adaptation of real life, the characters' personalities, and the intense conflict involved make it ideal for a movie, but...The storyline is somewhat cliché. I think it's better off as an idol drama. If you want to make it into a movie and expect it to become world-famous, it's not going to be easy."

"If it were easy, why would I come to you?" Stefan seemed determined.

"I want to see this movie receiving global recognition in three months," he ordered. Xavier wanted

to cry.

"Stefan, you can't just expect me to deliver this right away. Even if we want to make it into a film, the storyline isn't complete yet. Which actors are we hiring? Will there be intellectual property issues? Have you thought about any of this?"

"I don't care," Stefan spoke like a true dominant CEO.

"I want the results in three months. You'll be in deep trouble if you don't make it happen." "Stefan, you

can't do this. Listen to me..."

Beep, beep, beep.

Stefan hung up the phone.

Xavier stood where he was. He wanted to cry for his mother. Making a movie

was simple, but...

Making a movie that was popular across the globe was extremely difficult! Right then, the blinking red light above the emergency unit finally went out.

The doctor walked out of the operating room. He seemed relaxed. "How is

she doing, doctor?" Xavier quickly stepped forward.

"She's lucky. It wasn't easy, but we managed to save her despite her consumption of half a bottle of Dichlorvos!"

With a sigh, the doctor continued to speak.

"I've saved many who attempted suicide, and most of them do not have the will to live. However, I can tell that she very much wanted to live...I'd say her own willpower contributed to half of our success in saving her!"

"Do you mean this only happened because she drank half a bottle of Dichlorvos?"

Xavier was in shock. It seemed Shirley was prepared to die when she sold herself to Hank's subordinate. It wasn't just so he would take pity on her—she knew she would die, and that was why she

sold her own body and sacrificed her own ego.

She sold herself like a product...for only 150 thousand dollars? What difficulties did she encounter to have needed that money? Without even realizing it, Xavier already grew overly curious about Shirley. This wasn't a good thing.

"Yeah. Dichlorvos is a strong type of insecticide. A single drop is enough to corrode the stomach. I just performed gastric lavage on her. Based on my estimate, she probably drank half a bottle of it, at the very least. She's so cruel to herself!"

The doctor shook his head. He figured that the couple must have gotten into an argument. That's why the

girl took such an extreme measure.

"Girls are very emotional. Guys need to treat them nicer...There are going to be side effects. You have to pay attention to her diet. Never let her eat spicy food. Otherwise, something bad will happen." Xavier nodded.

"I understand."

"Alright. I understand."

"That's all. You can go in and check on her. Make sure you look after her well." The doctor

proceeded to leave.

Xavier started walking toward Shirley's ward.

However, he stopped in front of the door. He realized he seemed to care a little too much about this woman whom he didn't know at all! In the end, he only touched the doorknob, but he didn't open the door.

'Forget it, Xavier. You've done enough. If you keep going...you'll be playing with fire!' Update

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Three months later, on a private island in Southeast Aeos.

Renee was lying on a white hammock while she ate a piece of chilled watermelon and watched short videos on her phone. There

were two more months until she was due to deliver, and her belly was bulging.

Ever since she left Beach City, she'd been staying on this island. She walked in the breeze, ate, drank, and read novels every day She also managed Azure Group and her law firm remotely.

Life was leisurely and comfortable.

Just as she read on the internet, being close to men only led to misfortunes! Ever since Renee left Stefan for good, life had been nothing but enjoyable. She could wake up whenever she wanted. She was so happy that she even gained a good amount of weight. She bought this island many years ago with money from her scholarship, patent fees, and pocket money she had saved since she was a child. She designed it the way she'd imagined. Her initial plan was to make this a holiday home and bring her family here for vacations.

Unfortunately, fate had other plans.

Not long after this island was complete, circumstances at home changed. Meanwhile,

she never came to the island because she married into the Hunt family.

Throughout the years, Liam had been the one to spend money on maintaining the island. Not

only was it not abandoned, but its facilities only got better.

In fact, it built its own station that provided telephone signals independently.

This was why Renee could use the internet without having her personal information traced. To say this island was like a mini-country wasn't an exaggeration.

It had everything one could think of.

As long as Renee wanted, she could live here until she died and never worry about being found by anyone! Renee named it Sun Island.

She planted many sunflowers in hopes that her children, like sunflowers, would always follow the light, be strong, and remain positive in life! Renee's nanny, Margaret, stayed with her on the island.

Margaret inherited ancestral knowledge of medicine. She focused entirely on the development of Renee's baby and prepared

various nutritional meals for Renee daily.

They were both looking forward to the baby's birth that would bring greater life force to this island! Bzzzz... The sound of a speedboat's engine could be heard from the pier.

Margaret looked at the person who got off the speedboat and turned excitedly to face Renee. "Hey,

Renee. Look who's here!"

Renee was still scrolling through short videos on the hammock. She didn't even look up. "Who

else could it be but Liam, the guy who doesn't even have a job?"

"It's not just him; Leia is here too!" "What?

Is Leia here too?'

Renee's eyes lit up. She reached for the pillar attached to the hammock and got up to greet them.

Meanwhile, Leia was already running toward Renee in her thin suspender and ultra-short jeans. "My

friend! I've missed you so much!"

Leia opened her arms wide and gave Renee a solid hug. Liam

seemed very worried when he saw this from behind.

"Leia, didn't I warn you to be gentle? She's seven months pregnant now. If you accidentally bump into her, the consequences would be unimaginable!"

Liam frowned and forcefully pulled them apart.

Dressed casually in a white shirt and beach shorts, he definitely looked like he could be on a magazine cover, with sunglasses and

Countless women would fall for him. However, he had an added sense of parenthood that made him appear a little "naggy"

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"Alright, alright.You're so naggy.You've been nagging for the past nine hours during our journey.People who don't know you might even think you're going to be a father!"

Leia rolled her eyes at Liam before hugging Renee once again. However,

she was much more careful and gentle this time.

Leia touched Renee's round, protruding belly and gasped in amazement.

"Renee, your stomach is huge.It's so magical. Are there really two babies in there?"

Renee figured that Liam probably told Leia everything. She no longer wanted to keep it a secret. "Yeah. They're

twins.Oh. and I'll be due in two months.'

Renee felt that life was magical too.

Throughout her time on this island, it felt like the world had slowed down around her. She could feel her babies growing in her stomach little by little. She'd talk to them, sing for them, and tell them stories.

They seemed to understand everything. They'd always respond by moving around. She was absolutely overjoyed... "They're twins!"

Leia's jaw dropped.

"Renee, you're something else.I thought you'd never even done it with that jerk.How did you get pregnant with a single try? It seems you must've done it rather frequently. How else did you get

pregnant with twins at one go?" "Uhm..."

Renee placed one hand on her forehead. She felt a little awkward.

Leia was being too direct. How was she supposed to explain this? "But I don't think the Hunt family ever had twins. It's not in their genes...Could it be..."

Leia suddenly became excited.

"Could it be that you're pregnant with my brother's children? After all, our family has had twins in the past...This is wonderful.I'm going to be an aunt! I'm going to be an aunt!"

Renee was tearing up from laughter. She wished she was pregnant with Liam's children. If that

were the case, her children would at least have a good father.

Liam would visit her on the island every once in a few days. Firstly, it was

to update her on Azure Group's situation.

Secondly, it was to entertain her.

Each time he visited, he'd bring many gifts for her and her children. He'd also come up with a lot of jokes, look after her, and make her laugh.

Oftentimes, Renee sighed and thought to herself, Why don't I have feelings for Liam? He's such a good man. He was so good that he'd put his life on the line for her.

Regardless of what he did, she would always come first.

Why didn't she like him? Perhaps, liking or hating someone was innate. There was no

reason for it.

For example, she had no reason to like Stefan so religiously.

In the end, she was badly hurt by him.

Meanwhile, Stefan probably also innately hated her and wanted to hurt her. She couldn't blame him because she was the one who allowed herself to get hurt! "Don't you remember what you promised? Stop trying to find out gossip!"

Liam smacked Leia against her head. He regretted bringing her here.

"If you didn't cry so much because you thought Renee was hurt and even wanted to take revenge on Stefan, I wouldn't have brought you

Liam shook his head. He was clueless about how to deal with his twin sister.

"Anyway...It doesn't matter who the father is; all you need to remember is that their mother is our boss, Renee!"

"Okay, I get it. As long as they are Renee's children, it doesn't matter who their father is. I'd still love them like my own," Leia said before hugging Renee.

The two chatted for a long while.

Suddenly, something occurred to Leia, and she retrieved her phone. "Renee,

I've got some good news for you!"

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"What is it?'

Renee became curious. She quickly leaned forward.

Leia pulled up a video. It looked like the video was recorded in a cinema.

Several men and women stood before the big screen, seemingly promoting a movie. "This

Renee's jaw dropped when she saw the actors introducing themselves. It was as if she'd just seen aliens.

"Haha! You weren't expecting this, were you? You must've guessed it...this is the premier of the movie 'Hunt my Everheart" The movie is an adaptation of the story between you and Stefan.I watched it.It's so good.I cried a lot during the movie!"

Leia recounted her experience. She desperately wanted to watch it again.

"I understand the logic behind it all, but can anyone tell me why that male lead...was Stefan?!" Renee

rubbed her eyes repeatedly to make sure she wasn't mistaken.

She still couldn't believe that Stefan acted as the male lead in the movie itself! Wasn't Stefan a workaholic? He was a business elite who could earn tens of millions in a few minutes.

A man from a filthy rich family actually starred in a romance film. Was

he too bored? Or did the publisher blackmail him into doing it?

"Exactly. This film was made in complete secrecy and aired out of nowhere. When they announced the cast, everyone in showbiz, the business circle, the upper class, and even commoners were shocked. The movie went viral on the internet. There were even rumors that Stefan personally acted in it because he was the one who wrote the script. In other words, he wrote the novel with a pseudonym as a tribute to you..." Leia explained.

"That's bullshit!"

Renee directly stood up and cursed.

"Who said he wrote that? Is he shameless? How could he plagiarize someone else's work? Why can't people use their brains for a second? How could a cold-blooded, emotionless man write something so heart-warming and emotional?"

"Hey, Renee, don't work yourself up. Sit down, and we'll talk about it. We wouldn't want your babies to get hurt now, would we?" Leia

"I think that cold-blooded scumbag couldn't possibly write something so touching either. However, the author hasn't spoken up about it yet. That's enough proof that Stefan was the original writer," she added.

"Besides, the original web novel still doesn't have an ending.This movie is an adaptation of the original, and it is complete.I think the storyline flowed pretty well. It almost seemed like it was written by the same person. In fact, the second half of the movie was even more touching than the first half. You'll know what I mean once you watch it!" Leia exclaimed.

"1..."

Renee was suddenly lost for words. She couldn't say what was bothering her. She wanted to tell Leia that she knew Stefan couldn't have written it even without watching the movie.

That's because she was the author! However, the first half of the novel was too romantic—she wrote the female lead as a humble and lowly woman-which was practically the dark side of her history. She wouldn't admit to writing it, no matter what! "What's so good about it? If you ask me, I'll say that Stefan is only using the movie to whitewash himself and improve public opinion toward H Group!"

Liam, who had been silent all this while, crossed his arms.

"Stefan and his family were heavily criticized because of the divorce.H Group's share price fell several times.Now that this movie has come out, and he's the one who wrote the script, anyone who's watched it would say he's a devoted man...In reality, though, he's superficial and emotionless!"

"I agree!" Leia raised her hands. She agreed with Liam's analysis.

"It's too much of a coincidence for this movie to be made at this time. Although it's only the premier and hasn't been made publicly available, it already has a stellar reputation. Stefan has acquired many female fans, and the Hunt family has also been receiving a lot of positive attention. It directly resulted in H Group's share price increasing!"

"This explains!' Only then did Renee recall that H Group's share price had unexpectedly skyrocketed. She was wondering why this happened.H Group hadn't been doing anything new recently.Surprisingly...This was their new move!

"I even heard that Stefan personally acted so that he could pursue the female lead. However, the female head is quite capable. She seems to also have a romantic relationship with the film's publisher, who happens to be Xavier from Universal Entertainment..." Renee said.

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Leia was drawn to gossip and naturally had access to information from various channels. She pointed at the actress on the screen.

"Hey, doesn't this girl look familiar? Do you think she looks like you?" Renee frowned a

little. "I feel like I've seen her somewhere."

"You're so forgetful.This was the woman Stefan left the bar with that night.She's the one who looked like you!" Leia

exclaimed. "So it's her!"

Renee finally recalled who that woman was. She felt mixed emotions. She thought Stefan would still be drowning in guilt and never fall in love again.

To her surprise, he'd already met someone new.

Men...

They were all heartless creatures! "What do you think this scumbag is thinking? Why would he spend so much money just to pursue this woman?"

Leia looked at Renee before glancing at Shirley on her phone screen.

The two of them really looked alike.

"Could it be that he still has feelings for you? Is that why he found someone else who looks like you to be your substitute?" Leia

"Stop making things up!" Renee had a calm look in her eyes.

"He doesn't have feelings for me.He still hates me.I killed his child, and the woman he loved had to lose her uterus because of me.He's kind enough to spare me..."

"Does he know you're pregnant with his children? If he does, then you two..."

"That's enough!" Renee cut Leia off impatiently.

"If you're my friend, stop bringing this person up in front of me.The children belong to me.They have nothing to do with anyone else.If you keep making nonsense up, don't blame me for being ruthless!"

"I'm sorry, Renee.I wasn't being thoughtful.I know how you feel.I promise I won't talk about that scumbag again.If I do, you can slap me!"

Leia made an oath-swearing gesture.

Although Leia had watched Hunt my Everheart, she still felt bothered by the movie.

In this time and age, perhaps keeping one's children and leaving the man was the best option.

As Renee's best friend, Leia had to support her! Renee didn't say anything further. She turned to face Liam.

"Let's go to the study. We need a private chat!"

The two went to the study by the beach villa.

Liam retrieved a USB drive. He gave a detailed report of recent developments in Azure Group.

The most significant update was that Azure Group would soon build its own research center facility.

Liam had always been against this.

Until now, he would still try to dissuade Renee whenever she was about to sign the contract.

team.We might end up losing everything and bear a significant amount of debt.We'll become the joke of the town! "In fact, downstream companies like ours focus mainly on production and sales. Normally, a research center isn't even necessary. H Group, for example, doesn't have its own research center. It has always cooperated with other research companies. Even so, it still managed to maintain its position as the leader with its high production and sales capabilities! "Liam added.

"This program is very risky.lt'll also use up a lot of funds.The most difficult part is that we don't have an excellent research

"Is that so?"

Renee rested her chin on her hands.

"Just do as I tell you.We'll become the leader sooner or

later!'

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It was already night when she sent Liam and Leia away.

As the waves hit the shore, the island regained its silence and serenity, and the soothing fragrance of flowers permeated the air.

Renee would touch the objects around her for a split second before looking around. She even spent half an hour giving catnip to her newly acquired cat, Orange, as though attempting to keep herself occupied to escape something.

Meanwhile, her gaze couldn't help but wander to her computer from time to time. Her fingertips moved unconsciously as she was eager to test it.

Finally, her curiosity got the better of her, and she flipped her laptop open.

Her slender fingertips tapped on the keyboard, and she got into the film distributor's system, copying the movie 'Hunt my Everheart,' which was about to be released in theatres.

She was curious to see how capable Stefan was to receive so many good reviews for his first-ever film!

The film lasted two hours. She played the film on her private cinema screen. She even made snacks and beverages before sitting comfortably on the sofa to watch the movie.

She couldn't deny that the movie had quality. It was shot in such a manner that each scenario had its own significance. Evidently, it had been created with great care and attention to detail.

The first instance of the movie was enough to capture Renee's heart.

It was shot in line with the real story. The male and female leads met for the first time as they stood in the pouring rain.

As Renee was watching, her eyes reddened, and she felt that she wasn't watching a movie but staring into a mirror as it reflected her true story.

Their four-year relationship, portrayed in a two-hour film, included all of their bittersweet recollections.

Stefan created the other half of the movie, so it wasn't nearly as heartbreaking as the first. It was more about the male and female lead's life taking care of their children together, which was sweet and harmonious.

Then one day, a small misunderstanding turned into a huge fight. The female protagonist walked out of the home and never returned.

The male protagonist took their child and went traveling all over the globe in search of her. He would write her a postcard whenever he stopped.

As they traveled, the postcards grew in number until they filled the whole luggage. Unfortunately, he never heard anything about her.

Finally, amid the male lead's dream, he said, "You're back," and the film ended.

Renee, who inspired the female lead's character, couldn't stop crying after viewing it.

'I can't believe Stefan could be so skilled. The film is quite moving. He went to great lengths to portray himself as a decent man,' she thought as she clutched the tissue in her palm and couldn't stop wiping her tears.

The gloomy theater suddenly became bright.

Margaret walked in and looked at Renee worriedly. "Miss Renee, why are you crying? Were you reminded of something sad? Or did anyone bully you?"

"No, I..."

She couldn't bring herself to tell Margaret that she had sobbed because Stefan's movie had

moved her. "Did Orange bully you?"

Margaret pointed at Orange in Renee's arms and said seriously, "Orange, didn't I tell you that Renee is now pregnant? You can't lay on her stomach like that, or you will crush the babies in there. Come here!"

Orange hopped down and sat in front of the television.

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Only then did Margaret realize the male protagonist in the film was Stefan!

'Oh my goodness! The jerk is now acting! Is the H Group about to go bankrupt? Why would a CEO like him want to work in entertainment?"

Renee couldn't stop laughing as she joked, "I heard it's because he's attempting to woo the

female lead.' "Damn him!"

Margaret despised Stefan so much after learning that he had almost murdered Renee for Briar.

She became even more upset after learning that he was pursuing another woman. "Miss Renee, you made the correct option by leaving him.

Otherwise, you'll have to put up with his cheating behind your back. Your boys will be miserable growing up in such an atmosphere. I completely agree with your choice to leave him back then!'

Renee had a faint grin but didn't say anything when she heard this.

If she didn't see the movie, she would've reprimanded Stefan as well as Margaret.

She did finish it, however, and she couldn't admonish him. She had the impression that he wasn't as cruel and cold as she had expected. He had to be a very meticulous man, since he could write such a lovely and emotional end.

"I'm not going to chastise him anymore for the sake of your

babies." Margaret took a deep breath and suppressed her

rage.

remember it."

She examined Renee's pulse and blood sugar as usual. Everything was how it should be.

"Your children are doing fine."

"When Mr. Osborne learned that you intended to do water birth, he discreetly got a designer and a few workmen a while ago and created a water birth room for you. The room is created in a submerged form, with glass walls that reach all the way to the bottom of the sea. You can see the aquatic animals swimming. It should be quite soothing."

"Water birth room?"

Renee was excited and shocked at the same time. 'This is amazing! I just said it casually. I didn't expect him to

"Of course, he remembers. Mr. Osborne cares about you a lot. No matter how small the detail, he would make

sure he got it perfectly. You mean a lot to him that's why he's so considerate of you. In my opinion, Mr.

Osborne is better than the jerk in various ways. You should consider making him the father of your babies."

Before this, Renee would have rejected such a request instantly, but now she didn't. She placed her hands on her belly, felt her babies moving around energetically, and mumbled, "I'll think of it."

"Mr. Osborne will be so excited if he knows about this!"

Margaret sighed happily. "Miss Renee, you finally thought it through. You should find a man that loves you so that you won't get hurt. If you find a man that you love, chances are you will have your heart broken."

However, Renee argued, "Love isn't necessarily the reason for a man and a woman to be together. To me, Liam is the friend that I trust the most. Our friendship is more important than love. Besides, I need a long-lasting relationship!"

Meanwhile, at Beach City.

Xavier was having a meal with a few bosses of big cinema companies, preparing for the release of 'Hunt my

Everheart.' Suddenly, he got a call from the film distributor saying that some mysterious person had copied the movie's original file.

Hearing this, his eyes lit in excitement, and he instantly phoned Stefan." Stefan, it's just as you predicted. The fish has taken the

bait!"

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Stefan knew that when the movie 'Hunt my Everheart' trended on Twitter, it would get the attention of people, and Renee would naturally be curious about it.

Yet he didn't think that she would be so quick.

The film had yet to be officially released, but she appeared to be impatient. It looked like she didn't leave as freely and easily as she presented.

At the same time, Xavier walked proudly inside the president's office and mysteriously stuffed a note inside Stefan's hand.

"Stefan, don't lose the paper. I've helped you as much as I can. If you can't get her back, then it's your problem. Don't blame me for not helping you!"

Stefan was in the middle of his work when he was handed the note. He frowned and looked at the note in his hand. "What is this?"

"Your wife's location!"

Xavier became excited as he told, "I told you earlier that a mysterious person hacked into the distributor's system and copied the movie file. I hired a hacker and discovered the mysterious person's location. They're located on a small island. If I'm not wrong, that's your wife, and she's on that island now!"

"No wonder we couldn't find her at all. She's really good at hiding!"

A light flashed before Stefan's eyes before it returned to its usually cold and distant look. He said nonchalantly, "Where she at has nothing to do with me. Take it away, I don't need it."

"What do you mean, Stefan? Didn't you want me to observe Renee's every move? You partook in the film because you wanted to show it to her, as well as beg for forgiveness and find out where she is. How come it no longer has anything to do with you?"

"I just want to prove that she isn't as free and easy as she portrays herself to be. Now that I've proven it, I don't care where she is."

As Stefan spoke, he continued to organize the file in his hand, seeming as if he didn't care one bit about Renee's whereabouts nor the intention to seek her out.

This shocked Xavier.

He was sure that Stefan would find her once he had Renee's location, and he could brag about his contribution to locating her. However, Stefan wasn't acting as he had anticipated!

"You can't play me like this, Stefan. You've kept bugging me to promote the movie so you could locate Renee. But why are you suppressing your desire to see her and acting as if you don't care? Are you worried about losing pride if she refuses to see you?"

Xavier stared at Stefan, who seemed emotionless and gave him a piece of advice. "Put your pride away. You've given each other space for three months. This can't go on. If this continues, your relationship will actually come to an end. Since both of you still

love each other, go and get her back. Even if you fail, you won't regret not

trying." "Since you're so enthusiastic, why don't you go on your own?"

Stefan lifted his gaze and remarked coldly, "The whole world knows now that there's nothing between her and me. So you don't have to care about how I feel. If you like her, go for her."

'You!"

Xavier was furious when he heard Stefan's words.

Xavier did have feelings for Renee before this, but he said it as a joke. He understood he couldn't act on his feelings for his friend's wife. Besides, his heart had been taken over by another woman.

"Is there anything else? I'm quite busy."

Stefan's cold words sounded like he was chasing Xavier away. Renee's location appeared to be unimportant and more of a hassle.

"Nothing. I'm just a busybody!"

Xavier was enraged, and he snatched the note and tore it apart before throwing it into the dustbin. "Since you don't want to find her, it's fine. After all, I won't be the one to regret."

Then, he pushed open the door and left.

At this moment, it was already late at night.

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There were just a few employees remaining in the building.

Stefan sat in his office, rummaging through the documents on his desk.

H Group developed tremendously over the years, but with it came a slew of difficulties and harsh competitors.

This was particularly the case in the field of technology. Long-term collaboration between H Group and KCL

Group made his company invincible, enabling it to capture three-fourths of the market.

As a result, he quickly became the envy of other companies who would try to harm his company behind his back.

While not life- threatening, it gave Stefan a headache.

There had recently been speculations that the smart bracelet H Group recently released on the market had

severe flaws that involved violating users' privacy by eavesdropping on their conversations. The rumor

resulted in several reports and lawsuits against his company.

Inform the public relations department that we need a way to conceal this negative news.

"Investigate and sue those who disseminated the rumors; for spreading falsehoods and harming our company's brand."

'Remove all of the smart wristbands we recently introduced and hand them over to the IT department to see whether they have an eavesdropping capacity."

Stefan couldn't pretend any longer after many phone conferences, signing various papers, and reviewing a few projects. He rose up and swiftly reached into the trash can, picking up the ripped bits of paper.

The paper was small, but it was shredded into bits, making it impossible to reassemble.

Stefan tried to piece it back and struggled. His eyes hurt, and his brain couldn't process what he was seeing. "Damn it, Xavier! Why did he have to shred it to pieces!"

Finally, he was close to piecing it back together when the

secretary walked in. "Sir!"

"Ehem!"

Stefan instantly covered the paper shreds as if he had done something guilty. However, his movements were so big that the pieces flew around and scattered on the ground.

The secretary was taken aback and approached him right away. "Are you

alright, Sir?" "Don't move!"

Stefan yelled and stared at the paper on the floor."Don't step on them," he ordered her coldly.

She instantly stood frozen on the ground. "Sir, the floor is too dirty. Would you like

me to clean it?" "No."

Stefan finally returned to his normal behavior and asked, "What is it?"

"Mr. Stuart called earlier and said he sent you the location on WhatsApp. He asked you not to..."

She hesitated and awkwardly glanced at Stefan's hand positioned beside the dustbin and said carefully, "He asked you not to pick it up from the dustbin. It's dirty."

Stefan's face darkened, and he said coldly, "I understand."

He waited until the secretary had departed before proudly opening his WhatsApp.

As he saw the location, he couldn't help but grimace and think to himself,' Renee, you can't get away from me!

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On the same night, Stefan got on his private plane and flew directly to the island at maximum speed.

Throughout the journey, he kept reminding himself to act cold and composed when seeing Renee later.

After all, he didn't fly there because he missed her or wanted to continue their relationship. He was going there solely because he needed her skills as a lawyer to help with the lawsuits that H Group was facing.

'Yes, that's it!"

Stefan thought for a while and finally came up with a good reason. He instantly felt relieved.

By the time he reached the island, it was already the next morning.

The orange and crimson sun rose from the ocean's edge and reflected its light over the blue sea, making it orange.

Stefan sat inside the speedboat and sped his way through the shore.

Once he got on the island, a local girl came upto him and welcomed him.

"Uncle, are you here for Aunt Renee?" the small girl said, her cheeks tanned and her grin pure.

'Yes."

As Stefan looked at the little girl, he was glad and thought, 'Not bad. She knows to get someone to welcome me!'

"Follow me, and I'll bring you to Aunt Renee!"

The small girl waved at Stefan before turning and running.

Stefan followed her without hesitation.

He assumed it wouldn't be far away at first, but he was too naive.

The journey started from the foot of the mountain and progressed all the way to the top. They climbed for over two hours without stopping.

Stefan was a strong man, but his body couldn't handle it. He was puffing slightly and questioned the small girl in front of him, "Are we there yet?

Where is she precisely?"

"Aunt Renee's home is far away, but it's lovely. You'll adore it once you get there!"

He wanted to complain, but he restrained himself. "Let's take a break first." He was panting.

"Uncle, you're exhausted already just walking this little?" the child observed. "You're terribly weak, just as Aunt Renee stated.'

When Stefan heard this, he was dumbfounded.

'How could you, Renee? I'll let you know I'm not weak when I catch you!' He thought bitterly.

They traveled for another three hours till they arrived at the mountain top. Stefan saw an orange-colored chapel erected on the brink of the mountain, overlooking the distant sea.

The girl turned to him and said, "Uncle, Aunt Renee will pray here every day. Just go in and find her."

At this point, Stefan was so exhausted that he barely had any energy. He took in a deep breath and showed a thumbs up.

"Uncle, you look really handsome. Can I have a hug?" The girl blinked her huge and bright eyes at Stefan as she stared at him innocently.

"Of course."

Stefan felt his heart melt at the cuteness of the girl and gave her a big hug.

'Would she get thinner? Tanner? More depressed? Or grow bald?* he guessed in his heart.

Afterwards, she climbed down the mountain.

Stefan wiped his sweat away and fixed his hair. As he walked slowly towards the church, he straightened his back and put on a

He wondered how she would look now after not seeing her for three months.

Women were sentimental, so naturally, they wouldn't move on that quickly. He imagined that she would be crying every single

day.

Stefan, however, was different.

He became more disciplined during these three months. He visited the gym often, ate healthy foods, and even upgraded his sense of fashion. He now possessed the confidence that he was able to charm her.