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They soon arrived at the Roscente family.

As one of the four major families in Northville, the Roscente family held a high status in Northville.

Besides, Phoebe was born into an intellectual family. Her father was a famous calligrapher and painter, and her mother was a distinguished diplomat before retirement.

Although the Byrne family was not as wealthy as the Roscente family, it had significant influence in other areas.

The descendants of the Byrne family were scattered throughout Chritonia, with many holding prominent positions in politics, business, academia, and the arts.

Phoebe received a good education from an early age, exuding a gentle and scholarly temperament.

When Audrey arrived at the Roscente family, she expected to meet many people.

Unexpectedly, only Spencer, Phoebe, and Andrew were there.

Andrew was also surprised to see Audrey.

Audrey had declined the invitation when he called her earlier. He didn't expect his mother to bring her back.

"Mr. Roscente." Audrey greeted Spencer Roscente and nodded to Andrew.

Phoebe came over to Audrey and said softly, "Don't call him Mr. Roscente. That's too formal. Just call him Spencer."

"Right, call me Spencer." Spencer nodded in agreement.

"Spencer." Audrey didn't refuse and called out

Then Phoebe took Audrey to the living room and had refreshments brought out to entertain Audrey.

Andrew noticed Phoebe's enthusiastic attitude, which seemed somewhat indulgent. And he was a bit surprised.

He remembered that Phoebe had never been particularly fond of Audrey before. Why did she seem like a different person now?

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Andrew took a quick photo and sent it to Dylan's phone.

Andrew: [Your beloved lady is at my house.]

Dylan quickly replied: [Got it.]

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Since he had been protecting Audrey all along, he naturally knew that Audrey had gone to the Roscente family.

“Are

you coming?” Andrew looked at Audrey, who was chatting and laughing with his mother not far away.

Dylan: [No, once she's done eating, let me know.]

Andrew: [Okay.]

After Phoebe chatted with Audrey for a while, Phoebe asked Andrew to keep Audrey company while she went to the kitchen.

The Koscente family had a housekeeper, but Phoebe liked Audrey and wanted to cook a couple of dishes for her in person.

As soon as Phoebe left, the spacious living room was left with only Audrey and Andrew. The two were not very close. Andrew looked at Audrey, who always seemed indifferent, and said, “On the day you were imprisoned, Dylan, who had never been drunk before,

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drunk. He stayed at the prison gate all night with red eyes, as if enduring great pain. The three of us took turns watching him until he drunkenly fell asleep before we could take him away. Since then, Dylan has suffered from headaches.”

Andrew spoke while observing Audrey's expression. She seemed indifferent, as if she didn't care.

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Andrew continued, "After that, Dylan came to the prison to visit you several times, but refused to see him each time. Later, he stopped going, just making sure you were taken care of. Dylan had been waiting for you to come out. Four years ago, Dylan went to pick you up, but you weren't released. After that, there was no news from you."

Andrew's tone was calm, as if telling an intriguing story. However, beneath it lay a hidden concern for Dylan. His gaze at Audrey also softened slightly.

"Dylan also has a hard time all these years. If possible, why not give each other a chance?" Andrew said.

Audrey remained silent throughout, just listening to Andrew's words. Her expression grew even colder.

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"Are you done?" Audrey's voice was cold and indifferent.

Andrew had considered all possible reactions Audrey might have to his words, but he didn't expect her to just look at him with a cold expression and speak in a frigid tone.

Andrew didn't know what else to say.

He felt that the current Audrey was too much like Dylan, cold and heartless, as if nothing could move her, not even the man she once deeply loved.

Audrey held her phone, feeling inexplicably restless and somewhat ironic.

While everyone was pitying Dylan, who had ever pitied Audrey?

What did it matter that Dylan got drunk outside the prison? He was the one who sent Audrey to hell. Visiting her countless times didn't change anything. Audrey still endured beatings, insults, and abuse in the men's prison.

Every day, Audrey's ribs were broken, with new wounds adding to the old ones.

If she showed any weakness, she would face even more brutal treatment. She had to be tougher than them to protect herself, even if it meant being covered in bruises.

But even so, Audrey was beaten to death.

Finding someone to take care of her? Indeed, she was well taken care of. But when she was dead, who would care about Dylan's affection?

Everyone thought that Audrey's disgrace was her own doing.

Dylan remained like the privileged prince. If he wanted her, she should be grateful and continue to be with hi

But what about everything Audrey had been through? Who had truly pitied that poor girl?

At the age of eighteen, the most beautiful period of life, Audrey was sent to prison by Dylan, living a difficult life.

Dylan was not doing well, but neither was the former Audrey.

She wasn't the former Audrey, so she could not give Dylan a chance to redeem his guilt.

She just hoped Dylan would stay away from her.

A voice interrupted Audrey's thoughts.

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"Mr. Andrew, Ms. Roscente has brought Ms. Hernandez over," said the butler as he walked in and looked at Andrew.

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The Ms. Roscente referred to by the butler was Emely Roscente, Andrew's cousin. As for Ms. Hernandez, she was Sarah, and the two were best friends.

Andrew immediately understood what the butler meant.

Regardless of the reason, Audrey was the Roscente family's benefactor. Moreover, she was invited by his mother, so they couldn't afford to be negligent.

Audrey's relationship with the Hernandez family wasn't a secret in Northville. Emely bringing Sarah over might upset Audrey.

Andrew promptly said, "Dominik, tell Emely that we have guests today, so she should come another day."

Andrew didn't have deep feelings for Emely, nor was he particularly fond of her.

But as soon as Andrew spoke, Emely's voice came from the door. "Andrew, how could drive me away? I'll tell Phoebe."

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As she spoke, Emely had already brought Sarah inside.

Upon entering, they saw Andrew and Audrey inside the living room.

The expressions on Emely's and Sarah's faces changed immediately.

Emely, who had never liked Audrey, said displeasely, "Audrey, what are you doing here?"

Sarah didn't expect to see Audrey at the Roscente family. She bit her lips, and her pretty face became somewhat gloomy.

"Why can't I be here?" Audrey glanced at her calmly.

"This is not a place for you to come. Are you failing to cling to Mr. Clifford and now turning your attention to my brother? Let me tell you, a woman like you isn't worthy of him

at all."

Emely looked at Audrey with disdain.

Emely thought, 'Audrey has been to prison, yet she still dared to imagine marrying into the Roscente family. What a joke.

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Andrew said, "Emely, no more nonsense. Audrey is a distinguished guest of the Roscente family."

Andrew's voice grew colder as he looked at Emely, his tone carrying a hint of warning.

Emely was infuriated to see her cousin defending Audrey.

Emely said, "Are you kidding me? How could someone like her be a distinguished guest of the Roscente family? She's just an ex-convict. How does she deserve it?"

Emely had been sent abroad for studies and only returned these past two days.

Today, she invited Sarah to her home, but she knew nothing about Audrey saving Samuel, and her family hadn't mentioned it to her.

Andrew's face darkened at Emely's insolence and disregard for his warning, and he said, coldly, "Dominik, take her out. She's not allowed in."

Emely burst into tears upon hearing this.

She never expected her cousin to kick her out for the sake of a shameless woman like Audrey.

On the sidelines, Sarah also didn't expect Andrew to defend Audrey like this. She felt somewhat resentful but didn't dare to show it on her face.

She could only think sarcastically, 'Andrew, you like this wretched woman, but do you know she's cheating on you with other men behind your back? She's shameless.'

Sarah grabbed Emely and comforted her, saying, "Emely, don't be upset. Andrew wouldn't treat you badly for someone else."

The "someone else" Sarah referred to was Audrey.

Andrew naturally understood Sarah's meaning, and his expression turned slightly cold.

At that moment, Phoebe, from the kitchen, heard the commotion and immediately walked out. Seeing Emely and Sarah crying in the living room, she instantly understood what happened.

Phoebe wasn't particularly fond of Emely, who was quite spoiled and arrogant, often flaunting the influence of the Roscente family

But Emely wasn't her daughter, so Phoebe couldn't be bothered.

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As soon as Phoebe came out of the kitchen, Emely immediately went over.

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“Phoebe, I just said a few words to Audrey, and Andrew actually wants to kick me out. Phoebe, you have to speak up for me and kick Audrey out. What right does an ex-convict have to be in the Roscente family?” Emely grabbed Phoebe’s hand and shouted, completely oblivious to Phoebe’s suddenly darkened expression.

Even her eyes, which used to be gentle, were cold and indifferent at this moment.

Sarah didn’t notice Phoebe’s expression either, just hoping that Audrey would be quickly thrown out, preferably with Phoebe humiliating her first.

Phoebe pulled her hand out of Emely’s grasp and said coldly, “I invited Audrey and is a distinguished guest of the Roscente family. We won’t keep you here if you don’t want to see her. Dominik, escort them out.”

Phoebe was somewhat angry. She had finally managed to invite Audrey back home, never expecting her niece to come with Sarah and even to demand Audrey leave.

Phoebe knew Sarah. She was a popular star in the entertainment industry, but Phoebe always felt that Sarah was too scheming.

Phoebe’s words shocked Emely and Sarah.

Sarah looked up at Phoebe in disbelief.

How could that be possible? Audrey was actually invited by Phoebe!

Sarah was seething with hatred.

Emely asked, “Phoebe, are you serious? Audrey is an ex-convict.”

Emely couldn’t believe that Audrey was brought by Phoebe and that Phoebe treated Emely like this for an outsider.

Phoebe’s expression turned grim when Emely mentioned Audrey’s prison time twice.

“Emely, shut up and apologize to Audrey,” Phoebe said.

Emely cried even louder, “Apologize? What right does she have?”

Emely was unable to accept Phoebe’s scolding, especially since Phoebe had been kind to her before.

“Because she saved your grandfather’s life, apologize.” A deep and aged voice came from the staircase, and following that, Samuel, sitting in a wheelchair, was wheeled over

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by someone.

Upon hearing Samuel's voice, everyone in the living room was stunned. Andrew hurried over to call him, then wheeled Samuel over.

"Samuel, why did you come down?" Phoebe looked at Samuel discontentedly.

"I heard Audrey was here, so I came down to take a look," Samuel said, his gaze sweeping over the people in the living room, finally looking at Audrey.

His voice was full of kindness and warmth as he said, "Audrey, come here, let me take a good look at you."

Audrey looked at Samuel, then got up and walked over, but her expression remained cold.

"Good child. Thank you for saving my life." Samuel had lived a long life and had a keen eye.

Just by looking into Audrey's eyes, he knew Audrey was extraordinary.

Seeing Aaron also liked Audrey, Phoebe smiled and walked over.

Phoebe said, "Samuel, you like Audrey, and so do I. How about I adopt her as my goddaughter?"

Phoebe's face was full of joy. She really liked Audrey.

Everyone present was stunned again. Andrew glanced at his mother in surprise, then at Audrey, his eyes flickering.

Emely and Sarah were also stunned by Phoebe's words, especially Sarah, who bit her lip tightly, staring at Audrey with jealousy and hatred.

Sarah thought hatefully, "Why? Why is Audrey favored by Samuel and Phoebe? And Phoebe even wants to adopt her as a goddaughter."

Sarah absolutely couldn't let Audrey climb on top of her.

After all, this was the Roscente family. The Roscente family's status in Northville was several levels higher than the Hernandez family's. That was beyond her reach.

It was precisely because of this that she had always been willing to be friends with Emely, indulging Emely's arrogant and overbearing behavior.

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Sarah was about to flare up.

"Very well. I agree." Samuel was very happy.

With just one glance, he knew Audrey would be extraordinary in the future.

Phoebe knew Samuel would agree. She looked at Audrey tenderly and smiled, saying, "Audrey, my biggest wish in this life is to have a daughter of my own. I really like you. Will you agree to my request?"

"In the future, with me and the Roscente family behind you, no one will dare to bully you. Bullying you would be the same as bullying me and the Roscente family."

Phoebe deliberately said this to Sarah.

After all, the incident where the Hernandez family expelled Audrey from their home was widely known in the upper class of Northville.

Audrey hadn't expected that she would end up being Phoebe's goddaughter. She furrowed her brows.

Seeing Audrey's frown, Phoebe was afraid she might refuse. She immediately coaxed Audrey gently, "Oh dear, just agree to my request. My biggest wish in life is to have a

daughter. A daughter who is well-behaved and gentle is so adorable. Unlike that jerk who doesn't know how to cherish his mother.

Andrew, watching this scene, suddenly felt that he was being disdained.

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Andrew took out his phone and openly tagged Dylan in the group.

Andrew: [Come on, call me 'brother']

Andrew's words immediately startled Shawn and Cade.

Cade: [What's going on, bro? Dylan, you're not planning to marry that terrifying woman Emely, are you?]

After all, when it came to the Roscente family, the only woman Cade could think of was Emely.

Shawn: [This is truly a sad story.]

Andrew; [My mom is planning to make Audrey her goddaughter.]

Andrew's words were like a heavy bombshell that exploded in the entire group.

Shawn: [I'm shocked.]

Cade: [Damn, is it true? I can't believe that.]

Dylan: [Has she agreed?]

Andrew glanced at his mother, who was using almost all of her skills to persuade Audrey to become her goddaughter.

Despite Phoebe usually being gentle and kind, once she set her mind on something, she never failed. As expected, after a short while, Andrew smiled and replied in the group.

Andrew: [She nodded. Remember to bring me a generous gift.]

Judging by Phoebe's excitement, Phoebe would hold a grand banquet in a few days. It would be best if she let everyone in Northville know that she had a goddaughter.

After replying to the message, Andrew walked over and looked at Audrey, with a gentle smile on his face, "Welcome to be one of us."

“Thank you.” Audrey nodded lightly.

Audrey couldn't refuse Phoebe's enthusiasm. Phoebe genuinely liked her, and Audrey

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didn't feel any resistance to her.

“I'll choose a date tomorrow and hold a banquet! I must let everyone meet my lovely goddaughter.” Phoebe was delighted. “No, I can't wait. I'll make a call now.”

Audrey couldn't stop Phoebe's fast-paced actions.

She didn't like socializing or grand events. It would be best for the family to have a simple dinner.

Emely and Sarah, who hadn't left yet, looked even more gloomy.

Emely's eyes were filled with resentment and malice as she stared fiercely at Audrey, feeling that Audrey had taken away her position.

She was the heiress of the Roscente family. But Audrey stole her limelight.

Sarah harbored resentment. She would never let Audrey have it easy.

Phoebe went to call her friends. Samuel was chatting with Audrey, and Andrew, with a mild expression, was chatting with his friends in the group without paying any attention to the two.

Emely and Sarah were ignored and could only leave in anger.

“How despicable she is!” Emely cursed angrily.

A glint of hostility flashed in Sarah's eyes, then she looked at Emely and comforted her, saying, “Emely, don't be angry. You are the heiress of the Roscente family. Even if Audrey becomes Phoebe's goddaughter, her status is not as noble as yours. Moreover, you know Audrey's personality. She is good at pleasing the elders. It's just that Phoebe hasn't seen through her true colors yet.”

Emely said, “Right, Audrey has been in jail. She is useless. She must have used some scheme to make Phoebe like her. I must expose Audrey and let everyone see her true face.

Emely became more and more furious as she spoke.

Sarah's lips curled up, and a trace of coldness flashed in her eyes, but she still said with concern, "Wouldn't it be inappropriate?"

"What's inappropriate? If blame must be placed, it's her who provoked me," Emely said.

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After Sarah separated from Emely, she spent some effort finding the phone number she had called before.

Sarah said, "Go ahead and send out the photos I had you take earlier. I'll give you the address later."

Sarah hung up the phone and then smiled slyly.

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Sarah thought, 'Audrey, you forced me into this. Only by destroying can I prevent you from threatening me.'

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Audrey had lunch at the Roscente family, and Phoebe kept her for a while. Then Andrew sent her back to the hotel.

At the Roscente family, Audrey couldn't refuse Andrew's offer. After the car left the Roscente family, Audrey said, "Drop me off at the side of the road. I'll go back on my own."

"I'm afraid you won't be able to go glanced at something not far away.

back on your own." Andrew smiled gently and

At his words, Audrey's expression turned slightly chilly.

Soon, the car stopped in front of a black car. Andrew's voice was gentle as he said to Audrey, "I'll leave you here for now. Come over for dinner when you have time."

Audrey gave him a faint glance and then got out of the car.

In the other car, Dylan had already opened the door and walked down. He greeted Andrew and then walked towards Audrey.

“Get in the car. I’ll take you back,” Dylan said.

Audrey’s gaze turned cold as she looked at Dylan and replied coldly, “No need.”

Dylan’s gaze slightly darkened as he looked at Audrey, who was exuding a cold aura. He approached her and said in a deep voice, “Audrey, do you believe I’ll carry you into the car?”

Audrey coldly stared at Dylan.

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“What? Do you want to slap me again?” Dylan said coldly.

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Audrey pursed her lips, bypassed him, and get into the car. Dylan watched Audrey’s figure before getting into the car himself.

After getting into the car, Dylan looked at Audrey and asked, “I heard you accepted Phoebe as your godmother?”

Audrey wasn’t surprised that Dylan knew so quickly.

After all, Andrew and Dylan were close. She replied calmly, “It’s none of your business.”

Dylan, as if not noticing Audrey’s resistance, continued to ask, “What gift do you want? I’ll give it to you.”

“No need to bother. Just stay away from me,” Audrey said.

Audrey looked at Dylan with a cold gaze, feeling impatient.

Dylan pursed his lips. A few hints of coldness appeared on his dignified and handsome face. His deep eyes stared tightly at Audrey, exuding a strong dominance.

But Audrey was not afraid at all, just looking at him calmly.

After a standoff for a while, Dylan suddenly cleared his throat and asked in a hoarse voice, “Am I really that hateful?”

“Yes,” Audrey replied calmly and decisively.

She wasn’t the original host, so she couldn’t understand the deep affection and love for Dylan.

She just found him annoying. Dylan made her inexplicably irritable and unhappy. She just wanted him to stay away from her, preferably never to appear in front of her again.

The atmosphere in the car became unusually silent. After a while, Dylan said coldly, “Then you’ll just have to keep hating me.”

Dylan’s voice was low and indifferent, but it also carried a sense of helplessness and dominance.

Audrey furrowed her brows slightly. This kind of Dylan made her feel both annoyed and helpless.

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When they arrived at the hotel, Audrey got out of the car, ignoring Dylan.

Dylan watched Audrey’s figure as she walked into the hotel, his eyes darkening slightly.

The group chat beeped a few times, and Dylan glanced at it.

Andrew: [My mom said to invite all the most outstanding young men in Northville. You know what she means.]

Cade: [Is Phoebe setting Audrey up on a blind date?]

Shawn: [The four most outstanding men in Northville are in this chat group. Why call others?]

Andrew; [Well, keep it low-key.]

Shawn: [By the way, Audrey won’t take a liking to that man, will she? After all, Audrey now is a bit difficult to handle.]

Cade: [It’s hard to say.]

Dylan: [Who dares!]

Dylan’s tone was arrogant and domineering, with a hint of fierceness in his dark eyes.

Regardless of who Audrey took a liking to, he would destroy them. Apart from him, she wouldn't be with anyone else.

Then, Dylan added: [Let's go out for a drink.]

Andrew: [Did

you send her back?]

Cade: [Did Dylan go to pick up Audrey?]

Shawn: [Dylan, how come you haven't got her? If it doesn't work, I'll give you some tips.]

Andrew: [Keep your messy stuff to yourself.]

Audrey spent a few days drawing up the design plans for the welfare institution and

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then found someone to build it.

It wasn't until Monday that she had some free time.

These days, Brian had become familiar with the children at the welfare institution, so David often took him there.

Audrey had lunch before driving to Film City

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The Film City was located outside Northville, not close to the city center. It took nearly two hours to drive there.

When Audrey arrived at the Film City, it was already one thirty in the afternoon.

On the other end, Morgan Richardson had sent several messages urging her.

Audrey took out her phone and replied to the message: [I've arrived.]

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Morgan: [I'll have my assistant come to pick you up.]

Audrey: [Okay.]

After replying to the message, Audrey walked towards the entrance of Film City.

There were several crews filming inside the Film City, and many fans were visiting. Audrey lowered the brim of her duckbill cap.

She planned to find a shady spot to wait for Morgan's assistant to come and pick her up.

In just a few minutes, a figure blocked her way.

There were no outsiders around, so Sarah didn't bother to hide and directly called out Audrey's name. "Audrey, what are you doing here?"

Sarah had come to the Film City today for a cameo in a movie, or perhaps for an important role.

Because of the scandals she had been involved in before, Sarah had been affected. This movie was a big production, and although it was just a cameo role, the character was quite prominent. It was an opportunity that Sarah's agent had worked hard to secure for

her.

Besides, the male lead of the movie was the current international heartthrob, Morgan.

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Even though she didn't have any scenes with Morgan, Sarah could clean up her previous bad image if she could be on the same set with him. And with the good publicity and Morgan's influence, she would definitely be popular again.

So, this time she was particularly focused on this role, but she didn't expect to see Audrey here.

Audrey raised her head, glanced indifferently at Sarah, and continued to play with her phone without paying any attention to her.

Audrey's indifference immediately irritated Sarah.

"Audrey, I'm talking to you. Can't you hear me?" Sarah said angrily.

Considering the consecutive setbacks she had faced from Audrey and now being ignored, Sarah couldn't hold back her anger.

Audrey glanced at her coldly, her expression chilly and indifferent as she asked, "What's up?"

"Audrey, not just anyone can come in here. If you want to be an extra, I suggest you go over there and take a look," Sarah said.

Sarah pointed to the shady area on the other side, where about twenty to thirty people were waiting, some standing, some squatting, and some casually sitting on the ground with newspapers as cushions.

Almost all of them were waiting for job opportunities..

In Sarah's mind, Audrey was only fit for this kind of work.

Audrey glanced indifferently at the area Sarah had pointed to, then glanced casually at Sarah again.

"What, don't want to go? Then you'll just have to be driven out," Sarah said as she smiled at Audrey.

Having been humiliated by Audrey at the Silvandel Auction House, Sarah wanted Audrey to taste the same bitterness.

After speaking, Sarah's assistant immediately understood and called the security guard.

"What's going on? Why is she standing here? Can't you see she's blocking Sarah?
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up and drive her away," Sarah's assistant said.

The security guard recognized Sarah, a popular and influential star. Upon hearing the assistant's command, he rushed to drive Audrey away.

"Move, you're blocking the way. Did you hear it? Get out of here," the security guard said, trying to push Audrey away.

Sarah looked smug, enjoying seeing the security guard attempt to drive Audrey away.

Just as the security guard was about to push Audrey, he let out a painful scream.

Audrey grabbed the security guard's hand, her eyes flashing with coldness as she looked coldly at the guard's painful expression.

No one saw how Audrey moved her hand, and the security guard's hand was broken by Audrey.

"I advise you to learn to respect people. Otherwise, this will be your fate," Audrey said. The security guard hadn't expected Audrey to be so ruthless. Holding his broken arm, he was scared pale by the fierceness and murderous intent in Audrey's eyes.

Even the assistant, who was arrogant, shrunk back in fear at Audrey's sudden aggression.

"Sis, he didn't offend you, you're too cruel," Sarah said.

When she saw that the commotion had attracted many onlookers, Sarah's expression towards Audrey changed, and she sighed as she looked at Audrey.

"She's too ruthless. The security guard did nothing wrong and yet she directly broke his arm," an onlooker said.

"Yeah, it seems like she has a good relationship with Sarah," another person said.

"Just now, Sarah called her sister. Does Sarah really have such a sister? It's unlucky."

"Sarah's sister? Isn't that the one who was sent to prison by Mr. Dylan seven years ago? I heard she was kicked out of the Hernandez family." The onlookers gossiped.

"Oh, my

dear. Is she here to be an extra? Which crew dares to let such a ruthless woman be an extra?"

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People had surrounded them from all sides, disdainfully looking at Audrey.

Sarah proudly raised her eyebrows, enjoying seeing Audrey being scorned and mocked. by everyone.

Audrey ignored those voices, glanced lightly at Sarah, then suddenly smiled and said, "Sarah, is this the result you wanted?"

Sarah just let Audrey be despised and ridiculed by everyone.

"What are you saying? I don't understand. You should apologize to the security guard quickly." Sarah's eyes flickered innocently.

"You don't understand? Well, let's see if they understand." As Audrey said this, her face showed a hint of an indifferent smile.

When she saw the smile on Audrey's lips, Sarah's heart inexplicably panicked.

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Audrey tapped on her phone and a voice immediately came. It was the entire conversation between Sarah and Audrey from earlier. It also included Sarah's assistant instructing the security guard to drive her away.

The moment Sarah heard the recording, her face turned pale. She didn't expect Audrey to be so despicable as to record their entire conversation. The innocence and kindness on her face completely faded away. The strange pointed looks and whispering from those around her made her feel so ashamed and angry that she wanted to find a hole to crawl into. She had really underestimated Audrey.

When the recording finished, everyone fell silent. Those criticizing Audrey now stopped talking, having been completely proven wrong. They couldn't admit their mistake, so they turned their anger toward Sarah.

One said, "So it turns out Sarah did it herself, She had the security guard drive people away on such a wide path. Who does she think she is?"

Another remarked, "I have heard that Sarah's private behavior was different from how she was publicly, and it turns out to be true. She's actually like this in private. How unbelievable."

A third added, "I used to like her, but now that I saw her true persona, I'm disgusted."

Hearing these voices, Sarah wished she could dig a hole to hide in. Her eyes filled with hatred as she looked at Audrey. "Audrey, you're so ruthless," she said through gritted teeth, lowering her voice.

Sarah, unable to bear the stares from those around her, wanted to flee. She grabbed her assistant and headed into the film set.

But when Sarah was about to leave, she saw two figures hurrying over from not far away. Her eyes lit up immediately. Even the crowd around her started to buzz with excitement when they saw who was coming.

A voice exclaimed, "Oh my god. It's Morgan. He's so handsome."

Another shouted, "That's my idol. He's coming over. I love you, Morgan."

As a top star, Morgan was greeted with screams and shouts from all around when he arrived. Even some celebrities nearby were so excited they couldn't speak.

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Morgan had been famous for a long time but had always been a legendary figure. He was known for his cold and low-key personality. Most people found it hard to even catch a glimpse of him from afar, let alone see him up close.

Morgan was reshooting some scenes and had his assistant go out to receive Audrey. But when his assistant came out and saw a large crowd around Audrey, he rushed back to Morgan, fearing something had happened.

Upon hearing that Audrey was in trouble, Morgan immediately left in the middle of the shoot, almost running in her direction, worried that she might be in danger. The director and others, thinking something major had happened, quickly followed.

When Morgan saw Audrey standing safely not far away, he breathed a sigh of relief and walked over to her. He didn't get far before he was blocked by Sarah.

"Morgan, why did you come out? I was delayed outside with some things, but I'm heading in now," Sarah said softly, looking at the director and others who had followed Morgan out, thinking they had come because they knew she was being bullied. Her expression changed, and she spoke gently.

Seeing Sarah talking to Morgan, the excited voices around them calmed down a bit. People almost forgot that there had been rumors a few days ago about Sarah guest-starring in a significant role in the movie Morgan was starring in. Seeing such a big fuss, everyone thought Morgan and the director had come for Sarah.

Some celebrities who had previously looked down on Sarah and had been gloating now felt uneasy and envious seeing Morgan personally come to fetch Sarah. After all, Morgan was the top star in the entertainment industry. He was a godlike figure and the undisputed person at the top.

Someone remarked, "Morgan personally came to fetch Sarah. What's their relationship?"

Another said, "No wonder Sarah could get a cameo in this movie. It's because she knew Morgan."

A third voice commented, "Oh my god, Sarah knows Morgan. With him around, Sarah is going to become very popular."

The voices went on. Everyone looked at Sarah with envy. Even Sarah believed it. She even thought that Morgan coming out suddenly might mean he liked her. If someone like Morgan liked her, she would be more than happy.

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Moreover, once her company publicized today's event with Morgan, it would surely become a hot topic. With Morgan around, she wouldn't have to worry about endorsements and acting jobs.

Thinking of this, Sarah looked at Morgan with a gentler expression, her face showing a hint of shyness as she softly said, "Morgan, let's go inside."

Sarah's gentle and shy demeanor made those around her even more convinced that there was something between her and Morgan. Even the director and others who had followed Morgan thought he had come out because he knew Sarah was there.

Many people in the crew started to speculate that Morgan might like Sarah. They thought, "Why would Morgan rush out when he knew she was here? Even we didn't know Sarah arrived. The assistant must have informed Morgan. That is why he ran out despite being in the middle of filming.

The more they thought about it, the more convinced the director and the others became.

"So, Sarah has come. No wonder Morgan rushed out," the director, Tate Peterson, said, smiling at Sarah.

"Mr. Peterson," Sarah greeted Tate with a smile.

"Morgan, since Sarah is here, let's go back in and continue filming," Tate said cautiously, afraid of angering the top star. After all, Morgan was crucial for box office success and profits. He had to be treated with the utmost respect.

Sarah was also waiting for Morgan to go in with her. She had already signaled her assistant to take pictures of them together once they went inside. Posting them online would instantly make it a hot topic without even needing to promote it. Just thinking about it made Sarah's heart pound with excitement.

Not far away, Audrey raised an eyebrow, a slight smile on her lips, as she casually glanced at Morgan.

Morgan, annoyed by Sarah blocking his way, looked at her with cold eyes filled with dislike. "Who are you? Move aside," he said sharply.

Sarah was still dreaming, eagerly waiting for Morgan to speak, her face full of smiles. She was just about to nod when she realized what Morgan had said. Her pupils dilated at once, and her whole face turned deathly pale.

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The smiling director and others who followed Morgan were immediately taken aback. They thought, 'What is going on? Morgan didn't recognize Sarah? But didn't he rush out for Sarah? If it wasn't for her, why did he rush out?'

The crowd's gazes shifted between Morgan and Sarah, utterly confused.

"Morgan, you..." Sarah looked at Morgan with a beautiful and pitiable expression. Her eyes were teary and bright, gentle yet helpless. Normally, any man would feel tender affection for her upon seeing this look. But the one standing before her was Morgan.

The entertainment industry was never short of beautiful and pitiful-looking women. Moreover, this woman had just bullied Morgan's boss earlier.

"What do you mean? Do I know you?" Morgan looked at Sarah indifferently, his filled with coldness and disdain.

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Morgan's high-and-mighty attitude made Sarah's face pale. Her hands trembled slightly at her sides. She thought, 'No. This can't be happening. She had just embarrassed herself before Audrey and now wanted to use Morgan to turn the tables. But he was not giving her any chance at all. He even humiliated her.

Seeing the mocking and entertained looks of the surrounding crowd, Sarah wished she could faint on the spot. She looked at Morgan and said with a quivering voice, "I'm Sarah Hernandez."

"Sarah? I've never heard of you." Morgan's voice was cold. He frowned impatiently.

Morgan's words felt like a slap to Sarah's face,

However, Tate behind them, was oblivious to Sarah's intense embarrassment. He asked, "Morgan, you don't know Sarah?"

"Why should I know her?" Morgan snorted, looking at Tate with a cold expression.

Tate and the others finally understood. Morgan didn't know Sarah at all, yet she approached him as if they were familiar. This realization made the crowd's view of Sarah even more meaningful.

Sarah's face turned from red to white as she was overwhelmed with shame.

At this moment, Morgan suddenly said to Tate, "Is this the actress playing Charlotte

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Charlotte was the role Sarah was set to cameo in. Morgan's words made her eyes turn red. Morgan was trying to ensure she couldn't get the role.

Sure enough, the next moment, Tate nodded and agreed. "Yes, you are right. I will reconsider the casting for the role of Charlotte."

"Mr. Peterson, we have a contract. How can you do this?" Sarah looked up at Tate, her eyes brimming with tears.

Tate had no choice. Morgan was their big moneymaker, and Sarah's desperate attempts. to cling to Morgan were indeed embarrassing.

Morgan coldly added, "The breach of contract fee can be deducted from my pay."

Hearing this, Tate sighed and said to Sarah, "Ill contact your agent later."

Sarah was unwilling to accept this. She had worked hard to get this role, and now it was gone. She could already imagine how the news would explode online. The more she thought about it, the worse her expression became.

Meanwhile, Morgan had already walked past Sarah toward outside. Watching his back, then looking at Audrey standing not far away, a terrible premonition arose in Sarah. She thought, "Was Morgan making things difficult for me because of Audrey?"

Sarah immediately dismissed this thought. 'No way. How could Audrey know Morgan?'

However, the next thing Sarah saw was Morgan standing in front of Audrey. His tone completely changed from the previous coldness to gentleness. "Are you okay?"

Audrey glanced at Morgan. "What could happen to me?"

Morgan smiled, his already handsome face becoming even more dashing, causing many people to exclaim. "Right, I forgot."

Then, Morgan looked coldly at the security guard with a broken arm and said, "This is the consequence of offending the wrong person. You're fired"

Audrey breaking the security guard's arm was a light punishment. If Morgan had been there, he would have dealt with him more severely. 'How dare he touch my precious, he thought.

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The security guard didn't dare say a word, having no choice but to accept this bitter outcome.

Morgan took a bottle of water from his assistant, opened it, and handed it to Audrey. "The sun is bright out here. Let's go inside and sit for a while. I'll be done soon."

Morgan spoke gently, watching Audrey's expression cautiously, afraid she might be upset and leave. Fortunately, Audrey just nodded. Morgan breathed a sigh of relief, quickly leading her to his private resting area on set.

After Morgan led Audrey away, Tate and the others who were stunned finally came to their senses and pulled Morgan's assistant aside to ask, "What's the relationship between Morgan and that lady?"

The assistant, seeing how carefully Morgan was treating his boss, coughed lightly and whispered, "Ms. Hernandez is Morgan's boss, Mr. Peterson. You understand, right?"

Hearing this, Tate and the others were shocked to hear Audrey was Morgan's boss. No wonder Morgan rushed out in such a hurry. It was because she was here.

The crowd watching the drama finally came to their senses after Tate and others left.

One of them said, "Isn't Audrey supposed to have been in prison? How does she know Morgan? This is shocking news."

Another remarked, "Morgan, no. How can a woman who has been in prison be worthy of you? Why don't you look at me?"

A third commented, "Sarah is such a joke. She shamelessly threw herself at Morgan, who doesn't even know who she is."

The mocking and ridiculing stares made it impossible for Sarah to stay. She fled in disgrace. Her embarrassed figure was captured by the paparazzi.

Half an hour later, news of Sarah acting like a diva and trying to throw herself at Morgan in Film City spread like wildfire online. Short videos and recordings were attached, along with her pathetic fleeing form. The comments under these trending media were filled with criticisms. Morgan's large fanbase even started a campaign to boycott Sarah, telling her to leave the entertainment industry.

Subsequently, Sarah's past scandals were dug up again, tarnishing her reputation further. Her company quickly summoned her back and told her to apologize to Morgan.

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At the same time, Audrey, already seated in Morgan's exclusive lounge, was completely unconcerned with Sarah's predicament. She played a few games on her phone while waiting for Morgan.

When Morgan finished filming, Tate called out to him. He cleared his throat and said, "Morgan, would your boss be interested in joining the entertainment industry? With her looks and figure, she'd be a hit."

"Dream on." Morgan gave Tate a cold glance. He dared not even suggest letting Audrey enter the entertainment industry.

Tate cleared his throat again. "Well, we still haven't cast anyone in Charlotte's role."

Morgan thought for a moment and then said, "I'll find someone."

“Alright, that will do then.” Tate sighed, feeling somewhat regretful. It would be such a waste not to bring Audrey’s looks and figure into the entertainment industry.

-Morgan entered the lounge just as Audrey finished her game and exited the interface.

“You’re done?”

Morgan nodded. “Yes, I’ve had the assistant book a table at a restaurant.”

Audrey stood

up.

“Let’s go.

Morgan followed Audrey out of the lounge. Many people outside were paying attention to that corner. When the door opened and Morgan and Audrey walked out, they quickly turned their heads away, sneaking glances at them occasionally.

Once they were out of sight, the assistant director boldly asked Tate, “Do you really believe that person is so important to Morgan?”

Tate looked at the assistant director as if he were an idiot. “Whether she is or not, with Morgan around, would you dare to offend her?”

The assistant director cleared his throat. “No, but what about the role of Charlotte?” He was worried.

Tate replied, “Why worry? Let Morgan handle it.”

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Morgan had booked a private restaurant known for its privacy and membership-only policy.

When they entered, they were led to a private room. As they walked past an open room, Shawn, who happened to be visiting Film City, saw them and was surprised. Audrey was here. If Shawn wasn’t mistaken, she was with a man..

Shawn had a stake in the restaurant and immediately asked the staff. When he found out, he was worried for Dylan. Morgan was the man with Audrey. He wondered how Audrey knew Morgan.

Shawn asked in the group chat: [Guess who I saw at The Garden?]

Cade replied indifferently: [Who could it be? It couldn't be Audrey, right?]

Shawn: [It was her.]

Cade: [What the hell? Isn't The Garden near Film City?]

Shawn: [Guess who she is with?]

Dylan: [Who?]

Shawn: [Boss, brace yourself. Don't get jealous, seriously.]

Dylan: [Spit it out.]

Shawn: [She is with Morgan Richardson.]

Andrew was surprised too. [Morgan? How does Audrey know Morgan?]

They all knew Morgan as he was the top star in the entertainment industry.

Shawn clucked his tongue and replied, [Who knows? They seem pretty close.] He added, [Boss, are you still there?]

Cade: [Boss probably is already on his way to you.]

Shawn went silent. He could already foresee an impending showdown.

Andrew suddenly texted in the group chat: [Do you think Boss will dare to confront Audrey? I bet he won't.]

Shawn laughed and replied, [Andrew, you're getting really bold. Ever since Audrey is

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going to be your sister, you've got the guts to bet against Boss.]

Andrew insisted confidently, [If you don't believe me, just wait and see.]

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At the same time, in the other private room, the food had already been served. They were tailored to Audrey's tastes and preferences.

"Babe, would you consider making a cameo?" Morgan looked at Audrey, his eyes bright with hope.

Audrey glanced at Morgan coldly. "Not interested, but I can introduce someone to you."

"Who?" Morgan asked curiously, knowing anyone the boss introduced must be special.

Audrey replied, "I'll ask her if she's willing. Then I'll have her contact you

Morgan nodded. "Alright."

After they finished their meal, Audrey asked Morgan to leave first. Morgan wanted to spend more time with her but reluctantly agreed. He knew his presence was too noticeable. He left with his assistant.

After Morgan left, Audrey headed in the opposite direction. A black car drove up and blocked her path. Audrey stopped. She narrowed her eyes coldly and looked over, meeting Dylan's icy gaze from the back seat.

Audrey averted her eyes and walked away. Her car was parked not far away. When she got in and prepared to start it, the black car crashed into hers with a loud bang. Her body jerked violently.

Audrey stared blankly at the car that had hit her. She noticed the madness and cruelty in Dylan's bloodshot eyes, with a hint of tears. Her heart skipped a beat. Dylan seemed ready to drag her into hell with how ruthless he was right now.

Audrey's eyes darkened. Her lips pressed into a tight line. Her face was cold as she started her car and revved the engine, ready to ram into Dylan's car.

The fierce look in Dylan's eyes quickly faded. Seeing Audrey's indifferent face, he closed his eyes and then hoarsely instructed Richard, "Let her leave."

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Dylan didn't dare to risk Audrey's life. Even though he knew Audrey was using such a drastic method to force him to back down, he retreated in the end.

It was the same when Dylan knew Audrey was dining and laughing with another man inside the restaurant and was consumed with jealousy. He wanted to tie her up and keep her by his side forever but he didn't dare. He didn't know what to do with Audrey.

Dylan watched as Audrey's car brushed past his, not even having the courage to stop her. After a long silence, he instructed Richard to follow her.

Audrey never looked back. When she reached the hotel, she entered without a backward glance.

"Boss, shall we head back?" Richard asked.

In the back seat, Dylan's deep eyes remained fixed on where Audrey had gone. After a long silence, he said quietly, "Richard, will she never look back at me again?"

Richard didn't know how to respond.

Dylan added, "Do you think I should give her back those three years?"

Dylan's words shocked Richard. He thought, 'Has Boss fallen so far for Ms. Hernandez? He recalled the month after Boss regained his memory and couldn't help but feel heartache. He finally said, "Ms. Hernandez will see the good in you, sir."

"Let's go back." Dylan withdrew his gaze, his body disappearing into the shadows. He closed his eyes as if to shut out everything around him.

Seeing his boss's lonely and desolate figure, Richard couldn't help but feel a pang of sympathy.

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Audrey returned to her room and replied to Morgan's message. She also obtained the script from him. Then, she sent a message to Elizabeth. [Are you free? There's a cameo in a movie. If you're available, you can try it out. If not, forget it.]

After sending the message, Audrey forwarded the script to Elizabeth.

Without waiting for a reply, Audrey went to take a shower. When she came out, Elizabeth had responded. [I'm free. Did you go to the Film City today?]

Audrey: [Yeah.]

Elizabeth: [No wonder Sarah had a rough day.]

Audrey: [She brought it upon herself. Check out the script. I'll send you the contact number later. You can have your agent get in touch.]

Audrey: [Alright.

Audrey finished drying her hair, then left her room to check on Brian and David. Brian was already asleep, but David was still reading-

David said, "Audrey, you're back. Brian kept asking for you before he fell asleep. He played with the kids from the orphanage today and got tired."

Okay. Don't exhaust yourself. Get some rest early." Audrey glanced at the book in David's hands. "Do you need a tutor?"

David replied. "No, I can manage

Audrey nodded. "Sure. Let me know if you need anything

Audrey left their room, closing the door behind her. Back in her room, she sent a message overseas to check on the progress. A response came quickly. [We need three more days. Results will be out then.]

Meanwhile, Sarah stormed to the company with her assistant, only to find out that the company was afraid of offending Morgan and had temporarily suspended all her activities. It was effectively a blacklist. Infuriated, Sarah fell out with her

company.

Because the news had spread widely, Sarah was harassed by Morgan's fans outside the company. When she finally managed to escape home, she discovered someone had leaked her address. Fans surrounded her villa, protesting against her. She dared not leave the car and had to drive into the underground parking lot.

When Sarah returned home, she was disheveled and furious. She vented her anger in her room, smashing everything she could. Rebecca was shocked and hurriedly calmed her down.

"Mom, why haven't you gotten rid of Audrey yet? I hate her guts Sarah shrieked.

If it weren't for Audrey, Sarah wouldn't have faced such public humiliation, fell out with her company, and be blacklisted soon. Thinking about today's ridicule and disgrace, Sarah wanted to kill Audrey.

I know you've been wronged today. Don't worry. Mom will make sure you get justice. Rebecca was also furious but knew she had to stay rational.

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Rebecca hadn't expected that after seven years, that woman's bastard daughter would become so capable. However, she believed Audrey would also meet her end at their hands.

Thinking this, Rebecca's eyes flashed with a sinister glint.

"Mom, the company wants to blacklist me and I've fallen out with them. What should I do?" The thought of being insulted wherever Sarah went was unbearable to her.

"Don't worry, I'll find a way. I'll get you into Star International. Rebecca used to do very well in the entertainment industry before she retired. She still had connections.

When Sarah heard of Star International, her eyes lit up. "Really? Can I join Star International?"

Star International was one of the top entertainment companies in the country, second only to Winter Entertainment. Morgan was one of their celebrities. No one dared to offend them when the company had a mysterious and powerful owner. Morgan had made it big with their support.

Sarah believed she could outshine Morgan if she managed to get into Star International

Thinking about this, Sarah's previous anger and frustration turned into anticipation.

"Of course, so calm down and don't lose your temper. You're the most distinguished daughter of our family and deserve the best," Rebecca comforted her daughter gently.

"Got it, Mom, I will." Sarah nodded.

After soothing her daughter, Rebecca returned to her room to make a phone call. "Hello, Mr. Harell. It's Rebecca. I heard your work at Star International. My daughter wants to join the company, and I hope you can help."

Rebecca spoke with a gentle smile, but her expression turned slightly cold after hearing the response. "Mr. Harell, we've known each other for many years. You have some influence at Star International, right? Please help me out. Let me know if you need anything in return. Okay, I'll wait for your news."

After hanging up, Rebecca's expression turned icy. These people used to flatter her, but now they were showing their true colors because her daughter had offended Morgan..

The next morning, when Audrey was having breakfast with Brian, her phone beeped. She glanced at the message. [Boss, the Hernandez family pulled some strings to get Sarah into Star International. Should we accept?]

Audrey replied: [No]

The response was immediate and respectful. [Got it, boss.]

Audrey set her phone aside and continued with breakfast.

When Rebecca received the news from Star International, her face darkened. She hadn't expected it to be so difficult to get in. She also couldn't manage to get the trending news about Sarah removed, despite her efforts.

When Sarah learned she was rejected by Star International, she threw another tantrum at home.

"Don't worry, Sarah. There's another entertainment company besides Star International—Winter Entertainment." Rebecca was annoyed but tried to reassure her daughter. She had planned to let Sarah enter Star International because Winter

Entertainment belonged to Shawn, who had a close relationship with Dylan.

Shawn didn't like Sarah, and given Dylan's current attitude, he wouldn't let her in. That was why Rebecca opted for Star

International.

"Winter Entertainment? But Mom, Shawn doesn't like me and probably won't let me into his company." Sarah looked at Rebecca.

"Don't worry, I'll handle it, Rebecca reassured.

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The next day, Shawn unexpectedly received a call from Claire. He was quite surprised and only understood why she had called after answering it.

Shawn did not like Sarah, especially now when she was being heavily criticized. He was fully aware of how much trouble Sarah was in. Besides, Dylan also disliked her intensely.

Moreover, Sarah still had a contract with another company. If Shawn signed her on, he would have to pay a hefty penalty. Even if they did, her tainted reputation made her a risky investment. Shawn was a businessman, not a philanthropist.

However, it was difficult to refuse Claire's direct request.

Sensing Shawn's hesitation, Claire softened her tone. "Shawn, please do this as a favor for me. Don't worry about the penalty fee. Sarah will take care of it herself. But please give her some extra attention. After all, you and Dylan grew up together as close friends, and Sarah and Dylan are bound to get married eventually."

Claire's words made Shawn's heart sink. He couldn't understand why Claire insisted on marrying Sarah to Dylan. But given the circumstances, Shawn couldn't refuse her.

Shawn could only reply, "Claire, I can sign Sarah on, but I can't guarantee anything beyond that."

The next morning, major news outlets reported that Sarah had signed with Winter Entertainment. She even held a press conference to announce it. However, within half a day, news broke that Elizabeth, Winter Entertainment's top actress, was leaving the company.

Elizabeth had built her career in the entertainment industry with solid acting skills, becoming the youngest actress to win an award and amassing a huge fan base.

This news immediately caused a stir online. Many felt that something was up. After all, Winter Entertainment had just signed on Sarah and news broke out that top star Elizabeth was leaving. No one would believe there was no connection between the two pieces of news.

Furthermore, Elizabeth was rumored to be backed by Shawn, Winter Entertainment's CEO, although this was never confirmed.

Sarah's entry into Winter Entertainment spurred rumors of her relationship with Shawn. Sarah would be given a lot of spotlight and resources by Winter Entertainment, which previously had been given to Elizabeth

Speculations ran wild. Some thought Elizabeth left because she couldn't stand Sarah taking her spot, while others believed she was leaving because she had fallen out with Shawn.

Despite the controversy, Elizabeth was still considered a top star. Many entertainment companies still offered Elizabeth opportunities.

Two hours later, an insider from Winter Entertainment leaked information claiming Elizabeth had fallen out with Winter Entertainment because she was jealous of Sarah and that Shawn had threatened to blacklist her.

Given that Winter Entertainment had made Elizabeth a star, their reluctance to let their prime moneymaker go was understandable. It was normal that they would want to blacklist her.

Audrey noticed the overwhelming news online later that evening. She hadn't expected Sarah to join Winter Entertainment after being rejected by Star International

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Although Audrey knew this wasn't a big deal for Elizabeth, she still sent her a message. [Are you okay?]

Elizabeth was seemingly not busy and quickly responded: [What Are you going to invite me for a drink?]

Audrey: [Sure, let's find a place. I'll keep you company.]

Audrey didn't know much about Elizabeth and Shawn's relationship but knew they had been entangled for a long time. Shawn, known for his playful nature, probably wasn't serious about Elizabeth. It surprised her that they had stayed together for so many years.

Elizabeth agreed readily.

Not being familiar with Northville, Audrey thought for a moment and sent a message to Jessica. [Are you free?]

[Just got back. Want to meet up?] Jessica had just returned from a trip abroad.

[Yes, I'll send you the address.] Audrey added a GPS location.

Before heading out, Audrey accompanied Brian and put him to bed first.

The three women met at a bar. When Audrey arrived, Jessica and Elizabeth were already there. Raising her eyebrows, Audrey sat opposite them.

"I didn't expect the famous Python in the underworld to be the celebrated actress in the entertainment industry," Jessica remarked, raising an eyebrow.

"I was surprised too," Audrey had always assumed Python was a man.

"Are you really leaving Winter Entertainment?" Audrey asked Elizabeth.

Elizabeth looked at Audrey teasingly. “Yes. Do you have any recommendations for where I should go?”

Elizabeth was always well-informed, which was why Audrey looked for her to help find her brother in the past.

“Star International welcomes you.” Audrey would love to have such a valuable asset in her entertainment company. Losing Elizabeth would be a significant blow to Winter Entertainment.

Elizabeth had already guessed Audrey had a close relationship with Star International. Hearing this, she smiled. “Here’s to our cooperation.”

“Winter Entertainment will be furious.” Jessica couldn’t help but remark, looking at them.

Winter Entertainment had made Elizabeth a star, only for her to end up with a rival company.

“What about you and Shawn?” Audrey asked Elizabeth.

“We broke up.” Elizabeth looked indifferent, showing no signs of sadness.

“Congratulations.” Audrey raised her glass in celebration. Since she couldn’t drink alcohol as she would get drunk easily, she held a glass of soda instead.

“Congratulations on your freedom” Jessica also raised her glass.

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“Thanks.” Elizabeth smiled, exuding a lazy yet charming demeanor. Even Jessica, a woman, couldn’t help but cluck her tongue in admiration. With Elizabeth’s alluring looks, it was no wonder why she did so well in the entertainment industry.

The next morning, Star International’s CEO Rafe Moore personally received Elizabeth with his assistant. Photos of their meeting quickly spread online, shocking everyone.

Elizabeth had just faced a blacklist from Winter Entertainment but now she was welcomed by Star International, with the CEO himself receiving her. The news of Elizabeth joining Star International swept across the internet.

Shawn nearly exploded in fury when he heard the news.

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Everyone knew Star International and Winter Entertainment were the two giants of the domestic entertainment industry and longtime rivals.

For Elizabeth, Winter Entertainment's top actress, to openly switch to their rival, Star International, it was no wonder that Shawn, the CEO of Winter Entertainment, was furious.

Moreover, Shawn and Elizabeth had a personal relationship.

After calling over a dozen times, Elizabeth finally answered. Shawn roared immediately, "Elizabeth, what do you mean by this? Do you think I'm dead?"

"Shawn, I've repaid you for the support you gave me back then during my years at Winter Entertainment. Now that we're over, let's not contact each other again, Elizabeth replied calmly

"Elizabeth, do you think you can ever repay me? Without my support, do you think you could be where you are today? Believe me, I can push you to the top, and I can also destroy your Shawn was infuriated. He thought, I have been too good to Elizabeth. That is why she dared to defy me. Did she really think I can't do without her?"

Elizabeth sneered, "Aren't you planning to blacklist me? Shawn, let's wait and see."

With that, Elizabeth hung up the phone and blocked all of Shawn's contact information. She had no patience for people who were no longer relevant to her.

After that, Elizabeth called the agent assigned to her by Star International. She had not retained any of her previous team from Winter Entertainment.

Shawn was in a terrible mood, especially after Elizabeth had hung up on him. He couldn't understand how the once obedient woman had become so bold. He had underestimated her.

Shawn messaged in the group chat. [Anyone up for a drink?]

Andrew: [Drinking in the middle of the day? Are you crazy?]

Cade: [Shawn, did you really break up with Elizabeth?]

Shawn: [Tsk. It's just a breakup. Do you think I lack women? Believe it or not, I can show you my new girlfriend tomorrow.]

Mentioning Elizabeth made Shawn even angrier. He swore, about to lose his mind.

Andrew: [Sure. Just don't cry then.]

Shawn: [If I cry, I'll be a loser and run naked around Northville.]

Andrew: [I'll wait.]

Cade: [I'll wait too.]

Shawn thought, Fuck. What a bunch of lousy friends.

Andrew texted then: [I'm not sending you guys an invitation. Just remember to be there in three days.]

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The house on Greencloud Mountain was ready after a month. Audrey moved in with Brian and David. Living in a hotel wasn't as convenient as having a home. Audrey had also set up a laboratory in the villa, but the medical equipment had to be shipped from abroad, and required some time.

When Dylan received the news, he immediately sent gifts over, as well as dispatching two people.

In the new environment, Brian was excited, constantly video-calling Lucas to show him around, making Lucas eager to come to Northville.

"Lucas, when are you coming?" They had never been apart for so long. Brian missed his brother.

On the other end of the video, Lucas remained stoic, but his eyes were soft. "Wait a bit longer. Godmother said I can take a break in a month."

Lucas had been training at their godmother's base. Brian was supposed to go too, but his health couldn't withstand the rigorous training. If it weren't for the intense daily training. Lucas would have flown over to join Audrey and Brian.

"Is that person still bullying Audrey?" Lucas asked after thinking for a moment.

"It doesn't seem like it anymore. Don't worry, Lucas, I'll protect Mommy. Uncle will protect her too," Brian said earnestly.

When the doorbell rang, Audrey thought it was the food she ordered. She was considering hiring a maid to help care for

Brian.

When Audrey opened the door, she saw Richard. Her expression cooled.

Richard said, "Ms. Hernandez, Boss sent me here with presents.

Audrey replied coldly, "No need. Take them away." She began to close the door.

"Hold on, Ms. Hernandez," Richard hurriedly added, "Boss also sent another gift to you."

Richard stepped aside, revealing two people behind him. It was a man and a woman, both around fifty years old.

"Ms. Hernandez," the woman exclaimed excitedly upon seeing Audrey.

Audrey examined them for a while before recognizing them. They were the couple who used to take care of her mother, Vivienne, in the Holland family. After Vivienne's death, they continued to look after Audrey. However, they were dismissed by Rebecca after she married into the family.

"Wendy Sands?" Audrey looked at the middle-aged woman.

"Ms. Hernandez, it's so good to see you. You've grown. Your mother would be so happy if she knew." Wendy approached, her voice filled with emotion.

Audrey felt a sense of familiarity and warmth toward the couple even though she wasn't the original host. "Wendy, how did you come here?"

"Mr. Clifford found us and said you were back and needed someone to take care of you," Wendy explained. The couple had

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worked for the Holland family for most of their lives. After Wendy had a miscarriage, she couldn't have children and treated Audrey as her own.

When Rebecca fired Wendy, she was reluctant to leave Audrey but had no choice. Her heart ached knowing Audrey's mother was gone and no one would take care of her.

A few days ago, Dylan found them and told them to return to care for Audrey. They agreed immediately.

Audrey nodded and did not refuse them. She couldn't cook and needed someone to help, especially with Brian. Besides, Wendy and Callum Sands used to work for the Holland family. They were loyal and kind to the original host.

"Thank your boss for me." Audrey glanced at Richard.

"Ms. Hernandez, you're welcome. I'll leave now." Knowing Audrey wouldn't accept gifts personally chosen by his boss, Richard left after respectfully saying goodbye.

Audrey brought Wendy and Callum inside and called Brian and David over. "Callum, Wendy, this is David. You already know him. This is my son. You can call him Brian."

David had been adopted by Vivienne and used to live with the Hernandez family, so the couple recognized him. However, they were surprised that Audrey had a child.

Seeing Brian reminded Wendy of Audrey when she was young, filling her with affection. "He looks so much like you when you were a child, Ms. Hernandez, Wendy remarked, her eyes filled with warmth.