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It was a beautiful woman about five-foot-seven in height. Her curly hair was dyed purple-red.

She had the typical face of an internet celebrity -- big eyes, a tapered chin, apple-red lips, and puffy cheeks.

She had heavy makeup on her face, though it was obvious that she had many hyaluronic acid injections. Her appearance made her stand out from the rest of the tour group.

Bianca could tell that the woman was Hera Sanchez, her classmate in junior high.

Hera was once the prom queen.

She was quite different from how she looked in high school, but her overall shape did not change. Bianca remembered Hera very well because she used to be her bully.

Bianca did not remember the names of the two young women next to her, but she remembered seeing them before.

They were part of Hera's gang.

Hera was hugging the arm of a plump middle-aged man and resting her head on that man's shoulder.

The man was a full head shorter than Hera.

His face was as round as a plate, and his eyes were tiny because of the folds of fat. His neck was short and thick, and his body was like a moving ball.

enjoyed the attention that Hera was giving him, and his meaty palm was wandering wildly on Hera's it, but she hid her true feelings and pretended that she was enjoying

for a while and prepared to leave. At that moment, Minnie Franklin and Astra York, two of Hera's lackeys rubbed her eyes to make sure that her eyes were not playing tricks on

Minnie, look at that girl. Isn't she... Bianca

was also staring at Bianca. "... Bianca?" She called

wanted to steer clear of those women, but one of them had already called out her name. She braced herself and returned the greeting, "Long time no

not looking anywhere else because she was busy flirting with her boyfriend. When she heard her good friend calling out "Bianca," she was

turned toward the direction of the voice and saw Bianca. "Why are you here, you pathetic

"pathetic worm" from junior high had become a beautiful woman. Not only was she dressed in luxury clothing, but she carried the air of

far as Hera remembered, Bianca was not

They were from the same town, and they were classmates in junior high. Bianca back then was incredibly old-fashioned. She would be in a bowl cut, and her clothes would be old and sometimes patched.

Bianca in junior high was diffident and self-abased. She looked as though she deserved to be bullied.

However, she was always the top scorer.

Hera was the most beautiful girl in school, and boys often flirted with her. She was arrogant and haughty. She and her friends often bullied Bianca, and she always called her a "*pathetic worm*."

Bianca frowned when she heard that familiar **nickname**.

Even so, she was not going to bring up *the past*.

She smiled gently, even though it was only superficial. "I happen to be on a work hiatus, so I'm here on a vacation, and at the same time recover *a debt*..."

Hera grimaced, and her hand that hugged her boyfriend's arm stiffened. "That's impossible! How did you come here? This place is expensive. I don't think you have the time or money... so how..."

She remembered that Bianca came from a poor family and lived with *her grandfather*.

Bianca would work odd jobs on weekends and during the summer break. Sometimes, she would help her grandfather peddle various trinkets. How could she afford a trip to *Europe*?

and mercilessly interjected, "No one knows what happens in the future. I'm not the only one who's changed, Hera. Have you forgotten the bet you made with

at the plump middle-aged man sitting next

man's eyes were transfixed on Bianca's body. Bianca could not help but

that her boyfriend was perversely attracted to beautiful

'Damned fat pig!'

at Bianca angrily. "What bet is it? Why don't I

her gaze. "Oh? Are you making excuses

Am I that kind of person?" Hera repeated, "I've never made any excuses. What bet was it

at her coldly. "Looks like you're really forgetful, Ms. Sanchez. Have you forgotten what you've said? This came out of your mouth: If I ever go on vacation in another country, you'll pay for a seven-day trip for the entire class. I remember that these two beautiful ladies were there when you said that. You can ask

She pointed at Minnie and Astra.

two young women tried to avert Bianca's eyes. They shot a knowing glance at Hera as though reminding her that it was really

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Hera chuckled and spoke to Bianca arrogantly, "I'd love to bring my classmates on a trip, but I don't think I can do it this year."

Bianca blinked, and a hint of mockery appeared on her lips. "Oh, why is that?"

Hera grinned smugly. "You should know that you need a visa to travel, and it's such a hassle to apply for one. It'll take forever for everyone to get ready. Also, everyone's busy with their careers and families now, and we won't gather everyone. What's the point if we can't get everyone?"

She thought that she was quite smart for thinking of such an excuse.

Once she got out there, Bianca would not be able to find her.

Bianca frowned. "There are some countries..."

She wanted to say that certain countries, such as the Maldives and Mauritius, did not require a visa or offered visas upon arrival.

Hera interjected before she could finish her sentence.

She opened her eyes exaggeratedly. "You look confused. Don't tell me that you don't even have a passport!"

Minnie and Astra both smiled contemptuously.

"I don't think it's any of your business if I have a passport or not." Bianca was not going to answer such a stupid question, nor was she willing to entertain those women.

glanced at them and was about

over and grabbed her. A hint of malice appeared in her eyes. "Don't tell me that you were smuggled here,

group whispered to each other when they heard

wondered if that young woman in luxury clothes had come to the

would be a serious crime if that

thought that her guess was correct, seeing that Bianca did not reply. "Heh, I didn't expect that it's the case! How gutsy, you pathetic worm! Do you know that if the police arrest you, you'll be immediately sentenced to

boyfriend noticed that Bianca was frowning and thought that she was in distress. He grinned and walked up to her. "How about you come with us? It might be a little tricky since we're overseas, but it's not hard for me to get you a passport. You can call

His podgy hand reached toward Bianca.

several steps back, and her expression sank. "Please mind your manners,

plump man was stunned by Bianca's reaction. 'She's got quite the character!'

Hera was furious, but she dared not lose her temper. "I'm right next to you, Harvey. What do you want to do? Tell me, are you interested in that seductress?"

The plump man named Harvey said perversely, "Why would I? I won't be bothered with other women when I have you. I'm taking pity on your classmate. After all, she's from your town. It'd be very unlucky for her if *she's arrested!*"

"**Her** luck has nothing to do with us!" Hera said maliciously, "She probably deserves it anyway. Alright, that's all I'm going to say about it. Serves her right if she gets caught. After all, she's only a *pathetic worm...*"

"Oh, is that so?"

A *clarion* voice was heard. It was low and resonant like a double *bass*.

Following that was the firm stride of leather shoes on *the floor*.

Hera shut up instantly. Her eyes were transfixed on the incredibly handsome man that was walking toward Bianca.

All the eyes of the people from the tour group were looking at the same person too.

Bianca's horrid mood instantly brightened the moment she saw Luke.

The man's body was tall and well-built. The sun was shining behind **him**.

His face was hauntingly handsome, but his lips were pressed *together coldly*.

an impassive glance at Hera, and his gaze fell on

turned gentle when he saw that Bianca

that man looks so handsome! He's a hundred times more handsome than any actor!" A woman from the tour group was instantly smitten. Her hands pressed on her hot cheeks to stop herself

he Mr. Crawford, the CEO of T Corporation back in our country?" Someone soon recognized who

Luke's face frequently appeared in newspapers and on television. He was the face of T Corporation, and many people had a lasting impression of that

group was prepared to watch the comedy unfold, but they were shocked when they saw

women were already obsessed, while some were admiring and coveting

had tried to keep a low profile in the country, but he was very attractive. They did not expect to meet him in a

changed drastically when she saw Luke. All the malice was

Her gaze became eager. "L... Luke?"

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Hera was shocked by Luke's icy gaze. She felt as though her heart was popping out of her chest.

She tried to calm herself down while still trying to dress down Bianca. "You probably don't know about her, Luke. Bianca and I used to be from the same town, and she's been a sleazy girl since I knew her. Not only does she have multiple boyfriends, but I've also heard that she secretly dates her teacher and trades her body for good results. Don't be deceived by her pure looks."

Bianca crossed her arms and watched in amusement how Hera was trying to slander her.

If she had a shorter temper, she would have slapped Hera several times already.

Of course, she did not do that.

If Hera found out that the "pathetic worm" had become Luke's wife, Bianca could not imagine the expression on her face!

'Hmm... this'll be interesting.'

Bianca could not help but grin when she thought of how Hera was digging her own grave.

Hera thought that Bianca's grin was supposed to instigate her.

She glanced at Bianca and said, "How are you still in the mood to smile, you pathetic worm? I'm ashamed to be from the same school as you."

became even wider. "You're the one who should be ashamed of yourself. Don't involve me

did not put on any makeup except for some moisturizer and sunscreen, but her fair and tender skin was many times better than Hera's rough skin covered by layers

utterly charmed Luke. He felt as though a feather was tickling his

feel a warm current flowing within him as he stared at Bianca. He felt that his throat

did not expect Bianca to talk back. Instantly, she retorted, "You must be out of your mind, you pathetic worm! You're the one who came here illegally, not

thought that you're in the right, Hera Sanchez. You can say whatever you want. I'm not in the mood to talk to idiots," Bianca

Hera was shaking with anger.

was trying to insult Bianca, but Bianca somehow seemed unaffected, which made her even

hugged her boyfriend's meaty arm and said with equal parts of coyness and anger, "That pathetic worm is bullying me, Harvey. Won't you

was a businessman and naturally knew who Luke was. He might be rich, but he was nothing compared to Luke of

He dared not say a word in front of Luke. He could not afford to offend **him**.

That man could ruin his fledgling business with just one finger.

Harvey glanced at the man fearfully and awkwardly shoved Hera away. "Stop making a fuss. Don't you know who that man is? He..."

Before Hera could say anything, a low and resonant voice interjected, "What is your *name*?"

Hera thought that she could melt when she heard that *voice*.

The women in the tour group were smitten, especially Minnie and Astra, who could not look **away**.

Hera was slightly disappointed that Luke did not remember her name. However, she was ecstatic that the cold and aloof upperclassman was talking to her **right now**.

She blushed and quickly replied to Luke's question, forgetting that her boyfriend was standing right next to her. "I'm Hera Sanchez, Luke. Don't you remember me? I made you chocolate truffles when you were in a basketball match in *school*..."

Unfortunately, Luke tossed the box of chocolate truffles into the trash can in front of everyone, making Hera the subject of ridicule in school for a while.

Sanchez, is it? I remember you now." A hint of impatience flashed in

had to remember the name of his wife's

to speak boldly, "How about we have dinner together and catch up with each other, Luke? We're old friends after all. Also... are

that it was a waste of time to talk to her. "I'm already married. Also, my wife and I are very busy. Let's not catch up with

Hera was stunned.

married? How is

did not publicize his wedding. Only the social elite of A City knew about

disappointed to find out that he was married, but she could not stop

stared at Luke's face without

felt awkward because of Hera's brazen gaze. Luke also found

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The people from the tour group began to discuss animatedly after hearing what Luke said.

A girl with a round face almost collapsed. Her friend managed to steady her. "I didn't expect that the girl was Mr. Crawford's wife. If that's the case, she couldn't have smuggled here..."

They did not expect that sudden revelation.

The subject of ridicule was actually the wife of the CEO of T Corporation.

"That's right!" The round-faced girl's friend was a tall young woman in glasses. "I thought that she looked somewhat extraordinary earlier. I bet Hera insulted her only because she's jealous of her."

"Right. Hera looked so confident too! I nearly believed her. Tsk tsk, how shameless!"

"Mr. Crawford's wife is so pretty. Look, I don't think she's wearing any makeup. Her skin is so smooth. She's the perfect match with Mr. Crawford."

"Look at Hera's boyfriend. He might be rich, but he's probably a windfall tycoon... Not to mention he looks like a pig. Poor Hera... heheh..."

Hera became the focus of discussion instead.

It was normal for those people to behave that way when they realized who between the two was the more influential figure.

glared angrily at the people in the tour group, but he dared not say

remained in shock, not knowing that the public opinion had swayed

only shake her head in disbelief as she stared at Bianca. "That's impossible. You're a pathetic worm, Bianca. You don't have the right to marry Luke. His family won't accept her... if it were true, she must have seduced him! You're a shameless woman, Bianca! You haven't changed since

his lips tightly as he heard that woman insult his

icy gaze fell on Hera like the reaper's

would have gotten physical on her, if not that he was principled enough to not be violent

was about to continue insulting Bianca, several uniformed police officers came out from the hotel. They were in the middle of their

captain noticed Luke and went to greet him respectfully. "Is there any trouble, Mr. Crawford? How can at Hera disgustedly and grimaced. "That's right. This woman here is slandering

slander Mr. Crawford's wife!' The police captain thought as he turned toward where Luke was

"Is this the woman who slandered your wife?"

Hera felt guilty when she saw the police officers appear. She began to panic when she heard the question. "I didn't slander you, Bianca. Minnie and Astra can be my witnesses. I swear that every word I said is true. How dare you deny it! Haven't you investigated her background, Mr. Crawford? She doesn't deserve **you...**"

Bianca's delicate face remained calm, though her gaze was icy. "You can tell the police that. We don't have time to listen to your nonsense **here.**"

"Don't hand me to the police, Luke. We were from the same school, and I used to have a crush *on you!*"

Hera turned to look at Luke pleadingly. She hoped that he would forgive her.

She did not expect that her insulting words would land her in **legal trouble.**

Perhaps Luke might forgive her. After all, they were from the same high *school.*

It would be very humiliating for her to go to jail in a foreign country, not to mention that no one would bail her out. The rest of her life would **be ruined.**

Of course, Hera did not know how ruthless Luke could get, or that Bianca was the only woman that Luke showed his *gentle side*.

a hawk-like glance at the pathetic Hera. "That's enough. Take that crazy woman away," he

police captain took out a pair of handcuffs and locked them on Hera's

don't arrest me. I was only joking. I didn't mean what I said... Please save me, Harvey..." Hera began to panic when she saw that the police officers were being serious. She turned to look pleadingly at her

police captain asked Harvey sternly, "What relation do you have with this

don't know her at

did not want to get into trouble and instantly broke up with Hera. It was humiliating enough to have such an idiotic

had nearly offended Mr. Crawford's wife because of

offending Luke Crawford, he would rather break up with that

nearly passed out from anger when she heard what her boyfriend said. She could only turn to look at her two "good

"Help me, Minnie, Astra! Please..."

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Bianca and Luke's honeymoon lasted for almost two weeks.

On the last day of their honeymoon, they had planned to take a flight back to A City.

However, Percy's cruise ship happened to dock in the city they were in, and he invited the newly-wed couple on board.

The couple delayed their plans of returning and went on the ship.

The Mallory family ship was called the Zephyr. It was the property of the Mallory family, and it could sail freely on the open sea.

The cruise ship was more than ten floors high and could hold more than a thousand passengers. It cost a billion to build it.

The amenities of the luxury cruise ship included buffet restaurants, swimming pools, clubs, bars, gyms, galleries, space simulator rides, casinos, and so on.

Only the top hundred wealthiest individuals in the world would receive an invitation to board the cruise ship. All other passengers would have to pay for an expensive ticket to enjoy what the ship had to offer.

Everything above the tenth floor was private Mallory territory. No visitors could enter there.

Bianca stood on the deck and admired the immensity of the cruise ship.

She could not imagine that the incredibly wealthy Mallory family had built several gardens of different styles on the ship. There were all sorts of tropical flowers, verdant shrubs, towering trees, and even tantalizing fruits.

never seen such a luxurious cruise ship before. Percy is too rich!" Bianca could not help but exclaim as she held on to the railings. "... I wonder how much of it is illegally

her from the back, rested his head on her shoulder, and smiled. "Mm. If you'd like it, I can build a bigger and more luxurious ship

her head hurriedly. "I was just saying. Please don't be rash. The Mallories run their business on this ship, but I have no use for one. That'll only be a waste. I'm not going to waste

hugged Bianca more tightly and took a deep

was buried in her hair. "I'll do whatever that makes you

smiled when she heard that, and she gently pecked his lips. "That's all I want to hear. I don't need anything but

with him was

that she would never tire of that

...

Zephyr set sail into the shining sea. Melodious music could be heard in the

Thanks to Luke, Bianca managed to ride on a cruise ship.

If it were her alone, she would never want to pay for **the trip**.

Nina was also on the ship, keeping Percy company. She was dressed in a dark red Bohemian dress that contrasted with her fair skin and *delicate face*.

She seemed to be in good spirits, but she had become **thinner**.

She seemed out of place when standing next *to Percy*.

Percy and Luke reclined on lounge chairs and discussed business while Bianca and Nina were at the *side, chatting*.

"*How* have you been, Nina? Did he... bully you?" She *asked*.

Nina's gaze wavered when she looked at Bianca. She forced a smile. "Look at me, all decked out in luxury clothing. I'm finally in high society now, and I have unlimited money to spend. Can't you see how carefree **I am**?"

"**You...**" **Bianca** did not know what to say when she looked at the smile on Nina's *face*.

Only Nina would know if she was truly **happy**.

"Percy, Percy! I'm back!"

crisp and girlish voice from the deck broke the silence between the
Nina turned their heads in surprise. They saw a petite girl skipping and hopping into Percy's
girl hugged Percy's neck and said coyly, "I miss you, Percy! Do you
miss you." The usually stern Percy Mallory landed a wet kiss on the girl's cheek and tousled her
the first time that Nina had seen Percy
rarely smiled. Even if he did, it was always a sinister or plotting one. The smile on his face now was
completely
shocked as she looked at the two
girl seemed young; she was probably about sixteen years old. She wore a pink pearl hairband. Her
delicate face was petite and round, her long and curly hair fell carelessly on her shoulder, which added
to her cute
girl pushed herself away from Percy, then kissed Luke heavily. "I miss you

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To Bianca, that young girl was innocent, carefree, and perhaps a little too naïve.
She could not bear to see Nina being embarrassed, so she blocked Daphne's hand and asked her, "Are
you really Percy's younger sister?"
"Of course. Don't you think that I look like Percy?" The girl smiled brilliantly like the starry sky.
She looked like an angel.
Bianca carefully studied Percy and Daphne's faces. Other than the face, there was no similarity at all.
Percy's eyes were thin, almond-shaped, and had an exotic charm to them. On the other hand, Daphne's
eyes were round like a cat's eyes and had a glint of mischief in them.
Most importantly, what differentiated Daphne from her elder brother was her warm, sweet, and
innocent demeanor, unlike Percy, who seemed like the devil.
No one would have realized that the cold and ruthless man would be related to the adorable young girl.
"Welcome back to the Zephyr, Ms. Daphne."
Several servants stood neatly in a row and greeted Daphne.
Daphne was used to such scenes. She nodded at them and went back to pester her elder brother. "Let
me tell you about the countries I've visited, Percy..."
Percy began to patiently coax Daphne. It was the first time that Nina had seen the man's gentle side.
come back yourself, or did Pierre bring you
me, of course. He's busy flirting with women now, and he doesn't care about me anyway. Why don't you
talk to him about it,

shuddered involuntarily when she overheard

is here too! What should I do if I

...

had been distracted ever since she knew that Pierre was also on board the

Percy brought her to his private quarters, she found the courage to ask him, "Why did you bring me your status. As my partner, you should know what to do. I don't have to

told me, and we've already signed a contract. Our time together ended a few

I'm addicted to you, Nina. You're as endearing as a rose. Can't I have you for a little

'Addicted?

'To me?'

Nina's eyes opened wide in surprise and stared at Percy *uneasily*.

Before she could ask him what he meant, he lifted her in his arms and placed her on the *handrail*.

"What... what do you want?"

Nina was afraid of water. She would feel dizzy whenever she looked at the *sea*.

A flock of seagulls glided through the air around her. Appearing sporadically among the **clouds**.

The silver waves crashed onto the ship, and the droplets that scattered through the air sparkled like diamonds.

Nina was not in the mood to appreciate the beauty. She did not know how to swim, and all she could do was hold on to Percy's shirt tightly, in case she fell overboard and became the sharks' next **meal**.

"**Don't** be afraid. Try to enjoy the beauty of the world with your heart. You don't have anything to worry about with me next to **you**."

A smile appeared on Percy's face. He pulled her face away from his chest and forced her to look at *the horizon*.

Nina's fear subsided a little when she saw his encouraging gaze and the seemingly mocking smile on his face. She grunted reluctantly, gradually loosened her grip, and began to look **around her**.

The ship had sailed out of the port and into the open *sea*.

bow sliced the sea into two and formed waves as it moved

sounded proudly, as though nothing in the world could stop

ship sped across the waves, the entire world seemed to spin around one's

"Aaaaaaaa! Aaaaaaaa!"

her hands around her mouth and began to yell at the sea, pouring her suppressed emotions into
was the first time she had released her emotions. It was a
were around her waist. He seemed indifferent to Nina's changing expressions as
profound gaze fell on her delicate face. No one knew what he was
minutes later, Nina's voice was almost hoarse. She leaned backward and fell on his
she had dreamed of being able to spend a day at sea with the man she
man beside her now was not one that she
were neither lovers nor friends, even though they had made out in bed with each other. That was a
purely financial transaction that fulfilled each

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Nina lowered her head and used her shoulder-length hair to obscure her face.
She did not want anyone to see her weakness, especially that man in front of her.
"Don't you feel any affection for me after being together for so long?" Percy smiled sinisterly as he
gripped Nina's jaw and maintained his superior demeanor.
Nina felt her heart wrench.
Her head remained lowered. "Both of us have something we want, and affection doesn't come into the
picture. If I have any affection toward you, it's because I can't find a more generous man."
Nina's voice was soft, but her words were mocking.
Percy's sinister gaze wavered. He turned her around by her shoulders. "Do you like it here?"
Nina tried to swallow her tears, but she could not control them from falling down her face.
She lifted her head to look at the boundless blue sky. When she managed to compose herself, she
nodded without showing any hint of her previous emotions. "The sea and the sky are beautiful. I don't
think anyone would not like it here."
Percy suddenly laughed.
His beautiful face bloomed like a flower in spring.
His thin eyes were transfixed on Nina's face as he asked gently, "Then... do you like me?"
startled. She suddenly felt
touched his face in bewilderment. "What's wrong with you today, Percy Mallory? Did you... knock your
head
could hear her heart thump wildly as she stared at his bewitching face and those "soulful"
did not want to fall into that man's

her head away to avert his passionate gaze. Keeping true to her personality, she declined
lips opened and closed as though he only wanted to hear the answer he desired. "Not even the
brushed the hair next to
was not an idiot, and she knew how to give and
tried to regain her composure so that she sounded like her normal self. "Our relationship is nothing
more than employer and employee. Don't you think that it's ridiculous to talk about our feelings? Why,
don't tell me that you
as though he was told a funny joke. "You're a smart woman, Nina. Why would you ask that stupid
took a deep breath and felt bitterness flood her mouth. "I can ask you the
that Percy was a heartless man and that she was insignificant to

He might treat her nicely, and sometimes he might even give her the feeling that they were lovers, but
that was nothing more than **an illusion**.

She could not escape the fate of being abandoned, so why should she try in the first place?

If he did not love her, then she did not have to love him either. However, was that really the case?

Percy held her clammy hand with his hefty palm and hugged her in his **arms**.

She leaned on his sturdy chest.

Percy's cheek rested on Nina's shoulder. He indicated to her to look up. "The weather is **nice today**."

The water was as blue as the purest sapphire, and the horizon glimmered with golden light. The sky
reflected the color of the sea, and the seagulls were calling. It was like a *dream*.

"**The weather** is nice indeed." Nina tried to forget her worries, and a smile began to bloom on her face
as she looked at the **beautiful sight**.

Percy gently pecked her cherry lips.

Nina's body stiffened for a while before she rested her head on **his shoulder**.

"**Percy Mallory...**" Nina called out **his name**.

profound eyes glanced at her gently, waiting for her

know, Percy, that I once bore your younger brother's child in my womb? The baby has become nothing
more than a puddle of blood, and my womb is damaged because of him. If you found out that the two of
you have had relations with the same woman, would you find it

what she wanted to say, but she did not have the courage to say it. She could only bury that shameful
secret deep in her

first made out, Nina was happy as though she had

wanted to see the brothers turn on each other. Now, she felt that she had been so silly. Before she could carry out her revenge, she had already fallen into his

to cry, but she had to force herself to smile in front of

man seemed to be able to read her heart. Nina could not hide her emotions in front

not want to say another word. She could only climb up his neck and deliver her lips

surprised that Nina had taken the initiative, but he did not ask any questions. Instinctively, he pried open her lips with his

Deeper, deeper...

The two bodies became more intimate.

their bodies intertwined, they were thinking of

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Nina's face turned pale very quickly after seeing Pierre's appearance.

Even her body began to tremble slightly.

"You don't look too good, Nina. Do you want to go back and rest in your cabin?" Bianca also noticed Pierre. The same hatred appeared in her eyes, and she held onto Nina's hand to comfort her.

Nina's heart turned cold when she saw the man who had gravely hurt her appear in front of her eyes as though nothing happened.

The sensation was like walking on a knife's edge. The pain spread through her limbs.

Pierre Mallory, that animal that had ruined her life!

"Nina..." Bianca seemed worried about the change in Nina's demeanor. "How about..."

Nina shook her head and said determinedly, "Don't worry about me, Bea. You don't have to try to comfort me. I'll eventually have to face this obstacle myself. Moreover, I'm not the one who's at fault here. Why should I suffer alone while the culprit remains free?"

Nina nearly screamed when she asked that question.

quite an easy-going woman and rarely lost her temper, but the events of the day made her want to vent not control her emotions when scenes of her violation resurfaced in her

Bianca did not know what else to say to her

see the tears in her eyes and the sorrow that spread throughout her body, which made her seem

broken voice seemed so forlorn in the spacious lobby. "I'm fine, Bianca. You don't have to worry about

tried to calm herself down and make her sound as normal as possible, but she could not hide the timidity in

over with a bevy of women surrounding him, like an ancient emperor surrounded by his

face was almost perfect and stood out even among the beautiful women. The disdainful smirk on his face made him seem like

"Pierre..."

The women around him tried their best to gain his favor. They tried to push away the two women in his arms so that they could take **their places**.

"There's no rush, my queens. You all will have your turn." Pierre pinched one and fondled another. His indulgent behavior disgusted Nina, especially when considering that he had violated **her**.

If she had a knife in her hand, she would not hesitate to stab it in his heart.

"What a pig of a man. Pierre is so different from his elder brother. I bet he'll get his just desserts sooner or later!" Bianca spoke up because Pierre had hurt her best *friend*.

She was not at liberty to criticize Pierre because he was Percy's younger brother, but she could not help but say something considering that he had harmed her best friend.

Nina seemed to know what Bianca was thinking and gently pulled her hand. "It's fine, Bea. He's only a dog who had once bitten me. I'm not going to bite it back."

She knew that Bianca was stuck in a tough spot because Bianca's husband was a good friend of Pierre's elder brother. Luke would help Bianca if she offended Pierre, nor would he blame her, but Nina did not want to owe Bianca another debt *of gratitude*.

Nina did not want trouble, but trouble always found *her*.

Pierre also noticed Nina. He was surprised at first, but he soon smirked sarcastically. "Hey, isn't that Nina Langdon? Why, the famous miser in high school is aboard the Zephyr! It doesn't look like you can afford to ride here. Did some man pay for your ticket? Fine, seeing that we were once bed partners, I'll pay for your *expenses today...*"

sounded as though he was a charitable

stood up angrily from her seat and flung a glass of champagne at Pierre's face. "Watch your mouth, Pierre Mallory! Not every woman wants to flatter you. I haven't gotten even with you for bullying Nina yet. Do you even consider yourself

is this woman, Pierre? She just threw a drink at

have to punish her! She's too

around Pierre took out napkins to carefully wipe Pierre's face while shooting daggers at

pushed the women around him away, wiped the champagne off his face with his hand, and glared sinisterly at Bianca. "Don't think that I won't do anything to you just because you have Luke Crawford behind you! He might be my elder brother's friend, but he's not my friend. Do you

clenched her fists. Her gaze was like a bloody dagger that stared at Pierre. "Come at me if you want anything. Don't

I didn't expect that you're such a good friend. I've underestimated you." In the next second, Nina felt a warm breath next to her

felt as though a venomous snake was sticking its tongue at

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Bianca felt a sharp pain on her forehead. She touched it and felt that it was wet. The bright red strains on her fingers told her that her forehead was bleeding.

However, that was not the time to care for her wounds.

Bianca was extremely worried, seeing that Nina was about to be taken away. Suddenly, she saw Luke and Percy coming from afar.

"Luke!"

Bianca cried out hurriedly. Luke stopped talking to Percy when he heard his wife calling his name and looked around to find his wife.

When he saw that his wife's forehead was bleeding, his usually profound eyes were filled with anger.

He walked toward Bianca in big strides, hugged her tightly in his arms, and said, "Who did this?" His voice was like thunder.

Bianca pointed at Pierre with her delicate hand and said anxiously, "Pierre bullied Nina, and he's taking her away against her will..."

Luke's fiery gaze shot toward Pierre, and he frowned. "Did Pierre hurt you?"

Bianca leaned against his chest and bit her lip. She did not confirm it, nor did she deny it. She only gazed resentfully at Pierre as though her eyes were needles dipped in poison.

Luke instantly understood what happened, and his gentle demeanor suddenly turned as cold as ice.

"Looks like it's time for your younger brother to learn a bloody lesson, Percy. I don't mind teaching him a lesson if you're not willing!"

ahead and blocked Pierre's

hands were in his pockets, and his eyes gradually turned bloodshot as he looked at his younger brother carrying Nina over

did not say a word, but his imposing demeanor inspired fear from the people around him. Even the usually brazen Pierre began

mean to hurt her, Percy. She should've minded her own business... Nina has been disobeying me repeatedly, and she nearly sent me to jail. I want her to know that I'm not one to be trifled with, and she should pay the price for what she's done to me! Mind your own business,

been struggling in Pierre's arms, and she had even drawn blood from biting Pierre's shoulder. When she saw the two brothers in a standoff, she suddenly

mockingly at Percy, wondering how he would deal with his

was a head taller

a step toward Pierre and glared downward at him. "You're not a child anymore, Pierre. Don't you feel embarrassed for causing such a scene? Put her down

not tell Percy's emotion from his

not going to obey his elder brother just like that. "I'm not going to, Percy! Don't you know what she did? She..." He

"I said, put her down!"

Percy's thin almond-shaped eyes under his thick brows were usually profound and enchanting. Whenever he got angry, he would slightly lift his eyelids, which made him look eerily sinister.

The passengers of the cruise ship stood around and watched the sudden family drama **expectantly**.

The Mallory siblings were arguing because of a woman. That was sensational news. They were surprised that the woman seemed unremarkable despite having a rather shapely body. She was not that special after *all...*

Perhaps those brothers had unique tastes.

Pierre was shocked by his brother's expression. He did not want to let go of his "prey," but he was eventually cowed by his **brother's authority**.

He tossed Nina on the floor and said, "Hmph, I guess it's your lucky day today. I wouldn't have forgiven you otherwise!"

He left angrily with his bevy *of women*.

Before he walked away, he shot a murderous glare *at Nina*.

"*Nina...*" *Bianca* wanted to go ahead and check on her friend, but Luke was hugging **her tightly**.

Bianca smiled apologetically at Nina. She wanted to say something, but Nina smiled weakly at her and indicated that she **was fine**.

Bianca away. Nina breathed a sigh of relief, but Percy's slender fingers propped up her chin and forced her to look at

towered over her, but she looked at

bad. You've somehow managed to seduce my younger brother while seducing me." He sounded unhappy, but at the same

of me!" Nina wanted to struggle, but all strength seemed to have left her body. Her body did not seem to be under

traced a path on her delicate face and neck. "I don't know what's so charming about you. Your figure is barely passable, so I don't know what my younger brother sees

closed her eyes and ignored his insults. She had nothing to explain

'Heh, how ridiculous.'

the one who seduced Pierre Mallory? That was the funniest joke she had ever

don't you have anything to say?" Percy took her hand and

was not tender like other women's. Instead, it was rough and calloused, as though she was used to menial

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Bianca knew that Luke was blaming himself for not taking care of her.

However, there was little that she could do given those circumstances.

"I'm sorry, I didn't mean it. If I didn't try to stop him, Pierre would have taken Nina away. Pierre once harmed her because of me. If she falls into his hands again, I don't know what he would do to her... I'd feel even more guilty if that happens. Do you want that to happen?"

If Nina was once again violated by Pierre, she might not recover from the trauma.

Bianca's puppy-dog eyes would usually work on Luke. However, they did not seem to have any effect this time.

The man looked at her with a scorching gaze.

He pinned her arms against the wall.

Luke kneaded Bianca's delicate neck. "That's not the reason why you should act on impulse. You don't know what Pierre Mallory can do to you. This time, you hurt your forehead when you tried to go against him. Next time, he might want your life instead. Why didn't you give me a call or ask someone to get me? Hm?"

He did not use excessive force, but Bianca could not help but cry out in pain. "... I know I'm wrong, Luke. I won't do it again. Please forgive me..."

Luke pinned Bianca on the bed and frowned. "Should I do something practical to make sure that you've learned your lesson?"

seemed to have pressed his entire body weight on her

could not breathe, and her petite mouth was almost contorted. "Don't be angry anymore. How about I make dinner for

said that, she remembered that they were on a luxury cruise

the professional chefs on board could cook better

in frustration, but Luke gently nibbled her earlobe. "I'm hungry, but not

and grabbed onto his neck. "No, I can't. We just did it yesterday, and I still need time to swam under her clothes. "You'll have to do it anyway. That's for making me Ugh... I thought that you're a gentle and caring husband, but you're not caring at all... ugh... you sinisterly, tore off her gown, and breathed next to her ear. "If I don't teach you a lesson today, you'll be rushing head-on into

Bianca did not have a reply to **that**.

Luke abruptly got off the bed.

Bianca saw Luke rummaging for something in the drawer.

"I'm in the safe period now, Luke. You don't need it," she said softly as she stared at Luke's handsome side profile.

Luke bent down and gently kissed her forehead. "No, I'll have to make sure that your body is protected. I know that childbirth is very damaging to a woman's body, and I'm grateful that you have given me three cute and smart children. I'm already satisfied, and I don't want your body to go through the process anymore. Moreover, I need to attend many business dinners lately, and I don't want to have an accident happen when I'm *drunk*."

Bianca thought that it was indeed the case.

She wanted a few more children, but it was quite troublesome to **raise them**.

She still had her business to grow, and she would rather spend her time on her career, not staying at home and becoming a housewife ignorant to the happenings in the outside world.

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dressed herself in exquisite clothes and went to Brody's house to meet

only opened the door when the caretaker came with his indoor slippers. "You're back, Master Brody.

this is Leia Norman, my girlfriend. I'm bringing her to meet Grandma today." Brody held Leia's hand and smugly introduced Leia to the

smiled sweetly at the caretaker and said courteously, "Nice to meet

Bang!

Leia could finish her sentence, the sound of a teacup slamming heavily on the table could be heard in the

old woman with a noble demeanor sat on a velvet couch with

face barely had any wrinkles, and she looked young. However, she seemed to be not in a good

shocked by the sudden loud sound. When she glanced over, she saw the old woman pulling her braceleted hand away, while the coffee table was wet with small puddles of

