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Seeing how James and Gideon really were going to call someone to get some information, Hera stood up and said, "It's getting late, so let's get ready for bed now. You guys can have anything in your dreams."

James, Gideon, and Catherine were all stunned when they heard that.

Suddenly, Gino said, "Wait. Am I the only one who's wondering why Hera had the money to bid for the Eclipse Stones? Rumors had it that they were 880 million dollars!"

Right after he said that everyone looked toward Hera, and they had a realization.

Gideon felt ashamed to find out that Hera became rich before he did. James thought he was a fool of the family the whole time. Lilith was just amazed by Hera. Mildred wondered if it was too late to shower Hera with love.

Meanwhile, Bernard remembered that he had to check the financial records when he got back. He had to find an opportunity to transfer the money back to Hera after making her waste so much money.

Linda habitually entered Aurora's bedroom with a flask in her hand. "Aury, are you feeling better?"

Aurora was resting on her bed, and Roman was chatting with her while sitting next to the bed. When he saw Linda, he greeted, "Hello, Grand aunt Linda."

"Oh, you're here, too!" Linda smiled with a nod. Then, she placed the flask on a table.

"Here, Aury. My aunt got up early just to make this soup for you. Since the doctor said you're weak now, you should drink some chicken soup to re-energize your body. It should improve your appetite as well, and it'll be good for you and your baby."

As she said that, she poured some of the soup into a bowl and handed it to Aurora.

When Aurora smelled the chicken in the soup, she felt nauseous and wanted to puke. She tried her best to suppress the feeling and said, "Thank you, Aunt Linda. But I really can't drink it right now. The smell of chicken makes me nauseous."

"That's perfectly normal. I'll just leave it here for now, so make sure you have it later," Linda reminded as she placed it aside.

"Ms. Aurora, Dr. Flynn is here." Suddenly, Talia brought in a professional-looking woman.

Aurora's eyes lit up as she asked, "How was it?"

"I've checked the pills, Ms. Aurora. They are safe to consume." Jamie passed the test results to Aurora. "Thank you." After Aurora glanced through the results and made sure everything was fine, she took off the golden bracelet on her left wrist. Then, she passed it to Jamie.

"Thank you, Ms. Aurora." Jamie happily accepted it. After she left, Aurora hurriedly asked Roman to pour herself a glass of water. Then, she took out the small container she previously received from Hera and grabbed a pill from inside before consuming it.

Linda watched closely as Aurora took the pill and asked caringly, "Where did you get that medicine, Aury? You have to be careful and not take any pills recklessly."

"Dr. Shadow gave me this," said Aurora.

When Linda heard that, her eyes flashed in disbelief for an instant. "Did you get examined by Dr. Shadow?" Aurora nodded and was puzzled. "That's right. Is there a problem?"

Linda thought it was a huge problem! Before Camille's real identity was exposed, the Killians liked her a lot and wanted to have Dr. Shadow in their family. That was why they wanted Bernard to marry her and make the Chimes part of the Killians' family.

However, Camille was revealed to be a fraud, and the real Dr. Shadow turned out to be Hera.

Hera was also known as Cecily, who lived with the Killians for six years when they mistakenly took her in at birth 18 years ago!

Linda thought it wasn't a good sign for a person to reappear after she was thought to be dead 12 years ago!

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"Aury, do you know who Dr. Shadow was in the past?" Linda asked in suspicion.

Aurora nodded. "Yeah, I do."

"Then, why are you still taking the pills she gave you? Aren't you worried that something might be wrong with them?" said Linda.

Of course, there was no way Aurora wouldn't be worried. However, she had no other choices. Other than Hera, no one else could save her child! So, she had to take the risk!

Since she had something Hera wanted, she figured the latter wouldn't dare to do anything to her. Aurora cleared the doubt she had in her mind and pretended to be confused.

"Why would she want to hurt me?"

Linda saw how innocent Aurora looked and wondered if the latter truly didn't know what she was implying. After all, Hera wasn't the same young lady from back then that could be seen through.

Instead, she was the amazing Dr. Shadow. If she wanted, any wealthy guy would gladly be used by her, and Nicholas was a great example.

If Hera decided to expose what happened 12 years ago, the Killians would have to suffer! Linda wondered if Aurora had other plans by boldly taking Hera's pills.

After pondering on it, she said calmly, "You're right. She has no reason to hurt you. I'm worrying too much."

Since Hera wasn't doing anything at the moment, she had no reason to be anxious. Instead, she should just calmly watch out for anything suspicious. Roman quietly watched from the side as Aurora and Linda chatted, and he had a feeling that there was a shameful history between them and Hera.

"With Dr. Shadow taking care of you herself, I'm sure you and Chad have nothing to worry about. I still have something to attend to, so I shan't disturb you further."

After saying that, Linda got up. Before she left, she reminded Aurora, "Remember to drink the chicken soup. Otherwise, it's going to taste stale when it's cold."

"Sure. Thanks again, Aunt Linda. Roman, see your grandaunt out," said Aurora.

Roman nodded and got up as well to accompany Linda out. When they got out of the house, he looked around and noticed no one was around.

He couldn't stop being curious and asked, "Grandaunt, Dr. Shadow is just Hera, right? Why would she want to hurt Mom?"

Seeing how innocent he looked, Linda suddenly had a plan. She stopped in her tracks and ruffled his hair before asking, "Since you know Hera, do you know what her relationship is with your Granduncle Bernard?"

"Of course!" he answered, thinking Hera was just Bernard's partner.

Ever since Hera exposed Camille, Bernard embraced Hera in public and stunned everyone in Jedburgh with their relationship. Back then, Roman was shocked as well to find out that Bernard wasn't actually interested in men!

If Bernard was actually interested in men, then he wouldn't be able to get married. As Aurora's adoptive son, Roman would be a legal heir as well.

There were six children in the Killian family, and there were only three guys among them.

Among the three of them, the eldest passed away shortly after birth. Greg's son was greatly ill after his parents passed away, and his brain was damaged because of it. Frederick was the only one who was still considered fine.

Roman found out that Frederick was only interested in men. However, since the latter was good at hiding it, no one in the family knew about it. So, the only potential heirs were Bernard, Frederick, and Roman.

Since Bernard wasn't interested in men and even found himself a partner, Roman figured he would be getting married soon.

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Once Bernard got married, he would get the shares that Albert left for Roman back then and had the most shares in the family. That meant that Bernard would be the family's next patriarch, and Roman would lose all of his chance to be the head of the family.

However, he would still have a chance as long as Bernard wasn't married.

But Hera was Bernard's woman, and Roman figured she would stand by Bernard's side and not hurt Aurora.

After all, Aurora was still the daughter of the current patriarch. Otherwise, the head of the family wouldn't agree to their marriage.

Suddenly, Roman realized why Linda had visited Aurora. She was purposely trying to start a conflict by making Aurora suspicious. As long as Bernard didn't get married, Roman would have a shot at being the patriarch.

"Grandaunt, do you want to stop Granduncle Bernard from getting married as well?" he asked softly.

Linda saw through him immediately and had to admit that Aurora was right for adopting someone so smart. However, Roman was still young, and she knew what was on his mind right away. After some practice, Linda would not be able to see through him anymore.

Linda didn't answer him directly. Instead, she said meaningfully, "Oh, Roman. You've been with the Killians for some time now, and you know how your mom doesn't have any children of her own.

"That's why she has been treating you like her own son. In fact, the whole family treats you as one of their

own.

"So, you have the right to inherit the family, too. I'm sure you know that, right?"

Roman nodded.

"However, your mom is pregnant now. If she gives birth to a boy..."

Lina stopped there, and Roman immediately knew what she was implying. Since Aurora's husband was married into the Killian family, her child would take her last name as well. If she had a son, then Roman would have one more competitor, and he would lose his position in the family!

There was no way an adoptive son would be prioritized over a biological son!

"Then, what should I do, Grandaunt Linda?" Roman carefully asked as he tugged Linda's sleeve.

She looked around, and when she didn't see anyone around them, she said, "I know how close you are to Freddy, Roman. That's why I hope you can have a great life with the Killians, too. However, Aury is my niece. So, I have no choice but to be happy for her when she's about to give birth."

Roman understood what she was trying to say. The child Aurora was carrying was the key! As long as the child wasn't born, he figured Aurora would only love him.

Since Hera was a doctor, she would be seen as the enemy for not being able to save the child. That way, Chad wouldn't agree to Bernard and Hera's marriage!

Roman would be killing two birds with one stone!

When Linda saw the sly look on Roman's face, she knew the clever child understood what she was trying to imply.

"That's all I can do for you. Now, it's all up to you." She took the opportunity to take out a bottle of pills

from her pocket and gave it to him.

Roman recognized the pills immediately. They were the drugs that Camille made and looked similar to the pills that Hera made. If he mixed them up together, it would be difficult to differentiate the two. Linda was hoping he could swap Aurora's pills with these and let Hera carry the blame!

Roman gulped as he tightened his grip on the bottle. If Aurora took the pills, not only would the child not survive, Aurora might lose her life as well!

Could he really do it?

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Roman felt uncomfortable and asked, "Is there no other way?"

Aurora adopted him from the orphanage, giving him a blissful home and showering him with love that he never had before. He wondered if he really had to repay her kindness with such cruelty.

When Linda noticed he was hesitating, she felt annoyed.

However, she still said patiently, "As Dr. Shadow, there's no way Hera would let her patients die and tarnish her reputation.

"So, even if Aurora loses the child, Hera will do her best to save Aurora's life! If it weren't for you, I wouldn't want to do this to my own niece as well."

After saying that, Linda pretended to have second thoughts. "Oh, maybe we should just forget it. I can't do this to my niece for an outsider.

"Aury is a great person. Even if she has a son, I'm sure she'll treat her adopted son equally as well. Just forget what I've said." Then, she turned around and left.

Roman still thought it wasn't wise earlier. However, after hearing Linda call him an outsider, the slightest hesitance in him was taken over by his greed.

He grasped the bottle of pills tightly. Just as he was about to return inside the house, he suddenly heard a branch snapping nearby.

"Who is it?" He immediately rushed toward the groves and pried them apart. Then, he saw a man hiding in there, failing to escape in time.

Roman tensed up, wondering if the man heard his conversation with Linda earlier. If the patriarch found out that he was going to harm Aurora, he would be doomed!

Suddenly, he had a killing intent. Coincidentally, there was a huge boulder next to him. Right when he picked it up, the man in the groves looked up and showed his dirty face. There were even leaves in his mouth and his messy hair.

That man was Xavier Killian, the heir of the Killians with brain damage.

"Oh, it's you. What's a fool like you doing here?" Roman let out a breath of relief. Then, he tossed the boulder aside and dusted his hands off.

"I'm a caterpillar, and I like eating leaves." Xavier was crawling on the ground with his back arched. As he chewed a mouthful of leaves, he said, "It's yummy!"

Seeing how dumb he looked, Roman sneered, "You're not a caterpillar. You're clearly an earthworm!"

"What's an earthworm?" Xavier asked in confusion.

"An earthworm spends its time on the ground and eats dirt like you!"

As Roman said that, he grabbed a handful of dirt and shoved it into Xavier's mouth. Xavier didn't fight back at all. Instead, he opened his mouth to take the dirt in. As he chewed, he even said, "I'm an earthworm that loves yummy dirt."

Roman scoffed when he saw it and said, "You really are dumb."

After saying that, he dusted his hands off and returned to Aurora's room.

What Roman didn't know was that Xavier spat out the dirt after he left. Xavier didn't look as dumb as he did earlier anymore.

"Where are you, Mr. Xavier?" Suddenly, Marriott Yarnell, one of the maids, anxiously said from behind, "Oh, Mr. Xavier, why are you in the groves? Get out of there now!"

Xavier immediately looked dumb again and said, "I'm a dirt-loving earthworm."

Marriott dragged him out of the groves. When she noticed the dirt in his mouth, she said, "Oh, my! Why are you eating dirt, Mr. Xavier? Spit it out now!"

Xavier spat out the dirt like a fool and was forcefully dragged away by her.

Bernard went out for a morning jog in Norburgh. When he returned to Skyview Heights, he noticed that Hera was suddenly in the living room. She looked like she was about to enter the kitchen to make breakfast.

"Why are you here so early, sweetie?" he asked in confusion.

He approached her to give her a hug. However, since he was covered in sweat, she stopped him. "I'm here to prepare breakfast for you."

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Bernard looked at the ingredients in Hera's hands with a complicated look. When she noticed it, she frowned. "You seem to dislike my cooking."

"That's not it." He immediately denied it. "I just thought you should just be a princess at home and let the maid do the cooking and other tasks."

"You sure know how to talk." Hera chuckled. "Go clean yourself up. Breakfast will be ready when you're done."

Upon seeing how he couldn't stop her from cooking, he had no choice but to remind her, "In that case, remember to go easy on the salt."

Hera was speechless, wondering when she had ever cooked for him or said she liked heavily seasoned food. Then, she wondered if he was thinking about the barbecue from before.

After Bernard took a shower, he changed into a black suit and combed his hair neatly. He buttoned up his shirt and put on a pair of golden cufflinks. He looked noble and aloof in that attire.

When Hera came out of the kitchen with a plate of freshly cooked noodles, she saw him walking out dashing. She couldn't help glancing at him a couple more times.

After all, she loved looking at good-looking men. A dashing man like Bernard being by her side all the time was her greatest temptation. Suddenly, she realized that his looks were a huge reason why she was in love with him.

"What's on your mind?" He approached her and took the plate of noodles from her.

Hera returned to her senses and said, "I was just wondering why my boyfriend is so dashing."

"Oh? How dashing am I?" He lowered his head and kissed her on the forehead.

She was speechless and thought how his dashing looks didn't last a few seconds. Noticing how he was getting his hand all over her body, she turned around to return to the kitchen. "Just see for yourself in the mirror."

Bernard chuckled and placed the plate of noodles on the table. The noodles looked great, and there were meat, vegetables, eggs, and tomatoes on the plate as well.

"Have a taste," Hera said as she passed the utensils to him.

He sat down and took a bite after cleaning his hands. Then, the delicious taste spread in his mouth. The meat was tender, and the noodles tasted perfect.

It turned out that he had misunderstood her. She was actually great at cooking!

He figured that she purposely put a lot of salt back at the barbecue back then and decided he shouldn't anger her again in the future.

Seeing how he finished the whole plate, Hera asked, "How was it?"

Bernard wiped his mouth and said, "It's delicious! I want to have it again tomorrow."

Seeing how he liked it, she felt happy as well. "Sure. I'll continue cooking for you tomorrow."

"Thank you, sweetie." He got up and kissed her cheek. Then, he looked at the time and said, "Well, I'm going to head to work now."

"Wait. Let me go with you," she said and immediately put down her utensils. She didn't just want to accompany him to his office. Instead, she wanted to go inside as well.

Bernard stopped in his tracks and thought about how she tried to test him previously. "It's boring there." "It's alright. I can study in your office while you work. I can see how you work as well. I promise I won't disturb you, alright?"

Hera picked up her books and laptop bag that she had prepared earlier and looked at him with eager eyes. The last time Bernard saw her acting coy with him was 12 years ago.

He couldn't reject her back then, let alone now. Also, if he rejected her request, she might get suspicious, too.

Bernard decided to agree to it, thinking that nothing special was going on that day. "Sure."

Soon after he nodded, he started to regret it.

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Bernard thought Hera just wanted to accompany him to work for a day and wouldn't do the same the next day. However, she insisted on going to Shuttle Ventures with him until he got off work for the next four days.

At first, the employees there worked in fear. Then, they started getting curious. They wondered what was up with Bernard when he showed up at the company four days in a row. He even brought Hera with him!

Bernard was curious as well, wondering what she wanted. As he sat in his office for the past few days, she would just sit on the couch and watch him work.

Her beautiful eyes were staring at him at all times. At first, he thought it was romantic.

However, after being stared at for a while, he couldn't help feeling nervous. He wondered if he had accidentally revealed something and made her suspect him.

However, Harold said she didn't ask anything when she went to the company the other day. Instead, she just left after staying in the office for half an hour.

A lot could be done in half an hour. However, nothing was suspicious in Bernard's office. Even when the Killians sent someone over to watch him, they couldn't find anything at all.

However, Hera insisted on joining him for a few days in a row. That meant that she had found out something.

Bernard wondered what he should do. Should he continue to hide the truth from her? If she had found out about his identity herself, his confession wouldn't have been the same anymore. However, he didn't feel like telling her his real identity as well.

It wasn't that he didn't trust her. Instead, he would have to let Astral Nova know if he told her the truth. Then, he would be indirectly pulling her into the dangerous organization.

If something were to happen to him, everyone who knew his secret would be captured or brainwashed. They would remove every memory that had to do with Astral Nova so that the secret wouldn't be revealed.

As for those who knew about Astral Nova's secret and weren't reported to the organization, they would be killed through fake accidents.

Bernard felt really conflicted. He didn't want to lie to Hera, but he didn't want to get her involved with a dangerous organization like Astral Nova as well.

Suddenly, Hera called him from the couch, "Bernard."

"Yeah?" He returned to his senses and noticed her walking to his desk.

"Don't you have to meet clients or business partners when you work?" she asked.

For a company like Shuttle Ventures, she figured he would have to do that a lot. However, after monitoring him for a few days, she noticed something interesting.

Not only did Bernard not have to meet clients or partners, but he seemed to only answer calls in the office from time to time. The calls usually lasted for a few seconds only.

He didn't have to attend meetings as well. Other than Harold, who appeared three times in the company, no one else entered the office to give reports or anything. Even the male secretary she saw previously was nowhere to be seen.

Most importantly, Bernard didn't use the desktop computer to work at all. Instead, he only used the laptop that he carried around with him.

When she connected the dots, she had a realization. She figured he might have discovered that she knew his secret. However, he was pretending to be oblivious and working somewhere else to go along with her.

"I've let Harold handle everything," he said.

"Well, you sure have an easy job as the CEO..." she teased.

"Yeah, everything I've learned in the past is useless here. All I can do is be a CEO of a small company," he went with the flow and lied.

Hera was speechless as she listened to his lies.

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"What's wrong? Are you feeling bored? Do you want to go out for a walk?"

Bernard pulled Hera closer and let her sit on his lap. It was an intimate move. If someone suddenly entered the room, everyone in the company would know how he was being intimate in the office.

Just as Hera was about to get up, her gaze fell on his laptop's screen, and she suddenly stopped moving. Bernard basically never looked away from his laptop, and she figured there would be a lot of secrets on it.

"Let me take a look at the tutorials that you've watched on Cyber Web previously." As she spoke, she reached out for the mouse on the desk.

Just as her slender fingers touched the mouse, a huge hand grabbed her hand. "Wait. Not right now." Hera's eyes lit up as she figured there really were secrets on the laptop.

"Why?" she purposely asked.

"I'm currently monitoring the stock market. You can take a look after it ends at 3:00 pm."

After he said that, he switched out of the tab on the computer, and there really was a stock market page. Hera was speechless when she saw that.

Suddenly, Bernard's phone rang, and he took a glance at the incoming call. "I'm going to take this outside."

When she noticed the opportunity, she hurriedly stood up to let him leave. Right after the door was closed, she immediately grabbed the mouse and reached for the flash drive in her pocket with her left hand. When she was about to take it out, she suddenly stopped what she was doing.

If Bernard really knew she was testing him, she wondered if he was laying out a trap for her by letting his guard down. She carefully checked the running programs on the computer. As expected, there was a computer monitoring software on it!

The software could record every action that was taken on the computer and send it to the management dashboard.

If she hadn't hesitated earlier, everything she did would have been exposed on the management dashboard! Then, her lies about learning how to hack would be exposed, and her identity as Raven would be revealed as well.

There was a reason why she knew the software as well. Two years ago, Leon assigned her to create the software! She almost got herself exposed.

Fortunately, Bernard's desktop computer didn't have the same software. Otherwise, everything she had done previously would've been exposed by now!

After he hung up the call outside, he took a look at the monitoring software from his phone and didn't see anything suspicious. He purposely waited a little while longer to see if Hera would do anything on his computer.

Meanwhile, Hera let out a breath of relief in the office. Suddenly, her phone rang, and an unknown number from Jedburgh was calling her. Right after she answered the call, she heard Xeno's anxious voice. "Hello? Is this Dr. Shadow?"

Hera remembered his voice and asked, "What's up?"

She wondered why he would call her when they agreed to meet the next day.

"Something terrible has happened, Dr. Shadow. My wife's stomach is hurting terribly, and she's bleeding down there! Can you come to the Killian residence now and take a look? Our family doctor said she might lose the child."

Xeno sounded extremely anxious, and he choked like he was about to cry.

Hera immediately stood up and frowned. "What happened? Did she take the pills I gave her?"

"She did! Her stomach started hurting after she took the pills, and she just started bleeding out of the blue.

"I'm not in Jedburgh right now, so I'll get my grandma to take a look at her for now. Keep an eye on her, and don't let anyone else touch her before my grandma arrives! I'll head over there right now!"

After saying that, Hera ended the call and immediately called Catherine. After telling the latter what happened, she packed up her stuff and left.

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"Where are you going?" Bernard asked when he saw Hera anxiously coming out with her bag.

"I'm heading to the Killian residence," she said. Then, she told him about Aurora.

"I'll go back with you." After he said that, he entered the office and grabbed his laptop. Then, he drove them back to the Killian residence from Norburgh.

Hera felt frustrated in the car. Since something happened to Aurora out of the blue, it meant someone was doing something in the dark to make sure she couldn't keep the child.

She hoped nothing would happen to Aurora's child. It wasn't because she cared about Aurora. Instead, if Aurora had a miscarriage, then Hera would lose a person she could use.

After two and a half hours, Bernard's car reached the entrance of the Killian residence. Then, his phone started ringing.

It was an unregistered number, but Hera could tell from a glance that it was Everly's number. She didn't recall ever giving Everly his contact information.

Bernard glanced at the number and didn't know who it was. After answering the call, he could hear Everly's anxious voice. "Hello? Is this Mr. Killian?"

He passed the phone to Hera right away. "Sweetie, please help me take this call while I drive."

After she grabbed the phone, she put the call on loudspeaker and asked, "What's up?"

"Mr... Hera?" When Everly heard Hera's voice, she immediately explained, "Tiramisu is suddenly puking and having diarrhea, and it looks extremely weak right now. I've brought it to the vet, but it's throwing a fit and not letting anyone touch it.

"The vet has said that it's reacting like this due to stress. Since its condition is getting worse, he's suggesting for the owners to accompany it now. I thought you were busy, and I didn't want to disturb you. That was why I asked my brother for Mr. Killian's number."

Hera's heart skipped a beat when she heard that, and she felt bad. Since she decided to stay in Norburgh at the last minute, she didn't bring Tiramisu along. She figured it was mad at that moment.

"Got it. Send us the location now." After she ended the call, she said to Bernard, "Bernard, drop me here first. Please go check on Tiramisu for now."

Tiramisu's stressful reaction might kill it, and she was worried. However, she couldn't head to the vet now, and Douglas was still in Norburgh. So, she had to ask Bernard to go first.

"I'll check on Aurora with you first." He didn't stop driving at all. Instead, he kept driving from the gates to the door. He didn't care about Aurora's well-being at all. He was just worried that Chad would put Hera in a spot.

There were a lot of maids and nurses in the yard, and they all looked solemn.

"Even if you go in, there's nothing you can do to help. You might as well check on Tiramisu as soon as possible." Hera unbuckled her seatbelt and got out of the car with her bag. Then, she reminded him, "It's your pet too. So, get going now."

Bernard didn't know what to say. Then, he figured it was fine. After all, the Killians couldn't hurt her at all with their capabilities. Since she didn't want him to follow her, he might as well check on Tiramisu.

The maids standing in the yard knew Hera was Dr. Shadow and didn't stop her from entering. She walked right into the retro-looking living room, and it felt more solemn inside than the yard outside.

Karen was sitting in the living room with a long face. Linda was seated next to her, and Jamie and Talia were standing at the side.

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There were also a few family doctors and gynecologists standing outside the master bedroom.

Hera didn't see Catherine and Xeno at all. Then, her gaze fell on Karen and Linda. Other than a few extra wrinkles on their faces, they looked exactly the same as they did years ago.

While she looked at them from top to bottom, they were scanning her as well. After 12 years, that young girl from back then had grown into a fine woman.

Karen told someone to look into Hera. After Daphne passed away from the accident back then, Catherine hid Hera at the border of the country. She only brought the latter back when the Everetts found out Hera was their biological daughter last year.

Logically speaking, spending almost a dozen years in a village should make Hera an ugly village bumpkin. However, she looked fair and beautiful. She felt aloof and cold when she stood there, and even the most well-educated member of the Killian family wasn't as elegant as her.

Instead of saying that she had escaped the Killians in the past few years, it felt more like she had a great transformation in the village. Linda's eyes flash with jealousy immediately.

"Why are you so late?" Karen asked fiercely.

"Don't be angry, Karen. Hera's still young, and she doesn't know how to be responsible yet. She probably thought it wasn't important and took her sweet time," said Linda. Although it sounded like she was helping Hera, she was actually adding fuel to the fire.

"If this isn't important, then what is? Do we have to lose Aury and her child for it to be important?" Karen yelled domineeringly as the wife of the patriarch.

"The doctors at the side were so scared that their legs were trembling. They were worried they might be dragged into the mess and lose their jobs forever.

"Hah!" Hera scoffed.

Karen's face instantly darkened so much that it felt like ink could drip out of it soon. Linda noticed it and scolded, "How could you possibly laugh at a time like this?"

"You're still the same and like to start conflicts as ever, Ms. Linda. It's as if you're afraid of a peaceful world," Hera said calmly.

"You! What are you babbling about?" Linda's face immediately turned red.

As Mrs. Killian of Killian Corporation, all the wealthy ladies would respect her. Even Karen had never directly challenged her in public before.

However, Hera was mocking her in front of so many people! She thought about what happened in the past and figured Hera was back to stir up trouble! There was no way she would let the latter succeed.

Karen glanced at Linda, who was clutching her handkerchief in anger at the side, and she couldn't help being impressed by how direct Hera was.

After years of being Linda's sister-in-law, she knew what Linda was like. However, as the patriarch's wife, she had to play by the family's rules. Before Linda made a great mistake, Karen couldn't do anything about her. Instead, they had to get along in harmony.

She was only angry earlier because she was worried about Aurora.

"You don't have..."

"That's enough!" Karen interrupted Linda and solemnly said to Hera, "Check on Aury now! If you can't save her child, I'm going to make you pay!"

Linda tightened her grip on her handkerchief and forcefully calmed herself down. Then, she glared at Hera like she was going to kill the latter.

Hera returned to her cold self and followed Talia into the master bedroom.

Aurora looked pale as she lay on the bed in the bedroom. Xeno was sitting next to the bed, and when he saw Hera entering the room, he happily said, "Dr. Shadow, you're finally here!"

When Hera didn't see Catherine, she asked, "Where is my grandma?"

"Dr. Youngworth is in the kitchen making some medicine," he answered.

She nodded and placed her bag down. Then, she checked Aurora's pulse and couldn't help frowning.

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Aurora lay weakly on the bed. When she saw Hera frowning, she couldn't help feeling anxious again. "Is my child alright?" she nervously asked.

Catherine stopped the bleeding for her earlier. Then, she told Aurora not to worry and to wait for Hera before preparing the medicine in the kitchen.

"Did you really take the pills I gave you in time?" Hera coldly asked.

When Aurora noticed how Hera wasn't answering her question, she suddenly had a bad feeling and hurriedly sat up. "Yes! My stomach only started hurting after I took the pills!"

"Give me the rest of the pills," Hera said while wiping her hands.

Xeno hurriedly grabbed the small bottle from the bedside table and handed it to Hera. "I've been keeping the pills carefully all this while. No one knows about them other than the two of us!"

Basically, he was saying that no one would've swapped out the pills at all.

"You better have a good reason for this and save my child. Otherwise, I'll make sure you enter the grave with my child!" Aurora warned with her pale lips.

Hera calmly put on a pair of gloves as if she didn't hear anything at all. Then, she accepted the bottle and took out a pill.

She pinched it hard until it became dust and smelled it. After that, she placed it aside on a clean piece of napkin before taking another pill out to smell it as well.

"These aren't the pills I gave you." She said with full certainty. "They're made the same way as Camille's so-called Divine Medicine and have the same ingredients."

When Xeno heard that, he felt numb and wondered when the pills were swapped. He also saw the test results Jamie brought and was certain that the pills were fine. He couldn't understand why the pills were suddenly deadly at that moment.

Aurora's mind went blank, and she hurriedly yelled, "Impossible! These are the pills you gave me!"

"Since we had a deal, why would I give you the wrong pills?" Hera asked.

Aurora thought about Hera's motives, and her eyes turned red. "You did this on purpose to harm my baby! I'm going to kill you! Ah!"

Then, she started screaming and got up to strangle Hera. She didn't care about how weak she was at all. Hera took a step back. Meanwhile, Xeno was worried Aurora might fall, and he hurriedly held her.

When Karen and Linda heard the commotion, they barged into the room immediately. "What's wrong, Aury?"

When Karen saw how Aurora was struggling to fight Hera, she yelled, "Someone grab her!"

The maids outside hurriedly rushed in. Before they could get close to Hera, she coldly said, "Keep this up, and you won't get to keep the child anymore!"

When Aurora heard that, she didn't dare to move immediately. Then, she touched her stomach and said emotionally, "Oh, my baby is still here!"

Xeno hurriedly helped her get back on the bed, and Karen comforted Aurora. When Linda saw what was happening, her gaze flashed with an evil look.

At that moment, she didn't know if the child in Aurora's belly was fortunate or if Hera and Catherine were great doctors. Meanwhile, the maids that rushed in didn't know if they should grab Hera.

"What in the world is going on?" Karen asked fiercely.

"Someone swapped the pills Dr. Shadow gave Aury," Xeno answered honestly.

She saw the pills that turned to dust on the table and looked at Hera again. Fear flashed through her eyes for a split second.

"Are you sure the pills were swapped? Are you certain someone didn't give her the wrong pills from the beginning to kill her and the Killians' heir?" After Linda said that, she immediately instructed the maids, "What are you waiting for? Grab that culprit right now!"

Just as the maids were about to move, Hera shot them a cold gaze, and they didn't dare to move again. If they were told to grab someone else, they would've done it already.

However, that was Dr. Shadow, and she was Bernard's woman!