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By the time Hera woke up, it was 2:00 pm the next day. Her entire head was throbbing due to the hangover.

She got up and noticed that she was in an unfamiliar environment, and even her clothes had been changed. After some thinking, she finally recalled visiting Samantha's place last night.

She reached for her phone that was charging by the bedside and checked through her WhatsApp messages. After answering all her unread texts, she finally listened to Bernard's voice message sent at 3:00 am.

"Sweetie, something suddenly came up, so I'm not sure when I'll be back. It may take two or three days or even a week.

"Take care of yourself during this period. Call me if you need anything, or you can contact Douglas. Wait for my return. I love you." She could vaguely make out the sounds of him driving while he spoke.

Hera scoffed before nonchalantly tossing her phone aside. She certainly wasn't going to wait for him.

"You're awake, Hera. The food delivery has just arrived. Quickly wash up before having some food." At that moment, Samantha pushed the door open and entered the room.

"Sure." Hera got out of bed. After washing up, she headed to the living room, where Samantha had already laid out the food on the dining table. She even prepared a hangover pill for her.

"I didn't do anything odd last night, right?" Hera asked while pulling out a chair to sit.

Samantha, sitting opposite her, seemed unsure what to reply. Hera suddenly had a gut feeling that something had gone wrong. She usually blacked out after drinking and had no memory of whatever she did.

"Nothing much." After considering it,

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Samantha continued, "Mr. Killian called you last night. You blamed him for not loving you anymore and agreeing to break up. You wouldn't even let him take back his presents..."

Hera sharply inhaled in disbelief. "Did I really say all that?"

Samantha nodded. "You almost cried. I think Mr. Killian feels very guilty and doesn't want to break up anymore.

"You little hypocrite. Last night, I thought you guys were roleplaying some kind of scenario, but you even lost control of your emotions."

The thought of what happened made Hera put her hand against her forehead in embarrassment. No wonder Bernard sent her such a voice message.

That damn alcohol. She vowed not to drink so recklessly again. If she wanted to drink, she would have to block Bernard first.

"Hera, you don't have to break up if you feel so miserable about it. M Killian is actually quite decent. If you still love him, you can give him a chance to prove himself," Samantha advised.

Whether Hera wanted to break up or not, Samantha, as her best friend would always support her decision. But she also felt distressed when she saw how upset Hera was.

She could tell that Hera truly liked Bernard, who had gone overboard. He had taken advantage of Hera's trust in him and tricked her.

Hera took her hangover pill without a word. Did she still love Bernard? She couldn't say that she didn't.

But as she recalled everything that happened after they reunited, she suddenly recalled Tyler once asking her, "How do you know that Bernard would never lie to you?"

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Hera suddenly had no idea whether she could fully trust Bernard. She even suspected whether he planned their reunion.

He knew all about her motives and resentment for returning, yet he slowly lured her into a trap he had painstakingly set up. He made her fall deeper and become numb while letting her guard down against him. Her emotions were like codes, all carefully calculated by him.

With those thoughts in mind, Hera suddenly found Bernard to be rather terrifying. The more she thought about it, the more she realized that she seemed to have been tricked by his gentleness. In fact, she seemed to know nothing about him.

Seeing that Hera wasn't saying a word, Samantha said, 'Whatever, let's not talk about him anymore. Let's go shopping after lunch. Buy whatever you like since it's all on me!'

After lunch, Hera selected a somewhat normal set of white casual clothes from Samantha's feminine wardrobe and put it on. As they had similar figures, the size was just right.

Before leaving the house, she was about to call Wayne to help her feed Tiramisu when he called first.

"Something bad has happened, Hera. Your maternal grandmother is making a fuss at the clinic," Wayne said anxiously.

Hera frowned slightly. "My maternal grandmother?"

"Yes. These people are calling themselves your biological maternal grandmother and uncle. They're here at the clinic to cause trouble for Mrs. Jones and refuse to leave," Wayne explained

"Take care of Grandma. I'll go back now.' After ending the call, Hera explained to Samantha that she wasn't going shopping as she had to return to the clinic.

"Everyone, come and judge for yourselves. I'm Dr. Shadow's biological maternal grandmother, and he's her biological uncle.

"Dr. Shadow is the owner of this clinic, but the old witch inside is impersonating my biological grandchild's grandmother, taking my place. She has ordered someone to block our entry, not allowing us to go in and visit my granddaughter!"

Amanda Bennett was an old lady with partly white hair, dressed in simple country clothes. She pulled Louis Cresswell, a man in his 40s, to her side as they gestured for the passersby to gather around.

Louis was dressed more neatly than Amanda did. He had a relatively handsome face that bore a resemblance to Lilith's features.

Aside from having a slicked back hairstyle, he wore a suit and a large LV belt with an LV bag tucked under his arm. But anyone familiar with the brand knew that those products were fake.

Amanda and Louis were Lilith's mother and younger brother.

Isla noticed the increasing number of passersby gathering around, and the media was even here as well. To preserve the reputation of Youngworth Miracle Clinic and Hera, she politely invited Amanda and Louis inside for a chat.

But Amanda and Louis remained stubborn, seeming determined to cause a scene. Thus, they remained by the entrance and did not enter the clinic.

"Don't think we're dumb enough to trust you! What if you spring a trap on us the moment we walk into that place? Tell that old witch to come out here!" Louis said while lighting a cigarette.

"Exactly!" Amanda agreed. "If there's anything, ask that old witch to come out and talk to us. Let everyone decide whether she's taken my place and is cheating money off my granddaughter!

"Also, don't go to her for treatment anymore! She's just a fraud and a quack who once caused someone's death

during treatment in the past."

Louis said, "It was Mrs. Sanderson of Jedburgh who died under her treatment. I'm sure many people know about this."

Amanda added, "Yes, yes. There were also several newborns back in our village who died under her treatment

Outside, Amanda and Louis shared more stories, making everything worse. The reporters realized that they had stumbled upon a major story and frantically took photos, with some even starting live broadcasts.

Catherine could no longer bear to listen or sit still while listening from the clinic. She ignored Wayne's attempts to stop her and came out

"You two keep saying that you're Herie's real maternal grandmother and uncle. Do you have any proof?" Amanda, seeing that Catherine finally came out, placed her hands on her hips. "We're Dr. Shadow's relatives by blood and aren't afraid of your questioning.

"Tell me, did you purposely take my granddaughter away all those years ago? Was it part of your plan to take advantage of her by asking her to return to the Killians and exact revenge for your daughter?"

These words left Catherine frozen in place.

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How did Amanda and Louis know about the Killians? To Catherine, Giselle was the only one who could be in contact with them and knew everything about the Killian family.

Besides, Giselle even dropped by yesterday to ask whether she had considered leaving the clinic. After Catherine rejected her, Giselle told her that she would regret it before leaving.

Today, Amanda and Louis were here.

Catherine's heartbeat began to pick up its pace. She was still unwilling to believe that Giselle would go that far.

Seeing how she was keeping silent, Amanda thought Catherine was afraid and decided to take it a step further. She placed her hands on her hips and scolded her, "I got it right, didn't I? You old witch, quickly get out of my granddaughter's clinic-

"Who the hell is barking here?" Hera's clear voice interrupted Amanda. She walked through the crowd toward Catherine and held her hand, asking in concern, "Are you alright?"

Seeing her made Catherine smile in relief. She nodded. "I'm fine."

Having not recognized Hera, Amanda told her off, "Who are you? Don't meddle in others' business..."

But Louis knew who Hera was and immediately tugged at Amanda's clothes. 'Mom, she's Hera, also known as Dr. Shadow.'

"Oh, so you're my granddaughter." Amanda changed her tune. "I'm your real maternal grandmother!"

Hera calmly glanced at Amanda and Louis with a blank expression. 'I don't know who you two are. If you know what's good for you, get out. Otherwise, don't blame me for kicking you two out of here.'

As soon as she finished speaking, Wayne came out holding a baseball bat. "Who dares to cause trouble here? Do you not know who I am?"

At that moment, a red Ferrari halted in front of the entrance. Nicholas, sporting auburn curls, got out of the car.

A few young men dressed in black clothes with bright-colored hair followed behind him before standing by the entrance. Although their appearance seemed ridiculous, their imposing presence remained unaffected "What are you doing here?" Hera asked Nicholas in confusion.

Nicholas exuded a dominating presence as he answered, 'My girlfriend is in trouble. How could I not be here?'

Hera frowned before asking in disgust, "Who's your girlfriend?"

"You!" Nicholas answered.

Before Hera could say anything, he shamelessly added, "You're my future girlfriend! After all, it'll eventually happen. But let's not talk about that now. Tell me, how do you want me to get rid of them?"

While speaking, he rolled up his sleeves, looking rather eager to get started.

"However you like. Just get rid of them."

Amanda and Louis gulped nervously upon hearing their conversation. They never expected that Hera would be so ruthless.

But Amanda thought about it. Giselle, one of the Killians, had put them up to the task. No matter how arrogant these people were, they were nothing compared to the Killian family.

Thus, she straightened her posture and scolded, "You stupid bitch! I'm your biological maternal grandmother, yet you want to drive me away! How much more heartless can you be?"

Louis chimed in from the side, "If she had any conscience, she would've visited us after acknowledging the Everetts but it has been almost a year. Since she wasn't raised with us, she naturally isn't well-behaved. She's nothing like our Giselle, who always has been obedient."

Hera raised an eyebrow upon hearing that. "Oh, so Giselle asked you two to come here?"

Amanda and Louis fell silent as they were exposed. Giselle had instructed them to never reveal that she asked them to be here

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"Mom, Louis, what are you two doing here?' At that moment, Lilith made her way through the crowd toward them.

Having noticed Lilith, Amanda immediately began to vent her anger on her, "You foolish idiot! You're finally here. Look at what kind of daughter you've given birth to. Look at the way she's treating us. Aren't you going to teach her a lesson?"

While scolding Lilith, she instinctively raised her hand to slap her. But Hera suddenly grabbed Amanda's wrist and tightened her grip, making Amanda scream in pain.

"What did you do to my mother?" Louis wanted to push Hera away but was kicked aside by Nicholas. He grabbed the baseball bat in Wayne's hand and hit Louis on the head.

"Touch her again and I'll cripple you!"

Wayne dared not to make a move after hearing the threat.

"Get lost! Don't make me say it for the third time!" Hera pushed Amanda away hard, causing her to lose her balance and fall to the ground.

But she did not get up immediately and stayed on the ground while complaining. "Oh, did you see that? She's the Dr. Shadow you all idolize so much.

"She's a sinister woman who doesn't even understand the basic principle of respecting her elders. What kind of bullshit miracle doctor is she?"

The reporters and livestreamers were having a field day. Hera was a hot topic due to the news of everyone looking for Raven yesterday. Thus, many tuned in to the livestream.

Lilith saw this and helplessly said, "Mom, how could you do this? Quickly get up."

"I won't get up until you ask her to chase that old witch out of the clinic and show me more respect!"

After saying that, Amanda continued, "Don't forget to ask her to arrange a job for your younger brother. It doesn't have to be an excellent job. Louis should receive a salary of at least 30 grand per month and be free to work whenever he pleases. A managerial position is good enough."

Nicholas pointed the baseball bat toward Amanda. 'Who the fuck gave you the audacity...

Hera pulled him back and let out a chuckle. 'Isn't 30 grand per month too little? He should at least earn a million dollars per year and own a luxury car and house, am I right?"

Amanda's eyes brightened at the thought of Louis receiving a million dollars worth of salary per year.

Louis would typically spend his days doing nothing at the village and even liked to gamble. That was how the wedding gifts given by the Everetts had gone down the drain. Even the house had to be sold, so the three of them had to live in a dilapidated house.

If they had a million dollars per year, they could even move to Jedburgh and enjoy life.

Amanda immediately nodded. 'Exactly! A million dollars per year sounds excellent, and you have to provide us with a luxury car and house. It would be even better if you could find him a wife in Jedburgh and bring me over too!'

Louis also became very excited upon hearing that he would receive an annual salary of a million dollars. He never even dared to dream this would happen.

If this came true, he could go back to the village and show off to his friends for life.

Louis happily said, 'Since you're Dr. Shadow, I'm sure you can make all this happen. I'm not in a hurry anyway as long as I can come to work tomorrow.'

Hera snorted. "You don't have to wait until tomorrow. You can experience it by going to sleep now. Close your eyes, and all these will be in your dreams."

"You! Fuck, how dare you trick me!" Louis angrily rolled up his sleeves, but Wayne pinned him to the ground immediately.

"I'll leave this to you. Get rid of them," Hera ordered icily before helping Catherine into the clinic.

Seeing this made Amanda throw a tantrum on the ground. "Oh, lord! This is so unfair. Look at how disrespectful she is!

"This is the Dr. Shadow that you all admire so much! This is how she treats her biological maternal grandmother and uncle to protect her imposter grandmother...

"Herie, perhaps this isn't the best move." Catherine was unwilling to enter the clinic.

She watched Lilith, who seemed to be at a loss, and remarked guiltily, "After all, she's your mother's mother. It wouldn't end well for the Everetts if this goes on, am I right?"

Already troubled by her matters with Bernard, Hera felt more irritated after running into someone like Amanda. "The more you pay attention to someone like her, the worse she becomes. Let's ignore her.'

"Amanda Bennett, how dare you come here and make a scene?" At that moment, Mildred, who had been late, hurried over while being assisted by Gideon.

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At the same time, the comments were flooding the livestream.

"Are they her biological maternal grandmother and uncle?"

"Dr. Shadow is too heartless."

"Oh... Despite having excellent medical skills, she has really poor character!"

"She's always been aloof, so it's not a surprise she did all of that."

"No wonder it's so hard to make an appointment at Youngworth Miracle Clinic. They don't seem to treat the poor. Let's not go there anymore."

"If all of us don't go, we'll see how long they can last."

"I've canceled the appointment I made half a month ago."

Giselle read through the comments on the livestream that were all bashing Hera. She finally felt slightly better after being frustrated for the whole day.

She thought Hera was just an academic prodigy and miracle doctor. She never expected that she was also an expert hacker.

No matter how hard Giselle worked, Hera would always be more talented and dazzling than she was. Jealousy was written all over her face.

If she couldn't be better than Hera, she would destroy her. After all, this was just the beginning.

"The paid media can start setting the narrative. Also, all the internet trolls can get to work," Giselle said smilingly to Vanessa Popkins, who stood beside her.

Vanessa was an experienced maid assigned to her by Linda. She handed a tablet to Giselle and said, "It's already in progress."

The tablet displayed trending topics and tweets on Twitter as well as screenshots of articles posted by various public accounts.

"Dr. Shadow is cold-hearted for not acknowledging her biological maternal grandmother."

"Dr. Youngworth's treatment resulted in someone's death."

"Dr. Shadow, whom everyone admires, has such poor character."

"No matter how good their medical skills are, we shouldn't go to this clinic. We might even lose our lives."

Many were still tweeting about Hera being the same person as Vulcan, S, Raven, and Dr. Shadow. Soon, everyone was checking out the new content trending on Twitter. The content included videos of Hera chasing Amanda away and even shoving at her.

A young lady pushing an old woman was enough to stir the netizens. After all, Hera was a renowned miracle doctor. Within ten minutes, everyone was bashing her on Twitter.

Giselle immediately laughed upon seeing the content. "Quickly check whether all the appointments at Youngworth Miracle Clinic were canceled."

She was very confident that such a scandal would definitely result in Hera's newly opened clinic closing immediately.

"Miss, there have been no changes. In fact, more people have booked their appointments." Vanessa repeatedly refreshed Youngworth Miracle Clinic's appointment booking app.

"The level of intensity isn't good enough. Everyone is just scolding them, but the queue for the clinic is not affected at all. We should focus on the angle of them causing the deaths of their patients during treatment." Giselle gritted her teeth in fury and continued, "Go fix this!"

At the same time, Amanda noticed Mildred's arrival at the clinic and abruptly stopped her tantrum. Without even needing help from anyone, Amanda quickly got up on her own.

"My beloved granddaughter, don't you get yourself involved in this. Let me handle this!" Mildred waved her hand at her.

Hera was somewhat astonished. Not only did she see Mildred and Gideon in the crowd, but even James and Gino were present. All six of them were here.

"Hera." Gino stood beside Hera, his eyes full of admiration. Then, he obediently looked at Catherine and called out, "Grandma Catherine."

Catherine was slightly surprised before warmly smiling at him with a nod.

"Why are all of you here?" Hera asked