#### Love Rats 961

## **Chapter 961 Helping outsiders**

At the exact same moment, the second hand on the clock ticked over to eight o'clock precisely.

Everyone's attention was immediately drawn by the sound of the door opening, and they all turned their heads in unison.

A slender figure walked in through the door, her face beautiful and her body graceful, exuding an air of nobility that seemed to weigh down on everyone present like mountain.

The somewhat restless atmosphere in the lab suddenly eased a little.

The group of people's gazes fixed on Selena for a moment, then subconsciously fell on the people behind her.

Compared to Penelope's grand entrance, the people behind Selena were so simple that it was clear at a glance.

Apart from Selena's familiar assistant, a handsome black-clad youth who looked like a girl, a white-clad youth whose lips curved into a smile and whose eyes seemed to be filled with a sense of compassion for all things, and a beautiful woman wearing a slim-fitting long skirt in the dead of winter...

The group of people looked at those three people, all of whom were so young and inexperienced that they couldn't react for a while.

As is well known, in the field of medicine, unless one is a rare genius, the older one is, the stronger one's skills are.

Of the three people Selena brought, except for the woman who looked more mature, the other two were as laughable as they come.

A small portion of people who had high hopes for Selena instantly sank to the bottom of the valley.

Penelope looked at the three people following Selena, only lingering a few seconds longer on Joanna, before casually sweeping her eyes over the other two and retracting her gaze.

She let out a cold laugh, completely letting go of her heart, waiting for Selena to show an unbelievable and hysterical scene of pain.

Even Principal Chow was panicked and out of control. "Selena..."

Selena seemed not to notice those strange gazes, walking up to Principal Chow and asking slowly, "Mr. Chow, are you not feeling well? Why is your complexion so bad?"

Principal Chow looked at her, then at Black Crow and White Crow standing behind her, and waved his hand with a grayish color on his face. "It's nothing..."

Selena frowned.

Black Crow's already stinking face became even more foul after seeing so many people in the room. "Where did all these eyesores come from?"

The young man's contemptuous words made more than half of the people present look grim.

This isn't a beauty pageant, and it's not about looks!

Julian still had a smile on his face, seemingly oblivious to any disdainful glances around him.

Joanna was intrigued, her lips curved as she looked at Selena, her gaze filled with a hint of playfulness.

It looked like the little girl had something she hadn't told them...

Selena's gaze swept around, finally settling on Hamish. "Hamish, please tell me, what happened before I arrived here?"

As Hamish was about to speak, Penelope suddenly stepped forward and said, "Lady Selena, have you forgotten our bet?"

Selena slowly shifted her gaze from Hamish's face to Penelope's face and stared at her with a cold voice, "What do you want to say?"

Penelope sneered, pointing to Mr. Mae Lane, who was resting his eyes in his seat, and Mr. Doyle beside him, saying, "These are my teachers. Mr. Mae Lane is the deputy dean of the International Medical Alliance, and Mr. Doyle is the head of the 'Anthropology' organization. As for my third teacher, he is Cameron's brother, Alfie..."

Penelope raised her chin and looked at Selena with disdain and mockery, "And he has agreed to join the lab. Now that my teachers are all here, it's your turn, Lady Selena, to introduce us to your team members."

Penelope was so preoccupied with showing off that she didn't notice Mr. Doyle beside her staring at Black Crow, his stiff face becoming even stiffer and even panicked.

Selena glanced at her and then looked back at Hamish, saying, "Hamish, please tell me what happened in the lab before I arrived."

Penelope was ignored by Selena, but instead of getting angry, she wore a confident expression. She believed that in the whole H Country, Selena would not be able to find a team with more strength than the one she had assembled.

After all, the Turner family could not reach the International Medical Alliance.

Mr. Doyle's appearance was even more of an ace in the hole.

Without Callum, a child and Selena, who came from a small place, how could they compete with Cassius?

Hamish recounted everything that had just happened in a straightforward manner.

Selena's eyes became extremely cold after listening, and she coldly stared at Penelope and Mr. Doyle beside her, saying, "So the lab at Capital University is full of a group of selfish and foolish people who support something of unknown origin and openly insult their principal and mentor?"

Selena's words were like a loud slap that hit most people in the audience hard.

They moved their mouths to refute her, but no words came out.

They only felt their faces burning. After all, everyone had heard Mr. Doyle openly insulting Principal Chow as an "ignorant fool", and in the end, only Hamish had stood up to defend Principal Chow.

Penelope's face was a bit embarrassed as she scolded, "Selena, even if Mr. Doyle was in the wrong, it was an unintentional mistake. Why are you so fixated on this small matter and not introducing your experimental team to everyone? What do you mean by this?"

Selena stared at her, her gaze becoming sharp and heavy. She sneered, "So, for you, the humiliation of Principal Chow, who you've carefully nurtured for over a decade, by an outsider you brought in, is not worth paying attention to... Penelope, you really are something!"

Penelope's expression suddenly changed. "I... that's not what I meant..."

"Then what did you mean?"

Penelope was speechless under the questioning.

Many young people and laboratory teachers on the scene looked at Penelope with disgust in their eyes. After all, even though they didn't openly stand up like Hamish, they were still angry inside about Principal Chow's humiliation. They were just constrained by Mr. Doyle's status and achievements, and the need to win over Selena, so they held back and didn't speak up. They never thought that in Penelope's mind, this matter was not even worth caring about...

What kind of heartless person was she?

Penelope stood still, her face turning pale, her anger showing on her face.

Principal Chow sighed, "Selena, this is not the time to pursue this issue..."

Selena turned around and gave him a reassuring smile. "Mr. Chow, rest assured, I know what to do. Soon, I will make the person who humiliated you kneel in front of you and apologize!"

# **Chapter 962 Dean**

Selena spoke, her icy gaze fixed on Mr. Doyle, and her red lips curved into a curve of extreme coldness. "I wasn't interested in playing this kind of game with you before, but now, I suddenly changed my mind... I'll play with you!"

Selena's words snapped the teachers and students who were in the midst of shame back to reality, looking at her with confused expressions. How could she speak so confidently in such a situation where they were almost guaranteed to lose?

Could it be that the people she brought with her really have some unknown background?

The group's gaze returned to Black Crow and White Crow, but no matter how they looked at it, they couldn't match up with the famous figures in the medical world.

Winnie sneered, "Selena, we all know that you grew up in a small place like Creephia, and you have a shallow understanding of things. You are not the Medical League or the 'Anthropology' organization. What kind of existence are you exactly..."

She raised her chin, speaking in a condescending tone. "But it doesn't matter. As long as you immediately fulfill the bet, kneel down and apologize to Mr. Doyle, and then take your people and leave the laboratory, I will forgive your ignorance and stupidity!"

Selena's gaze turned cold as she looked at Winnie, but didn't say anything.

Penelope spoke softly, "I didn't consider Principal Chow's situation carefully. I apologize to the principal on behalf of Mr. Doyle."

As she spoke, Penelope bowed respectfully to Principal Chow. "Principal, I just got too excited because I wanted Cameron to qualify to enter the laboratory. Please forgive me for my mistake."

Hearing her words, the teachers and students on the scene eased up a bit.

Principal Chow didn't want to dwell on this matter, so he waved his hand casually and looked at Selena with a worried expression.

Finally, the topic was revealed, and Penelope secretly breathed a sigh of relief, suppressing the smirk at the corners of her lips, and looked up at Selena. "Lady Selena, I think it's necessary for me to educate you on the status of Mr. Mae Lane and Mr. Doyle in the medical world."

Penelope looked at Selena with a mocking expression and continued, "The International Medical League is the highest medical hall in the world, and the medical school run by the Turner family is completely inferior to it."

"And Mr. Mae Lane is the vice dean of the Medical League. Unless there is an dean of the Medical League standing behind you, no one can surpass Mr. Mae Lane!"

After saying this with a proud face, Penelope glanced disdainfully at Black Crow and White Crow.

Mr. Mae Lane had been sitting in his chair with his eyes closed since he arrived at the office. He was impatient and said, "Why waste time on irrelevant people? Get out now!"

Penelope smiled and said, "Mr. Mae Lane is amused, but Mr. Turner's daughter is obviously persistent. We'll have to waste a bit more time to make her see the reality."

Mr. Mae Lane snorted, "This yellow-haired girl doesn't know what she's talking about!"

Julian looked at Mr. Mae Lane, and his gentle smile faded for a moment.

Penelope smiled and said, "And Mr. Doyle's organization, the 'Anthropology' group, is the most proficient virus research organization in the world. In recent years, they have successively deciphered the Hantan virus and dengue fever virus. Even the terrifying Ebola virus has been a remarkable achievement for them!"

"Mr. Doyle is the leader of 'Anthropology', and in the field of viruses, unless Mr. Turner appears on the scene today, Lady Selena, you will surely kneel down and kowtow in front of everyone!"

Penelope had been pushed down by Selena earlier, and she couldn't restrain her joy at the moment. The more she spoke, the more confident she became, and her tone was becoming more and more aggressive.

Completely unaware, Mr. Doyle, who was standing next to her, was staring fixedly at Black Crow and Julian, and sweat was already streaming down his forehead.

Black Crow disliked crowds and despised Penelope's chatter. He was originally standing behind Selena with a frown, but when he heard the words "Anthropology," his gaze suddenly turned chilly. "Anthropology?"

Mr. Doyle met Black Crow's gaze, and cold sweat broke out on his forehead.

But this slight change went unnoticed by others.

After showing off her two trump cards, Penelope continued, "As for Mr. Soo, he is hailed as the best virus expert in H Country after Mr. Turner. Among the younger generation of H Country's medical community, no one is qualified to compare with him."

"And most importantly, with the addition of Mr. Soo to the laboratory, he brings not only strong strength, but also abundant resources!"

With one sentence, Penelope once again caused a sensation in the audience. Even Cameron's expression became exceptionally shocked.

Her mentor asked excitedly, "Penelope, is what you said true?"

Penelope smiled shyly, looked up at Cameron, and her eyes were full of tenderness and sweetness. "Mr. Soo promised me in person that he will use the entire resources of the Soo family to decipher the virus data left by Mr. Turner."

The scene was filled with gasps of shock.

Everyone was staring at Penelope, suddenly remembering her relationship with Cameron.

The Soo family was openly supporting Penelope, their future daughter-in-law?

Then everyone couldn't help but recall the engagement between the Turner family's daughter and Mr. Soo...

For a moment, everyone looked at Penelope with envy and excitement. The three people Penelope brought were two who couldn't compare and one who had slightly less experience but brought in unpredictable resources.

Under these circumstances, how could Selena still have a chance to win?

For a moment, almost everyone agreed that Selena's current behavior was nothing more than a dying struggle.

The people of the major aristocratic families breathed a sigh of relief and looked proudly at Selena, waiting for the golden phoenix of the noble family to kowtow and kneel in public.

After all, Selena losing disgrace was equivalent to the Turner family and the Anderson family losing disgrace.

How could they, the aristocratic families who had been recently oppressed by the Turner family and the Anderson family, not be happy and proud?

Even Principal Chow had no hope in his heart and only regretted not stopping Selena and accepting Penelope's request.

After all, no one would have thought that Penelope would be able to find such powerful figures to sit in...

Winnie raised her chin and gloated, "Selena, do you hear that? You have lost. Kneel down and apologize to Mr. Doyle immediately!"

Penelope approached Selena, her smile gentle but her eyes full of malice and pride.

"Lady Selena, you've lost the bet. Hand over Mr. Turner's information right away!" Selena's mentor said, "Selena, you've wasted too much of our time. Hand over Mr. Turner's information, kowtow and apologize, and then you can leave!"

Facing the gazes of pity, ridicule, or gloating in the room, Selena's eyes were icy cold.

She turned around and said to those behind her, "Since everyone wants to know your identities, why don't you introduce yourselves?"

Julian patted her shoulder soothingly and stepped forward, standing slightly behind Selena with a gentle and polite smile. "I'm Julian."

In the face of the cold sneers and ridicule in the room, Julian calmly added, "The Dean of the Medical Alliance College."

## **Chapter 963 Senior?**

Julian's words landed, and the noisy atmosphere suddenly froze. Those who were waiting to see Selena's joke suddenly had their smiles freeze on their faces. The hearts of the teachers and members of the experimental group at Capital University's laboratory, which had just dropped, suddenly rose again.

Penelope's expression also froze. A group of people's eyes subconsciously focused on the young man in white, all with a puzzled expression.

Julian? The Dean of the Medical Alliance Academy?

Julian smiled, and his whole body exuded a gentle and transparent temperament. The compassionate aura between his eyes was like a breath of fresh air.

He was indeed a young man with both appearance and temperament...

But...

Penelope was first alarmed, staring at Julian for a moment before bursting into laughter. She held Cameron's arm, laughing so hard that she was shaking, "Lady Selena, even if you don't want to fulfill the bet, you can't use such childish tricks to deceive us!"

In the end, Penelope's smile faded, and she stared at Selena with a look of disdain and anger. "As we all know, the Dean of the Medical Alliance Academy is highly skilled and has a mysterious identity. He became famous internationally ten years ago. How old were the people around you ten years ago?"

After Penelope's reminder, the group of people who were shocked began to come to their senses. Then, they looked at Selena and Julian with disgust in their eyes.

Winnie said with disgust on her face, "Selena, if you want to avoid punishment, can't you find a more credible method? Pulling out a person at random and saying he's the Dean of the Medical Alliance Academy, are you treating us all like fools?"

"That's right, Selena, as Mr. Turner's daughter, can't you have some backbone? Losing and then using such a shameful trick to avoid responsibility, you are simply insulting your father's reputation!"

"I didn't expect that Mr. Turner's daughter would turn out to be this kind of person. It's simply an insult to the surname Bao!"

For a while, the sound of accusations and ridicule against Selena echoed everywhere.

No one noticed that Lin, who had been resting with his eyes closed, suddenly shook when he heard Julian's voice. He opened his eyes suddenly and was shocked when he saw the man standing beside Selena.

Selena's gaze turned cold, with a hint of impatience between her eyebrows. Even Julian, who was usually gentle, showed a trace of chill in his eyes.

After Penelope finished her mockery, she looked at Selena with disdain and turned to her mentor, saying, "Teacher, call the security room immediately and ask them to come and remove these-"

She sneered and pointed her slender finger one by one at Julian, Hei Ya, Joanna, Leia, and finally landed on Selena's face, "These swindlers who cheat and steal the world, get them out of here!"

Her mentor immediately took out his phone, with a cold smile on his face, and called the security room in public.

At this moment, a sudden and uncontrollable roar echoed throughout the venue.

"Shut up, all of you!"

This shout was so sudden and frightening that it startled everyone present. People looked toward the direction of the voice, even Mr. Mae Lane, who seemed to have been pricked by a needle, jumped out of his chair and crawled to Julian almost uncontrollably. With a face full of cold sweat, he respectfully said, "Dean... Dean!"

The whole scene suddenly fell into silence. Penelope's smile froze completely on her face, and she almost screamed unconsciously, "Mr. Mae Lane, what are you doing? How can you call a cheater Dean-"

"Shut up!" Mr. Mae Lane turned his head and glared at her furiously, "You ignorant fool, how dare you be so rude to our Dean!"

Penelope stared at Julian firmly, and her whole body visibly stiffened from head to toe, even her lips lost all color in an instant.

Not only her, including Principal Chow and Hamish, everyone present was stunned. It took a long time for intermittent voices to be heard.

"Mr. Mae Lane... what does this mean..."

"This man... he... is really..."

Selena smiled slightly and looked at Principal Chow, "Mr. Chow, I never lie. Julian is really the Dean of the Medical Alliance Institute."

Principal Chow snapped out of his shock, trembling, and looked at Selena and then at Julian. For a while, he couldn't speak.

Hamish lowered his eyelids, concealing his slightly trembling hands. Winnie was full of disbelief and murmured, "This is impossible... how can this be possible..."

The Dean of the Medical Alliance Institute should be an old man of similar age to Mr. Mae Lane, right? How could he be so young?

The most important thing is... why does he know Selena?

Penelope's body trembled, her face turned pale as she looked at Selena. "Selena, you..."

Selena's cold gaze fell on her face. "You've shown off enough, now it's my turn."

Under Penelope's frightened gaze, Selena's red lips curved into a cruel smile. "Joanna, can you introduce yourself too?"

Joanna walked gracefully in her high heels and glanced at Principal Chow with a hint of resentment. "Principal, do you only remember that bastard Callum? Have you forgotten all about me?"

Principal Chow, who had been shocked, turned to look at her unconsciously after hearing Joanna's words.

He stared at Joanna for a long time, suddenly widened his eyes. "You're... Joanna?"

With Principal Chow's words, most of the older teachers in the Capital University laboratory shuddered and looked at Joanna with astonished expressions. "Joanna?"

"Joanna... how did you become like this?"

Joanna threw a flirtatious look and smiled. "It's been twenty years, can't I change a bit?"

"But you..." Principal Chow's eyes were complex, but he breathed a sigh of relief and his eyes became slightly red. "It's good that you're back..."

The others present did not know who Joanna was. Brian looked at Selena with an unpleasant expression and asked with difficulty, "Principal, who is this Joanna?"

Principal Chow smiled. "She is your senior, who competed with Callum for the first place in the medical field in H Country at Capital University. This girl was always competitive in the past..."

Joanna said softly, "I am not only their senior, but also Callum's senior, and the first heir to his legacy..."

Selena looked at her in astonishment.

Joanna continued, "I contributed at least half to the virus data that Callum researched, so..."

Joanna raised her eyebrows and looked at Cameron and Penelope with a smile. "Are the Soo family trying to take over my territory?"

Cameron closed his eyes.

Penelope's face turned extremely unpleasant. She still wanted to compete, but then Joanna added...

## Chapter 964 You've Lost this Game!

"Oh, I almost forgot. Mr. Anderson told me before I left this morning that his wife should not suffer any harm outside. The Soo family may have put in a lot of resources, but the Anderson family will put in even more. Miss Penelope, if you want to compare with Lady Selena, who is more valuable, feel free to do so," Joanna said, with a meaningful glance at Penelope and Cameron, and a smirk on her lips.

Penelope's face turned pale as a sheet, and even her body trembled.

Cameron opened his eyes and looked at Selena, then at the closed partition door behind Penelope and himself. Suddenly, he seemed to understand something, and his face turned white as a ghost.

The others at the scene wanted to refute Joanna's words, but they found that they could not speak.

As Callum's senior sister and having disappeared with him for so many years, Joanna was likely to have been involved in all the virus research projects. She probably knew more than everyone else on the scene. With her skills, experience, and years in the game, who was qualified to compete with her for a position?

Furthermore, the Soo family, despite their wealth and status, could not compare to the Anderson family. Moreover, Penelope was not yet married, and there had been no significant gestures from the Soo family towards Cameron's girlfriend. In contrast, many people had heard that Mrs. Soo did not like Penelope, who was an orphan.

On the other hand, Selena was well-known for being pampered by the Anderson family, and the Turner family was willing to spend anything for her. This was something that Penelope, as an adopted daughter of the Riddle family, could not compare to.

In such a situation, why should they support Penelope?

Selena was surprised by Joanna's words, but when she thought of Osvaldo, who had coaxed her into taking her medicine last night, a sweet smile appeared on her face.

Meanwhile, in a small room, a hand as exquisite as a jade spider put down a teacup and gazed at the monitor, where Selena's sweet smile was captured. A faint sigh escaped from the thin, ruby lips.

The man sitting opposite him spoke in a flat tone, "With him around, you won't even have a chance to send out your gift."

Alfie lowered his eyelashes, looking disappointed. After a long while, he asked, "Are you working with him?"

Leon looked at the screen, where Penelope's face was visibly immersed in love, and a coldness passed through his eyes as he smiled, "I can't let those things destroy the Riddle family."

Penelope and Manny, two outsiders with no blood relation to the Riddle family, cruelly harmed all the daughters of the Riddle family, causing them to lose their reputation. How could Leon not be angry? In the eyes of these outsiders, Leon was like a young master who was used to waiting for the right moment before making his move on his prey. Once he strikes, he would uproot them completely.

As Alfie looked at Selena's serene and beautiful eyes and gracefully arched eyebrows, he said, "The little girl is very clever." Meanwhile, Leon's gaze fell on Black Crow and White Crow behind Selena, his eyes deep, "Aren't you curious about how she managed to get these two to help her?"

Joanna had been working with Benjamin for many years, so this was not unexpected. But these two people... the most important thing was their attitude towards Selena, which even hinted at respect.

Alfie stood up and walked slowly towards the screen, looking at the girl's beautiful and innocent face, his eyes filled with tenderness, "She shouldn't have to go through all this."

In the conference room, Penelope, who was full of confidence, was repeatedly crushed by Selena, experiencing a huge contrast from heaven to hell. Her body trembled, and her expression became grotesque with anger and jealousy. She glared at Selena sharply and said, "No! I don't believe it! How dare you, Selena, claim to know the dean of the Medical Alliance... You are lying and deceiving everyone!"

Many people on the scene were angered by Penelope's words. Principal Chow was about to speak, but Mr. Mae Lane had already angrily questioned her, "According to your logic, am I also a fake? Are we all lying to you?"

"The facts are right in front of us. How dare you doubt our dean repeatedly? You shameless person. Do you think the Medical Alliance is full of nobody?" Penelope's face turned pale.

Penelope's mentor hurriedly pulled her behind him and apologized to Mr. Mae Lane while whispering, "Penelope, are you confused? How could Selena lie in front of so many people?"

"Hold on! With Mr. Doyle here, you still have a chance to turn the situation around!" Penelope's mentor reminded her, and then Penelope remembered that she still had an ace up her sleeve. Even if Mr. Mae Lane and Alfie entered the laboratory, there was no guarantee that they would help Selena destroy those virus data.

Only Mr. Doyle can absolutely help her achieve her goal without any reservation!

Alfie and Mr. Mae Lane are just helpers she found to defeat Selena!

Mr. Doyle is her biggest ace in the hole!

As long as he enters the laboratory, both Cameron and she still have a chance to gain fame and fortune!

Thinking of this, Penelope, like a drowning person, grasped the last straw of life and barely regained two points of sanity. She stared at Selena with a cold face and said, "Selena, even if you have the Dean of the Medical Alliance and Joanna's help, so what? Mr. Doyle's position in the medical virus world is unparalleled. Unless your father comes in person, no one can surpass him!"

She smiled coldly, "The medical laboratory still has a place for Cameron and me!"

Although she said so, Penelope couldn't help but tremble at the thought of losing the opportunity to crush Selena, to see Selena humiliated and kneeling in public.

She stared at Selena with a cold expression, like a death-haunted demon.

Selena glanced at her indifferently and fixed her gaze on Mr. Doyle, with a playful smile on her lips. "Black Crow, it seems that Mr. Doyle is an old acquaintance of yours..."

Black Crow walked up with a stinky face, staring at Mr. Doyle with narrowed and dangerous eyes, and said with disgust, "Who wants an old acquaintance like this ugly monster?"

With the lessons learned from Julian and Joanna, Penelope was extremely cautious at the moment.

She carefully scrutinized Black Crow up and down, finally relieved that this young man was definitely not Callum, and finally put her heart down completely.

As long as it is not Callum himself, in the virus world, no one can surpass Mr. Doyle!

Penelope, who knows Mr. Doyle's true identity, is extremely confident about this.

She stared at Selena with resentment and sneered, "Selena, you have lost this round for sure!"

# **Chapter 965 Gotcha!**

Selena glanced casually at Penelope and let out a cold smile. "Miss Penelope, before you say that again, have you not realized that the person you were talking about is someone who can easily crush Mr. Doyle, whom you are so proud of? Since I arrived, he hasn't said a word."

The smile that had just appeared on Penelope's face froze instantly. She turned her head almost in horror and looked at her so-called ace.

Selena didn't say anything, but everyone present suddenly realized what she had just pointed out. It was true that before Selena arrived, Mr. Doyle, whom Penelope had invited, had been arrogant and abusive, not caring about anyone, even insulting Principal Chow in front of so many people.

But after Selena arrived, he suddenly became silent, and not a word came out of his mouth. What did this mean?

Everyone's eyes suddenly turned to Mr. Doyle.

To their surprise, the man who was renowned for his abilities and arrogance was now trembling, sweating profusely, and staring at Black Crow, who was slowly approaching him, with a look of fear and anxiety.

All his body language was indicating that he might know the handsome black-clad young man brought by Selena.

A loud thud could be heard as the hearts of all the aristocratic family members present sank to the bottom.

Winnie stared at Selena with a bewildered expression, her face pale and her eyes full of disbelief.

How could Selena possibly know the dean of the Medical Alliance?

How could the person Selena brought be stronger than the many teachers in the Capital University laboratory?

How could Selena... actually win against them?

A huge sense of imbalance overwhelmed Winnie's heart, making it impossible for her to accept reality. She stared at Selena, her face twisted and ghostly white.

Penelope's eyes were filled with terror, and she was unwilling to admit that she could really lose to Selena. She suddenly took a step forward and grabbed Mr. Doyle's sleeve, her voice becoming shrill and almost hysterical. "Mr. Doyle, you are the leader of the 'Study of Human' organization. How can you be afraid of Selena?"

"She's just a lowly scum born from a small, shabby company in Creephia. How can you be afraid of her?"

"Didn't you say before that Callum's daughter is just blonde girl and not worth worrying about? You should crush Selena, look down on Selena, and make Selena kneel down and apologize to you!"

"You should take your research results and tell Selena-"

Mr. Doyle was originally on guard, staring at the crow who was walking towards him step by step with its two long legs. Suddenly, Penelope grabbed his sleeve, and his tense nerves snapped as he angrily pushed her away, shouting, "Get out of here!"

Penelope was caught off guard and stumbled. If Cameron hadn't helped her, she would have been thrown to the ground.

At the moment when that strange tone just came out, the crow took a step forward towards him, then stopped.

Then, the narrow eyes of the black-haired youth squinted slightly, and there was suddenly a certain sharpness in his eyes, as he raised a devilish smirk at the corner of his lips. "So... it's you, you ugly freak!"

In front of everyone's eyes, everyone clearly saw Mr. Doyle trembling.

Penelope, supported by Cameron's hand, had just barely stabilized herself, but she saw this scene.

She wanted to argue, but Cameron grabbed her arm and said sternly, "Penelope, enough!"

Shaking her head, Penelope screamed in despair, "How could Selena have won against me? I don't believe it."

Cameron stared at her face, which had a hint of ferocity, hiding the disappointment in his eyes and said in a stern voice, "Haven't you noticed that the Mr. Doyle you invited is deeply afraid of the other side?"

Penelope's jealous mind suddenly became clear.

She stared at the black-haired youth who was exuding a great pressure and approaching Mr. Doyle, and looked at the mocking eyes facing her like a cat playing with a mouse. Suddenly, she remembered Mr. Doyle's true identity.

Penelope suddenly shuddered.

It's impossible!

How could this person know Mr. Doyle's true identity?

How could someone like Selena, who came from a "poor family," have contact with people of Mr. Doyle's level?

But there was another voice in her mind saying, what if... the other party really knows?

At this thought, Penelope was overwhelmed with a great fear, her face turning pale as she trembled and watched the crow approach step by step.

Cameron noticed that Penelope's hands and feet suddenly turned icy cold. She looked down and saw that Penelope's face had lost all color, and her gaze at Black Crow was now mixed with an unmistakable fear.

Cameron's heart sank, and a sense of unease suddenly welled up inside her.

Black Crow strode forward with its long legs and stood towering over Mr. Doyle. With a contemptuous sneer, it said, "I thought you could hide for a while longer!"

As soon as Black Crow finished speaking, Mr. Doyle on the other side suddenly roared in anger, raising his fist to strike at the crow.

Black Crow chuckled coldly, tilting its head slightly to dodge his fist. At the same time, it lifted its leg and kicked Mr. Doyle hard, sending him flying.

The sudden act of violence startled everyone at the scene.

Before they could regain their senses, Mr. Doyle, who had fallen to the corner of the wall, suddenly pulled out a gun and pointed it at Selena with the black muzzle. Just as he was about to pull the trigger, a sudden foot stomped heavily on his shoulder.

Accompanied by the sound of bones breaking, Mr. Doyle let out a scream. The gun in his hand fell to the ground, and Black Crow's other foot stepped on it.

All the other people who saw the gun were frightened out of their wits.

When they came to their senses, everyone became alert in an instant, and there were cries for the police everywhere.

Penelope's vision went black, and her body trembled, almost fainting.

The worst suspicion in her heart had become a reality at this moment.

The nightmare had come true!

Even Penelope's lips turned pale in an instant, and she unconsciously tightened her grip on Cameron's arm, her sharp nails deeply embedded in the young man's skin.

Cameron stared at her wrist, which had been gouged and bleeding, and suddenly closed her eyes.

Amidst everyone's gaze, Black Crow picked up Mr. Doyle as if he were chick and sneered, "Gotcha!"

Under Mr. Doyle's fearful and angry gaze, Black Crow's lips curled up in a cold smile, and its fingers tore at his chin.

With Mr. Doyle's screams, something resembling human skin was torn off by Black Crow.

The face revealed underneath made everyone in the audience widen their eyes to the extreme.

The entire scene fell into a dead silence in an instant!

## **Chapter 966 Identity**

Upon seeing this scene, Penelope felt a chill run from her feet to her head, and her expression turned extremely fearful.

What appeared before everyone's eyes after tearing off the disguise was an old man with wrinkled skin and a ferocious expression.

Most importantly, it was clearly a foreigner with blonde hair and blue eyes!

For a moment, the entire conference room was so quiet that it seemed like one could not even hear the sound of breathing.

The young students from Capital University stared at the foreigner's face, recalling how he had insulted their principal and sneered at all of them in public just now. They only felt a surge of anger spreading from their chest to their limbs.

Even Winnie's jealousy towards Selena dissipated for a moment, and her face turned pale.

Just as she was about to speak, a voice full of rage rang in everyone's ears first.

"Davis!"

The group was startled and turned their heads to see Principal Chow clutching his chest, staring fiercely at the foreigner pinned to the ground by Black Crow.

The teachers and students of Capital University had never seen Principal Chow display such an angry expression before and were all stunned.

The few vice deans standing behind Principal Chow hurriedly came forward to pat his back.

"Mr. Chow, please calm down!"

"Mr. Chow, are you okay?" Selena walked up and asked.

Principal Chow, still holding his chest, pointed at Davis and said angrily, "Call the police, immediately call the police and arrest this shameless scum!"

Selena opened the cup of water on the table and handed it over. The people around Principal Chow took it and fed him a few heart pills. Only after seeing Principal Chow's emotions calm down did Selena speak up.

"Mr. Chow, who is this person?"

Sitting in his chair, Principal Chow stared at Davis and sneered, "A shameless scum from the medical community! He tried to steal your father's research results back then and failed. Afterward, he became addicted to human experiments and targeted H Country people, committing countless atrocities..."

Everyone present gasped in horror and broke out in a cold sweat.

Winnie's face turned pale. "Human... experiments..."

Black Crow looked at the group of people with a sneer. "Are you all idiots? If you study humans, you naturally specialize in human experiments in academia!"

Everyone's faces twitched violently.

Everyone knew that Callum left Capital because of the situation at the Far North Laboratory and never came back.

Afterward, the Turner family was wiped out because of it.

The core data left by Callum was primarily focused on solving human experimentation. What would happen if these precious life-saving materials fell into Davis's hands? In an instant, everyone present, including those who had grievances with the Turner family, broke out in a cold sweat. After all, anyone with bit of blood and conscience would not like to be a traitor to their country.

How they fought within H Country was their own business. But no one was willing to let a foreigner who was full of evil intentions steal the hard work and glory that rightfully belonged to the people of H Country. Moreover, this person's arrogance was so detestable!

As soon as everyone thought about what would happen if Davis had not been exposed today, and had been allowed to join the laboratory and access the data left by Callum, they couldn't help but feel fearful. At that time, everyone present today would become the criminals of the entire H Country!

Brian clenched his fists and was furious. He turned his head and angrily stared at Penelope, "Penelope!"

This roar was like a switch, and in an instant, everyone, including the teachers in the laboratory, looked at Penelope with angry and shocked eyes.

Penelope's face was pale and terrifying as she faced those angry faces. She hurriedly retreated and said, "No, no, no! It's not my fault, I don't know..."

Selena asked coldly, "Davis was brought by you, if you don't know, then who does?"

Penelope shook her head frantically, tears streaming down her face, "No, it's not my fault, I was also deceived, I'm also a victim..."

Unfortunately, even if Penelope talked until she was blue in the face, no one would believe her in the face of Davis's exposure on the spot. Even her mentor, who had always protected her, now had a pale face and stayed away from her, afraid of being implicated.

Penelope was both frightened and heartbroken, crying with tears. But no one went to comfort her. No one forgot how she had just praised and flattered Davis. She could even recite his achievements, and it was impossible for her not to know his identity. Everyone looked at her with a disgustingly unforgiving gaze.

Penelope was icy cold and extremely panicked. Suddenly, she thought of something and turned to Cameron. "Cameron, believe me, I really don't know his true identity. Please help me explain to everyone. I'm innocent..."

Cameron's face was pale, and a hint of weariness lingered in his eyes. He was about to speak when Selena chuckled, "Penelope, you're such a good girlfriend. At this moment, instead of finding a way to remove the Soo family from this situation, you're trying to drag Mr. Soo down with you... Are you telling everyone that the Soo family was also involved in this?"

Penelope's tearful expression suddenly froze on her face. She stared at Selena and asked, "What do you mean?"

The worst-case scenario was that she had been careless and used by others, lost her chance to join the laboratory, and received some scolding. What did it have to do with the Soo family?

Selena smiled slowly, a cruel and cold smile. "Black Crow."

Black Crow dragged Davis in disgust and walked in front of Principal Chow. He kicked the other person's knee and made Davis kneel down in front of Principal Chow.

Then, he sneered and said, "This ugly freak is an international fugitive!"

Even Penelope's lips turned ashen in an instant.

The people on the scene changed their expressions again.

"International... fugitive..."

"You bastard!"

An internationally wanted criminal ran to their Capital University, arrogantly asking for Callum's research materials, and almost succeeded... Was there anything more absurd in the world?

If this were to be spread, the entire Capital University would become a laughing stock!

A group of people stared at Penelope, wishing to strangle her.

Selena admired Penelope's ghastly face and smiled. "Black Crow, how did you become enemies with Mr. Davis?"

At the mention of this, Black Crow's face turned unpleasant.

## **Chapter 967 Arrest**

"This ugly bastard trespassed on my territory three years ago while I was away, stole my research materials, and even burned down my house. I've wanted to kill him for a long time!"

As soon as these words were spoken, everyone present immediately thought of the "Anthropology" organization, which had cracked the dengue fever and hantavirus three years ago, causing a sensation in the entire medical community.

So, those materials were actually stolen?

The one who actually cracked those two major viruses was the beautiful and unbelievable young man in front of them?

The faces of the group of people twitched uncontrollably again.

This could also explain why Davis was so afraid of that young man in black!

Selena glanced at Black Crow in surprise. "So, he burned down your house..."

She knew about Black Crow's house being burned down.

After all, because of this incident, the child was homeless for a while and could only curse and complain while seeking refuge with White Crow.

During that period, he had turned into a fire-breathing dragon.

Three years later, the perpetrator had taken the initiative to come to their door. It was also an unsatisfying retribution.

Black Crow glared at Davis fiercely. "If it weren't for Tobias asking me to catch him and not kill him directly, I would have fed him a dose of poison by now!"

Selena's lips twitched as she finally figured out all the questions and looked at Penelope with a smirk. "Davis has an infamous reputation and a long list of crimes. He's a wanted fugitive by the International Criminal Police Organization. So, Penelope, how did you come to know him?"

Penelope's face twitched violently, and she trembled, "I don't know... I was also deceived..."

Selena's dark eyes looked at her, full of mockery, her tone still calm and leisurely. "You are a Miss from the Riddle family, Mr. Soo's girlfriend. All your connections come from these two families. So, Penelope, did the Riddle family help you find him? Or did the Soo family help you?"

Penelope was stunned for a moment, but when she met Selena's cold eyes, she was suddenly overwhelmed with a great fear.

She suddenly realized that Selena was not only targeting her, but also wanted to drag down the entire Soo and Riddle families through this incident!

Once the Riddle family was thoroughly investigated, all its secrets could be unearthed.

The Soo family had Cameron. Even if Penelope was insane, she couldn't bring herself to destroy the man who had loved and protected her for so many years.

But she couldn't confess about Cassius either...

Trembling, cold sweat broke out on Penelope's forehead. "It has nothing to do with them. Mr. Doyle came to me on his own. I just wanted to win too badly..."

Selena smirked and said, "Oh, how did Davis know about the research data my father left behind at Capital University? I only told a few of you in this office a week ago..." Her gaze swept over everyone who was present at the time, her tone cold as ice. "So, who leaked this information to Davis?"

As Selena's eyes passed over each person, they all felt a chill in their hearts. They didn't know if it was fear or shame, but they all stepped back.

"It wasn't me!"

"It wasn't me! Principal Chow made us all promise not to leak anything about Mr. Turner when we were given access to his research data."

"Selena, even if we don't agree with you, we would never betray our country like that!"

Winnie, who had felt disgraced today, angrily said, "Why did Davis go to Penelope? Who would believe that it wasn't her who leaked the information?"

Selena's gaze returned to Penelope, devoid of any warmth. "Miss Penelope, do you have anything to say in your defense?"

Penelope knew that no matter what she said now, no one would believe her!

She glared at Selena with resentment and then turned to Cameron. "Cameron, you have to believe me. I really didn't know who Mr. Doyle really was. I just wanted you to join the lab..."

"I did all of this for you!"

"Everyone can blame me and not believe me... but you must believe me!"

Cameron looked at the scars on his wrist, his face paler than anyone else in the room. He looked at Penelope, his expression complicated. "Penelope..."

Before she could say anything, the door to the conference room suddenly burst open and a group of people in black uniforms with gold embroidery strode in with great momentum.

The leader of the group was none other than Matilda.

As soon as the members of the court appeared, the faces of everyone present changed.

At the same moment, they all instinctively took several steps back, leaving Penelope, Cameron, and Davis standing in the middle. Penelope watched as Matilda approached her with handcuffs, her face turned pale with fear. She panicked and hid behind Cameron, shaking her head and crying out, "Cameron, don't let them arrest me! I'm scared!"

Cameron wanted to step forward to stop them, but Matilda turned to him and said, "Mr. Soo called me before we came here. If Mr. Soo interferes with the court's proceedings, he will also be arrested!"

Cameron froze in place. Penelope trembled in disbelief and looked at him with a resentful expression on her face. "Cameron, you are the second young master of the Soo family. How dare Alfie treat you like this?"

Cameron looked at her with a disappointed expression. "Penelope, you have never really understood my family..." In fact, Penelope had never remembered the kindness the Soo family had shown her.

After finishing his sentence, Cameron slowly pried open Penelope's hand, turned his back to her, and refused to look at her again.

Penelope panicked. In that moment, Matilda's cold handcuffs had already fallen onto her wrist. Meanwhile, Davis had been caught by other members of the court.

Matilda nodded to Selena and led Penelope out. As they passed by, everyone made way for them. The court was the most just and powerful force in the capital, and even the four major aristocratic families did not have the courage to openly interfere with their arrests. Furthermore, Penelope's guilt was indisputable this time. There was no room for any defense!

Penelope was forced out, losing all her dignity and face. She looked resentfully at Cameron's back and cried out in a pitiful voice, "Cameron, I was just being used. This has nothing to do with me. I'm innocent... Why won't you believe me?"

### **Chapter 968 Loyalty**

Cameron stood with his back to her, motionless, as if he hadn't heard Penelope's resentful questioning.

Amidst the cries of despair and resentment, Penelope was openly arrested.

There was no sound in the entire conference room.

Before this, no one could have imagined that Penelope, who had just been high and mighty and overbearing, would not only fail to qualify to join the laboratory, but also end up in jail.

Everyone's eyes on Selena were filled with undisguised shock and complexity.

Facing the fearful and jealous eyes of the crowd, Selena calmly walked up to Principal Chow and asked with a smile, "Mr. Chow, are you satisfied with my research team?"

Principal Chow looked at Selena, then at Joanna, and finally at Black Crow and white crow next to him. His eyes were both gratified and complex. "Selena, these two..."

Selena smiled gently and comforted him, "Mr. Chow, Black Crow and White Crow, as well as Joanna, have already delved into the data my father left behind for many years. With them, we will surely succeed!"

Winnie, who had experienced the blow of the fragrance contest, tasted the feeling of being crushed again. She stared at Selena with eyes full of melancholy and jealousy.

Upon hearing Selena's words, she couldn't help but sneer, "Lady Selena, it is true that the two medical experts you brought are highly skilled, but with Penelope as a cautionary tale, how can we believe that they have no ulterior motives?"

The people present were first stunned, then wary.

Indeed.

Although Julian and Black Crow looked like H Country people in appearance, one was the dean of the International Medical Association and the other didn't seem to have grown up in H Country.

They deigned to appear here to help Selena, could it be that they really had no other intentions?

Selena glanced at Winnie and looked at Principal Chow with a faint smile, "Mr. Chow, I guarantee with the hundred-year reputation of the Turner family that Black Crow and White Crow are absolutely trustworthy."

Julian smiled gently, "We are unconditionally loyal to Lady Selena."

Not loyal to H Country.

But loyal to Selena.

Black Crow snorted coldly. Although he didn't speak, his protective posture was extremely obvious.

Everyone present was shocked.

The other party talked about loyalty, not cooperation.

Cooperation represents seeking benefits, while loyalty implies absolute obedience, devotion regardless of cost, tireless defense, and a determination to follow to the death.

Winnie's face turned pale, her mouth moved, but she couldn't make a sound.

The members of the noble families present were also stunned.

Who exactly is this Miss of the Turner family?

What makes her able to earn the willing loyalty of the Dean of the International Medical Alliance and the world-renowned virus expert?

Compared to them, Principal Chow was completely relieved and suddenly stood up, his eyes turned scarlet, "Selena, I entrust your father, the Turner family, and... all to you!"

Selena looked at the trembling eyelids of the old man, raised her chin, and her eyes were full of solemnity and confidence, "Mr. Chow, you will see that in the near future, the glory belonging to my father and the Turner family will be as world-renowned as my mother!"

Principal Chow laughed, "Good!"

Selena smiled, turned around, and looked at the others present with her dark pupils, "Do any of you have any objections?"

The people present gritted their teeth and looked at Selena with fear and coldness.

In such a situation, even if they were unwilling or angry, what could they do?

Even Winnie could only stare fiercely at Selena without saying anything to oppose her.

The room fell silent.

Selena smiled brilliantly, her gaze passing through the window, looking at the azure sky, where eagles soared with clear cries, and a storm surged in her eyes.

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The news of the official change of ownership of the Capital University laboratory caused a sensation throughout the capital in less than an hour.

The appearance of the Dean of the Medical Alliance in the capital, Penelope's imprisonment, and Selena's experimental team officially taking over all the data left by Callum caused a sensation throughout the capital.

Selena stayed in the laboratory for a whole morning, and at noon, she took Leia back to the Turner family.

However, before she even entered the door, she was stopped by Daphne, who suddenly ran out.

Daphne cried and glared angrily at Selena, "You can't stand Penelope, can you? The Riddle family ignored you, and that's my fault. If you want to hate someone, hate me. If you want revenge, come at me. Why do you have to be so cruel to Penelope?"

Selena's eyes suddenly turned cold. The driver who brought Daphne saw that the situation was not right and immediately stepped forward to stop her. However, Daphne ignored him and continued to accuse Selena frantically.

"I know you hate us! You hate that Penelope has taken your place and love! But Penelope is innocent. We love her, and it's not her fault! You can come after me if you're angry, but why take it out on Penelope?"

"Penelope is obedient, kind, and innocent. How can she be like you? You were born with a wicked heart. How could Nevaeh give birth to such a wicked daughter like you?"

"Why did you come back? Why don't you go die?"

Selena's aura became colder and colder.

Leia was furious and was about to go forward to teach the old woman a lesson, but then Selena suddenly raised her hand and coldly said, "Let her curse!"

Leia shivered at Selena's icy voice.

Daphne vented her emotions, and finally pointed at Selena, angrily saying, "Selena, release Penelope immediately, or I will not let you go!"

Selena laughed coldly, "Okay."

Daphne breathed a sigh of relief, and her face suddenly softened. However, she then heard Selena's cold voice saying, "Call Matilda and have them execute Penelope on the spot for the crime of treason. Send her body back to the Riddle family, and let Daphne take a good look!"

Daphne's face, which had just relaxed, suddenly stiffened. She stared at Selena fiercely, and a few strands of black air surged in her eyes. "Selena—"

Selena sneered, "And then send someone to kill Kaitlyn and the Riddle family's illegitimate child for me!"

Daphne gasped for breath, staring at Selena's eyes full of murderous intent. Her anger instantly deflated, and she retreated several steps in fear, trembling as she said, "You... dare..."

Meanwhile, Leia had already taken out her phone and started contacting Matilda.

Selena's aura became even more sinister, and she took a step forward, forcing Daphne to meet her gaze. "Who do you think you are? Do you think you can threaten me?"

Daphne looked at her chilling eyes, and her hair stood on end. "Selena, I am your grandmother, even if I never raised you. I will always be your grandmother by blood."

Selena sneered, "Do you deserve to be?"

## Chapter 969 How can you be a mother?

"Without me, there would be no your mother. Without your mother, where would you come from? You are so rebellious, cruel to your own siblings, aren't you afraid of being struck by lightning?" Selena sneered.

"You heartless and vicious thing, abandoning your own daughter, you won't be struck by lightning, why would lightning strike me?"

Daphne's angry expression suddenly stiffened, "What are you talking about?"

Selena stood over Daphne, looking down on her, "The reason why you dare to accuse me so confidently is because my mother once expected you to be a real mother to me, right?"

Daphne trembled and met Selena's dark, unyielding gaze. She couldn't help but take a step back, "What do you mean by 'expected'? Nevaeh was originally my daughter..."

But Selena didn't seem to hear her words. Her eyes were cold and dark, "But I am not my mother. She would expect your care, tolerate your selfishness, and be heartbroken by your favoritism and viciousness... but I won't!"

Selena stared at her, a cruel smile curling up at the corner of her lips, "I am ruthless and vicious, arrogant and domineering. If someone owes me a penny, I will make them pay back a thousand times over!"

"Daphne, open your eyes and watch carefully. Watch how I tore Penelope, whom you held so dear, into pieces!"

Daphne was so frightened by Selena's gaze that she trembled uncontrollably. Her eyes widened to their limit as she stood unsteadily in place, as if she could faint at any moment.

Seemingly enraged to the extreme, Daphne suddenly raised her hand and slapped Selena hard across the face.

Selena's eyes flashed with anger, and she was about to push Daphne away when a slender figure suddenly appeared from the sidelines and stood in front of Selena, taking the slap for her.

A crisp sound echoed in everyone's ears.

Selena looked at the child standing in front of her, and the rage in her eyes almost overflowed. Hattie opened her arms and blocked Selena's way, her small body trembling and her face turning white as she glared at Daphne with hatred.

"Keep hitting me! You won't be able to kill me today! But one day, I will kill your most beloved Penelope, Kaitlyn, Hunter, one by one!"

Daphne met Hattie's eyes full of hatred, and her heart suddenly trembled. But her anger grew even stronger, "You little beast! I raised you, and yet you help this outsider defy me!"

Hattie licked her lips, her sharpness growing stronger and stronger, "When my mother died, you beat me like this for the sake of the woman who killed her!"

"And today, you come to beat Selena for the sake of Penelope!"

"Selena is not Aunt Nevaeh, and you have never raised her or cared for her even a bit. What right do you have to hit her?"

"You raised me for thirteen years, and I let you hit me. But after you're done hitting me, from now on, you're just my enemy!"

Daphne covered her chest, trembling with anger.

She looked at Selena, who was being protected by Hattie, and a voice kept echoing in her mind.

It was Selena who instigated Hattie and made her granddaughter hate her so much!

It was Selena who maliciously harmed Penelope, making the entire Riddle family uneasy!

It was all Selena's fault!

Daphne raised her hand again and slapped Selena in the face.

A trace of blood appeared at the corner of Selena's eyes. Just as she couldn't control herself and was about to strike back at Daphne, a piercing brake sound entered her ears.

A white sports car rushed over, and Leon hurriedly got out of the car, grabbed Daphne's hand, and his face was frighteningly cold. "Stop!"

Daphne turned around and rushed over, pointing at Selena and Hattie, crying loudly, "Leon, did you hear what those two disobedient people said? They -"

"That's enough, grandmother!" Leon stared at Daphne, without any expression on his face. "Do you think, in your eyes, all the children of the Riddle family combined are not even as good as a hair of Penelope's?"

Daphne trembled, "What are you talking about? Are you also helping Selena defy me?"

Leon looked at her coldly, "Grandma, don't forget, Penelope is the real outsider. You ran to the Turner family openly to humiliate the Riddle family's granddaughter and slap the Riddle family's granddaughter for an outsider. Did you really think that the Riddle family would allow you to humiliate their bloodline like this?"

Daphne felt a sinking feeling in her heart, "Penelope was -"

"Penelope is a traitor with solid evidence, and no one framed her!" Leon coldly interrupted her words. "What, grandmother, do you want to risk the entire Riddle family to save an outsider?"

Daphne choked up, "Penelope is the young lady of the Riddle family. She couldn't have done such a thing. It must be Selena who framed her!"

Leon dropped Daphne's hand, lit a cigarette, took a puff, and then suppressed his anger. He looked at Daphne coldly and ordered, "Take the old lady back. She is not allowed to go out without my permission!"

Daphne angrily shouted, "Leon!"

Leon raised his hand and had the driver take Daphne away.

Amid Daphne's struggling, Selena let out a light laugh and said, "Mr. Riddle, do you think... you can still keep Daphne?"

Leon rubbed his forehead in frustration and said, "Lady Selena..."

Selena lovingly touched the wound on Hattie's face and stared at Daphne, her tone icy, "Someone like you... how can you be a mother?"

Daphne met Selena's cold gaze and felt a chill in her heart. When she mentioned Nevaeh, all her righteous indignation faded away.

Selena said coldly, "I will make you regret it!"

Daphne was stunned, "What did you say-"

Selena sneered, "I will make you regret it until you can't even close your eyes in death!"

Daphne's heart twitched and she stammered, "You..."

Like a judge passing sentence, Selena ignored Daphne after speaking and led Hattie into the Turner family's home, walking into the silence.

Watching Selena's departing figure, Daphne was so angry that her eyes almost rolled back. Suddenly, she seemed to remember something and said, "Leon, quickly send someone to save Penelope and Kaitlyn. That wicked woman Selena has sent people to kill them..."

Leon looked at Daphne's twisted, aged face and remembered what Selena had said earlier. That woman was like a high and mighty judge, arranging predetermined outcomes based on each person's crimes. The outcome she had arranged for Daphne was clearly one where she would die without being able to close her eyes.

Daphne was so stubborn in her love for Penelope and Kiera, how could she confess and admit fault?

Did Selena really find something out, or was it just a momentary outburst?

## Chapter 970 Justice!

But what kind of hatred could make Selena defy the laws of nature and morality and want to see Daphne die without peace of mind?

Selena had promised her before that she wouldn't lay a hand on Daphne.

Unless...

Leon's sharp gaze fixed on the crying Daphne as he suddenly asked, "Grandma, how did Aunt Nevaeh die?"

Daphne's body suddenly stiffened, something flashed through her eyes in an instant as she cried out, "Nevaeh died of illness, that's what Selena told me..."

Leon caught the strange moment in Daphne's eyes and his heart suddenly chilled.

He stared at the old woman before him as if meeting his grandmother for the first time.

Under his gaze, Daphne moved her eyes away and inexplicably felt like trembling. "Why do you ask about these things from the past? What you should be thinking about now is how to save Penelope..."

"The Riddle family won't lift a finger to save Penelope!" Leon's tone was icy. "She deserves to die!"

Before Daphne could protest and cry, Leon waved his hand and the driver forcibly took Daphne onto the car, leaving the Turner family.

Leon took a deep breath and looked up at the Turner family gate. He instructed his assistant, "Call Hattie's therapist."

Then, he too left in his car.

Inside the Turner family gate, Patrick stood in the shadows, coldly watching the Riddle family leave. He said in a cold voice, "Contact Uncle Fu and the others... I want the Riddle family to hold Daphne down and personally apologize to Selena!"

"Yes!"

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Daphne was forcibly taken back to the Riddle family by Leon. She had never been treated like this before, and she felt both wronged and resentful. As soon as she entered the door, she found her two sons and cried and scolded them frantically.

Kaitlyn turned pale when she heard Daphne say that Selena wanted to have her killed.

Hunter was furious and turned to angrily say, "Big brother, is this the son you raised? He's helping those disobedient and unfilial children, treating his own grandmother like this?"

Issac frowned and stared at Daphne. "So, mother, you went to the Turner family's gate and insulted and beat up the Turner family's daughter for the sake of Penelope?"

Daphne was taken aback and seemed to have just remembered that Selena had such an identity. Her eyes went blank and she said angrily, "If she had not been disrespectful to me, how could I have been provoked to hit her? I just wanted her to let Penelope go... besides, I didn't even hit her..."

Issac's face darkened as he stared at Daphne, feeling for the first time that his own mother was unreasonable. Hunter angrily said, "Issac, is what you're saying even human language? Filial piety comes first, and Selena is a younger generation who was just scolded by her grandmother. How is that a big deal? You're as ungrateful as your disobedient son. Both of you are like ungrateful wretches who can't be raised properly!"

Issac glanced at Hunter and sneered, "Since my younger brother is so filial, he must be happy to help our mother and bear the retaliation from the Anderson family and the Turner family."

Hunter's expression changed, "Retaliation just because their grandmother scolded them? That's unfilial and rebellious!"

Issac chuckled mockingly and turned to leave, "It's a pity that when facing that unfilial and rebellious wretch, the Riddle family can only rely on their blood ties to curse and swear at them..."

Erica looked at her husband walking away and glanced coldly at Manny, who stood behind Hunter with his head bowed, before following Issac out.

Daphne watched her eldest son leave, filled with rage, "A bunch of ungrateful children!"

Hunter hurriedly comforted his mother, "Mother, don't worry. Your son will definitely teach those two disrespectful brats a lesson..."

"Is that so?" Hunter's words were cut off by a furious laughter coming from outside the door. They all looked up and saw Lady Lauren rudely pushing aside a servant, leading a group of high society ladies into the Riddle family estate.

As Hunter's gaze swept over the group of gloomy-faced socialites behind her, his expression changed slightly. He greeted her politely, "Lady Lauren, Melissa, Savannah, what brings you here to visit the Riddle family today..."

"I heard that Daphne used her seniority to openly enter the Turner family's gate and humiliate and beat up my Anderson family daughter-in-law," Lady Lauren interrupted with a smile, but there was no humor in her eyes. "Daphne is an elder after all, it wouldn't look good for her to meet me face-to-face, so I came to the Riddle family personally to ask, Daphne, what right and ability do you have to lay your hands on someone from my Anderson family?"

Daphne's face turned pale, and she opened her mouth to retort but couldn't find the words.

Although she didn't actually hit Selena, the fact remains that she laid hands on her. As an elder, Lady Lauren's public questioning left her with no way to save face, and she kept a calm expression without saying a word.

Hunter angrily said, "Selena is my mother's granddaughter. My mother just said a few words to her, but you all came over here making a big fuss. It's really overreacting!"

Lady Lauren's smile grew wider on her face, "You don't have to defend the Riddle family. Selena has never acknowledged having any relatives from your family."

"She was neither raised nor nurtured by you, where does the Riddle family get the nerve to claim they are Selena's relatives?"

Ignoring Daphne's unpleasant expression, Lady Lauren continued, "Daphne, I already told you last time that the Riddle family doesn't need Selena, the Anderson family and the Turner family do."

"You treat Selena like grass, but we treasure her like a gem. You clearly know that Selena is a priceless treasure to the Turner family and the Anderson family, but you still dare to treat her like this. Are you representing the Riddle family by openly provoking the Turner family and the Anderson family?"

Daphne's face suddenly changed.

Even Hunter's face turned pale in an instant. The Riddle family couldn't afford to confront both the Anderson family and the Turner family at the same time. While the Riddle family held wealth, the Anderson family and the Turner family held power. Once the Turner family and the Anderson family teamed up, they could easily become an obstacle for the Riddle family... The Riddle family's losses would be incalculable.

Melissa looked at Daphne with disgust, "How could a girl as kind and strong as Nevaeh have a mother like you?"

Savannah sneered, "Haven't Nevaeh's affairs served as a warning to you? You can't reason with Daphne, the best way is to make her suffer as well!"

Daphne was so angry that a group of younger relatives were causing trouble on her own turf, and was about to slam the table and throw a tantrum when a Riddle family servant rushed in hurriedly.

"Madam, it's not good! Miss Penelope has been beaten by a group of prisoners in the prison! It's said that she is seriously injured and has fallen into a coma..."

Daphne felt blank in her mind.