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His entourage did not make any unnecessary comments and followed after him.

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Isabel led Carla across the road outside the hotel in one quick sprint. They finally stopped when they arrived at the spot on the beach where people crowded around.

She took a deep breath and checked behind them.

Carla was out of breath from running by this point. "I've been keeping an eye on them. They're not following us."

"Yeah." Isabel smiled, still not over the high of getting to stomp on Roland's foot just now.

How exhilarating!

His foot must be throbbing in pain.

Such a shame she could not find the space to give him a good punch as well. She would have gladly punched him until he was completely unrecognizable!

"I wasn't expecting to see him here. What a coincidence," Carla caught her breath at last and commented.

Isabel did a double-take.

was certainly a

the forces above had decided to make things right for her at last. This was

not give the matter any further thought and tugged at Carla. "Let's go. Let's find something

were several rows of local food stalls lined along the beach. The local food scene was

walking along the coastline, feeling the gentle caress of sea breeze across their skin. Nothing could be better

eating and drinking their fill, they plopped down

in the direction of the hotel from time

the solemn look on Roland's face when she saw him, he must be here for some sort of meeting. She wondered

strong gust of sea breeze kicked up out of nowhere. She

was no point wondering what Roland was up to. It was none of her concern since he was

finished her glass of fruit juice and went back

the hotel, they went straight for

elevator was on its

coincidence, the elevator door opened to reveal Roland's tall and stout figure standing right in front of Isabel. He stood in the

eyes widened with stark surprise. Her first instinct was to run, but her wits told her to

She was wrapped in a thick scarf with a face mask on,

He probably recognized her merely as the person who had stomped on his feet just now. His calmness was restored swiftly and he proceeded out of the

with

to assault him again, then she ducked into the elevator

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She was confident Roland could not have recognized her since she had concealed her appearance.

Unfortunately, Carla was right next to her, and she was instantly recognizable.

Roland must have recognized Carla at first sight. Even a fool could figure out who the identity of the masked stranger Carla was with. He was only pretending to not recognize her!

Isabel felt so furious that she could explode into a ball of fire right then and there.

Without warning, she punched the elevator button to take them back to the ground floor.

Carla was confused by this. "What's wrong? Why are we going down again?"

Isabel gnashed her teeth back and forth angrily. She was going to confront Roland and punch his face!

The elevator quickly brought them to the first floor.

Before the elevator door fully opened, she sprang outside. She ran to the parking lot outside the hotel just in time to spot Roland getting into a car.

was just

sprinted as fast as her legs could take

picked up speed and drove away

after the car, refusing to give up. Her chase was ultimately fruitless since the distance between her and the car only widened, which left her with no choice but to cry

could not have heard her at all. Shortly after

until she reached the main road, but it was already vanishing out of sight

point. The choking anger

her breath, she cursed out loud,

him again, she was

the car that had driven away from her, coursing

driving while one of his assistants was seated in the passenger seat. They all zipped their mouths, afraid to even emit a sound when breathing, all while darting

the backseat. Soon, he was also

rearview mirror, he could see Isabel's faint figure standing by the side of the road. Her figure was just tell that she was furious

would appear that he was only pretending

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Two days passed in the blink of an eye.

The coordinator in charge of the jewelry exhibition approached Isabel.

Amanda had just landed in Southboro from Westchester and promptly joined Isabel along with Carla.

Isabel spoke with the coordinator for some time and acquainted herself with the procedure of the exhibition and the parts in which she would be involved. After that, she went to get her makeup done and put on the jewelry they provided for her. With everything ready, she attended the exhibition.

It was only after she arrived at the exhibition that she realized the sheer scale of the exhibition. It was far larger than she had expected.

The venue was enormous and clad in brilliant lights, and all sorts of expensive pieces of jewelry were put on display everywhere.

The attendees were not limited to the Southboro locals; the wealthy from all over the world had also come to attend the premium event.

She was equally shocked when she found out that she was the only celebrity modeling at the exhibition.

It was a great surprise after what happened with Clarice since many businesses had made a point of steering away from her. Besides, even if the episode with Clarice did not happen, there were still many names in the industry who would easily deserve an invite over her, thus it was astounding that she could even be shortlisted at all.

did they decide to invite

the owner of the company was a big

as she was, she made sure to keep her wits about her. She straightened her back and strode into the venue with a confident smile. She exuded fine elegance befitting the precious jewelry strapped around her neck while her smile was subtle and filled

calmly across the venue, every

approached the stage, she drew the

murmur amongst themselves, "Who is she? What family is she from?

she's Isabel

has such an impressive presence. I thought she was some rich lady

jewelry house as well as she could, considering they took a gamble on her and had given her such

her chin upward to show off the necklace

she walked, allowing the bracelets to dance with every step she

before the attendees began enquiring with the

was just about to step onto the stage, she noticed two familiar figures. She halted

was none other than Clarice. She was dressed with refined taste as usual, and next to her was Isabella who was clad in all sorts of expensive jewelry and diamonds. Both of them were seated on a high chair, and they looked at

of all

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After wrapping up the phone call, the coordinator anxiously approached the man in a suit and spoke in a careful voice, "Mr. Roland, Miss Houston's secretary just called me and asked why we chose Isabel to represent our brand in this exhibition. She's threatening to restrict us from the Southboro market."

Even after hearing this, Roland's expression barely changed.

After a moment, he said with complete disinterest, "Tell her that she's free to leave if she's not enjoying the show."

The coordinator was just as irked by Clarice's attitude, but he was in a delicate position. "Well, she's still Miss Houston at the end of the day. Is there any way we can handle this better?"

"No, tell her exactly what I said."

The coordinator said in a giddy voice, "Sure, I'll get back to her secretary right now."

Roland had built up the brand from the ground up and set up branches all over the world.

Without exaggeration, their brand was a world-class brand. The Houstons may be very influential in Southboro, but that was the extent of their influence.

Even if Clarice was to boycott their jewelry house from Southboro, it would barely hurt their business considering they had plenty of other markets available to them.

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still on the glamorous stage with the host, and the two of

their exchange on stage, they made sure to continuously promote the pieces of jewelry

did she add a wonderful flair to the event, but she also provided a
Isabella remained seated in their seats and watched Isabel on stage. Both of them were eagerly waiting to see Isabel getting kicked off stage by
that point. After that, she graciously stepped off the stage only to be swarmed by a flock of wealthy ladies who were enamored with her and
sullen upon witnessing this.
Isabel, her eyes green with envy. She pricked up her ears
hissed sharply into the phone, "What's going on? Didn't I tell you to speak to the exhibition
the secretary said on her phone, but judging
like a beast and asked sharply,
me. I'll
to a sharp pitch
some of the attendees, and a
at her like that. She was the daughter of the
then she promptly got up and
she saw

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The coordinator said generously, "Give them to me. I'll pack them up for you. You don't have to pay for them."

Isabel smiled appreciatively. "Thank you for the offer, but it's alright. I don't mind buying them."

There was no clause stating that they would be giving her free jewelry in the contract they had signed. Besides, the pay was already more than generous.

The coordinator would not have it. "You're very kind, Miss Isabel, but please let us do this for you. You've done a terrific job for us, and it's only right we give you some gifts as a nice gesture."

Isabel stood her ground. "You're just an employee like everyone else here. What if your boss finds out that you're giving away freebies? It would not be a good look for you."

The coordinator made a look and promptly responded, "Thank you for your concern, but it was our boss who insisted on inviting you here. You might not know this, but our boss is a big fan of yours and loves your work. He will be more than happy to know that you took something home with you, so please, be our guest."

Isabel frowned. "If he's my fan, then that's more reason for me to not take advantage of his kindness."

This was one of the codes she followed. She would never take advantage of her fan's devotion, even if it was an obscenely wealthy fan.

The exhibition coordinator was appalled by how stubborn Isabel was being about this. He glanced in another direction while she was not looking. He wanted to see what his boss had to say about this.

quickly caught his subtle glance and spied in the same direction he was looking at.

a glimpse of a tall figure standing behind

jolted with alert. She picked up her dress, so it would not drag behind her and

person's face for a brief instant, but it was a face that she would have recognized no matter what!

hallway. It was a long and narrow hallway with a window at its end.

was not a soul in the hallway.

sure she saw that figure running this way, so

the corridor where there were

he

shouted to no one in particular, "Are you hiding from me? How dare you call yourself a man? Come out here

only response was the silence ringing in her ears.

her hands. She cautiously inspected

unsure

to dump me, then you should at least have the dignity to face

you to take me back? Don't think so highly of yourself. I only came here because I heard you went back to your family, I want to see for myself how pathetic you

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Isabel cringed.

Had he been stalking behind her the entire time?

What was the meaning of this? He was toying with her!

She felt a swell of fury rise up in her chest. "Then, why didn't you say anything?!"

Roland looked like he wanted to say something, but he decided against it. He wanted to explain, but he realized that he did not know how to explain it in concise terms and gave up on the idea.

Besides, they had already broken up, so there was no point explaining anyway.

Isabel grunted and folded her arms across her body. She asked sharply, "What are you doing here?"

Roland said nonchalantly, "I came here with a client to see the exhibition."

He came to see the exhibition with a client?

Isabel eyed him suspiciously.

Then again, most of the attendees were rich folks, so it did make sense that his clients would want to attend a jewelry exhibition.

She dropped the subject and continued interrogating him, "Why did you hide when you saw me?"
was reluctant to answer.

grow nervous somehow, and she asked agitatedly, "Were you worried about what I would say

He frowned. "No."

snapped at him, "Then, why did you run from me?"

her, why did he flee from her both times they ran into

it be that he was simply afraid of seeing her?

to answer, letting the silence stew between them.

me!" Isabel cried

"Isabel, I—"

man approached from the mouth of the hallway with a frantic look on his face.

like he was going to say something important to Roland, but when he noticed Isabel standing next to her, he grew hesitant.

the man. He was one of the men who accompanied Roland when she saw him at the hotel. Judging by the looks of it, he was probably Roland's

turned to Isabel. "I have something important to

out of the hallway without bothering to give time

sudden departure. She stood in the same spot, grinding

what to her?

worried that she was not

they would even see each other

scoffed and promptly sorted out her food. After

took out her wallet to pay for them herself. She made sure to gift some pieces of jewelry to Carla and Amanda and kept two

the hotel accompanied by Carla and

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Isabel remarked casually, "I'm heading to the beach for a quick walk. You don't have to come with me."

She only wanted some alone time to clear her head. Besides, she did not want to interrupt Carla who was immersed in watching her favorite show.

After she threw on her usual disguise of a mask and a hat, she made her way to the beach.

Most of the people at the beach at this hour were young people, many of them in pairs.

Isabel felt a little self-conscious when she saw all the lovebirds around her. She strolled along the beach for a while until she reached a distant part where there was nobody around. Then, she proceeded to sit on the sand.

While she was losing herself in the gentle sea breeze, a black sack was suddenly thrown over her head, catching her completely off guard. She felt her arms seized from behind as well, immobilizing her within seconds.

She was frightened by the sudden assault, and her first instinct was to resist.

Soon, she felt herself carried in the air with her arms still pinned to her back, leaving no room for resistance.

She shrieked at the top of her voice, "Help—"

"Isabel, you'd better keep your mouth shut if you don't want anything to happen to you." She heard a deep growl in her ears, and the voice was grim yet familiar.

She frowned. "Decker?"

She struggled vainly again before crying out, "Let me go, tell them to let me go!"

feel herself carried in

you go if you stop resisting and listen to

knew better than to continue rebelling against him since her safety was the top priority. She wisened up

his sinister chuckle. "Sure, I'll have them untie you,

was she supposed to escape if

done trying to negotiate with him and resorted back to crying for help, "Help! Somebody help! This person is trying

"Isabel, you're a difficult one, aren't you? Wait till I take you back. I'll teach you a

arm

of disgust and let

go of me, you

She struggled violently.

had her mouth gagged with force while he continued advancing in the same direction as

faint glimpses of light spilling through the sack. She noticed bright spots of lights, much like the street lamps lining the street next

felt her kidnappers slowing down.

Decker's voice. "Open

was followed by the sound of a door being flung open, and she was then thrown

and feet were bound tightly, so all she could do was toss and turn around awkwardly without hope of ever

fear as sweat poured endlessly down her

this the end? Was there no escape from Decker?

Thump!

heard a terrific blow coming from outside

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Creak.

The door opened, inviting a gentle gust of sea breeze into the car.

Isabel shivered from the cold and yelled, "I'm not involved with Decker. He kidnapped me."

There was no response.

Soon, she felt the gentle touch of two hands placed on her.

One of the man's arms wrapped around the back of her neck and gently tugged her upward. The other arm wrapped around from under her legs.

She held her breath.

Just like that, she was swiftly and gently carried out of the car.

She could hear the sound of the sea breeze and traffic passing through the highway. Soon, she could even hear the voices of beach-goers talking and laughing.

She asked nervously, "Who are you? Where are you taking me?"

Still, there was no response.

could sense there were more people in the vicinity. At one point, she heard a random

being kidnapped,

right mind

and at one point, she was lowered
she was taken somewhere else judging by the brighter flashes of light seeping through the sack. She was handled very delicately as she was lowered to the floor.
she could feel the person's arm withdrawing from her.
like that person was going
the arm of that person, seizing a wrist just in time. With her other hand,
was briefly blinded by the fluorescent lights of
her vision returned, she recognized the man
manage to untangle her wrists from the ropes bundled tightly around them. His beautiful and clear
raised eyebrow, "I
several bodyguards who were with him. The bodyguards took the hint and promptly
Decker was going to kidnap me
for a while, then he stated quite unconvincingly, "I
look. "Do I look like I was born yesterday?"
eyes and glanced to the side. "I have something important to deal
tried to break
herself at him and grabbed his arm tightly with both hands so that he could not escape. "Don't even
think about leaving
frowned. "Isabel, I..."

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The next morning, Isabel went to pull the curtains open after she woke up and was immediately blinded by a scorching ray of sunlight.
She showered and changed into something casual before heading out of the room. She took Carla with her to someplace nearby for breakfast.
Then, she went to Rockwell Corporation Tower with Carla.
Carla asked inexplicably, "What are we doing here?"
Isabel put on her sunglasses and said stoically, "We're here to see someone."
Carla stopped asking questions.

The car parked by the roadside, and Isabel promptly got out of the car. Carla followed behind her. The duo walked into the building through the main entrance.

A security guard stopped them. "Credentials?"

Isabel took off his sunglasses and smiled cordially. "I'm Isabel Ross. I'm here to see President Rockwell."

The security led her to the reception.

Isabel repeated the same thing to the reception.

politely, "Which President Rockwell are

when she spotted a familiar figure

was being escorted by

reception saw him, they began fawning over

brittle with ice. When she noticed Roland glancing over in her direction, she said to the

Roland stopped abruptly.

as she directed her attention at the reception

clerk picked up the

asking to speak

a courteous smile, "Miss Isabel, President Rockwell would like to invite you up to

"Alright, thanks."

while instinctively darting a glance in the direction

nowhere to be seen. She scanned the entire lobby, but there was no sight of him. He must have left at

proceeded towards the elevator. She was escorted by the staff to the

of the office before gesturing, "Miss Isabel,

Carla who was standing behind Isabel. "And

remarked, "She's my

Miss? President Rockwell has

Carla and gave her a look. "Wait for me. I'll be done in

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Decker grimaced. He was expecting her to ask something of a different nature.

He admitted quite bluntly, "I saw a picture of you attending a jewelry exhibition at Southboro yesterday, so I sent my men there to spy on you. After the event, I had them tail you, and that's when they found

out you were staying at a hotel nearby. When I went to find you, they told me that you had gone to the beach by yourself."

At this point, he said with a prolonged sigh, "Isabel, I just miss you too much, and you're not giving me many options. I knew you would refuse to see me, so I had to resort to other methods."

Isabel ignored him and was entirely not in the mood to bicker with him over this.

She was wondering how Roland happened to show up and managed to time his appearance so well, just in time to save her from Decker's evil ploys.

She was not convinced that he just happened to be in the area. Such coincidences were barely possible.

Besides, she remembered seeing a host of bodyguards with him when she had thrown the sack off her head.

If he was just loitering around in the area, why would he need so many bodyguards with him? Wouldn't an assistant suffice?

Perhaps he already knew about Decker's plans and had shown up to put a stop to it?

After all, he was now in a power struggle with Decker, thus it was logical for him to keep an eye on what Decker was up to.

"What are you thinking about?"

hand

step back. After she dodged away from

before Decker caught up

adamantly in front of her and asked with a wicked smile,

getting kidnapped by him last night was still fresh in her mind. She had to suppress the urge to punch him in the face right there and instead glowered at him. "Yeah, I've already asked

came here just

"That's right."

grew sharper. He doubted that Isabel approached him just to ask a simple

what happened last night, she suddenly approached him

another step closer to her while casually resting

repelled away instantly and snapped at him, "I'm already leaving. What can I possibly be

"I

so it did not matter how cunning Isabel was. He

leave, "Well, I'll be going. You can

away when he felt her

As if they had rehearsed this a

had time to guard against the blow, and he yelped in

made use of the opening to shrug his hand away and