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It had been several years since the incident, but Connor still could not let it go. Whenever he saw Carly, he could not help but feel that she was dirty and disgusting. He thought he might live the rest of his life that way, but he never expected that Carly would sue and want to divorce him.

When he received the court notice, his mind went blank. Once he came to his senses, he thought Carly was crazy. 'She's really out of her mind! Does she really think that just because Isabella married a wealthy man, she can also rise to success? Now she wants to leave me and not be with me anymore?' he mused.

Connor laughed in anger. However, his smile did not last long as the court notice was real. Carly had indeed sued him.

Connor was educated, so he knew that his past actions of hitting Carly could be his biggest downfall. If she accused him of domestic violence, her chances of winning the divorce case were very high.

After Carly filed for divorce, they might really end up divorced. After realizing it, Connor was panicked. He began frantically researching, and to his surprise, he found quite a lot of useful information. Despite the domestic violence, as long as he insisted on not divorcing, there were many cases where the court did not grant a divorce, especially in the first trial, which often focused on mediation.

But what Connor did not know was that Adrian was a top lawyer. Ordinary people might have panicked during the first trial and mistakenly thought they could not get a divorce, leading them to withdraw the case. But domestic violence was a serious issue, and if the case was not withdrawn and mediation was refused, the court would have granted the divorce.

Twenty days later, Carly and Connor's divorce case started in court.

Connor had prepared many statements, but they were useless against Adrian. Instead, the more Connor spoke, the more he revealed. Adrian uncovered Connor's true thoughts from various unexpected angles, laying them bare for the judge.

As Adrian listed each accusation for the judge, Connor felt his head buzzing. By the time the trial ended, he still could not understand how things had turned out this way.

When the judge announced the verdict and ordered his divorce from Carly, Connor was frozen. He could not believe it and was not willing to accept it. "Divorce? That's impossible! Carly, don't even think about divorcing me. You'll never get a divorce from me in this lifetime!" Connor could no longer control his emotions and shouted. However, the court's ruling was final. His divorce from Carly was a done deal, and Connor could not change anything.

Connor's parents quickly rushed over, trying to grab Ronald. They did not care if Carly wanted a divorce, but the child was theirs, and they insisted on keeping him in the Zane family. Unfortunately, before they could reach Carly and Ronald, they were stopped by bodyguards arranged in advance by the Carter family.

Carly hurriedly bent down to pick up Ronald and rushed out. She walked quickly, fearing that the Zane family would catch up and take Ronald away from her.

"Carly, if you want to leave, go ahead. We don't need you. But Ronald is ours. You can't take him away. Leave the child here!" Connor's mother, Fiona Zane, was stopped by the bodyguards. Seeing Carly leaving with Ronald, she shouted anxiously.

Hearing their words, Carly quickened her pace even more. She would not leave Ronald to the Zane family. Ronald was her child, and she had raised him herself. Connor never cared about Ronald, and the Zane family did not deserve to keep him. Besides, the court had already ruled that Ronald was hers, and the Zane family had no right to take him.

After leaving the courthouse and returning to the Carter family's car, Carly's emotions finally broke down. Years of accumulated tears burst forth at that moment. Isabella quickly pulled Carly into her arms. She did not say anything but comforted Carly silently.

Seeing his mother cry, Ronald felt sad. He hugged Carly and began to cry as well. Isabella hurriedly stretched out her hand and held Ronald in her arms.

They soon arrived at the mansion. The car stopped, but no one disturbed them.

After a long time, Carly finally stopped crying. Isabella took out a tissue and carefully wiped Carly's tears. "Carly, don't be sad."

Carly nodded and hummed in response.

Ronald looked at his mother with concern. "Mommy, are you very sad?" he asked.

Carly looked down at Ronald. After a moment, she squatted down so that her eyes were at his level. She looked into his eyes and could not help but ask, "Ronald, your father

and are divorced. From now on, you might not have a complete family. Will you blame me?"

Ronald looked at Carly. He shook his head without any hesitation and said, "Don't worry, Mommy. I won't blame you. Daddy isn't a good father. I just want you to be happy. After Mommy divorces Daddy, you won't be hurt by him again. I'm happy for you, Mommy."

Carly listened to Ronald's words and felt a deep sadness. If she could, she would give him a complete family with a loving father and mother. But some things could not be changed by her alone. If Connor could not accept what had happened to her, then divorce was the only option. She did not want Ronald to grow up in a home filled with anger and violence.

"Carly, let's go inside," Isabella looked at Carly and said distressedly.

Hearing this, Carly nodded hurriedly. "Okay."

Carly held Ronald's hand and went together into the mansion.

After getting inside, Isabella turned around and looked at Carly. She said seriously, "Carly, divorce isn't

necessarily a bad thing. Look at Becky. Her life is getting better after she divorced that jerk. As long as we stay strong, life will definitely get better, and it will be better than staying with a terrible man."

Hearing this, Carly forced a smile and nodded. "You're right."

Isabella noticed that Carly was in a bad mood, so she decided not to say more. She went to the couch and turned on the TV.

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After Carly and Charles were officially divorced, everyone could not relax because the Carter family had something major to celebrate. Stacey and Hayden were getting married soon. According to the original plan from both families, they planned to get engaged first and then formally get married after some time. But the more they talked about their engagement, the more they felt that this engagement ceremony was

unnecessary.

Most importantly, a longer delay could cause more worries. The parents from both families were somewhat anxious, thinking that relationships between youngsters now were too fickle. If they liked each other now, they could be together. But if something happened out of the blue, they could just break up.

Sharon mulled over this briefly and finally ushered Debra into the room quietly. She then secretly discussed matters with the latter, wondering if the couple could be engaged sooner instead of dragging it on. Sharon couldn't wait to see the couple wed, and likely could not be at ease until the wedding was done with.

Coincidentally, Debra and Sharon thought the same thing. It was hard to find an excellent man like Hayden. If Becky missed her chance, she would regret this later. Because of Debra and Sharon's thoughts, the two families finally came together. They reckoned that it was indeed troublesome to get engaged and wait for marriage because there were too many conflicts between the couple. If they got married sooner, both elders would feel at ease.

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è parents on both sides began to urge the couple. Jason and Sharon urged Hayden, and Debra and Patrick urged Becky. In the end, Hayden and Becky compromised. As a result, their engagement was very close to the official wedding date, with only one week between each event.

Jeremy was the happiest, now that the wedding had been brought forward. Although he'd addressed Becky as "Mommy" in advance for some time, Jeremy was smart. He knew that Becky could only be his mother after marrying his dad. Thus, he'd been waiting for this to happen. After the two families set a date for Stacey and Hayden's nuptials, Jeremy began marking his calendar daily to count down how many days Becky and Hayden

left before the wedding.

It was worth mentioning that several months had passed, and Jeremy could not speak very well. Half a month ago, Stacey and Hayden took Jeremy to Menterra for a reexamination. The results were good, with the doctor saying that Jeremy had

effectively recovered completely with no other effects. As long as he practiced more in the future, he could be like a normal person.

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Time flew by, and it was time for Stacey and Hayden to officially get married. Early that morning, Lillian and Kevin woke Stacey up excitedly, insisting on her getting out of bed. They were going back to their hometown because their mom and Dad were getting married soon. Stacey was dazed as she was woken up by the children, but when she heard them talking about the nuptials, she couldn't help but feel warm inside.

“Mom, get up!” While Stacey was distracted, Lillian tugged at her anxiously.

Stacey quickly came back to her senses and nodded. “Yes.”

Stacey got out of bed, dressed herself, and then dressed Lillian and Kevin. A long time passed without them realizing it. When the three of them washed up and went out, it was late. Their meal was prepared a while ago, just waiting to be eaten.

“Becky, Lillian, Kevin, come down and have breakfast. We’ll take a helicopter back to our hometown.” Debra spotted them and waved at them happily.

Lillian immediately ran down excitedly. “Okay.”

Seeing his sister running away, Kevin hurriedly followed her. The two kids quickly reached the first floor, rushed toward Debra, and hugged her. After breakfast, Adrian and Isabella had also returned with Damian, while Carly had brought Ronald along. When everyone was there, they boarded the helicopter together and went home.

It was not the first time that Damian and Ronny had taken a helicopter ride with the Carter family. Last year, when they returned to their hometown in Alagua City with their mother and the Carter family, they came and went back to Hivalis via helicopter too. Before this, Damian and Ronny were not well-acquainted with the Carter family, so even if they rode their helicopter, they were relatively restrained and didn’t dare to run or move around.

Things were different now. After getting along with each other for a few months, Damian and Ronny were much more familiar with the Carter family, especially Damian. He knew that he was also a member of the Carter family, and this helicopter belonged to his father’s family, which meant it belonged to his family and nobody else’s.

After understanding such matters, Damian and Ronald were more relaxed this time. They began to be curious about the helicopter like normal children and wanted to explore. Lillian and Kevin had already ridden this helicopter. Seeing that Damian and Ronny were curious, they acted as “guides” and explained things to the former.

As the four children gathered and the more they chatted, the happier the atmosphere became. That kind of atmosphere made Carly believe that she was right to divorce her husband earlier. That kind of repressive environment was not good for children.

‘I must be strong in the future and strive to give Ronald a better, happier living environment,’ thought Carly.

The helicopter flew for some time, and it was not until the afternoon that they finally arrived in Alagua City. Because of Stacey and Hayden’s nuptials, the butler had already started to clean and decorate Carter Manor. Now that they’d returned, they were happy to see how cheerful and festive the house looked.

The butler came to greet them, happily invited them inside, and then asked the housekeeper to serve refreshments as they rested. After a short rest, everyone went back to their rooms. The adults were tired, but the children were still energetic. After all, a day's helicopter ride was tiring. As soon as they got home, they ran to the small playground in the garden and began to have fun again.

Stacey, Isabella, and Annie went to observe the children for a while. Seeing them playing so happily, the three mothers we

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Because of the children, Stacey and Carly felt they had something in common. The more they talked, the closer they felt. Debra originally wanted to come over and help watch the kids, but when she saw Stacey chatting happily with Grace, she stopped.

For the next few days, the Carter family was busy and happy. When they kept busy, the Hoggard family was even busier. Because many of the banquet's guests at Hoggard Manor were high profile, every detail of the wedding had to be well managed, leaving no room for error.

Not only were the adults busy, but even Jeremy had become very busy lately. When the rest were decorating the wedding, Jeremy looked things over every so often. If he found something Becky didn't like, such as an unsuitable color, he immediately went to ask the person in charge to change it. Many people in charge found it funny to see how serious he was.

After a few days of busy work, the wedding venue was finally decorated. The wedding outfits for Stacey and Hayden were also ready, with nearly a dozen sets of garments being prepared.

The wedding was mainly a Clusian style wedding, and the wedding dress was also Clusian. But there were also many foreign wedding gowns, which were reserved for taking wedding photos after the formal wedding. Naturally, these could also serve as remembrance for their wedding.

On the official wedding day, the Carter family and the Hoggard family were very lively. The Hoggard Manor prepared the most distinguished ceremony and invited the honor guards to welcome Stacey in the most noble way possible, by ancient Zentscape standards.

This wedding of the century was also observed by some paparazzi who'd been quietly paying attention to Becky. The paparazzi secretly took pictures and video clips of the wedding and posted them online. Soon, "Becky's Remarriage", once a simple topic, suddenly became a trending topic.

As soon as the topic started trending, many people discussed it and retweeted it. Soon, many people tagged Charlie asking if this news was true. According to the entertainment industry rules, news like this rarely warranted a response. But this time, Charlie wrote only two words on his account before tweeting it: [It's true.] Charlie only sent two words, but the network almost collapsed.

Everyone was wondering who Becky was getting remarried to. Many people started digging and found out it was Hayden, the heir to Hoggard Technologies. In just a few

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hours, all the netizens were jealous, thinking of how Becky was so lucky to be marrying such a man.

Due to the past incidents between Becky and Theodore, the once lofty netizens who liked to pity Becky could no longer muster any pity for her. Instead, they only felt admiration. Who could then say that Becky was pitiful? Becky's life had been so beautiful since she left the jerk. From this day on, the things about Becky's past were finally put to rest.

When people thought of Becky, they didn't think of Theodore immediately. Instead, they would think of Becky's improved life after her divorce. Some people could enjoy happiness, while some would endure pain.

Although Theodore had known for a long time that Rebecca didn't have feelings for him, she found her real Prince Charming. Yet, when he heard that Rebecca was marrying Hayden, his heart still hurt and he couldn't breathe.

Today, Theodore couldn't work at all. His irritable mood rendered him unable to deal with any documents. He finally put aside his work and went to the supermarket downstairs to buy a few cheap bottles of wine. He then returned to his rental home and got drunk.

After getting drunk, Theodore took out his phone in a daze and dialed Rebecca's number, but he couldn't get through. Theodore didn't give up. He called again and again, but no one answered his phone no matter how many times he dialed. Theodore was anxious. He reasoned that his phone was broken since he couldn't get through to Rebecca.

He was so anxious that his eyes reddened, and suddenly got up and ran downstairs in a hurry. It was only when he ran to the stairs that he remembered that Rebecca had blocked him. He could never get through to her again because she didn't want to take his call. Suddenly, Theodore sat down in the corridor and burst into tears.

Soon after, his phone rang. Theodore was stunned for a moment. He thought it was Rebecca calling, so he quickly picked up. But when he looked at the phone, he found it



was not Rebecca but Wyatt. 'Wyatt?' thought Theodore as he smiled bitterly and finally answered the phone.

"Theodore?" The line was connected, and soon Wyatt's voice was heard. He seemed to be worried.

Theodore replied tiredly, "Yes?"

Hearing his words, Wyatt felt somewhat relieved.

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After a while, Wyatt's voice came again. "Theodore, have you looked at the trending topics?"

Theodore said nothing.

Wyatt reckoned Theodore would have seen it. After all, it was the news of Rebecca's remarriage.

"Are you okay?" Wyatt said with concern.

Wyatt was silent for a while and then said, "If you're not in a good mood, would you like to come and hang out with me?"

Wyatt originally thought Theodore would not agree, but in fact, Theodore did not. Theodore soon came to his senses. In a frenzy, he immediately bought a plane ticket to Alagua City. But even though he bought the fastest ticket, it was already midnight when he arrived.

'Rebecca.. No, it's Stacey. The wedding between Stacey and Hayden is over. She's really married someone else,' thought Theodore.

The Carter family and the Hoggard Manor were both big families in Alagua City, so it was not difficult to know their addresses. Theodore paid a few hundred dollars and asked the driver to send him to Carter Villa. The driver heard that it was the trending Carter family, so he didn't ask about the address and took Theodore there immediately,

The car finally stopped in front of Carter Villa. When Theodore got out of the car, he saw that the Carter family was dressed up glamorously with many traces of confetti on the ground.

These were festive things. Because it was a big wedding, the Carter family instructed the staff not to clean them up for the time being, and to keep it there as a symbol of joy. They were to clean this up in two days. But now, the festivities felt like a knife in Theodore's heart. It truly hurt.



Charlie had escorted Stacey to Hoggard Manor. Since he'd drank a lot at the banquet, it was late by the time he arrived home. However, Charlie didn't expect that when he went home, he would see a

certain someone at the entrance to his house.

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Theodore, too, saw the returning car. He froze and stood there in a daze. After the driver parked the car, Charlie got out and went up to Theodore, suddenly lifting his hand as an urge to hit the latter surged within him. After taking only a step, however, he sneered disdainfully and turned to leave, thinking, 'He's nothing more than a thing of the past. It'd be a waste of energy to bother myself with him.'

Theodore had been all tensed up, mentally preparing himself for the possibility that Charlie might hit him, yet unexpectedly, the latter left. Staring at the empty spot in front of him, Theodore felt a void in his heart, thinking, 'So, not only does Rebecca not care about me anymore, but the whole Carter family, too? They can't even be bothered to vent their anger on me.'

While plagued by that heartbreaking thought, Theodore spotted Charlie entering the house and hastily chased after him. "Charlie!"

Charlie paused and turned around to see Theodore looking his way. The latter parted his lips but took some time to speak up, "Rebecca... I mean Stacey... Is she really in love with Hayden?"

Initially, Charlie was displeased. He had told himself not to waste time and energy on Theodore, but given how Theodore kept chasing after him, he thought he should teach the latter a lesson to stop him from pestering Becky. What he didn't imagine, though, was how Theodore followed after him just to ask that question. He suddenly broke into a euphoric laugh. "Yeah, Becky's in love with Hayden, and he loves her just as much. They're doing great and will be very happy for the rest of their lives." As he spoke, he glanced at Theodore with pity. "Theodore, stay away from Becky if you still have some self respect. She'll never love you again."

Theodore stared at Charlie, seemingly wanting to say something but ultimately said nothing. Seeing Theodore like this, Charlie shook his head slightly and then turned around to continue his way toward the mansion.

"Can I see Lillian and Kevin?" Theodore suddenly shouted. It was obvious he was on tenterhooks.

Charlie stopped in his tracks and turned around to look at Theodore coldly. "You'd better not get any ideas about the kids, or don't blame us for being nasty."

Hearing that, Theodore felt his heart aching. But at the thought that Lillian and Kevin were the children Rebecca gave birth to for him and were his blood, he couldn't help feeling happy and grateful. "I won't disturb her. I only want to see the kids," said Theodore urgently.

Charlie was about to lose his temper when another car drove in from outside. As the car door swung open, Adrian, Patrick, and Bryce cast their gazes toward Theodore in tandem, leaving the latter so nervous he felt his heart tighten. After some silence, Patrick uttered while looking at Theodore, "Let's talk inside."

"Dad!" Charlie looked at Patrick in disbelief, but the latter couldn't care less about him.

Theodore was also stunned, but that emotion was quickly replaced by joy. He supposed he still stood a chance, thinking, 'Maybe... I can still see the kids... Even if Rebecca has remarried someone else, the kids are still mine. I should still be able to visit them.'

Patrick led Theodore into the mansion and seated him in the living room. Having been Theodore's first time stepping into Carter Manor, he couldn't help but feel nervous. Meanwhile, the visibly displeased Charlie followed by the side, constantly staring at Theodore as if he were monitoring the latter.

Patrick had the butler pour Theodore a cup of coffee. Despite feeling uneasy, Theodore carefully finished the drink.

"Do you know why you're still sitting here and not in prison?" Patrick voiced as soon as he gulped down his cup of coffee.

Theodore froze and looked at

Patrick with a bad feeling. The latter, however, remained composed and unhurriedly said, "Calm down. You should know best what you've done in the past. I didn't go find you before because I didn't think it was necessary, but if you continue pestering Becky, I wouldn't mind sending the evidence to the judicial department for them to deal with you."

Theodore's face grew ghastly pale, and his hands trembled slightly. "Do you have to be so cruel?"

Amused by those words, Patrick glanced at Theodore and refuted, "Did no one tell you how cruel you guys were when your family bullied Becky when she had no one to rely on back then?"

Theodore's eyes suddenly reddened.

"Dad... It was my fault. I... I was too young and impulsive back then, but I now know made a mistake. I was wrong before, but I won't do that again. Please give me a chance... won't disturb Becky and Hayden. I only want to see the kids, and can I also raise them? Regardless, I'm still their father. It'll be better for them if they have my company." His tone grew increasingly anxious as he spoke.

Theodore's face darkened. He wanted to explain, but he didn't know how. 'Yes, it was my fault, it was all my fault... I failed to notice that the kids needed my care because Rebecca did such a great job taking care of them that there was nothing for me to worry about,' he brooded.

"It was all my fault back then, but I finally understand. I'll change from now and take good care of the kids." Theodore's anxiety was evident. Debra wore a scowl on her face. "If you really care about the kids and hope they live a better life, then it's best not to disturb them again," she snapped coldly. "You know the Hoggard family. Hayden's a good man. Becky is happily married to him now, and they're living a blissful life." Hearing that, Theodore said anxiously, "It's exactly because they're married, so I..."

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"Hayden is not Lily and Kev's biological father, so he won't treat them well, Rebecca. Lily and Kev are my biological children, and I... I will definitely be good to them. I promise to be a responsible father from now on," Theodore said anxiously.

Upon hearing this, Debra rolled her eyes. It was not out of surprise but rather a reaction to the sheer audacity of Theodore's words, reminiscent of a similar situation in the past. They had heard such shameless declarations before, notably from Hayden's ex-wife, Queenie. To hear it now from Theodore seemed almost laughable. Suddenly, Debra looked at Theodore and asked, "Theodore, are you single right now? Because I actually think there is someone who would be perfect for you."

Theodore was bewildered upon hearing this. He looked at Debra with confusion, not understanding why she had shifted the conversation so abruptly. Not just him, but everyone in the Carter Villa living room - Patrick, Adrian, Bryce, Charlie, Isabella, and Carly - were all stunned by the sudden change in topic.

"Do you know Queenie? Your lines just now are identical to hers. From a certain perspective, I think you two are quite compatible. If you are single, you should try pursuing Queenie. I think you would get along great," said Debra as she looked seriously at Theodore. He fell silent, unable to muster a response.

"Ha!" Charlie could not help but burst into laughter. He glanced at Debra, admiration written clearly in his eyes. 'When it comes to roasting someone, no one can beat my mom,' Charlie thought to himself. Then, he glanced at Theodore again and suddenly felt a bit of sympathy. Theodore would not stand a chance when it came to arguing with Debra.

But after the laughter, the most important thing was still the matter at hand. Becky had endured so much hardship and finally met a good person, allowing her to start a new life. The Carter family certainly did not want Theodore's entanglement to ruin Becky's current happiness.

"Theodore, I won't waste words on pleasantries. I will be straight with you. We did not give you a hard time before because we were worried Becky might still have feelings for you. If she saw you mistreated by the Carter family, she might feel sorry for you," Patrick said calmly, his voice firm and resolute.

The worst part was that the Carter family would go all out against the Edwards family, and Theodore, unable to win, would shamelessly return to Becky to admit his mistakes and seek reconciliation. In the end, Becky might relent, get back together with this scumbag, and end up in an on-again, off-again, entangled relationship.

Patrick continued, "Luckily, you did not disappoint us. You have completely destroyed any hope Becky had for you. Now, there's no place for you in her heart, so we are no longer concerned. We have collected all the evidence of the things you have done. If you don't believe it, I can prepare a copy for you. For the rest of your life, you can either stay away from Becky and live your own life or continue to bother Becky and end up in jail. It is up to you. I have said all I needed to say. Think it over."

Patrick then stood up and instructed, "Bryce, show him out."

As soon as those words were spoken, everyone understood Patrick was asking Theodore to leave. The Carter family did not welcome him. Theodore's expression darkened with anger, and he could not help but explain, "I... I did not mean to bother Rebecca. I just want to take care of Lillian and Kevin. They are my children, and I have an obligation to raise them."

Patrick found this amusing. "Theodore, if you truly care about Lily and Kev, then don't disturb them. Hayden treats Lily and Kev very well, and they see Hayden as their father. As long as you stay away, they will be just fine."

If Theodore insisted on getting involved, no one could predict how this blended family might turn out. Although the Carter family believed that Hayden was a good man and the Hoggard family had good values and character, even the most patient person would not be happy if their spouse had a constantly meddling ex-husband.

Just like in their own family, even

though they considered themselves magnanimous if Queenie kept bothering them and the Hoggard family allowed it, they would not be in a good mood either. The Hoggard family efficiently dealt with the

Leavey family to stop Queenie from harassing Hayden and Jeremy. The Carter family could do the same to cut off Theodore's interference with Becky, Lillian, and Kevin.

Both the Hoggard and Carter families would join forces to protect Becky and Hayden's new family, eliminating any destabilizing factors early on. Some might see their actions as heartless, but heartless or not, they only wished for Becky and Hayden's happiness. Theodore was quickly ushered out. More

accurately, he was thrown out. The Carter family did not welcome him at all.

Stacey was unaware of Theodore's reappearance. At that moment, she sat in the bridal chamber, her heart racing. Although this was her second marriage, it was completely different from the first. When she' first married, Theodore was still in a vegetative state, and there were hardly any feelings involved. This time, she and Hayden were deeply in love and had been together for a long time before getting married.

As time passed and night fell, the guests outside gradually left. Stacey sat in the room, anxiously waiting for Hayden to return. As she waited, she suddenly heard the door creak open cautiously. Stacey quickly covered her bridal veil and looked up carefully toward the door.

"Jeremy! I told you before, you can't come in tonight!" At the door, Jeremy was suddenly grabbed by a tall figure, and Hayden's slightly exasperated voice came from outside.

Stacey froze for a moment, then quickly understood what had happened. 'So, that noise just now was Jeremy trying to sneak in?' She thought to herself and found it amusing and thought Jeremy was just too cute.

"Why not? You are a liar! You just want to trick me so you can sleep with Mommy," Jeremy's indignant voice came from outside.

Hayden replied through gritted teeth, "She is my wife. Of course, she will sleep with me."

"No! I want to sleep with Mommy. Mommy is mine," Jeremy loudly refused.

Amidst the commotion outside, there was another noise at the door as if someone tried to push it open but was quickly pulled away. Hayden's warning voice sounded again, "Jeremy, tonight is my and Becky's wedding night. So, we must sleep together tonight. You can't come in."

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"No, I don't want to!" Jeremy yelled, his resistance fiercer than ever before. "Let Jeremy come in," Stacey said with a touch of amusement in her voice.

The room outside fell silent, and a moment later, the door creaked open. Jeremy, his eyes shining with determination, tried to rush toward Stacey like a rocket. However, after just one step, Hayden swiftly intervened, grabbing him by the collar. Jeremy shouted angrily, "Bad Daddy! Liar!"

Hayden carried Jeremy over to Stacey. 'Tonight is supposed to be the most romantic night for Becky and me, and it is been ruined by this little troublemaker,' Hayden thought to himself. He set Jeremy down, sighed deeply, and then cast an apologetic glance at Stacey, who was wearing her elegant bridal veil. He apologized, "I am really sorry. I should have kept a better eye on Jeremy."

"Mommy, from today, you are my real mommy!" Jeremy exclaimed happily as he leaped into Stacey's arms.

Stacey, her eyes twinkling with amusement, ruffled Jeremy's hair. "Yes, from now on, I am your mom, and you are my little one," she replied warmly.

"Yeah, I am so happy!" Jeremy looked up at the white veil covering Stacey's face with a mix of curiosity and puzzlement. He reached out to lift it, intrigued by the unfamiliar fabric. But before he could touch it, Hayden swooped in and picked him up again. This time, Hayden carried Jeremy out of the room with a firm but gentle grip.

Jeremy squirmed and flailed his arms, his protest growing louder, but it was no use. Hayden took him straight to Audrey. He looked at Audrey and asked, "Mom, could you please help me look after Jeremy tonight?"

Audrey quickly agreed and took Jeremy into her arms. Jeremy, still upset, turned his back on Hayden in defiance. Hayden was silent for a moment, then explained, "Tonight is special. If I am not with Ms. Becky, she will be very sad."

Jeremy, still fuming, retorted, "I can also stay with Ms. Beck- No, I mean, Mommy!" He quickly corrected himself mid-sentence, realizing that Hayden had tricked him into calling her Ms. Becky. Jeremy's eyes flashed with a mix of anger and hurt as he looked up at Hayden. "It is all your fault!" If it were not for Hayden, he would not have said "Ms. Becky".

Hayden realized his mistake and quickly corrected himself, "Yes, your mom, my wife. But Jeremy, tonight is a very special day, it is my wedding day with your mom. If I am not with her, it would be very disrespectful. You wouldn't want that, would you?"

Jeremy was confused, not fully understanding, and looked at Hayden suspiciously. "Are you tricking me?"

Hayden promised earnestly, "If I am lying to you, I may be a fool!"

Jeremy fell silent, his anger

gradually subsiding as he began to understand the situation. Hayden, relieved to see Jeremy calming

down, hurried upstairs. tairs

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Audrey held the disappointed

Jeremy close and offered a comforting smile. She could not help but explain on Hayden's behalf, "Jeremy, your dad isn't lying to you this time. If you don't believe me, we can check online to see if it is true."

Jeremy's eyes brightened at the suggestion. "I want to check."

Audrey chuckled softly and said, "Alright, I will look it up for you right now."

While Audrey worked to calm Jeremy with the reassurance of a quick online search, Hayden finally returned to the room upstairs. Seeing Stacey sitting on the bed, he wanted to apologize for the disruption, but he realized that their wedding night was not the ideal moment for that conversation. "Jeremy won't bother us again," he said, trying to offer comfort and reassurance.

Under the delicate white veil, Stacey felt a wave of nervousness wash over her. Her ears turned red, and her cheeks flushed with a soft pink hue. Stacey was not the only one being nervous, Hayden was nervous as well. After a long moment of awkwardness, Hayden carefully lifted the white veil. When it was removed, he was stunned by how beautiful Stacey looked.

Stacey's face was burning, especially since he kept staring at her, making her even more uncomfortable. "Do I... do I have something on my face?" Stacey instinctively thought there must be something dirty on her face for Hayden to be staring at her like that.

Hayden suddenly smiled. He lowered his head and gently brushed his lips against her forehead. "No, there's nothing dirty. You are just so beautiful I could not look away."

That night unfolded with a sense of romance and intimacy. After their wedding, they embarked on a blissful honeymoon. Hayden left all the responsibilities at Hoggard Technologies to Jack and took Stacey on a trip. They traveled and took many beautiful, memorable photos.

Recently divorced, she needed a stable job. Although her artwork could earn money, commissions were not always reliable. She needed a stable future to ensure a good life for herself and Ronald. Ronald was now in school, so while he was at kindergarten



during the day, she could work. Once everything was settled, Carly adjusted her mindset and officially started working at Carter's Jewel.

Initially, she was anxious, but once she got there, she realized she had nothing to worry about. The Carter family did not give her a hard time. On the contrary, Becky sent her a lot of study materials on jewelry design to help her learn. Life seemed to be getting better and better without her realizing it.

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Arop it Comer was furious. He stared at Carly with a burning gaze, looking displeased. "Carly, the Carter family isabella in-laws. Are you going to stay in their house like a parasite?"

Connor knew Carly well, and his words hit her sore spot straight. But that was all. Carly did not want to talk to Connor, so she turned around and left. However, Connor followed her up the stairs.

Annoyed, Carly turned around and glared at Connor. "Connor, we have divorced. Why are you following me?"

Let's remarry, Connor said concisely and directly.

Remarry Carly wondered. She seemed to have heard a big joke that could make her laugh to tears. She looked at

ormor and sneered, "In your dreams!"

Then, Carly turned around to continue up the stairs, but Connor followed her. She thought for a moment and then took out her phone. She turned back to warn Connor, Connor, I'm telling you, stop following me, or I will call the police.

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“Go ahead!” Connor did not care at all and spoke sarcastically. I know her too well. She does not have the guts!’ he thought

Sering Connor like this, Carly knew that her tolerange over the years had made him take her lightly and that he did not believe she would really call the police. Carly did not want to go on. She stared at Connor and waited for three seconds. Finally, she made up her mind and called the police.

Connor stared at Carly as she made the phone call. It was not until the call ended that he reacted. “Are you crazy? Carly, do you really think that just because Isabella married Adrian and became the daughter-in-law of the Carter family, you are also considered their daughter-in-law?”

Connor strode over and stretched out his hand to snatch Carly’s phone. Carly instinctively wanted to hide her phone. But she was not as strong as Connor, and her phone was soon taken away. Thinking of some important files of Carter’s Jewel, where she had been working these days, she hurried over and tried to grab the phone.

Connor held the phone with his back to Carly and checked the call she had just made. Soon, he confirmed that Carly had indeed called the police instead of scaring him. His face suddenly became grim, and his eyes turned bloodshot. He turned around, raised his hand, and was about to hit Carly.

“Hey, what are you doing?” At this moment, a passerby rushed over and grabbed Connor’s raised hand.

When Connor saw the man who meddled in his affairs, he suddenly felt annoyed and said impatiently, “She is my

wife!”

I’m not!” Carly immediately retorted. She glared at Connor and roared angrily, “Connor Zane, we are divorced! I

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have nothing to do with you!”

Hearing this, the man who came to help her instantly knew what was going on.

Carly did not know what to do for a moment. She looked the man and thanked him, "Thank you."

The man let go of Connor, then stared at him and warned. No matter what your relationship was before, you can't just hit anyone casually, especially a woman."

You don't know anything!" Connor looked at the man and snapped angrily. He seemed to have finally found a chance to vent his emotions. He pointed at Carly and suddenly yelled, "Do you know why I divorced her? It's because she is shameless. She slept with another man and cuckolded me-"

Carly slapped Connor before he could finish his words. She had never hit anyone so hard, and this was the first time. She really hated him. "Get lost! Connor, get out of here!" She burst into tears and cursed loudly.

Connor looked at Carly, raised his hand, and tried to hit her again. The man beside them couldn't help but reach out and grab Connor's hand once more. Carly did not want to face Connor anymore, so she turned around and strode away.

After returning home, Carly immediately closed the door, but even though the door was closed, it could not shut out the pain and despair in her heart. She thought, 'Why is this happening? We are divorced! Connor and I are divorced! Why won't he disappear? Why is he still pestering us?' She leaned against the door and slumped to the floor/She covered her face, and her tears rolled down. 'I am just trying to get over the past and start over. Is it so hard?' She suddenly thought of moving. 'I must go. I must go to a place far away where Connor can't find me, and then everything will be fine!'

Thinking of this, Carly immediately got up and returned to the room to pack up. But the moment she pulled out the suitcase, she suddenly thought of Becky, the bright smiles on Lillian and Kevin's faces, and the Carter family. The longer she stayed with the Carter family, the more she sensed the difference in mentality between herself and them. 'I can't run away with Ronald. Why should we escape: We didn't do anything wrong!' she mused.

While Carly was thinking, there was a knock on the door. She was nervous, but she soon heard the voice outside saying that they were the police. She had called the police just now, and she knew they were looking for her. She quickly got up and went to open the door. The door opened, and sure enough, the police stood there. She glanced outside but did not see Connor and the man who had helped her earlier.

"Did you call the police just now?" the police asked.

Carly nodded. "Yes."

Carly led the police into the house and then told them what had just happened. After listening to her account, the police wanted to find Connor. But after looking around, they did not find him. Finally, they prepared to leave. Carly was very nervous and hurriedly saw them off.

Then, Carly returned to the house with a wry smile. “This time, the police came, but Connor had already left. What about next time? Will Connor come again? Should I call the police next time? What if he runs away every time I call the police? Will the police think that I am making prank calls and wasting police resources?” she wondered.

## **Chapter 278**

Carly was lost in thought when her phone suddenly rang. It was the notification tone she had set on Whatsapp for messages from those she particularly cared about. Hearing this sound, she was startled for a moment and then quickly snapped out of her thoughts.

‘It’s after work hours. The kindergarten is sending Ronald home, right?’ she thought. After she had decided to work at the company, she had discussed with Isabella and arranged for Damian and Ronald to stay in the school’s daycare after school. After they got off work, the teacher would send the kids home. It was now the time for the school to send them home.

Carly quickly took out her phone, replied to the teacher’s message, and immediately went downstairs. When she reached downstairs, she saw the kindergarten’s school bus. The teacher, inside the school bus, saw her coming and opened the door. Carly quickened her pace.

“Goodbye, sir,” Ronald said before getting out of the bus. He waved goodbye to the teacher.

The teacher smiled, waved, and replied, “Goodbye, Ronald.”

Then, Ronald immediately ran to Carly happily and yelled, “Mommy!”

Carly caught Ronald and sensed his joy. She felt very complicated. Since moving out of that depressing home with Ronald after the divorce, she—obviously felt that Ronald was a lot happier. She mused, ‘But now...’

Children were sensitive, and Ronald soon sensed that Carly was not in a good mood, confusing him slightly. “Mommy, what’s wrong with you?” he asked.

Carly quickly adjusted her emotions and shook her head. She replied, “I—I am okay.”

Ronald did not say anything and just looked at Carly.

Carly stroked Ronald's head and said with a smile, "Let's go home."

Ronald quickly became happy and immediately nodded. "Okay," he agreed.

However, when Carly and Ronald turned around and prepared to go upstairs, they saw Connor unexpectedly. It turned out that Connor had not left yet and had been hiding nearby.

Ronald was shocked when he suddenly saw Connor and subconsciously wanted to hide. However, he quickly thought of Carly. He immediately spread his arms and stood bravely in front of her. He stared at Connor and warned loudly, "Don't come over!"

Not long ago, Carly did not want to leave and admit defeat to Connor. But now, seeing Ronald standing in front of her, she suddenly did not want to be stubborn anymore. It did not matter whether she or Connor won. What mattered most to her was Ronald. She had to give him a stable and happy living environment. At this moment, she suddenly decided to leave. 'Leave! I will leave this city! I will go to a place far away where Connor can't find us and start over with Ronald,' she thought.

Carly pulled Ronald behind her and then looked at Connor. She took out her phone and prepared to call the police again. Connor saw her making a phone call and immediately rushed over to snatch her phone.

Carly clenched her teeth and grabbed Connor's hand, then lowered her head and bit his arm hard. She had never bitten anyone before, and this was the first time. She did it for Ronald and herself. Connor felt the pain and instinctively struggled, trying to pull his arm away. Carly tasted blood in her mouth; she had bitten Connor's arm until it bled.

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The next moment, Connor grabbed Carly's hair. A woman's hair was always her biggest weakness. The terrible pain came from the top of Carly's head, and she subconsciously wanted to scream, so she opened her mouth and let go of Connor's arm. Connor grabbed her hair and threw her aside. She lost her balance and fell.

But at this moment, Ronald rushed over and bit Connor's thigh hard. Connor grimaced in pain, and his face fell. He instantly raised his hand and slapped Ronald hard. Ronald was still young, so with Connor's slap, he fell to the side and hit his forehead on the flower bed.

Carly's expression changed drastically, and she rushed over to check on Ronald. Ronald, who had rarely cried since childhood, suddenly bawled. His cheek quickly

turned red and swollen, and worst of all, blood flowed out of his forehead. Carly's eyes reddened, and she was panicked, her hands holding Ronald trembled slightly.

The hospital! Hurry and go to the hospital!' Carly thought she turned around and wanted to find a taxi to take Ronald to the hospital. She wondered where she could get a taxi and suddenly thought of calling an ambulance instead.

Carly hurriedly looked for her phone. Her hands were shaking as she quickly dialed the emergency number. When the phone was picked up, she opened her mouth and tried to speak several times,

but she couldn't say anything or make a sound out of anxiety. Her eyes were red, and tears rolled down.

"Hello? What can I do for you? Can I help you?" the personnel asked concernedly on the other end of the line.

Carly struggled for a while before she could finally make a sound. She gave the personnel her location in a hoarse voice.

After making the emergency call, Carly anxiously went to check Ronald's forehead. There was a lot of blood, and it was still bleeding. 'What should I do?' she thought. "Ronald, d—don't scare me," she stammered before getting choked up.

Ronald lay in Carly's arms, feeling dizzy. Carly's voice sounded vague to him. He raised his hand and tried to wipe away her tears because he heard her crying.

Connor stood nearby. He was full of anger just now but became somewhat panicked when he saw Ronald's forehead bleeding heavily. He subconsciously stepped back and turned around to escape.

However, Carly did not want to let Connor run away. She saw a broken brick in the flower bed, picked it up, and rushed toward Connor.

An enraged mother was scary. Carly, who was usually weak, burst out with great strength at this moment. She hit Connor's head hard with the brick, and Connor fell instantly. The next moment, the back of Connor's head started bleeding. Connor slowly turned around and looked at Carly in disbelief.

Carly was horrified when she saw there was a lot of blood, but her fear suddenly disappeared when she looked at Connor's face. 'It serves him right! If something happens to Ronald today, I will make

him pay for it even if it costs me my life!' she thought savagely.

Some residents nearby were frightened when they saw the situation, especially elderly people with children. They hurriedly left with the children for fear of being implicated

Not long after, an ambulance arrived. The doctor initially came to save one person, but when he arrived, he unexpectedly found two patients. The doctor finally took Connor and Ronald together, and both of them received emergency treatment for their injuries.

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## **Chapter 279**

Isabella received a call from Carly, and when she arrived at the hospital, she saw the latter with tears streaming down her face. She had never seen Carly so sad. Even though Carly was bullied and falsely accused in court a few years ago, she never looked so weak, helpless, and scared. At that moment, feeling heartbroken, Isabella rushed over and hugged her.

Carly waited for Isabella's arrival. As soon as Isabella arrived, she stretched out her hands and hugged Isabella tightly; she couldn't control herself and burst into tears. Isabella didn't want to cry, but when hearing Carly's sobs, tears rolled down her face. Perhaps because they were sisters, her heart ached when she saw Carly so upset.

"Carly, how's Ronald?" asked Isabella worriedly. Carly wanted to answer, but she couldn't speak at all. The operating room door hadn't opened, and Carly didn't know how Ronald was. She could only hope he was safe and sound.

A few minutes later, Adrian also hurried over. After he found out what had happened, his expression turned grim. It was his negligence. He shouldn't have lowered his guard so soon and should have assigned bodyguards to protect them longer. Thinking of this, he apologized earnestly, "I'm sorry." Hearing this, Carly and Isabella were slightly stunned and wondered, 'What does Adrian have to do with this? Why is he apologizing?' Adrian looked at them and muttered apologetically, "It was my fault. I shouldn't have asked the bodyguards to leave so quickly."

Hearing this, Carly shook her head. Adrian wasn't to blame for dismissing the bodyguards because she told them not to follow her. After all, the bodyguards were all from the Carter family, and their daily pay was high. She had nothing and couldn't allow the bodyguards to protect her like this. However, she didn't expect such an accident to happen in such a short time. If she knew that things would turn out like this, she wouldn't have let the bodyguards leave early, even if she had to pay them herself.

They waited outside the operating room for a long time. After about an hour, the door finally opened, and Ronald was wheeled out of the operating room. Carly wanted to ask about his condition but couldn't move as she was too nervous, and her legs were weak. Isabella also wanted to inquire, but she soon noticed Carly's state and had no choice



but to hold her. Adrian was the first to walk up to the doctor and speak about what Carly and Isabella were most concerned about. He asked, "Doctor, how is Ronald?"

"The surgery was successful. He had five stitches and should be fine after rest," the doctor stated. Everyone was relieved to hear that the operation went well, but Carly's heart ached again when she heard Ronald had five stitches. She thought it was all her fault because she never should have stayed at Hivalis in the first place. After the divorce, she should have left with Ronald immediately, gone to a place where the Zane family could not find them, and started over so that Ronald would not get hurt. This happened due to her negligence and self-righteousness. She thought divorce would be enough but didn't expect this to happen.

Carly cried again. After finally gaining strength in her legs, she hurriedly walked to the bed. After the operation, the doctors and nurses wheeled Ronald out and were about to transfer him to a ward. Adrian talked to the doctor for a while and asked them to transfer Ronald to the VIP ward. They quickly left the operating room and went to the ward. When they arrived at the VIP ward, Carly was still very worried and afraid that something terrible would happen to Ronald.

Damian came with Adrian just now. At the moment, the former stayed beside Ronald's bed and stared at him solemnly, worrying about him. While the adults were concerned, Damian stretched out his hand, carefully held Ronald's, and silently stayed by his side.

After a while, Carly's stomach suddenly rumbled because she hadn't eaten dinner yet. Adrian came to his senses and immediately said, "I'm going to buy some food." Isabella looked at him and nodded slightly. After asking her to look after Damian, Adrian turned and left.

Isabella watched Adrian leave before looking at Carly and saying solemnly, "Carly, after Ronald wakes up, why don't you move back to my place?" Carly was silent for a long time before finally shaking her head, rendering Isabella speechless.

Carly looked at Ronald and turned to Isabella before firmly stating, "Isabella, I want to leave Hivalis."

"What?" Isabella said, stunned. Then, she asked worriedly, "But where do you want to go after leaving Hivalis?" They had lived in Hivalis for many years, and Isabella was concerned for Carly, who suddenly wanted to leave.

"Anywhere is fine, as long as Connor can't find us," uttered Carly.

Isabella suddenly understood Carly's intentions. However, if that were the case, they would be separated. Meeting up would be inconvenient after they lived in different cities, so

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Thinking of this, she said

thoughtfully, "But no matter what, you have to make the arrangements before leaving."

Carly nodded and said, "Yes."

Isabella looked at Carly and added, "Before that, you and Ronald should live at our mansion. It's safer there."

Carly didn't refuse this time and agreed, "Okay."

Looking at Carly, Isabella felt sad. Finally, she couldn't help crying again and reached out to hug her. Hugging her tight, she couldn't help but say, "Carly, everything will be fine."

Carly was uncertain if everything

would be okay. However, after the incident, she was more confident that it was right to take Ronald away from Connor, who didn't deserve to be his father. She thought about it and said seriously, "I'll try my best." The future was uncertain, but she would try her best to improve

Ronald's life.

A few days later, the Carter family learned about the matter and supported Carly, who wanted to leave Hivalis with Ronald.

Carly wanted to quit her job and terminate the cooperation with the Carter family because she thought after leaving Hivalis, she could no longer work

at Carter's Jewel. However, the Carter family was amused and rejected her resignation without hesitation, leaving her in a daze.

However, Patrick told her, "Carter's

Jewel is not only in Hivalis. We have many branches all over the country and some other cities. If you just want to move to another city, you can live in a city where there is a company branch. When you get there, you can work at Carter's Jewel as usual."

Carly was speechless.

## **Chapter 280**

Isabella was worried about Carly moving away with Ronald. However, after hearing the Carter family's words, she was in a trance, just like Carly. They knew the Carter family was wealthy and owned many branches in major cities nationwide. However, they

subconsciously overlooked that Carly could still work at Carter's Jewel despite leaving Hivalis. Isabella had to admit that because of the Carter family, she suddenly felt more relieved and even supported Carly's departure from Hivalis.

With the Carter family providing Carly with a job, her life would be well-secured. Without financial pressure, it was indeed an excellent choice for her to leave Hivalis with Ronald and stay away from Connor.

Patrick thought for a while and said, "Carly, if you allow us, we would like to give you a piece of advice on this matter."

Hearing this, Carly and Isabella both looked at Patrick. Debra also glanced at Patrick and was slightly confused, wondering, 'What else does Patrick have in mind?'

Patrick said with a smile, "Becky and Hay got married. They will definitely live together in the future. Hoggard Technologies is located in Strico. If there's no problem, Becky will also move out. If you're not in a hurry, you should wait a while longer. After Becky returns from her honeymoon, I'll discuss with her about letting you work at Hoggard Technologies. Then you and Ronald can move out with Becky. You two can take care of each other, so we all can rest assured."

Adrian's eyes lit up when he heard this. He immediately came to his senses and said, "That's possible." Isabella and Carly remained silent.

It was impossible to leave immediately. Ronald was injured and had several stitches, so they couldn't leave until he got better. Moreover, he also needed to attend school. At the least, Carly must let him complete the current semester before leaving. Otherwise, it would be difficult to settle the transfer procedures.

They discussed it for a long time, and the final decision was to wait. As they waited, the Zane family showed up again. However, this time, Adrian assigned several bodyguards outside Ronald's ward. Even if the Zane family wanted to cause trouble, they could not enter the ward and only make a scene outside.

Despite this, the Zane family still made quite a scene where they shouted outside, saying Carly was malicious and beat Connor up. They demanded compensation and even tried to sue her for intentional harm.

The doctors and nurses in the hospital were displeased. After all, they would disturb other patients, especially the guests in the VIP ward, if they made such a scene. It was a hospital, after all. Even if the doctors and nurses wanted to, they couldn't chase the Zane family out, who was being unreasonable.

Fortunately, the trouble didn't last long because the doctor secretly sent Adrian a message when the Zane family went to Ronald's ward to cause a scene. After receiving

the message, he rushed over. As a professional lawyer, he explained the case to the Zane family on the spot and challenged them to sue.

The Zane family, especially Connor, knew Adrian's identity and occupation best. After listening to Adrian's explanation, Connor suddenly became scared.

This time, Connor picked a fight first and accidentally pushed Ronald into the flower bed. According to Adrian, Carly was only doing her responsibility as a mother to protect her child and defend herself, so it would not seem she was at fault.

Connor thought about it, gathered his courage, and shouted, "Mind your own business. This is between Carly and me. It has nothing to do with you!"

Isabella couldn't stand it anymore and growled, "Why can't we care about Carly's problems?"

When Connor's mother, Anastasia

Schaupp, saw Isabella appear, she got annoyed immediately. She hurriedly walked over and snapped "Who cares about Carly? Connor, doesn't even care about a woman who has been with many men! We only want Ronald. He is Connor's son and the Zane family's grandson. If you ask Carly to let him stay here, we'll never look for her again! Our family is so unlucky for us to have a trash like her-"

Slap!

Before Anastasia could finish speaking, Carly, who suddenly walked out, slapped her hard. She had just comforted Ronald in the ward. After all, they used to be a family. She feared he would be scared when he saw the Zane family. However, what Anastasia said was so harsh that she couldn't

stand it. Finally, she stepped out and tried her best to channel all the grievances she had suffered over the years into the slap and hit her hard.

The crisp and loud slap suppressed all the noise. At this moment, almost everyone looked at Carly with confusion.

Connor quickly regained his senses, rushed over, pulled Anastasia behind him, looked at Carly with dissatisfaction, and reprimanded her in a familiar tone, "Carly! What are you trying to do?"

Carly looked at Connor coldly and muttered unhappily, "Connor, let me say it again. We are divorced. The court decided to let Ronald stay with me. He has nothing to do with your family from now on. Don't dream about taking him away!"

Connor was so angry that he wanted to hit her again, but just as he raised his hand, the doctor grabbed him. few minutes later, Connor was dragged back to his general ward and warned to rest and not continue making trouble. Otherwise, he would have to bear all the consequences.

Meanwhile, Carly watched the Zane family being taken away, but she still couldn't forgive them, especially at the thought that they caused a scene in front of Ronald's ward and that he saw them fighting again.

Carly got angry because of the matter. The more she thought about it, the more she became more determined. After Ronald's injury healed, she would immediately leave Hivalis with him the next semester. It didn't matter where, as long as she could be far away from the Zane family.

Adrian pondered for a while on how to prevent the Zane family from continuing to cause trouble. Thus, he discussed with Carly that he wanted to settle Ronald's discharge procedures and bring him back to the mansion for recovery.

They were not afraid of the Zane family, but such a scene was unhealthy for a child's growth. If possible, they should try their best to avoid such a fierce quarrel in front of children. Otherwise, it would easily leave a psychological trauma during childhood.

Although Carly thought it was inappropriate to stay with Isabella and Adrian again, she was sure the Zane family would pester her again if she kept living there. Ronald might even have an accident, just like what just happened. So, she finally nodded and agreed.

Isabella breathed a sigh of relief when she saw Carly agree. She quickly comforted her, "Carly, don't give yourself too much pressure. Adrian and I don't mind at all. We are happy to have you move in with us."