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Chapter 141 I Don't Want to Remarry Joshua

Karley tricked Anaya into coming today because Karley wanted Anaya to see how she, Karley, the one with ties of kinship with the Lomas family, was treated.

Karley was more than happy to see that Anaya was willing to stay.

"Then sit beside me."

"Sure."

Anaya sat next to Karley.

Kelton whispered in Anaya's ear, "My parents said that they wanted to see what Karley looked like, so they asked her to come. Don't think too much about it. I will always be your brother!"

Anaya felt her heart warm, yet she pushed him away in disgust. "Stay away from me. You have bad breath."

Kelton was somewhat depressed. "I chew gum every day..."

Terry Lomas, Kelton's father, asked the two of them, "What are you two whispering about?"

Anaya said, "We're discussing what to get you for your birthday next month. I heard your pen was lost, and I want to

send you a new one."

"That's very thoughtful of you," Terry said with a smile.

Karley scoffed silently.

Karley thought, Anaya, you are the daughter of the Dutt family. How are you not embarrassed by sending him such a cheap thing? A pen? Really?

Karley said to Terry, "Terry, do you want a watch from Petrus? I can give you one on your birthday. You can easily check the time when you're in class."

Terry turned her down politely, "You don't have to do that. It's too expensive."

"It's not expensive at all. It's just a watch worth hundreds of thousands of dollars. It's nothing for me."

When she said this, Karley's eyes were full of pride.

Terry was silent. Kelton knew that Karley was showing off and said impatiently, "My father is a senior teacher in a key high school. The school is strict with bribery. Do you want him to get investigated by sending him a watch worth hundreds of thousands of dollars?"

"Karley, I know that you are very happy that you become the daughter of the Dutt family overnight, but you should still watch your mouth. Don't show off at any time, anywhere.

"Your money is given by the Dutt family. You didn't earn it yourself. Show off after you have the ability to thoroughly take control of the Dutt family!"

When Karley went to the crew this morning to see Kelton, she sensed that he was not very satisfied with her. Yet she did not expect that he would ridicule her in front of others.

Her face was a little pale. "Kelton, what are you talking about? I'm not showing off. I just want to buy something nice for Terry..."

Karley thought, I told Anaya to be here because I wanted to humiliate her.

Why am I the one being humiliated now?

Kelton sneered and didn't say a word.

Laila said, "That's enough talking. Let's eat."

They started to dig in. Laila put some beef on Anaya's plate. "Anaya, you should eat more. Mr. Dutt said that you have been dealing with a lot recently. You are even skinnier now. Eat more meat!"

Anaya smiled and said, "Thank you, Laila."

Terry and Kelton also chatted with Anaya while eating.

They talked about funny things that had happened in the past. Karley wasn't part of their lives, so she naturally didn't have any common topics with them. She sat next to them the entire time like she was invisible, and she was about to flip out.

Karley couldn't stand being left out. In the middle of the meal, she found an excuse and left.

The people present weren't stupid. They could tell what Karley was thinking.

Laila sighed and said, "I didn't want to be so mean to her. But she's got a little too much on her mind."

Karley happened to be her biological niece.

Laila had a bad feeling. Trouble awaited them.

Kelton said to Anaya, "If she tricks you again, tell me. There will be consequences!"

Though Karley was the one who was related to Kelton, in his eyes, she was no better than a stranger.

Kelton preferred Anaya to be his sister.

"OK," Anaya couldn't help but smile.

After dinner, they left the room.

As soon as they went out, the door of the next room was opened.

Joshua and his family walked out.

The two groups of people's eyes met, yet neither of them said hi.

The Maltz family had been looking down on the Lomas family, while Laila and Terry disliked Joshua's personality. Since the moment Anaya and Joshua divorced, the Lomas family had broken up with the Maltz family.

The two groups of people went to the end of the corridor to wait for the elevator.

The atmosphere was very quiet. Lexie broke the silence and said, "Anaya, so you came to eat with the Lomas family.

What a coincidence."

"It is coincidental indeed." Anaya glanced at Joshua. "It is so coincidental that someone narcissistically thinks I was following him. Funny thing, though. It has been so long, yet someone still thinks that I have feelings for him."

Joshua turned his head to stare at Anaya, his face gloomy.

Anaya ignored his gaze and entered the elevator first after it came up.

After they went down to the underground parking lot, the Lomas family got into their car, and Anaya went to look for

her car.

Just as she opened the car door, someone called out to her, "Anaya, wait."

Anaya turned around and saw Cecilia walking towards her.

"Mrs. Maltz, what's the matter?"

"Did you see the news that Joshua and Lexie are getting married?" Cecilia stopped in front of Anaya.

"I saw it before. Why?"

Cecilia hesitated for a moment before asking, "I have something to ask you. If I give you a chance, do you want to go back to our family?"

"A chance?" Anaya curled up her lips meaningfully. "This word is only used when the situation is advantageous to oneself. You use this word because you think I still want to remarry Joshua?"

"If memories serve correctly, I made it very clear to you last time that I'm not interested in your high-fed son. I don't care who he marries! It has nothing to do with me!"

"You didn't mean that," Cecilia said. "I know you can't get over Joshua. Otherwise, why are you always around him and Lexie?"

"Lexie and I had a fallout recently. I will not have her in our family. But I cannot confront her for personal reasons.

"If you want to remarry Joshua, I can help you in private. Let's drive Lexie away together.

"Besides, isn't she supposed to manage the Dutt family together with you? As long as you marry into our family again, with Joshua helping you, I'm sure this can be worked out."

Cecilia had been doing a lot of thinking recently. After careful consideration, she decided to let Anaya and Joshua get married again.

For one thing, the Dutt family's assets were now doubled, which was beneficial to the Maltz family in terms of business. For another, Anaya had the same blood type as Joshua. Such a fact alone was worth Cecilia thinking of a way to bring Anaya back to the Maltz family,

Without someone of the same blood type around, what if something happened to Joshua again? Cecilia was very worried.

Anaya closed the door and leaned against the car. "Mrs. Maliz, you want to get rid of Karley through my hands?"

*These are mutual benefits." Arrogance appeared on Cecilia's elegant face, "You want to remarry Joshua, and I want to drive Lexie away. Let's join hands. Both of us can get what we want."

"I don't want to remarry Joshua. That's not what I want. Also..." Anaya raised her rosy lips. "Didn't you suspect that sent someone to stage the car accident to hurt Joshua? Did you forget it?"

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Of course, Cecilia did not forget about that.

She was still investigating the car accident.

However, the driver insisted that it was his own carelessness that caused the car accident. She could not find a breakthrough, so she had to leave it there for now.

Cecilia had always suspected that it was Anaya who staged the accident, but after knowing that it was Anaya who transfused her blood to Joshua and saved him, she changed her mind.

If Anaya was the chief culprit, she wouldn't have needed to give Joshua a blood transfusion at all. Besides, Anaya didn't tell anyone about it. She did it anonymously.

Compared to Anaya, Cecilia felt that Lexie was more likely to be the mastermind.

After all, from the beginning to the end, Lexie was the only beneficiary.

Yet Cecilia had no evidence. Therefore, she couldn't do anything to Lexie, which was the reason why Cecilia kept quiet.

"About that... I did wrong you. Now I hope you can go back to our family..."

Seeing that Anaya still kept a straight face, Cecilia added, "Didn't you always want to move to the villa in Southville with Joshua? I agree now.

"As long as you come back, you can do whatever you want. I won't stand in your way."

"I sold the villa in Southville last month," Anaya said at an appropriate speed. "And I don't want anything from you. I'll be glad without you and your son harassing me."

"You sold the villa in Southville?" Cecilia was stunned.

Adams bought the villa for Anaya and Joshua when they got married. Anaya had always treated it as their home, the place that was exclusively owned by her and Joshua.

Yet Anaya sold the villa.

Anaya and Joshua had been divorced for so long. Occasionally, Cecilia would feel that Anaya had let go of Joshua. already. But most of the time, she felt that it was impossible.

Who would put Soo million dollars on the table for a marriage that would most likely fail if she didn't think of the man as the love of her life?

To Cecilia's surprise, Anaya could give out everything when she was in love, and when she walked away, she never

looked back.

Seeing that Cecilia no longer spoke, Anaya opened the car door and got in.

Cecilia came back to her senses and asked, "You really don't want to remarry Joshua?"

Anaya started the engine. "Your son has a bad temper and is a playboy. He is irritable and unreasonable. Besides greedy women like Lexie, who would like him? I was stupid to fall in love with Joshua. Now..."

"I wouldn't want a man like him even if you sent him to me with money."

With that, she stepped on the accelerator and left.

Anaya was focused on talking to Cecilia. She did not notice that Joshua had appeared at some point next to a car less than thirty feet away from them.

In the empty underground parking lot, sound traveled unusually far. Joshua had heard each word said by Anaya and

Cecilia.

Joshua's face was sickly pale because he had just recovered. And now it turned even paler.

He thought, I can't believe Anaya hates me so much.

Is that how she thinks of me? A man without any merit at all?

She used to love me so much. And now...

The great comparison made him feel a dull pain. The feeling kept haunting him till late at night.

When Anaya returned home, she realized that her phone was off.

She charged her phone and received a text, reminding her that Hearst had called her while her phone was off.

Seeing the message, Anaya raised the corner of her mouth. She clicked on the contact list and dialed Hearst's overseas

number.

The phone rang for a long time, but no one picked up. It hung up automatically.

She called him a few more times, yet he still didn't pick up.

Anaya pursed her lips and called Samuel.

No one answered.

Anaya had a bad feeling. At the same time, she received a news feed on her phone.

"There has been a massive terrorist attack in Canada, leaving the center of the city in ruins. Thousands died..."

Anaya's hand trembled, and she almost lost her grip on her phone.

She clicked on the news. The text description of the introduction and the shocking photos revealed the full extent of

the devastation in the heart of Las Vegas.

The comment section was filled with comments praying for the victims.

Anaya was in a panic for a moment.

She thought, no. That can't be. I've already warned him. I told him there was going to be an accident at the hotel in the center of town, and I told him to stay away, and he promised...

What he promises me, he will do.

He wasn't anywhere near the hotel.

I'm sure

Yet she gradually became more uneasy. The unsettling feeling almost overwhelmed her.

She dialed Hearst's number again and again, and she heard nothing but the cold ringtone.

Anaya stood in situ for a long time. Finally, she decided to ask Tim to book a ticket for her to Las Vegas.

Right now, she desperately wanted to check on Hearst.

When Hearst was around, she had never realized his importance.

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He was as indispensable as air and water, yet she WAS NO USR to having lili around. It was like he was almost invisible

Only then did she know that he was more than just a friend to her.

she didn't know when it started, but her feelings for him had long since changed

She was about to call Tim when she received a call.

It was the body and she arrived in the hospital

Anava hung up. She wanted to call Timn. But before she could dial Tim's number, the bodyruard called her again.

It must be urgent.

Anava had to answer the bodyguard's call.

"Mc Dutt, Mr. Dutt is in the operating room again. He is still being rescued. You should come here now!"

"What happened? Didn't the doctor say Grandpa is recovering well?" Anaya asked in surprise.

**We don't larow the details. He was supposed to be asleep by this time. The carer went to his ward to place the urine bag for him and found him unconscious."

"How long has he been in the operating room?" Anaya unplugged the charging cable and walked out.

"Two minutes. And there's another thing I need to tell you..."

He paused.

Anava put on her shoes, pushed open the door, and urged, "Speak!"

The bodyguard hesitated for a long time before speaking, "Mr. Dutt signed the property transfer agreement before he fainted and transferred all the property under his name to Ms. Karley... You are no longer our employer."

Not only was she no longer their employer, everything in the Dutt family had nothing to do with her anymore.

The bodyguard was doing her a favor by calling her.

Tur bodyguard's words made Anaya realize something.

Alleye thought, Karley and Aria must be behind this.

Hurley triched me into having dinner with the Lomas family tonight. She wanted to show off that she is the real datutter of the Durr family. And there's more She wanted to make sure I would be there, instead of Adams' ward.

dey, Arte, no one can be as vicious and merciless as you!

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Anaya entered the elevator and sent a message to Aracely, asking her to call a few people over and go with her to the hospital where Adams was staying.

As the bodyguard just said, she was no longer their employer.

The hospital was now full of Karley's people. If Anaya went alone like this, she would be directly driven out.

The place where she lived was close to the hospital. She rushed to the hospital and waited for ten minutes before Aracely brought her people over.

Without saying anything, Anaya immediately went to the operating room with them.

"Anaya, I saw on the news that Las Vegas suffered from a terrorist attack. If I remember correctly, Mr. Helms went there for a business trip, right? Have you contacted him?" Aracely asked as she jogged to Anaya's side.

When this matter was mentioned, Anaya paused slightly but soon quickened her pace.

"I can't get through to him."

But in the current situation, she was not allowed to be distracted from thinking about Hearst.

He had promised her before that he would never approach the hotel in the city center.

He would be fine...

Adams, after the operation, would be able to come out safely.

She quickened her steps and ran to the operating room.

Karley and Aria were both standing in the corridor. When they saw her come, they both stood up from their chairs.

Karley had already shed all pretenses with Anaya tonight. In addition, now that Karley had already obtained the property, she did not pretend to be kind like before. She did not hide her disgust.

“Isn’t this former precious daughter of the Dutt family? What are you doing here?”

Anaya ignored her sarcasm and asked the bodyguard standing at the side, “How’s my grandfather?”

The bodyguard replied, “The doctor said that everything went well, but he couldn’t make sure until the operation was

over.”

Anaya nodded.

Being ignored by Anaya, Karley got furious. She walked over and pulled Anaya’s arm.

“I’m talking to you. Didn’t you hear me? I’m the precious daughter of the Dutt family now. How can you ignore me

like this...”

Thwack!

Before Karley could finish her words, Anaya slapped her. Thus, her face swelled up.

“Anaya, are you crazy? How dare you hit me!” Karley was stunned for a second before she was instantly enraged.

“I just want to slap you.” Anaya’s beautiful face was extremely cold. “My grandfather had an attack. It’s you and Aria who did that together, right?”

Being questioned, Karley felt guilty and said stubbornly, “Adams is my grandfather. How can I harm him? Don’t

slander me!”

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‘Really? Are you sure that I slander you and you didn’t do it?’

Anaya approached Karley step by step. Karley was so frightened by Anaya’s vibe that she stepped back repeatedly, her back pressing against the cold wall.

Anaya said coldly, “You’d better pray that my grandfather is fine. Otherwise, I don’t care who you are. I will drag you to hell even if 1 die!”

Shocked by the coldness in Anaya’s words, Karley was silent for a while.

Aria walked over and pulled Karley behind her. "Anaya, when something happened to Adams, we were also very worried about him. Why are you so against us?"

"He is not in good health, so it's normal for him to enter the operating room. But you make things difficult for us. Believe it or not, I will get someone to drive you out now so that you will never see Adams again!"

"If you are capable, give it a try," Anaya said with a dark face.

As for what Aria and Karley had done to Adams today, Anaya had planned to settle accounts with them after tonight.

Since Aria was so bold and shameless, Anaya didn't mind letting this old woman pay the price first!

Aria was provoked by her and immediately lost her temper. She loudly ordered the bodyguards standing at the side, "You guys, catch this woman and throw her out!"

The bodyguards looked at each other in dismay, and no one moved.

Adams did not order before. Even if Karley got the transfer agreement, they would not dare to touch Anaya.

They knew very well how much Adams doted on Anaya.

If they threw Anaya out, when Adams recovered, he might have to kick their ass.

Seeing that no one dared to touch Anaya, Aria cursed, "A bunch of trash! Fine, let me do it!"

As she spoke, she was about to catch Anaya and throw her out.

Aracely took a step forward with her people and stood behind Anaya.

"Come on, don't be rash. We have so many people here. Don't blame me if you lose your arms and legs later."

Aria gritted her teeth. In the end, she was terrified and didn't touch Anaya.

After two hours, it was two o'clock in the morning.

As the lights on the operating room doors went out, Adams was pushed out and immediately moved into the intensive

care unit.

This was already Adams' second time coming here.

It was all because of Aria and her family.

It seemed that it was not enough to send Frank to prison alone.

Anaya thought she had to find a way to make Aria go stay with Frank in prison!

While Anaya was waiting outside the ward, Aracely sat in the corridor of the hospital with her.

Karley was still there. She got water and passed by them with a sneer. "He is not your biological grandfather. Why are you standing here and pretending to be a good person?"

Anaya raised her head and looked at her with cold eyes.

"Say one more word, and I'll let you enter the operating room."

Previously, Anaya had helped her teach Hanka lesson. Karley knew that Anaya was good at fighting. In the end, Karlev was somewhat afraid and left dejectedly.

Aracely fell asleep with Anaya outside the ward for the whole night. When dawn broke, Winston came over and took Aracely home, leaving only a few bodyguards for Anaya.

At this critical juncture, Anaya originally did not want to return to the company. However, the shareholders asked her to tell them about the change of the owner of the company, so she had to attend a shareholder's meeting,

Karley was very proud of her new position and provoked Anaya several times.

Ignoring Karley, Anaya left the meeting room after finishing her report.

Anaya went to the bathroom and walked out to the corner, hearing Karley and Aria talking.

Aria said, "Adams' shares belong to you now. Anaya's shares are less than one-fifth of yours. You are now the biggest shareholder of the company. I have already arranged for the company. The day after tomorrow, we will hold an inauguration for you and kick Anaya out. You have to try your best. Don't let me down."

"Alright." Karley nodded. "But the company's shareholders don't seem to think highly of me. Will there be a problem with the inauguration ceremony? Moreover, Adams hasn't woken up yet. If I get this position in such a hurry, there might be pressure from the public..."

“You don’t have to worry about that. We’ll talk about it after we get the management rights of the company.”

Karley nodded in hesitation.

After they left, Anaya walked out of the corner.

She looked at their back with icy eyes.

They had injured Adams to achieve their goal. How could Anaya let them do as they wished?

It seemed that she had to attend the inauguration the day after tomorrow.

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Chapter 144 A Trap

The ward that Adams was staying in had always been guarded by bodyguards. Few people could enter and exit freely. Apart from Karley, only Cindy Waller, the nurse who was responsible for taking care of Adams, was allowed to enter and exit the ward that day.

Karley naturally couldn’t take care of Adams herself, so Anaya asked the private detective to focus all his attention on Cindy. Sure enough, he soon found the problem.

Cindy had a husband who did not work. He had been unemployed before, but yesterday he suddenly found a well-paid

job.

After verification, HR had indeed accepted bribes, which was why Cindy’s husband went to work.

Aracely went to the detective’s office with Anaya. When she received the news, she almost smashed her cup.

“Fuck, Karley is too ruthless! Adams is her biological grandfather! How can she do this to him!”

Anaya patted her hand, indicating for her to calm down, and then looked at the detective again.

“Do you have concrete evidence?”

“We only have the record of Karley’s payment for that HR. I’m afraid it will be difficult to testify against Karley with this evidence.”

Anaya tapped her finger on the brown wooden table and said, “I’ll take it from here. Thank you for your hard work.”

She paid and took Aracely away.

After leaving the detective’s office, Aracely asked, “Since the people here can’t get the exact evidence, I’m afraid this matter is not easy to handle... What are your plans?”

Anaya stopped and stood sideways in the twilight in a gloomy expression. “I need a few people.”

Aracely was suspicious. “Do you want to make them confess under torture? This won’t have any legal effect...”

The corners of Anaya’s lips curled up with coldness. “I will let them admit it themselves.”

Cindy took care of Adams in the hospital until nine o’clock at night and returned home after changing shifts. When she got near home, she saw a few men with sticks wandering downstairs of her house in the distance.

Cindy was shocked and quickly hid in the small alley at the side.

The few men downstairs leaned against the wall and chatted. One of them smashed the iron bar in his hand against the wall Cindy’s heart trembled when she heard the sound.

The man said in a rough voice, “Why isn’t Cindy back yet? Ms. Karley said that if this woman leaves here alive tomorrow, we’ll be screwed!”

“Let’s wait a bit longer. I remember that she usually gets off work at this time. It should be soon.”

Their voices were particularly loud, echoing through the empty road.

When Cindy heard their conversation, her face instantly turned pale.

Karley wants to burn the bridges! thought Cindy.

Cindy wanted to escape. In a moment of desperation, she accidentally bumped into the trash can behind her, making a

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loud noise.

The few men who were waiting downstairs heard the noise and ran over.

“It’s Cindy! Catch her!”

Cindy was frightened and ran around in the alley.

The few men behind her chased her so tightly that Cindy couldn’t get rid of them no matter what.

She ran up the main road and saw a car parked by the side of the road. She ran over to open the door and got in without hesitation but found that the door was locked.

Through the car window, she could see someone inside, but she could not see who it was.

Hearing the footsteps coming closer and closer behind her, Cindy anxiously knocked on the car window. She begged in

a broken voice.

“Please... Please open the car door. Someone wants to kill me...”

The next second, the car door opened..

“Come up.”

The voice coming from inside the car was somewhat familiar, but Cindy did not have time to think and immediately

sat inside.

The moment the car door closed, the car dashed out.

Cindy turned around and looked at the group of people who were left behind further away. She finally calmed down a

little.

She turned to look at the person in the driver's seat and wanted to thank him.

After seeing that the person driving was Anaya, she was shocked and looked away guiltily.

"Ms. Dutt, why... Why are you here?"

Anaya looked at the road outside the car with a faint smile on her lips. "I found something interesting and wanted to ask you about it."

"What did you find?" asked Cindy, clutching her seatbelt.

"My grandfather suddenly fell ill. It was Karley who asked you to drug him, right?"

Cindy's heart tightened as she hurriedly explained, "It wasn't me! I have no enmity with Mr. Dutt. I..."

Cindy was so nervous that she couldn't utter a complete sentence while Anaya said unhurriedly, "Cindy, I already have the key evidence of this matter. You don't have to quibble.

"I came to find you today to ask you to help me testify about what Karley did. Of course, if you don't want to, I can continue to investigate myself."

"I don't understand what you're talking about..." Cindy's eyes darted in different directions.

"Cindy," Anaya interrupted her. "If you are willing to help me testify to it, I can guarantee your safety. If you take the initiative to turn yourself in, the sentence can be lighter.

"Furthermore, Karley is cruel. She even dared to harm her grandfather. As one of the insiders in this matter, you have no power or influence. Do you think she will let you go?"

Anaya's words reminded Cindy of what had just happened.

She was silent for a long time before she said with difficulty. "Can you protect the safety of my husband and me?"

Seeing that Cindy had fallen into the trap, Anaya curled her lips. "Even if I don't have the strength, the police will still have it."

Cindy still had a lingering fear of what had just happened. She threw caution to the wind. "I'll go to the police station with you tomorrow."

"Don't worry. Before that, I still have something I need you to do."

Anaya found a hotel and temporarily placed Cindy there. She then found two people to keep an eye on Cindy before leaving

When she got home, Anaya received a call from Aracely.

“Anaya, is the matter settled? Is Cindy willing to help you?”

Anaya looked tired as she sat down on the sofa with Sammo in her arms.

“Yes, she has already agreed. I’ve troubled you just now. Sorry to let your people act like bad guys.”

“Don’t mention it,” Aracely said with pride. “By the way, will Cindy be frightened or change her mind at that time? If she doesn’t say it, it’ll be a toughie.”

“It’s okay. I recorded it tonight.”

“Anaya, I didn’t know before that you were also a scheming girl.”

“I was forced by life.”

“By the way, is there any news from Hearst?”

At the mention of this, Anaya’s mood instantly sank

She also called Hearst today, but it still couldn’t get through.

It was the same for both Samuel and Jayden.

However, held back by her family matters, Anaya could only let her subordinates go over to check on the situation.

However, even after checking on it for a day, her subordinates still could not find news related to Hearst.

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Chapter 145 You Don’t Deserve to Be a Dutt

The rescue operation in Canada was progressing slowly. After a day and night, only less than ten people were saved.

There were still more than a hundred people buried under the ruins.

Anaya didn't know if Hearst was among them.

She put down Sammo and bent her knees, saying in a hardly audible voice, "Perhaps no news is the best news."

Her men had been waiting at the ruins today.

If they sent Anaya a message, that would be the news of Hearst's death.

Anaya would rather she receive no news at all.

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Aracely heard the depression in Anaya's voice and quickly changed the topic. "By the way, did Mr. Dutt wake Shall we tell him about Karley? I feel that there is something fishy about Karley getting the property transfer

agreement..."

"He's in bad health. I don't plan to tell him about that for the moment."

"Will he get angry if he knows you kick Karley out of the company behind his back?"

"I'm not sure. But I have to do this."

Anaya allowed Karley to return to the company and do what she liked because she thought the latter was Adams's granddaughter and would not do anything to harm him.

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Now that Anaya had seen through Karley's evil intention, how could she allow Karley to continue to harm the company?

Even if Adams would hate her for what she had to do next, Anaya had to do it.

Anaya could not let a person like Karley stay with Adams.

Karley would hurt Adams one day.

Aracely knew Anaya was tired and said with concern, "Take care. When you can't hold on anymore, come to me

anytime."

today?

Anaya felt warm in her heart. "Okay."

After hanging up the phone, Anaya washed up and fell asleep.

The inauguration ceremony of Karley was held the next day.

The venue of the ceremony was the most expensive banquet hall in Sunrise Hotel. The decoration was extremely

luxurious.

Karley had personally chosen the venue.

Ever since she became the daughter of the Dutt family, she had chosen the most expensive things for herself and

spent a lot of money within several days.

For the inauguration ceremony today, she had put on a designer suit and tried to hide her shallowness with the

money.

In order to pave the way for Karley, Aria invited the presidents of all the major companies in Boston and planned to introduce them to Karley.

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To Aria's surprise, half of the people she invited didn't come.

Karley almost collapsed when she saw that.

"Aria, why don't the people come? Do they look down on me because I used to be a waitress?"

Aria despised Karley and thought she was dumb. However, Aria didn't fall out with Karley because she could take advantage of the stupid woman.

Aria consoled Karley with a smile, "How could that be? You are now the daughter of the Dutt family. No one dares to offend you. I guess they don't have time. After all, the people I invited are celebrities in Boston, and they're busy."

Karley felt slightly better.

By the time Anaya got there, most of the guests had arrived.

It was late autumn. Anaya wore a white turtleneck and a black coat. Above her black boots were dark tweed pants.

Anaya tied her black hair up behind her head and tucked a few strands behind her ears. She looked imposing and

professional.

Karley saw Anaya and felt the ceremony seemed to be held for the latter.

Karley gritted her teeth and approached Anaya with a smile.

“Anaya, I thought you wouldn’t come today. I didn’t expect you to come.”

Anaya glanced at Karley with an impassive face. “What, are you afraid that I will steal your thunder?”

The smile froze on Karley’s face. “Anaya, what are you talking about? I’ll be the new president of the company today, and I’m afraid you’ll be embarrassed since you’re the former president.”

Anaya pursed her lips. “The inauguration ceremony hasn’t finished, and we haven’t started the handover. How can I be the former president? Are you eager to kick me out?”

Anaya’s sharp words exposed Karley’s dirty thoughts.

Karley endured it and continued to smile, “Anaya, you got me wrong...”

As Karley spoke, she caught a glimpse of two people entering the banquet hall from the corner of her eye, a smirk flashing across her eyes.

The last person that Anaya wanted to see in Boston was Joshua.

Karley was well aware of it. When she saw Lexie holding Joshua’s arm as they entered the door, she immediately called out to Joshua warmly.

“Mr. Maltz!”

When Joshua heard the voice, he looked over.

When Joshua saw Anaya, he narrowed his eyes and strode over with Lexie.

When Anaya heard Karley greet Joshua, she stiffened, her eyes turning cold.

Karley wanted to disgust Anaya, so she praised the attire of Joshua and Lexie today. "Mr. Maltz, I have long heard you're a successful young entrepreneur. After I met you, I thought you are intelligent and handsome and make a perfect match for Ms. Dunbar."

Anaya smiled sarcastically. "Karley, do you have to be such a brown noser?"

Karley was stumped.

It was her first time attending such a grand event, and she didn't know about most social etiquette, so she said all the good words she could think of.

After thinking about it carefully, she thought she had overdone it.

Joshua stared at Anaya, not hearing what Karley was saying.

Lexie always paid close attention to the changes in Joshua's emotions. Naturally, she noticed that Joshua had been staring at Anaya since the latter appeared.

Lexie was annoyed, but she gave a bright smile. "Karley, we're flattered. No, I should call you Ms. Dutt now. After all, you're the real daughter of the Dutt family."

Karley had a naturally keen sense for her own kind and quickly felt Lexie was the same kind of person as her.

Lexie evidently said those words to give Karley a chance to ridicule Anaya.

"Grandfather hasn't changed my surname yet. You can call me Karley now. After I change my surname, you can call me Ms. Dutt."

Karley continued with feigned hesitation, "But if I'm Ms. Dutt..."

She looked at Anaya with a hint of gloat in her eyes, "Anaya, what should other people address you? I'm afraid it won't be convenient..."

Anaya saw that Karley was trying to annoy her, so she said lightly, "Since it's inconvenient, you don't have to change your surname"

"You don't deserve to be a Dutt."

Embarrassed, Karley forced a smile. "Anaya, I am Grandfather's granddaughter. People will think you want to snatch the company from me..."

Anaya looked at Karley with cold bright eyes. She said bluntly with dignity. "I do have the plan."

Following that, the air instantly got tense.

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Karley stopped smiling. "Anaya, Grandfather's shares are in my hands. How are you competing with me?"

Many reporters came today. Karley suddenly raised her voice and attracted much attention.

The reporters quietly got near, trying to get some hot news.

Karley saw the approaching reporters and tried to control her expression, giving a smile worse than crying.

"Anaya, I mean Grandfather has handed over the shares of Riven Group to me. Now, I am the biggest shareholder in the company. You say these words because you are angry with me?"

As Karley spoke, she sounded aggrieved.

"You should know what I think of you," Anaya said with a faint smile.

Karley choked.

Anaya didn't waste any more time with Karley and turned to leave.

"Anaya!"

Joshua had been watching Anaya from the beginning. Seeing that she was about to leave, he subconsciously called out to stop her.

After calling her name, he fell silent.

He seemed to have nothing to say to her.

Anaya stopped and looked at him with calm eyes. "What's up?"

Joshua paused for a moment and tried to find something to say. "Karley is the real daughter of the Dutt family. Riven Group belongs to her. She only takes back what belongs to her. It doesn't seem right that you fight with her."

He improvised, but it was what he thought.

He thought Anaya had been the young lady of the Dutt family for over twenty years, and it meant she had stolen more than twenty years of Karley's life.

Now that Karley took back what belonged to her, Joshua didn't think Anaya was in the position to stop Karley.

Anaya was adopted by Adams. Joshua thought it was ungrateful of Anaya to fight for the company with Karley.

"Mr. Maltz, since you don't know how to talk properly, please shut up." Anaya said slowly, "You're an outsider and shouldn't interfere with our family affair."

"You say I'm an outsider?" Joshua asked with a complicated expression.

Anaya asked, "Aren't you?"

Joshua was stumped.

Anaya was telling the truth.

Although they had divorced, Joshua felt upset that she cut all her ties with him.

Anaya looked at Lexie, who was standing beside Joshua with a gloomy face. "Mr. Maltz, you speak to your ex-wife in front of your fiancée. Aren't you afraid that your fiancée will think too much? Or..."

Anaya's eyes were filled with mockery. "Mr. Maltz, you're a jerk and like to let your woman down?"

Her sharp words angered Joshua.

However, Anaya did not give him a chance to lose his temper. She left after saying those words.

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Anaya did not come here today to waste her time with Joshua the bastard.

"Joshua..."

Lexie's voice brought Joshua back to the present.

Her eyes turning red, Lexie said sadly, "Do you still love Anaya? I can leave if you..."

Hearing her words, Joshua did not feel guilty or pity. Instead, he felt inexplicably annoyed.

Perhaps Joshua was fed up with Lexie's lies, so he loved her less. Deep down, he loved Anaya more.

However, Joshua patiently comforted Lexie. "I have nothing to do with her. Don't let your imagination run wild. Focus on our wedding."

Joshua had been so concerned about Anaya recently. How could Lexie feel at ease?

Riven Group had stopped cooperating with the Maltz Group long ago and had nothing to do with the Maltz family. Joshua didn't have to come at all.

However, he came to the ceremony.

Joshua was only connected to Riven Group because of Anaya.

He came because Anaya would be present.

Joshua couldn't give up on Anaya.

Although Lexie was well aware of Joshua's thoughts, she could only pretend that she did not know.

She would marry Joshua soon. She couldn't make a fuss at this critical moment.

Lexie forced a gentle smile and said, "Okay. Let's go and sit down."

After they left, Karley grabbed Aria's hand nervously.

"Aria, I'm going to be the president today. Why doesn't Anaya look flustered at all? Has she got something on me?"

Aria patted the back of Karley's hand to soothe her. She said calmly, "No one supports Anaya. She doesn't have any real power. She can't do anything. Don't frighten yourself.

"She was bluffing just now to disturb you. You are the brightest star today. So many people are looking at you. You can't mess things up."

Karley nodded awkwardly, her uneasiness building up. She couldn't suppress her anxiety.

After twenty minutes, most of the guests arrived at the banquet hall. Karley smoothed her clothes and went up to the podium.

Looking down at the reporters from different news agencies and the big shots from different industries, Karley felt nervous at the podium, her palms sweating.

“Thank you...”

Right after she began, Karley’s voice broke because of her nervousness.

Her voice was sharp and harsh, like a piece of iron screeching across the glass.

There was low laughter from the audience.

Karley felt her face burning. She forced a smile and continued her speech.

she talked about the vision of Riven Group and the policies to motivate the employees.

The speech was well written, but Karley delivered it with a weak nervous voice. She didn’t look like a leader.

After Karley finished her speech, she heard the people nearby whispering.

“I can’t believe it. Is this the new president of Riven Group? She doesn’t have an imposing presence, and nor does she have any capabilities. Can she manage Riven Group?”

“I think I heard her use the wrong specialized vocabulary. It is obvious that she has never learned business management. The future of Riven Group looks dim in her hands...”

“Riven Group managed to get better recently, and I planned to buy its shares. I’ll drop the idea.”

Karley dug her fingernails into her palms. On an impulse, she addressed Anaya suddenly.

“Ms. Dutt, I will be the new president of the company today, and you’ll leave the office. Do you have anything to say to the media?”

The audience was comparing Karley with Anaya. When the reports heard Karley ask Anaya to go up to the podium, they got excited.

Karley was obviously trying to embarrass Anaya by inviting her onto the podium. The reporters would take a few photos and post an article in the newspaper about the plots and schemes of the wealthy family. It would be hot news,

Anaya had just sent a message to Cindy to confirm that the latter was waiting outside. After sending the message, she heard Karley call her name. The surrounding people looked at her.

Anaya put away her phone with distant and cold eyes.

She rose among the seated guests. She stood straight and said calmly. "I do have a few words to say."

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Chapter 147 He's Back

Anaya stood there quietly with an imposing presence that no one could ignore.

Her cold voice was not loud or low, and the people in the hall could hear her clearly.

Karley did not expect Anaya to have the courage to respond. She paused for a few seconds before she collected herself. "Ms. Dutt, what would you like to say?"

A cold smile appeared on Anaya's lips. She didn't reply and went through the crowd and up onto the podium instead.

The cold and white light shone down from the chandeliers on Anaya's face, which was flawless.

Karley watched Anaya going up to her and took a step back, awed by the latter's intimidating air.

Anaya stood in front of Karley and said with cold eyes, "I have a question for you."

Karley tried her best to stand straight and make herself look imposing. "What is it?"

Anaya said quietly, "I wonder how many years you will stay in prison after you attempted murder with drugs and forged the property transfer agreement."

Karley was shocked. The audience was stirred.

The news that Adams suddenly fell ill and had surgery had spread two days ago.

People guessed Adams transferred all his property to Karley because he knew he was dying.

Anaya's question put a new suspicion into everyone's mind.

Adams' sudden surgery might be plotted by Karley.

This woman attempted to kill her own grandfather in order to get the property of the Dutt family.

When the shocking news was announced, the cameras under the stage started to flash with clicks. It was noisy.

Karley looked away guiltily, looking for Aria among the audience. "I, I don't know what you are talking about..."

Karley was inexperienced and disturbed by Anaya's question. The clicking noises of the cameras quickened her

heartbeat.

Seeing that she was playing dumb, Anaya got straight to the point. "My grandfather had surgery because you bribed my grandfather's nurse to drug him."

Anaya sounded confident.

Her words again stirred the crowd. The reporters who sat in the chairs dashed to the podium, and the security guards tried to stop them.

"Ms. Karley, is Ms. Dutt telling the truth? Did you drug Mr. Dutt to get the property of the Dutt family?"

"The business world doesn't seem to think highly of you becoming the president of Riven Group, Is there a special reason why you insist on taking the position?"

"You are eager to become the president of Riven Group. Are you worried you will miss the chance if Mr. Dutt wakes up?..

"Ms. Karley..."

"Ms. Karley..."

The reporters' voices were getting louder, and they asked sharper questions. Karley's mind was in a whirl, and she did

not know what to do.

Aria parted the crowd and went up to the podium, taking the microphone from Karley. "Please be quiet."

Her voice spread to every corner of the hall, and the people quieted down a little, waiting for her following words.

Aria looked at Anaya. "Anaya, you say that Karley has drugged Adams. Do you have any evidence? Karley is his granddaughter. Even if she doesn't do anything, Riven Group will be hers sooner or later. She has no reason to do such a thing.

"You're an adopted daughter. You are more likely to hurt Adams for the property and sling mud at Karley."

Aria's words convinced the people, who cast suspicious glances at Anaya.

As Aria said, compared to Karley, Anaya was more likely to be the murderer.

Expressionless, Anaya said in a cold voice, "I won't stand here if I don't have the evidence."

Karley anxiously grabbed Aria's hand.

Aria was also flustered, but she was much calmer than Karley.

"What is the evidence? We only believe in solid proofs."

Anaya did not argue and sent a message on her phone.

Less than half a minute later, the door to the banquet hall was pushed open, and Cindy came inside.

Aria and Karley panicked at the sight of Cindy.

When Cindy went up to the podium, Anaya said calmly, "Aria, Karley, you instructed Cindy to drug my grandfather and cause his heart disease, didn't you?"

Karley was terrified. She denied it in a trembling voice, "We don't know her! How can we know people from the lower

class?"

"Really?" Anaya gave a mocking smile. "Ms. Waller, do you know Karley?"

Cindy nodded without any demur. "Yes, she found a job for my husband and used it as a bargaining chip to make me drug Mr. Dutt."

Karley was exasperated. "You're talking nonsense! I can't do such a thing at all! You're lying. I'll tear your mouth..."

Aria quickly stopped Karley and gave her a warning look. She said to Cindy, "Ms. Waller, I heard that your husband has just come out of prison. If you help Anaya to make a false accusation, you will go to prison with your husband."

Cindy was fearless. "You tried to kill me. I'd rather go to jail than be killed by you."

As Cindy spoke, she turned to the reporters under the stage. "I swear that everything I said just now is true. If you don't believe me, you can go and investigate!"

"Karley not only asked me to drug Mr. Dutt but also tried to kill me the night before yesterday. I hope all the reporters can truthfully report this and bring Karley to justice!"

Her words excited the reporters, who pointed their microphones at Karley.

The venue was in chaos. The bodyguards couldn't control the mob anymore. Many reporters rushed up to the podium.

Anaya had done what she planned to do today and went off the stage without looking back.

Karley was surrounded by several reporters. When she noticed that Anaya was leaving, she quickly raised her voice and ordered the security guards, "Stop Anaya! Don't let her go. This woman slings mud at me. The person who catches her for me will be rewarded with 160 thousand dollars. No. 1.6 million dollars."

Karley went completely insane, and her words drove the people around her crazy.

1.6 million dollars!

They would have 1.6 million dollars if they caught Anaya.

Many people looked at Anaya who had left the podium with greedy eyes.

Joshua sat among the guests. When he saw someone try to catch Anaya, he rose to help her.

Lexie stood next to Joshua and said, "Joshua, those people want to hurt Anaya. Go help her."

Her words stopped Joshua, who withdrew his legs.

He had made up his mind not to care about Anaya. What was he doing?

Anaya didn't care about her own safety and put herself in danger for the property. Why should he care about her life?

Moreover, Lexie was with him. How could he leave Lexie for Anaya?

When Joshua was struggling inwardly, Anaya did not think of him at all.

With a cold face, she looked at the security guards who pounced on her. She clenched her fists, ready to attack at any time.

However, before those people rushed up to Anaya, Samuel suddenly dashed from behind Anaya with a dozen bodyguards and stepped in front of her.

At the same time, someone held Anaya by the waist from behind. His burning chest pressed against Anaya's back. She could hear the strong heartbeat and smell the crisp herbal fragrance.

Anaya felt safe instantly.

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Chapter 148 He Can Be Jealous

Although she faced a group of people shouting that they wanted to catch her, Anaya had no fear.

It was all because the man behind her had given her reliance.

She knew that as long as the man was here, she would not be bullied in the slightest.

Samuel had already taken his men to fight against the people who had rushed over to capture Anaya to take the bounty. And the scene was in chaos.

Anaya moved slightly in Hearst's arms and wanted to turn around.

Hearst suddenly held her hand and pulled her out.

Hearst's movements were strong, but Anaya could feel Hearst's gentleness.

Anaya allowed Hearst to pull her away. Her gaze was fixed on Hearst's tall and cold back. No matter how fierce the scene was behind her, she didn't pay attention. She only followed Hearst in front of her as if she had been possessed.

Joshua had been paying attention to Anaya's movements. When he saw Hearst take Anaya away, he stared fixedly at the two holding hands with his dark eyes while wishing he could rush up and separate them.

He didn't want Hearst to touch Anaya.

When Lexie saw that Joshua had been looking at Anaya, she stood up and said, "Joshua, this place is too chaotic. Let's go back.."

She reached out to hold Joshua's hand, but the latter shook it off.

"You go back first. I have other things to deal with."

How could Lexie not guess what Joshua wanted to do?

To attend the appointment ceremony today, Joshua canceled all the work in the morning.

What he had to do now must be related to Anaya.

Lexie wondered why it was that every time they were together, Joshua was paying attention to Anaya.

It was not like this in the past.

In the past, Joshua did not care about Anaya at all. He only cared about Lexie.

Why did it become like this?

Lexie clenched the hem of her clothes tightly with her hands hanging by her side. In the end, she couldn't hold back the jealousy in her heart. "You want me to go back? Are you going to find Anaya?"

After hearing her question, Joshua was a little hesitant.

He knew that Lexie was not a fool. And he knew that Lexie had seen everything he had done during this time.

He had already made up his mind to forget about Anaya and treat Lexie well.

But the fact was different. He seemed to be repeating the same mistake. He had one woman with him, but he was still worried about another....

If he left now to chase after Anaya, Lexie might be sad.

But

He couldn't let Anaya go.

He wanted to follow and take a look.

"Lexie, Anaya just experienced such a big change. I'm afraid that something bad may happen to her if she doesn't think it through. Be good and go back first..."

As he spoke, he felt guilty and did not dare look into Lexie's eyes. He turned and strode away.

Lexie stood where she was and bit her lower lip so hard that it bled.

She knew that Joshua was not worried that Anaya would not be able to be relieved.

If Joshua cared about Anaya's psychological state, he should have helped Anaya just now. But he didn't. After seeing Hearst, he acted like a child who had been robbed of his toys. He wanted to go up and compete..

He decided to go over because he could not see his ex-wife getting close to another man.

Previously, Anaya had said that Joshua had love, but his love could be divided into several parts.

Lexie did not believe it before.

Or perhaps, she was forcing herself not to believe.

But in this situation, she could no longer lie to herself.

Perhaps, she had never been able to obtain Joshua's love.

And she might fail to become Joshua's wife.

If this continued, Joshua would abandon her sooner or later and turn to chase Anaya back

She wouldn't allow that to happen.

She had waited for so many years, and it was not easy for her to reach this step. She could not make any mistakes.

She and Anaya had to end this.

Anaya led Hearst out of the hotel and stopped on the sidewalk

Hearst wanted to let go of her hand, but she refused.

Her palms were warm, but her fingertips were cold. Hearst could feel the coldness on the back of his palms and the warmth of his palm.

Hearst was stunned for a moment before turning around and lowering his eyes to look at Anaya. It seemed that he wanted to find out the meaning behind Anaya's actions.

"Why haven't you picked up my calls recently?" Anaya raised her head.

She was dressed well and coldly today, but her words were like being said by a spoiled woman raised at home. And she seemed to be complaining.

Apart from those occasions in which she deliberately provoked Hearst, she rarely had such rude moments.

Perhaps it was because Hearst had always been conniving towards her, so she couldn't help but want more.

After receiving Anaya's question, Hearst did not feel angry at all. The originally calm and steady face had a slight smile, and there was much more than a hint of softness in his eyes.

He explained, "Work needs to be done. I can't contact the outside world."

Anaya asked. "So you're saying that you weren't in the city center when a terrorist attack occurred in Las Vegas?"

"No. I won't go against the agreement I made with you."

As usual, Hearst spoke with the calmest tone and the most powerful promise.

Anaya's heart skipped a beat, and she let go of Hearst's hand. "Can't you get someone to send me a message? Do you know how worried I was during that time..."

Before she could finish, she paused.

When these words were said, it was no different from a confession.

And she awkwardly didn't want to reveal her feelings to Hearst.

It was strange. When she pursued Joshua, she was vigorous and never tried to hide her feelings.

But when it came to Hearst, she was afraid of the consequences and felt a bit more ashamed.

Perhaps it was because back then, she had treated pursuing Joshua as a mission that had to be completed. Although she had feelings for Joshua, in the end, she still lacked some sincerity toward Joshua.

As for Hearst...

She was certain that she liked him.

It was not to find the warmth that had disappeared, nor was it to treat Hearst as a difficulty that she had to pursue and overcome.

Instead, it was from the bottom of Anaya's heart that she had a strong sense of admiration for Hearst.

This kind of feeling accumulated bit by bit in the past. There was only a simple love rather than blind worship during her first love.

After seeing Anaya suddenly become silent, Hearst replied, "I know you will worry about me."

"Then why don't you contact me?" Anaya was a little dissatisfied.

Hearst's thin lips curved up slightly as he said confidently, "I did it on purpose."

In the previous cooperation in East Boston, he could have continued to hide behind the scenes and not let Anaya notice his identity.

In the end, he went to see Anaya personally.

He thought that by revealing his identity, he could let Anaya pay more attention to him and let Anaya realize that he was more outstanding than Joshua and worthy of Anaya's love.

But Anaya was not surprised by his identity.

So Hearst failed to draw Anaya's attention to him.

He had been back in the country for such a long time, but Anaya's relationship with him had never been closer.

He didn't contact Anaya this time because he wanted to lest Anaya's true feelings and...

It was rare for him to be so childish, and he acted rashly

At the time when Joshua was in a car accident, Anaya transfused her blood to Joshua despite her weak body.

Hearst was a little jealous back then.

Even though he knew that it was a matter of life and death, he could not help but care.

Then, he remembered it until today.

And thus, he decided to not contact Anaya for the time being.

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Chapter 149 Stop Pursuing Her

Anaya felt angry because she didn't expect Hearst to be so assured and bold with justice when Hearst did something

Wrong.

She wondered when Hearst became so vile.

She still remembered what Hearst did last time. Hearst lied to Anaya that he was outside Anaya's house.

Anaya thought that Hearst had learned something he shouldn't have learned.

Anaya raised her leg and lightly kicked Hearst. "I have been so busy these days, but I have to spare some energy to worry about you. Haven't you thought that I would be very tired?"

The matters of Adams and Hearst happened almost at the same time, so Anaya put a lot of pressure on herself. But Hearst still had a carefree appearance.

Anaya thought that Hearst was truly heartless.

Hearst was not angry after being kicked. Instead, he smiled more joyfully.

"I was wrong this time. I shouldn't have done this to you. But..."

He deliberately paused for a while. "Ms. Dutt, may I ask why you care so much about me? Why?"

Anaya was stunned. She turned her head to the side and did not answer directly. Instead, she asked, "Why..."

Hearst smiled and looked at Anaya quietly.

“Anaya.”

Suddenly, Joshua’s voice came from the entrance of the hotel.

The expressions of Anaya and Hearst instantly turned cold.

After a while, Joshua walked up to the two.

Anaya changed her friendly attitude toward Hearst and coldly looked at Joshua.

“Mr. Maltz, why are you chasing after me again?”

Joshua had already thought of an excuse. “Such a big thing happened just now. I was afraid you wouldn’t think it through and planned to send you back.”

Anaya smiled, “Joshua, you didn’t do anything in there just now. Now you’re telling me you are worried about me, seriously? Are you kidding me?”

“I’m trying to be nice. You...” Joshua said calmly.

“Do I beg you to be nice?” Anaya interrupted Joshua. “Not long ago, weren’t you still standing on Karley’s side and criticizing me? Now that she is surrounded by people and can’t get out, why don’t you seek justice for her? Why did you chase me here?”

“I didn’t know about the evil things she did before.” Joshua didn’t have the slightest hint of apology in his eyes. He was not reasonable, but he sounded assured and bold with justice. “The ignorant are innocent.”

“Innocent? Mr. Maltz. You always think that it will be my fault when I have conflicts with others. Is that so?”

Joshua was unable to answer Anaya’s question.

He wanted to say no. But after thinking about it carefully, he felt that what Anaya said seemed to be right.

From the past until now, no matter what happened, his first reaction was to think that it was Anaya who had caused

trouble.

But Anaya seemed to be the one to be hurt every time.

After seeing that Joshua could not answer, Anaya snorted, "Since you don't want to believe me, don't always stick to

1. me.

"I feel annoyed."

Her tone was extremely flat, but the disgust in her words was obvious.

Although it was a gentle sentence, it caused a pain that could not be ignored when Joshua heard it.

Ever since Anaya pursued him, he had said the same thing countless times.

He thought Anaya was annoying before.

He hated everything that Anaya had done for him.

At that time, to drive Anaya away, he even said something more excessive than this.

At that time, he did not feel that it was too much when he said these words. But when he heard the same words from Anaya, he realized how it felt to be driven away with a disgusted expression and tone.

In the past few years, Anaya had been enduring Joshua's emotions.

Anaya continued, "If you don't want tomorrow's headlines to be that you and your ex-wife are entangled in, you better stay away from me.

"You brought Lexie here today, but you chased after your ex-wife and left your fiancée alone there. What a good fiancé you are

"Why was I blind back then? Why did I fall in love with a bastard like you?"

The ridicule in Anaya's words could not be more obvious. Joshua gritted his teeth and did not say a word.

After Anaya finished cursing, she did not look at Joshua anymore and turned to walk toward the parking lot.

Joshua still wanted to say a few more words to Anaya, and he was about to chase after the latter.

But Hearst stood in front of Joshua with narrowed eyes. "Joshua, don't pursue her again.

“You won’t succeed.”

It was obvious that the words had two meanings.

Joshua gritted his teeth. “I didn’t intend to pursue her. My fiancée is Lexie. I only came out to find her because of... humanitarianism.”

“You are deceiving yourself.” Hearst mercilessly exposed the fact. “You are pestering her like this. It is clear that you can’t afford to lose her.”

Joshua had always been proud and arrogant. Hearst had said the truth that Joshua didn’t want to admit, so Joshua reflexively retorted, “Nonsense. There are so many women like Anaya in Boston. Why can’t I lose her? The person I like is Lexie. As for Anaya, I don’t even want to see her.”

“If that’s the case, then please don’t meddle in our affairs again. If you go too far, I’m afraid that I will do something too excessive and let the Maltz Group be buried with you,” Hearst threatened.

Previously, Hearst did not dare do anything to Joshua because he did not want Anaya to be sad.

He thought that Anaya still liked Joshua, so he did not do anything outrageous.

Now that Anaya’s thoughts were clear, Hearst no longer had any scruples.

The next time Joshua caused trouble again, Hearst wouldn’t let him go so easily.

Joshua’s face darkened. “Hearst, don’t be too arrogant. No matter how powerful Prudential Group is, its main power is also distributed abroad. In this country, you can’t do anything as you want.”

The corners of Hearst’s lips rose slightly. He did not respond and turned to leave.

Joshua understood the meaning of Hearst’s smile, which was that Hearst could do anything he wanted in America.

Joshua stared at Hearst’s back until Hearst disappeared around the corner. The unwillingness in Joshua’s heart did not show any signs of weakening.

He realized that it was inevitable for Hearst and Anaya to be together.

The invisible sense of trust between the two could not be inserted by anyone

Joshua thought that Anaya should have belonged to him.

But now Anaya only hated him.

And Anaya was not even willing to talk to him peacefully. Anaya might think that it was a waste of time to talk to

Joshua more.

For the first time in a few months, Joshua regretted divorcing Anaya...

Hearst scanned the parking lot and finally set his eyes on the car that Anaya was in.

He walked over and knocked on the window.

else.

The lock was opened, and he opened the door and entered.

Anaya deliberately said in disdain, "Why don't you take your car?"

Hearst fastened his seat belt. "Aren't you waiting for me?"

Anaya did not answer and stepped on the gas pedal. She then asked, "Cloud Villa?"

"Yes."

It was quiet inside the car.

It was as quiet as before, but there seemed to be something different.

In the air, it seemed to be a bit more ambiguous than before.

"Anaya."

Hearst suddenly called out to her.

Anaya was shocked, but she did not show it on her face. "Go ahead," she said.

"Can you send me to the hospital? The wound on my abdomen seems to have split open." Hearst's voice was calm, but it also seemed to contain some forbearance.

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Anaya took Hearst to the nearest hospital.

The doctor took Hearst to bandage the wound, and Anaya followed him in.

Hearst took off his coat. Anaya noticed the bloody wound on his waist and frowned.
“Before you went abroad, you say that your wound was almost healed?”

didn't

The doctor was disinfecting Hearst's wound with alcohol. The dark red blood was diluted by the transparent liquid. The white cotton swab rubbed on the hideous wound. Just looking at it made one frightened.

Hearst broke out in a cold sweat on his forehead, but his expression was extremely calm. “I was indeed fine back then,” he said.

“Did you mean that your wound became scarred when you said it was healed?” Anaya asked.

She remembered that at that time, Hearst could walk normally after being hospitalized for only a few days.

She thought that Hearst's body recovery speed was faster than ordinary people, but it turned out that Hearst could only endure pain more than others.

Hearst did not speak because that was what he meant.

Anaya could not help but scold, “Don't you know that this is very dangerous? What if the wound split like this when we were on the plane...”

After speaking of this, she suddenly realized a problem.

Hearst didn't seem to have made any big movements since he appeared today.

So he could only have split open the wound before he arrived at the hotel.

Anaya asked, “When did your wound split open?”

“Two hours ago.”

Hearst encountered an accident when he got off the plane. If he had not been prepared, the injuries on his body might not have been just this.

Previously, he had thought that he could endure until he returned home.

But in the end, he had overestimated his endurance.

Anaya did not expect Hearst to not care about his body so much. "Why didn't you go to the hospital?"

Hearst casually said, "I want to see you first."

"Do you think this is romantic?" Anaya frowned.

"I don't feel that way." Hearst raised his head to look at Anaya. "It is just that at that time, this was indeed my only

thought."

Other than wanting to quickly meet Anaya, there was nothing else.

The moment Hearst returned to the country, he found that during the time he did not contact Anaya, the punishment might not be for Anaya, but for himself.

After all, he was just an insignificant person in Anaya's eyes.

But he cared about Anaya so much.

Anaya was stunned and asked in a weak tone, "Then why didn't you call me?"

"I called, but you didn't answer."

Only then did Anaya remember that she had muted her cell phone when she entered the venue today, and she had not checked it since then.

Perhaps Anaya was in the wrong, so she didn't want to scold Hearst anymore. And she just said, "Don't be like this. Everything that happened today is within my expectations."

Hearst raised his eyebrows. "Really?"

Anaya hesitated.

Well, she had to admit that the situation of the security guards and reporters losing control and wanting to catch her was outside of the plan.

If Hearst had not rushed over, Anaya would not be standing here safe and sound.

This time, Hearst was again the one who helped Anaya.

In the past, Anaya always suspected that Hearst had ulterior motives for her. After experiencing so many things, she found that she was overthinking.

Hearst probably just had a pure affection for her.

Anaya suddenly recalled the conversation she had with Aracely.

At that time, she felt that Hearst was only interested in her beauty. And she thought Hearst's enthusiasm for her would not take long to disperse. She did not even need to care about it.

Aracely advised her back then, "Anaya, your thoughts are too extreme. There are billions of people in the world. There will always be one person who will treat you wholeheartedly."

How did Anaya answer?

"A probability of one in billions. I believe that it exists, but I do not believe that it will land on my head. Impossible."

But after all those things, she had to admit that Hearst might not only be interested in her beauty.

Or perhaps Hearst had been tempted by her beauty, but then Hearst became sincere.

Hearst was Anaya's so-called impossibility.

Of the billions of people, the only one who treated Anaya wholeheartedly was Hearst.

It was just so coincidental that it landed on her head.

After seeing that Anaya was distracted, Hearst took it as her tacit agreement and didn't pursue the matter.

After the wound was bandaged, Hearst was sent to the ward.

Anaya was going to get Hearst lunch. As soon as she entered the ward, she received news from the bodyguard that Adams had been transferred out of the intensive care unit and could be visited.

Anaya was overjoyed. She hung up the call and asked Hearsi, "My grandfather is awake. I have to go see him... When will Samud and the others come to take care of you?"

Before Hearst could answer the door to the ward was pushed open and Samuel and Lavden walked in with their men.

"Anaya, you go to work. We are taking care of Heart."

The timing of Samuel's appearance was too coincidental. Anaya couldn't help but squint her eyes. "You were nearby just now?"

Samuel rubbed his nose. "Isn't this to let you and Hearst stay longer?"

Anaya laughed and did not make things difficult for Samuel. She told Hearst to rest well and then left quickly.

Samuel walked to the bedside and smiled, "Hearst, I just said I wanted you two to stay longer, but she didn't refute me. Has she already accepted you?"

Hearst's pale and thin lips curved slightly. "Almost," Hearst said.

"Then when are you going to succeed in pursuing her? Only sleeping together can be considered a success..."

As Samuel spoke, his words lost control again. Hearst gave him a look, and he immediately shut up.

After Samuel quieted down, Hearst shifted his gaze to Jayden.

"Who are those people from the airport? Have you found out?"

Jayden was dressed in a suit, and his eyes hidden behind the round frame glasses were full of respect. "They are from the Giles family. They seem to have come from Canada. Ever since you returned, Layla Giles has been looking for

you..."

Hearing the name made Hearst's face darken.

No one spoke in the ward, and even Samuel adjusted his crooked standing posture and stood upright.

After a long time, Hearst narrowed his eyes. He said, "Clean the thing up."

Jayden understood what Hearst meant. "I'll do it now."

After Jayden left, the atmosphere in the ward was still a little heavy.

Samuel saw that Hearst's expression was a little bad and braced himself to say, "Hearst, I think I heard Anaya say that she will get you some food. Will she bring us some?"

When Anaya was mentioned, Hearst's expression eased a little, but the words Hearst said were still ruthless. "Buy it

yourself.”

“Okay...”

Samuel was just asking casually. But it seemed that Hearst wanted Anaya only to bring him food.

Hearst thought that his wife could only buy things for him.

Samuel finally understood the feeling of being single. No, Samuel was not single.

Samuel walked out of the ward and took out his cell phone to send a text to the person on the social media app who

was remarked as “Baby”.

“Baby, can you bring me dinner tonight?”

Amelia quickly replied, “Bastard. You haven’t contacted me for so long. Dinner? In your dreams. I want to whip you.”

Samuel replied cheekily, “Really? Fantastic. I’ll buy some whips and other props online now. I’ll buy them all for you. Let’s try them one by one.”

After waiting for a long time, Samuel sent another text and found that he had been blacklisted.

But Samuel seemed to get used to it.

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He knew that it would take a few more days to coax his girlfriend.