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Upon hearing that, Ruby's smile grew deeper. "It seems you already know..."

"Yes, it was me," she admitted without hesitation.

After all, in her eyes, Oneida was already a person on the brink of death, so it wasn't a big deal to tell her.

"In fact, I never had the qualifications to join Starr Training Camp at all. Oneida, I'm not as capable as you. I'm not skilled in archery or horseback riding, and I'm not pretending to be. My only strength is that I'm a little smart." Ruby leaned over slightly with a smile on her face.

She then continued, "I don't possess any great wisdom or high intelligence, but I do have some small tricks up my sleeve. Being sly is both my weakness and my strength. My little bit of cleverness is what got me into Starr Training Camp."

Oneida's eyes darkened as she listened to Ruby's words.

Even in such a life-or-death situation, she remained calm and thoughtfully considered the matter.

Everything began to make sense.

Ruby might appear to be completely useless and unqualified for Starr Training Camp.

However, she possessed a heart that was exceptionally adept at scheming and profound beyond measure.

It seemed likely that she used some kind of underhanded methods and plots to gain entry into Starr Training Camp.

"From the moment I first saw you, I knew you were extraordinary. I'm not strong enough, so I have to find someone to rely on during the training. Otherwise, I may not be able to make it to the end and will be eliminated," Ruby said with a distant look in her eyes.

She added, "I'm pretty good at reading people. Although we're both Rank C, I can tell that you are very strong. In fact, Hendrick is also a good choice, but he's like a flower on a high mountain, and I'm not sure if I can get close to him. You, on the other hand, are the best choice. I pretended to be weak, got close to you, and received your protection. As you can see, not only did I manage to avoid elimination, but I also effortlessly obtained the gem thanks to you."

Ruby suddenly burst out laughing loudly, and her clear laughter echoed throughout the entire cave. "Just now, we couldn't see each other at all because of the heavy fog. Even if I pretended to sprain my ankle, you wouldn't have noticed it. Faking an injury was just a bet to see if you would fall for my act, Oneida."

She continued, "Oneida, you may seem aloof, but you're not a completely heartless person. I bet that you wouldn't abandon me. When you chose to carry me, I knew I had made the right bet. I don't have great stamina, so with you carrying me, I can obtain the gem in the easiest way possible. Oneida, do you regret it? I took advantage of your momentary softness. By the way, you must be very curious about why I chose to intentionally damage your bow and startle your horse during the first test, right?"

Ruby's face suddenly turned gloomy. She looked somewhat sinister with her back to the light. "Actually, the reason is very simple. It was because of my jealousy that I didn't want you to stand out too much. I know you're powerful, but we're both Rank C. Why should you be the first and get all the

attention?"

Ruby's thoughts were both contradictory and complicated.

She wanted to rely on Oneida's formidable power, but at the same time, she didn't want the latter to overshadow her.

She was such a cunning and scheming person.

She was skilled at disguising herself, devising schemes, and feeling envious.

"However, I know that you're too smart. If I continued to make trouble for you, you would inevitably expose me. Plus, since you've already garnered a lot of attention, I didn't create any more problems for you during the remaining days. Oneida, let's just end it here. The largest gem in your bag will soon belong to me. I'll become the most outstanding graduate of Starr Training Camp and change my fate forever." A hint of smugness flashed across Ruby's face as she said so.

She looked down at the two of them with an icy glare. "What's the point of all this? You're both almost dead and still struggling. It looks so pathetic."

With that, she raised her foot and stepped heavily on Matthias's fingers.

Matthias frowned as his face turned pale.

A look of pain flashed in his eyes.

The intense pain in his fingers left him feeling dazed.

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However, Matthias couldn't move his hand.

He was afraid that if he did, he would lose his grip...

"Matthias, are you really not going to let go? Are you so afraid of death?" At that moment, Ruby looked like a loathsome demon with a terrifying expression on her face. She then increased the pressure on her foot.

Matthias's body swayed, and it seemed that he couldn't hold it anymore.

Oneida turned her head and looked at the young man beside her.

Seeing that he was about to give in, her expression became solemn.

In a split second, she raised a hand, swiftly caught Matthias's back, and pushed him up.

Matthias's body rose up instantly as if he had been tossed up the cliff by Oneida with just one hand.

Matthias fell heavily on the edge of the cliff.

He was safe now.

Oneida had tossed him up.

With a look of disbelief, Ruby watched as everything happened.

She exclaimed inwardly, "How could it be possible that Oneida was capable of this?"

Neither Matthias nor Ruby could have ever imagined that Oneida would have exerted herself and saved Matthias's life with just one hand in such a desperate situation. However, Oneida herself wasn't as lucky.

Because she used one hand to save Matthias, her body became unstable.

Oneida's other hand couldn't bear her weight any longer.

Her fingers slipped away from the edge of the cliff.

Her body suddenly plummeted downward at an alarming speed.

She fell toward the unknown bottom of the cliff.

It was as if Oneida was being swallowed by an endless darkness.

In the blink of an eye, Oneida disappeared from everyone's sight.

"Oneida!" Matthias was shocked. His knees bent, and he fell to his knees at the edge of the cliff.

His voice almost tore from his throat as he cried out her name.

He stared deeply into the darkness.

If it were possible, he would have joined Oneida in her fall.

However, he couldn't.

His life was saved by Oneida, and he had to cherish it.

With this thought in mind, Matthias suddenly stood up and turned to look at Ruby beside him.

Matthias looked gloomy and cold. His whole body exuded an intimidating aura.

If looks could kill, Ruby would have been killed countless times by Matthias's cold and fierce gaze.

"You... You... Don't come any closer." Ruby pursed her lips as fear flashed across her face.

As she backed away subconsciously, her voice was trembling.

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Matthias slowly advanced toward Ruby. At the same time, his palm had already clenched into a fist.

"You..." I Ruby felt the dangerous emanating from Matthias.

Her face turned pale as she bit her lip and continued to step back.

Matthias narrowed his eyes. He raised his fist abruptly and launched it straight at Ruby. However, at that moment, something unexpected happened.

Ruby swiftly dodged To the side, causing Matthias to miss his attack.

Matthias's body couldn't help but lean forward, and Ruby seized the opportunity to push him forward.

Matthias was pushed into a small storage room in the cave.

After that, Ruby pressed the switch.

The huge

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Matthias subconsciously wanted to rush forward, but the door fell too fast.

Matthias could only watch the stone door fall in front of him.

He was locked in the storage room.

What was worse was that there was no switch inside.

He was too careless.

He was blinded by sadness and resentment.

Just now, all he wanted to do was avenge Oneida.

He forgot that Ruby was cunning

Outside the stone gate, Ruby looked at everything in front of her with satisfaction.

Just now, one had fallen off the cliff and the other was locked in the storage room. No one could stop her

She could take the biggest gem back to the training camp soon.

Speaking of which, the storage room in the cave was much hidden.

Ordinary people couldn't find it.

Ruby's little habit had helped her to locate it easily.

Whenever she went to a strange place, she always liked to knock on the surroundings.

Unexpectedly, she knocked on the switch in the storage room.

Therefore, she had a plan when Matthias was saved by Oneida.

She pretended to be scared and let Matthias hold on to his grudges. Then, she waited for the opportunity to lead Matthias to the storage room. The soundproof effect of that storage room was very good. Even if he shouted in it, no one would hear him.

In that way, Matthias would starve to death in a few days.

After all, without water and food, how long could he live? Ruby turned around and picked up Oneida's backpack. She unzipped the zipper and took out Oneida's gem.

That was the largest and most gorgeous gem. Finally, it fell into her hand.

Ruby's eyes flashed with intense pleasantness.

"Oneida, Matthias... I didn't want to kill the two of you, but you won't give me the biggest gem! So, I had no choice but to take it myself." Ruby put the gem in her bag and got rid of the backpacks of Oneida and Matthias.

Finally, she blocked the cliff with stones.

Everything returned to its original state.

There was no trace left.

What had just happened would also become a secret that would be sealed there forever.

No one would know it.

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Ruby smiled and put her backpack on.

At that moment, footsteps suddenly sounded from behind.

Then, there were some soft voices.

"It seems that... we are here!" A joyful voice rang out. In the next second, several figures suddenly appeared in front of Ruby.

The young man in the lead was wearing a black coat. He looked handsome and cold.

It was Hendrick.

Behind him, there were about seven or eight people.

These people, including Roxanne, formed a team with Hendrick.

Under the leadership of Hendrick, they had just arrived at the cave where the gem was placed.

Unexpectedly, someone was faster than them.

A boy in Hendrick's team saw Ruby standing in the center. He couldn't help but ask in surprise, "You... Why are you here?"

After all, Ruby was notoriously weak.

There was no way she could be faster than them.

Hendrick looked at Ruby quietly as if sizing her up.

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After a moment of silence, he asked coldly, "Where is Oneida?"

He remembered that Ruby had formed a team with Oneida.

Now that Ruby was there, he didn't see Oneida.

He thought something was amiss.

Ruby didn't look guilty at all. She was very good at disguising.

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"I-I don't know..." Ruby looked down and murmured, looking a little sad. "I was with Oneida and Matthias, but we were separated in the fog, so I had to find the gem alone... And I arrived here by accident..." "You're so lucky!" Someone sighed in surprise. "Are you the chosen one? You're the first to get to the destination... by accident."

Ruby curled her lips in disappointment. "I don't want this luck... I wonder what happened to Oneida..."

Hendrick stared at Ruby coldly and observed her expression carefully.

It seemed that he was thinking about the authenticity of her words.

He thought with Oneida's ability, even if she was separated from Ruby, she should have arrived at this cave by then.

However, Oneida didn't show up.

Only Ruby was there.

Just then, Ruby pointed to the gem on the stone table and suggested softly, "Hurry up and get the gem."

Everyone's attention was instantly distracted.

They all looked at the gem.

"Wow, these gems are so beautiful!" Some girls couldn't help but sigh when they saw the gems.

"But there are only a few big gemstones... How should we distribute them?" Some of them immediately thought of the problem of gem distribution.

The big gem that represented high scores was very rare, but there were seven or eight people on Hendrick's team.

They were faced with the same problem that Oneida's team had faced previously-to whom should this big gem belong?

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Hendrick glanced at the gem and saw the clue.

"Please don't pick the gems in a hurry." The young man's cold voice sounded in the quiet space. "There are only a few big gems. Mr. Lawson set this up most likely to make us have conflict. Therefore, we must not have internal conflicts." "The reward you get should equal your contribution." Hendrick looked at everyone coldly. "I have seen everyone's efforts all the way, so whoever did more will pick a gem first... Do you all have any objections?"

"Of course not," Roxanne replied first. "Captain Quinlan should be the first to choose."

Hearing that, everyone immediately agreed, saying, "That's right! Captain Quinlan has been leading us here. He should choose first."

"I agree too."

"Hendrick is the one who contributed the most."

Upon hearing that, Hendrick didn't say anything more.

He didn't refuse and went to pick the gem first.

Undoubtedly, he chose the biggest one among the remaining gems.

The next order was decided by Hendrick according to everyone's performance along the way.

Ruby looked at them from the side, and a trace of coldness flashed across her eyes.

"What a united and harmonious team!"

She couldn't agree with what they were doing.

Since she was there, she had to leave with the biggest gem.

She thought it was ridiculous and pitiful for these idiots to give the biggest gem to Hendrick.

After choosing the gem, everyone was ready to return.

"Can I go with you all?" Ruby asked nervously with strong expectations in her eyes.

"Whatever," Hendrick answered coldly before he turned around and left.

Ruby glanced at him gratefully and followed everyone.

And the biggest gem was in her bag.

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Ruby had already planned it out.

After dealing with Oneida and Matthias, Ruby knew there would be other students coming to the cave soon. Therefore, as long as Ruby shamelessly sneaked into their team, she could safely walk out of Misty Forest. Otherwise, it would be difficult for Ruby to go out alone...

At this moment, in Garrison Mansion, Victor walked into Jackson's study solemnly.

In the huge study, Jackson sat in front of the desk, his expression indifferent, placid, and calm. His slender fingers rested on the white document.

"Mr. Bane, Victor called out in a low voice, with a hint of strange emotion in his tone. "There is recent news from Starr Training Camp."

Hearing this, Jackson raised his gaze slightly. His expression was still placid, but a slight wave of emotion flashed through his eyes. "What news?" During the period of time when Oneida was at Starr Training Camp, Jackson had sent someone to monitor her secretly.

If there was anything unusual, the people monitoring Oneida had to report to Jackson immediately.

This was the first time Victor had reported something that happened at Starr Training Camp to Jackson.

With that thought in mind, Jackson thought that this matter should be urgent.

"Mrs. Bane took the final test of Starr Training Camp today and went to Misty Forest," Victor reported to Jackson clearly.

"Misty Forest?" Jackson frowned as his gaze turned cold immediately.

Jackson knew that the people in charge of Starr Training Camp would find a way to keep the students safe, as they had arranged for the students to go to Misty Forest for the test. However, Misty Forest was an accident-prone area. Jackson suddenly had a bad feeling. He was still calm, but his eyes had darkened. "Go on."

Victor pursed his lips and continued, "Mrs. Bane didn't come out after she entered a cave. Her companions have all returned, but she is still nowhere to be seen... We suspect that something had happened to Mrs. Bane..." Jackson's eyes turned sharp, and his handsome face stiffened in an instant. "Send someone to the cave to have a look and report the situation to me instantaneously."

Victor didn't dare to delay and promptly nodded. "Yes, Mr. Bane."

Immediately after, Victor turned around and left the study.

After Victor left, Jackson left the wheelchair and stood up straight.

If something really had happened to Oneida, he had to go to Misty Forest himself. He couldn't rest assured and trust anyone else with this task.

An hour later, Victor returned to the study. Seeing Jackson standing quietly by the window, Victor was slightly surprised and thought, "I can't believe Mr. Bane has gotten up from the wheelchair."

Of course, Victor wouldn't ask about this kind of thing. He just regained his serious composure and reported to Jackson respectfully, "Mr. Bane, according to the latest news, Mrs. Bane was not found in the cave. Although, Mrs. Bane indeed did not leave it." Jackson seemed to have expected it. His expression remained unchanged when he heard Victor's words. He didn't look surprised, and there was no trace of emotion on his face at all. "Got it."

With that, Jackson walked past Victor and walked straight to the door of the study.

"Mr. Bane?" Victor's eyes widened slightly, not expecting Jackson to act like this suddenly. He thought, "Is Mr. Bane going to save Mrs. Bane himself?"

Victor could no longer care about maintaining courtesy and asked Jackson directly, "Are you going to Misty Forest yourself, Mr. Bane?"

Hearing this, Jackson paused slightly. With his back facing Victor, he nodded calmly. "Yes."

Victor frowned and subconsciously wanted to persuade Jackson to change the latter's mind. "Mr. Bane, Misty Forest is very dangerous. It's not appropriate for you to go there in person. I will definitely send someone to find Mrs. Bane. Just leave everything to me."

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Jackson's expression was icy. His thin lips slightly lifted, and he said in a deep voice. "Nothing is inappropriate... I'm going there to save toy wi

With that, Jackson left the study without looking back.

At this moment, at the bottom of the cliff in Misty Forest, Oneida swam for a long time before she finally reached the shore from the greenish lake water.

The lakeshore was filled with dark rocks, and there was a layer of dense moss clinging to the rocks.

She climbed ashore, her expression calm. There was no panic or fear.

Just now, on the edge of the cliff, her life seemed to be hanging by a thread, but as long as she exerted her strength properly, she could jump back to the flat ground again.

But in order to save Matthias, she missed the best time to exert her strength. Hence, she could only fall off the cliff.

However, she knew that there was water at the bottom of the cliff. As long as there was water, her life wouldn't be in danger. Therefore, it didn't matter even if she fell off the cliff. She thought, "It's just a little troublesome..."

She looked up and inspected the surroundings.

The light was not bright, but luckily, the scene in front of her could be seen clearly. Other than stones, there were sparse plants around her. What covered the largest area here was the deep lake. The greenish lake was tranquil and deep. Oneida sat on the shore, her body soaking wet. From head to toe, there was water dripping.

It had been a while since she had been in such a wretched state.

Suddenly, she sensed a slight fluctuation on the surface of the greenish lake.

These fluctuations grew in size. The more it slowly rippled, the more those ripples became visible.

It ruined the calmness of the water's surface.

It was like something was moving in the depths of the lake, ready to break out of the water.

Oneida looked at the water vigilantly.

At this moment, a massive black shadow suddenly appeared from the water!

Oneida took a few steps back and then narrowed her eyes to assess it carefully.

The creature in front of her had a huge body, a long neck, and a small head, which made it look extremely weird.

Oneida had never seen such an animal before. She thought, "Is this an aquatic monster?"

The aquatic monster's body was about the size of a big ship. The face on its head was layered, looking a little deformed. Besides, the neck connecting the body and the head was much longer than a giraffe's neck. Who would have thought that there was such an aquatic monster lying under the deep lake of Misty Forest?

The creature in front of Oneida seemed to be disturbed. It grinned angrily, revealing a row of sharp and terrifying teeth.

Suddenly, it stretched out its "hands" toward Oneida!

Its hands, which had been hidden under its body, were suddenly released. Its hands looked similar to an octopus' tentacles, yet it was much longer and bigger than an octopus' tentacles.

These "tentacles" came straight toward Oneida in an instant, as if they wanted to pinch Oneida in their palms.

Oneida hurriedly stepped back.

However, there was a hard stone wall behind her, and she couldn't retreat at all!

The huge tentacles came toward Oneida and wrapped around her body directly.

Then, Oneida left the ground and was "picked up" by the creature in front of her.

Its body was so huge that Oneida was like an ant in front of it.

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But Oneida didn't panic.

She looked straight at the creature in front of her, staring at its extremely ugly eyes.

She was able to look straight at it at her current height.

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Suddenly, a mere twitch of Oneida's finger sent a thin blade hurtling from her grasp, which then fiercely buried itself into the neck of the aquatic monster before her.

The aquatic monster let out a roar that seemed to make the very earth itself tremble.

At the same moment, its "hand" unwittingly relaxed its grip.

Oneida took her chance to break free, tumbling down from her elevated bind to the solid ground below.

The very blade Oneida had casually picked up at the water's edge earlier proved to be unexpectedly useful

But in an instant, the aquatic monster lapsed into a wild, raging frenzy, flailing its limbs and beating the pond's surface ferociously.

Giant waves erupted from the once placid, emerald waters, soaking Oneida to the core-once again.

In the blink of an eye-the aquatic monster reached out multiple "hands," one coiling tightly around Oneida's neck, another one binding her torso, and yet another clinging to her ankle. Oneida was utterly immobilized, only being able to watch herself being pulled ever nearer to the aquatic monster's dreadful head.

Then, as it opened its jaws.

The rows of massive, needle-like teeth were starkly alarming.

Oneida thought, "The aquatic monster must see me as food. It's about to swallow me whole!

Stricken by panic, Oneida began to desperately thrash about.

The aquatic monster, sensing Oneida's resistance, constricted its grip even further, rendering her almost completely breathless. Her limbs refused to obey her commands.

Faced with the overpowering might of nature, human beings can seem incredibly fragile.

If only Oneida had her weapons, there might have been a chance... But now, Oneida was defenseless.

Being drawn closer to the aquatic monster's menacing maw, Oneida clenched her fists, ready for a last, daring push.

That's when the sound of gunshots pierced the air by her ear.

A bullet whistled past, striking the monster with precision in its throat, brushing against Oneida's ear.

It was a hit.

Blue liquid began to seep from the wound.

The aquatic monster wailed in pain, the noise echoing as if the bullet had found a vital target.

It recoiled its appendages and swiftly submerged below the pond's surface, vanishing from sight.

Now calm, the emerald pond seemed as tranquil as ever.

And Oneida was falling.

Bracing for impact, Oneida was unexpectedly caught in mid-fall by a shadowy figure.

A stranger's arm, cool yet oddly warm, had cushioned her descent.

Instinctively, Oneida looked up into the face of her savior.

A striking man met her gaze with chiseled features, short dark hair, and dressed entirely in black.

"You..." Oneida looked into his eyes, the word escaping her lips before Oneida could help it.

"Are you okay?" The man looked down at her, his voice low and concerned.

Oneida thought, 'His voice is also unfamiliar. Who is this man, anyway? Why did he appear out of nowhere and happen to save me by such a fortuitous accident?'

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"I'm fine," Oneida asserted, her gaze deeply surveying him while gently shaking her head.

Reassured by her response, the man finally relaxed his hold, carefully setting her back on the ground.

Oneida's eyes quickly caught the sight of the gun beside him.

It seemed likely that it was with this gun the man had wounded the creature.

However, the design of the gun was quite distinctive. It was not like the usual styles found on the market.

A thought abruptly streaked across her mind.

Her expression stiffened, and almost instinctively, Oneida asked, "Are you Knight?"

The man seemed taken aback by her sudden query, his cold gaze faltering for a fraction of a second.

Knight was a top commander under the leadership of Evan from Paragon Group, known for his exceptional marksmanship, and said to be the world's deadliest sniper. His signature trait was the unique gun he wielded.

And right now, the gun beside this man looked astonishingly identical to the one Knight always used.

Hence Oneida's suspicion that the man before her might actually be Knight.

Oneida scrutinized him as if trying to discern any hint of truth from his expression.

Oneida thought, "Why would someone from Paragon Group help me? And to think it's the notorious Knight."

After all, Oneida had had her fair share of clashes with Evan, the leader of Paragon Group.

Their relationship was far from good, with several disputes over interests.

As Oneida pondered this, the man before her finally broke the silence, confirming, "Yes, I'm Knight."

Jackson watched Oneida, his wife in front of him, his heart equally turbulent with emotions.

Yes, the man who had saved Oneida was none other than Jackson, disguised and incognito.

At this moment, he appeared as his alter ego, Knight.

Jackson was both Evan, the leader of Paragon Group, and Knight, Evan's ace sniper. One man played two parts.

No one knew that Evan and Knight were in fact the same person-both were Jackson.

Today, rushing to the Misty Forest, he couldn't possibly use his identity as Jackson. So, he donned a mask and became Knight. Unexpectedly, Oneida had guessed his alternate persona.

Jackson's gaze, profound and searching, rested on Oneida before him, as for the first time, he looked at his wife with inquiring eyes.

In his memory, Oneida was a simple and adorable girl.

He had only ever conducted a basic check on her background, never delving too deeply.

He hadn't even bothered to have someone keep a close watch on her every move.

Naturally suspicious by nature, Jackson seemed unusually indulgent with Oneida.

For when Oneida looked up at him with her eyes shining bright and called him, he strangely let his guard down.

He didn't want to doubt her, investigate her, or surveil her...

But now, he realized he might have been mistaken.

Oneida knew of Knight from Paragon Group...

Jackson wondered, 'What else does Oneida know inside that head of hers?'

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The shifting clouds in Jackson's eyes made Oneida feel strangely uncomfortable under his steady gaze.

Without betraying her discomfort, Oneida looked away and spoke slowly, "Though I don't know why you saved me, I still owe you thanks."

If Knight hadn't appeared in time, Oneida feared she would have been monster fodder.

Hearing her words, Jackson simply stated, "I happened to be passing by and lent a hand."

Oneida paused, pondering, 'Passing by...? Is he serious? Just passing through the Misty Forest and just so happened to come to this well-hidden cliff base... His passing by' is a little too coincidental. Jackson lowered his gaze to meet Oneida's.

He knew Oneida doubted him.

Only now did he realize that Oneida too had this side to her. Calm, vigilant, guarded. All this was beyond his expectations.

"We should find a way out of here as soon as possible," Oneida's voice continued, bringing him back. Oneida looked up and around before casually asking, "How did you get down here?"

Jackson pointed to a rope nearby and said flatly, "Used this."

Oneida saw it and said, "It is a good tool for us."

Right after speaking, Oneida instinctively moved forward, but Jackson suddenly reached out, his hand pressing on Oneida's shoulder. "First, take off the wet clothes you're wearing. It's very cold during the climb, and in this state, you're likely to catch a cold." SEND GIFT

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Oneida thought, Take off my clothes?"

Her eyes widened slightly, and Oneida regarded Jackson with a complex expression.

Jackson understood that Oneida was feeling shy.

"Just the two of us here." His lips barely lifting, he explained with a calm demeanor.

"Only two people, right..." Oneida glanced at him meaningfully, "But that still includes you, doesn't it?"

'He's actually asking me to undress which is unbelievable.' Oneida thought.

Oneida didn't consider herself overly sensitive, but Oneida found herself reluctant to strip in front of a man Oneida hardly knew.

However, the dampness of her clothes was indeed quite uncomfortable.

Oneida pinched the hem of her clothing, trying to wring out the water.

Unexpectedly, a sudden gust of cool wind swept by, bringing a chill to the bone, and Oneida couldn't help but sneeze.

Seeing this, Jackson didn't hesitate. He took hold of Oneida's wrist and led her to the side.

"You..." Oneida widened her eyes in surprise and Oneida didn't expect the man to be so domineering all of a sudden.

"Take your clothes off," Jackson pressed, his tone brooking no argument. "Otherwise, you'll catch a cold before we can get out."

"But..." Oneida's brows furrowed as if she were about to object.

Jackson anticipated her resistance and cut her off in time, "I won't look."

Having said this, he turned away, gathering some wood that could be used for burning, and then found a dry patch of ground to light a small fire.

Despite appearances that suggested he was pampered and lazy, Jackson's survival skills were remarkably strong.

His hands moved swiftly and adeptly.

After completing these tasks, he lifted his gaze to Oneida and said softly, "Come over."

Oneida instinctively looked at him, the dim light casting shadows across his handsome face.

Oneida thought, 'Knight seems different from the rumors. They say he's cold-blooded and indifferent to women... But Knight not only saved me, he's also taking such care of me!

When Oneida still made no move, Jackson urged her in a stern voice, "I said, I won't look. Just give me your clothes, and I'll help dry them."

Seeing him acting the perfect gentleman made Oneida think, 'If I continue to hesitate, it would seem like I'm unfairly judging his honorable intentions.'

So, Oneida nodded and stepped forward.

At that, Jackson turned around, presenting his back to Oneida.

He truly kept his word and did not look at her.

"Hurry and undress," he prompted.

The man's cool and deep voice floated over hauntingly.

Seeing this, Oneida hesitated no more and promptly removed her coat.

Oneida placed her clothes by the fire, and again, his voice echoed in her ear. "Are you done?"

His voice was like the resonant notes of a cello, magnetic and utterly pleasing to the ear.

For some reason, Oneida suddenly felt her face grow warm.

Oneida responded somewhat flusteredly, "Yes, I'm done, but don't turn around yet... wait until I say it's okay."

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"Alright," he replied quite straightforwardly.

True to his word, he was indeed "honorable"

Oneida briskly walked to a corner and crouched down.

From this angle, even if Jackson turned around, he wouldn't see her.

Now, wearing only a thin tank top, Oneida hugged her shoulders feeling insecure, and said, "You can turn now?"

Upon hearing her, Jackson turned around.

He knew Oneida must have found a hiding spot.

Such a bashful young girl.

He said nothing. Instead, he crouched down, took Oneida's coat in hand, and began drying it by the fire.

Several minutes passed. The once-drenched fabric was finally beginning to dry,

Throughout this time, there was silence from where Oneida was hidden, and Jackson didn't speak,

The air was filled with a quiet stillness.

Jackson folded the clothes neatly, lifted his gaze toward the corner, and called out lightly, "Your clothes are dry?"

But there was no answer from Oneida.

The air remained silent.

A crease formed between Jackson's eyebrows.

He stood up and silently walked toward Oneida's hiding spot.

Around the corner, he found Oneida sitting with her arms wrapped around her knees, her chin resting atop them.

Oneida seemed to have fallen asleep.

Her eyes were closed tight.

Her delicate, smooth skin made her appear fragile and pale.

Jackson watched her, and his Adam's apple unconsciously bobbed.

He approached a bit closer.

It was then he realized Oneida was shivering.

Oneida had fallen asleep, but her arms and shoulders trembled slightly, possibly from the cold.

Jackson spread out the clothing he held, ready to drape it over Oneida.

Unexpectedly, Oneida reflexively grabbed onto Jackson's slender fingers.

Caught off guard, he was pulled forward.

In the next instant, Oneida leaned into him.

Oneida wrapped her arms around Jackson like a small kitten seeking refuge, snuggling into his embrace.

Oneida still kept her eyes closed.

Her whole demeanor was hazy and disoriented,

Oneida was cold.

Deep down, Oneida desired to be near something warm.

Oneida clung to Jackson, wishing Oneida could burrow into his body.

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Jackson stood motionless, allowing her to hold onto him.

He could feel her soft skin and her tender form...

He found himself momentarily paralyzed.

After some time, Jackson slowly extended his arms and embraced the girl in front of him.

His fingers touched her skin, eliciting a shuddering sensation in his heart.

His gaze deepened, and his pupils dilated.

It seemed Oneida was dissatisfied and began to unbutton Jackson's shirt while her eyes remained closed.

Startled by her sudden action, Jackson instinctively held down her fidgeting hands, However, Oneida persisted, muttering as Oneida fumbled with his buttons, "Cold... this is warmer..."

Seeing her undo the top two buttons, Jackson suddenly stopped struggling.

"You..." He sighed with a hint of resignation.

No one had ever dared to treat him like this...

Oneida was the first.

After Oneida loosened just three buttons, the white shirt hung slightly open, revealing Jackson's firmly sculpted chest.

Oneida wasted no time pressing her face and neck against it.

This was the warmth Oneida sought.

This was the comfort Oneida needed.

Jackson tightened his embrace, as if bewitched, and couldn't help holding her closer.

The two were entwined like vines, their closeness undeniable.

In the serene air.

Jackson felt as if he could hear his own heartbeats. A bit faster than usual.

For some reason, holding Oneida like this, he actually felt a sense of tranquil contentment.

He, who typically disliked physical contact, found himself in such an unexpected moment... Time elapsed unknowingly.

Eventually, Oneida slowly opened her eyes.

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When Oneida's eyes fluttered open, her gaze immediately settled on the expanse of a man's chest...

It was then Oneida realized an astonishing fact-She was wrapped up in Knight's disheveled embrace...

And Oneida was holding on remarkably tight.

Oneida's complexion turned rigid, and in an instant, Oneida withdrew her arms before raising her wrist instinctively- With a "slap," Oneida landed a sharp smack across the face of the man before her.

Jackson was caught off guard. He also let go, waves of emotions rippling through his deep eyes. "But we agreed-you wouldn't..." Oneida's gaze bore into him, a tinge of anger flashing through her heart.

At the same time, a faint blush stained the tips of her ears, and a light flush of embarrassment colored her cheeks. "It was you who initiated it," Jackson responded with a complex expression, his eyes a profound abyss.

"Me?" Oneida's eyes widened slightly in disbelief. "How could I possibly..." Oneida cut herself off as flashbacks began to fill her mind. Just now, Oneida must have fallen asleep. And Oneida seemed to have dreamt. Oneida dreamt of shivering coldly, but fortunately, a grand furnace appeared beside her. Oneida faintly remembered embracing that warm refuge... Could it be that...

Oneida clenched her fingers, suddenly feeling guilty.

Jackson began to refasten his shirt buttons, glancing at Oneida with a detached expression. "If I had really been intending anything improper, I wouldn't have stopped at just three buttons," he said, his eyes meaningfully resting on her fair skin. Oneida felt her face burning even hotter.

Oneida thought to herself, 'What on earth did I just do?'

Suddenly, a piece of clothing fell over her head, covering her body just right.

Jackson had already straightened up, and his cool voice carried over, "Put your clothes on."

Leaving these words behind, he turned and walked away without looking back.

He returned to the fire, extinguishing it.

Oneida finished dressing and approached, her lips tightly pursed. Her voice softened as Oneida spoke, "About earlier... I'm sorry. I shouldn't have hit you. My apologies..."

This was the first time Oneida had ever apologized so meekly to someone.

For some reason, as Oneida locked eyes with Knight's profound gaze, Oneida felt especially remorseful.

Hearing her apology, Jackson's eyes settled on Oneida's face.

His gaze was dark and fathomless.

Who would have thought that he, Jackson, would be at the mercy of a young girl, played to the point of losing his composure?

"Let's go," Jackson changed the subject and strode forward. Seeing this, Oneida had no choice but to follow.

Jackson checked the rope, preparing to ascend with Oneida in tow. "Come here," he beckoned to Oneida, signaling her to come closer. Oneida obediently walked towards him.

But then, without warning, Knight's hand shot out, grasping Oneida around the waist.

The next second, her body was lifted up into the air. As Jackson used the rope to climb upwards, he held onto Oneida. It seemed effortless for him.

Yet Oneida's heart surged up and down, an unusual sensation blossoming from deep within.

Oneida thought to herself, 'He's actually carrying me like this...'

On one hand, Oneida admired his physical strength, and on the other- For some reason, Oneida felt a faint stir of emotion within her.

This was the first time Oneida'd been so completely and wholeheartedly protected by someone.

"Actually, you don't have to do this..." Oneida's voice came out muffled, "I can manage on my own..."

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Oneida was speaking the truth.

For Oneida, this level of climbing was a piece of cake.

But Jackson did not believe her.

Although he had come to realize his little wife was not as he had imagined, he had not yet come to the conclusion that Oneida had such astonishing abilities. So, he insisted on carrying Oneida as he climbed.

"Just hold on to me," Jackson instructed in a low, determined voice, and then, with pursed lips, he continued upward.

Oneida looked up, silently observing the man's profile.

His stunning features, shimmering uncertainly in the shadows, and the smooth elegance of his jawline were right before her eyes...

At that moment, Oneida actually found this man extraordinarily handsome... Oneida thought, 'What am I even thinking?'

Annoyed with herself, Oneida averted her gaze.

Oneida thought, 'What's gotten into me... Is it because I haven't seen Jackson for so long? Why is my heart so unstable at the sight of a man... I wasn't like this before. The Oneida of the past was mostly cold and callous.

And now, in front of Knight whom Oneida'd only met once, Oneida felt a faint stirring in her heart.

She felt she wasn't supposed to.

Oneida chanted Jackson's name in her heart. Oneida could not be unfaithful to Jackson.

Before Oneida knew it, the scenery brightened, and Oneida found herself back in the cave, carried by the man from the base of the cliff to solid ground again.

On the central stone table, there were considerably fewer gems.

However, these were not what concerned Oneida.

All Oneida wanted was to quickly go back and confront Ruby, that insidious and venomous woman.

"I need to get back to training camp, what about you?" With this thought, Oneida couldn't help but look at the man beside her and ask.

Jackson's gaze paused for a moment.

He had come here only to investigate Oneida's whereabouts and ensure her safety.

Now that his mission was complete, it was inconvenient for him to linger.

After all, his identity was also sensitive.

Yet silently, a sense of reluctance was growing within him.

It had been a long while since he'd seen Oneida, and now, after only a brief encounter, he found himself not wanting to part from her.

After a moment's pause, he simply said, "I have to leave as well."

Oneida nodded.

She knew that a busy man like Knight probably had a lot of things to do.

Oneida didn't try to keep him any longer, but with a sincere tone added, "In the future, if we have a chance to meet again, I will repay you."

In the future, Oneida might not meet him as Oneida, but when Oneida encountered Knight as someone else, Oneida would make it up to him. It would be her way of thanking him for today's events. Jackson assumed that Oneida was just being polite and absentmindedly nodded.

The two left the cave together and then parted ways at the cave entrance.

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"Mr. Johnson, it's getting late. How about we start? The students are waiting for us." The assistant looked at Curtis respectfully and suggested cautiously, "Those two students should be picked up soon. Don't worry too much." Curtis glanced at the students in the square.

Indeed, he couldn't let them wait for so long.

"Then let's start." Curtis nodded and rose from his chair.

Then, the graduation ceremony of Starr Training Camp officially began.

Students would hand in the gem they got from Misty Forest in order.

Many students abstained by firing a signal flare and did not reach the cave to get the gem, so their final test score was zero.

Only a dozen students passed through the difficulties of Misty Forest and got the gem.

Among them were Hendrick's team and Ruby.

These students walked to Curtis one by one and handed him the gem.

Curtis looked at the gems in front of him and found that they were neither big nor small...

He was a little curious about who would get the biggest one.

The student who could get the biggest gem was either cruel and smart, or strong and popular.

In short, that student would never be completely incompetent.

Curtis was looking forward to it.

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In the twinkling of an eye, Hendrick walked up to Curtis.

The handsome boy with cold eyes calmly took out a green gem and put it in front of Curtis.

This was the biggest gem Curtis had ever seen until now.

Hendrick was indeed awesome.

Curtis finally looked happy.

In fact, he also admired Hendrick.

This young man had a superior family background, but he had always been calm and self-restraint, rational and smart. He had super strength and a tenacious character.

Although Curtis admired Oneida most, Hendrick was also a rare genius in his eyes.

"Brilliant." Curtis smiled at Hendrick.

Seeing this, the other onlookers couldn't help but whisper with wide eyes.

"Wow... Hendrick is really something! His gem seems to be the biggest!"

"Hendrick is so cool. I was right. I always thought he was better than Oneida..."

"Oneida just benefited from Mr. Johnson. She hasn't come back from the Misty Forest yet..."

"Isn't Oneida always better than Hendrick? How come she failed the final test? She hasn't come back yet."

"It means that Oneida is not strong enough! Misty Forest is the biggest test. Hendrick, who has excellent strength, can easily pass the game. While Oneida, who is just an eye-candy, needs a teacher to save her..." "It's so funny. Misty Forest has really exposed Oneida!"

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On the other side.

Hendrick had returned to the line.

The last one to hand in the gem was Ruby.

Seeing Ruby walk up to Curtis, many students were surprised.

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"Holy crap... This is fake, right?"

"I suddenly feel so useless. Even Ruby found a gem, but I gave up halfway..."

"I also think I'm really useless, I can't even compare with Ruby..."

"It's ridiculous. How did Ruby do it? Wasn't she super weak?"

"I'm also curious. Didn't she team up with Oneida? Oneida didn't come back, and she found the gem alone?"

"Is Ruby a hidden genius?"

To everyone's confusion and surprise, Ruby took out her gem.

It was a water-blue gem, like the star of an ocean.

It was huge and beautiful.

In the dim light, it reflected the breathtaking light.

Ruby handed the gem to Curtis.

She looked unusually calm.

She knew she was going to win.

When the blue gem appeared, everyone was so surprised that they couldn't utter a word.

Including Curtis.

Who would have thought that Ruby's gem was much larger than Hendrick's?

How was that possible?

Ruby, who had been underestimated by everyone, scored the highest on this test.

Because she took out the biggest gem so far!

Curtis lowered his eyes and stared at the blue gem.

Only he knew that this gem was the largest one in Misty Forest!

Ruby was probably the first one to enter the cave.

How did she make it?

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After a moment of silence, he nodded at Ruby and said, "You got the biggest gem."

Hearing this, other students were surprised again.

'What the hell is going on? Ruby got the biggest gem? This is incredible... they thought. Meanwhile...

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After all, her previous performance was not outstanding at all. Now she suddenly overshadowed the two geniuses, Oneida and Hendrick, to become the best one... Everyone would be confused, right?

An idea popped into Ruby's mind and she said slowly, "Mr. Johnson, I know that my performance during the training has been very bad and I feel very uncomfortable inside. So, for this final test, I've prepared very carefully and trained myself very seriously. I want to prove myself. At least before I leave Starr Training Camp, I want to change your stereotype of me and turn the tables. I've been holding my breath, and now I finally make it."

Ruby said a lot seriously, and many people were moved by her words.

Ruby was really inspirational!

So it was not surprising that she could get the biggest gem.

Hearing this, Curtis looked at Ruby with a complicated expression.

Ruby's words made him less suspicious.

However, he felt something was wrong.

On the other side.

Hendrick was also looking at Ruby.

His facial features were slightly tightened, and there was a strange emotion in his eyes.

Even though she just said that, he didn't think that Ruby had the ability to get the biggest gem.

If hard work could make her leap a thousand miles, what did it need a genius for?

Hard work couldn't compare with talent sometimes.

Ruby couldn't completely have undergone a huge change in such a short time.

"Your test performance is unexpected, and I will re-rank you," Curtis looked at Ruby gently and said lightly.

Ruby's face flashed with joy when she heard this.

However, just then...

A clear sound of footsteps was heard.

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Oneida walked into the open-air square with an indifferent look.

Her hair looked a little messy, but it didn't look embarrassing at all. Instead, she looked refreshing and unruly.

*Oneida?!"

"Why is she here?"

Seeing the sudden appearance of Oneida, everyone widened their eyes in shock.

Shouldn't she still be in Misty Forest waiting for someone else to rescue her?

Ruby turned around and saw Oneida not far away.

They looked at each other and their eyes met.

It was like a faint spark came out of their eyes.

Oneida squinted slightly, and there was a chill in her eyes.

Her beautiful and delicate facial features seemed to be dyed with coldness.

She clenched her fists, her knuckles sticking out.

She exuded a chilly aura.

Ruby looked into Oneida's eyes as if she was about to freeze.

Her heart was trembling.

She didn't expect that Oneida was still alive!

Didn't she fall off the cliff?

Shouldn't she die without a grave?

However, Oneida just appeared in front of her.

Oneida seemed to be safe and sound.

Ruby clenched her fingers and remained calm even though she was on pins and needles.

She couldn't panic.

And she couldn't fall to pieces either.

"Oneida, you..." Curtis was also astounded.

"Mr. Johnson." Oneida stopped looking at Ruby and cast her glance at Curtis. She said in a cold voice, "The gem on Ruby's hand should have belonged to me." Hearing this, everyone was in an uproar.

Oneida continued, "Ruby is my teammate. I carried this loser to the cave where the gem was hidden by myself. As the first to arrive at the cave, we naturally saw the largest gem. "As captain, I took the biggest one. Unexpectedly, Ruby was jealous. She intended to push Matthias and me off the cliff. She wanted to kill us and then steal my gem!"

Hearing this, everyone was shocked to the core.

What a novel plot!

Ruby pushed them off the cliff and killed them...

The story was more unbelievable than a novel! 1/4

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Curtis paused and didn't speak for a moment.

Ruby didn't panic, but sneered and looked at Oneida with burning eyes. "Oneida, why did you slander me?"

"I got the gem by my strength, and you slandered me because of jealousy!"

"Oneida, you don't have to do this."

Ruby was going to deny it.

Oneida had no evidence. As long as Ruby denied it, no one could do anything to her!

Hearing Ruby's words, everyone wavered.

Originally, they had believed Oneida's words, but when Ruby retorted like this, they became uncertain again.

What Ruby said also made sense.

Oneida had no evidence. If it was a slander, they would wrong Ruby, right?

"Oneida, if Ruby really snatched your gem, you have to prove it!" said a student suddenly.

Hearing this, the others also echoed, "That's right."

"You and Ruby have different sayings. Who knows which one of you is telling the truth and which one is telling a lie?"

"If you ask me, maybe Oneida was jealous when she saw Ruby outshone her. That's why..."

Suddenly...

"I am the evidence."

A cold and low voice sounded in everyone's ears.

Everyone subconsciously looked in the direction of the sound.

It was Matthias who spoke.

The boy looked a little embarrassed. His short hair was slightly messy, and his clothes were stained with dust.

All eyes fell on Matthias who suddenly appeared.

Oneida frowned slightly and looked at Matthias with a complicated expression.

What did Matthias go through after she fell off the cliff?

Why did he show up now?

Matthias was also looking at Oneida.

Seeing that his beloved girl was safe, he finally felt relieved.

Previously, he was trapped by Ruby in the storage room of the cave.

In order to get out, he tried to figure out the control mechanism of the stone gate and then escaped from inside.

He almost got trapped in there.

After leaving the cave, he rushed there without stopping.

Like Oneida, he wanted to expose Ruby's crimes.

"I can prove that what Oneida said is true because I am a bystander and a victim."
Matthias's lips moved slightly, an

Everyone was surprised and hesitant.

Who should they trust?

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said this forcefully.

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Seeing that Matthias also appeared, Ruby felt a sharp pain in her head.

Ruby thought, 'Shouldn't they all be dead?

'Oneida, Matthias...

'Why are they both back?'

Ruby was a little unstable. She took a deep breath and tried to calm herself down.

Her eyes fell on Oneida and Matthias.

"You two are close..." Ruby suddenly lowered her eyes with a grievance on her face.
"And I'm the one who is excluded. When we were in Misty Forest, you always stood together, but I was excluded."

She raised her head and stared at Matthias coldly. "Matthias, I'm not surprised that you lied for Oneida's sake. After all, you're always on Oneida's side, aren't you?"

Many people were moved by Ruby's aggrieved look.

That was right.

Oneida and Matthias teamed up to slander Ruby, which was very possible!

""You don't have to quibble anymore."

At that moment, Oneida, who had been silent, suddenly said coldly, "I have evidence."

Evidence?

Hearing this, Ruby couldn't help but clench her fingers.

At that time, there were only three of them in the cave, and no fourth person would know about it.

Where did Oneida get the evidence?

Oneida looked at Curtis calmly.

This gray-haired old man had deep eyes and a silent face, which made others unable to see his emotions.

"Mr. Johnson," Oneida smiled and said in a relaxed tone, "if I'm not mistaken, the gem you put in the cave should have a mystery."

Hearing this, Curtis paused.

Oneida actually saw it through...

"The gems in Misty Forest are not real gems, but artificial gems," Oneida continued, looking Curtis in the eye.

This shocked the others again.

What?

How could such beautiful gems be artificial?

"The gems are embedded with very invisible mini-cameras." Oneida looked indifferent, and she told everyone what she found.

At the first sight of the gems, she found it.

These gems weren't real ones.

And they were tampered with, and there were nano cameras inside.

This was another big trap prepared by Starr Training Camp for the students!

Many students got the gem and thought it was a great success, but their performances after getting the gem wer

ght on camera.

Presumably, the content in the camera would also be the basis for the final rank.

A smile played around Curtis' lips. He looked at Oneida with appreciation in his eyes. "Oneida, you're right. There is indeed a camera inside. For those students who get the gem, your behavior has been recorded by the gem."

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Hearing this, Ruby was shocked.

So were the others.

They never expected that this gem would have such a mystery.

Oneida smiled at Curtis and said, "Then please play the video from the gem."

Curtis nodded.

That was what he wanted to do.

"Wait!"

Suddenly, Ruby, who had been silent, yelled.

Her face was turning pale.

The original calm look was finally broken.

Ruby's shoulders trembled, looking flustered and unwilling.

She clenched her fists and said through gritted teeth, "No need."

"There's no need to check the video. Oneida is right. I am indeed a villain..."

Ruby knew that once the video was played, the truth would come out.

What she did in the cave would be witnessed by everyone present.

In that case, it would only be more embarrassing.

It was better to admit it now.

Ruby's quick admission caught everyone off guard.

"What? I defended you just now, and it turns out that you are really the one who did bad things!" Someone roared at Ruby with righteous indignation. "Fortunately, there is a video. Otherwise, I will be fooled by you!"

"Ruby, are you shameless?"

"This is outrageous. No matter how much you hate someone and want to get good grades, you shouldn't kill her..."

"Yeah, this woman is so terrible. She didn't admit it just now..."

Ruby heard countless accusations and abuses.

She just bit her lip and said nothing.

She didn't think she was wrong.

She was the kind of person who could do anything for her end.

Too bad...

She met a much stronger opponent this time.

That was why she lost so badly.

Ruby thought, 'Oneida, you're really something. You can come back alive after falling off the cliff.

'I underestimated you...

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Just then...

The sound of the police car suddenly rang.

Before long, several uniformed policemen rush into the open-air square and run to Ruby!

Almost instantly!

Ruby was subdued by them.

"Click!"

Ruby's wrists were also handcuffed with cold handcuff's!

You... You guys?" She couldn't help but widen her eyes and looked at everything in front of her in disbelief.

Why did these policemen suddenly show up?

Oneida slightly raised her chin and said to Ruby indifferently, "I have called the police on my way here. Ruby, this is an attempted murder. Let the law punish you!" Hearing this, Ruby took a deep breath. She clenched her fists and looked at Oneida angrily. "Oneida..."

That was cruel.

How could Oneida let the police arrest her so quickly?

"Hurry up and come with us!" Seeing Ruby standing still, the policeman ordered her coldly.

Ruby was taken away by the police.

This extraordinarily ridiculous farce finally came to an end.

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"Alright, let's just pretend that she doesn't exist." Curtis shook his head helplessly.

Starr Training Camp had been held for so many years, and it was really lively this year.

First, Leslie pulled the strings and let Zachary sneak in, and then a vicious student like Ruby entered the training camp.

Both of them almost got into trouble!

Curtis thought that Starr Training Camp would have to be rectified in the future.

The interrupted graduation ceremony continued.

Oneida undoubtedly ranked first in the final test, while Matthias was second.

They were the first to enter the cave, so they got the two biggest gems.

The third place was Hendrick.

Only Oneida, Hendrick, and Matthias were rated as Rank S in the final test.

Yelena, however, slipped from Rank S to Rank A because of her poor performance in the final test.

The rank of other students didn't change much.

Then, a medal engraved with the S was handed to Oneida.

This medal was undoubtedly a symbol of honor.

Of course, in addition to medals, graduates with Rank S also received huge bonuses.

The other students had long been envious.

No one expected that a girl from Regular Class would become the most dazzling star in Starr Training Camp this year... After the graduation ceremony, all the students packed up and went home.

Oneida was no exception.

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After the training, students didn't need to take a shuttle back. They could choose their own mode of transportation and leave. After saying goodbye to Matthias, Oneida was about to go back in the luxury car of the Bane family.

She waited by the roadside for a while.

A pure black luxury car suddenly stopped beside her and honked at her.

Oneida didn't look up, directly opened the car door, and got in the back seat.

The car door was closed.

The car restarted and headed for the road.

Oneida had been looking at her phone.

During the training, her phone was always turned off.

Now, it was just turned on.

Many missed calls, texts, and messages appeared on the screen.

There was a message from Jackson.

According to the time, it should be the day when the training began. Jackson sent a message to her.

It read, [Take care of yourself. Don't get hurt. Don't try to be brave and I'll wait for you.]

Oneida read these words several times.

She felt warm in her heart.

Jackson...

Before she came to the training center, Jackson had been avoiding her.

She thought Jackson wanted to ignore her.

Unexpectedly, Jackson immediately sent such a message to her.

Did this mean that he still cared about her?

Oneida smiled sincerely.

She slid the screen and continued to read the messages.

Jackson only sent her one message. Oneida didn't expect that Christopher would send her many messages.

[Ida, can I see you?]

[Ida, why didn't you reply to me?]

[I just learned that you attended Starr Training Camp. It doesn't matter. I will wait for you to come back.]

[Ida, I don't know if you can see it, but I really missed you today...]

Even an hour ago, Christopher sent her a message.

[Ida, today is the end of your training. Can I pick you up?]

Christopher was coming to pick her up?

Oneida's finger paused.

At this time, a cold and clear voice suddenly came from the driver's seat ahead. "Ida, why don't you say something?"

It was Christopher!

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Damn!

Oneida almost smashed her phone.

She got in Christopher's car before she knew it. She thought it was sent by the Bane family!

"Christopher." Oneida's face stiffened and called him dully.

"Yes, I'm here." Holding the steering wheel, Christopher wore a rare smile on his handsome face.

Oneida turned off her phone and said coldly. "Stop the car?"

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Oneida uttered these words coldly.

Christopher was stunned.

He narrowed his eyes slightly, and a trace of disappointment flashed across his eyes.

"Ida, I just want to take you home. I am not taking you somewhere else..." Christopher sighed softly and said helplessly.

He was still on the steering wheel and had no intention of stopping.

Oneida sneered, "I don't need you to send me."

"You, stop the car," Oneida narrowed her eyes and said in an unquestionable tone.

A frown crossed Christopher's brow.

He didn't understand why Oneida had such a big change in her attitude towards him in this life...

Obviously, those things in her previous life had not happened yet.

"Ida, we're almost there. It's inconvenient for me to stop and let you go..." Christopher explained gently with patience.

Oneida still didn't buy it. "You don't have to worry about that. Just stop the car."

Hearing the girl's cold voice, Christopher clenched his fingers slightly.

"Ida, I said that I would woo you." He pursed his thin lips and continued, "Sending you home is also a way for me to woo you." His voice was firm and even domineering. "Don't refuse me."

Oneida opened her eyes slightly and felt resentful.

Christopher...

How dare he woo her?

In this life, she had made up her mind to stay away from this man. Why did he want to get close to her?

Christopher didn't do anything to hurt her in this life.

However, she would never get over the unforgettable pain and despair in her previous life.

She would never forgive him.

Before Oneida knew it, the car stopped.

Christopher's voice sounded in her ear again. "Ida, Garrison Mansion is here."

Hearing this, Oneida didn't hesitate or say a word. She directly pushed open the car door and walked out.

Christopher immediately chased her out of the car.

"Ida..." He called her in a low voice and tried to reach out his hand to stop her.

Unexpectedly, his hand was quickly dodged by Oneida.

Just then...

Oneida turned abruptly.

She looked straight at Christopher with her clear eyes.

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"You..." Oneida's eyes darkened and her tone suddenly lowered. She seemed to think of some painful memory, go..."

aid helplessly, "Please let me

Oneida asked Christopher to let her go...

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At that moment, Oneida looked particularly fragile.

Seeing all this, Christopher felt heartbroken.

For a moment, he really wanted to do what Oneida said,

He would let her go and never bothered her again...

However, he came to his senses in an instant.

How could he let her go!

It was impossible.

Oneida was his beloved woman in two lifetimes. In his previous life, he got the wrong person and missed Oneida with regrets. In this life, he just wanted to leave no regrets. "Ida..." Christopher's thin lips moved slightly, and there was affection in his dark eyes. "L..."

As soon as Christopher said a word, there was a sudden sound of footsteps beside him.

Victor pushed Jackson and approached them slowly.

Although Jackson was sitting in a wheelchair, he had a handsome face with cold and arrogant eyes. He exuded an overbearing aura all over.

He was like a king in a high position, looking down on everything.

Oneida froze for a moment when she saw Jackson suddenly appear.

For a moment, she pursed her lips and didn't know what to say.

She was afraid that Jackson would misunderstand her.

Although she and Jackson were a nominal married couple, she never intended to cuckold him.

But Jackson was looking at Christopher.

Christopher was also looking at Jackson.

The two handsome men looked at each other deeply.

This was the first time that Christopher had met Jackson in this life.

Before that, Jackson had been living in Garrison Mansion and never showed up.

No one knew what the most orthodox heir of the Bane family looked like and whether he was as ugly and incompetent as people said. However, Christopher had memories of a previous lifetime.

He knew that in the near future, Jackson would get rid of his wheelchair and make his name. Everyone would be shocked by his talent. He stared into Jackson's eyes.

He saw coldness and danger in Jackson's deep eyes.

"Jackson..." Suddenly, Oneida called in a low voice.

She, who had always been calm and indifferent, showed a rare look of anxiety.

Unexpectedly...

Jackson didn't respond to her or speak. Instead, he reached out and clasped Oneida's slender wrist.

The next second.

The handsome and noble man pulled Oneida to his side.

Oneida was caught off guard. She leaned forward and sat heavily on Jackson's lap!

"Jackson... your legs..." Oneida and Jackson were very close. She raised her eyes in a panic, and the tip of her nose touched his cheek.

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With that, she was about to get up.

Jackson's legs might still be injured. If she sat on his lap like this, it would make his legs worse!

Unexpectedly, Jackson suddenly put his big palm around Oneida's waist.

Men had a lot of strength.

This made Oneida unable to get up at all and could only continue sitting on Jackson's lap.

The distance between them seemed to be shortened.

Oneida's cheeks soon turned red.

She didn't expect that she would flirt with Jackson while others were watching.

Jackson hugged Oneida in front of him tightly. He looked at Christopher coldly and said in a casual but cold tone, "Mr. Faraday, what did you want to do to my woman just now?" Jackson deliberately emphasized the words "my woman".

Hearing this, Christopher darkened his face instantly.

Sure enough.

Although Oneida's attitude changed a lot in this life, Jackson still remained the same.

As in his previous life, Jackson was still into Oneida and loved her deeply.

Christopher pursed his thin lips and felt annoyed.

Christopher thought, 'In my previous life, Oneida was only into me, while Jackson was just an idiot who couldn't get Oneida.

'In this life, it is a mess.

'It's all messed up.

'Why did Oneida get involved with Jackson so early?'

Christopher felt a headache.

He said coldly, "I didn't do anything to her..."

Jackson narrowed his eyes slightly.

At that moment, his icy demeanor and commanding aura were fully unleashed.

"I only believe what I see."

Jackson paused word by word and said with force.

Oneida's heart beat faster when she heard this.

Her eyes fell on Jackson's ears carelessly, not daring to look at others.

Then Jackson reached out his other hand.

Oneida's palm was held by his slender fingers.

Jackson gently stroked her hand with his cold fingertips, looking intimate and ambiguous.

"Mr. Faraday, please behave yourself."

Jackson said in a cold and dangerous tone.