

The Kiss 861

Chapter 861

Ellinor got up from Theo's arms, facing Patricia. She easily crossed her arms and said, 'I don't have physical evidence, but my shared memories with Theo are enough to convince him.'

Patricia didn't let it go. She questioned, "It's been so long, memories can be distorted! The one who saved Theo was clearly me! I just forgot the details at that time, and you just happened to guess the answer!"

I remember now I only gave Theo a piece of dry bread every day because I was afraid that bringing more food would expose my secret getaway. Moreover, as far as I know, you didn't live in the mountain village where Theo was injured when you were a kid. Why would a kid like you be so far away from home? This shows you're obviously lying!" Ellinor chuckled, 'Ms. Howard, you're really not giving up, are you? Let me explain it in detail'

I grew up in a monastery. Back then, the one who adopted me, Karan, took me to the mountain in that village to collect herbs, so we stayed in the villager's house for a while

One day, I got lost from Karan on the mountain, so I decided to go down the mountain and go back to the village by myself. On the way down, I heard someone coughing in the bushes, then I found Theo, who was seriously injured and bitten by a venomous snake!

I was learning traditional medicine from Karan since I was a kid, so I knew how to deal with these injuries and venom. I sucked out the snake venom for Theo, applied herbs, and bandaged the wound.

In the beginning, I thought Theo was blind and even mute due to the snake venom because he completely ignored me. No matter what I said, he didn't respond

Later, I would pass by there every day on purpose, give Theo a piece of dry bread, and lend him some water from my bottle.

Gradually, Theo probably felt that I had no ill intentions. Only then he said thank you to me for the first time. At that time, I realized he was not mute.

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you ask me why I only gave the injured person dry bread to eat, it's because I grew up in a monastery. I wouldn't have any other delicate food, so I could only share my own dry bread with him.

And you, Ms. Howard, you've been living a privileged life since you were a kid. Everything you eat, wear, and use is the highest grade, freshest, and most expensive. It's probably not easy to find a piece of dry bread in your living environment, right? You said you were the one who saved Theo, then where did you find the dry bread to give to him every day?

Patricia didn't know how to react. "..."

She couldn't find a suitable reason and was speechless.

Ellinor was really cunning, and she directly pointed to the question that she couldn't refute

"I don't remember Although my family's living conditions are good, we also eat dry bread. When I was a kid looking for food, I would definitely take whatever I could find..

Unable to find a suitable excuse, Patricia began to beat around the bush.

Theo took a couple of steps forward and gently put his hand on Ellinor's shoulder, expressing his firm stance without words. He coldly looked at Patricia and said, "Ms. Howard, are you still unwilling to admit that you impersonated my life savior?"

Facing Theo, Patricia became weak, "Theo, I have the bracelet you gave me. The one who saved you was really me..."

Theo said. "The bracelet was not directly given to you by me. The person responsible for delivering the bracelet made a mistake. I will punish him."

Hearing these words, Patricia felt cold in her heart, and she tried to win sympathy with tears again, "Theo, ..."

Ellinor couldn't stand her tears anymore, Ms. Howard, stop crying. No one will be moved by your tears! You not only impersonated the real-life savior for so many years but also made up a disease of infertility to pressure Theo, trying to cling to him for a lifetime. You're really shameless!"

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Patricia's sob story didn't pull any weight at all. Her eyes filled with resentment, glared at Ellinor, "No, no... Ellinor, you made up these lies to smear me! It's you! It's all your plot! You're out to get me! I won't let you have your way

Unable to turn the tide, Patricia lost her cool and dropped her act. She lunged at Ellinor, trying to choke the life out of the one who kept screwing up her plans...

Yet, she didn't even manage to lay a finger on Ellinor before Theo had her wrist in a firm grip. "What do you think you're doing?"

Patricia didn't dare to lash out at Theo, she defended herself through tears, "Theo, you can't believe what this woman is saying! Don't trust her!

Ellinor, she's a girl from a poor family, she wants riches and luxury, everything she's done is to win your favor, so she's trying her best to drive a wedge between us, that way she can successfully become a rich lady! You absolutely can't trust her

Theo's brows furrowed in disgust, but he never laid a hand on a woman.

After pushing Patricia away in annoyance, he looked coldly at Balfour nearby and demanded, "Aren't you going to rein in your sister?"

Balfour was nearby and instinctively wanted to protect Ellinor when Patricia charged at her. Luckily Theo was quick enough to shield Ellinor first.

Patricia was pushed a meter away by Theo, and her emotional state deteriorated further. She looked to Balfour for help, Balfour, Ellinor is smearing me, bullying me...Balfour, you have to stand up for me..

Xenia walked over, sympathetically helped her daughter up, and angrily said, "Balfour, look at what Patri has been put through. Aren't you going to do something? How can you let an outsider slander Patri like this!

She knew that even though Balfour didn't give two hoots about his stepmother, he always cloted on Patri and would never tolerate anyone hurting her!

Balfour looked coldly at Xenia and Patricia, and he said without an ounce of warmth, "You two disgust mer

His words shocked both Xenia and Patricia

Patricia ran into Balfour's arms, crying. "'Balfour, how could you not believe me..."

Balfour mercilessly pushed her away, "Believe you? After all the lies you've told, all the people you've deceived you don't even feel ashamed now that you've been exposed?"

This time, Patricia was pushed two meters away and almost fell to the ground

She had never been treated so coldly by Balfour since she was a child. She couldn't handle it!

After regaining her balance, Patricia still defended herself through tears, "Balfour. I didn't. I was really slandered...

Looking at her like this, Balfour's eyes were filled with contempt and disgust, "You're beyond redemption."

Meanwhile, Ellinor yawned. With everything settled, she wanted to go home and sleep,

Before leaving Ellinor calmly looked at the hospital bed, first at McNeil Howard, who had been silent all this while. She found him cold and weird.

Despite so many things involving his wife and daughter happening, he always remained a bystander, not participating, not speaking, not intervening.

Seriously, this man had no sense of responsibility.

Ellinor shifted her gaze to Byran on the bed.

At this moment, Byran looked pate and upset, his trust had been completely shattered.

He had been listening to the conversation between Ellinor and her sister for quite some time. Even if he was slow, he roughly understood the situation.

His sister had deceived Theo, She never saved Theo but had been pretending to be sick and fooling everyone for so many years...

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His mom tried to harm Ellinor by spiking her pomegranate juice with a substance that could cause miscarriage. He ended up in the hospital because he mistakenly drank that poisoned juice

His own mom and sister were faking their identities. They were nothing like the kind and caring people he once thought they were!

Ellinor saw the breakdown in Byran's heart. She helplessly shook her head and said to him, 'Byran, you need to take care of yourself and wise up

Byran snapped out of his thoughts and looked at Ellinor. He had a frown on his face, wanting to say something, but he felt too ashamed about his mother and sister's actions. He pursed his lips and chose to stay silent.

"Theo, let's go."

Ellinor naturally took Theo's hand, leading him away.

Theo agreed. He held her hand tightly and left with her.

They had only taken a few steps when Patricia grabbed Theo's sleeve. "Theo, don't go... let me explain... it's not like how Ellinor described it..."

Ellinor yawned and glanced at Patricia. She lazily picked at her ear, not saying a word.

Theo looked at Patricia with a hint of impatience on his face.

"Ms. Howard! I've been bending over backward for you out of gratitude for years. You should be satisfied if you bother my wife again and upset her, I won't be polite!"

With that, he coldly shrugged her off.

Theo, hand in hand with Ellinor, walked out of the hospital room.

Patricia was not willing to give up. She wanted to chase after them but was stopped by Balfour.

"Enough! What are you chasing after them for? Have some dignity!"

Patricia had lost her mind. She was crying her eyes out, "Balfour, you have to believe me! Everything is a plot by Ellinor. That bitch will stop at nothing to steal Theo from

me...

Balfour had some sibling affection left for Patricia until she said the word "bitch." His face immediately turned gloomy. He squinted his eyes, "What did you say?"

Patricia angrily said, "Balfour! I said I was innocent! Everything that happened today is because of that bitch, Ellinor

Smack!

A slap landed hard on Patricia's face. Balfour put a lot of force into it.

"Watch your mouth! Balfour's face was dark, warning her sternly.

Patricia was hit so hard that her ears were ringing, and her hair was a mess.

She couldn't believe it, covering her burning face and staring wide eyed at Balfour, who had always been too gentle to hurt her. She cried bitterly, "Balfour, you hit me. You actually hit me for Ellinor? You used to spoil me the most, but for Ellinor, you could do this to me..."

Balfour felt that this sister of his never changed. She was truly disappointing and not worth any sympathy

"I don't have time to deal with you right now. You should think about what you've done!*

After saying this coldly, Balfour walked out the door with long strides.

Chapter 864

"Balfour, Balfour "

Patricia sank to the floor, her heart torn to pieces, tears falling like rain

It was all over Everything she'd worked so hard for all these years was destroyed by Ellinor today!

Even Balfour had turned against her. What could she possibly do now.

Seeing her once beloved daughter labeled as a menace and slapped hard across the face, Xenia was filled with heartache and womed about Patricia's situation!

She glared at the silent McNeil Howard 'McNeil, say something! Your son hit our daughter. As a father, shouldn't you have something to say?

McNeil Howard sat there calmly, his slightly aged face still handsome, now with a touch of the wear and wisdom of the time.

"The daughter you raised, just like you, does whatever it takes to get what she wants! You reap what you sow. Everything that happened today is your own doing

Xenia's face darkened with dissatisfaction, McNeill How could you talk about me and our daughter like that? All these years, haven't I been nothing but devoted to the Howard family? Why can't I earn even a word of praise from you?!"

McNeil Howard no longer wanted to talk. He lowered his gaze, lost in thought.

He recalled the girl called Ellinor, who reminded him of Martine when she was young Was he being delusional?

Xenia couldn't control her emotions anymore, McNeill I'm talking to you, and you're ignoring me again! Why are you always so cold to me? Even if you've lost patience with me, you should at least act like a father to our daughter!"

Patricia had lost her brother's trust and affection, and now all she could hope for was her father's support, Daddy! Have you misunderstood me too? Don't listen to Ellinor. She has ulterior motives. Everything was her meticulous planning."

"Enough!"

The one who cut off Patricia was Byran, lying weak and irritated on the hospital bed.

Byran had never spoken to his mother and sister in such a tone before

Patricia was stunned. "Byran, you.

Xenia reprimanded him unhappily. 'Byran, why are you raising your voice? You've scared your sister!!

At this moment, Byran was truly fed up. He couldn't stand seeing his mother and sister so unrepentant. He despised them!

The kind of people he despised the most turned out to be his closest relatives?

But he had no choice, they were his biological mother and sister!

"All of you, get out! I need some peace and quiet! If you keep arguing like this, even if I don't die from my illness. I'll be driven to death by your incessant bickering!"

Chapter 865

Byran was yelling his lungs out.

Xenia and Patricia were both scared stiff

McNeil Howard didn't bat an eye. He calmly got up, grabbed his jacket hanging on the back of the chair, and said coolly 'Byran, you chill out, okay? Ring the bell if you need anything, the nurse will come."

With that, McNeil Howard walked out with his jacket, telling Xeria. "If you want your kid to stay healthy, don't go getting him all riled up now

He was gone before his words even echoed away.

Xenia frowned, thinking about how her daughter was now out of favor in the Howard family, and her only hope for the future was her son Byran.

So she didn't dare to provoke her son anymore and had to drag her daughter away.

The mother-daughter duo came out of the room, didn't see McNeil Howard, only saw a few bodyguards arranged by Balfour at the door

After the meltdown Patricia just had she was drained and sat down weakly on the bench at the entrance, asking her mother fearfully, "Mom, what do we do now? Even Balfour won't help me! Theo might never see me again."

Xenia was also left in a fog by Ellinar today. Her mind was in a total mess, without any clue

"Path, I don't know what to do either. Today, after being messed up by Ellinor, our situation in the Howard family will be super awkward. Your grandparents never liked me to begin with. Once they find out about the pomegranate juice. I don't know how they'll deal with me."

"Mom, are we just going to sit and wait for their decision? I can't accept it! I can't accept it! I've been listening to you since I was little, trying so hard to be a good girl. Imitating that missing Pearl Howard, pleasing my brother and my grandparents I've managed to win their favor so successfully and now I'm going to lose it all in an instant. Most importantly the relationship between Theo and me that I've worked so hard to maintain for so many years now is all gone."

Xenia also felt that they couldn't just sit and wait for death, Patri, you calm down first. Think carefully again. Does that Ellinor have no weaknesses at all?"

Patricia thought carefully and shook her head, "That woman really doesn't seem to have any weaknesses. She doesn't have any family. There's nothing to hold her back. She grew up in the countryside, has experienced hardship, and has been through everything That's why she's always been able to easily escape from the traps I meticulously set, even turning the tables on me and getting me hurt by my own trap more than once"

Xenia's eyes flickered, She grew up in the countryside do you know the exact address of where she lived when she was a child??

Patricia shook her head, "I don't know But this shouldn't be hard to find out, send someone to check, we should know soon. Mom, why are you asking this?"

Xenia said thoughtfully I was thinking she has no weaknesses in Greenhaven because she never lived here since she was a child let's go check out where she used to live! Everyone might have some unknown circumstances from childhood to adulthood! Even if she really has no bad past, we can make up some stories!"

Patricia's red swollen eyes lit up again, "Mom, you mean..."

Xenia nodded silently to her daughter. "Patri, it's hard for us to change the current situation in the Howard family now, so we have to find another way

What Ellinor said today all made sense, and we didn't find a reasonable rebuttal. Now the only way is to have Ellinor's character questioned and confirmed by her old acquaintances, making Ellinor a complete fraud, and naturally, all her words would become incredible!"

Patricia's hope was reignited, 'Mom! Then you send someone to do this right away! This time, we must make Ellinor fall into a difficult situation. That's the only way to vent my resentment!*

Chapter 866

Ellinor was about to get in the car when she heard someone softly calling her name from behind.

She paused, turning around to see Balfour striding towards her

"Ellinor, can I have a moment of your time? There are some things I'd like to discuss with your Balfour said gently

A small frown creased Ellinor's brow. She thought for a moment, then turned to the man standing beside her, 'Theo, there's a shop up ahead. Could you grab me a bottle of yogurt? I'm thirsty

Couldn't Theo tell that Ellinor was trying to ditch him?

In the past, he would never have allowed her to talk privately with another man, but things were different now. He knew Balfour was Ellinor's biological brother.

They were siblings separated for many years. Since Ellinor was willing to talk to him, he couldn't deny Balfour some respect.

Theo nodded slightly, ruffling Ellinor's hair lightly. Sure, I'll go get it

Then he turned and walked slowly towards the shop

As Theo receded into the distance. Balfour looked at Ellinor, 'Let's go to the garden up ahead. The car parks full of exhaust I wouldn't want you to feel sick.

Ellinor nodded Since she had agreed to stay and chat, she wouldn't mind walking a bit farther

They arrived at the hospital garden, where Balfour found a place to sit, taking off his jacket to cushion the stone bench, Ellinor, sit here."

Ellinor made no fuss and sat down

Balfour then neatly arranged his trouser legs and gracefully sat next to her.

"Mr. Howard, spit it out. I need to get home," said Ellinor

Balfour helplessly looked at her, I'm sorry I actually wanted to invite you over for a nice meal today but then this unpleasant incident happened. You even almost hurt your baby'

Ellinor smirked, "Your family has caused me enough trouble. A simple apology won't cut it."

Balfour's brows knitted together his eyes full of guilt. "You really won't come back home?"

'Of course I will! Ellinor replied without hesitation

Balfour's eyes brightened Was she willing to come back home?

Ellinor continued, I'm going home with Theo later."

Balfour was stunned before he let out a bitter laugh, Does the Blanchet family's house feel like home to you?"

Ellinor shook her head. "It is just a big house to me, nothing special. My home is wherever Theo, the man who truly cares about me, is."

Balfour's feelings were quite mixed. As her brother, he didn't even get to choose the man for his sister, and she had already married.

"As long as Theo makes you happy. that's what matters. If he ever dares to betray you, just tell me, and I'll teach him a lesson

Ellinor smiled, "If he's not faithful to me, then I won't need him anymore. You don't have to help me teach him a lesson. I, Ellinor, would rather be alone than settle for just anybody!"

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Balfour's gaze faltered for a moment as he admired the strength in his sister.

This was his sister, who was bold in her love and hate, capable of both acceptance and letting go

She was nothing like Patricia, who only knew how to cry, complain, and play the victim.

He'd really misjudged her before, failing to see how atrocious Patricia was at acting.

Taking a deep breath. Balfour asked, 'Ellinor, you initially came to work with me to investigate why our mom left the Howard family with you years ago, didn't you?'

"Yep, spot-on! Ellinor admitted openly

She had nothing to hide now so she might as well lay all the cards on the table.

Balfour let out a sigh and said, 'There's no need to look into it anymore. I'll tell you everything you want to know

Ellinor squinted her bright eyes mockingly, "You'll tell me that our mom messed up, got caught in the act, and was booted out by the Howards?"

Balfour frowned at her, 'Ellinor, I didn't want to believe it either but I did see Mom leaving a hotel with another man back then."

Ellinor laughed, "So seeing is believing? I've walked out the front doors of hotels with different men loads of times! By your logic, I've had something with every single one of them?"

Balfour frowned, "Don't spout nonsense!"

Ellinor rolled her eyes at him dismissively, "No matter what happened back then, I believe Mom isn't that kind of woman!"

Balfour was heartened to see his sister firmly defending their mother. He nodded. "Hmm, I also believe Mom isn't that kind of person. That's why I've been having people investigate the incident over the years. But we've never been able to find anything conclusive."

Ellinor was disappointed in Balfour, 'Just because you can't find anything doesn't mean there's nothing to find! Use your brain; who would gain the most from Mom getting kicked out of the Howard family? They'd be the prime suspect! And you! You've taken a thief for your mother and switched sides at the first sign of change!"

Balfour didn't get angry even though his sister was chastising him. But he felt wronged

He'd never seen Xenia as a mother. For years, he was only nice to her because of Patricia, and he barely spoke to her otherwise

Not long after Mom left with Ellinor, Xenia showed up with a baby bump, forcing a marriage. Their grandparents, seeing the Howard heir in her belly, reluctantly let her in.

He suspected Xenia framed Mom to marry Dad, but he was just a student then and was powerless to investigate thoroughly.

Later, when he took over from his father, the first thing he did was reopen the case about Mom's supposed infidelity, hoping to clear her name.

Unfortunately, he still couldn't find any evidence of premeditation

He told Ellinor there was no evidence and asked her to stop digging

Not because he doubted Mom's character, but because he couldn't find the answer, which was just draining his energy and emotions.

So, he didn't want Ellinor to get stuck in the past like him, consumed by his failure to protect Mom and Ellinor

Without refuting Ellinor's accusations Balfour just sighed and asked "Ellinor, where did you and Mom go after she took you away? Why haven't you been living with Mom all these years?"

When asked why she hadn't stayed with Mom; Ellinor's expression became complex as her brows slightly furrowed, I'm not sure. I have a blurry memory of that time. All I know is Mom left me with the Mendoza family, and then she disappeared without a trace."

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Balfour squinted. "So you're saying Mom might still be alive?"

Ellinor took a deep breath. "I hope so, but I'm not sure I haven't found any clues about Mom, just some of her paintings that she left behind." Balfour sighed. Tve been looking for you and Mom all these years. Now that you're back, I'll have people keep looking for Mom."

Ellinor nodded. "Okay, thanks a ton, Mr. Howard. If you find any clues, please let me know"

She was all for more people joining the search for her mother.

In fact, she was really worried that her mom might have been killed after entrusting her to Arnold Mendoza

If Mom didn't feel danger was imminent, she believed her mom would never have left her in someone else's care.

Her mom must have had no other choice but to make this decision.

Balfour knew Ellinor must be thinking about their mom after noticing the look of despair on Ellinor's face.

After all these years, his little sister had been alone without Mom's company. She must have gone through hell.

He ached for her and wanted to give her a big hug, but he didn't dare

Balfour knew that Ellinor hadn't accepted him as her brother yet. The only reason she was sitting here talking to him was because of their mom.

Otherwise, she wouldn't keep calling him Mr. Howard, making their relationship seem so distant

Balfour had enough patience. He planned to slowly win her acceptance. He couldn't rush things

"Ellinor, it's okay if you don't want to acknowledge me. But could you promise me that you won't disappear on me again?"

Ellinor gave him a small smile. I'm with the Blanchet family. You can reach me anytime, Mr. Howard. But please, only contact me if it's about Mom. The Blanchets don't exactly roll out the red carpet for Howards

With that, Ellinor got up to leave. "I should get going. Theo's been waiting for me"

Balfour didn't try to stop her, knowing it would be futile. He simply got up and reminded her, "Take care on your way"

Ellinor waved without looking back and headed for the parking lot.

Balfour watched her retreating figure, wanting to follow but fearing it would upset her

Fortunately, the parking lot wasn't far, so he could still see her from where he stood.

It wasn't until he saw Ellinor reach Theo that he finally relaxed and picked up his coat, dusting it off.

As he prepared to leave he ran into his father, McNeil Howard

Ever since his mother left, his relationship with his father had been strained

McNeil asked. 'Balfour, what were you and Ellinor talking about?'

Balfour replied nonchalantly, "Nothing much I was just apologizing to the lady who saved Grandpa's life. Today's events must have upset her"

McNeil agreed and went on, "How did that girl marry into the Blanchet family?"

Balfour raised an eyebrow sarcastically, 'Are you interested in her?'

McNeil responded frankly, "I think she looks a lot like your mother when she was young."

Balfour laughed coldly, "You still remember my mother? Forgive me for being blunt, but you should be embarrassed to even mention her!"

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Balfour picked up his coat, bypassed his dad without a trace of emotion, and briskly walked out the door.

McNeil was used to his son's cold demeanor. He didn't get mad or blame him.

Ever since Marlinie took their daughter away, Balfour had been avoiding any conversation with his father.

Mr. Howard sat alone on the stone bench, squinting at what was happening across the parking lot

He saw Ellinor take the yogurt bottle that Theo had opened for her, have a big sip, and then hold it up high, ready to feed Theo

But when Theo was about to drink, she cheekily pulled the bottle away and ran off, as her face beamed with innocence.

McNeil himself didn't even realize the tenderness in his eyes.

That girl really reminded him of a young Marlinie.

It had been over a decade, and he wondered if Marlinie was doing well out there.

Back at the Blanchet villa. Theo headed straight upstairs to shower and change clothes.

Ellinor didn't go up with him. She said she was going to stay downstairs and watch TV, but in fact, she went to the kitchen.

After Theo finished work today, he went straight to pick her up from the Howard family's home. So much had happened since then that it was now dark and Theo hadn't had dinner yet.

She washed her hands, put on an apron, and decided to cook some noodles for Theo herself.

The servants wanted to help, but she shooed them away

She was just making a bowl of noodles, it wasn't rocket science. She could handle it herself, having someone help would only mess up her flow

As she was whipping up some eggs after chopping tomatoes, Ellinor heard someone storm into the kitchen.

She paid it no mind and continued to beat the eggs.

"Ellinor, what the hell is this about? Veronica roared while surveying the room

Ellinor glanced at Veronica while continuing to beat her eggs, "What's up? You want some of my noodles?

Veronica rolled her eyes, Who cares about your noodles? What was the deal with those things you had Devin send me today?"

Ellinor chuckled, "Oh, that. Those were gifts I personally picked out for you."

Veronica responded with annoyance, 'Gifts? You've got some nerve! I've never seen such cheap gifts in my entire life!'

As she said this, she was waving a book around.

Ellinor responded, "Cheap? I gave you some workbooks to help you improve your knowledge. Isn't that a good thing? Knowledge is the most valuable treasure in the world, not your useless shoes and bags."

Veronica sneered, 'I could accept that you think I need workbooks, but why are they for primary school students? What are you trying to say?'

Ellinor calmly replied, "I didn't mean anything by it. I was afraid you wouldn't understand the higher grade workbooks

Veronica felt greatly insulted and angrily retorted, "Ellinor, your IQs like a primary school student's! Your whole family's IQ is like a primary school student's!"

Ellinor casually laughed and replied, “Ms. Blanchet, if you’re so unhappy, then finish the workbook yourself and prove to me that you can do all the problems. If you can correctly complete half of them, I’ll buy you ten Hermès bags tomorrow. How does that sound?”

Chapter 870

Veronica was a total handbag junkie, but lately she had been on a shopping hiatus since her grandma put her credit cards on ice. So she wasn’t able to indulge in her favorite pastime, bag shopping

When she heard there was a chance to score ten Hermes bags. Veronica’s eyes lit up like a kids in a candy store. But she looked skeptically at Ellinor, who was from the wrong side of the tracks, “Do you have that kind of dough? How can you make such a big promise?

Ellinor just smiled, “Even if I don’t, your brother does. Don’t forget, all his moolah is with me now!”

This made Veronica’s day. She was hell bent on getting those ten Hermes bags.

“Ellinor, you said it! No take backs when I ve jumped through all the hoops”

Ellinor smiled back, “Don’t worry, I won’t back out! But don’t you want a bowl of noodles?”

Veronica gave a contemptuous look at the scrambled eggs in her hand, “I wouldn’t touch your noodles with a ten-foot polet Even my dog wouldn’t eat noodles made by a pauper like you!”

Having said that, Veronica, holding her workbook turned around to get cracking on her assignments, hoping to cash in on Ellinor’s promise of ten Hermes bags

But as soon as she turned around, she found herself face-to-face with her big bro

Theo had just taken a shower. He was dressed in a bathrobe, with his arms crossed while leaning against the kitchen door frame.

He was looking stormy as his eyes shot daggers at her

Veronica froze ‘Theo... When did you get here?’

Theo furrowed his brows, “Looks like you’ll never change your bratty ways”

Without saying more, he came over to straighten out his wayward sister.

Scared, Veronica backed away instinctively and took cover behind Ellinor, who was whisking eggs, Theo, I’m sorry! LLL

Theo barked, ‘Come here!’

Veronica tugged at Ellinor’s clothes helplessly as she shivered with fear, “Ellinor, save me...

Ellinor said, “Theo, could you fetch me an egg from the fridge? Im running low over here.”

Could he say no to her?

Theo shot Veronica a cold look, let out a sigh, and then turned around to get an egg for his wife

This gave Veronica the chance to make a run for it.

Once out of the kitchen, Veronica breathed a sigh of relief. But she was puzzled. Why did she instinctively hide behind Ellinor? And even asked her for help?

Did Ellinor actually bail her out?

She had always been mean to Ellinor and even insulted her, but Ellinor still came to her rescue.

Ellinor was such a weirdo and a huge pain in the butt!

She couldn't be bothered to think anymore, she had a workbook to finish.

She had ten Hermes bags to claim, nothing mattered more to her than those Hermès bags!

Back in the kitchen.

Theo fetched an egg, tapped it against the edge of the girl's bowl, cracked it open, and tossed the shell into the trash.

Then, with a reproachful look at her, he said, "Why do you still protect Veronica after she disrespects you like that?"

Ellinor, stirring the freshly added egg into the mix, said nonchalantly, "Oh? Did I protect her?"

He gently touched her cheek with his rough hand, 'You deliberately sent me off to fetch an egg and stopped me from disciplining her, weren't you protecting her?"