

The Unwanted Daughter: When Love Comes Too Late Novel

Chapter 291 A Dangerous Game Chapter 291 A Dangerous Game +5 Free Coins Unlike his nervous assistant , Ronald seemed to be in high spirits . All the anger he felt earlier had vanished without a trace when Preston appeared . With his hands tucked into his pockets , Ronald chuckled . " After all these years , this is probably the first time your tricks at stirring up trouble didn't work . That's got to sting , right ? I'm curious - how do you think he's feeling right now ? Care to describe it for me ? " His mocking tone only fueled the fire .

Preston's presence grew colder , his glare sharp enough to cut . He looked at Ronald like he was dead meat . It doesn't bother Ronald . He had been on the receiving end of that look for years - he was used to it . Instead of backing down , he leaned in with a grin . " Don't glare at me like that , Preston . Otherwise , I'll start thinking you're just upset because you lost the first round to me after all this time . " It was true . Preston was furious . But having Ronald say it out loud only worsened it . Still , Preston wasn't someone who lost his temper over a few words .

After a brief pause , he smoothed his emotions back into that untouchable , arrogant calm he was known for . " My dear brother , " he said coolly , " I didn't come to Cloudville for you . " As he spoke , he glanced deliberately toward the door - just where Tracy had stepped out moments before . Ronald's smile disappeared , his eyes turning dark and sharp . He had known all along that Preston would target Tracy . But Ronald was selfish ; he couldn't let her go . Whatever Preston planned , he would never allow it to succeed .

Sensing how much Ronald cared about Tracy only fueled Preston's excitement . The anger in his eyes shifted into a feverish glow , bordering on madness . He straightened his tie , every detail of his appearance flawless , but his voice was calm but laced with madness . 1/3 14:53 Fri , Sep 26 Chapter 291 A Dangerous Game " We'll be seeing each other a lot from now on . You'd better look forward to it . " With that , Preston swept out of the room , his men following like a royal entourage , his momentum overbearing . He carried himself like a conqueror , expecting everyone to bow before him .

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Ronald gave a low , disdainful laugh . " All show and no substance . " 54 +5 Free Coins The West family always loved to put on a show , but Preston was the worst - wearing a full suit even in the middle of summer . Did he not care if he broke out in a heat rash ? Once Preston left , Simon and the five men he had brought along were finally free . They let out a collective sigh of relief and exchanged a glance . None of them dared linger , but as they moved for the door , Ronald's bodyguards blocked their path . Simon's heart sank . Still , he forced himself to look bold .

" W - What do you think you're doing ? I'm telling you , my dad's the Deputy CEO of Jackman Enterprise ! " He didn't recognize Ronald , but judging from the way he had treated Tracy , he figured they were connected . And Tracy - well , she was just a nobody , someone who didn't deserve the life she had stolen . If Ronald was close to her , he couldn't be anyone important . That thought gave him more confidence . But then Ronald pointed straight at him and said , " Leave him . "

The rest , along with the evidence , hand them all over to the police ." His men were swift , trained , and efficient . In less than a minute , the others were dragged away , and the door was shut behind them . Now the room was silent , leaving only Ronald and Simon inside . Simon's confidence cracked . Panic rushed in . " W - What do you want from me ? " Ronald's smile deepened , dimples softening his face , making him look harmless . But under the dim light , his eyes glimmered with something chilling and strange . A shiver ran down Simon's spine .

It felt like a monster had locked onto him . 2/3 Chapter 291 A Dangerous Game +5 Free Coin
He tried to bolt for the door , but his foot caught on something . He stumbled forward and crashed to the ground . Crash ! The fall sent the bottles of wine from the table smashing onto the ground . The crash echoed through the room . Before Simon could groan in pain , Ronald's voice came from behind him , low and mocking . " Oh no . Look at your hand - bleeding all over the glass . Look at your eye ! How did that bottle end up stuck in your eye ? " Simon froze , stunned .

Instinctively , he raised a hand to check his eye . The fall had been hard , but his eye was fine - and his hand wasn't bleeding at all . Confused , he turned around and caught sight of Ronald calmly closing the camera he had used earlier to record Tracy . Simon had no idea what Ronald planned to do , but a deep , bone - chilling fear spread through him . His legs refused to work , so he scrambled on all fours toward the door . At last , his fingers closed around the handle - only to find it wouldn't turn . Panic surged . He pounded the door with both fists , shouting like a madman .

" Somebody ! Help ! Open the door ! Please , anyone ! " What Simon had forgotten was that he had chosen this room himself - the one with the best soundproofing in the entire hotel . And outside , not a single sound escaped . 14:53 Fri , Sep 26 Chapter 292 Eyes of Terror

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Simon had aimed to make Tracy experience the hopelessness of crying out for help without anyone showing up , yet he had no idea the consequences would strike back at him with equal force . Ronald placed the camera down , keeping that boyish grin on his face , though his tone came out like a sinister murmur . " Tell me , what exactly did you do to Tracy ? " Ronald stepped closer to Simon , flashing a warm , welcoming smile as he drew near at a leisurely pace .

He took his time with each step , but every one pounded against Simon's chest like a hammer , filling him with sheer dread . " Stay back ! You ... I'm telling you , my dad's the Deputy CEO of Jackman Enterprise , and if you mess with me , you're messing with the Jackmans . " If you want to keep living in Cloudville , you better let me go right now , or else ... or else you'll

regret it big time ! " Ronald paused at last , smirking . " The Jackmans , huh ? Man , that really freaks me out .

" In a flash , he bent down , picked up the shattered wine bottle from before , and weighed it in his palm . He looked at Simon , still grinning . " Which hand did you use to touch Tracy earlier ? " He tilted his head , looking innocently confused , but his chilling tone made Simon shrink back in fear , pressing his whole body against the door . " What are you going to do ? Don't come any closer! Ah- " Seeing Ronald raise the shattered bottle and thrust it toward him , Simon let out a horrified yell , raising his right hand on reflex to shield himself .

The sharp edges pierced right through Simon's palm , turning his fearful scream into a howl of pain . " Ah ! Ah- " Simon gripped his right hand , writhing in pain as he screamed . 1/3 14:53 Fri , Sep 26 Chapter 292 Eyes of Terror : +5 Free Coins He tried to jerk it away , but Ronald clung to the bottle , and Simon lacked the nerve to rip it free . The torment had him desperate to thrash on the ground , yet all he could do was hold his right hand aloft , howling to dull the suffering . Ronald acted like he couldn't hear the screams and asked , " Was it your right hand you used on Tracy ?

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" While speaking , his expression even showed curiosity , like he was just asking about the weather . Terror covered Simon's features , and he could only yell , too overwhelmed to form words . Ronald clicked his tongue lightly . " If you won't tell me , I'll just wreck both hands ." Before the petrified Simon could grasp the words , the bottle got wrenched from his right hand . The sharp ache made him tremble , and before another scream escaped , the shattered glass plunged into his left hand .

Blood spurted from the swift action , splattering on Ronald's face and creating a stark contrast with his fresh , cheerful appearance . He never stopped smiling , and the crimson spots turned that expression into something eerie and distorted , like a fiend emerging from the underworld . Right then , Simon truly understood what remorse meant . He never should have messed with Tracy . This guy was a monster ! " I crossed the line ... I really know I screwed up .

It won't happen again - let me go , please let me go ." Simon pleaded through snot and tears , his whole body shaking , whether from the pain or fear . A subtle whiff of pee drifted up from beneath him . Ronald wrinkled his nose in disgust . " With guts like yours , you still went after Tracy , tsk ! " " I swear I won't do it anymore . I'll keep my distance if I ever spot Tracy , and I'll vanish from her sight forever - please , just release me ! " 2/3 14:53 Fri , Sep 26 ...

Chapter 292 Eyes of Terror +5 Free Coins Ronald let out a quiet hum , acting as if he hadn't caught a single plea , and muttered to himself , " You ripped Tracy's shirt , so your eyes probably caught a glimpse of what they shouldn't have . Am I right ? " Simon's body shook harder , panic growing in his gaze . " No ... I didn't see anything , I swear I didn't ... Ah- " A pained shriek echoed as the shattered bottle was tugged from his left hand , then shoved viciously toward his eyes .

The hurt made Simon wish for death , but his will to live kicked in , prompting him to seize Ronald's wrist with his wounded hands . " Heh ! " Ronald laughed , his cheeks dimpling deeper

. He didn't brush off Simon's grip but used his free hand to clutch Simon's throat , slamming his head backward so he couldn't twist away . With the bottle in his other hand , he pressed downward gradually against the opposition , ramping up the pressure . Simon appeared buff , but he was nothing more than a lazy good - for - nothing , particularly now with his injuries and terror taking hold .

Ronald only needed one hand to leave him completely powerless . All Simon could do was stare powerlessly as the shattered bottle crept nearer to his still trickling from the tip , pooling at the deadliest edge , with no way to evade it . It was like drawn - out torment . eyes , blood Seconds later , a drop of blood landed square in his eyes . Simon's vision went crimson in a heartbeat , blurring the world around him . Yet he could still see the bottle getting closer to his eyes . And behind the bottle , Ronald's face with that insane , bloodthirsty grin .

In that instant , Simon felt as though he faced a true monster . A monster disguised as a person ! 3/8 14:53 Fri , Se

Chapter 293 Sold for 30 Million Dollars This was the last image Simon's eyes would ever see . " Ah- " 15 +5 Free Cos A sharp cry slipped past the insulated door , barely audible to the guards standing outside . The two of them exchanged a quick glance , each spotting a flicker of unease in the other's eyes . They felt a chill of fear toward Ronald . It vanished in a flash as they both turned their attention forward , staying vigilant at the entrance without letting up . Deep inside , they understood that allowing anyone to interrupt Ronald could land them in hot water too .

After what seemed like an eternity , the door swung open at last , and the yelling came to a halt . Ronald stepped out wearing a bright , easygoing grin , splattered with blood across his face , clothes , and hands . The two guards kept their eyes lowered , avoiding his gruesome appearance . Ronald handed the camera to them . " Take care of the footage on here , then turn the punk in that room over to the cops along with the evidence .

" Get the best attorney to push for the maximum penalty , and drag the Dunns into this mess too ." With the company's Deputy CEO in deep trouble , he wondered how much focus Andrew could spare to harass Tracy and stir up issues . Once he issued those commands , Ronald grabbed a handkerchief from one of the guards and wiped his hands . Staring at the red smears on his hands , Ronald's face twisted in disgust . He added one more instruction . " Prepare a room for me ." He had to wash up thoroughly before facing Tracy . He couldn't risk making her sick with any lingering smell .

1/4 14:53 Fri , Sep 26 Chapter 293 Sold for 30 Million Dollars The thought of Tracy brought those dimples back to Ronald's cheeks . A +5 Free Cons It felt like the furious , shadowy figure from moments ago had never existed . Ronald hurried along , rinsing away every trace of blood before heading off to meet Tracy . Tracy had just finished getting her injuries treated at the hospital with Ivy when they stepped outside to see Ronald waiting by the car . Seeing him , Ivy handed Tracy over . " We'll chat about our stuff after you've recovered . " She wasn't much of a talker anyway .

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With that , she nodded at Ronald as a form of greeting and headed off . Even though tonight had been planned out , she still had a lot to do to fully avenge Yvonne . Ivy wrapped her jacket tighter around herself , quickening her pace as her lonely figure vanished into the darkness . Tracy watched her leave , feeling a sense of loss . She really hoped Ivy could live a simple , peaceful life like Yvonne had wanted , but she knew Ivy wouldn't . The girl Yvonne had raised was just as stubborn as she was .

With everything that happened tonight , and with things going way off script , it was already late when Tracy and Ronald got home . After all that chaos and the emotional rollercoaster , Tracy should have crashed out right away . But she couldn't sleep . Every time she closed her eyes , Preston West's face popped into her mind , along with his question , " Are you still conscious ? " After a long while , Tracy finally asked Ronald outright , " That Preston R The words were on the tip of her tongue , but she didn't know how to continue .

Ronald had noticed she seemed like she had something to say , but he hadn't expected it to be about Preston . He frowned , feeling tense inside . " Tracy , do you know him? " 2/4 14:53 Fri , Sep 26 Chapter 293 Sold for 30 Million Dollars ㄆ . +5 Free Coins Tracy pressed her lips together and shook her head lightly . " He just feels kind of familiar . But she couldn't pinpoint why . It was like her body recognized him before her brain did . Ronald found it odd . How could Tracy possibly know Preston ? There was nothing to hide about Preston's background , especially not from Tracy .

So Ronald answered her directly , " Preston is the heir to the Wests in Jezelton , and he's also my half - brother who shares the same father . " Tracy looked up in surprise . Ronald shrugged . " Yeah , just like you're thinking - I'm the illegitimate kid . " He said it casually , like he'd long accepted it . Without waiting for her to ask , he started talking about his history with Preston . In a place like Jezelton , you couldn't swing a dead cat without hitting some big shot . And the Wests were at the top of the heap .

From the moment Valera Jynn got pregnant by Daniel West , Preston was set to be the only heir . Because Daniel was a notorious playboy , Valera drugged him with something to ensure he'd never have another son , protecting her and her child's position . Ronald was the one who slipped through the cracks . Ronald was three years old when Valera found out about him . He was only a few months younger than Preston , which was a massive humiliation for her . On top of that , the whole drugging thing got exposed around that time .

Mateo West personally stepped in to bring back his grandson , who'd been left out in the cold , so Valera couldn't do anything about it . 3/4 14:53 Fri , Sep 26 Chapter 293 Sold for 30 Million Dollars 專區 " My biological mom sold me to Mateo for 30 million dollars . She took the money and didn't look back , like she was finally getting rid of a burden . " Ronald's tone was calm , even a bit self- mocking .

Chapter 294 Betrayed by Blood Chapter 294 Betrayed by Blood : 45 Free Coins " Back then , my mom and I couldn't even scrape together a hundred bucks between us . I never thought I'd turn out to be worth so much one day . " His face showed no emotion , but Tracy felt a sharp , stinging pain in her chest . She could guess that returning to the Wests under those circumstances must have made Ronald's life really tough . As Ronald shared these stories , he kept looking into Tracy's eyes , and he didn't miss the sympathy and heartache in them .

The gloomy mood from recalling those bad memories suddenly lifted . " Tracy , do you want to know what kind of life I had with the Wests ? " Tracy stayed quiet for a moment before saying , " If you don't want to talk about it , I won't ask . If you do , I'll listen . " The dimples on Ronald's cheeks deepened . " I want to talk . I want you to know my story . " Back then , even though Ronald had joined the Wests , no one treated him well . At first , Daniel was decent to him , since he only had two sons in his life .

It was Valera who had messed him up like that , so Daniel favored Ronald more . But that favoritism turned into suspicion and dislike when Ronald was seven . That year , Mateo decided to transfer one - third of Daniel's assets to Ronald's name . He even started teaching Ronald about the family business once he got to high school , At that time , Ronald thought Mateo was looking out for him , because from the moment he returned to the Wests , Mateo had acted like a kind grandfather , caring about him in every way .

The Wests had a lot of extended relatives , with most of them living together in the old mansion , and three - year - old Ronald got picked on and bullied constantly because he was illegitimate . Whenever that happened , Mateo would step in and back him up . So in young Ronald's mind , Mateo was the closest family he had in the world . 1/3 14:53 Fri , Sep 26 Chapter 294 Betrayed by Blood But as he grew up , Ronald slowly realized Matco's true intentions .

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屋面 +5 Free Coins Fighting for one - third of the assets from Daniel wasn't to give him leverage against Valera's bullying , but rather to drive a wedge between him and Daniel . For someone like Daniel , who put his interests above everything else , he could tolerate a needy , dependent illegitimate son , but not one competing for his wealth . When Mateo scolded the relatives for bullying him , it wasn't real support - it was just stirring up more hate against him . If Mateo really wanted to help , those people would have feared him and wouldn't have bullied him worse each time .

Getting him involved in the business wasn't about treating him like a true West heir - it was about using him as a stepping stone , just another tool to harden Preston , the golden boy who'd been handed everything , into someone tough enough to inherit the West . " I don't remember exactly when I figured it all out , but I'll never forget how I felt when I did . " Ronald's voice never wavered from start to finish , as calm as if he were talking about someone else . But around Tracy , his face was always lit up with a bright , cheerful smile .

Right now , he looked so blank , like a barren wasteland with no life in sight , and it weighed on her heart like a heavy stone . Tracy couldn't help but grab his hand , words stuck in her throat . But when she opened her mouth , nothing came out , so she just held on tighter . Ronald seemed to snap out of it because of her grip . He looked down at their joined hands , and a soft smile tugged at his lips . He seemed to be back to his usual bright self , looking at Tracy with a sweet grin . " Tracy , do you know why I'm so stubborn about not giving up on you ?

" biological mom Tracy didn't speak , and Ronald didn't wait for an answer . He continued , " My had me , and in our toughest times , she couldn't even afford a loaf of bread but still

insisted on raising me . I thought she loved me . After all , which parent doesn't love their kid?
" But when I saw her take the money and walk away without a second thought , even as I cried and chased after her , she just said , ' It was hard giving birth to you and raising you for three 2/3 14:53 Fri , Sep 26 Chapter 294 Betrayed by Blood : +5 Free Coins years , all for this day .

If the Wests hadn't come , I was going to kill you to keep you from dragging me down when I tried to find a new life . " That's when I knew some parents really don't love their kids . " And my biological mom was one who had abandoned me . " Ronald's voice was soft . " That was the first time someone ditched me . " I was young , but I'll never forget that feeling . " When he mentioned being abandoned , Ronald's calm expression finally cracked . His expression showed confusion and panic . Like he didn't know what he'd done wrong but had to face the consequences anyway .

" The second time I was abandoned was right after arriving at the Wests . It was Preston who offered to be my friend but then abandoned me too . " Ronald took a deep breath . " At first , he probably did see me as his little brother . " 3/3

Chapter 295 My Tracy - Bear : E A +5 Free Coins " But Valera hated me , so that means Preston hates me too . He wanted nothing more than to push me into the pool himself and try to drown me . " After that , he was afraid of water for a long time . Remembering something , Ronald seriously warned her . " Preston is a really dangerous guy , not just because he has the whole Wests backing him up , but because he's ruthless himself . " He looks all polished and mature , but he's actually a master of all kinds of cruel tactics . " So you have to stay far away from him , Tracy .

" He was exaggerating a bit on purpose , but Ronald knew about those tactics because he'd experienced them firsthand . Tracy didn't reply , but she nodded . Even though she still found Preston weird , she was already struggling to deal with the Jackmans , let alone facing off against the Wests from Jezelton . Keeping her distance from Preston was the smartest move for her right now . She stopped worrying about Preston and asked , " What happened next ? " Ronald pressed his lips together .

" After that , I didn't want to go through the same thing again , so I pushed myself hard to get over the fear and secretly learned to swim . " Then later , with Daniel and Mateo ... " Ronald lowered his eyes . " I've been abandoned too many times . I hate that feeling . " He gripped Tracy's hand tightly , like he was trying to draw some warmth from it . In that moment , Tracy suddenly understood why Ronald was always so scared she might let go of his hand . He'd been abandoned way too many times , so he was afraid .

But even after all those abandonments , he still held onto a pure heart , repaying any kindness shown to him tenfold . How could she ever let go of someone like Ronald ? 1/3 14:53 Fri , Sep 26 Chapter 295 My Tracy - Bear : 53 +5 Free Coins ! Tracy squeezed his hand back . " They abandoned you because they were blind to your worth . " When the Jackmans ditched me , I was in so much pain and sadness . My first thought wasn't to blame them , but to look for faults in myself . " Was I not good enough ? Did I do something wrong ? Is that why they abandoned me ?

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Thoughts like that echoed in my head every day . " But later , someone told me they abandoned me because they were trash , and I deserved better . " Those words helped her get through the toughest times and slowly let go of her resentment toward the Jackmans . Thinking of that person , Tracy turned to look at the slightly worn zip - up hoodie hanging on a nearby rack . She hadn't worn that zip - up hoodie in a long time , but she took it out almost every day to look at it .

Only when she saw that hoodie did she feel like they hadn't left her , and she wasn't alone after leaving the Angelic Etiquette Academy . Ronald noticed where she was looking and knew how important that hoodie was to her . He could guess the hoodie had something to do with Tracy's time at the Angelic Etiquette Academy and the story she never talked about . He didn't ask more about it . Instead , he smiled and nodded , like her words had comforted him . " You're right , Tracy . Abandoning us was their loss because they couldn't see our value . " Tracy's lips curved into a soft smile .

But Ronald changed the subject . " So does that mean you won't mind my illegitimate background ? " He gently rubbed Tracy's palm , his clear eyes full of caution . Tracy was a bit confused by his question . She turned to meet his nervous gaze , feeling a little helpless . " I picked you up and brought you home . When have I ever cared about who you are ? " What I care about has always been your pure heart . " 2/3 14:53 Fri , Sep 26 Chapter 295 My Tracy - Bear : 53 +5 Free Coins She knew how rare a pure heart was after those two years at the Angelic Etiquette Academy .

Every kind of evil you could imagine in human nature was there , and she'd seen it all . That's why she treasured Ronald's purity toward her so much . Ronald knew she wouldn't care , but hearing it from her made his eyes sparkle . " Tracy ... " He seemed to have a lot to say , but after opening his mouth for a while , he just reached out and hugged Tracy . He hugged her tight . All those words boiled down to one word . " Tracy - Bear . " This was the first time Ronald had called her like that , with a touch of hesitation , like he was afraid she might not like it . But Tracy said nothing .

She just raised her hand to his back and patted it gently . That simple action seemed to tell Ronald everything , and a sudden sourness stung his nose . He knew ... This time , he wouldn't be abandoned again . Ronald was overjoyed . He tightened his arms around Tracy , but always kept it gentle enough not to hurt her . He kept murmuring , over and over , " Tracy , Tracy - Bear . " Tracy responded patiently , again and again . From that moment on , their trust deepened and their hearts drew even closer together .

In this world , they had become each other's most treasured , most trusted , and most dependable person . : Unlike the warm and harmonious vibe between the two , the Jackmans and the Dunns were thrown into total chaos because of Simon's arrest . 3/3 14:54 Fri , Sep 26 Chapter 296 The Deceptive Milk Visit

apter 296 The Deceptive Milk Visit : Chapter 296 The Deceptive Milk Visit 53 +5 Free Coins Simon's actions had violated multiple laws with solid evidence against him . He kept mentioning his dad , the Deputy CEO , over and over again , dragging Edmond into the mess

too . With a high - ranking executive like the Deputy CEO involved in this mess , Jackman Enterprises naturally got pulled in as well . Normally , with Andrew's skills , handling this kind of issue wouldn't be hard . But Ronald had prepared ahead of time , and he wasn't about to let him get away easily .

Under his control , more and more people started blaming Jackman Enterprises because of this , which also affected the company's stock . They even forgot about Simon , the guy lying half - dead in the hospital who started it all . Because of all this , Andrew was swamped every day, running around like a chicken with its head cut off , but seeing little results . He wasn't dumb , so he obviously noticed someone was targeting them on purpose behind the scenes . The Jackmans had risen to their current status because they'd made plenty of enemies along the way .

But he still couldn't figure out exactly who it was , or who had the power to pull this off . Worried sick about the company's problems , Andrew looked visibly worn out . His usual steady demeanor was cracking , and the entire Jackman family felt the low mood hanging over them . Erin was worried too . But she wasn't worried about the Jackmans . She was worried about Simon . Everyone thought Simon went after Tracy because of their old grudge , but only she knew it was because she'd egged him on . Now that things had blown up so big , if Simon dragged her into it ...

Erin didn't hesitate for long before deciding to pin it all on Tracy . Even after getting home from the office , Andrew was still holed up in his study room dealing with work . 1/3 14:54 Fri , Sep 26 Chapter 296 The Deceptive Milk Visit \$ 3 +5 Free Coins His brows had been deeply furrowed tight since he walked in , so no one dared to go near him and risk setting him off . Erin had always been the exception in this house , and she knew it . So while everyone else stayed away from the study room , she carried a glass of milk right in . Erin wore a sweet , obedient smile on her face .

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She was just about to say ' Andrew, when Andrew's furious voice cut through , " Get out , all of you ! " Erin's smile froze on her face . She stood in the doorway staring at Andrew , her eyes welling up with tears . Andrew had yelled first before looking up at the door . Seeing it was Erin , he was surprised . Though his anger hadn't fully faded , his tone softened , " Erin , why didn't you knock before coming in ? " Erin pouted , looking hurt , " Andrew , I saw you've been so worn out lately , so I wanted to bring you some milk .

I didn't expect to make mad ." you After all , she was his most beloved little sister . Andrew let out a heavy sigh , pushing down his irritation . " I'm not mad at you ." He didn't know what else to say for a moment . After a quiet pause , he closed the file on his desk and waved her over , " Bring the milk over here ." Erin's tears turned to a smile right away . She happily handed him the milk and watched him drink it . Andrew drank it quickly , like he was just checking off a task .

Once done , he handed the glass back to Erin , clearly hinting for her to leave soon , But Erin acted like she didn't notice . She took the glass but stayed put , looking like she had something to say but couldn't quite get it out . Andrew frowned slightly , " Is there anything else ? " Erin

hesitated , then finally spoke up , " Andrew , I know you've been stressed about getting dragged into the Dunns ' mess . So I went to the hospital to see Simon . I wanted to help lighten your load . " But when I saw Simon , I found out the truth about this whole thing .

It's all because of Tracy ." 2/3 14:54 Fri , Sep 26 Chapter 296 The Deceptive Milk Visit Andrew was stunned , " You mean Tracy ? " : 53 +5 Free Coins Erin nodded , " Simon and Tracy have never gotten along . This time , Simon was holding a grudge and just wanted to scare her to blow off some steam , but he didn't expect her to set him up like that . " Andrew's face showed clear shock . After the mess started , he'd been too busy trying to pull the Jackmans out of it to dig deeper . He had no idea Tracy was involved . He couldn't help but frown , " What exactly happened ?

" Though it was a question , the disgust and annoyance in his expression made it seem like he'd already decided it was Tracy's fault . He was even thinking about how to punish her . Erin had been waiting for him to ask . She jumped right in , " Tracy deliberately called the cops , saying Simon was out to hurt her , but really , she brought people to beat him up and send him to the hospital . " Tracy somehow bribed Simon's personal bodyguard and prepared fake evidence ahead of time to frame him , which is why he got arrested . " Andrew hadn't expected the ' truth ' to be like this .

He slammed the table in anger , " This is ridiculous ! " Erin seemed startled by his reaction , shrinking back a bit , " Andrew , don't be mad . Maybe there's some misunderstanding ! " Andrew snorted coldly . " Simon told you this himself , so how could there be a misunderstanding? " Erin looked like she wanted to defend Tracy but didn't know how , looking conflicted . Inside , though , she was thrilled . Of course , these words hadn't come from Simon . Simon was the main suspect with cops watching him around the clock . Even Edmond couldn't see him easily .

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53 +5 Free Coins She managed to slip in and see Simon without anyone noticing , using a few tricks to get past security . But meeting him turned out to be pointless . Simon seemed to have lost his mind . The doctor said his eyes had been slashed with a sharp object - he was completely blind . Worse , he acted like he'd been traumatized , terrified of anyone getting close . When the police brought Edmond and Ursula to see him , Simon fought them off violently and almost hurt Ursula by accident . No matter what the police asked , Simon only repeated the same words , his face frozen in fear .

" I was wrong . I'll never do it again . Please forgive me . Please ... please ... " ... When they pressed him about being threatened , he just curled up in a corner , clutching his bloody hands , shaking like a frightened child . In that condition , it was impossible to get anything useful out of him . Still , the evidence against Simon was overwhelming . Acting insane wasn't going to erase his crimes . Whether he had really lost his mind or not would depend on the hospital's evaluation .

Even though the police didn't get answers , Erin knew exactly where it all began , and she was quick to put the blame on Tracy . As expected , once Andrew heard Erin's version of the truth , he couldn't sit still . He stormed off , determined to confront Tracy . But Tracy had

already moved out of her rental apartment . Andrew had no way of finding her . Frustrated , he waited until the next day and ordered someone to bring Tracy to his office during work hours . The moment she walked through the door , Andrew fired off a barrage of accusations before she could even say a word .

" Simon's situation - was this your doing ? Did you set him up ? Tracy , this is completely unacceptable ! " Tracy was caught off guard . She thought Andrew had called her in for something important , maybe because he suspected her recent actions . She never expected it to be about Simon . 1/3 14:54 Fri , Sep 26 Chapter 297 The Accusation 53 +5 Free Coins Andrew's anger only grew . " Do you realize how much damage this has caused the company ? Tracy , there's a limit to your recklessness . When will you finally learn to be more sensible and cooperative like Erin !

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" Tracy's expression turned cold . There was no rage in her eyes , only mockery . She already knew Simon had been blinded . The police had taken her statement as the supposed victim , and Ronald had made sure her identity was protected . Even Andrew , the CEO of Jackman Enterprise , wouldn't have been able to uncover it so easily . Which meant the only possible leak was ... " Did Erin tell you about Simon ? " she asked flatly . Andrew didn't even stop to think . He blurted out , " Erin was just trying to help you . What's with that attitude ? Are you seriously blaming her now ?

" That reaction said everything . Tracy gave a sharp laugh . " Blame Ms. Jackman ? I wouldn't dare . I'm just curious , Mr. Jackman . For someone who prides himself on being so sharp , don't you think something about this doesn't add up ? " Her words made him falter , his anger caught in his throat . For a moment , his confident expression slipped into confusion . " What do mean ? " you Tracy's voice dripped with sarcasm . " Simon is under strict police watch in the hospital . Even his parents can't visit without officers present . How exactly did Erin manage to see him ?

" And even if she did , how did she get Simon to talk when the police couldn't ? " And even if she did manage to pull that off , why was it Erin bringing you the story instead of the police coming to arrest me ? " Each question hit Andrew like a hammer , leaving him silent and stunned . He wasn't a fool - he wouldn't have lasted this long at the top if he were . But for some reason , he had never thought about it before . Now , hearing Tracy's words , it felt like a bucket of ice water had been dumped over him .

His 2/3 14:54 Fri , Sep 26 Chapter 297 The Accusation thoughts snapped into focus . : +5 Free Coins But before he could fully process it , a voice rose up inside him , unshakable . " Erin is the kindest , most innocent person in the world . Everything she says is the truth . " Just like that , the clarity was gone . Andrew's face hardened . He glared at Tracy with renewed fury . " Erin is the most thoughtful person I know ! She only went to see Simon because she wanted to take the burden off me . Instead of calling the police , she brought the matter to me . She did it for you !

Otherwise , you'd already be behind bars , splashed all over the evening news ! " The facts are right in front of you , and you're still denying it . Worse , you're smearing Erin's name !

You've really disappointed me , Tracy ! " In his rage , Andrew slammed his palm against the desk again and again , each strike echoing through the office like a warning . If this were the old Tracy , she would have broken down the first time his hand hit the desk- scared into apologizing , desperate to make it right . But now , Tracy just stood there watching him , calm and detached . No fear .

Not even anger . Only the faintest urge to laugh .

Chapter 298 A Shattered Trust Chapter 298 A Shattered Trust : +5 Free Coins Ronald was right . The way the Jackmans lashed out at her was no different from a mindless stray dog , barking and snapping without reason . And really , who argues with a mad dog ? So Tracy just stood there , waiting for Andrew to finish his outburst before replying slowly , " Mr. Jackman , you're right . Ms. Jackman is the most obedient and well - mannered . " She brushed him off and asked , " Do you have anything else ? I've been busy lately .

If this isn't about work , I'd appreciate it if you stopped bothering me . " Andrew's face darkened . After all his effort , she still looked unmoved . Her attitude had crushed all the hope he had in her . He stared at her for a long moment , as if he had more to say , but all that came out was a heavy sigh . Everything he said had come from treating her like a sister , from thinking he was looking out for her . Yet she refused to show even a shred of gratitude . Of course , she wasn't really a Jackmans by blood . No wonder she couldn't appreciate his good intentions !

Taking a deep breath , Andrew forced down his anger . " I don't care what grudge you and Simon have , " he said firmly . " But dragging the company down with your personal issues is unacceptable . Right now , there's still a chance to fix this . Go make peace with Simon , and I'll clean up the rest . " He spoke like he was the noble one , swooping in to fix her mistakes - as if Tracy were some reckless child who didn't know better . Tracy laughed outright . " Make peace with Simon ? Mr. Jackman , do you even know what Simon tried to do to me ?

" Andrew frowned , clearly displeased , but said nothing . He obviously had no idea what had really happened that night . He hadn't even bothered to find out what Erin meant when she claimed Tracy had set Simon up . He had just taken Erin's word for it and rushed to blame Tracy , forcing her to bear the fallout . Tracy didn't wait for him to answer . " He had me tied up and dragged to a hotel . He set up 1/3 14:54 Fri , Sep 26 Chapter 298 A Shattered Trust cameras . And he brought in five men . " Andrew froze .

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0:0 22 +5 Free Coms He had always known Simon resented Tracy and would strike if given the chance , but he never imagined Simon would go that far . Had Simon lost his mind ? Tracy sneered at the shock on his face . " Mr. Jackman , tell me - if I hadn't been lucky enough to be rescued , what do you think would have happened to me ? " Her voice was calm but sharp , like a needle stabbing straight into Andrew's chest . For the first time , he found himself unable to meet her eyes . But Andrew had been pampered his whole life . Even when he was wrong , no one dared to confront him .

Tracy's blunt question felt like a slap across the face . His sudden surge of anger smothered the guilt he'd felt , and without realizing it , he raised his voice as if volume alone could make him seem in control . " Even if Simon went too far , it's still a private matter between the two of you . You're fine now , aren't you ? There's no reason to blow this up to the point it hurts the company . " Tracy blinked , stunned that he could actually say such a thing . She had always known Andrew was arrogant , the kind of man who twisted stories to suit himself .

But aside from losing his head whenever Erin was involved , he had always been calm and rational . Now he stood here telling her , " You're fine , aren't you ? " Was Liam wrong about her being related to the Jackmans by blood ? Because if she truly shared blood with someone who could say something so heartless , it made her sick to her stomach . She almost didn't know whether to laugh or rage . " I'm fine because I was lucky - because Ronald got there in time . And you're saying Simon's crime should just be wiped clean because I survived ? That's your logic ?

" 2/3 14:54 Fri , Sep 26 Chapter 298 A Shattered Trust : ๗๕ 653 +5 Free Coins Andrew realized how terrible his words sounded . His bluster faltered , but he still clung to his pride . In his mind , he wasn't wrong . He was protecting the company , thinking of the bigger picture . Andrew told himself that Tracy as a Jackmans in name if not by blood , should interests above her own . put the family's This thought gave him confidence again . " Simon may have gone too far , " he said firmly and righteously , " but Erin told me you set him up . That means you were prepared all along .

You were never really in danger . Since nothing happened to you , just let it go . Go apologize to Simon . " Tracy , you need to do as I say . " His voice hardened , like an older brother lecturing a rebellious sister . Tracy stared at him , baffled at his inflated sense of self - importance . She had no interest in arguing anymore . She was about to leave when Ronald's words suddenly came back to her . " Don't bottle things up . Don't let your anger eat away at you . Speak it out , or it'll only hurt you inside . " So instead of walking away , Tracy turned back .

She stopped in front of Andrew , looked him eye , and said calmly , " Mr. Jackman , could you stand up for a moment ? I have square in the something to tell you . After that , maybe I'll think about apologizing to Simon . " 3/3

Chapter 299 A Hypocrite Chapter 299 A Hypocrite Andrew didn't understand what was going on . 3) , +5 Free Coins But right now , the company's crisis was more important than anything else , so he pushed aside his confusion and stood up . He had barely gotten to his feet when Tracy suddenly raised her hand and slapped him hard across the face . Smack ! The sound cracked through the office like a gunshot . Tracy had used nearly all her strength , pouring years of pent - up anger into that one blow . Andrew , a grown man , was knocked sideways .

He stumbled and crashed headfirst into the corner of a table cluttered with decorations . The moment he fell , his forehead slammed hard against the corner of the table . Thud ! Warm blood trickled down his forehead . A wave of dizziness almost sent him to the floor , but he managed to grab onto a chair and steady himself . It took him a long moment to shake off the spinning in his head . Pressing a hand to his bleeding forehead , he turned back to Tracy , eyes wide with shock .

" You - you're out of your mind ! How dare you hit me ? " Tracy's hand stung from the force of the slap .

She shook out her wrist , her face calm as she looked at him . " Don't be so dramatic , Mr. Jackman . Just a slap , it wouldn't kill you . " Her lips curved into a mocking smile . " See ? You're standing just fine . " Her words mirrored his own from earlier , and Andrew instantly realized she had done it on purpose . Just minutes ago , he had been urging Tracy to make peace with Simon . Now that the slap had landed on him , Andrew had no intention of taking the moral high ground . 1/3 14:54 Fri , Sep 26 Chapter 299 A Hypocrite " Tracy , you've gone too far !

Have I spoiled you all these years ? " A 53 +5 Free Coins Andrew was known for his good temperament . The only times he had truly lost his temper were when an employee made a costly mistake that hurt the company or when Tracy - back when she was the family's beloved darling - was bullied . Even then , Tracy had always feared Andrew's wrath . But not anymore . She only gave him a cold laugh . " Save your indulgence for someone else , Mr. Jackman . It's too much for me to handle . " She had no interest in wasting more words . Turning her back , she walked straight to the door .

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At the door , she swung it wide open deliberately , making sure everyone passing by could get a good look at their usually composed and dignified CEO , bleeding and humiliated . Andrew saw what she'd done , and fury boiled inside him . Just as he thought , he had spoiled Tracy rotten . And now she was completely out of control . If that was the case , then he wouldn't hold back for family's sake any longer . With one hand pressed to his bleeding head , Andrew grabbed the phone with the other . " Get ready . Call a shareholder meeting . I'm removing Tracy from her position as Deputy CEO !

" Even though he tried to keep his voice level , the fury seeping through was impossible to miss . Tracy's position as Deputy CEO had been secured through a high - stakes gamble with the shareholders . The projects under her control promised huge profits , and firing her now meant throwing those profits away . This was the first time Andrew had ever made a decision that put his personal emotions above the company's interests . So when Tracy heard about the shareholders ' meeting to remove her , she froze for a moment -then burst out laughing .

She always thought Andrew was the type to value the company more than his life , willing to sacrifice everything for the family's success . Turns out , he was just a selfish man hiding behind a mask . Tracy wasn't worried about the meeting . 2/3 14:54 Fri , Sep 26 Chapter 299 A Hypocrite Even though Andrew held 20 % of the shares and was the company president , Jackman Enterprises wasn't a one - man show . 53 +5 Free Coins For the other shareholders , it didn't matter who held the title of president or what personal feuds were going on .

What mattered to them was simple - who could bring them the most profit . Tracy wasn't concerned but someone else was . Liam . Ever since he had a falling out with the family , Liam hadn't returned . past few years . He wanted He lived in constant regret for the way he had treated Tracy over the to apologize , to make it right , but after Tracy's harsh words , he didn't have the courage to face

her . Still , he kept track of everything happening around her. That's how someone who never cared about corporate affairs found out Andrew was trying to fire her .

Before Tracy even reacted , Liam stormed into the president's office to stop him . Word spread quickly through company chats . Many people claimed to have heard Liam threatening Andrew . If he dared remove Tracy from her position , Liam would transfer all his shares to her for free and make her president himself . He even added that all the company's current problems had been caused by the Dunns . If anyone deserved to be fired , it was Edmond . That day , the Jackman brothers supposedly came to blows right there in the office .

If Benjamin hadn't rushed in to break it up , no one knows how far they would have gone , In the end , the shareholders ' meeting was called off . Because in the Jackmans ' eyes , Liam was unhinged enough to actually hand his shares over to Tracy - and no one was willing to take that risk . 3/3

Chapter 300 Misplaced Good Intentions . Chapter 300 Misplaced Good Intentions +5 Free Coins Andrew's retreat gave Liam the false impression that he had done something meaningful for Tracy . For the first time , he felt a spark of courage to face her . But when Tracy looked at him - standing there with the expression of " I did this all for you " - her stomach turned . Her brows furrowed as she said flatly , without hiding her disgust , " Mr. Liam , this gestures of yours don't mean anything to me . " Liam froze , his face stiffening in confusion . He had broken ties with his family for her .

He had chosen to rely on Norris instead of bowing his head back home . And yet , all of that was his own self - indulgent sentiment . Liam doesn't get it , but the joy he had felt , the pride of finally doing something for Tracy , collapsed in an instant . The weight of it pressed on him so heavily that he drove home in a daze , nearly colliding with other cars several times along the way . When Norris saw him return in such a distracted state , concern creased his face . " What happened ? " he asked . He knew Liam had been obsessing over Tracy every single day .

Judging by his current state , it had to be related to her . Sure enough , Liam muttered in confusion , " Norris , I confronted Andrew for her . Did I ... did I do the wrong thing ? " Norris wasn't sure what had happened , but he knew Liam's heart was in the right place . " You only wanted to help her . There's nothing wrong with that ." But Liam wasn't convinced . Growing up together , he knew how to read Norris too well - he could see the flicker of doubt hiding in his eyes . His grip tightened on Norris's arm , his voice trembling . " Tell me the truth . Did I really mess up again ?

" He was terrified . Liam had already made years of mistakes and already hurt Tracy too many times . 1/3 14:54 Fri , Sep 26 53 Chapter 300 Misplaced Good Intentions . The thought of failing her again terrified him . +5 Free Coins Norris took it all in . He stayed quiet for a long while , then sighed , " Tracy owns just as many shares as Andrew . On top of that , the projects she's running are bringing in clear profits . If Andrew did call a shareholder meeting , no one's going to vote her out as Deputy CEO . " Liam's heart sank . What he thought was a bold stand for her had been pointless .

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Worse , his actions had only made the Jackmans - already under public scrutiny - look like fools . He didn't need Norris to spell out the rest ; Liam had been nurtured by his family for years . He knew exactly what Norris meant . His strength left him , and he let go of Norris's arm . Having grown up as close as brothers - and with him being an only child - Norris had always treated Liam like family . Seeing him like this hurt more than he wanted to admit . He was about to say something to comfort him when Liam grabbed his arm again .

" Norris , you said you'd help me find out what Tracy went through at the academy . Have you learned anything ? What happened to her ? I know I was wrong . I want to make it right - I want her to forgive me . " Norris hesitated at the request . Matthew had once offered to get him into the academy , but only if he showed the proper sincerity . Norris had been waiting for Matthew to name his price . But the man never brought it up again , as if he'd forgotten . Norris had considered waiting longer . But looking at Liam now - consumed , desperate , almost obsessed - he decided to act .

If it meant paying more to prove his sincerity , so be it . So he went to Matthew directly . He offered to give up several of his projects in exchange for access to the academy and the truth about Tracy's past . Matthew only laughed . It wasn't his usual polite smile . He laughed so hard that his usual gentlemanly mask broke apart , something Norris had never seen from him before . A chill of unease ran through Norris . " Mr. Renault , " he asked carefully , " what's so funny ?

" 2/3 14:54 Fri , Sep 26 Chapter 300 Misplaced Good Intentions 53) +5 Free Coins Wiping a tear of laughter from his eye , Matthew raised an eyebrow . " The academy isn't a place you can just walk into . And as for your sincerity ... " He paused , smirking . " Do you really think my family is so desperate for a few small projects ? " Norris frowned slightly . " Then name what you want , Mr. Renault . We can negotiate ." Matthew studied him in silence for a moment , then said with a knowing edge , " Seems like you still care quite a lot about your former fiancée . " Norris's heart jolted .

Almost by instinct , he said , " I'm doing this for Liam ." Matthew only smiled , uninterested in debating motives . He gave a quiet order to his assistant . Moments later , a glass of strong liquor was set before Norris . Matthew nodded toward it . " Why don't you show me your sincerity starting with this drink ? " Norris stared at the glass , thoughtful , his hand still at his side . Matthew chuckled . " What's the matter ? It's a civilized country . Don't tell me you're worried I poisoned it . " Norris lifted his eyes , calm and composed . " Plenty of people know I came to see you , Mr.

Renault . I trust you wouldn't be foolish enough to do something like that . " 3/3