

The Unwanted Daughter: When Love Comes Too Late Novel

Chapter 301 Silent Supporter He said he trusted him , but his words carried an edge - half warning , half threat . +20 Free Coins Matthew caught it , though his expression stayed calm and easy , like he had nothing to hide . Norris studied him for a moment before finally lifting his glass and downing the drink in one swallow . What Norris didn't notice was the faint curl of Matthew's lips , sharper now than before . He was a Renaults , after all - he would never stoop so low as to poison someone . But slipping something into a drink ? That was different .

The alcohol had barely settled when Norris felt a wave of dizziness . He opened his mouth to speak , but the room spun . " You ... " he managed , before everything went black and he collapsed onto the couch . Matthew swirled the wine in his glass , his gentlemanly smile never faltering . With a small gesture , two bodyguards stepped inside , lifted Norris , and carried him out . They brought him to a hotel , straight up to the penthouse suite . Inside , two women in revealing outfits were already waiting . After dropping him on the bed , the bodyguards gave a cold order , " Mr.

Gill is a new client . Make sure you give him the best treatment . " The women plastered on practiced smiles - empty , mechanical , like machines following a program . Once the bodyguards left , they exchanged a glance . One pulled out her phone ; the other began stripping Norris's clothes with practiced ease . Meanwhile , Tracy didn't waste time thinking about Liam's sacrifices . She had her own work , and she treated Simon's downfall like it had nothing to do with her .

But Ivy - after so many years at Simon's side - wasn't about to let the Dunns recover from this 1/3 6:56 Sat , Sep 27 B Chapter 301 Silent Supporter : 95 +20 Free Coins blow . Once Simon's crimes were officially confirmed , Tracy immediately went looking for Ivy . Though they hadn't been close , she knew Ivy's hunger for revenge over Yvonne ran deep . She expected Ivy would go after Shawn next . What Tracy didn't expect was just how desperate Ivy already was . When she found her , Ivy was in her shabby apartment , tending to bruises and cuts .

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They weren't from an accident - they came from fighting in an underground boxing ring . The Sanders might look clean on the surface , but behind the scenes they were still knee - deep in illegal business . The underground fighting ring was one of them . Ivy knew she had no power , no backing - only her toughness in combat and her refusal to give up . So she used the simplest method - step into the ring , win her place , and use it as a way to get close to the Sanders . To get close to Shawn .

She had endured years in Simon's shadow for the sake of revenge , waiting for the chance to uncover who had bought Yvonne all those years ago . If it took years more , or even decades , she was prepared to wait . She had her entire life to settle the score . Her resolve was unshakable . Tracy , who had come to persuade her to think carefully , realized there was nothing she could say . Instead , she found Ivy a safer place to live , erased her past as Simon's companion , and built her a new identity .

If Ivy wanted to get close to Shawn , Tracy would make sure she had the chance and provide the cover to survive . " I have no right to stop you , " Tracy said , " but I promised Yvonne I'd look after you . I won't let you fight this battle alone . " Ivy opened her mouth to refuse , but seeing the honesty in Tracy's eyes , all she said in the end was , " Thank you . " 2/3 6:56 Sat , Sep 27 B ... Chapter 301 Silent Supporter With Tracy's help , Ivy's cover was set up easily , and she could now move on her own .

+20 Free Coins Tracy stayed ready to provide support when needed , but the real fight would be Ivy's to take . Once everything was arranged , Tracy turned back to her company . Thanks to Erin's constant meddling , few people in the team were actually working hard . She didn't bother confronting them yet ; she simply took on more of the burden herself . Even meetings with suppliers , she handled personally . But at one such meeting , she was surprised . The supplier never showed. Instead, she found herself face - to - face with Preston . When he saw her , he wasn't the least bit surprised .

In fact , he politely stood , pulled out a chair , and gestured for her to sit . Tracy stayed where she was , keeping her distance . Ronald had warned her - Preston was dangerous . It was best to avoid him altogether . " Sorry , " she said coolly . " I've got business to attend to . " Her eyes darted around the restaurant , looking for a way out . To her unease , the place was empty . No other customers , no sound of waitstaff . Just her and Preston . Tracy felt a knot of unease tightening in her chest . She turned her gaze back to Preston .

He was still holding the chair out for her , his smile calm and pleasant . " If the business you're here for is meeting with a supplier , " he said , " then you must be talking about me . " Suspicion flashed in Tracy's eyes . She might not have met her contact in person before , but she'd seen the photo online . And there was no way it was Preston .

Chapter 302 The Truth About Norris Chapter 302 The Truth About Norris G \$ 20 Free Cons Preston noticed her suspicion and smiled even more gently . " Choosing me as your supplier will always be a better choice than anything else you've got , Ms. Yarwood . " He wasn't lying , and Tracy knew it . Still , she didn't move . Preston sighed and said , " There's no need to be so guarded with me . We've met before - you just don't remember . " Tracy frowned , more confused than ever .

She did find him looking familiar , but no matter how hard she tried , she couldn't recall when or where she had seen him . Preston pulled a chair back slightly . " If you're curious , we can sit and talk . " He made his invitation sound sincere and tempting , leaving almost no reason to refuse . But Tracy remembered Ronald's warning . Stay far away from Preston . So she only gave him a brief look and forced a polite smile . " I don't think we have anything to discuss . Goodbye . " She walked away without hesitation , so fast that Preston didn't even have time to react .

A low laugh escaped him . The way she ran away , it was exactly the same as back then . Only this time , he wasn't going to let her get away so easily . Outside the restaurant , Tracy immediately called her previous supplier to reschedule their talks . But the supplier flatly refused . His last words were , " No one dares to compete with the Wests . " And it wasn't just him . She contacted nearly every supplier that could take on the job . Each one rejected her , repeating the exact same line . " No one dares to compete with the Wests . " Of course she understood .

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Preston had set the situation up on purpose , forcing her to come to him . 1/3 6:56 Sat , Sep 27 Chapter 302 The Truth About Norris (05) +20 Free Coins Ronald heard about Preston's maneuver and considered stepping in , but Tracy stopped him . She knew Ronald had been plotting against Preston for a long time , and showing his hand too soon would only hurt his plans . Besides , she already had a plan to sort out the issue with the supplier . There were plenty of companies worldwide capable of filling the order .

The Wests ' name didn't carry the same weight everywhere - especially not with one rising overseas brand she had in mind . Tracy reached out with full sincerity , but as soon as the other party heard she was from Jackman Enterprise , they refused on the spot . " We'll never work with the Jackmans , " they said . Clearly , this was a company with a grudge against the Jackmans . And that made them even more valuable to her and Ronald's plan . Without delay , Tracy decided to fly overseas herself to meet them . But as soon as she stepped out of the office building , someone grabbed her arm .

" Tracy - tell me the truth . The academy ... that place ... What is it really ? " The voice was filled with anger , fear , and bitterness all at once . In just a few words , he poured out a storm of emotions . She stared at the scruffy man in front of her , stunned . His beard was overgrown , his clothes rumpled , as if he hadn't washed in days . It took her a moment to recognize him - Norris . Her brows furrowed in disgust , and she tried to pull back , but his grip was too tight . " Norris , let go ! " she snapped . But his mind seemed lost .

He didn't even hear her , only kept asking over and over , " What is that place ? Tell me what that place really is ! " Tracy's bodyguards rushed forward from the shadows , ready to drag him away , but she lifted her hand to stop them . Her eyes narrowed as she studied his broken state . " Norris , " she said coldly , her voice like ice , " did you go to the academy ? " 2/3 6:56 Sat , Sep 27 G ... Chapter 302 The Truth About Norris 95 +20 Free Coins Her words cut through his haze , and he slowly came back to himself .

Meeting her furious gaze , his grip loosened , and he staggered back instinctively . But Tracy seized his arm before he could retreat . " I'll ask you one more time . Did you go to the academy ? " From his condition , it was clear - he knew things only someone who had been inside would know . The only ones with that knowledge were the victims , like her or the paying clients . Her lips trembled . " Norris ... are you one of their clients ? " Her face turned pale as the words left her mouth . " I ... I ... " Norris stammered , unable to meet her eyes . He shrank back like a cornered animal .

" It wasn't me . I didn't mean to . It was Matthew - he set me up ! I didn't violate them . I didn't kill anyone . I swear ! " His body shook as he clutched her hand like it was his last lifeline . " You have to trust me ! I didn't kill anyone ; it's not my fault . Matthew framed me . It has nothing to do with me ! " But Tracy had heard enough . His words gave her the answer she dreaded . A hollow wave of disappointment washed over her . For the first time , she realized the boy she had once cared for all her life was utterly rotten .

Chapter 303 A Shattered Illusion Chapter 303 A Shattered Illusion Of course , she knew Norris hadn't actually killed anyone . +20 Free Coins That was how the academy worked . They always started with something fake - an invented weakness , a false accusation - then slowly pulled their client deeper and deeper . And before long , the fake weakness turned into a real one . But they never forced people inside against their will . If someone didn't want to join , the academy left them alone . Dragging in those who weren't willing would only bring them trouble .

That meant one thing : Norris had chosen to go to the academy himself . At that moment , the boy Tracy once cared for was gone forever . She was about to react when Erin suddenly rushed forward , yanking Norris's hand away and planting herself between them . " Tracy , Norris made it clear a long time ago that he doesn't like you . Why won't you leave him alone ? " she accused . Then she turned , ready to look pitiful and win sympathy from Norris - only to freeze when she saw the state he was in . Erin instinctively recoiled , wrinkling her nose , even stepping back slightly .

Then , realizing what she had done , she hurriedly covered it up and grabbed onto his arm with both hands . " Norris , you - ah ! " " Don't touch me ! Get away - don't touch me ! " Norris suddenly exploded , swatting at his arm like it had been touched by something filthy . He shoved Erin so hard that she fell to the ground , stunned . " Norris ... " she whispered , bewildered . Watching it all , Tracy's lips curved into a sharp , wicked smile . " Erin , do you even know what's happened to Norris ? " Erin blinked in confusion , desperate to understand . Tracy smirked . " He ...

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" 1/3 95 Chapter 303 A Shattered Illusion Before she could finish , a shrill cry split the air . " Erin ! Erin ! Erin ! " +20 Free Coins Everyone turned . A ragged , foul - smelling woman in ripped , filthy clothes was sprinting straight toward them . The bodyguards quickly stepped in front of Tracy , but the woman ignored them . She rushed past and pulled Erin in a suffocating hug . " Give him back ! Give my husband back to me ! Take anything you want , but give him back ! " Erin was caught off guard .

The woman clung to her , and the stench was so overpowering that it nearly knocked her out . Gagging , she thrashed with both hands and feet , desperate to shove the stranger away . " Who are you ? I don't even know you ! Let me go - Norris , help me ! " Her voice cracked into a sob as she lifted her eyes toward Norris . But Norris didn't seem like himself . He seemed completely unhinged , slapping at his arms as if trying to scrub something filthy off his skin . When he saw Erin crawling toward him , begging for help , his face twisted in horror . " Stay back !

" he shouted , stumbling backward before bolting in a panic . Erin froze , stunned . Just a few days apart , and Norris had turned into a different person . But there was no time to think . She had to get this deranged woman off her . " I told you - I don't know you ! Get away from me ! " Her temper snapped . Erin shoved hard , too hard . The woman toppled backward , her head smacking against the pavement with a sickening crack , and she passed out on the spot . A pool of bright red blood spread beneath her skull . Erin's face went pale .

" I didn't mean it - I don't even know her - I just gave her a little push ! " she stammered , looking wildly at the growing crowd . It was rush hour , and people had already gathered at the company entrance . Erin panicked . Scrambling to her feet , she fled , leaving the chaos behind . 2/3 6:57 Sat , Sep 27 B ... Chapter 303 A Shattered Illusion Tracy stood still , momentarily at a loss , struggling to process the situation . What kind of madness was that ? 20 20 Free Coins She glanced at the woman lying on the ground , unsure if she was dead or alive .

The memory of her sudden appearance echoed in Tracy's mind - calling Erin by name and shouting . " Take this ; just give me back my husband ! " Tracy's instincts told her something was very wrong here . " Get her to the hospital , " Tracy ordered the guards . " Keep someone on her at all times . Find out who she is . The moment she wakes up , I want to know . " Not wasting another minute , Tracy boarded a plane overseas . As she expected , the people she came to meet refused her immediately once they learned she was representing Jackman Enterprises . But Tracy didn't back down .

She sat in the lobby , waiting . Here , in a foreign country , she stood out in the crowd . Dozens of eyes landed on her , but she didn't flinch . Calmly sipping coffee and reviewing documents , she looked nothing like the timid girl who had once left the academy . Now , there was steel in her presence - steel Ronald had helped her forge . When the workday ended , she packed her file away and fixed her gaze on the executive elevator . At last , the doors slid open . 3/3

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" The agreement came together more smoothly than Tracy had expected . In fact , she could have flown back the very same day . But after all this time apart , she wasn't going to rush off so quickly . She stayed overseas with Miranda for several days , enjoying their time together . If her bodyguard hadn't urgently reported that the woman Erin pushed to the ground outside the company

had finally woken up , Tracy would have gladly stayed even longer . Before she left , Miranda bought her a pile of gifts and promised that one day she would visit Tracy herself .

Only then did Tracy reluctantly return home . The moment she landed , she didn't even bother unpacking - she went straight to the hospital . From her bodyguard's report , Tracy knew the woman was mentally challenged . She came from a remote mountain town , unmarried by law , but locals said she had a husband who had been gone for years . He called home only once or twice a year . That husband was Tom . No matter what the doctors or bodyguards asked , the woman just curled into the corner of her bed like a frightened child , refusing to say a word .

Tracy immediately decided to take her to see Tom . Tom had been locked up this whole time . He wasn't mistreated , just kept under watch . With regular meals and rest , he actually looked healthier than before . 1/3 Chapter 305 Erin's Dirty Secret +20 free Com But the moment he saw the woman , his face changed , " Why are you here ? " he stammered . Panic flashed across his face , though he quickly forced himself to calm down when Tracy walked in after her . " I already told you everything I know . I even agreed to testify against Erin if you need me to . Why bring her here ?

" She's just a fool , " he added coldly . " She doesn't know anything . " Tracy sat across from him , unbothered . " Not true . She may not be smart , but she knew enough to hand over what Erin wanted - because that was the only way to get you back . " Tom's face drained of color . He lunged forward , gripping the woman's wrist . " You gave it to Erin ?! " The woman trembled , her voice shaking . " N - no ... I didn't ... " Relief washed over Tom , but it lasted only a second . He froze , realizing what he had just revealed . Slowly , he turned his head , meeting Tracy's half - smiling gaze .

" Looks like you haven't told me everything after all , " she said . A shudder ran through him . Even though life had been fairly easy for him lately , the psychological scars from Tracy's earlier interrogation still hadn't faded . The memories of Tracy's earlier interrogation still haunted him , and that look on her face brought it all rushing back . Tom knew he had no cards left to play . But still , he tried to bargain . " Give me 10 million , and I'll hand it over . I'll even testify in court . I can guarantee what I have is worth that much . If you refuse ...

then we're both going down together . " Hearing this , Tracy realized just how valuable the item must be . She had a gut feeling - it might be the key piece of evidence that could finally destroy Erin . Without hesitation , she agreed , but only if she received it first . The evidence was too important for her to trust anyone else and too risky for her to collect in person . In the end , she gave the task to Ronald - the one person she trusted completely . 2/3 6:57 Sat , Sep 27 B ... Chapter 305 Erin's Dirty Secret 20 Free Coins Ronald didn't let her down .

In less than twenty - four hours , he came back with the item . It was a small flash drive , nothing special at first glance , holding only a single video , The footage was clearly taken in secret . The lighting was dim , but every face was visible . And there she was - Erin - standing in front of two bodies , a bloody blade clutched in her hand . Tracy's chest tightened . She knew the corpses . When Erin had first returned , the Jackmans had investigated the Yarwoods . The two lifeless figures on the ground were Lillian's parents . But hadn't they died in an accident ?

Unaware of the hidden camera , Erin continued . Lying in the pool of blood , her mother was barely alive . Her trembling hand reached out , her why ? " voice filled with disbelief . " Erin ... Erin sneered , her smile sharp and merciless . " Because as long as you lived , you stood in the of my future . Only with you gone could I become a Jackman . Only then could I take the way spotlight and become the heroine of this world . " Then she raised the blade again and drove it deep into Lillian's stomach . With her final breath , Erin whispered one last truth .

" I'll tell you a secret : your daughter has been dead for a long time . I just took over her body . " The woman's eyes remained wide open , frozen in disbelief - even in death . 3/3

Chapter 306 Strip Erin of Her Glory \$ 20 Free Cons Erin , who had just killed her parents , showed no fear at all . Instead , she looked annoyed as she wiped the blood from her hands . " What a mess . Just a couple of fictional characters , and they got me all covered in blood . Eww ! " She tossed the stained napkin aside , then spoke into the air . " System , make it look like their deaths were an accident . And prepare a few DNA test results for me . I want the Jackmans to believe , no matter how deep they dig , that I'm their true bloodline . " The room was silent .

She looked like a madwoman , talking to herself . But in the next moment , her parents ' bodies vanished without a trace . Not even a drop of blood was left behind , as if nothing had happened at all . Whoever had been secretly recording the scene must have been terrified - the camera shook , flipped to the floor , and the video cut off . Staring at the black screen , Tracy sat frozen , unable to react . She just kept staring straight ahead . Ronald's concerned voice broke the silence , calling out to her . " CeeCee ? " " Just now ...

" she whispered , stiffly facing him , but she didn't know how to finish . If that video was real , then Erin wasn't even from this world . She had something called a System . And the heroine she mentioned , did that mean this world was just a story in a book ? And if so , was the one called the heroine actually herself ? Countless thoughts crashed over her like a weight pressing down on her chest . The content of this video was beyond anything she thought possible , shattering every belief she'd held her whole life .

And yet , if it was true , then every strange thing about Erin finally made sense . She could sway people's minds . She could erase surveillance footage . She could turn Walter's death into an accident . She could even alter DNA test results . All of it was because she had the System . Feeling the cold fury radiating from Tracy , Ronald asked carefully , " So ... what's your plan now , 1/3 95 Chapter 306 Strip Erin of Her Glory CeeCee ? " +20 Free Coins Whether the video was real or fake , he would , of course , have someone verify it .

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But even without verification , deep down they both knew it was most likely true . The fact that Tom had been able to use this as leverage to blackmail Erin for years already said enough . The shock left Tracy dazed for a long time before she finally gathered herself . She didn't answer Ronald right away . Instead , she kept staring at the dark screen as if lost in thought . At last , she said , " This video is the evidence that can destroy Erin completely .

But it has to be used at the perfect moment ." Before that moment arrived , she needed to strip Erin of her false glow , piece by piece . Fortunately , a perfect opportunity was right around the corner - the upcoming promotional event for Cloudfall Tavern's comic adaptation . Originally , Tracy had planned to pretend she would join the recruitment for the project and wait for Erin to steal her work under the pretense of a mysterious artist T. But before she could even move forward , Erin had already been chosen as the official comic artist for Cloudfall Tavern .

The announcement shocked not only Tracy but the entire internet . People immediately questioned whether the contest had been rigged . After all , the hiring had been public for only a short time , and suddenly a winner appeared . It was only natural for people to suspect foul play . But when the company released Erin's artwork , the designs shut down most of the doubts . Every character's look and expression matched the original story perfectly , and critics had no choice but to admit her drawings were impressive . Only Tracy sat in silence because she recognized them .

Years ago , she had lost a sketchbook - one filled with character designs she and ViaLittle had created together for Cloudfall Tavern . It was supposed to be a gift for ViaLittle . But before she had the chance to wrap it , she was sent away to the academy . By the time she returned , the sketchbook was gone . 2/3 6:57 Sat , Sep 27 B Chapter 306 Strip Erin of Her Glory 30 \$ 20 Free Coins To protect ViaLittle from getting dragged into the academy's shadow , she had never spoken of it again . But now , that very sketchbook had ended up in Erin's hands , twisted into her work .

It wasn't just a sketchbook . It was a symbol of Tracy's friendship with ViaLittle , something she refused to let Erin taint . She had planned to expose Erin's lies later , but the moment changed everything . Tracy decided to move up her plan . While Erin was enjoying the spotlight of being Cloudfall Tavern's comic artist , Tracy made a move of her own . She spread the word online , reminding everyone that the " genius artist T , once praised by Ms. Nicholls herself , " was still around and that person was her . Erin didn't have access to T's account .

So when the news broke , her first reaction was pure clue . any panic . She went straight to Tracy , searching for But Tracy only met her gaze once , silent and calm , and said nothing . That silence unsettled Erin more than any words could . Her nerves stretched tighter day by day . But after a few days had passed with no move from Tracy , Erin finally began to relax . In fact , she even came up with what she thought was a clever plan . After all , T had never shown her face online , and Erin had already stolen the invitation Ms. Nicholls once gave to Tracy .

As long as she claimed her account had been hacked - and with the system's help - she had nothing to fear . Even if Tracy tried to expose her , no one would believe it . 3/3

Chapter 307 The Big Reveal Chapter 307 The Big Reveal +20 Free Coins With that thought , Erin relaxed instantly , happily diving into prep for the comic launch event . The author , ViaLittle , treated this promotion like it was a really big deal . She was famously private and almost never showed up in public - but this time , she surprised everyone by agreeing to do a livestream , and with Erin , no less . Erin could already see herself blowing up after the event . That confidence

carried her as she stepped into the spotlight , calmly taking in all the praise and admiration coming her way .

When she finally met ViaLittle in person , Erin hooked her arm through the author's as if they were longtime buddies . Behind the scenes , she secretly used the system to boost her charm , making herself come off warmer and more approachable . " I can't believe you're actually ViaLittle ! Back at Ms. Nicholls's birthday party , why didn't say anything ? " Erin teased with a playful smile , acting like they'd been close forever . Sylvia - ViaLittle - also smiled , but if anyone looked closely , they would see the edge of sarcasm in her expression . Erin never noticed .

She kept talking cheerfully on camera , answering questions like it was nothing . you When Sylvia asked , " How long did it take you to design the characters for Cloudfall Tavern ? " Erin stayed calm and confident , not a hint of guilt showing . " Not long at all . I was already a fan of Cloudfall Tavern , so when I saw the job posting , I thought I'd give it a shot . I didn't think I'd get picked . " Sylvia's lips curved slightly . " So , you're saying you only started working on these designs after the comic artist position opened up , and before that , you had no ideas ?

" The question caught Erin off guard . It felt strange that Sylvia would press her on this , especially in front of a live audience . But with the cameras rolling , Erin had no choice but to smile and nod . Sylvia let out a sharp laugh at Erin's answer . " Well , that's funny . You claim you only started designing these characters recently - so how come I saw them years ago ? " Erin froze . " W - what ? " 1/3 6:57 Sat , Sep 27 B ... Chapter 307 The Big Reveal 95 +20 Free Coins Sylvia slipped her arm out of Erin's grasp and pointed at the big screen behind them for everyone to see .

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There , a series of chat logs popped up - conversations between Sylvia and a friend about the character designs for Cloudfall Tavern . The drafts her friend had sent looked almost identical to Erin's work , except the timestamps were from years ago . Sylvia's eyes were cold as she stared at Erin's pale face . " These designs were created by my friend and me , revision after revision . Every change was saved and recorded . Ms. Jackman , you're not about to claim you were that friend , are you ?

" As the author of Cloudfall Tavern , Sylvia had studied Erin's drawings long before this event and tested her more than once . She knew for sure Erin wasn't her friend . That left only one answer - Erin had stolen the work . Those drawings weren't just art . They were a symbol of her friendship , something Sylvia cherished . She wouldn't let anyone trample on it . She was set on exposing this fraud in front of everyone while also finally tracking down the friend she'd lost touch with for so long . The shocking twist instantly blew up online .

Hashtags rocketed to the top of the trending list . Tracy , who had been watching the livestream closely , was stunned . She never knew ViaLittle's true identity was Sylvia , and she hadn't expected her to call Erin out openly at such a big moment . But Tracy understood - Sylvia was doing this partly for her , to defend their bond . And though Tracy wasn't ready to reveal herself until the academy mess was over , she wasn't going to waste Sylvia's effort . She immediately had people

flood the internet with comments . [No way . Erin's the same genius artist Ms. Nicholls once praised as T.

She'd never plagiarize . This has to be a mistake .] With the System backing her and a huge fanbase on her side , Erin's defenders quickly filled the comment sections . Sylvia , however , didn't budge . She gave a dismissive snort . " Talent and character aren't the same thing . My aunt might've praised her skills , but she never once approved of her as a person . " 2/3 6:57 Sat , Sep 27 ... 95 Chapter 307 The Big Reveal +20 Free Coins Those words completely brushed off Ms. Nicholls's praise for Erin . And since they came from back . Ms.

Nicholls ' niece , no one dared argue Erin had never imagined things would turn out like this . Panic hit her hard , especially with all the cameras pointed straight at her . A fear unlike anything she'd ever felt before rushed through her chest . H - how did it come to this ? She shook her head wildly , her voice trembling . " No , it's not true . I didn't ... " She had no idea what to do . Finally , the fear overwhelmed her . Her eyes rolled back , and she collapsed on the spot . Everyone around her froze in shock .

Reporters who had prepared tough questions stood speechless , their words dying in their throats .
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Chapter 308 The Truth Goes Live Chapter 308 The Truth Goes Live The room went silent . Even the live chat froze for a few seconds . Then , out of nowhere , someone shouted , " Look - T just went live ! " Everyone was stunned . Erin had just collapsed . How could she possibly be streaming now ? +20 Free Coins People scrambled for their phones , and sure enough , the account they all followed - T - had started a live broadcast .. T had gone live before but never showed her face or talked . She just played soft music while sketching , her long pale fingers moving gracefully with the pencil .

Watching her draw was always mesmerizing . This time looked no different - at first . But the problem was obvious . Erin was still lying unconscious in front of them , so how could she be streaming ? Unless she wasn't T at all . Every eye turned to Erin . Everyone was so shocked , no one even thought to call an ambulance . With so many burning stares on her , Erin would've woken up even if she really had fainted . But of course , she was only pretending . Her eyelids twitched , betraying her . This scene was caught on the cameras perfectly .

And then - T's familiar camera view suddenly flipped , revealing the face of a slender , beautiful young woman . Those who knew her recognized her instantly . It was Tracy , Facing the lens , Tracy gave a gentle smile . " Hi , everyone . I'm T " I've seen the news online . I never expected that my habit of staying off - camera would give someone else the chance to pretend to be me . " If that caused any confusion or trouble , I truly apologize . " 1/3 6]) Chapter 308 The Truth Goes Live +20 Free Coins Her words were calm and polite , but each word left Erin burning with embarrassment .

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Even lying on the floor , her face twisted with rage . Standing closest , Sylvia noticed the change and couldn't help laughing . " So she didn't stop at stealing someone's work ; she even stole their identity . Imagine that - the proud heiress of the Jackmans stooping this low . " Sylvia's mic picked up every word , carrying her voice across the hall and to everyone watching online . In an instant , the crowd joined in , mocking Erin . Even her fans fell quiet . Erin forced herself to keep up the act , trembling with anger and fear .

Her expression looked like it might crack apart any second . Then Sylvia added coldly , " People like her - with no skill and no integrity - should be banned from the industry . I'll be telling Aunt Jane to make sure of it . " That was too much for Erin . She bolted upright from the floor . " No ! She's lying ! She stole my account - I'm the real T ! " Gasps rippled through the crowd . For a moment , everyone was stunned by her sudden recovery , and then their expressions turned awkward . Sylvia didn't miss a beat ; she tore into her . " Ms. Jackman , weren't you passed out ?

How'd you wake up so fast ? " Erin glared at her with venom , as if she could burn Sylvia alive with her eyes . She swore that once this was over , she'd make Sylvia pay . Grinding her teeth , Erin ignored the question and turned toward the live camera , voice trembling with desperation . " I'm the real T. My account was hacked a long time ago - that's why I stopped posting . I never thought the thief would be my sister . She plagiarized my work back in college . The whole school knew about it ! You can check the records if you don't believe me !

" Her frantic defense only made her look more pitiful - like a clown grabbing for attention . Tracy , who was clearly keeping an eye on the Cloudfall Tavern stream , replied immediately . " You can't just decide with words alone . If you claim I stole your account , then prove it . " Let Erin prove herself - that was the fairest way . After that , Tracy chatted a little with the viewers , then ended the stream . 2/3 6:57 Sat , Sep 27 B Chapter 308 The Truth Goes Live She'd achieved her goal and didn't want to overshadow the event .

Chapter 309 The Bet 20 Free Coins But once offline , she did one more thing . She uploaded files from a flash drive her friend had given her - proof that she hadn't plagiarized Erin back in college . Her caption was simple . " If you're not the thief , show us your evidence . " She left the burden of proof on Erin . She wanted to see what kind of evidence Erin could possibly come up with . And these days , netizens weren't easy to fool . Give them the smallest clue , and they'd dig up the whole truth .

Sure enough , with the hype doubling from both the livestream and the scandal , Erin went completely viral . Tracy even paid to boost the story , drawing more people into the debate . She wanted to see just how powerful Erin's System of manipulation really was . 3/3

Chapter 309 The Bet 20 Free Coins It turned out that the System's ability to sway people wasn't as strong as it seemed . Otherwise , the voices online criticizing Erin wouldn't have grown louder and louder . With things blowing up this badly , Tracy didn't need much imagination to guess that the Jackmans would come after her in Erin's defense . So , she blocked every way they might try to reach her . By staying out of sight , she made sure Andrew's focus stayed on her - and let Ronald quietly handle the cleanup in the background . But Tracy wasn't sitting idle .

When she wasn't painting to keep her account active , she was meeting with Miranda . Miranda had agreed to return home because years had passed , and she'd finally let go of some of her bitterness . More importantly , during their collaboration , she noticed something off in Tracy's project . Trusting Tracy , she didn't tell anyone else but came straight to her with questions . Tracy hadn't expected Miranda's business instincts to be that sharp . After hesitating for a moment , she decided to reveal her plans against the Jackmans . Of course , she wasn't about to drag Miranda down with her .

She made sure the deal guaranteed Miranda would come out ahead . Miranda already knew a bit about what Tracy had been through , and that was another reason she chose to return . She hated the Jackmans , too . So when Tracy said she hated them , Miranda could understand . Still , knowing Tracy's personality , Miranda assumed she'd only want to break things off and walk away . The fact that she was actively targeting them only meant her suffering had been far worse than Miranda imagined . " Tracy ... What really happened to you ? " Miranda asked softly , her voice tinged with pain .

Tracy , of course , couldn't talk about what had happened at the academy . But she could feel Miranda's genuine concern . 1/3 Chapter 309 The Bet After a pause , she finally said , " The truth is ... I'm the Jackmans ' real daughter . " Miranda froze , unable to react for a long while . She opened her mouth several times but only managed a long sigh . Deep down , she had always known the Jackmans would regret their choices one day . As Miranda searched for the right words to comfort her , the door to the private room suddenly flew open .

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+20 Free Coins Andrew stormed in , his face twisted with rage , all his usual composure and pride gone . " Tracy ! How long do you think you can keep hiding- " His words cut off as his eyes locked on Miranda . " M - Miranda ? " Miranda's expression instantly went cold . Andrew , oblivious , lit up with joy and rushed toward her like he'd just found something priceless he thought he'd lost forever . " Miranda , you're alive ! You're really alive ! This is incredible , I ... 11 But before he could reach her , Miranda's assistant blocked his path . " Mr.

Jackman , please respect yourself . " Only then did Andrew snap out of his excitement that his wife was alive . He looked between Miranda and Tracy , slowly piecing it together . He let out a long sigh . " Miranda , do you know how wrecked I was when I heard what happened to you ? I was so grateful you were safe ... I know you're always fond of Tracy , but you shouldn't team up with her to spread these lies . You've misled us for years , and now you've really gone too far . " Miranda , who had been ready to leave , was so taken aback by his arrogance that she actually laughed .

" Andrew , I've wanted to say this for a long time - you are so full of yourself . " She used to see him through the rosy lens of love , believing he was smart , decisive , and reliable . But now that the lens was shattered , she finally see him for what he was : nothing more than a pompous fool . 2/3 6:57 Sat , Sep 27 G ... Chapter 309 The Bet Andrew froze , stunned that Miranda would face him with such disdain . 25 92 20 Free Coins When he finally collected himself , he turned to Tracy , his voice sharp . " Miranda ... did she tell you something ? Tracy lies all the time .

You can't trust a word she says- " The harder he denied it , the deeper Miranda's frown got , her irritation climbing by the second . Seeing this , Tracy cut in . " Mr. Jackman , in your heart , isn't Erin always the perfect little sister ? Pure , innocent , never at fault ? " Andrew's eyes narrowed , unhappy that she dared interrupt his talk with Miranda - and worse , that she dared question Erin . But Tracy ignored him . Calmly , she pulled out her phone and brought up a video . " Since you're here , Mr. Jackman , why don't you take a look at this ? " It was the footage Tom had given her .

The contents were explosive , enough to make Andrew's expression twist with shock . For a moment , he even forgot about Miranda's sudden return from the dead . " This is impossible ! " he snapped , glaring at Tracy . " If you wanted to smear Erin , you could've at least made it believable . T - this nonsense is absurd ! " Tracy had expected that reaction . The Jackmans had been under Erin's spell for so long that no matter what proof she showed them , they would never believe it outright . That was why she hadn't used it from the start . " Mr.

Jackman , " she said coolly , her gaze sharp , " if you're that confident , shall we bet on it ? " 3/3

hapter 310 The Truth Revealed " If I can prove this video is real , then you'll hand over ten percent of your shares in Jackman Enterprise to me - and you'll stay away from Miranda for the rest of your life . " The video looked so unreal that Andrew was convinced it had to be fake . With Miranda supporting him , he agreed right away . To make sure he couldn't back out , Tracy even called in a lawyer to draft the contract on the spot . Opportunities to push Andrew into betting the company didn't come often , and Tracy wasn't about to let it slip .

The next day , she lured Erin out with a short message . " Tom's with me . " Ever since the Cloudfall Tavern's event , Erin had become a punching bag online . She was hated so much that she didn't even dare leave the villa . But with Tom involved , she had no choice but to come . Inside the private room , Erin finally pulled off her hat and mask , pretending to act casual . " Why did you call me here ? " Tracy was done with her fake act and cut straight to the point . " There's something I think you'll want to see . " She flipped her tablet around and hit play on the video .

Erin's face changed instantly . She clearly knew about this recording . And when the final scene showed her calling out the word " System " -she completely lost it . Erin shot up , slapped the tablet to the floor, and shouted , " Fake ! It's all fake ! " If it were really fake , she wouldn't be reacting this way . Tracy's smiled , calm and mocking . " So you really are some wandering spirit from another world , not the real Erin ? " Erin couldn't meet her eyes . " I - I don't know what you're talking about . " Tracy pressed on . " To you , this world is just some book .

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And I'm supposed to be the heroine , right ? But book or not , we're real people . You killed your parents . You caused Grandpa's and 1/3 Walter's deaths . Don't you ever fear their ghosts will come for you at night ? " " I'm not afraid ! " Erin suddenly shouted . " You're all just fictional characters without real lives . I'm the only one who matters ! It's your honor to make way for my success and wealth ! " and wealth Her words were basically a confession the video was real . Yet Erin didn't look scared - she almost seemed proud . " So what if you know the truth ?

Who's gonna believe you ? With the system on my side , nobody can resist me . Tracy , you're not the heroine anymore . Your luck is mine now . Norris , Matthew , even your family - they're all on my side . What can you do ? " Compared to Erin's hysterics , Tracy was incredibly calm . She even found herself wondering - why did Erin mention Matthew ? She voiced her doubt . Since it was already out , Erin no longer bothered to hide . " In this book , you're the spoiled heroine . Norris is the male lead , and Matthew is the loyal second lead who'd die for you . But now ?

Your family is mine ; the main lead is mine . The second lead , who worships you ? Mine too . Even if you're the real Jackman's daughter , even if you know the truth - you'll never beat me . " Tracy's lips curved in a cold , sarcastic smile . She never wanted to compete with Erin . Even after learning she was the true Jackman's daughter , she had no desire to fight for their love . She wasn't a recycling bin . Anyone who had abandoned her once - she would never take back . But Erin's smug grin didn't last long .

Right as she was full of herself , the curtain beside them suddenly flew open with a loud swish . Erin's eyes went wide with terror . Behind the curtain was another room - where all the Jackmans , and Norris , had been sitting . They'd heard everything she just said . Erin went pale . She opened her mouth to explain , but Norris was already on his feet . In two strides , he grabbed her by the throat . " Everything you just said - was it true ? You stole everything from Tracy ? You tricked us all ? " 2/3 \$ 20 Fica Goms Erin struggled , eyes wide with fear . " No ...

It's not like that , Norris , listen to me- " There's nothing left to explain . " Liam stepped forward and cut her off , his voice cold . " Every time you explained , we fell under your spell , losing all reason . It was your system controlling us , wasn't it ? " Erin shook her head wildly . " No , no , there is no system ! It's - it's Tracy . She set me up . It's all her- " Smack ! Daphne's hand cracked across her face . Her voice shook with anger and disappointment . " We all heard you with our own ears , Erin . And you're still trying to lie ? How could anyone be this vile ? "
