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Not to mention Nicolas, even Noelle herself was shocked,

She lowered her head, her gaze drifting to her trembling fingertips. The subtle shake in her hands betrayed the unease she couldn't quite shake off as if her body refused to accept the fact she had just forced herself to push him away.

She didn't want to push him away, but the moment Nick leaned in her mind was assaulted by the words Brandon had drilled into her.

The curse of those words chord relentlessly, growing louder with every passing second. Her body, as if on its own accord, reacted before she could even process it, and she instinctively pushed him away

Noelle didn't know how to **face** Nicolas anymore. She felt the push she had given him earlier must have hurt him, and that thought **made** her uneasy. She never wanted to make him sad

As she lowered her head, feeling lost and full of regret. Nicolas quickly composed himself.

Noelle's push, full of rejection, left Nicolas momentarily stunned. The surprise was accompanied by a sharp, almost unbearable ache in his heart. like a needle pricking it, causing a sour, painful sensation

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But Nicolas had been through so much in the past, His harsh experiences had taught him to quickly regain his composure, no Fircumstances

Seeing Elly babe's helpless reaction, Nicolas understood that she was still trapped by the influence of the organization behind her.

But even so, now that he had chosen to love her, no matter how hard or painful it might be, he would stand by her side. He would never turn away.

After taking a deep breath, Nicolas's eyes softened with warmth. He didn't close the **distance** between them again. Instead, he kept a half-meter of space and asked with a genale smile, "Elly babe, is this distance okay!"

"Nick" Noelle heard Nicolas's **voice and** quickly lifted her gaze to meet his

When Noelle saw Nicolas's affectionate smile, she was a little taken aback. She had expected him to be upset, or even angry with her. But he was calm as if nothing had changed at all.

"What's wrong!" Nicolas **asked** with a smile, his tone soft as he looked at her.

As Noelle stood before him, lost in thought, her beautiful eyes fixed on him without blinking, Nicolas couldn't help but feel an overwhelming urge to reach out and gently pinch her soft little face.

However, just as he raised his hand, he thought of Noelle's resistance just now.

He was uncertain about the kind of relationship he was permitted to **have** with her. He didn't **want** to push her into a difficult spot, nor did he want to see **that** flustered look on her **face** again.

So, he reluctantly lowered his hand, which had instinctively risen, and clenched his fist tightly instead

"Aren't you angry that I pushed you away just now?" Noelle **stared** at Nicolas and **asked**. She **was** a bit upset.

Still, when it came **to** Nicolas, she couldn't help but view things from his perspective

At that moment, she couldn't help but think that if she had been the one to try and kiss Nick, only to be suddenly pushed away by him, **she** would **have** been furious

"Why would I be angry?" Nicolas's heart ached with a touch of bitterness, but his expression remained calm in front of Noelle

Although his heart was filled with bitterness. However, Nicolas was still very calm in front of Noelle.

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He smiled softly, **his** voice gentle as he said, "Elly babe, you pushed me away. I must've done something to upset you. Honestly, I was too forward. earlier. We just met, and I came **at you** so suddenly. I didn't scare you, did I?"

Seeing the slightly apologetic expression on Nicolas's face, Noelle suddenly felt a wave of guilt **wash over** her **as** if something **heavy** was pressing down on her chest. She quickly shook her head and said, "No, Nick, you didn't do anything wrong!"

If it were her, she would want to kiss him to

Bu... Brandon had explicitly told her not to kiss Nick.

Noelle desperately wanted to explain, to make Nicolas understand, but she knew she couldn't reveal anything about the laboratory or Brandon.

With a heavy heart, she swallowed the **words** that were on the tip of her tongue. The unspoken explanation lasted bitter in her throat

She shook her head with a sigh, her voice soft and defeated. 'No, nothing. Noelle lowered her gaze, her lips parted as if she wanted to say

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wondering more, but the words faltered, caught somewhere between her heart and her mouth.

Nicolas watched Noelle in silence, his gaze **dark and** filled with an ache he couldn't quite conceal. There was a loneliness in his eyes.

But as if to mask the pain, the corners of his lips lifted in a soft, almost imperceptible smile.

His handsome face quickly morphed into a perfect mask **once** again, hiding the emotions beneath. With a charming smile, he smoothly shifted the

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must be hungry. I ordered your favorite food"

Don't think too much. You must be

Hearing Nicolas's words. Noelle was stunned...

She glanced down at the lavish spread before her. As expected, every dish was something she loved. From the variety and presentation **alone**, clear how much thought and care Nicolas had put into this.

He must have known her preferences inside and out to have ordered a spread that perfectly matched her taste.

Suddenly, she felt warm

Looking at Nicolas, she found his expression was filled with an all-encompassing gentleness.

Noelle blinked, studying him carefully. On the surface, Nick seemed **just** like his usual self, but deep down, she couldn't shake the feeling that he was pretending

She couldn't quite understand why she felt that way. There was no reason or logic behind it, yet the feeling lingered.

Despite the lingering uncertainty, Noelle chose to put it aside for the moment. Since Nick didn't want to show any sadness, and she didn't want to in their time together, she forced a bright smile and leaned in, saying with **genuine** warmth. These are all my favorite dishes. **Thank** you, Nick“” “I told you. There's no need to thank me Nicolas raised his eyebrows and smiled faintly.

He raised his hand instinctively, wanting to touch the **girl**, but just as his fingers **moved**, the memory of her rejection earlier froze him. His hand lingered in the air for a moment, before slowly dropping back down, the gesture unfulfilled.

Just as Nicolas was about to retract his hand, Noelle suddenly reached out and grabbed it, her fingers curling around his with a firmness that surprised him

Seeing this, Nicolas smiled again.

He looked at the girl and asked with a smile. “It's **okay** to shake hands?”

Noelle's bright smile never f

never faltered as she leaned in, wrapping her arms around Nicolas. She nestled her **head** against **his** shoulder, looking up at him with a radiant smile. “This is okay too,” she **said**, her voice warm and sincere

When Nicolas heard this, he smiled. His **hand** also wrapped around the little girl's slender and soft waist. He looked at her and asked, “What about this?”

“Sure!” Noelle nodded.

Brandon said he didn't mind Noelle's physical contact with Nick, but there were boundaries.

Kissing or making love with Nick was off-limits, but other things, such like hugs, handshakes, or even kisses on the cheeks, were still allowed.

Nicolas's smile deepened, becoming more enigmatic. He felt a flicker of confusion in that moment, unsure of what the person behind Elly babe was trying **to** achieve.

He felt that the person behind Elly babe should hate him for touching her. After all, they hadn't even **allowed** them to meet before, but now, he **was** kating her touch him, to **have** that physical contact with hati.

He truly didn't understand what that person was thinking But one thing **was** certain. That person hated him deeply:

it of hatred

At that moment, Nicolas couldn't help but imagine the **worst**-case scenario, Elly babe trusted that **person** so much, and with the **amount** the other person had for him, he feared that one day, the person might even order berto kill him.

He didn't know what he would do if that happened. Should I fight back or just let her kill me? "Nick Nick!" Just as Nicolas was deep in thought, Noelle's voice suddenly sounded in his car

Nicolas came back to his senses. He looked down at Noelle

Noelle blinked at him and asked with concern, "What's wrong?"

"Yes! Nicolas was slightly stunned.

Noelle continued. "Your hand suddenly so strong. I can't even breathe!"

Nicolas looked down at his hand, still firmly wrapped around Noelle's waist. Realizing he'd been so **lost** in thought that he hadn't controlled his strength, guilt washed over him. He must have hurt her without even realizing it

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Nicolas slowly released his grip, his hand lingering for a moment before gently caressing the spot on Noelle's waist. His touch was soft, in soothing away the hurt. "My Elly babe," he murmured, his voice filled with regret. "Does it hurt?"

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"okay?" As Noelle spoke, she placed her hand on Nicolas forehead and asked, "**Nick**, what happened just now! You suddenly looked so pale. Were you thinking about something?"

He wanted to say that he was wondering if the person controlling her wanted to kill him. But this question would definitely put Elly babe in a difficult position and even scare her.

Hence, Nicolas only held Noelle's little hand, placed it on his lips, and kissed it lightly. His gaze was fixed on her as he smiled and changed the topic. "It's okay to kiss you like this, right?"

"Yeah" Noelle answered. Kissing on the lips wasn't allowed, but kissing on the hand was okay.

Nicolas couldn't help but chuckle inwardly, his thoughts a mix of amusement and frustration. So that's the limit, huh? he mused. He had suspected the person controlling Noelle's life had **some** sort of obsession with her purity.

Could he be an old man? Nicolas secretly complained.

Soon, he changed the topic again and said with a smile. "Let's start eating now."

He ignored what had just happened and didn't mention it again.

"Okay!" Noelle was also hungry. Seeing that Nick was unwilling to tell her what was on his mind, she did not ask further. The two of them leaned against each other and enjoyed the delicious food together.

The atmosphere between them was undeniably warm, filled with an unspoken harmony.

Love seemed **to** flow effortlessly, wrapping them in **a** gentle embrace

Yet beneath the surface, there lingered **a** quiet tension, like the calm before an inevitable storm

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Soon, Reyna implemented a series of measures against Noelle

In order to suppress “The Legend” group that had taken over her fan market and completely dispel the doubts about her being the creator of “The Shadows” on the Internet, Reyna publicly had her studio post a lawyer’s letter on her official account.

In it, she specifically mentioned that Nocile had “maliciously” dandered her reputation. She **also** criticized Noelle’s “alander” and elevated it in the level of conspiracy. At the same time, she posted evidence **that** she had been depressed” recently,

For a montent, there were all sorts of review, of Noelle on the Internet

“First of all, I am not anyone’s fan. But I feel so sorry for Reyna, Noelle is such a bitch. What made her think she could bully Reyna? Reyna mest have been tou nice”

“Tam so sorry for Reyna. Everyone wants to bully her. Who is Noelle? Ive never heard of her before?

There have been rumors circulating that Reyna’s representative work. The Shadows, was not written by her. I believe Noelle might have hired. molh to deliberately delame Reyna

“Fuck! This is too much! Noelle should get out of the entertainment industry!”

“Noelle should mind her om fucking business and leave Reyna alone.”

There were also people who loved Noelle because they liked “The Legend“.

Some netizens could not help but defend her when they saw the co

he comments of the

haters.

“What does this lawyer’s letter meant Why haven’t I heard of Noelle promoting herself as the creator of The Shadows?

“The Legend is famous, as their teacher, Noelle’s **status** is already very high. Why should they try to defame Reyna?”

“I think its obvious that Reyna saw her popularity dropping, and then sane The Legend becoming popular, so she’s deliberately trying to stir up draina, right?”

to scam Noelle, not the other **way** around.”

“That’s possible. Maybe it is Reyna who is trying to scam N

“I think Noelle might be the creator of “The Shadows“. This **time**, the songs of “The Legend is not worse than The Shadows. Noelle people wrote seven or eight **songs in** our go. What about Reyna! Osher than “The Shadows“, does she have any other classic works!”

Both sides held their ground, and neither could sway the other.

Fur a moment. The internet was in an **uproar**

The school **was in** an uproar over the trending topic, with Noelle’s classmates reacting the most intensely

After Bryna’s lawyer’s letter, the students immediately **surrounded** Noelle.

“Noelle **have** you read the lawyer’s letter! Reyna is preparing to sue you!”

Oh no. I remember you **and you** were the creator of The Shadows Now you’re a public figure. If she wants to sue, there’s an 80% chance she li

“Noelle, do you want to apologizer

“Oh no. Will this affect the Legend?”

“Forget about the Legrial, Can you care about Noelle now?”

Tim concerned about Noelle. Dues that conflict with caring about the future development of “The LegendT

Noelle cupped her cheeks with her small hands, glancing the students who were arguing around her.

She looked calm and did not panic at all. She said, “Why should I apologize? Instelling the truth in the creator of “The Shadows”

The noisy crowd instantly fell into silence whet

into silence when they heard thus

Then. Someone couldn’t help but exclum, “**Fuck!** Noelle, you’re really amazing You’re still being stubborn at this time!”

“Noelle, don’t be stubborn. Varte a public figure now. Il word gets out, you’ll have to take responsibility!”

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“That’s right?“”

Noelle looked at them and continued, Tim not being stubborn dead yet. I'm the creator of "The Shadows. Reyna is the thief

After hearing this, everyone looked at each other

They were

were all thinking, 'Oh my god, could Noelle really be the creator of "The Shadow"?

"Are you kidding me? When was "The Shadows" released! How old was Noelle at that time? How could she compose such a classic song in her teens!

So Noelle is trying to show off?.

"Most likely, yes."

After a round of "in-group communication, everyone only smiled awkwardly at Noelle, indicating that was fine as long as she was happy

Lela silently looked at Noelle and sneered

Nicolas said that she could get rid of Reyna in two weeks. If Reyna helped her get rid of Noelle before that it would be the best of both worlds.

Noelle, keep being stubborn. I'll wait for your reputation to be ruined, Leia thought..

Harley was also quite worried about Noelle, although they parted on bad terms last time,

After everyone dispersed, Harley looked at Noelle and asked in a low voice, "Noelle, is it really okay?"

Upon hearing this, Noelle turned around and gave Harley a bright smile. She made an OK gesture and said, "No problem at all, Harley. Don't

She now looked cheered up.

Harley's heart skipped a beat.

He looked at her in a daze. After a few seconds, he asked softly, "Noelle, are you alright?"

"Yes? Noelle did not understand why he asked that

She blinked and asked. Does it look like I am not okay?"

Harley was speechless.

1. g. But she refused to answer

For the past few days, Noelle had been depressed. He was worried, so he **asked** her what was wrong. Harley had had a bad time during the weekend too, partly because Noelle didn't trust him, and also because he was worried about her

But when they met again on Monday, she seemed to be fine.

At the thought of this, Harley was quite happy for Noelle.

He hoped she could be happy forever. However, apart from being happy, Harley **was** also a little disappointed. 'Indeed. She is fine **even** without me. Maybe I am unimportant for her.

Harley never thought that he would be troubled by these things.

The corners of his mouth twitched when he saw the curious **and** confused look in Noelle's eyes. He shook his head **and** said, "Forget it, it's nothing. As **long** as you're happy, that's all that matters. Let me treat you to lunch, **to** celebrate your feeling better **again**."

However. Noelle shook her head

one paying This time, it's on me

She smiled **at** Harley and said, "No need, no need. Harley, let me **pay** the bill today! You've always been the **one** paying

Nick said that "reciprocity" was also a part of later personal relationships.

"Haha, alright" Harley smiled.

He didn't matter who paid. He just wanted to stay with Noelle

At noon, Noelle and Harley went to a

She never used social media, so the discussions online did not affect her.

On the third day, however, when Reyna was about to formally sue Noelle, things changed.

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Reyna insisted that Noelle slandered her reputation and insisted that she was the creator of The Shadows.

However, Noelle's entertainment company, Radiance Media, released a recording of the call

The recording **was** a call between a dealer **asking** Reyna for money, and the core of the inquiry was about the price of the song "The Shadow"

The guy's name was Troy. He wasn't satisfied with the price, so he called Reyna, asking for more money.

Reyna had an argument with. Troy. From her tone, it could be seen that she acknowledged that The Shadows was bought by her. She did not give Troy money because she was afraid of being extorted **again**.

The recording immediately caused an uproar on the Internses.

The netizens discussed fervently

“Oh my god. The Shadows was really bought by **Reynal**“

“It must be fake! I’m not anyone’s fan, but this recording is extremely fake. It must have been edited by Radiance Media! The idiots on the Internet really believed it!”

“Wow. Someone’s fans are lying now. Isn’t this Reyna’s voice? How do you know it’s edited? Have you confirmed?”

“Over the years. Reyna **has** got countless profit and fame with The Shadows. She has no other songs of this level. And people have always been talking about her buying songs in her **early** years”

“What a surprise! Reyna is the one guilty“

ments online, Reyna was so angry that she smashed her phone on the ground.

Seeing the comments

Her eyes were bloodshot, and she was so angry that her face became hateful. She gritted her teeth and said, “Troy! How dare you betray me

At this moment, her phone on the floor rang

Reyna looked at the caller ID. It was Marshall.

Her face stiffened and she immediately walked over to pick up the **phone** on the ground “Hello, Marshall.”

“Reyna Did you hear the recording online! Didn’t you write The Shadows?? Marshall’s cone was stern.

Reyna felt guilty and anxious. She quickly said, “**Marshall**, it is faket Radiance Media is slandering met

“Are you sure?” Marshall didn’t quite trust Reyna’s words. He said in a low voice, “Tell me the truth. Did you write The Shadows!”

L...” Reyna stuttered

She felt if she admitted it, Marshall would never talk to her again. By then, she would lose everything.

Therefore, Reyna gritted her teeth and said, “I wrote it. I **was** slandered”

“Okay” **Marshall** said, “That’s all I need to hear from you,”

Radiance Media is going too far. How dare they **frame** you. Don’t worry, you have the entire Sawyer Group behind you. I won’t let **go of** anyone who makes things difficult for you.”

Although Lighting Media was not as large as Radiance Media, it had the support of the Sawyer Group.

Marshall decided he would **make Radiance** Media pay for what they had done.

When **Reyna heard** Marshall’s **domacering** declaration, she felt extremely bitter in her heart. If only Marshall could be **so protective** of her in the past. However, the more he was like this **now**, the more guilty Reyna would feel

The **Shadows’** was not written by her after all

If **this** matter **was** verified, she wouldn’t need to leave the entertainment industry **herself**. **Marshall** would **make** her sullen.

Lighting Media soon began to light **back**, claiming that the recording **was fabricated**, and intended to sue Radiance Media for defamation and compensate for all economic losses.

The recording was verified by an appraisal agency,

confirmed that there were no sign **of** tampering or splicing-

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This was undoubtedly another **slap** to **Reyna’s** face.

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At the same time, Troy posted all the transaction records of him and Reyna back then, which was a very fatal blow to Reyna.

Reyna had just announced that she didn’t know Troy. Now, in front of the evidence Troy had posted, there was no room for denying

For a moment, everyone online started criticizing Reyna,

Many people began posting articles to testify that Reyna was not the creator of The Shadows. Some professional doctors pointed out that Reyna’s various performances showed no **signs** of depression.

Reyna’s reputation hit rock bottom again.

At the same time, Troy confirmed that Noelle was the person who sold the song to him back then. He even found the transaction amount of 4.5 thousand dollars

The news went viral online. It was said that Noelle had been scammed badly.

After all, Reyna earned a lot of money with “The Shadows” every year.

Radiance Media also seized the opportunity and quickly arranged for reporters to interview Noelle. Their main goal was for Noelle to share how she had created The Shadows.

Noelle told the truth, explaining how some melodies were born and sharing the various details behind the song’s creation.

Her insights into the song were quite profound, which only strengthened the trust of netizens even further.

From Reyna’s initial plan to sue Noelle, to the reversal of the situation, and ultimately her reputation plummeting from its pedestal, everything unfolded just as Nicolas had predicted. And all of this happened within a single week.

Then came the Reyna sanctions. While Reyna was speaking with Troy, Noelle discreetly **eavesdropped**. At the same time, she hacked into Reyna’s phone, uncovering all the secrets hidden within.

Once these secrets were exposed by “anonymous sources, each piece of evidence was undeniable. One after another, the revelations mounted, **becoming** the final blow that sealed Reyna’s fate and made any chance of a comeback impossible,

Lighting Media’s shares fell sharply, affecting the Sawyer Group behind it

Marshall, the oldest son of the Sawyer family, was speechless.

A few days ago, he was still thinking about how to attack Radiance Media and profit from it. He even had the intention **to annex** Radiance Media

However, before he could react, Reyna’s reputation was completely ruined.

Moreover, the series of scandals surrounding Reyna caused Lighting Media’s stock to plummet. As a result, the entire Sawyer Group saw its shares drop significantly. Amidst this, a mysterious entity began buying up Sawyer Group shares, **clearly** with ulterior motives.

“What the hell is going on? Marshall looked at the falling stocks and gritted his teeth in anger.

He thought, This got to be a trap! Their target is not Reyna, but the Sawyer Group. But who the hell are they? Who could do that?”

Leia never expected that the once unbeatable **and** exalted pop star Reyna would fall from **grace** and be ruined, just as **Nicolas** said.

But on the surface, Lighting **Media** and Radiance Media had always been an odds. “Could it be that Nicolas **and** Radiance **Media** were somehow

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The thought that Radiance Media’s behind-the-scenes boss might be Nicolas sent a wave of excitement through Leia

Nicolas, the third son of the Sawyer family, always overlooked, actually had **such a** powerful background. If she married **him**, she could one **day** trample on all **those** who had looked down on her.

Just imagining that future made her desperate to meet Nicolas again.

She **quickly** took out her phone and wanted to **call** Nicolas. Har the line was busy.

“Weird: Leia looked at her phone and was puzzled. ‘Is Nicolas so busy!’”

She then told **herself** it was normal. After all, Nicolas might be the big boss of Radiance Media.

Just as she **was walking** towards the school **gate**, she suddenly saw a car parked at the school gate.

Lela looked at it and realized that it was Nicolay’s Maybach

“He came to school? Is it for me? Leia was overjoyed and her eyes lit up. She quickly walked forward and prepared to greet Nicolas

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But suddenly, she heard a girl’s happy greeting from behind. “Nick”

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She found the voice familiar.

Leia’s heart immediately tensed up. She subconsciously turned around and saw **a** girl run straight towards Nicolas

Leia’s eyes almost popped out the moment she realized it was Noelle. Why is the here! Had she reconciled with Nicolas the wondered.

Just as this thought appeared. Noelle had already run in front of Nicolas. Then, in front of everyone, the pounced into Nicolas’s arms.

Nicolas hugged Noelle tightly. The gentleness and love in his eyes were almost overflowing

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two of them started

d chatting

Due to the distance, Leis could not hear what the two of them were talking about. However, they were laughing, it was obvious that they were talking about something happy. Then they got into the car happily

Seeing this scene, Leia was furious, jealousy was driving her **crazy**. She thought **Nicolas** liked her

She thought he had gone against the Sawyer family, and destroyed Reyna, even though she was one of the most important singers of the Syr Group. But now, he was with Nucle

Why! Lela was extremely indignant. She wanted to rush up to Nicolas and ask him whom he would choose if she agreed to date him now. Would he choose me or her?

However, before she could approach, the car drove away first.

Leia seemed to be invisible. No one cared about her.

Leia's face turned even paler **as** the car drove a

away.

Why did he pretend not to see

She was walking in front of Noelle just now. If Nicolas could see Noelle, there was no reason for him not to see her. Why must he be trying to stay away from me?

For a moment, she had a mixed feeling of grievance, sadness, and anger.

Leia was about to cry. She felt panicked.

Nicolas was the last person she could turn to Without Nicolas, she would be all alone.

Her father was still angry with her, and her mom only cared about Noelle. Eli had fallen out with her.

Damon did **not** step forward to comfort her and protect her during her most difficult time. Clearly, he was no longer reliable.

Charlie was even more unreliable. He had watched her step into trouble. He didn't stop her from signing the working contract with Reyna, which caused her to be hidden by Lighting Media. She had learned how hypocritical Charlie was

Everyone was unreliable. She couldn't think of anyone she could **trust**.

Leia's eyes were filled with tears as she looked through her contacts on her phone.

There were many **numbers** inside, but none were her **real** friends. Once she lost power, they would **leave** her alone immediately. Just as she was thinking, she noticed a name.

Bennett Leia's heart skipped a beat

She suddenly remembered that before Noelle came back, she **was** hospitalized **because** of a huge blow. At that time, Bennett said that as long as he found an opportunity, he would **ask** someone to teach her a lesson.

Bennett was a doctor. He was very busy, due to work and academic research, had been outside for the past few days. He had not returned home for two months. Naturally, he did not have the chance to interact with Noelle.

A glimmer of hope suddenly ignited in Leia's heart when she thought of this

She thought, "Maybe.. Bennett could be my last resort.

Leia was too engrossed in her thoughts, she accidentally called Bennett.

Leia panicked when she saw the number displayed.

She knew that Bennett was busy with work during the day. If she called him **casually**, **she** might make him unhappy.

Leia didn't dare to make Bennett unhappy

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Just as she was about to hang up... he had not returned home for two months. Naturally, he did not have the chance to interact with Noelle.

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"Hello, Leia!" A gentle and refined voice sounded.

Upon hearing the voice, Leia could not help but feel aggrieved. Her eyes turned red and she began to sob. "Benner.

"What's going on!"

Upon hearing that Leia was crying, Bennett paused for a moment. Then, he smiled and coaxed, "Who made my little princess angry? Tell me, and I will avenge you."

When Leia heard Bennett **call** her "little princess, she suddenly felt a sense of familiarity

In fact, she used to have princess treatment **in** the Anderson **family**.

Everyone liked her and protected her.

Everyone would be nervous if Leia accidentally fell. Every girl envied her.

There were her parents who doted on her, **as** well as her five elder brothers. At that time, Leia thought that she was the happiest person in the **world**. However, all these treatments were about to be snatched away by Noelle.

The thought of this made her very upset. She cried out loudly. “Booboo. Bennett, my heart hurts so much that I can’t breathe.”

“What is going on?” Bennett asked.

Leia was crying so hard that she couldn’t speak.

Bennett had no choice but to say, “Alright. I’m planning to take annual leave recently, Leia, where are you! **Wait** there for me

When Leia heard that Bennett **was** coming to look for her, she was a little surprised. She stopped crying and asked, “Bennett, isn’t your **work** important?”

Bennett smiled and said, “Nothing is more important than my little princess”

“Bennett. After Leia heard this, her heart warmed again.

Her relationship with Bennett was pretty good. Bennett treated her very well. Unlike Damon, who was **always** irritable and bad-tempered, Bennett always looked gentle.

Logically speaking, with Leia’s preference, her relationship with Bennett should be the best, yet she was closer to Damon

Although Bennett was very gentle and treated Leia very well, Leia found Bennett hard to understand. And she always felt like Bennett could read her mind.

So she felt uneasy after staying with Bennett for too long. Therefore, over time, she preferred to stay with Damon, who never hid his emotions.

But now, the warmth that Bennett showed towards Leia was incredibly precious to her, because, from her current position, she had nothing **to** complain about.

As long as he was still on her side, it didn’t matter if he couldn’t see through her,

“My little princess, **have** you stopped crying? Hearing Leia stop crying, Bennett chuckled.

“Yeah.. Leia wiped her tears, sniffed, and asked, “Bennett, I’m at university now. When would you come over?”

Bennett **said**, “Eston University, right? Alright, I’ll ask for a leave now. I’ll be there in about three hours.”

“Alright, I wait for you,” said Leis

“Okay” After hanging up. Leia took **a** long breath.

She calmed herself **down** and began to **think** about what she should say y when she saw Bennett later.

Now, Charlie, Damon, and Eli were all on Noelle’s side. So Lela muu hold on to Bennett tightly.

Three hours later.

A new limited edition Mercedes-Benz appeared at the entrance of Eston University on time

Then, a man got out of the **car**. It was Bennett.

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Benoen **had** already removed his usual white coat and changed into his regular attire

The gray

y silk shirt and perfectly fitted gray suit pants made his figure look expecially stylish. There was an unmistakable aristocratic aura about him, elegant, gentlemanly, and refined

His

is appearance might not be the best. However, his unique aura made this man look refined and abstinent.

was simply incomparably sexy.

Many girls passing through the school gate couldn’t help but turn their heads to glance at Bennett, their hearts racing at the sight of him.

They wondered why so many hot **guys** had come to their university lately.

“Bennett!” Just as Bennett got out of the car. Leia, who **had** been waiting at the school gate, immediately pounced on him in front of everyone.

Leia was almost a celebrity at Eston University.

Previously, she got her name because she was the sister of the student union president, Eli. Later, she became the last disciple of the female lead, Reyna. As a result, she became a trending topic. Therefore, many students were envious when they **saw** that Leis knew her.

People thought it was too blissful to the young

to the young daughter of the Anderson **family**, with five excellent brothers

Bennett glanced at the gossiping students around him and then looked down at Lela, who had thrown herself into his arms e

arms exaggeratedly

He raised his eyebrows slightly. He knew what Leia was **thinking**, but he did not point it out. He just chuckled **and** said, “This **is** not the place to talk.

Let’s get in the car

“Okay”

Leia was extremely excited to see Bennett. As soon as Bennett said that, she followed him into the **car**.

Bennett led Leia **to a** quiet café and ordered a warm cup of milk for her. His expression remained gentle **as** he looked at her **and** asked softly. “Leia. can you tell me what happened?”

Leia was holding **a glass** of milk. When she heard this, she lowered her **head** and said in a low voice, “Well... Nothing.

“Nothing” Why did you cry like that then?” Bennett **said**. “Leia, you **know** you can tell me everything. I’m your brother. Do you think I will remain indifferent when you cry so **sadly**!”

““Bennett...” Lela murmured.

Bennett’s words warmed Leia again. Charlie, Damon, and Eli are all unreliable. Only Bennett cares about me

Leia sniffled, her voice trembling slightly **as** she poured out her feelings **to** Bennet. “Bennett, I feel like I don’t belong in the Anderson family anymore. Mom, Dad, Charlie, Damon, Eli... they all prefer Noelle now, I feel like I’ve been **forgotten**.”

“Why would they favor Noelle?”

Bennett **was** surprised and teased, “I remember that **before** Noelle returned home, everyone was quite resistant, especially Damon. Didn’t they say that they would beat Noelle up and send her to the hospital when she returned?”

Speaking of this, Leia felt sad.

‘Exactly. Damon clearly hated Noelle so much. Later on, he even quarreled with his family and said that he would always **stand** on my side.

But within just one **day**, **he** changed

She didn't know what Damon and Noelle did outside. But after **that** day, Damion became exceptionally concerned about Noelle.

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Leia would never forgri. Eli had **only** gently pushed Noelle that **day**, but Damon **reacted** violently. He quarreled with Eli. He acted like he was so

concerned about Noelle.

When Noelle went upstairs, he even supported her. That was crazy.

Leja felt that something was different about Damon from that day. She knew t

that Damon wouki.. IEYEI

ever be mean **to** Noelle **again** like before.

Leis felt that Noelle must **have** bewitched Damon when they were outside. Otherwise, his attitude toward her wouldn't have changed so drastically in **just one** day.

She lowered her eyes, speaking in a tone full of dejection and secrecy, "Bennett, do you think Noelle really has some kind of **magic**!"

She couldn't find **any** other **explanation** for why the Anderson family suddenly seemed so enchanted by Noelle **as** if they were all under some kind of spell

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After Bennett heard Irias words, his eyes closed slightbe with a hint of contemplation

He did not think that Noelie knew magic as Leia had **said**. However, Damon, who was most protective of Lea, had changed sides to Noelle in a day Noelle must have done something that shocked Damon,

Bennett did not know what happened, but he could tell that Noelle was indeed not an ordinary person and that he had misjudged her previously

"Bennett Seeing that Bennett did not respond for a long time, Leia called him again.

Bennen came back to his senses and asked Leta with a smile. "Leia, didn't you **ask** Damon what happened to him and Noelle after they went outr

Tria bit her lip and said. "I slidit ask, but I feel that even if Lasked. Damon **wouldn't** tell me?

"Really"" Bennett narrowed hoveves –

He took a sip of **black** coffee and smiled gently at Leis. “Leia, don’t worry. No matter **what** Damon thinks, the relationship between you **and** me for more than ten years can’t be replaced by simple blood ties. No matter what happens in the future, you will always be my sister. You will always be

Thus sentence was undoubtedly a strong reassurance for Leia,

Leia was extremely touched. **Thank** you, Bennen! I knew you were the best for me.”

Forget about Charlie, Damon and Ell. They have no self-control, she thought. Bennett is different from them. He is mature and steady. He has **his** opinion. He would definitely not easily accept Noelle! In the future. I just needed to manage **my** relationship with Bennett. And I would still be the little princess that everyone envied?”

After chanting for a while. Bennen laughed again and teased. “I was wondering what it was that made our little princess cry. Now I see. If you ever feel bad, just call **me** directly, understand?”

Leia nodded repeatedly and smiled through her **tears**. “Got it. Bennett ;

“Alright, since you’re back, let’s go home first today. Leia, you don’t have **any** other class today, right?” Bennett asked.

“No I don’t have class until tomorrow afternoon,” said Leia.

“Then let’s go.” Bennen got up.

“Alright” Leia followed suit.

Before Bennett went home, he called his mother Kimberly.

Kimberly

overjoyed

She prepared a sumptuous dinner for her second son to show **off** her good **culinary** skills. **At the** same time, she also informed her other sons Except for her eldest son who was still overseas on a business trip, and the other boys were all going home tonight.

Noelle **received** a call from her mother too.

Originally, Noelle and Nicolas were preparing to eat.

Today, Nicolas had **asked** Tiryan to book a restaurant in advance. He wanted to bring the little girl to try the Exmous dishes there. However, just as they got into the car, Kimberly called

“Hello, Mom!” Noelle felt strange, didn’t understand why her mother suddenly called.

Suddenly. Kimberly’s happy voice came t

voice came from the phone. She said. "Noelle, Bennett is back **today**. Remember **to come home early** for **dinner tonight**"

"Huh! Bennet" Noelle was shocked.

She did not **have** much impression of Bennett. She only remembered that Bennett was a signing and gentle person.

But the last few times they met, Bennett defended Lela and did not have **any** interaction with her.

Moreover, his **antiution** was telling him that this smiling Bennett was more difficult to get along with than the cold and unapproachable Charlie.

That's **right**. He won annual **leave**. Go home early. I **will** make delicious food for you" Kimberly stubbed and hang up.

a little stunned. She slowly turned around to

Lai beside her and said. Nah. My mom said.

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that my brother Bennett is **back and** wants me to go home for dinner.

Nicolas did not expect Bennett to suddenly return. He looked at the girl and asked with a smile, "Are you going back?"

"I guess so... Noelle nodded hesitantly.

Although she really wanted to be with **Nick** all the time, in her heart, the mission was still the most important thing.

If she didn't go home, she would definitely leave a bad impression on Bennett. She wanted

everyone in the Anderson family to like her.

Currently, Adriel and Bennett were the only people she hadn't interacted with yet. This was

because they were very busy due to work. Noelle rarely had the chance to meet them. Hence, every opportunity to meet them was very precious to Noelle.

Nicolas saw Noelle nod. Although he felt regretful as a mature and steady lover, he naturally respected her choice.

"Fine" **Nicolas agreed** and said to the driver in front. **Turn** around and go to Anderson's House."

The driver replied, "Yes, Mr. Sawyer."

Sering this. Noelle slowly approached **Nicolas**. She hugged his arm with her small hands and said apologetically, "I'm sorry. I promise."

Nick, for breaking my

Nicolas v

was originally a little depressed. However, when he lowered his head and saw his darling's cute appearance, all the resentment in his heart disappeared

He **raised** his hand **and** pinched Noelle's **soft** little face. He laughed **and said**, "What's there to **apologize for**? **It's** rare for Bennett to come **back**. This is a family banquet. Of course, you should be there. If we want to eat together, we can do it anytime."

- "“Yup”” A smile appeared on Noelle's face again when she heard that.

She raised her body slightly and kissed Nicolas **on** the face. She said with a smile, "Nick, you are so nice, I owe you a meal today. I'll make **up** for it two times later!"

Just two?" Nicolas raised his eyebrow

"Haha.." Noelle smiled even more brightly and said. "Nick, you will have as many meals as you

Hearing this, Nicolas suddenly felt a little sweet in her heart.

The corners of his lips curled up as he said, "

"One more kiss."

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After Noelle heard this, **she** immediately leaned forward and kissed Nicolas on the cheek. After one **kiss**, she kissed him again.

After the **Liv**, she threw herself into his arms and rubbed against him like a clingy kitten. "Nick, Nick, Nick..."

Nicolas was almost infuriated by Noelle's rubbing. He immediately held her down and said in a low voice, "Alright, **stop** rubbing **against** me."

"Why?" Noelle was enjoying herself.

eyes:

Her round black eyes were so bright that they were shining. There was some confusion in them

Nicolas calmed his breathing. He lowered his **head** and looked at her. He **raised his** eyebrows and said, "If you continue to rub against me. I'm afraid you won't be able to get out of the car later."

Noelle blinked **when** alar lacard that. Half of her body was leaning against Nicolas's leg. She felt something.

Ol She suddenly understood

Then, the stopped rubbing

She hugged the man's **want** obediently and blinked at him. She said obediently, "Nick, I won't move anymore?

Heh, you're finally afraid?" Nicolas **chuckled**

He gently caressed the girl's face as he carefully arranged her hair.

Noelle could not help but rub her face against his palm affectionately.

Actually, she **was** not afraid she had always **wanted** to do that with Nick

she belonged to him, and he didn't allow her to be you intimate with **Nick**. Hence, she didnt due to do it

Thanking of the. Noelle felt a little depressed and uncomfortable

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To alleviate this emotion, she shook her head, forcing herself to stay calm.

Changing the topic, she said to Nicolas, "Nick, I haven't interacted much with Bennett since I returned to the Anderson family. In my impression. Bennett is a smiling and kind person, but for some reason, I feel that he's even harder to get along with than Charlie. Have you interacted with Bennett **before!** How is he?"

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this reputation in the circle is very

li k bad said art, it meant that Bennett was an eaty person to get along with. 'My previous intuition must have been wing?

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icolastaid. "However, people wiidi predest personalities are often two-faced. They just look easy to get

"Huh?" Noelle's face instantly fell again. She said. "Thors that mean Hennett is very difficult to get along with?

Seeing that Noelle was completely deflated, Nicolas smiled and rubbed her lite face.

He replied, “Di depends. Since this person cares so com hi almut bicimage, he definitely needs in mubtain a good relationship with you. He wouldn’t art as rasddy as Tamun, but bring sinerte isn’t easy for him. People like him probably won’t even be completely true to their family”

“Tigh.” Noelle was silent. This is had Have **to make** Bennett like me. Moreover, I can’t do so like the way I pestered Charlie:

Hourly, Norllewami pool ande.

Nicolas was worried when he saw Nolle. He paited ser braid and comforted her, “But don’t bom. Anyway, you have me. I will help you, okay?! We will make Bermet like **you**.”

rith people who were always smiling and couldn’t completely understand what they were thinking

Let’s see what happens after interacting

with

worry,

Noelle felt much more at rase after bearing Nicolay’s words. She grinned at him. “Yeah?”

At the Anderson’s house, the brothers returned due after another.

When Elise Bennett, he sulled and greeted bias, “Bennett, how can a busy person like you be willing to take the annual leave?

Bermett turned around and replied with a smile, “What else **can** I do? I can’t be working all the time, right?”

Eli Laughed twier

suddenly, he noticed Lela next to dennett,

Why did she come back before mer Feeling **that** something was wrong. Eli asked with a **faint** smile, “Bennen, did you come back with Leia?”

“Hight” Bennett answered.

Ell asked again. “Did you juck her up from university!” –

“Yes, why?” Bennett asked.

“Hub” Eli sneered and said in a slightly yin–yang tone, “I was also in university. Why didn’t you call me along?

Am I not worthy!”

At this moment, beside him, Damon frowned **and** said unhappily. “Eli, calm **down**. Why are you being so aggressive!”

Eli sumed his head **and** retorted. “Did I say something wrong! He went there. Why didn’t be tell **me**? Am I not a family Everyone would be sad if this happened.”

Damon said.

“Do you have any medicine for me? The two brothers started arguing again.

Lela did not expect Elit

hr so hostile to lier

She bit her lip, feeling aggrieved and resentful, but she did not dare to say anything to Eli. Hence, she **whispered** to Bennett, “Bennett, I’ll go upstairs. Have a good chat.”

Bennett smiled at Eria

Alter Leia went upstairs, Bennett patted Eli’s shoulder and said, “Eli, what’s wrong will you? Why are you

Eli **was** still a little angry. He asked, “Bennett, why don’t you ask **Lela** what she did?”

“What had she do?” Brent asked.

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Why are you so hostile **to** Leia!”

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“Ever since Noelle returned, she’s become more and more ridiculous! Let’s not talk about anything **else**. Previously, she was the one who cried and made a fuss and didn’t want Nicolas, right? “But when she saw that Nicolas was good to Noelle, she asked Noelle if she could return Nicolas to her. Is this what an elder sister should **say**? She said it, but she didn’t admit it and even blamed me. It makes me angry just looking at her now!”

“Is that so?” Bennett’s eyes flashed. He **said** leisurely. “Tve never heard of this.”

Eli sneered. There are a lot of things you haven’t heard. Leia did more than this. And she has been targeted **at** Noelle! Do you remember how she had hypocritically asked us to treat everyone equally at the beginning! Now she is the one who bullied Noelle the most!”

Bennett looked at Eli’s disgusted attitude and then **at Charlie and** Damon beside him.

Charlie was still indifferent. He looked as if he was staying out of il

As for Damon, who had **always** been the most protective of Lela, although there was still concern in his eyes, he **wasn't** as frantic as before. He used to rush after Leia **at** the slightest movement.

Seeing the changes in his brothers. Bennett thought of something.

He slightly blinked, and there **was a** casual smile on his face.

Then, he said to Eli casually, "Well, **you** can't blame Leia. Anyone who encounters such a **thing** will feel a sense of crisis. If Noelle didn't come back. nothing would have happened."

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As soon as these words were spoken, Eli immediately became mad.

He glared at Bennett and said, "Bennett, are you alright? How can you blame this on Noelle! He clear. Noelle is our biological sister. Lela mole Noelle's life for years. Isn't that enough" Even if she's and and aggrieved, she shouldn't harm Noelle. She can snatch **her** sister's man?

When Bennett saw how aglowed Eli was, he smiled and said. "I was **just** saying. Why are you so anxious?"

As he spoke, he glanced at Damon and leaved, "Damon, I remember you saying that you would kill Noelle when she returned. Why aren't you saying anything now! Have you accepted Noelle?"

Damon did not expect Bennett to **ask** him. His expression was a little awkward.

He looked away and said in a muffled voice, "Bennett, I was just talking nonsense in a fit of anger. Although I don't like Noelle, El is right. Noelle is our sister after all. There's no reason not to let her come back, right"

After Bennett heard this, he looked at Charlie and asked with a smile. "Charlie, do you have the same opinion!"

Charlie glanced at Bennett indifferently.

He knew very well that although Bennett looked kind **and** easy to get along with, he was colder and more heartless than anyone

Hence, he said with some warning, "Bennett, now that everyone is slowly accepting Noelle, you should try too"

Eli listened and quickly looked at Bennett and said nervously, "That's right! Bennett, Noelle didn't provoke you. Don't find fault with her."

He still remembered that Bennett had said to Leia in the hospital, that if Noelle returned, he would find an opportunity to get rid of Noelle

Bennett looked at his brothers, who were all looking at him nervously.

He chuckled and said. "Are you guys kidding me! Am I a dangerous person? Can you stop **looking** at me like a criminal?"

Damon and Eli looked at each **other**.

Within the entire Anderson family, Bennett, who was seemingly gentle and refined, **was** the only one who was **capable** of breaking the law.

It was almost time to eat

The servant's voice came from outside the house. "Miss Anderson, welcome home.

Then, Noelle's smiling voice also sounded. "Yes!"

Hearing the voice, Eli immediately looked at Hennett. He was still worried that Bennett would target Noelle the moment they met.

Leia, **who** was sitting beside Bennett, had a vicious **look**, thinking, 'Noelle, **don't** think that everyone in the Anderson family is on your side. Benne **is not** as easy to fool as the other idiots"

Soon, Noelle entered through the door.

When Kimberly saw her, she immediately smiled and waved. "Nuelle, come over quickly. You're back."

"Yup! Noelle walked towards the hall.

Her gaze landed on the gentle and refined Bennett. She recalled what Nick had said. Bennett seemed easy to get along with, but he was actually the most difficult to get along with. Hence, Noelle became much more cautious and **greeted** him obediently. "Bennett, you're back!"

Bennett's beautiful eyes **landed** on Noelle

At this moment, Noelle's brothers were all very nervous, not knowing how Henne would **react**

Then, under everyone's gaze, **Bennell** wood up from the sola **and** walked towards **Noelle**.

At **that** moment, Eli's **beart** was almost in his throa.....

"Why is Bennen **standing** up? **Why** is Bennett walking i
towards

Is Noelle? Bennett is still on Leia's side. Is he going to hit Noelle?"

Meanwhile, Leia's eyes were also fixed on Bennett. She kept **shouting** in her heart, Bennett, beat her up! Slap her! Slap this bitch's **face**!

When Noelle **saw** Bennett **walk** to her side, her heart raced. **What** is he doing? Does he want to hit me?

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She had to be careful later. She didn't want to hurt Bennett badly.

Just as everyone was wondering, Bennett suddenly smiled at Noelle. Then, he took **a** step forward and hugged her.

it **was** stunned.

Everyone present was

Leia. Eli and Noelle were all lost for words.

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Shu had thought of several actions that Bennet might

Hennent might give her a cold and polite smile with a hidden meaning. Or he would mock and ridicule her

He maybe far would heat her up to vent his anger.

* scenario, Bennett could greet her kindly. She never expected the bug. He was acting even more friendly than her.

Hennent did not long Noelle for so long before he let go of her. Then, he smiled gently and patted Noelle's head like a loving brother.

He asked. "Norle, I haven't been back for so long. Did you miss me?"

Noelle was stunned again upon hearing this. 'Oh my god! Was Every familiar with Bennent! Why is he talking like we were very close

Bennett's reaction also surprised other people around.

Leia's face looked very bad.

She stared fixedly at Bennen. **She** never thought that Bennen would have such a reaction when he saw Noelle again. Am I crazy or in the world crazy!

Eli was stunned too

Previously, he was worried **that** Bennett would hit Noelle. At the very least, Bennett would mock her. Unexpectedly, Bennett was friendly to Noelle

It looked like he was even nicer to Noelle **than** the other brothers. Eli thought, “What a changeable person. How could he change so fastf

“What’s wrong? Why are you **looking** g like that?” Bennett looked at Noelle’s dazed expression and smiled as he pinched her soft little face.

“Well.. So sofi, **like** a pudding: Bennen thought as he pinched her again.

Noelle allowed Bennett to pinch her little face. She **stared at** him without blinking. Because the matter had exceeded her expectations, her mind was blank, so she went straight to the point, “Bennett, don’t you hate me?”

Because Nick said that Bennett was **a** very difficult person to get close to. Before she came back, she **was** afraid and did not **know** how to get along

with Bennett

Unexpectedly, Bennett gave her **a “hug of love”** as soon as he came up.

She was unprepared.

are you thinking? You’re our litle princess. How can

After Bennett heard this, he smiled lightly and flicked Noelle’s forehead. He said gently, “What are y I hate your

Ten your little princes?” Noelle was stunned again. This was the first time someone called her like that.

After Benner finished speaking, Leia’s face darkened Bennett actually called Noelle linle princess? Who am I then?

Other people were also confused upon hearing **that**.

Bennett had said he would get rid of Noelle **as** soon **as** she returned. And now he said he had never hated her. They found he was such a liar.

At this mornent, the servant walked over and said, “Sir, Madam, dinner is ready.”

“Already!” When Kimberly heard this, she immediately **stood** up and said with a smile, “Let’s hurry up and eat. I made **pork with garlic** today. Have

When Bennett heard this, he turned around and said to his mother with a smile, “I heard that you are good at cooking. Mom. So it’s true! We won’t be sent to the hospital again this tiene, right?”

“You must be joking!”

Kimberly teased proudly, “Noelle had taught me cooking. You have no chance to **taste** the terrible dishes I cooked before again.”

“Haha” Bennett laughed.

Then, he turned around and winked at Noelle. “Noelle, you’ve **helped us a** lot. If you hadn’t taught Mom how to cook, we would have been in Trouble whenever she cooks on a whim”

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not used to seeing Bennett’s kind attitude towards her.

But it was good as long as she **could** build **a** good relationship with Bennett

Therefore, although she felt that something was amiss, she still grinned at Bennett and said, ‘I am glad to be helpful.’”

“Okay, let’s go and eat”

“Okay”

When they arrived at the dining room, their seats had completely changed.

Bennett still remembered that in the beginning, Noelle sat alone on one side and only

Y Eli sat next to her

to her.

But now, Noelle’s seat was beside their mother. Next to her was Eli, followed by Damon, and then Charlie. Meanwhile, Leia had already sat on the other side. And no one seemed to feel that there was anything wrong **with** it

Bennett raised his eyebrows slightly. He was quite emotional about this subtle change.

Although he already knew from his younger brothers that they had changed their opinion of Noelle, he was still surprised that things would change so much within just three months.

Noelle was now part of the Anderson family. That explained why Leia hated her **so** much.

Bennett’s gaze landed on Noelle again, trying to size her up.

Noelle was quite sensitive to people’s gazes. When she felt someone was staring at her, she immediately looked up and met Bennett’s gaze.

The way he looked at Noelle reminded her of the white-coated guys in the laboratory.

The way they looked at her was similar **to** how Bennett looked at her now, which made Noelle shiver uncontrollably.

the blinked her eyes and stared at Bennett, looking a little afraid. Bennett looks so familiar with those **guys** in white.

When Bennett saw that Noelle had noticed him and even had a timid expression, he realized **his** gaze had been too intense. His expression. opened immediately, and he smiled warmly at her.

Coelle's heart suddenly felt a little uneasy when she saw Bennett's suddenly gentle expression.

Nick was right. It's not easy to deal with Bennett, she thought. She had no idea what Bennett was thinking.