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Ellen laughed upon hearing that. Meanwhile, Jared suddenly pulled her into his arms and said, "It looks like you've had enough rest." "Jared, are you even human? Ellen asked surprisedly.

"I can be anything other than human when you're here with me." As soon as he spoke, he carried her toward the master bedroom. The streetlights lit up when night fell.

Selena had been waiting for Jay's message in the hotel, and finally, she received it. He finally found a solution after careful consideration. Jay happened to be familiar with the competitor who had competed with Ellen.

He decided to bribe the competitor to admit that he had secretly taken Ellen's money and intentionally lost to her, who was a newcomer. Since the competitor felt resentful and humiliated for losing to a newcomer like Ellen, he was more than happy to seize the opportunity and smear her name.

Jay explained his plan to Selena over the phone. and asked her to be patient. "Can you denounce Ellen's championship qualification by doing this?" Selena asked.

"Even if you can't take away her championship qualification, you can still ruin her reputation and make her win without honor."

"Okay, then I'll wait and see. As long as Ellen's reputation is ruined, I'll let you go, Selena said. "Selena, this is as far as I can go, Jay said helplessly.

With that, Selena immediately went online and followed the comments made by the contestant. As expected, he spread rumors. about the incident online, which instantly caused a buzz.

Media outlets even reposted his post and spoke out about it. Meanwhile, the furious Selena posted more than a dozen insulting comments about Ellen, all of it which were extremely inappropriate.

She also registered an account and reposted the post, even paying to spread the news. Her goal was to ruin Ellen's reputation and make her the object of criticism and abuse on the internet. Before this, news

about Ellen and Jared was still trending, but the topic of the suspicion of Ellen's championship being rigged quickly rose to the top.

Fans who had previously held a favorable opinion of Ellen could not believe that she had paid to gain the championship. Moreover, media analysts speculated that Ellen's championship was bought by her boyfriend, Jared, and everyone instantly believed it.

There was no doubt that the president of Presgrave Corporation could manipulate the results of the competition through power and money and at the same time, promote his girlfriend as the champion.

Ellen received a call from the team leader at 8.00PM. "Ellen, have you seen what's happening online? What's going on?" the team leader asked.

Ellen had no idea what had happened since she hadn't touched her phone at all. "Nicholas, did something happen?" she asked.

"Your opponent, Alden, said that you paid him off before the competition. He intentionally lost to you and let you win the championship. Is there any truth to this?"

"Nicholas, what are you talking about? There's no such thing," Ellen said firmly. She didn't expect Alden, would resort to such means to discredit her after losing the game.

As soon as the game ended, Alden's action of smashing the chess pieces indicated that he was displeased about losing the game. However, right now, he was trying to ruin her reputation using such means. This infuriated her very much.

"Are you sure?" Nicholas asked again. "I'm sure, and I certainly did not bribe him. Moreover, I didn't even know him before this." Ellen was very certain.

"It seems that many people don't believe you won the championship fairly this time. It's okay, Ellen, we'll talk to them about this. Don't be too bothered by this as we know your capabilities," Nicholas comforted her and hung up the call.

After that, Ellen quickly sat on the couch and searched for information related to herself on her phone. She saw Alden's posts, which directly accused Ellen of bribing him to make him lose the game. Upon seeing that, she breathed heavily while anger burned in her eyes. She couldn't believe that such shameless people existed!

Soon, Jared walked over with a glass of water and saw her biting her lips while staring at the phone screen furiously. "What happened? Is something wrong?" he asked concernedly.

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"My opponent deliberately accused me of buying him off and is now trying to discredit me online. He said that | won the championship through unfair means." Ellen sighed.

"Really?" Jared sat next to her and picked up her phone to check the posts. After reading them, he clenched his fists when he saw a comment saying that Ellen's victory was only possible because he had manipulated the scores behind the scenes.

The comment discredited her hard work and tagged her with a reputation for buying championships, which led to her being questioned throughout the internet.

"This is outrageous! He is digging his own grave!" Jared's face contorted with anger. He didn't mind being targeted, but he would not tolerate anyone bullying his woman..

With that, he picked up his phone and dialed Stanley's number. 'Have you seen the online attacks against Ellen? Investigate this immediately.' "Yes, Mr. Presgrave!"

Jared also felt a sense of guilt, for he shouldn't have announced their relationship so publicly. After all, it had given Alden a reason to defame Ellen. Since Ellen had an ultra-wealthy boyfriend who inherited a conglomerate, it made Alden's malicious remarks seem more convincing.

"I'm sorry, it's all my fault. | shouldn't have been so high-profile about our relationship. Jared blamed himself.

Ellen was originally very angry, but upon hearing his words, she immediately wrapped her arms around his neck and shook her head earnestly. "How can this be your fault? You should be blaming the despicable Alden."

"I wanted to announce to the whole world that you are my girlfriend, but I should've been more low-key to protect you," Jared confessed as he kissed her. "I will investigate this matter and make sure Alden pays the price."

"Okay, I'm not in a hurry." Ellen nodded. She had nothing to fear, for she had a clear conscience.

At the same time, Selena, who was at the hotel, kept checking comments about Ellen online. The more she read, the more excited she became. Ellen's reputation had been tarnished, and the internet was filled with criticism and outrageous comments toward her. Selena felt extremely satisfied, for this was the result she wanted.

Soon, Jay called her. He had been keeping an eye on Ellen's news and was now relieved. "Selena, I've done everything you asked me to do. Can you let me go now?"

"Give me another 15,000 and I'll let this go," Selena demanded the money greedily.

"Selena, you..." Jay was a stingy person, but he did not expect Selena to be so greedy. 15,000 and nothing less than that," Selena blackmailed him. "Fine! Consider myself unlucky!" Jay then hung up the call furiously.

Selena was overjoyed. Not only she had easily destroyed Ellen's reputation, she even got 15,000 from it. It was enough to pay for some of her expenses for the time being. She had been in jail for over a year, and it was time for her to enjoy herself. The pleasure of retaliating against Ellen was fantastic.

Meanwhile, everyone in Ellen's team felt powerless in dealing with this matter because of Alden's words. Even if they wanted to prove the truth, they had no way of doing so.

"Ellen relied on her talent to win," Brook said with certainty. "We all know that Ellen relied on her talent, but unfortunately, the netizens have blindly believed Alden's words. Ugh! Alden is too shameless."

"We can only suffer this loss. I'm just worried that Ellen can't take it since she's still so young, and it's apparent that Alden is out to get her!"

“The TV station just called and said that the interview has been postponed. I think we're done for “Who would dare to interview us given these circumstances? Our team’s chance to become famous has been destroyed.”

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“Do you think Ellen’s boyfriend is actually the president of Presgrave Group? He's a super rich second generation!” an assistant uttered. Hearing that, everyone fell silent. Now, only Brook firmly believed that Ellen was a talented person!

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News of Ellen buying her championship spread like wildfire online. Many media companies also grabbed this chance to gain traction and cash in on the opportunity.

However, at 6.30PM, all the media outlets fell silent, and any discussion of Ellen vanished. It was as if a large hand had taken firm control of the situation behind the scenes, halting all the slander and insults aimed at Ellen.

Without the internet to spread the word, the fans quickly diverted their attention to something else. As for the incident with Ellen, it was limited to small offline talk. After all, Ellen wasn’t a major celebrity.

A force had seeped into the chess world and begun investigating this incident that targeted Ellen.

Meanwhile, Alden was feeling a little accomplished, for he didn’t expect to ruin Ellen’s reputation just because of something he said while venting about his defeat in the competition.

He was on good terms with Jay in private too. Even though he didn’t know why Jay had suddenly asked him to do this, it was just a piece of cake for him to slander and attack the newbie with just a few sentences.

Now that the deed was done, Jay invited Alden to a meal and some drinks at night as repayment for his favor. Because of Alden’s help, Jay’s problem was solved as well, and everything was settled after he transferred the money to Selena.

After a few drinks, Alden was still curious as to why Jay would target Ellen. Jay had nowhere else to vent, and Alden wasn't an outsider either, so he decisively told Alden about Selena blackmailing him..

When Alden heard everything, he felt like he had helped Jay tremendously, so it was considered a huge favor. Hence, Jay would gladly return the favor if Alden ran into anything in the future.

"Jay, | was putting myself at risk to help you, but | don't like Ellen that much either, you know? I've been coveting the championship for almost eight years, and | swore | would get first place this year.

Who knew that a brat would appear out of nowhere and block my path? That's just infuriating. Alden was furious at the mention of Ellen. It was terribly humiliating for a veteran like him to lose to a newbie.

If he were going up against another veteran in chess, he wouldn't be this worked up. However, Ellen had just entered the scene this year, and she was just a young woman in her 20s. She even disregarded his seniority in the competition, making him so mad that he vented his frustration out on the chess pieces.

Jay sighed. "It's miserable for me too! | fell right into Selena's trap. If you hadn't helped me, | wouldn't know what to do!"

"Who would know about this incident if we don't tell anyone?" Alden held the wine glass in his hand as he said in satisfaction, 'Just one sentence from me is enough to ruin Ellen's reputation. Also, she has a powerful boyfriend, doesn't she? That's the perfect opportunity for people to doubt her skills. Let's see if she dares to complain anymore now!"

Jay brushed it off as well, then clinked glasses with Alden. "We're brothers from now on." Just then, Jay's phone rang. Jay glanced at it, then answered the call in annoyance. "What else do you want, Selena?"

"Didn't you see the news? All news reports about Ellen are gone. If someone asks you about it, don't mention me, or I'll send those photos to your wife immediately' Selena's voice sounded anxious on the other end of the line.

"What? What is going on?" Jay asked in surprise.

Selena had personally experienced the consequences of defying Ellen. She could sense something dangerous on the horizon, and she felt that Ellen was about to launch a counterattack.

“Just remember what I said.” With that, Ellen hung up. Jay had yet to come to his senses. Alden asked curiously, “What's wrong? Is that girl asking for your money this time?”

“No.” Jay pretended everything was fine as he continued drinking with Alden.

Meanwhile, Selena checked out of the hotel and walked outside, tensing up. She had been in jail not long ago for threatening Ellen several times. Now, she had ruined the woman's reputation out of anger.

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Selena was beginning to fear now, for she saw that all the news articles related to Ellen were gone. This meant that Jared had taken action.

Selena didn't want to get involved, much less bear the responsibility for it.

Ellen's reputation was considered ruined at this point, so even if the news articles were gone, it was enough to force Ellen out of the chess community. From today onward, Ellen wouldn't dare participate in official competitions, and her championship would become the joke of the chess community.

Selena was quite satisfied with the outcome, feeling that it was worth sacrificing her body in exchange for such results.

In the meeting room, Jared was seated at the front while a group of people sat before him. They were all concerned about one thing, which was to find the culprit behind the scenes who wanted to defame Ellen.

At that moment, they had gathered enough information to paint a complete picture.

“Young Master Jared, these are records of Alden Thomas' financial situation. This is his call history and duration, as well as the people he met recently at the hotel.”

“Based on the people he’s met in the past few days, we carried out a thorough investigation. These are all people who have contacted him before.”

“According to our speculation, it's highly possible that Alden wanted to get revenge on Miss Reiss because he couldn't accept the fact that he lost.”

Jared stared at Alden’s photo with an extremely disgusted look in his cold eyes. Back then, this man had smashed the chess pieces right in front of Ellen during the finals.

“President Presgrave, shall we employ our special methods?”

“For the moment, no. Keep investigating.” Jared shook his head. He had to be a little more careful since Ellen’s reputation was involved. He wanted to clear Ellen’s name and restore her reputation as well.

If he just wanted to exact revenge, he had all the methods in the world to do it.

Just then, Jared’s phone rang. He glanced at it, gentleness instantly filling his eyes as he took his phone over to the French windows. He answered the call and said tenderly, “Hey. Are you going to sleep already?”

“Is the investigation still underway?” On the other end of the line, Ellen asked as her heart ached for Jared. It was already 9.00PM. “Don’t worry, we’ll find the truth very soon,” Jared comforted her.

“Just forget it if you can’t find anything. | won't stoop to their level.” Ellen didn’t want him to work too hard either.

“I've said before that | won’t let anyone bully you anymore. I’m a man of my word.” Jared would never let those people off the hook.

He would make all of Ellen’s bullies pay the steep price for it. Even if they couldn't be punished by law, he could still employ his methods.

Just then, Stanley's phone rang. He reached out and picked up the call. "Hello. Did you get any information from eavesdropping?"

"Send it to me."

Not long after Stanley listened to a portion of the recording, he spoke to Jared, who was still on the phone. "Young Master Jared, we've found something. Listen to this."

Jared glanced at Stanley, then said gently over the phone, "I'll go home to you as soon as possible."

"Okay, don't overwork yourself," Ellen said in concern. After hanging up, Jared sat down at the table and listened to the audio recording. Two drunken voices were heard speaking.

"Jay, I helped you this time, so you'd better thank me properly." "Of course, I will." "That girl is outstanding, though. If I play against her in the future, I'm honestly not sure if I'd be able to win."

"I'll make use of this incident to bar her from entering competitions, and you won't ever see her at any matches in the future." "That's great. I'll have hopes of getting first place next year."

"You've helped me this time, but you're also helping yourself too!" "I wouldn't have helped you so readily otherwise!" "Thank you, thank you so much."

After the playback ended, Stanley continued, "President Presgrave, a subordinate recorded this while sending the two back to the hotel. Looks like Alden was just a pawn, and the real person who wanted to ruin Miss Reiss' reputation was the judge named Jay Harris. He probably has a grudge against her."

Jared frowned a little. The recording was proof that Alden was helping Jay destroy Ellen's reputation, so who was the one behind Jay? "Keep investigating," Jared said in a low voice.

Meanwhile, at the entrance of the hotel, the two drunk men staggering into the building had no idea that the driver of the taxi they took wasn't the real driver at all. The real driver was sitting in the black car tailing them.

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In the meeting room, they managed to figure out Jay's connections and networks within ten minutes. Stanley quickly arranged them, then handed them to Jared.

"Young Master Jared, these are all the people Jay contacted in the past few days at the hotel. Curiously enough, we didn't find anything. between him and Miss Reiss."

Jared took the photos and scanned through them. He suddenly caught sight of a photo taken at the front desk, where a woman was standing next to Jay. Even though it had been more than a year since he last saw her, Jared recognized the woman right away.

Selena. She was Connor's daughter, and Jared had thrown her into jail a year and a half earlier. He didn't realize that she had been released. Why would Selena and Jay appear at the front desk of the hotel?

"Investigate this girl's contact with Jay." Jared pointed at them.

With a clear direction, they quickly completed the investigation of all the surveillance cameras. in the hotel. It was three hours later when they saw a recording of Jay carrying clothes with him as he went into Selena's room.

Now, the truth was out in the open. The real mastermind behind Ellen's defamation was Selena, who had just gotten out of prison.

Jared delivered a forceful punch to the table. Connor's daughter still hadn't learned her lesson. She was just released from prison not too long ago but was already targeting Ellen again.

Apparently, the year-and-a-half sentence was too short for her.

"Collect all the evidence. I'll deal with it tomorrow." Now that Jared had an answer, he was no longer panicking. He would make every single one of them pay.

Ellen sat in front of the French windows as she gazed at the neon lights outside, deep in thought. Just then, she heard some noises coming from the door. She was instantly filled with joy, for he had returned.

She didn't care about the fights and chaos going on outside; she just didn't want him to overwork himself for her sake. "You're home." Ellen ran up to Jared and threw her arms around him.

Jared embraced her lovingly. She was so kind, but people kept trying to harm her. He was undoubtedly furious about that. "We've got our answer. The one slandering you behind the scenes is Connor's daughter, Selena," Jared explained honestly.

Ellen looked up in shock. "Selena? Is she out of jail already?" "She was probably released not too long ago. She seduced the head judge, who then contacted Alden Thomas so that he would slander you."

Anger flashed across Ellen's eyes. This morning, Ellen had just learned from Jared over breakfast that Selena went to jail. She was shocked, but she hoped Selena would turn over a new leaf. However, reality proved otherwise.

Some people were rotten to the core, and this was something no amount of imprisonment could change. Selena would rather sleep with a man of her father's age and think of all sorts of ways to harm and slander Ellen. This was unforgivable.

"Don't worry. She deserves to be in jail for the rest of her life, and I won't let her off the hook!" Jared caressed the back of Ellen's head as he comforted her.

"Okay. This time, I want to see her getting jailed in person." Ellen decided she would not be soft-hearted anymore, even if it meant cutting off ties with her uncle.

Early in the morning, Jay was sleeping soundly inside the hotel when he heard someone knocking on the door. Feeling a little annoyed, he opened the door to see a few uniformed men standing outside. "Is... something the matter?"

"Jay Harris, please come with us."

“W-What happened? Did I break the law?”

“We have a warrant for your arrest.” Before Jay could react, he was handcuffed. He never thought that the police would come knocking on his door, and he couldn't figure out why no matter how much he racked his brains.

Meanwhile, in another room, Alden was arrested as well. Selena spent the night at her parent's house that day. She dared not tell her parents about the incident until the police came knocking at 9.00PM.

Olivia and Connor were so shocked that their faces turned pale. Their daughter had been in jail once, so they were deathly afraid of the police. “Is Selena Aguirre home?”

“My... My daughter is home. What happened? Has she done anything wrong?”

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“We need her to come with us.” Shocked, Olivia turned around and ran toward her daughter's room. When she opened the door, Selena was still sleeping. Olivia shouted, “Wake up, Lena! What did you do this time, you ingrate?”

“What did I do?” Selena shouted in annoyance. “The police are here, Olivia said, her eyes red in anger. Selena instantly panicked as she thought, What?!

She anxiously gripped her mother's hand, saying, “Mom, if anything happens to me, ask Dad to look for Ellen!” “Why? Did you mess with her again?”

“Don't ask, Mom. I don't want to go to jail again. I was just getting a little revenge on her, and it was supposed to be a harmless joke.” “What did you do?” Olivia couldn't believe her daughter had gotten into trouble again, and with Ellen at that.

Meanwhile, Connor was asking questions at the door. The police said straightforwardly, “Your daughter is suspected of seducing someone and receiving 15,000 in return. She's also suspected of threatening and slandering others.”

“What? Impossible. My daughter will never do such a thing.” “We have obtained sufficient evidence, and we're arresting her according to the law. Please. refrain from obstructing official duties.”

Selena had just stepped out of her room when the police came in to arrest her. She turned around and looked pleadingly at her father. “Dad, please talk to Ellen. Ask her to forgive me and let me off the hook! | don't want to go to jail again, Dad!”

She was regretting it to the core as she didn't want to go back to prison again. Connor was so mad that he stepped forward and slapped Selena across the face. “Since when have | raised a useless daughter like you?”

“Lena, my dear Lena! Don't worry, we'll definitely beg Ellen for mercy. | won't let you go to jail again,” Olivia promised through tears as she went down the stairs after her daughter.

A peaceful morning had turned tense and terrifying simply because her daughter did something wrong again. Olivia was regretting it now. How could her daughter be so clumsy? She thought Selena would turn over a new leaf, but the girl was being arrested again.

Meanwhile, Connor had given up all hope on his daughter. He had clearly made the wrong decision by allowing her to study abroad. Selena never learned anything related to her studies and absorbed all the negative habits instead.

It wouldn't be a problem if they were poor. Selena could just suffer early in life, then get. married and live the rest of her life in security. It would be much better than her life right now.

‘Connor, go and talk to Ellen. You have to find her even if your life is at risk,’ Olivia said angrily. Last time, their daughter had been jailed for a year and a half because Connor couldn't find Ellen. Now, she didn't want Selena to go back to jail if they could help it.

He was getting old. It was late at night, so where could he possibly look for Ellen? If he had to run around looking for people, it would be too taxing for him at his age..

“Till talk to her tomorrow morning.” Connor couldn't be bothered about his daughter anymore. At that moment, Olivia became so mad that tears began falling from her eyes.

Still, she had no choice. She hated Ellen for being so cruel, but it was also her daughter's fault for being at loser. She had lived most of her life in bliss, but she had to worry about her daughter in her old age. She wondered if that was retribution from the heavens.

At the police station, Alden and Jay stubbornly refused to admit that they had slandered Ellen, and they only began panicking when evidence was presented to them.

To them, this was just a joke, so how could they get arrested for this?

However, they quickly realized that this wasn't a joke; they were actually being prosecuted. Hence, they tried to blame it on someone else, wishing they could be completely free of this responsibility.

When Selena was taken in, Jay happened to be leaving the interrogation room at the same time. The moment he saw Selena walking in his direction, he pointed at her and said angrily, “It's her. She's the one who threatened me!”

When she saw him, she knew that the end was inevitable. There was no escaping now, and she even felt like dying at that moment.

At noon, two apology videos were uploaded online, and they had so many views that they went viral in an instant. In the videos, Alden and Jay behaved with utmost sincerity while apologizing. No matter what identities they once held, at that moment, they had only one- sinners.

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The netizens had just finished gossiping about Ellen buying her championship, and before they could even recover themselves, they were already faced with apologies from the people who started the rumors. The development was so fast that they could barely react in time.

In Alden's video, two policemen were standing behind him. After Alden revealed the entire process, the police also announced how the slander started and how it ended.

In an instant, the fans realized that Ellen was the true victim. She deserved every bit of her championship, and she most certainly did not buy her way through it.

Not only that, several chess professionals voiced their thoughts as they analyzed the game Ellen played in the finals. They were amazed at Ellen's skill in chess, and it was proof that she was a bona fide champion..

With the professionals backing her up, Ellen's skills were once again acknowledged. After the ruckus online, she was now receiving a huge wave of fans and support.

Ellen sat on the couch, donning a casual dress. She was too tired last night, so she only woke up at 10.00AM this morning. As soon as she got up, she stumbled across articles about herself. When she saw that her reputation had been restored, she put down her iPad and turned around, running toward the study.

When she opened the door, the man who was sitting in the chair was startled by the sudden noise. Without another word, Ellen walked toward him and spread out her slender arms, then wrapped them tightly around his neck. She nuzzled into his shoulder as she thanked him.

"Thank you!" Jared enjoyed her most sincere thanks as he reached up and caressed the back of her head. "I'm just doing my job, aren't I?"

With that, he kissed her forehead. "I've said before that I won't let anyone hurt you." Ellen raised her beautiful eyes to look at him. His words were filled with security and love.

With him around, she did not need to fear anything. Just then, Ellen heard the phone ringing. She gave him a peck on the cheek, then said, "I'm going to answer the phone."

"Alright, go ahead." Ellen sat on the couch and answered the call from the team. "Hello, Nicholas."

"Ellen, someone claiming to be your uncle came to us and said he's looking for you." Ellen was stunned. Why was her uncle looking for her? Did he want to beg for mercy on Selena's behalf?

Just then, the phone was snatched from Nicholas, and Connor's voice rang out. anxiously. "Ellie, it's me, your Uncle Connor, Can we meet up? Lena was foolish and made a mistake. Can we talk about it?"

"Uncle Connor, there's nothing to talk about. Selena did something wrong, so she should bear the responsibility. You shouldn't worry about her."

"I mean, she was just released from jail, so she can't go back again! Her life shouldn't be ruined like this! I'm your uncle, and she's your cousin!"

"I only know that she should pay the price for her own actions. That way, she'll learn to become a decent person and respect others." Ellen wouldn't give in this time, regardless of the person asking her.

Ellen hung up the phone and sighed gently. In the end, her uncle still pressured her.

Just then, a man's voice rang out gently behind her, comforting Ellen as he said, "You did the right thing. There's no need for compassion toward people like Selena."

Startled, Ellen looked at the man who had walked toward her. She nodded. "I know."

Just then, another phone call came in. When Ellen saw that it was from the producer at the TV station, she hesitated for a moment before picking up.

"Hello, Miss Lane."

"Miss Ellen, are you free tomorrow night? We can proceed with the interview, so I'd like to get your confirmation." "Huh? Wasn't it canceled?" Ellen was surprised.

"It wasn't canceled, just delayed. Now is the best time to interview you," Miss Lane said a little excitedly. Ellen's popularity was booming right now, after all.

However, Ellen replied determinedly, "I'm sorry, Miss Lane, but I think we should cancel the interview. I'm feeling a little tired, and I don't feel like going."

“Miss Reiss, this is a rare chance for you to become famous! Are you really going to pass it up?” Miss Lane asked in surprise. After all, once someone became famous, they would become even more well-known after getting interviewed on TV.

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“Yes, I’m giving up.” Ellen nodded. She now realized that fame was exhausting and being herself in her quiet corner of the world was the better option instead.

“Miss Reiss, did you run into any trouble? It’s okay, we can solve it for you.” Miss Lane persisted. Ellen was in the spotlight now, and an interview with her would definitely raise their ratings.

“I’m fine, but I personally don’t like interviews. Thank you, and goodbye.” With that, Ellen didn’t give Miss Lane any more chances to convince her.

When she put down the phone, a pair of arms wrapped around her from behind, and the man gazed at her in approval. He was surprised that despite her young age, she had resisted the temptation of reputation and popularity. This was considered quite a feat already.

“Why don’t you want more fame?” he asked. “I don’t want to live under the attention of others. I just want to stay with you and live the rest of our lives in peace,” Ellen answered honestly.

She was already exhausted from the fighting and chaos outside. Simple, clean social circles, and connections were the best for her. Meanwhile, in Connor’s home, they could only sit around restlessly since Ellen refused to help them.

They couldn’t contact Ellen again, and they didn’t even manage to get her number. Moreover, the team had left Aversa as well. “Why are you so useless?!” Olivia shouted.

Just then, Connor's phone rang. Connor glanced at it but didn’t dare pick it up. Olivia thought it was a call from Ellen, who decided to have mercy on their daughter. “Why aren’t you picking it up?” she asked.

Connor gripped his phone in slight nervousness, but he stubbornly refused to answer. Seeing that, Olivia reached out to grab his phone. Connor didn’t think she would try to snatch it, so he became even more panicked and started fighting back. Suddenly, a boy’s voice cut through the air.

“Dad? Dad, where are you? Come over and have dinner! Mom and | are waiting for you!”

Olivia immediately froze in her attempt to grab the phone, while a strong look of panic colored Connor’s face. Connor hastily ended the call, not daring to look at his wife.

“Whose child is it?” Olivia asked through gritted teeth, the fury already raging in her eyes. “They’ve gotten the wrong number, Connor said guiltily.

‘Connor, are you hiding something from me? Do you have a child with another woman?’ Olivia asked in a shrill voice. Connor still dared not admit it as he roared at her, “I told you they got the wrong number! Why are you still pestering me?!”

Olivia’s tears gushed down her face. She covered her face in despair as she said, “Connor, you b*stard! You got yourself a son with another woman just because | can’t give you one, didn’t you? You’re inhumane! You’re a jerk!”

Realizing that he couldn’t hide this any longer, Connor sat down on the couch in silence.

Olivia’s heart was filled with pain and regret. She knew that if her husband never had much money all this while, he wouldn’t have dared to cheat on her. That sum of money made him bold enough to establish another home outside

“Who is that woman?” Olivia dashed over to him in a frenzy, shaking him as she interrogated, “Who is that woman? Tell me, who is she?!” Connor had to protect his son, so he wouldn’t tell Olivia. He gritted his teeth and stubbornly refused to say a word.

“Connor, I’m going kill you! You deserve a thousand deaths! No wonder you don’t care about Lena anymore; you’re already devoted to your illegitimate son!” The more Olivia spoke, the more pitiful she felt. She began wailing like a crazed woman.

Likewise, Connor knew he had done something. wrong. He remained silent as he allowed Olivia to hit and shout at him.

As for Olivia, she calmed down sometime after her outburst. She was already in her 50s, so she knew that she had to accept the truth even though it was a tough pill to swallow. "How old is that child?" she asked.

"Nine, replied Connor. Olivia broke down once again. She thought every man in this world would cheat, but her husband was the only exception. Little did she know his illegitimate child was nine years old already. That meant that he had already cheated on her ten years ago.

"Who is that woman? Tell me, who is that b*tch?!" Olivia asked in a hoarse voice.

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"If you don't tell me, I'll kill her as soon as I find out who she is," Olivia said with reddened eyes. Connor could only come clean. "It's Aida."

Olivia almost fainted right then and there. Aida was her distant cousin who had divorced more than ten years ago. She never thought that Aida would seduce her husband and even give birth to his son. What retribution is this?! she thought..

Olivia wanted to die. Getting betrayed in relationships paled in comparison to getting treated like that by distant relatives. How dare Aida seduce her husband and spend their money?!

"How much did you give her?" Olivia asked furiously.

"I bought an apartment for her. I gave her five million in total," Connor said truthfully. He lived frugally at home, but all his money was spent on that homewrecker.

Olivia was so furious that her chest throbbed in pain, and she couldn't catch her breath. She felt that her life was already in shambles.

Their daughter was still being detained at the police station, and now, she discovered her husband had cheated on her and had an illegitimate child with a homewrecker. Her days

were spent in poverty, and she was already 52 years old. She had enjoyed life for 16 years in the past. while living in materialistic luxury, but now, she had nothing left.

“Connor, save Lena. | don’t care what methods you use-just get Lena out of there!” Olivia roared. Her daughter was her only hope now. Connor nodded. “I’ll look for Ellen.”

As for where Ellen had gone, Connor didn’t have a clue. He could only call up Benjamin, who had contacted Presgrave Group before. “Hello, who is it?”

“Mr. Stark, it’s me, Connor Aguirre. | was wondering if | could get a hold of Mr. Presgrave’s address.”
“Sorry, | cannot tell you that.” On the other end of the line, Benjamin hung up coldly.

Connor was regretting everything he had done, but regret wasn’t going to help anything. They were now getting retribution for how they had. treated Ellen back then.

They had no right to ask Ellen for forgiveness. Meanwhile, at the police station, Selena was trembling as she tapped her feet. She was waiting anxiously and nervously for her father to save her. If her father didn’t save her, only jail awaited her.

She was truly regretting it now, and she was scared. She shouldn't have tested Ellen’s patience. She wanted to live in the beautiful and vibrant world outside instead of going back to that cold, tiny room.

Jared arranged a romantic dinner to lift Ellen’s mood. Because of the slander, Ellen had been a little depressed all this while. Jared received a message from Benjamin, informing him that Connor was asking about him.

Jared glanced at it, then replied, ‘Ignore him.’ The Aguirres had always gone too far. After dinner, Jared took Ellen to a seaside hotel. for a vacation so that she could relax.

The next morning, Ellen received a message on her phone. She opened it to see a short video posted online where Connor was talking to the camera, asking to contact Ellen.

Connor had tears in his eyes as he begged earnestly to meet Ellen, evoking a lot of sympathy from netizens. He was trying to force Ellen to meet him by taking it to the internet. The caption read, 'I am terminally ill, and I want to see my niece urgently.'

Also, since Ellen was famous, the media was more than willing to share this video. In an instant, the entire internet was looking for Ellen, hoping that she would meet her terminally ill uncle as soon as possible.

Ellen watched the video her uncle posted, seeing him wipe his tears in front of the camera. She hadn't seen him in a year or so, and he had aged a lot. Ellen sighed lightly as she recalled her past.

After her parents passed away, her uncle had been very caring toward her and her brother, and he even took care of her brother when the latter was ill. Ellen felt that she had no choice but to have mercy.

Now that she was living worry-free, she hoped that her family could live their lives in peace and warmth as well. This was probably why she was different from whom Connor and his family used to be!

Also, there was another reason why Ellen didn't want to turn completely against her uncle and his family. She believed in karma, so she wanted to protect the people she loved the most in her way.

Chapter 1820

Even though she was in the dark about her brother's heart donation back then, if Connor hadn't agreed to it, Jared wouldn't be where he was today.

Ellen took out her phone and dialed Connor's number, which was saved on her phone. "Hello?" On the other end of the line, Connor picked up and spoke in an exhausted tone.

"It's me, Uncle Connor," Ellen said. "Ellie, is it really you? Please don't hide anymore, I want to meet you!" Connor said in a pleading and emotional voice. "Okay, I'll go to you. Tell me your address," Ellen said.

"Alright. Ellie, you're willing to come to my home, yes? Okay, I'll send you the address right now. I'll always be waiting for you at home, Ellie. I'll be waiting, so you have to come."

"I'll probably be there in the afternoon." "Of course. I'll be waiting." Connor still didn't want to hang up after saying that, so Ellen ended the call instead.

Ellen had just let out a sigh when she suddenly sensed someone behind her. Startled, she turned to see the man standing behind her. She had no idea how long he had been there, but she told him honestly, "I'm going to meet my uncle."

Jared had also received a call from Stanley: when he was in the living room just now. He had also watched the video of Connor looking for Ellen all over the internet. He had to admit that Connor's method was extremely effective, for it took advantage of Ellen's kindness and sympathy.

He also predicted that Ellen would soften her heart, but he wasn't surprised or angry about it. He knew that Ellen and Connor's family back then were entirely different beings; Ellen had kindness permeating from the very core of her being.

"I'll go with you." If you're busy, I can go by myself." Ellen didn't like the idea very much. "I have time!" Jared insisted. How could he let her face that family alone? He wanted to be with her and serve as a shield she could rely on.

At the Aguirre Residence, Olivia had just returned from grocery shopping when Connor told her the good news. However, there wasn't even a smile on Olivia's face, for her heart was filled with pain and hatred.

Whenever she saw Connor, she felt disgusted as if she were looking at a fly. "We can definitely save Lena." Connor was still insistent on getting Olivia's forgiveness, for he still wanted to spend his life with her.

Aida was treating him worse as time went by, and she even used their son to threaten him for more money, saying that he wouldn't get to see him if he didn't pay up. Soon, Connor's money had all gone into Aida's pocket.

He was getting poorer by the day, and he was already in thousands of debt. "Hmph! I don't believe that b*tch would let Lena off the hook that easily." Olivia wished she could just use her most vicious insults on Ellen.

“Oli, don’t talk about Ellie like that. She didn’t do anything wrong; Lena’s the one at fault.” Connor couldn’t help but speak up for Ellen.

“What did Lena do wrong? Ellen ruined our family; does she feel good about that?” Recently, as if possessed, Olivia kept dreaming of their former days. Back then, they didn’t have to worry about their necessities and could just enjoy their lives in material wealth.

But now, every time she opened her eyes, a life of poverty greeted her. She felt like she had aged a dozen years in the span of one year. All her hatred had to be channeled toward someone, and she believed Ellen was the cause of all this.

“If we had given some money to Ellen and Aunt Jessica back then, she wouldn’t have treated us like this. Every time I wanted to do so, you’d stop me and start arguing with me. Now, no matter what our days are like, we were the ones who caused them.” Connor deeply regretted not insisting on his own ways. He had lost his compassionate self when he became rich.

Even if Olivia regretted anything, she refused to admit it. In truth, she knew that she could’ve won Ellen’s heart in exchange for a small amount of money, but now that Ellen had gotten independent, it was too late.

“Connor, if you hadn’t secretly arranged for Ellen to join the Presgrave Group, she wouldn’t have had the chance to encounter Mr. Presgrave. Then, she would never know about her brother’s heart being donated.” Olivia was blaming it all on Connor now.

Connor closed his eyes. He felt that this was destiny, and the heavens were punishing them for being selfish and cold-hearted.