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As soon as Ellis spoke, Keira immediately narrowed her eyes.

Was Uncle Olsen truly her father?

She had suspected as much early on, but it wasn't until Jodie South said she never wanted to see Uncle Olsen again that Keira had confirmed it.

After Ellis finished speaking, he slightly tilted his chin up, feeling certain he would have shocked everyone.

He looked at Keera, expecting to see her overwhelmed with joy – after all, a powerful father had appeared out of the blue! But what he saw was the woman standi

there indifferently, looking at him without any expression.

Ellis was perplexed.

He turned his gaze to Ken, wanting to say something, but Ken laughed and patted him on the shoulder. "How clever, you're really going all out for this project! Isn't it common knowledge that in the pursuit of a

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daughter, your father and your second uncle have tried exceedingly hard, yet up to now only seven boys have been born? You've had to adopt two female cousins. from a distant branch... where did this cousin pop out

from?"

Ellis wanted to say more, but Ken cut him off. "Alright, I know you want this project too. Since it's such a good project, why don't our two families work together? Miss South, do you have any objections?"

It wasn't necessary for the Olsen family and the Davis family to fall out over a project worth several hundred million; a partnership was the best model.

When Keira heard this, her gaze swept over Mary and Ellis, and she raised an eyebrow. "Then let Mary handle the business between the two companies."

"Deal! That settles it!"

Ken smiled and turned again to Ellis. "Since you brought the contract, shall we discuss the details

"Sure, then Miss South..."

Keira looked down to check the time, "I've got some other matters to attend to, Director Brian, you can take care of it."

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"Got it!"

The newly appointed Director Brian suddenly tilted his chin up, feeling a surge of pride.

Since Mary had to stay to discuss the partnership, Keira nodded at her and prepared to leave for a taxi.

She had an appointment with Howard to get a divorce.

Best get the certificate quickly and avoid further complications.

She had barely taken a few steps when she heard footsteps from behind. Turning around, she saw Ellis following her; he was sizing her up. "Keera, you really are my cousin."

Keira said, "You must be mistaken, right?"

Ellis thought she didn't believe him. After all, why could she reject such a family background? He then "Forget it. Next time I'll bring you the DNA test re

Having said that, he continued to appraise her up a

down.

Keira immediately displayed Keera's characteristic gentleness and timidity.

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Looking at those familiar features but unfamiliar expressions, Ellis thought of the valiant woman he had met in Oceanion and momentarily lost focus.

He suddenly asked, "Did you ever attend Mrs. Horton's funeral service?"

Keira looked down. "Yes, Howard wanted to build connections, so he took me there and even claimed to others that I was Mrs. Horton's high school classmate."

This statement silenced Ellis!

After a while, he suddenly sighed. "Then have you ever

met Lewis?"

Upon hearing this name, Keira felt a tightness in her chest as if an invisible hand had gripped her heart tightly.

For the past month, she had been forcing herself to mimic Keera's demeanor, looking after Amy diligently and reading Keera's diary at night in hopes of finding traces of the "South family" to save her mother...

She had tried to make herself forget that name.

But now, as Ellis brought it up, she realized that the name "Lewis" were like a thorn embedded deep in her

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marrow.

A pang of pain would ensue whenever it was prodded.

She lowered her gaze. "Yes, I've seen him."

"Has Lewis seen you?" Ellis asked curiously.

He had had people dig into Keera's background thoroughly, so he was sure that the person before him was Keera and not Keira.

Keira, however, asked back, "Mr. Ellis, what do you mean by that?"

Ellis noticed her displeasure and explained, "I don't know how to say this, but ever since Mrs. Horton passed away, Lewis has been immersed in pain and hasn't come out of it."

Keira was slightly stunned.

She tensed her jaw.

He hasn't come out of it, probably because it hasn't been long enough!

There was no wound that time couldn't heal.

Moreover, he still had to be with his old flame and his savior...

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Ellis sighed. "Forget it, it's no use telling you. You don't know them. By the way, where are you going now?"

Keira looked down and said nothing.

But Ellis realized something. "Are you getting a divorce from Howard?"

Keira paused and nodded.

Ellis misunderstood her expression. "You can't still be hung up on that scumbag, can you? Keera, I'm really speechless, can't you be a bit stronger?"

Keira remained silent.

Ellis said disdainfully, "Can't you hold your head up high? What do you have to be ashamed of? You look like a victim every day... Seeing you with Keira's face and putting on this act, I'm really not used to it!"

Keira was perplexed.

Ellis continued. "Can't you be a bit more assertive? After all, your surname is also Olsen. You should be Keera Olsen..."

His words were cut off as he suddenly froze.

Keera Olsen... Keira Olsen?

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He paused briefly, then said, "Forget it. The name

doesn't matter, just be tougher! Don't let anyone bully you! Even if you can't be exactly like Keira, at least show a third of her spirit!"

Keira held back and finally couldn't help saying, "Mr. Ellis, are you bored?"

Ellis said, "No, I'm not... Are you calling me nosy?"

Mid-sentence, Keira already hailed a taxi, entered it, and drove off, leaving Ellis shouting angrily on the

spot.

“Am I not doing this for her own good? And she talks to me like that!”

He assistant said, “Mr. Ellis, the car is here.”

Ellis got into his own car, huffing. “Follow that car.”

The assistant was dumbfounded.

Ellis couldn't help saying, “She's my only cousin, and I can't just watch her go get bullied by others!!”

The taxi soon arrived at the courthouse.

After getting out of the taxi, Keira walked in and

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immediately saw Howard and Cindy waiting for her impatiently.

Howard stepped forward, “Keera, what's the matter with you? Why are you so late? You don't want a divorce, do you?”

Cindy quickly said, “Can you be quick about it? Howard doesn't love you anymore. Why are you still clinging on? You really have no shame!”

Keira took a deep breath.

Be patient.

She must bear with them.

Once she got the divorce certificate, everything would be perfectly resolved!

She didn't speak and went with Howard to the serv

window.

The divorce certificate was processed quickly.

When the official stamped the certificate, Keira even felt her hand itching...

She finally fulfilled her sister's first wish. She got

divorced!!

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Keira looked at the freshly issued divorce certificate in

her hands, feeling that her patience over the past month had not been in vain!

The house remained hers, and Amy was hers too...

If her sister were still alive, she would have surely been overjoyed at this moment.

Thinking of this, Keira's eyes began to tear up...

Howard saw her like this and suddenly felt a bit reluctant to let go.

After all, with their college romance and her face that evoked such sympathy, it was really hard to let her go now that she was no longer his wife.

He looked at her and couldn't help but say, "Don't or I'll visit you and the child..."

However, his words displeased Cindy, who immediately tugged at his arm and scolded Keira. "Keira, who are you trying to seduce with that act? Stay away from Howard after the divorce! Do you hear me?!"

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Howard frowned, wanting to say something, but Cindy glared at him. "What? Can't bear to leave her? Want to go pay off debts with her?"

Howard immediately shut his mouth.

Cindy then pointed at Keira and said, "Scram, don't be an eyesore here. It's all because of you that you've spoiled the perfect time for me and Howard to get our marriage certificate!"

Keira knew she couldn't get physical, as it would not fit

Keira's character.

But that didn't mean she couldn't take revenge.

She immediately stepped back and abruptly raised her voice. "Howard, are you planning to do divorced marriage all in one go today?!"

Sure enough, her words drew the attention of around them, and everyone started to look over

They saw Keira and Howard each holding a divor certificate, and then noticed Cindy standing beside Howard. With a bit of deduction, they understood

their situation.

Someone immediately commented, "What's going on

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here? Is somebody really that shameless? He's just divorced and already getting married?"

"That woman must be the mistress who broke them up. Look at how pitifully the ex-wife has been forced

into this situation. It's so sad!"

“How can someone who’s clearly the mistress still act so arrogant? What are you showing off for?”

Everyone here had come to get divorced.

There were all kinds of reasons for divorce, including infidelity, so there were always people who loathed mistresses. One auntie even rushed up and spat viciously at Cindy. “I despise mistresses like you the most. Proud of stealing someone’s husband, are you How can you have the face to scold the rightful wife

After finishing her tirade, she grabbed Keira’s arm. “Girl, don’t be scared! Join me and curse the scumbag

man and shameless woman!”

Cindy felt something sticky and disgusting on her, which made her want to vomit. She cried out in alarm.

“You crazy woman!”

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The auntie, who was divorcing because her husband had an affair with a mistress, was infuriated by the insult. She rushed over to Cindy, grabbed her hair, and demanded, “You mistress, who are you swearing at?”

Cindy shrieked, “Let go of me! You crazy woman, I’ll call the police right now!”

“Call the police? Then do it!”

The relatives who accompanied the auntie weren’t easy to deal with either. They immediately raised their phones to take a video, “If you call the police, I’ll post this on the internet for the public to judge. We’ve seen mistresses, but never one this brazen. Forcing someone’s rightful wife to divorce is one thing, but to get married on the same day? Have you no shame

Cindy suddenly deflated.

The auntie dragged Cindy to Keira’s side. “Apologi this young lady!”

Enraged, Cindy clenched her fists, turning back to look at Howard.

Unable to contain himself, Howard pointed at Keira and accused her. "Keira, what is this supposed to

mean? If you didn't want to divorce, why did you do it?"

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have all these people come to make a scene? Are they here because you paid them?"

Before he could finish, the auntie's slap was already flying toward him. "You're the adulterer, and you still have the face? You were spared a beating just now, but you had to ask for it!"

Howard immediately had his face scratched and was so frightened that he ran out of the courthouse, clutching his head as he scampered away.

Cindy stamped her foot in anger. "Howard, come back! We haven't got our marriage certificate yet!"

Howard disdainfully dismissed the idea. "Why bother now? Let's talk about it some other day!"

Cindy was so angry she ground her teeth.

She took a deep breath and straightened her disheveled hair before glaring hatefully at Keira. "What does Howard's divorce have to do with me? It's her

own fault for having a bad relationship with her husband and not getting along with her mother-in-law. Her mother-in-law is hell-bent on making her get a divorce! She really likes me!"

The older lady didn't dare to be too heavy-handed for

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fear of actually stirring up legal trouble; hearing this, she immediately looked toward Keira. "Girl, your mother-in-law really is something else. How could she encourage her son to get a divorce?"

Keira said, "Thank you."

She then turned to look at Cindy, a smile curling up her lips. "Since Howard's mother likes you so much, I wish your whole family a happy life. You and Howard must hang in there."

Howard's mother had been completely spoiled by Keira within just one month.

With such an obedient former daughter-in-law like her as the perfect example, would she come to like Cindy?

The days to come were bound to be filled with ch

Having left these words behind, she turned and wa away with large strides.

When usually posing as Keera, she would keep her head slightly lowered, but now she lifted her chin, walking with the feeling of embarking on a new life.

Keira took a taxi back to the South family home.

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On the way, gazing at the city scenery retreating around her, her thoughts began to drift.

What was Lewis doing now?

Was he in the hospital accompanying his lifesaver?

She let out a bitter smile.

Since childhood, she had always been on her own without a single relative by her side... Finally, she had

Lewis and a mother...

But Jodie South had been taken away.

As for Lewis... he was no longer hers.

On the road ahead, she was alone once again...

The taxi quickly arrived at the South residence.

Just as Keira entered the house, she saw the hired nanny tidying up the yard outside, while the sound of Amy came from inside the house.

Keira paused, puzzled, "Do we have a guest?"

The nanny nodded. "Yes, someone who said they were a friend of yours, ma'am."

Keira's friend should only be Mary, right?

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Could there be someone else?

As Keira thought about this, she pushed open the door and went inside. She was prepared to face a stranger but, to her surprise, the person playing with Amy turned out to be a familiar, tall, and lanky figure.

The man stood with his back to the light and slowly turned around when he heard footsteps.

The sunlight streamed in from the window, shining upon him.

After a month apart, Lewis had grown even thinner, yet his gaze as he stared at Keira was so intense...

His eyes firmly fixed on her face, and he said slowly, "Keira, I know it's you..."

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Keira gazed at his face greedily.

This past month, she had actually felt very lonely and missed him terribly.

But she knew she shouldn't disturb him and Madeleine.

Letting him think she was dead was actually the best choice.

Therefore, even though she knew what he meant, she still said, "Mr. Horton, what are you doing here?"

Lewis set Amy down, handing her over to his assistant.

Tom wasn't by his side, as he had been busy in Oceanion handling affairs for the Horton Group, and his absence, only Tom could keep the first branch of the family, people like Oliver, in check.

The assistant took Amy and went over to play with her.

Lewis then walked toward Keira. He had lost a lot of weight, looking especially haggard. With each step he took closer, Keira's heartbeat accelerated.

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Keira silently stepped back.

She didn't know how many steps she had taken when she suddenly bumped into the living room couch behind her. There was nowhere left to retreat, and she could just watch as Lewis approached her.

The man was a head taller than her, and at such a close distance, she could see the hollows of his cheeks.

He still carried the pleasant scent of vanilla, the smell of his usual body wash...

Keira tensed her jaw, silent.

Lewis, however, moved closer and said slowly, "Before, you kept wanting to divorce in place of Keera, so I didn't bother you, but today you're divorced. Keira you come home now?"

Keira's pupils shrank.

Had he recognized her already?

Was it that night?

On reflection, he had clearly chased after her the next day, yet she hadn't acknowledged him, and afterward, Lewis indeed hadn't pestered her further and just left.

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Did he see through her alternate arrangements?

Keira pondered for a long time...

No...

She had never given herself away, and besides, Keera's existence was real. Lewis couldn't possibly have recognized her.

With this thought, Keira once again assumed Keera's fragile demeanor, the past month of pretending having made her well-practiced at acting weak.

She said, "Mr... Mr. Horton, I don't understand what you mean..."

After her words, there was a long silence, and she didn't notice any change in the expression of the man before her.

Keira slowly raised her head, wanting to see his reaction, but saw him just looking at her, smiling. This chapter is updated by FindNovel.net

His smile was so tender, so indulgent, like he was humoring a child throwing a tantrum, which complicated Keira's emotions for a moment.

There was even an urge to rush into his arms, to tell him she was Keira, to ask for his help rescuing her

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mother and to clarify everything that was happening...

To let him bear the responsibility she carried...

But this thought was fleeting.

She persisted in acting like Keera, unwilling to acknowledge her true identity.

After a while, she heard him sigh. "Keira, I've thoroughly investigated you and Keera over this past month... Keera seems weak, but she's actually strong inside, truly not like you. She also wanted the divorce. all along, and nothing about your behavior this month was suspicious. But do you know what the biggest difference between you two is?"

Keira really wanted to know!

But she couldn't say.

She kept her head down, still silent.

Lewis didn't need her to say anything and said in a low voice, "There's one major physical difference between the two of you, and that is..."

Suddenly, he lifted her chin, his rough hand reaching for the corner of her eye.

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Lewis looked at her seriously. "Keira, I won't say that your eyes look different and feel different because I don't know Keera well. But you have a mole at the corner of your eye, and Keera doesn't have one. That's the biggest difference between you."

With that, he rubbed at the corner of Keira's eye.

He was trying to rub off the foundation to reveal the teardrop mole underneath...

But as his fingers moved, he froze suddenly.

The skin there was smooth as ever, with no trace of a mole!

Lewis's expression instantly became frantic.

He lost his earlier composure, his hand rubbing forcefully at Keira's eye corner again...

But still, there was nothing!

Lewis's pupils constricted, and he looked at her in disbelief. "How could there be... nothing?"

Keira stood quietly.

Of course, she knew the biggest difference between herself and Keera, even going so far as to use a special

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solution to hide the mole to prevent being discovered by the South family who kidnapped her mother.

She bit her lips, weak and aggrieved. She said, "Mr. Horton, you're hurting me..."

Lewis paused, and then he suddenly extended his arms and pulled Keira forcefully into his embrace. "Keira, I know it's you. Don't scare me, okay? This past month, I've been waiting for you; I can't bear to lose you again..."

His words made Keira's eyes well up.

She sighed silently, clenching her fists.

It turned out that in the last month, Lewis hadn't been recovering from his injuries, but lying in wait.

He might not even have been sure she was Keira, but he clung to that belief, enduring until today. If she refused to acknowledge it now, indeed, it would be stabbing him in the heart a second time.

So, should she acknowledge the truth?

Her inner conflict was intense as if her thoughts had become two entities wrestling inside her mind!

But just when she hadn't decided, her body reacted.

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She extended her arms and embraced the man's waist...

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Keira never knew that an embrace could be so warm, bestowing a sense of security in one's heart.

At the moment of the hug, she even felt as though her hollow heart had been filled.

Even women who were always strong and independent sometimes needed consolation and companionship.

She rested her head on his shoulder.

The two quietly leaned on each other.

Lewis's deep voice reached her ears. "Keira, is that you?"

His voice carried uncertainty.

Keira sighed inwardly, ready to confirm her identity when suddenly a commotion erupted from the doorway.

The nanny she hired was shouting, "What are you doing? This is the South family's home. How can you trespass like this?"

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Then came Howard's mother's loud and aggressive voice. "What South family? Who are you? Where's Keera? You're blocking us from entering. Is she inside. fooling around with some other man?"

Howard also angrily rebuked, "Get out of the way! I'm Keera's husband, and I'm here to settle the score with

her!"

How could a single nanny fend off these two hooligans?

The sound of footsteps drew closer, and Keira hurriedly pushed Lewis away, pointing to a room on the first floor where the nanny took Amy to play.

Lewis's gaze grew deeper, but he didn't move.

Keira immediately clasped her hands together in a

pleading gesture.

The girl's eyes were sharp with no trace of weakness from just moments ago!

These were clearly Keira's eyes!

Lewis looked stunned for a moment.

Seeing he wasn't moving, Keira quickly grabbed his arm and pushed him into the small bedroom on the

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first floor.

Just after closing the door, Howard and his mother stormed in with a formidable presence.

As soon as they entered, Howard's mother's gaze fell on her. "Keera, what's this about a nanny? Where did you get the money to hire a nanny?!"

Keira looked at her. "That seems to be none of your business anymore, doesn't it?"

Howard's mother became furious. "How is it not my business? When you divorced Howard, he left with nothing! Did you hide some money? Or did it come from your parents?"

Upon hearing this, Keira scoffed. "Before the divorce Howard should have had his lawyer clarify how mu property I had, right? What, do you regret it now? Considering today is the first day since the divorce, can compromise. Otherwise, all assets would have gone to Howard, and I would only take Amy and be without a penny."

Her collaboration with Davis Corporation and Olsen Group hadn't been made public yet.

Upon hearing this. Howard's mother immediately said.

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"Don't get ahead of yourself! The twenty million debt is from your parents' company. Don't think you can leave it to Howard!"

She paused slightly, realizing something. "I get it now. You must have sold your bridal jewelry, right? Keera, you still have debts, and the court will make its judgment tomorrow. Better save whatever money you have rather than spend it. You hired a nanny, but why don't you just do the household work yourself? The money for hiring a nanny would be better spent on buying me some health supplements!"

During the past month, Keira had been compliant with her, and since it was inconvenient to take money from her own account to avoid attracting attention, Mary had given her several tens of thousands to get by.

With that money, Keira bought Howard's mother a variety of nutritional products and a lot of clothes.

Howard's mother was practically spoiled by her like an Empress Dowager!

Keira looked at her shameless demeanor and

responded indifferently, "Since we're already divorced, you're no longer my mother-in-law. How I live my life

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going forward is none of your concern."

"You!" Howard's mother extended her finger. "I did this for your own good. You're truly ungrateful!"

Seeing that she wanted to say more, Keira cut off her endless chatter. "What did you come here for today?"

Howard said, "You did that on purpose today at the courthouse, didn't you? You made us lose so much face. Cindy went home with stomach pains, and I want you to go and apologize to her right now!"

Keira looked at him as if he were a fool, feeling like the

whole world had become surreal. NEW NOVEL CHAPTERS ARE PUBLISHED ON FindNovel(.)net

How on earth did Keira go blind and marry such an

unreasonable man?!

She lowered her gaze. "Howard, do you think we're s husband and wife? Why should I still listen to you?"

Howard was stunned.

Keira then said indifferently, "After the divorce, we have nothing to do with each other anymore."

Howard suddenly stepped forward, grabbing her wrist. "Keira, what do you mean by this? We're just divorced,

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and you can't wait to cut ties with me. Do you have another man already?"

His words made Keira chuckle. "Howard, the one who actually has someone else is you. I've been at home taking care of our children and your mother, never stepping out of line!"

Howard was speechless.

Keira then turned to look at Howard's mother. "And you, I've always prided myself on being a dutiful daughter-in-law to you. Why did you insist on Howard divorcing me?"

Howard's mother curled her lips. "Taking care of your mother-in-law is what any daughter-in-law should do.

Even if it weren't you, any woman Howard marries would treat me well. Do you think you deserve credit? Not being able to give birth to a son is your biggest failure!"

Keira's lips curved slightly. "Any daughter-in-law can take good care of her mother-in-law?"

Howard's mother tilted her chin up. "Of course, Cindy will only treat me better than you! She was always asking warmly about my well-being, and she'll take

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care of me even better than you in the future!"

"Is that so?"

Keira didn't argue.

Howard dragged her toward the door. "Stop talking nonsense. I order you to come with me right now to apologize to Cindy. Moreover, I want you to take care of her for a while until the baby settles down, or else I won't let you off!"

Keira pushed him away forcefully. "Let go of me!"

From inside, the sound of Amy crying came out,

“Mommy...”

But then it seemed like someone had soothed her.

Upon hearing this sound, Howard’s expression changed drastically. “Well, well, Keera, you really did hide someone! That explains why you were so eager t get divorced! You’ve already found someone else!”

Howard’s mother also charged over. “You shameless wretch. You must have found your lover during your marriage. Howard, open the door for me now. I want to see what kind of bastard is willing to take a divorcee like her, with baggage in tow!”

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After saying that, Howard’s mother grabbed Keira’s arm. “Howard, go open the door! Catch him and make that man compensate us, otherwise, we won’t let this go today!”

Hearing this, Howard didn’t wait for his mother to tell him what to do; he rushed to the door and was about

to kick it in.

But the door opened from inside.

Immediately, a tall and upright man stepped out.

When Howard and his mother saw him, they were dumbfounded. “Mr. Horton? What are you doing

here?!”

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Lewis glared at the two people, thinking about how Keira had been bullied by this mother and son for the past month, and he wished he could kill them.

But this was Clance, where one couldn't kill people recklessly.

However, the murderous intent in his eyes was so intense that it frightened Howard into a frozen state!

Lewis stared at them fiercely, his gaze sweeping over Keira before he adjusted his cuffs and said, "A month ago, you set me up, and that account hasn't been settled yet."

As he spoke these words, several black-clothed bodyguards suddenly appeared at the door.

Howard had never seen such a presence.

His legs instantly went weak, and he knelt on the ground, knocking his head and begging. "Mr. Horton, that has nothing to do with me... It wasn't my idea; it was all Keera's. Keera was the one who plotted against you, and it has nothing to do with me... I was forced by

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Keera...”

Keira looked at him, her heart filled with sorrow for Keera once again.

This man had personally sent his wife to another man’s bed, and in the end, he didn’t even want to take a bit of responsibility.

She took a deep breath, not wanting to speak

anymore.

Lewis was about to share his feelings with her when Howard and his mother interrupted him, and now he couldn’t be bothered to argue with the two of them and simply roared, “Get out!”

Howard immediately stood up, and he and his mother helped each other out. When they stumbled over the coffee table, they didn’t even dare to stand up and

crawled out like that.

Once they were out the door, the two of them seemed as if they had gotten their lives back and rushed out in a most disgraceful manner.

It wasn’t until they had finally walked a considerable distance, even leaving the neighborhood, that they stopped and, filled with afterthought looked back at

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the villa.

Only then did Howard realize something was amiss. “Why would Mr. Horton be in the second bedroom? And Keera, why doesn’t she seem to be afraid of him?”

His mother immediately slapped her thigh. “Mr. Horton must have taken a fancy to her. No wonder she could hire a nanny, and she spoke with more confidence when she talked to us! She must have won Mr.

Horton’s heart!”

Howard was confused. “Then Mr. Horton will definitely help her fill that twenty-million gap, won’t he? I really... why did I get a divorce? If I hadn’t divorced...”

Hearing this, his mother couldn't help but smack his head. "If you hadn't divorced, Mr. Horton would still take a fancy to Keera, and what would you dare to do

Howard showed a sleazy expression. "At least I could've taken some benefits..."

His mother also showed a regretful expression but thinking back to Mr. Horton's imposing aura just now, she couldn't help shivering with fear and said, "Son, how did you have the courage to plot against such a

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terrifying person?"

Howard also shrank his neck. At that time, without any connections with influential people, he saw that Mrs. Horton's late wife looked very similar to Keera, so he immediately became tempted.

Thinking back now, he had been incredibly audacious!

But what a pity! He had delivered wealth and luxury right to Keera!

He felt some anger but could only stubbornly say, "No matter what, the woman Mr. Horton is sleeping with now is someone I've used and discarded!"

After saying that, as if to comfort himself, he hurriedly called a cab, taking his mother away from there and back to Cindy's home.

On the way home, Howard's emotions were very complicated.

There's an old saying that goes, you don't cherish what you have until you lose it, and then it's too late for

regrets, especially since he had thought it was he who had abandoned Keera.

He believed that Keera's life would definitely be

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miserable in the future, and when he occasionally

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in a good mood, he could still go to see her, as Keera would still be his woman.

However, someone had come to snatch her...

Thinking of Keera's beautiful face, he remembered Keera in college. Although she didn't have a good demeanor, she still relied on her impressive looks to become the school beauty and was pursued by many.

Howard suddenly felt a bit reluctant to let her go.

His mother understood his thoughts just by looking at him and comforted him by saying, "Son, what's there to miss? That Keera has nothing but a face like a vixen, and she's seducing everyone everywhere. How can she compare to Cindy?"

Howard nodded. "Right, she's nothing but a worn-out shoe! Mr. Horton even came to our door because of her! Mom, that woman is like a log in bed, utterly joyless and boring. Sooner or later, Mr. Horton will get

tired of her!"

His mother agreed. "Exactly, she can't even produce a son. Useless woman! She claims she treats me well. Ha! Cindy will definitely treat me even better!"

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While they talked, they returned home.

The apartment Cindy lived in was a three-bedroom place rented by Howard.

The neighborhood was nice, and the house itself was well-decorated.

As they entered, they saw the living room coffee table in a mess, full of barbecue leftovers from Howard's feast last night. The disarray seemed particularly out of place in the otherwise opulent house, instantly souring

their mood.

Thinking of how neat and clean Keera's villa was, Howard's mother couldn't help but frown and called out, "Cindy, clean up the coffee table in the living room, will you?"

Cindy was lying in the master bedroom playing with her phone. Hearing this, she said, "Mom, my stomach hurts. Maybe you could do me a favor and tidy up?"

Howard's mother frowned instantly and went straight into the bedroom, "Cindy, I know you're faking it! Babies aren't that delicate. When I was pregnant with Howard, I was still working in the fields! Don't try to be lazy with me..."

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When she moved in yesterday, Cindy was utterly submissive to her.

She thought Cindy was still as compliant as she used to be, but as soon as she said this, Cindy looked pitifully at Howard. "Howard, my stomach really hurts. I'm not lying to you. Mom, how can you say that about me?"

Howard's mother became angry at once. "What have I said about you? When Keera was pregnant, she didn't neglect any housework and even made soup for me every day..."

As she spoke, she glanced toward the dining room, noticing that this morning's used plates were still sitting there, unwashed. This made her even angrier. "Howard and I were out for two hours, and you did nothing at home?"

Cindy, feeling wronged, said, "Mom, I really have a stomach ache. Even if you don't feel sorry for me, at least feel sorry for your grandson! What do you say,

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Howard's mother immediately turned to Howard.

In the past at home, whenever there was a conflict

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between her and Keera, Howard always took her side.

But unexpectedly, Howard frowned at Cindy and, ultimately, turned to her. "Mom, stop making a scene. I'm annoyed. Just go and clean up."

Howard's mother was stunned. "How can you make me do the work? When have I ever done chores at home? I still have to go out and exercise!"

Howard said, "Before Keera came along, weren't you the one who did everything? Hurry up! I've had enough

of this!"

As Howard said this, he pushed his mother out of the master bedroom, and with a "bang," he shut her

outside the door.

Howard's mother was shocked.

She stood staring blankly at the door, her expression frozen, and it even took her a moment to process what had just happened!

If it had been before, Howard's mother might have tolerated it, as she had to depend on her son to live. But after being respected and pampered by Keira for a month, how could she take this lying down?

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She was so angry that her chest heaved dramatically, and then she began pounding the door furiously!

Bang! Bang! Bang!

"Cindy, you harbinger of doom, come out here! Why should I do the work? Howard, I raised you, and now I have to serve the both of you? Bah! Keep dreaming!"

This quarrel was all within Keira's expectations; in fact, it was exactly the revenge Keira had elaborately planned for Howard over a month.

At this very moment, in the South family villa.

Lewis was watching her with a burning gaze.

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After she sent Howard and his mother away, Keira calmed down a lot.

She looked at Lewis, feeling somewhat of a headache.

The hug just now had nearly revealed her identity... Now, even if she denied it, Lewis wouldn't believe her.

But what if she admitted it?

They still couldn't be together...

As she was deep in thought, Mary's voice came from outside. "Keera, Keera! I'm here to keep you company!"

With those words, Mary burst energetically through

the door.

Upon seeing Lewis, she was momentarily taken aback “Who’s this?”

Her gaze fixated on his face, examining it for a long time before she finally spoke with confusion. “You look... so familiar?”

Seeing this, Keira quickly said, “Mr. Horton, if you have w other matters, you can leave now. Mary don’t

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and I have things to discuss.”

Mary is from the Davis family!

Lewis’s biological mother was also from the Davis family; she should be Mary’s paternal aunt!

Lewis didn’t resemble the other Hortons much, so he

probably took after his mother... That was why Mary thought he looked familiar.

Lewis, upon seeing a member of the Davis family, indeed calmed down. He clenched his jaw, stayed silent for a long while, and eventually said, “Keira, I don’t know what you’re up to, but I’ll come back for you.”

Leaving these words behind, he strode away with his assistants and bodyguards in tow.

After everyone had left, Mary teased Keira with a win “Keera, who was that guy? Is he interested in you? But he sure pronounces your name strangely...”

Of course, it was strange.

He was calling her Keira, not Keera.

Keira complained inwardly and asked, “What are you here for?”

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Mary grabbed her hand. "Didn't you just get divorced? Tonight, I'm taking you to a fun place to celebrate!"

Keira felt a warmth in her heart.

She knew Mary was afraid Keira would be upset...

She laughed. "That won't be necessary. I still have to look after Amy."

But Amy came over, took Keira's hand, and said understandingly, "Mommy, you go have fun with Mary. I'll be fine with Ruth!"

Mary, however, bent down and picked her up. "How could I leave you behind? The place we're going to tonight is also suitable for Amy. Let's go, your godmother will take you to have some fun!"

Holding Amy, she headed out, leaving Keira with no choice but to follow behind.

Soon, Keira realized that Mary had brought her to an indoor amusement park.

This amusement park wasn't only suitable for children, but also for adults their age.

Mary laughed. "When we were little, we often came

here to play. We said that when we had kids, we'd

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bring them here too. Keira, I've wanted to bring Amy here for so long, but she was too young at first and

later on..."

Later, they had lost contact and never had the chance.

Keira lowered her eyes. "Mary, I'm sorry."

She believed if her sister were still alive, she would have said the same thing to Mary.

Mary waved it off. "Hey, why say such things? Amy, come on, I'll take you to play in the ball pit!"

"Yay! That's awesome!"

The ball pit was huge and filled with all sorts of colorful balls. There were slides to go down from above. Mary took Amy down the slide in her arms

They were afraid that Amy was too young and would be scared to slide, but they hadn't expected the little one to fall in love with the activity and even want to go down by herself.

Mary and Keira exchanged a glance and smiled, then let Amy slide down on her own.

There was only one passage, so Mary slid down first.

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She made an exaggerated gesture and shouted loudly; after sliding down, she got buried in the ocean of balls, yelling, "Amy, come find your godmother!"

Amy giggled and slid down, then started moving the balls aside next to Mary, trying to pull her out.

Keira watched and couldn't help but laugh...

As Amy was moving the balls aside, suddenly a chubby five-year-old boy threw a ball at her.

The balls were soft rubber, so even if they hit someone, it wouldn't hurt. Besides, everyone was throwing them around in the ball pit, so Amy thought the little chubby boy was just playing with her.

Amy, being good-natured, picked up a ball and tossed it back gently, hitting the little chubby boy's arm.

But the chubby boy erupted in anger. "Why did you

throw it at me!"

Amy was startled by his shouting and said timidly, "So-sorry... I thought you were playing with me..."

Before she could finish, the little boy burst into tears, crying out, "Mommy, she hit me with the ball!"

Keira sensed something was wrong and immediately

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rushed down, with Mary also emerging from the sea of balls. Google search FindNovel(.)net

But both their reactions weren't fast enough...

At that moment, a woman dressed extravagantly suddenly rushed over and slapped her across the face, then pushed Amy forcefully!

The push was so powerful that Amy almost flew off the ground. She slammed hard into the sea of balls!

The tiny Amy was instantly terrified and began flailing her arms in the balls, crying out loudly.

Keira and Mary almost reached Amy at the same time. They scooped her out of the balls, and Keira hurriedly embraced the little one.

Even though Amy wasn't her daughter, over the past month they had spent all their time together, and Am shared a mysterious blood connection with her as if she was her only relative in this world.

Keira felt tremendous affection for her.

At that moment, she quickly tried to calm her. "Amy, good girl, don't cry, don't cry... Mommy's here..."

Amy was used to being mistreated by Howard's

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mother at home and hadn't been hit or scolded for a

month, so though she was initially frightened, she stopped crying when she heard “don’t cry” and clamped her mouth shut, hiccupping a sob.

Keira’s heart ached at the sight.

Mary was staring at the aggressive woman. “What are you doing!”

The woman who had pushed was just comforting the chubby boy, and when she heard Mary, she turned around and sneered. “That’s the question I should be asking you, isn’t it? Someone get the manager here! I want to know, what should be done about this little girl throwing a ball at my son without any reason!”

Her attitude was extremely haughty as she point Amy and scolded. “What kind of riff-raff are you? dare you come here to play? You have no family discipline at all! Who gave you the right to throw a at my son? Do you even know who we are?!”

Upon hearing this, someone immediately whispered a warning.

“She’s Miss Olsen, the niece from the Olsen Group!”

“What? So it’s her no wonder she’s so arrogant... The

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Olsen Group’s families have always wished for a daughter but never had one, that’s why they brought in this distant niece to be raised in the main branch, pampered from a young age... And her brothers are not to be messed with, especially Mr. Ellis, who’s known as a real-life demon!”

“You better apologize quickly; otherwise, this won’t end well!”

Upon hearing this, Mary was furious, “No matter who you are, this is a matter between children, and it’s not right for an adult to lay hands on them so casually!”

The woman scoffed. “So what if I hit her? What are you going to do about it?”

“You!”

Mary was so angry her face turned iron blue. T moment, Keira patted her on the shoulder.

She turned around to see the usually timid Keera, yet terrifying at that moment.

Keira handed Amy to Mary with a voice that seemed different than usual, sinister somehow, “Hold Amy for

me.”

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Mary was slightly stunned, not understanding her intention, but subconsciously took Amy.

Then, her eyes widened in shock!!

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Keira abruptly took a step forward, grabbed the woman's arm, and delivered a slap!!

"Slap!"

The woman's head whipped to the side, her cheek stinging with pain. Clutching her face, she cried out in shock, "You dare to hit me?!"

Keira's cool voice rang out. "Exactly, I hit you!"

Then, with a forceful shove, she pushed the woman into the ball pit!

She repaid every bit of what had been done to Amy right back to her!

This didn't at all conflict with Keera's character because the bottom line for any mother was her child

Struggling, the woman clumsily surfaced from the sea of balls, then touched her face, wincing in pain and gasping in a sharp intake of cold air.

She pointed at Keira and cursed furiously. "You dare to hit me! Do you even know who I am?! With just one

word, I could make you disappear from Clance!"

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Keira looked at the woman before her, feeling nothing

but disgust.

Were these wealthy fools only capable of such overused clichés?

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Mary came to her senses upon seeing this. She was frightened by Keera's actions; how had she forgotten to stop her just now? The source of this content is Find_Novel.net

Fearing she might trouble Keera, who was without any foundation in Clance, Mary stepped forward to redirect the anger, "Christina, I know you. You're nothing but someone who abuses the Olsen family's power to do whatever you want here. Do you know

who we are?"

This woman was one of two distant relatives adopted by the Olsen family, named Christina and Victoria after being taken in.

From their names, it was evident how desperately the Olsen family had hoped to have their own daughters!

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produced seven sons, and as for the third branch... Uncle Olsen was unmarried!

Left with no alternatives, the Olsen family treated their two adopted daughters as treasures, and they received nearly the same treatment as true daughters of wealth.

Outsiders would all show them respect.

Even Ellis had once planned to arrange a marriage between Christina and Lewis, but after Lewis rejected the idea, she ended up marrying someone else in

Clance.

Hearing Mary's words, Christina narrowed her eyes, recognizing her. "I wondered who was being so arrogant, turns out it's a daughter from a side branch of the Davis family! Mary, do you think you're still the treasured daughter of the Davis family? Your family was already partitioned off! Don't tell me you're not afraid of offending me. Do you no longer care for your own well-being?"

Mary sneered. "It was you who laid hands on Amy first, and we're only hitting back. Christina, I would advise you to quit while you're ahead. Yes, I've been

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separated from the main family, but do you think my uncle would just stand by and see us bullied by you?" Christina scoffed. "Everyone knows that the Davis family main branch doesn't get along with you... And besides, it was this little slut that started it by hitting

ny son with a ball first!"

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Keira pointed at a nearby security camera. "The pot is calling the kettle black, aren't you? Shall we check the surveillance to see who initiated the attack?"

Christina had seen everything clearly.

Her son was a little tyrant on the playground, but she didn't think he was in the wrong at all.

With a scoff, she retorted. "Do you think this surveillance camera will be useful today? Would yo believe me if I said that with just one word from me these cameras might just 'accidentally' fail today? A besides, do you know what status my son holds? If your daughter compares to my son, even if he killed her, a million in compensation would settle it. If you dare to touch a single hair on my son, I could make you go bankrupt in compensation!"

After saying that, she picked up her phone, ready to

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call someone. "You dare to hit me; I won't let you leave this amusement park today!"

Mary immediately furrowed her brow and took a step forward, "Christina, should we bring Mr. Ellis here to judge this matter today?"

At those words, Christina's fingers hesitated slightly.

She had been adopted into the first branch of the family, hence Ellis could technically be considered her

cousin.

But Ellis was the successor trained by Uncle Olsen, always beside him and guided from a young age. He held a special place in the Olsen family, sometimes wielding even more influence than his own father.

Christina and Victoria, adopted by the second were both pampered as they grew up, and the brothers were also willing to treat them as you

sisters.

Yet, everyone feared Ellis, the veritable devil, thei

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With that in mind, Christina sneered. "I know you, you just had a blind date with my cousin recently, didn't you? But as far as I know, he rejected you. What, do you think he could ever fancy you? Who are you trying

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to scare?"

As she spoke, she looked at Keira. "Moreover, for such a trivial matter, why bother my brother? I can handle this myself!"

No sooner had she finished speaking than the bodyguards gathered around, surrounding Christina, "Miss, what has happened?"

Christina pointed at Keira, "This person attacked me, teach her a harsh lesson!"

"You wouldn't dare!"

Mary stepped in front of Keira. "Christina, don't you go

too far!"

Christina looked at her. "Mary, I'd advise you to your own business. These bodyguards have all been trained by the Olsen family. I wouldn't want them 'accidentally' hurt you now."

Immediately, she commanded. "What are you waiting

for? Go!"

The bodyguards were about to advance, Mary anxiously stood in front of Keira, facing the group of burly men. She felt an urgent panic.

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Were she and Keira really going to get beaten up here today?

What should she do?

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Mary hurriedly handed Amy over to Keira. "Keera, I'll hold them off first. You guys run."

But Keira didn't take Amy.

Mary became anxious. "Keera, I know what you're worried about. Amy is still young. Don't let the child witness such a bloody scene! Besides, I'm after all from the Davis family, so she wouldn't dare to be too harsh on me. If she really beats me to death, my uncle won't let them off!"

Although Mary had been allocated to a side branch of the family, she was still part of the Davis family. Petty fights were one thing, but if she were to be beaten to death, Ken would definitely seek an explanation from the Olsen family.

Mary was prepared to be beaten up, to vent Christina's anger, especially since Keera had just hit her...

Just as she thought this, Keira stepped forward, blocking her way.

She looked at the surrounding bodyguards with a cold

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expression and scolded, "I would like to see who dares to come forward?!"

The bodyguards around her immediately stopped in their tracks.

They were professional fighters trained by the Olsen family, possessing sharper instincts than ordinary security guards.

Although the woman in front of them looked frail, she was exuding a temperament similar to theirs, perhaps even stronger...

After the bodyguards stopped, Christina couldn't help but say, "What are you stopping for? Hit her!"

Keira then looked at her. "Christina, do you really think that with power and influence, you can do whatever you want? The world isn't the same as it was before. Now we have channels to make our voices heard, and this channel is called the media! Do you believe that if today's incident is spread through a video, the reputation of the Olsen family will be completely ruined by you?"

Christina sneered. "Do you think I don't know that? I just told you, the cameras i

the cameras in this amusement park are

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broken! Manager, am I right?"

Now that online media were monitoring their actions, these rich people were much more discreet than

before.

Like committing wrongdoing, they didn't dare to be blatant, so they now avoided the cameras!

Just then, the manager of the amusement park hurried over, and upon hearing the words, quickly wiped the non-existent cold sweat from his forehead. "Yes, Miss Olsen is right. Our cameras have malfunctioned today, and there definitely won't be any videos getting out..."

Christina looked proudly at Keira upon hearing this.

Keira sneered, suddenly took out her phone, and held it up to Christina's face.

There, clear as day, was a recording of Christina's

recent actions!

Including those idiotic things she just said!

Thanks to her sharp instincts as a former journalist, Keira had turned on her phone's camera the moment Amy was hit.

Although she didn't capture the entire incident from

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the beginning, Christina was arrogant enough that just those few sentences she uttered were enough to incite public outrage!

When Christina saw the video, she was stunned, and in a fit of rage, she stepped forward. "You bitch!"

Keira simply scoffed. "If you dare take another step forward, I'll post this on social media immediately!"

"You!"

Christina took a deep breath, her fingers clenched tight and then released. After a long moment, she stared venomously at Keira. "What's your name?"

Mary quickly stepped forward. "Christina, she..."

"Keera."

Before Mary could speak, Keira gave the woman her name.

If she didn't speak up, all the hatred would be directed at Mary...

Ever since she learned of Mary's current situation, she didn't want to incriminate her any further.

Christina nodded vigorously, pointing a finger at her.

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"Fine, fine! Keera, right? I'll remember you!!"

Leaving those words behind, she glared at the lobby manager, then with a wave of her hand, she commanded, "Let's go!"

A group of people left in a grand procession.

Mary hurriedly turned to Keira. "Keera, it's over; Christina is notoriously petty. Having been offended today, she will definitely seek revenge!"

Keira reassured her, "Don't be afraid, it's alright. Ellis will help us."

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If Ellis knew she was Uncle Olsen's daughter, how could he allow a foster daughter to bully her?

But Mary misunderstood, and dejectedly said, said just now was a bluff. You don't know how A Ellis is. He's the most stingy and protective perso actually doesn't have much to do with Christina, b since she's his sister in name, in today's incident, if Ellis were present, he'd also pressure you to apologize

to Christina."

Keira reassured her. "Really, it's fine; don't be scared."

Before she could say more, the lobby manager came

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over, a bitter look on his face as he began, "I'm sorry, you two, but our amusement park can no longer accommodate you today..."

Mary's face stiffened.

The lobby manager immediately bowed in apology. "We also dare not offend the Olsen Family. I want to keep running my small business, so please, from now on, you two shouldn't come to play here anymore. Today's tickets are on the house! Please leave..."

He was trembling slightly all over, even beads of sweat forming on his forehead.

His appearance was so pitiful that it was hard for onlookers not to feel sympathetic.

Mary and Keira exchanged a glance, both sighin resignation. "Alright."

This amusement park was merely protecting itself, as they had no grounds for criticism. After all, not everyone was a saint and wanted to be meddlesome in other people's affairs.

Carrying Amy, the two made their way out of the park.

No sooner had they stepped out than they heard the

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manager instruct two staff members behind them,

"Make sure you remember. Those two are not allowed in from now on... Prepare some presents for the children for Miss Olsen's side. I'll accompany you tonight to apologize and make amends!"

"Sure, Sir."

Keira was speechless.

Mary was indignant yet discouraged. "Keira, what has become of this world? Clearly, Christina did wrong, and Amy suffered the injustice, yet in the end, we are the ones being expelled. Is family background and status really that important?"

In her life, there had been ups and downs.

When her grandfather and great-uncle were alive, not yet having divided the family, she was considered a heiress of the Davis family. Although she couldn't compare with the daughters from the first branch, she lived in no less splendor.

After the great-uncle passed away, her eldest uncle from the first branch looked after them out of respect for her grandfather.

But once her grandfather was gone they became a

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mere collateral branch, and their fortunes dwindled...

Keira was at a loss for words, unsure of what to say to comfort her.

Mary merely sighed over this but soon became anxious again, looking at her: “Keera, by the look in Christina’s eyes just now, she’s got it in for you. Maybe you should leave Clance. If you stay here, I’m worried the Olsen family will harm you...”

“Don’t be afraid.”

Seeing how worried Mary was, Keira was silent for a moment, then suddenly said, “Actually, I’m Uncle Olsen’s daughter.” Follow current novels on [FindNovel.net](#)

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Mary heard this and suddenly went silent.

After a long while, she forced a smile. "Keera, you're quite the joker."

Keira was perplexed.

She gave a resigned smile. "I'm not joking..."

Before she could finish, Mary took her by the arm. "You've forgotten, right? You already told me about your background long ago!"

Keira was stunned. "...What?"

Keera's background?

Without further thought, Mary said, "When I asked you back then if you wanted to find your biological father or just live with your foster parents, you told me about it..."

Saying this, she cautiously glanced at Keira as if afraid that bringing up that matter would touch a raw nerve.

Keira only felt her mind turn into mush. "What did I tell you?" The most update novels are published on Findnovel.net

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Mary looked at her oddly. "Keera, you don't remember?"

Keira pursed her lips, pausing before asking, "What did

I say?"

Without giving a reason, Mary simply looked at her curiously for a few moments, then continued. "You' said that you weren't a lost child, that you have parents, just that..."

She bit her lip before continuing. "You're too naïve. Your parents didn't like you, so they let your foster

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parents bring you to Clance and told you never to come back home.”

Keira’s jaw tensed.

Keera was her twin sister, that much was certain; they looked exactly alike, and besides, Taylor had admitted to this fact before...

Moreover, after “Mrs. Horton’s” death, Lewis had three consecutive DNA reports done, all proving the deceased was Mrs. Horton, definitely showing that

Keera and Keira were identical twins.

Why then did Keera say such a thing?

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Before his death, Taylor once said that when their mother gave birth to the Keera, she wasn’t abandoned by him, but was “taken away by the South family”...

During this period, Keira had already investigated the deceased foster parents of her sister. They were simply running their company honestly and didn’t seem to have any significant skills.

Their deaths years ago were also due to a car accident.

But... those foster parents seemed to appear out of nowhere, with no other relatives or family in Clance.

Keira felt increasingly baffled.

“Keera, does bringing this up make you upset again?” Mary’s voice brought her back to reality.

Keira immediately shook her head, sighing. “Perhaps after this marriage fiasco, I was a bit shocked and now, I can’t remember some things very clearly...”

Mary showed a look that said, “See, I knew I guessed right.” She then took Keira by the arm and said, “Not remembering is fine; you’ve always had the habit of keeping a diary, and you’ve written a lot of important things in there.”

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Keira nodded. "I know that."

She had read quite a few of Keera's diaries recently.

It was through the diaries that she learned about her interactions with Howard and Mary, otherwise, her cover would have been blown long ago.

However, Mary pouted and complained. "Back when we were in school, we could exchange diaries to read each other's, but you had one with a lock that you never let me see."

A diary with a lock?

Keira had never seen this one.

But she didn't inquire further, afraid Mary might discover something.

With this distraction, she forgot to explain further

about Uncle Olsen's situation.

Mary left the amusement park with her, and by the time they drove Keira and Amy home, it had gotten dark. When they arrived at the front door, Mary suddenly clutched her stomach.

Keira quickly asked, "What's wrong?"

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Mary looked a bit pale. "My stomach hurts a bit, probably got my period. Let me use your bathroom."

Keira nodded.

Mary got out of the car and entered Keira's home. The housekeeper had already prepared dinner for them, and she was helping Amy eat.

When Mary came back, she looked pale.

Keira asked, "What's wrong?"

Mary gave a wry smile. "My period is three days late, and my stomach is killing me."

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Upon hearing this, Keira said, "Aren't you usually very regular?"

Mary nodded. "Yeah, my cycle is like clockwork, 28 days each time. I don't know what's going on this

time..."

Her words stopped there as she suddenly thought about that night she spent with Ellis. Her voice got stuck in her throat, and a look of panic appeared on

her face!

Keira saw the state she was in and vaguely guessed something. "I'll go buy you a pregnancy test kit."

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Mary looked at her frantically and nodded.

Half an hour later.

Both of them were deep in thought as they looked at

the two lines on the pregnancy test.

Keira frowned as she looked at Mary.

Mary also looked back at Keira with an expression that was almost on the verge of tears.

Keira rested her chin on her hand and complained, "Mary, you didn't even tell me you had a boyfriend."

It clearly said in the diary that Keira and Mary had agreed they would tell each other immediately if they started dating!

Mary's face turned pale, and she tightly clenched fingers. "... I didn't have a boyfriend. This child w

accident."

Keira was stunned. "What?"

Mary was near tears. "Keera, what... what should I do?"

Keira was dumbfounded.

How would she know what to do?

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father of the child?"

Mary immediately bit her lip, and her cheeks flushed.

Her demeanor didn't seem angry or panicked, but rather slightly shy.

Keira immediately guessed something. "Ellis?"

Mary, frightened, looked up sharply. "How did you know?"

Keira was speechless.

This girl had always been exceedingly shy whenever she mentioned Ellis. It was clear to Keira that it was a case of unrequited love. How could she not see it?

Keira grimaced, "Mary, what do you plan to do with this child? Will you tell Ellis? It just so happens he's married yet..."

"No," Mary said firmly.

Ellis didn't have a good impression of her, and it seemed like telling him would mean she wanted to trap him into marriage.

Her gaze fell.

Keira then coughed. "Then the child..."

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“I don’t want it.”

Mary said resolutely, “I’ll make an appointment for an operation tomorrow... Keera, you’ll come with me, won’t you? I’m scared. I don’t want my parents to find out.”

“... Okay!”

Keira respected her friend’s every choice.

Mary stayed at the villa that night because of her fear.

Keira put Amy to bed, asked the nanny to stay with her, and then returned to the master bedroom.

She needed to save the nighttime hours to do some things on her own...

Moreover, considering what Mary had said that seemed likely that Keera had other secrets.

While searching in the master bedroom, she suddenly heard a noise near the window, and her pupils narrowed. Instantly, she moved to the window.

Soon after, someone knocked lightly on the window and climbed in.

The moment the person came in, Keira immediately

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went forward and captured his arm in a grip!

The intruder instinctively tried to fight back.

But he seemed to realize something and stopped his movements.

Keira’s guard was up.

Was this person here to kill Keera? Or did he have something to do with Keera’s secrets? Was he sent by the “South family”?

She grabbed the man's shoulder and, grabbing a tie from nearby, she bound his hands with it. After subduing him from behind, Keira then moved to face

the intruder.

And then, she saw a familiar handsome face.

It was... Lewis?!

Keira was dumbfounded.

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Keira was perplexed but quickly rushed to untie the

person.

Lewis watched her, a smile lurking in his eyes. "Keira may have kept a low profile from a young age, but indeed, she never learned martial arts. Keira, you've given yourself away."

Keira untied the tie from the man's hand, her eyes teasing as she looked at him. "Mr. Horton, I don't understand what you're talking about."

“Is that so?”

Lewis moved his wrist and walked over to sit on the sofa in the master bedroom, his gaze still fixed on her

Keira felt somewhat uncomfortable under his scrutiny

and lowered her head, continuing. “Mr. Horton, isn’t it inappropriate for you to come here so late?”

Lewis’s eyes drooped, yet a smile crept into them. “Miss South resembles my late wife, and I miss her terribly, so I came for a visit. I hope you don’t mind.”

Keira said, “Do as you please!”

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She ignored Lewis and started searching the master bedroom, eager to find the diary Mary mentioned.

However, having lived in this master bedroom for a month, she had never seen it. How could she possibly

find it now?

Keira stood in front of the desk, staring pensively.”

Where would Keera hide a diary?

She had already looked through the wardrobe, and nothing was there.

The desk and various drawers were also empty.

This past month, she hadn’t only been caring for Howard’s mother and diligently cleaning the house every day, but she had also been searching for any information about Keera.

She wanted to uncover her secrets.

But she had already cleaned and cleared out everything in the house, looked through Keera’s more mundane diaries, and found nothing out of the ordinary!

If it hadn't been for Mary mentioning today that Keera had a locked diary that she never showed to anyone.

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she wouldn't even know such a thing existed.

She felt around on the bed and checked under it... still

no clue.

While she was pondering, the deep voice of Lewis

suddenly filled the room. "When I was a child and wanted to hide something, I would usually bury it in the ground."

Bury it in the ground...

Keira abruptly turned her head, her gaze landing on the small garden of the villa.

The villa had its own small yard, and Keera liked to plant flowers, so in a corner of the yard, she kept some different varieties of flowers and a tree...

Keira abruptly stood up and strode outside.

Amy and the maid had already gone to bed, as for Mary, she hadn't come out from the guest room.

Keira took the garden shears and went to the tree, stepped around arbitrarily, and suddenly noticed that the soil in some area wasn't as soft, feeling rather hard!

She immediately started digging with a small shovel.

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After just a few digs, she saw a metal box.

The box wasn't large, just the size of a book, and there was no lock on the box.

Keira dropped the shovel, took out the metal box,

dusted it off, and then opened the box to find a notebook with a floral cover, the kind readily available in stationery stores, lying quietly inside.

The notebook had a small lock on it, but the key wasn't

inside the box. Follow current novels on FindNovel.net

Keira fell silent for a moment, reburied the box, then went back upstairs to the bedroom. She was about to close the door when she realized Lewis was right

behind her.

Keira almost forgot about that damn man.

She rolled her eyes and went inside.

Lewis then said, "The key might be quite difficult to find..."

Keira couldn't help but glance at him. "Who said I'm looking for the key?"

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Lewis was taken aback.

Then he saw Keira take scissors from the side and with a "snip, snip," cut the notebook free from the locked

part.

Lewis was speechless.

After Keira did all of this, she opened the notebook and found everything was intact, finally letting out a sigh of relief.

But she didn't look at the things her sister had left behind right away; instead, she turned to Lewis. "Mr. Horton, aren't you planning to leave? Breaking and entering is a crime, you know."

"Is that so?"

Lewis took a step forward, coming up to her.

Suddenly, he bent down, lowered his head, and

embraced her into his arms.

Keira wanted to struggle, but Lewis said, “If you push me away, that will prove you’re Keira, not Keera because Keera wouldn’t have the guts.”

Keira was perplexed.

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She stopped moving.

Indeed, if Keera were in her shoes, given the mismatch in their status with Lewis, she would only try to please him, fear him...

As she was thinking, the man suddenly lowered his head and buried it in the nape of her neck, his breath spraying on her skin, making her itch. She felt as though ants were crawling all over her body, stirring her heart into chaos.

She pushed at Lewis, pretending to be like Keera. “Mr. Horton, don’t do this...”

But Lewis spoke again. “Don’t do what? Last time at the Oceanion Hotel, you didn’t reject me like this...”

Keira stiffened.

Then Lewis reached out and caressed her cheek. “Keira, last time, this is how I undid your clothes...”

With a tug at her waist, the robe instantly fell to the floor.

Keira’s pupils contracted, and she instinctively covered her body, but Lewis grabbed her arm. “You didn’t

refuse me last time either...”

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After saying that, he bent down, pressing Keira back, step by step, they reached the bed, and he looked down at her. “You were very cooperative...”

Keira said nothing.

The man lowered his head, coming closer, his hot breath making Keira's heartbeat speed up.

However, he made no further move and stopped at her neck. "Keira, are you that cruel? Won't you talk to

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His voice was filled with grievance, bewilderment, and incomprehension.

It was heart-wrenching.

Keira knew she couldn't hide it anymore.

She slowly lowered her gaze

After a long while, she chuckled softly, pushing Lew away, and put her robe back on. "Even if I do that, wh

then?"

When Lewis heard that, he saw her finally admitting it, and he was stunned in place.

He chuckled softly, but his eyes reddened again.

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He was certain the person before him was his beloved, but as long as Keira refused to admit it, he was filled with dread, afraid that he had mistaken someone else

for her.

That was why he kept coming to look for her.

This past month, he had also watched her from afar countless times.

Watching her play Keera with flawless precision, there were moments when he wondered if he really had mistaken her identity.

Until this very moment.

The heart that had been hanging in suspense finally

settled down.

It was her...

It truly was her...

He was about to say something when he saw Keira's back turned to him; her gaze was filled with strands of complexity and reluctance. "You couldn't bear to watch your old flame die, and I couldn't possibly tolerate you being with other women like some might. Since that's the case, why are you so persistent about

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who I really am? We're still getting a divorce, aren't we?"

Upon hearing this, Lewis took out the ring from his pocket...

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Divorce?

Lewis's joyful expression stiffened momentarily.

Then he quickly realized what was going on and couldn't help but laugh at the absurdity of the

situation.

Keira didn't come back to him because of that?

His eyes had tears in them, yet he started laughing

again.

Stepping forward, he took Keira's hand with his right hand and led it to touch his left hand.

Keira frowned and thought this man was shameles

She had already said they were getting a divorce, and yet he dared to seduce her?

Just as she was about to pull her hand back, she suddenly touched something cool; she looked down and was stunned.

Wasn't this the ring she had sent to that young man?

The ring was made of jade, its emerald color clearly

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indicating it was expensive. How did it end up in Lewis's possession?

Furrowing her brows, she heard Lewis begin to speak slowly.

"When I was a child, I was kidnapped. A four-year-old little girl helped me by feeding the traffickers sleeping pills. She saved me but had to go home to suffer. Crying, she hugged me and asked me to marry her..."

Upon hearing this, Keira was shocked and looked at him.

Lewis gave a bitter smile. "After I returned home, I searched for her, but the little girl didn't have a name back then. When I found Madeleine, she remembered everything from our childhood clearly and claimed it was her. I asked her for the ring as a token. She told me she lost it. She was abused by her parents, suffered from mental illness, and had been waiting for me to

save her..."

Looking earnestly at Keira, Lewis continued. "Later, when I received this ring, I realized I had been blind for years and talking to the wrong person. I never found that little girl. All these years, she's been

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suffering..."

Keira's eyes were filled with tears, and her throat felt choked up.

Looking at Lewis, she suddenly didn't know whether to cry or to laugh.

After a long while, she calmed herself down. "When did you receive the ring?"

Lewis looked at her, "On the day of your accident."

Keira looked down. "And yet you still asked me to meet for a divorce! Saying 'Don't miss the 2 o'clock

appointment."

Upon hearing this, Lewis quickly stepped forward and embraced her tightly. "Keira, do you know how I regret it?! I just wanted to surprise you, to tell you the truth at the courthouse, to tell you I'll marry you on

but you in this life, to tell you that you are my lifesav But I never imagined that you would be in an

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accident... Carrying the news that we were to divorce, you had an accident..."

Since Keira's accident, he had refused to believe that the victim was her. He couldn't accept that reality,

partly because of this.

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He had wanted to give her a surprise but never thought it would leave her departing in pain and

regret.

The mere thought of that moment on the boat, when she was suffocating, and she thought he still wanted to divorce her, made his heart ache so much he couldn't

breathe!

Until today, until this moment, until now!

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He was still filled with remorse and regret, questioning why he hadn't just explained everything over phone, why he had to come up with such a messy

surprise...

Keira felt the slight tremble of his body and sudde understood his intention.

She extended her arms and hugged him.

The response was an intense, shaking kiss...

The clothes she had just put on slid off once again...

Both were not good with words, so they could only act, expressing their joy and passion at recognizing each other...

Time and again...

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Lewis wished he could meld Keira into his body, wish they could become one and never be apart again...

The night grew deeper.

The white sheer curtains were blown by the wind,
swaying, and making the scene inside appear intermittently.

Even the moon in the sky seemed bashful, hiding behind the clouds, yet it couldn't help peeking through

a slit...

A night of fiery passion...

A night of unrestrained indulgence...

Lewis released his repressed longing time and
again...

As a result, when Keira woke up the next day, it already ten in the morning.

She was startled, quickly glanced at the man lying n to her, then immediately jumped out of bed, flung open the bedroom door, and dashed out, only to see Mary playfully texting on the living room couch downstairs.

The maid was monning the floor.

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Ceira exclaimed, "Where's Amy?"

Mary grinned teasingly at her and said, "Knew you u wouldn't be getting up today, so I sent her off to the he arly learning center!"

eira was perplexed.

As she was puzzling over this, Mary had already cheekily leaned in and bluntly said, "Keera, good for you! I was wondering why you finally agreed to divorce that scumbag Howard, turns out you've got a new lame! Last night was pretty intense..."

Keira's cheeks immediately turned a burning red.

Thinking about the excitement from last night, she felt

bit embarrassed...

She hadn't expected Lewis, who seemed so

constrained, to have such a variety of.... moves. As she leaned against the door, she couldn't hold back and let

out a moan...

Keira hastily put a stop to the R-rated scenes in her brain, trying hard to forget the details of last night. She coughed and said, "Well, I..."

But Mary cut her off, speaking very seriously. "Keira,

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there's no need to say anything, I understand. It was Howard who cheated first, so you finding a gigolo is nothing to blame."

After that, she added, "But in the future, you should still temper it down. We have a long way to go! You don't want to exhaust him so soon, do you?"

"Pffft!"

Keira was drinking water and when she heard the last sentence, she sprayed it out.

Mary dodged away in disgust, then her phone started to vibrate intensely again.

Keira drank some water and walked to the kitchen to get a sandwich the maid had prepared. As she ate she heard Mary click her tongue twice. "Keera, Clance changing!"

Keira was taken aback. "What do you mean?"

"Today, news came from the Horton family in Oceanion that they were going to make their presence known in Clance! Turns out they've been planning this for a month in

Clance. They're the wealthiest in Oceanion, no less influential than the five major families of Clance. Their arrival might just change the

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landscape in Clance!"

Lewis's move to Clance was something he told her about last night.

He wasn't leaving.

Keira didn't show much reaction and just listened as Mary continued. "I heard that the family head of the Horton family, Lewis, isn't even thirty yet, and now he's stepping up to compete on par with the heads of the five families. That's impressive... Though it probably has nothing to do with me."

After saying that, the door to the master bedroom suddenly opened.

Lewis was particularly fastidious and a neat freak he wouldn't wear yesterday's clothes, so Keira could only find an unworn set of lounge wear that belonged to Howard for him.

Lewis was now wearing a white short-sleeved shirt, and the cotton trousers were a bit short. The man who usually had a strong and steady presence now looked like a college student.

Upon seeing his face, Mary's eyes lit up, and she

sneakily nudged Keira, whispering "Keira you've got

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good taste. Which school is he from? This gigolo is a whole lot better than that scum Howard!"

Keira was speechless.

She, too, ogled Lewis along with Mary.

The man always used to dress sharply in suits, which overshadowed his handsome face, but now, with his hair in disarray, that face was truly stunning.

Without a word from her, the playful Mary approached him and said, “Young man, you know how to take good care of my sister, right? Do it well, and you might just get to marry into wealth – you could end up on the list of rich wives.”

Lewis stiffened.

Mary then asked, “By the way, what’s your nam

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Lewis instinctively looked toward Keira, asking with his eyes: can I tell her?

After a night of unreserved conversation, Keira told Lewis about Keera’s cause of death and incidentally mentioned her mother’s situation.

Lewis had said at the time, "I've been helping out with Mrs. Olsen's issue, but so far, there's no news."

Setting aside the cordial relationship between Lewis and Uncle Olsen, the fact that Mrs. Olsen was Keira's mother meant that Lewis had always taken the matter seriously.

However, he hadn't understood the reasons before,

but now he did.

After sharing information, they realized that, given the backgrounds of both the Horton and the Olsen

families, the fact that they couldn't find the "South family" indicated just how mysterious the South family actually was.

The only way to save her mother was to lure the

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snakes out of their hole!

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The South family would be in touch with Keera, so Keira couldn't resume her identity for the moment; she had to continue posing as Keera to entice them to

make contact.

Lewis, wanting to avoid his appearance linking Keera with Keira, decided after some thought to conceal his identity and stay by Keira's side.

He coughed and was about to conjure up a name or something when Mary laughed. "No way? Keera, have you finally turned things around? Your little boyfriend, he's really under your thumb, isn't he? He doesn't dare utter his name?"

Lewis was speechless.

He said nothing.

Mary didn't fuss over this and instead felt happy for

Keira.

At that moment, her phone buzzed again.

She glanced down at it, and her brows knitted together, "Damn it!"

Keira asked casually, "What's wrong?"

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Mary sighed. "My uncle is really something... Hearing that Lewis came to Clance, he told me to find an opportunity to 'bump into' him, to try..."

"Ahem!"

Keira instinctively glanced at Lewis.

Mary said indignantly, "Can you believe it? Does he think I can't get married? He wants me to seduce

Lewis? I've heard he just lost his wife! He's a widower!!"

"Pfft!"

Keira couldn't help but spit out a mouthful of water again!

Then she looked at Mary with an expression that was hard to describe... and behind her, Lewis with a similarly indescribable expression.

Keira coughed. "Well, Mary, Lewis is actually quite a right..."

Mary huffed. "His background isn't bad, and marrying him would make someone a family head's wife, on par with the top five families, but what if this Lewis is old and ugly? He's almost thirty... However, I'm not

interested in him. As for those unmarried girls in

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Clance, who knows!"

Keira was dumbfounded.

She coughed and pointed at Lewis. "What do

of him?”

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Mary said, “Of course, he’s a cute little puppy. Looks as if he’s just in his early twenties, right?”

Lewis, who was “in his early twenties,” had by now gone completely expressionless.

Struggling to keep a straight face, Keira said, “Alright, aren’t we supposed to go to the hospital? I’ll change my clothes and be right there!”

Hearing that, Mary was slightly startled and nodd

Keira then went inside.

Lewis followed her like a little tail.

At that moment, he was severely lacking in a sense of security, worried that in the blink of an eye, Keira might disappear again...

Seeing him like this, Keira couldn’t help but say, “Can you stop following me?”

Lewis said, “You’re in a dangerous situation right now.

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I get worried if I don’t follow you.”

In fact, he had secretly been following her for a month!

Keira, feeling helpless, said, “But with what identity will

you

follow me around? If someone recognizes you, it’s easy to link me with Keira.”

Lewis looked down. “Shall I be your bodyguard?”

Keira was dumbfounded.

She turned around, wrapped her arm around his neck, leaned in close, and whispered, “Just now, Mary said,

many women in Clance are eyeing you... Are you sure about being a bodyguard for a twice-married woman with a child?"

Lewis immediately tightened his embrace around waist and said outright, "As your friend said, I'm old and ugly widower, a perfect match for you!"

Keira didn't know what to say.

She said in resignation, "Then suit yourself, but still be careful not to reveal your identity."

"Okay."

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Keira changed her clothes and handed a black cap to

Lewis.

Lewis, wearing a white T-shirt and white cotton pants, topped off with the black cap, radiated a youthful vibe that made Keira feel refreshed.

When they left and were going downstairs, Mary came. The source of this content is (Find)novel.net

up to them. "What's going on? Can't bear to part?"

Keira coughed and said, "He wants to be our driver."

"That's fine then."

Mary tossed her car keys to Lewis and then took a seat in the back with Keira.

On the way to the hospital, Mary started looking up information online. "Keira, it seems that aborting a baby requires at least 42 days into pregnancy..."

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Keira said, "For medication abortion, there shouldn't be a time limit, I think."

"Really?"

Mary continued. "Do you think the baby feels anything right now? Would it hurt if I had an abortion?"

Keira said, "It shouldn't because it's only a fertilized

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egg at this point."

Mary didn't know what to say.

She couldn't help looking at Keira. "Keira, how come you're not persuading me to keep the baby?"

Keira smiled, looking straight at her. "Do you want to keep it?"

"Of course not."

"Then there's nothing to persuade. Don't be afraid, I've heard from people that an abortion is quick. Just lie down and sleep, and when you wake up, the baby will be gone."

Mary fell silent.

Although Keira knew Mary was reluctant to go thro with it, she still deliberately said those words becaus she understood the more she spoke like that, the harder it would be for Mary to let go.

Sure enough, when they reached the hospital entrance, Mary stared at the sign and couldn't bring herself to step inside.

Outside the obstetrics and gynecology department of the hospital.

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Keira helped Mary get a number and then waited with her on a bench for their number to be called.

Mary was very nervous, her palms sweating.

Outside the hospital.

When Ellis walked out of the hospital, he happened to see Lewis and was surprised, "Lewis? It really is you! What are you doing dressed like that, and here of all places?!"

Lewis lazily looked up at him.

The listless expression on his face was swept away. "And what brings you here?"

Ellis replied, "A friend of mine is sick, so I came to visit... What are you doing at an obstetrics and gynecology hospital? Is it..."

His gaze swept over Lewis's groin. "You have some kind of hidden condition?"

Lewis was speechless.

Watching Ellis's smug expression, remembering when he had come to offer a few words of sympathy during his own moments of deep sorrow, and then thinking of

Marv on her way to get an abortion...

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From the snippets of conversations between Mary and Keira, he had figured out that the child was likely

Ellis's.

And here was this guy, leisurely enjoying the show...

Lewis suddenly took on a teasing smile. "I don't need to prove anything to you, but I think you should be more concerned about yourself."

Ellis immediately jumped. "Concerned about myself for what? I'm absolutely fine!"

"Really?"

Lewis smiled. "I just thought I saw Miss Mary Davis heading upstairs to the obstetrics and gynecology department..."

Ellis was suddenly taken aback. "What?!"

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Obstetrics and Gynecology Department.

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Mary's hands and feet were sweating coldly, her gaze fixed on the diagnostic room in front of her.

Keira didn't comfort her, just gave her enough space.

"Number 13, Mary Davis. Has Mary Davis arrived?"

The nurse suddenly called out her name, startling Mary, who jumped to her feet. "I'm here!"

Mary followed behind the nurse and looked back at

Keira.

Keira gave her an encouraging look. "Go on!" New novel chapters are published on FindNovel.net

Mary swallowed hard and followed the nurse into the

room.

After a series of tests and examinations, it was confirmed that Mary was pregnant. The doctor asked, "Are you sure you don't want it?" Mary clenched her jaw and tightened her fingers, and after a moment, she nodded. The doctor said, "I really can't understand you young

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people. These days, many people can't even have children... Are you sure you don't want it? Well, I'll write you an order for a CT scan. Once you've been scanned, the child will be exposed to radiation, and you can't keep it."

Mary nodded again.

The doctor wrote up the paperwork, scheduled the surgery, and then let Mary out.

Keira immediately stayed by her side. "What's next?"

The two followed the nurse to the CT room, handed over the paperwork, and waited to be called.

Most people here were there for an abortion.

Most of them were couples, some were with friends and there was even a girl brought by her parents. She was sobbing, with both parents wearing masks, feeling

ashamed.

Seeing this, Mary grasped Keira's hand even tighter. "Keira, do I really not want this child?"

Seeing her scared like this, Keira sighed. "Mary, you already know the answer, don't you?"

Mary was taken aback.

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Keira looked at her, "From leaving the house today to coming here, you've said many times that you don't want an abortion, it's just that you might not have noticed."

Mary's jaw tightened.

Keira looked at her, "Mary, I'm your friend, and it's up to you to make the decision. Whatever choice you make, I'll support you!"

Mary's fingers tightened even more, just as someone came out of the CT room and called for her. "Mary Davis, is Mary here?"

Keira looked at her.

Mary stood there, hesitating

"Is Mary Davis here?"

The nurse called out again. "If not, it's the next person's turn..."

That prompted Mary to blurt out suddenly, "I'm here!"

She stood up again and strode toward the CT room.

She felt she had thought things through very clearly.

Ellis didn't like her, and the child would have no father

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if it were born. It would even tie her down, not to

mention that her uncle also wanted to use her for an arranged marriage...

She strode into the CT room.

The nurse pointed to two isolation bags and said, "When the door is closed and the machine turns on, the radiation will hit the child, so put on this vest to protect your chest and back!"

Mary looked at the vest, asking, "Is this to prevent other organs from being exposed to radiation?"

"That's right."

The nurse said, "You shouldn't have this kind of CT scan more than twice a year. A baby that's been

scanned definitely can't be born. Alright, don't waste time. Put it on and lie down!

Yet Mary's hand rested on her lower abdomen as she reached out to pick up the isolation vest...

Keira was waiting outside.

She really didn't know what Mary would choose.

But whatever the choice, she expressed her

understanding.

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With Mary's complicated family situation, if she were to become pregnant before marriage... It would be fine if Ellis took responsibility, but if he didn't, she would become the laughingstock of Clance.

At that time, she might have to leave Clance to give herself and her child a better life.

Not having the child would be the best for her personally.

Of course, Keira was strong-willed and didn't care about what others said, so if this situation fell on her, she would simply rely on her own feelings to decide whether to keep it or not.

But not everyone was her.

Keira didn't dwell on it any further, instead, she was reminded of Keera's diary at home.

Last night, Lewis was causing a fuss, and she hadn't yet seen the contents of that diary; she had no idea what it might contain... She definitely couldn't mess around tonight; serious matters called for serious attention.

As she was thinking, the door of the CT room opened, and Mary walked out with red eyes.

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Keira immediately went up to her. "Did you finish the CT that quickly?"

But Mary shook her head, "Keera, I've decided to keep the baby."

Keira was taken aback.

Even though she had anticipated it, when Mary actually made that decision, she couldn't help but silently sigh for her.

She nodded. "Okay, then I'll be the child's godmother."

Mary nodded, and then she said, somewhat anxiously, "Keeping the baby will be a bit troublesome. First of all, I still don't know how to tell my parents..."

Mary walked out with determination, continuing discuss what needed to be done to keep the baby. "Should I just find some man to pretend to be my boyfriend? Actually, it might also help me avoid being used by my uncle for blind dates... and prevent me from having to seduce that Lewis."

Keira didn't know what to say.

She paused for a moment, then suddenly said, "Have you considered telling the baby's father?"

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Mary was slightly startled.

She then looked down.

When she discovered she was pregnant, her first reaction was to call Ellis.

After all, Ellis was the baby's dad and had the right to

know.

But as she picked up the phone, she ultimately chose to put it down, because she didn't know how Ellis would react after hearing the news.

She liked Ellis.

She understood that Ellis was a responsible man, which was why she didn't want to use the child to

him down...

As she wavered, Keira suddenly said, "Sometimes misunderstandings are a result of us being presumptuous. If you don't speak up about certain things, how would you know what he's thinking?"

Mary was startled.

Keira went on. "Is there a possibility that Ellis might just have feelings for you too?"

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Mary's fingers tightened slightly.

While they were talking, a familiar voice suddenly rang out. "Mary? What are you doing here?!"

Both turned their heads to see Ellis striding toward them with his assistant.

There was an urgency on his face that he himself hadn't noticed, his gaze swept behind her. "Are you not feeling well? Or is there something else? Do you need me to find a specialist for you?"

Mary paused slightly.

She suddenly looked at Keira.

Keira gave her an encouraging nod.

Seeing this, Mary felt as if she had found her backbone.

Yes, how could she possibly know the truth without asking?

She suddenly turned to Ellis and stated, "I'm not sick; I'm pregnant."

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Mary, upon hearing this, felt as if she had found her anchor.

Indeed, how could the truth be known without asking?

She suddenly looked at Ellis and said, "I'm not sick. I'm pregnant."

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The corridor suddenly fell silent.

After Mary said those words, her heart began to pound wildly, but the weight that had been pressing on her chest seemed to vanish.

Keera was right...

The child wasn't just hers alone; she shouldn't be the only one to decide its fate.

She quietly watched Ellis.

But she saw Ellis was already stunned.

After he heard her words, his gaze fell on her

abdomen.

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The indoor heating was turned up high, and Mary had taken off her coat. Underneath, the sweater she wore clung to her slender figure; her waist and abdomen

were thin, and there were no visible signs of

pregnancy.

Ellis's gaze then returned to Mary's face.

The concern on his face gradually receded, turning icy

cold.

After a moment, he scoffed. "Then?"

Mary hadn't expected this reaction, and she was taken aback for a moment. She was about to speak when she heard Ellis scoff. "You wouldn't say that the child is

mine, would you?"

Mary was dumbfounded.

She knew her previous actions might have led to a misunderstanding, and she decided to clarify everything at once, "That day, it was my first time... Ellis, I have no other men."

She looked at him seriously and said earnestly.

But what responded to her was Ellis's sneer. "Mary, do think I'll believe you just because you said so?"

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Mary tightened her jaw. "What I'm saying is true, this

child..."

"Shut your mouth!"

Ellis interrupted her sharply with a shout.

Keira hadn't expected this situation either.

Ellis was usually lively but took things seriously and responsibly. However, his face was now extremely ugly, and he exuded a cold aura.

Fearful that Mary might be hurt, she stepped forward and looked at Ellis, "Ellis, what is the meaning of this? You don't want to take responsibility?!"

Ellis was still rather polite to Keira, "If the child isn't mine, why should I take responsibility? Looking for a scapegoat? Or do you think I'm an easy mark?"

By now, Mary's eyes were wide open.

She looked at Ellis in disbelief...

What she said before, about it not being her first time, about playing wild, was all said in anger at Ellis. She thought that if she just explained herself clearly, he would trust her...

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But she hadn't expected it to turn out like this! What did Ellis take her for? An uppity escort?!

She clenched her fists tightly, her whole body trembling with anger, and even a flash of despair crossed her eyes.

She shouldn't have had any illusions about Ellis...

Keira, however, furrowed her brows, sensing that something was amiss.

Ellis had just rushed up to find Mary, which clearly wasn't a chance encounter, showing his concern for her. Then why was this situation unfolding?

She suddenly realized something and turned to Ellis ask, "What are you doing at the maternity hospital?"

Ellis's complexion turned ashen, and he found it somewhat hard to speak.

But Keira continued to step forward and pressed, "Why did you swear that the child wasn't yours?"

Ellis let out a cold laugh and said, "Because I will never be able to have children in this lifetime!"

At that statement, both Keira and Mary were

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dumbfounded, their gazes inadvertently shifting to Ellis's crotch...

Ellis suddenly felt uncomfortable in a particular area. He shifted his body and said angrily and

embarrassedly, "What are you thinking about?! Mary knows whether I am capable or not, doesn't she?"

Mary was speechless.

Actually, he was quite capable; that day, he almost disassembled her skeleton.

Seeing their reactions, Keira asked, "Then why do you say you will never have your own children in this lifetime?"

Ellis's face turned red.

Yet after glancing at Mary, he took a deep breath and said with a sneer, "As you both know, I like horseback riding, right?"

Keira nodded.

Ellis coughed, "I've spent a bit too much time

horseback riding, which affected my reproductive bag. The doctor said my, um, viability is very low...".

Keira fell silent.

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She understood.

Ellis's function down there was fine, but he had oligospermia.

No wonder he, a man, was frequenting a gynecology and obstetrics hospital to seek treatment!

She asked directly, "Low viability means there is still some chance. Did the doctor say it was absolutely impossible for you to have children?"

Ellis scoffed. "Of course not,

If there was no hope left, why would he keep coming to see the doctor? He would have given up long ago.

Now at twenty-eight, Ellis remained unmarried, and his family wasn't in a hurry to find him a wife-this

issue was the reason.

But personally, he took it easy. For families like his, having children or not was immaterial. His uncle didn't have any children either, did he? And he was living a good life regardless.

Oh, no, that's wrong. His uncle did have children... two of them.

Ellis suddenly realized that this fact didn't comfort him

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at all, and he felt a lump in his heart.

He turned to Mary with a mocking tone. "So, if you want to deliberately provoke someone, don't choose me! I know you're desperate to get married, but go find your child's father, and don't pin it on me!"

Having said that, he felt an inexplicable irritability..

When he'd heard from Lewis that Mary wasn't in good health, he worried that he was too vigorous that night and had caused her to develop some illness, which was why he had rushed here to see her.

As it turned out, Mary wanted him to be delighted to

be a dad?!

He used to think Mary wasn't bad looking...

Right now, Mary's face was white as a sheet as she tried to explain. "But you're the only man I've been with, so the child is yours... Even if the probability is low, there's still a chance, isn't there?"

Ellis looked at her mockingly. "Yeah, maybe if we do it a hundred times, you might conceive once, and you hit the jackpot on the first try? I must be really amazing

then!"

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His words were full of distrust and sarcasm.

Mary clenched her fists in anger.

She stared at Ellis, wanting to say something, but found herself at a loss for words, her eyes brimming

with tears. THIS CHAPTER IS UPDATE BY (Find)NOVEL.NET

Keira furrowed her brows and looked directly at Ellis. "Ellis, considering your condition, I advise you to be more cautious. After all, your child would be a one-percent possibility! If Mary doesn't want this child, you'll lose another chance to have kids!"

Ellis scoffed. "Oh, you're trying to scare me? I am so scared. Mary, I never imagined you could be this kind of woman! If you are so certain that it's my child, fine, let's go and do a DNA test!"

Mary was trembling with fury. "Fine! Let's do it! Don't you regret it later!"

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Keira couldn't help but touch her forehead upon seeing the situation.

She had no choice but to follow Mary and Ellis to seek out the specialist who was treating Ellis's condition.

Ellis said, "Doctor, I want to do DNA verification with the child in her womb!"

The specialist picked up Mary's test results and, upon seeing that the so-called child was only three weeks in size, his mouth twitched, "Mr. Ellis, it might not be possible at the moment."

Ellis was taken aback. "What do you mean 'not possible'?"

The expert explained. "Right now it's just an embryo, and it's impossible to extract. Only after three months can we perform amniocentesis to extract the child's DNA and compare it with yours. Of course, there is another way right now..."

"What way?"

The expert coughed. "That would be an abortion,

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where we keep the cells for comparison with yours, but certainly, the child wouldn't survive."

Ellis paused for a moment.

Just as he was about to say something, he heard Mary speak, "I want this child."

After the morning's twists and turns, which continued as she entered the CT room, Mary had already made up her mind to keep the child.

How could she possibly not want it just to prove something to Ellis?

Ellis was still hesitating. If Mary was willing to have the surgery, then maybe this child could indeed be his, now that she said this...

Ellis snorted. "You want to drag this out for three months? What, do you want to take advantage of me and the Olsen family again for your gain?"

Mary clenched her fists and looked at him. "Ellis, no matter what, the truth will be clear in three months."

With that, she turned around, grabbed Keira's wrist, and said, "Let's go!"

Keira gave Ellis a glare and followed Mary out of the

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office.

Mary's eyes were already red as they went straight to the parking lot and got into the car.

Lewis was waiting for them in the driver's seat. He raised an eyebrow upon seeing this but, being a man of few words, he didn't ask anything and just started the

car.

"Keera, please take me home."

Mary looked out of the window with a desolate expression on her face.

She felt that her years of unrequited love had led to such hurt, and it made her a little sad.

Now, she just wanted to go back to her room and

away.

Keira nodded and set up the GPS for Lewis.

Then she took Mary's hand and, finding words of comfort difficult, could only say, "Mary, in three months, we'll bring out the DNA proof and smack him

in the face!"

Mary let out a low chuckle and didn't speak, her eyes carrying a sense of self-mockery.

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Actually, now that she had calmed down, she felt she couldn't blame Ellis entirely for this...

Indeed, after years of living in destitution and striving to maintain the pride she had since childhood, making sure her parents could live with more dignity, she climbed up the ranks with all her might.

She had secured many partnerships for Davis Corporation, often negotiated over the dinner table.

Her reputation outside was never good.

That was why she was misunderstood as a gold-digger and someone who would deliberately provoke others... Even Ellis would say she wanted to use him to get something from the Davis family...

The car soon arrived at the Davis family home.

Mary didn't say much. She got out of the car and instructed Lewis to drive away, facing Keira's concerned gaze with just a shake of her head.

Keira didn't say more, and after they left, Mary entered the house.

As soon as she stepped in, she saw her parents sitting in the living room, laughing happily. When they saw

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Mary, her father stood up right away. "Mary, you've really done us proud this time! Your uncle just apologized to your mother and me, saying they've wronged us over these years..."

Mary smiled at him.

Her father continued. "But your uncle said he sent you a message, and you didn't reply?"

Mary was taken aback.

Her father went on. "Mary, what your uncle says makes sense. You're so beautiful. I don't know why Mr. Ellis hasn't taken a shine to you, but if you can make Lewis fall for you, then you'll be the family head's wife on day! Your uncle said that then, you could have your grandparents buried together!"

Hearing this, Mary looked at her grandmother, who also smiled upon hearing this.

But Mary just felt cold inside.

After the division of their family, their treatment had deteriorated, and Mary's parents had always pushed her to work hard, to make something of herself... At first, she was told to behave well when she went on a blind date with Ellis, and now they were agreeing with

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her uncle, telling her to seduce Lewis.

Even her parents and grandmother thought she should use her face for something, and indeed, over the years, they had made her do a few things...

So, what right did she have to blame Ellis for looking down on her...

Mary suddenly let out a snort of laughter.

She looked at her father and said, "Dad, even if I 'm just a tool for an arranged marriage, shouldn't you at least leave me some dignity?"

Her father was startled.

Mary then slowly said, "As for Lewis, I won't go."

Her voice was resolute as she went straight into the
bedroom.

Before, she lived for her family. This chapter is updated by Find_Novel.net

From today onward, she would live for herself and her

child!

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didn't even dare to breathe too loudly, yet he sensed that his boss was inexplicably angry.

In all these years, there had been no shortage of women who deliberately provoked him; why had he never seen his boss this angry before?

Miss Mary Davis must be different to his boss, right?

With this thought, the two entered the room and saw that Christina, who was already married off, had returned home. At the moment, she was complaining to Ellis' parents, "I've never seen someone so barbaric. I only said a few words about her child, and she slapped me right across the face!"

Mr. Olsen furrowed his brows upon hearing this, "Doesn't she know who you are? How dare she hit y

like that!"

Christina responded, "Yes, I specifically made my identity known, thinking that no one would dare disrespect the Olsen family and hoped to downplay this incident. Who knew that after hearing it, she became even more arrogant!"

Mary's mother then said, "Did you find out which family she's from?"

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Ellis, listening to their conversation, found it all annoying.

He couldn't even bother to talk more to them and was about to go upstairs when he heard Christina saying, "I found out. It's Mary from the Davis family, her attitude was so arrogant..."

Mary's mother was surprised. "I remember that girl. She's particularly pretty. She has a child?"

Ellis paused mid-step.

Then heard Christina continue, "The child isn't hers; it's her close friend's. Her friend's name is Keera. I inquired about her, and it seems she has business dealings with our Olsen family..."

Mr. Olsen immediately slapped the table in anger, sneering. "Then what's the point of continuing the cooperation? Cancel it! You're the daughter of the Olsen family, and she dares to treat you like that?!"

Mary's mother also frowned. "One should never hit the face when striking blows, and why should a dispute between children escalate to one involving adults? What kind of background does this Keera have that

she thinks she can behave like that in Clance? I'll have

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your older brother drive her out!"

Mr. Olsen nodded, "Even though you are not our biological child, we have no daughters in our family, and you were raised in luxury as our child, how can you be treated like this?!"

As he finished speaking, he just happened to see Ellis and immediately waved his hand, calling out, "Ellis, come and defend your sister!"

Ellis came downstairs with a cold face, letting out a sneer. "That, I'm afraid, is not possible."

Mary's father was startled. "Why?"

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Mr. Olsen frowned, unable to understand. He asked, "Your sister has been wronged. You can't just ignore it, can you?" a

Ellis' mother hurriedly said, "Is it because you are too busy? Recently, Ellis has been helping Sam manage the company... Let's not distract him..."

Mr. Olsen nodded, and then he said, "That young Miss Davis is from the Davis family, and we have to show the Davis family some respect and let it be. But the one called Keera, she's too arrogant. She must pay a price

for this!"

Christina's face lit up when she heard this.

She was about to say something when Ellis said, "You are not to touch Keera!"

These words brought a moment of silence to the room.

Mr. and Mrs. Olsen looked at him, puzzled.

Christina was also taken aback and carefully asked, "Ellis, is it because of Mary? Do you really have feelings

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for her?"

Ellis was now feeling irritated whenever he heard the name Mary.

He scoffed coldly, tugged at his tie, and then said, "No."

The fact that Keera was Uncle Olsen's daughter was something he hadn't yet told Uncle Olsen. What if Uncle Olsen didn't want to acknowledge his daughter?

Ellis didn't give a reason and simply issued an order.

Because Mary was mentioned, he didn't bother to say more to them and went straight upstairs.

Ellis, as the successor to the head of the Olsen family, naturally held a different status at home, and his presence made the three of them fall silent for a moment.

It wasn't until he disappeared into the corridor that his parents came back to their senses.

Ellis' mother immediately said, "Ellis' mood seems off today... Christina, what were you saying about Mary just now? Could Ellis really have taken a fancy to that girl?"

She seemed a bit excited. "Ellis has been so clueless

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when it comes to relationships all these years, and he's almost 28 now. If he really has taken a liking to her, we need to prepare and let them get married quickly..."

Upon hearing this, Mr. Olsen immediately nodded. "That Mary girl is quite pretty, even though her reputation isn't too good, but as for the young people's affairs, we should respect them..."

As the two talked and laughed, Christina's face gradually darkened.

She clenched her fists tightly. "Dad, Mom, that Keera..."

Ellis' mother immediately interrupted her. "Christina, since there's a relationship between Mary and your brother, and Keera is Mary's close friend, there might be some misunderstanding. Let's listen to your br and just let it go this time."

Christina tightened her jaw.

Mr. Olsen also looked at her. "Yes, your big brother's marriage is more important. The conflict between you young girls shouldn't be blown out of proportion... Let's just let bygones be bygones!"

Ellis' mother stood up. "Hey, I wonder if I can prepare

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that heirloom bracelet a bit earlier? Where did I put it? Dear, come help me look for it..."

Mr. Olsen followed her lead, gesturing to Christina. "Christina, stay for dinner before going back... Honey, what do you think? How much dowry should we give to that Davis girl?"

The two of them chatted as they went upstairs, looking excited.

Christina watched them leave, her eyes revealing a hint of malice.

Look at that...

After all, she's an adopted daughter, not their own flesh and blood. She was beaten, yet her parents chose to let her yield!

And they never call her Tina or some other nickname. Every time they addressed her, it was always

Christina...

Christina, Christina... It annoyed her so much!

Would she be treated this way if she were their biological daughter?

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Furious, Christina turned and left the house.

As soon as she reached the car, an assistant came up to her with a file. "Miss, here is Keera's information..."

She has kept a low profile for so many years without many friends."

Upon hearing this, Christina narrowed her eyes.

She couldn't touch Mary, but when it came to Keera, Christina had to regain her footing there.

Otherwise, if word got out, how could she, the heiress, maintain her position in the Olsen family? Would just anyone be able to bully her?

Christina carefully examined Keera's personal information. Indeed, there was no blackmail mater

on her. Suddenly, she saw something and a cold sm appeared on her face.

Keira had just arrived at the South family villa.

Lewis parked the car, and both of them got out. As they approached the entrance, they saw Lewis's assistant holding a suitcase, standing at the door.

Keira was slightly taken aback and looked at Lewis.

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“Are you going on a business trip?”

“No,” came the deep, light reply from Lewis.

Keira then asked, “Then what is this...”

The assistant handed the suitcase to Lewis. “Mr. Horton, I’ve packed your daily necessities.”

Lewis nodded, picked up the suitcase, and entered the villa.

Keira finally understood his intention and, with a mix of laughter and tears, followed him inside. “Hold on, are you seriously planning to live here from now on?”

“Yes,” Lewis answered without hesitation.

Keira shook her head ruefully and saw the housekeeper come out, looking at her with an indescribable expression. “Miss South...”

Keira raised an eyebrow. “What is it?”

The maid glanced upstairs. Before she could speak, Lewis’s assistant blurted out, “Mr. Horton, as per your

instructions, I’ve already changed the master

bedroom’s bed and bedding to brand new ones.”

Keira was dumbfounded.

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She looked at Lewis doubtfully and heard the man explain lightly, “I don’t want to sleep in a bed that others have slept in.”

Keira immediately understood.

That was the bed Keira and Howard had shared. She too hadn’t been comfortable sleeping in it when she first arrived.

At that time, it hadn't been convenient for her to make changes, so she just replaced it with a brand-new set of linens. This man, on the other hand, was more decisive. He switched out the entire bed.

Keira and Lewis went upstairs to the bedroom to look at the bed, and Lewis opened the suitcase and started putting his things away in the closet.

As he organized his clothes, he disdainfully threw out the garments that Howard had not worn, which were in the closet, and instructed his assistant, "Trash should stay in the trashcan."

Keira remained silent.

When she divorced Howard, she'd already packed up

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and thrown out all of Howard's belongings. The items here were just some unused men's daily necessities... Could this man truly not even tolerate that?

Keira shook her head. She found his behavior of marking territory childish but didn't stop him.

It was quite an accomplishment that Lewis had restrained himself from coming to see her for a month and hadn't disrupted her plans.

She let Lewis do as he pleased with the master bedroom; even if he tore it down and remodeled it, it would be fine. She could live in the study.

She picked up the diary she'd found under the tree yesterday and began to read through it.

Upon seeing the contents on the first page, Keira's pupils constricted! Google search FindNovel.net

Indeed, this notebook contained Keira's secrets!

The date on the first page was from ten years ago, and

the content read....

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Keera's diary wasn't filled with many entries.

Each sentence was loaded with copious amounts of information.

Keira started from the first page, dating back ten years

ago.

"With how foolish I must have seemed, I must have been abandoned by them, right? Actually, living here peacefully with my foster parents, far away from their terrifying world, is quite nice, isn't it?"

Then, seven years ago.

"Today, I went to Oceanion for a trip and saw a girl working her way through school who looked exactly like me. Her name is Keira, my biological younger sister. So, they aren't my biological parents after all, no wonder they abandoned me so easily when they saw I

was of no use..."

And then from five years ago.

"I finally uncovered the truth. It turns out that Mom had escaped from them... I can't let them discover my

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sister and mom. They'll kill my sister and take Mom away!"

When Keira read this, she felt a chill run down her spine.

Her mother was taken away, and the "younger sister" indeed was killed!

She gradually sat up straight, her facial expression turning solemn and tense.

It continued with an entry from three years ago.

"It turns out they never truly gave up on me, still issuing me their first command. How ridiculous! They want me to use the most important person in my life..."

Reading this, Keira thought of what Mary had once said.

"Keera, didn't you say you couldn't even complete their first task? You said the first task involved someone

very important to you, so you refused... The most important person in your life must be Howard because it's definitely not me."

Mary's shy and jealous voice seemed to linger in Keira's ears, but in the next moment, she saw the

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contents of Keera's diary.

"...How could I possibly use Mary? She has been my only friend since childhood! I would rather never contact her again than drag her into this mess!"

Keira was stunned.

For some reason, there were tears in her eyes.

Ever since she disguised herself as Keera, she always felt that Keera was very unfair to Mary, thinking that Keera was so infatuated that she blocked her best friend for a guy... UPDATE FROM (Find)NOVEL.NET

friend for a guy...

But that wasn't true!

Keera had never betrayed her friendship with Mary.

A warm surge rose in her heart, and she gripped the diary a bit more tightly.

Thinking of that sister she had only met once, and the tenderness and timidity in her eyes when she had seen

her...

It turns out her sister had such resilience in her bones!

Keira closed her eyes, pushing back the tears, before continuing to read.

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The diary entry from three years ago.

"I know Howard is using me, and his feelings aren't sincere, but only by choosing him would they really think my weakness is incurable, right? Only this way can I truly escape from them... Being weak and useless has always been my camouflage; if I want a peaceful life, I cannot show any competence..."

Keera's marriage to Howard, was it all just a front?

There was never any infatuation...

Keira continued reading and reached the diary from

two years ago.

"I couldn't help myself and went to Oceanion today, and I saw my sister again. Although her life is hard and she hasn't recognized our mother, at least she's safe, isn't she? I just want my sister to live well, so I impersonated her and helped her get married to Lewis Horton. With the protection of the Horton family, even if one day my identity is revealed, she would have the means to fight back."

Then, a year ago, something must have happened to Keera, as the notes in the diary were very sloppy, written in a state of extreme fear.

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“I was wrong. My knowledge of them was too superficial... They are everywhere! They are inescapable! Sooner or later, they’ll find my sister; I don’t know if the Horton family’s power can protect her... I won’t go to Oceanion again; I can’t drag my sister and mother into this!”

And then, from six months ago.

“I feel so sad. They made me complete another task, and only after finishing the first task will they issue the second one. I don’t want life to be like clearing levels in a game, overcoming one after another, just to become one of them in the end to return to their ranks. I don’t want to drag my best friend into this and to let Amy experience the life I’ve lived from childho I should be a loser! Therefore, I pushed away my only friend and blocked all her means of contact, somethin I should have done four years ago when they asked me to use her. Mary, do you hate me? Will you forget me?”

Then, from two months ago.

“Sister, do not get divorced! Do not get divorced!”

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There wasn’t much content in the diary.

Just by looking at these things, Keira couldn’t speculate what exactly Keera had gone through, but

she still understood that all of Keera’s cowardice was a disguise.

She was trying hard to protect everyone with her frail body.

If it weren’t for her impending divorce from Lewis, Keera might not have gone to Oceanion to find her, wouldn’t have attracted those people’s attention, and their mother wouldn’t have been taken away...

Keira clenched the diary tightly.

Who exactly were they, and what exactly were they doing? Why did they send Keira here...

She had found a way to draw their attention, to have them come to her – that was to break Keera's cowardice!

Show them that Keera existed, that Keera was no longer a pawn...

Then she could trace back the clues and rescue her mother.

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Keira narrowed her eyes, tapping her fingers lightly on the tabletop. After a while, she locked the diary in the drawer and fell into deep thought.

After an uncertain amount of time, there was a knocking at the door.

She turned her head and saw Lewis standing there; looking at her with a profound gaze.

He was always of few words and now, sensing something off about her mood, he walked over and

asked in a low voice, "Isn't it time to pick up Amy from school?"

Keira glanced at the time, and without realizing it, it was already four in the afternoon.

She stood up. "Okay, let's go!"

For now, her guilt toward her sister could only be made up for through Amy.

Lewis changed into casual sportswear, which made him look completely different from his usual business suits. He drove the car, and soon he and Keira arrived at the daycare.

Amy was only two years old and was attending an

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early education class.

Normally, school ended at half past four, but after all the two-year-olds were picked up by their parents, Amy was nowhere to be seen.

As Keira was wondering, Amy came out crying, pushed by a teacher.

The teacher said impatiently, "Hurry up!"

Amy trembled and continued to cry silently.

Seeing this, Keira's anger surged up instantly.

The teacher, upon seeing Keira, didn't show any guilt; instead, she stated with a dark expression. "You're Amy's parent, right? Take your child home now, and don't send her back tomorrow! She has been expelled from the school!"

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After finishing these words, the teacher pushed Amy forcefully.

The tiny figure stumbled and was about to fall.

Keira hurried forward a step and picked up Amy, gently patting her back to soothe her. "Amy, don't cry, don't

cry..."

Amy clung to her neck. "Mommy, Amy is obedient, Amy is good. Did Amy do something wrong? Amy can apologize; Amy wants to go to school..."

The child's words made Keira's heart ache.

She looked directly at the teacher. "I need you to explain this to me!"

Upon hearing this, the teacher glanced at the people around her and scoffed with a sneer. "Explain what? She's been crying in school, disrupting the other children's classes. I told her not to come tomorrow. Is

there a problem?"

Keira then asked, "Why is the child crying?"

When Amy was mistreated by Howard's mother, she

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was too scared to cry, and she wasn't a crybaby in general, so how could she be crying all day today? The teacher sneered. "How would I know? That's your child, not mine! I

think she might have some illness. If so, get her to a hospital! Don't hold back the school and others!"

Keira frowned at once, her eyes turning sharp.

Amy was only two years old and couldn't articulate what had happened... Just as she was puzzled, a child's voice rang out. "The teacher didn't let Amy eat. That's why she cried."

Following this voice, Keira saw a mother who had also come to pick up her child standing nearby.

A little boy stood by her side.

The boy was a year older than Amy and would be in kindergarten next year, so he spoke clearly and logically. "The teacher also scolded Amy, made her stand as punishment, and didn't let her take a nap!"

Upon hearing this, Keira immediately glared at the teacher.

The teacher's eyes flickered, showing some guilt, but

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she still said, "That's impossible! Brandon, don't talk nonsense!"

The little boy named Brandon looked to his mother upon hearing this.

The elegant lady immediately said, "My son never lies."

Keira also looked at Amy. "Is that so?"

Amy nodded while crying. "Amy was hungry, but tried hard not to cry, also sleepy... not crying..."

The teacher then glared at her. "What nonsense are you spouting? You're telling lies at the drop of a hat! What a lowborn! Who can trust what these two- or three-year-olds say?!"

The elegant lady, upon hearing this, looked slightly displeased.

Keira frowned and said, "In that case, let's check the surveillance."

The teacher was outrageously defiant. "You aren't qualified to check the surveillance, and we don't randomly show our school's surveillance to others, to prevent invading the privacy of other children!" Keira was shocked.

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She scoffed and picked up her phone. "I might not have the right, but the police certainly do, right? I'm calling them right now!"

The teacher wasn't scared at all.

The police arrived quickly, and when they went to check the surveillance footage in the monitor room, they discovered that the camera in the classroom had vanished!

With her arms crossed, the teacher was extremely arrogant. "I apologize, I forgot to remind you that the surveillance was under maintenance today."

Keira didn't know what to say.

No wonder the teacher was so arrogant. She had gone as far as to destroy the evidence.

Keira scoffed, about to say something when a small voice came from beside her. "Officers, I can testify for

Amy!" The most update novels are published on [Find novel.net](http://Findnovel.net)

Brandon held up his hands and shouted loudly, "The teacher is abusing Amy!"

As soon as these words came out, the teacher immediately frowned.

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The police then turned to Mrs. Jones, the boy's mother. "May I ask if the child can cooperate with our investigation?"

Mrs. Jones was about to speak when a voice came from the door. "Mrs. Jones, I advise you not to meddle in others' business!"

Everyone turned their heads and saw Christina walking in with a woman two or three years younger than herself.

Keira let out a sneer.

She had thought it odd why Amy suddenly became a target, and as it turned out, it was Christina who was stirring up trouble!

Mrs. Jones, hearing this, turned to look at the two women, slightly frowning.

Christina had already walked up to her. "Mrs. Jones, your son must be very busy, right? He doesn't have time to cooperate with the investigation, does he?"

Mrs. Jones, seeing this and glancing at Keira, then looking at Amy she held in her arms, slowly said, "He's not that busy."

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Christina was surprised.

Her gaze sharpened instantly, and then she stepped forward, confronting Mrs. Jones. "Today's matter doesn't concern you. Are you sure you want to wade into this mess?"

Mrs. Jones's gaze swept over Keira again, and then she smiled. "I just can't stand seeing a teacher abusing a child. I wouldn't feel secure with such a teacher educating my son."

Christina immediately frowned. "If that's the case, I can help your son transfer to another class."

"And what about this teacher?"

Mrs. Jones didn't back down. "She has abused a child and that's it? Miss Olsen, you have a son too. If your son were mistreated, would you let it go so easily?"

Christina glared at her. "Of course not!"

"So..."

Mrs. Jones shrugged. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. I empathize with this little girl's plight. My son is friends with her, and I'll respect my son's choice."

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"You're doing this even at the risk of the Olsen family's reprisal?!"

Christina was frantic. "Are you really not afraid of offending us?!"

Mrs. Jones sighed. "My family doesn't have much business with the Olsen family..."

"You!"

Christina was so angry she was at a loss for words, but just then, the woman beside her stepped forward, smiling. "Mrs. Jones, I've heard your husband has been looking to partner with the Horton family that recently moved into Clance, right?"

As soon as these words came out, Keira and Lewis exchanged a glance.

When Mrs. Jones heard this, she indeed hesitated for moment. "That's correct."

At that, Christina immediately laughed. "So, having climbed up to the Horton family, you're not afraid of the Olsen family anymore... but do you know that my sister is about to marry into the Horton family?!"

Mrs. Jones was slightly taken aback by these words.

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Christina pointed to the woman beside her, "This is my sister, Victoria. The Horton and Olsen families are preparing to join in matrimony. My sister is about to marry Lewis Horton, the family head. It's true that you have no business cooperation with the Olsen family, but you still want the cooperation with the Horton family, right?!"

Mrs. Jones frowned.

Christina said, "Do you believe that with just one word from my sister, the cooperation between your family and the Horton family could be canceled?"

At these words, Keira, who was listening on the side, said coldly, "That might be a bit difficult!"

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Keira glanced at Lewis, her eyebrows raising as she said, "She claims she wants to enter into a marriage alliance with Mr. Lewis Horton."

Lewis immediately looked at Victoria with disdain and said firmly, "That's impossible!"

Christina directed her scrutinizing gaze at Lewis, sizing him up from head to toe, and upon seeing his casual outfit, she couldn't help but curl her lip dismissively. "Keera, I know you're divorced. Is this your new gigolo?! I really don't know where this confidence comes from... Do you even understand what a powerful family marriage alliance is?"

Mrs. Jones then hesitated. "I haven't heard about it

either..."

Christina immediately said, "The alliance between the Horton and Olsen families had been underway for many years, but it was discontinued because Mr. Horton married. However, now that Mr. Horton's wife has passed away, the talks of marriage between the Horton and Olsen families have been brought up

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again!"

She turned to Victoria and said, "My sister is currently the only unwed daughter of the Olsen family, so it's definitely her who will enter into the alliance. What's so impossible about that?"

Victoria demurely lowered her head and said, "Sister, this matter hasn't yet been announced publicly..."

"But it's already a done deal!"

Christina turned to Mrs. Jones. "My sister is set to be the future hostess of the Horton family. Are you sure you still want to testify for them?!"

Mrs. Jones remained silent.

Seeing this, Christina then turned to Keira. "See? N there's no witness, so don't make a scene here. This daycare is Clance's best. There can't possibly be any cases of teachers abusing children!"

Keira furrowed her brows.

Just as she was about to say something, Mrs. Jones's voice rang out again. "Who says there are no

witnesses? My son is a witness, and many other children in their class saw it too..."

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Keira was slightly surprised and looked toward Mrs. Jones again.

Mrs. Jones smiled at her and then, holding Brandon's hand, approached the police. "My son can cooperate with the investigation."

Christina's eyes widened in shock. "Mrs. Jones, have you lost your mind?! Do you know what kind of consequences your meddling could bring?! Does your husband agree with you doing this?"

But Mrs. Jones merely glanced at her nonchalantly and said, "I'm well aware of what I'm doing."

Christina was dumbfounded.

Without further ado, Mrs. Jones had her son speak privately with the police to give his statement.

Seeing this, the teacher's legs went weak...

Keira was also taken aback by Mrs. Jones's sense of justice.

She stared at Mrs. Jones in astonishment, only to have Mrs. Jones suddenly turn to her and ask, "Do you really not remember me?"

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Keira was perplexed.

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Mrs. Jones chuckled and said, "Four years ago, in the rivers of Oceanion, we went scuba diving together..."

Upon hearing this, Keira gradually recalled the memory. "You're the one... who, in order to dive deeper, tied a rock to yourself?"

Mrs. Jones immediately nodded. "Yes, that's me!"

Lewis, not one to engage in much conversation with other women, couldn't help but interject. "A rock?" Mrs. Jones nodded and explained, "I always had trouble diving down, so I came up with a method of tying a rock to my back, and down I went – it worked superbly! However, when I tried to come back up, I found that I couldn't, and with the rock dragging r kept sinking deeper... If this lady hadn't rescued m the river would have been my grave."

Lewis was speechless.

He had only just spoken out of shock to understand

this!

Who in their right mind scuba dives with a rock tied to

them?

Mrs. Jones took Keira's hand. "The day you saved me,

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you didn't even leave your name. I've always wanted to thank you but couldn't find you. I never expected to run into you here in Clance!"

Keira didn't take this matter to heart.

But Lewis frowned and looked at Keira, chiding her in a low voice. "The situation was dangerous at that time. Did you realize that going to rescue her was also very dangerous?!"

His voice carried a sense of relief mixed with fear.

All the divers were at the sea bottom, and Mrs. Jones, weighed down by a large rock, couldn't ascend, which/ was enough to indicate how deep she had gone!

In such a situation, Keira dared to rescue her. Was not concerned for her own life?

Mrs. Jones also looked at her with gratitude, “Yes, the situation was perilous. By coming to rescue me, you tied your life to mine...”

Her words were filled with emotion.

Seeing this, Keira coughed and said, “Well, could it be that I had no choice but to rescue her?”

Lewis and Mrs. Jones were both slightly taken aback.

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Keira then said, “At that time, there was only me and her on the beach with no instructor. If she sank with that rock, and the police came to investigate, I might not be able to clear my name...”

Lewis was speechless.

Mrs. Jones didn’t know what to say.

Keira’s words were light-hearted, but everyone understood that she was just making a small joke to ease Lewis’s tension and fear.

The police finished questioning the boy soon. Brandon was articulate, and his logic was sound. Coupled with Amy’s testimony, the police confirmed the teacher’s abuse of children and took her away immediately.

Before she left, the teacher looked at Christina. “Mis Olsen, Miss Olsen, you must save me...” Google search FindNovel .NET

Christina glared at Mrs. Jones, her chest heaving with anger.

Unfortunately, this was a public place, and she still remembered last time she was threatened by Keira. As an adopted daughter, she couldn’t be too outrageous, so in the end, she could only say through clenched

teeth “Mrs Jones not wait for your

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cooperation with the Horton family to be canceled!”

With that, she pulled Victoria and left.

Mrs. Jones smiled, “How could the Horton family’s cooperation depend on the words of one individual?” Though she said this, her eyes were worried.

The fact was that her husband’s cooperation with the Horton family was still in the negotiation phase.

As the Horton family was expanding into Clance, they needed channels and were selecting partners from among these smaller families; her husband had always wanted to secure this opportunity.

Even if Victoria wouldn’t marry Mr. Horton, it was so that Mr. Horton had a deep relationship with the Olse family. If Christina and Victoria said a few words, they might actually sabotage her husband’s prospects.

After all, there were many potential partners for the Horton family to choose from, and their family was just one of them.

Mrs. Jones thought this to herself, but her face still maintained ease. “Don’t worry, this will not affect me.”

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Keira nodded. “Don’t worry. There will definitely be no impact.”

Mrs. Jones smiled. “I know. Well, now that Amy is fine, I’ll take Brandon home. We’ll make plans to meet some other time.”

Leaving these words behind, she took her son’s hand and turned to leave.

The moment she turned, the smile on her face seemed a bit forced, and her eyes revealed concern.

Just then, she suddenly heard Lewis’s voice from behind, “Mrs. Jones...”

Mrs. Jones paused slightly, turning back in puzzleme

Then she saw the man who stood behind Keera coming toward her. "Tell your husband to prepare the

contract."

Mrs. Jones was perplexed.

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Mrs. Jones looked at Lewis in confusion, then glanced at Keira. feeling like she must have misheard. "What?" a Lewis didn't want to say anything more.

Keira just smiled and said, "Just listen to him, and have your husband take the contract to Horton Group first thing in the morning."

Mrs. Jones was perplexed.

She couldn't help but size up Lewis again, noticing the noble aura of a privileged young man. Despite his sports shirt, he didn't seem like an ordinary person.

Could he be a member of the Horton family?

As Mrs. Jones thought about this, she saw Keira pick up Amy and sit in the back seat of the car, with Lewis behind the wheel.

Mrs. Jones was speechless.

This person seemed to be Keera's driver, right?

Or possibly Keera's husband?

She was really overthinking it.

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Mrs. Jones shook her head, bent down to pick up her son, and got into the car to return home.

On the way home, Amy wrapped her arms tightly around Keira; the little girl felt no sense of security at that moment.

In a weak voice, she asked, "Mom, did I cause trouble for our family?"

Hearing this, Keira's heart melted, and hugged the girl. "No, Amy is the best-behaved."

The little girl didn't understand deceit and didn't know her mother had changed, but she instinctively felt uneasy and clung onto Keira as she said, "Mom, will you abandon Amy?"

"Of course not."

Keira gently patted her back, and Amy didn't let go until they got home.

So, that evening, Keira had an extra attachment to her body.

During dinner, Amy insisted on sitting on her lap.

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When Keira was dealing with company matters that night, Amy also needed to be there...

When she had finished her work, it was already dark. Keira had just stood up when Lewis came over and stretched out his hand. "I'll take Amy back to her

room."

Keira didn't think much of it and handed Amy over to him.

But perhaps sensing her mother's scent, Amy immediately started squirming restlessly in Lewis's arms as soon as she was in them, calling out with her eyes closed, "Mommy, mommy..."

Keira, feeling helpless, had to reach out again and t the child back into her arms.

She carried Amy to her bedroom and after placing he on the bed, the little girl still clung tightly to her sleeve, unwilling to let her leave.

Keira lay down beside her.

After an unknown amount of time, there was a noise at the door, and as Keira turned her head, she glimpsed

Lewis standing there.

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The bedroom lights were off, and the dim light from the hallway spilled over him.

The man had just taken a shower, his hair still dripping with water. He wore a robe that was slightly open at the neckline, his dark eyes fixated on her.

Though not a word was spoken, the invitation was clear.

Keira blinked, pointed at the sleeve Amy was pulling on, and didn't move.

Lewis seemed to understand and walked away.

Keira thought he had got her message and found a comfortable position to lie down, ready to spend the night with Amy.

But just as she was about to fall asleep, she heard a faint noise again.

Slowly turning her head, Keira saw Lewis standing by the bed, bending over, doing something.

Then, she heard a click, and the arm that Amy was

pulling on suddenly felt lighter.

Keira was perplexed.

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Looking down, she suddenly realized that Lewis had taken a pair of scissors and cut open her pajamas and the place Amy was clutching!

Keira was shocked.

Just as she was about to say something, the man made a “shush” sound at her, and then a large hand enveloped her shoulders and legs. Before she knew it, she was being carried away.

Lewis moved quietly, not disturbing Amy, and swiftly carried her out of the nursery and back to the master

bedroom.

Keira asked, “What are you doing?”

“I’m letting you try out the new bed.”

Keira looked at him with a smile, “Really? Just trying out the new bed?”

Both being adults, Keira understood all too well how starving for affection a man like Lewis, after 28 years of singleness, would be once he started indulging.

Lewis’s face remained tense, yet his ears slowly turned

a shade of red.

He really couldn’t take a tease...

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While Keira was thinking about this, she saw Lewis suddenly shed his night-robe. “And try out the person again.”

Suddenly, the lights in the master bedroom were turned off, and rustling sounds filled the room.

Keira thought she was quite fit, but she simply couldn't keep up with the man...

She didn't remember when she fell asleep, only recalling the last moments of exhaustion, drifting off as Lewis asked in her ear, "Is the bed comfortable?"

She said, "It's comfortable."

She was so close to passing out!

Then she heard Lewis ask, "And what about me?"

Comfortable?"

Keira didn't know what to say.

While she had a good night's sleep, Mrs. Jones was filled with concern the whole evening.

Her husband, hoping to be seen favorably by the Horton Group, worked late into the night before he

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came home.

Upon arriving home, he saw Mrs. Jones's worried face and immediately asked what had happened. Mrs. Jones recounted the day's events at the kindergarten and began apologetically. "I'm sorry. I might have hindered something important for you."

life.

Mr. Jones was quite reasonable. "She saved your We can't just watch her predicament without helping. What you did was right."

Mrs. Jones felt a warmth in her chest and became even more apologetic.

She nestled in her husband's embrace. "What happens if we can't secure the project?"

Mr. Jones comforted her. "If we can't get it, we'll continue to be a second-rate wealthy family. What's wrong? Isn't the company earning enough for us?"

Mrs. Jones chuckled. "But Keera and that man with her said you should take the contract and sign with the Horton Group tomorrow..."

Mr. Jones couldn't help but laugh. "How is that possible? I haven't received any news from my side... Besides honestly, we might not have been chosen

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anyway, there's another company with stronger capabilities that might be a better fit for the Horton Group."

Mr. Jones sighed, which was why he had to work urgently late into the night.

Mrs. Jones simply nodded in response.

After the two lay down, having only rested for three hours, Mrs. Jones sat up. "Why don't you try going to the Horton Group? Miss Keera seemed quite certain, not like someone who would speak flippantly..."

Mr. Jones responded with a wry smile to her words. "Without a call from the Horton Group, what's there to

try?"

Mrs. Jones pushed him. "Just take the contract and give it a try. What harm could it do? Just go and see!"

Half an hour later.

Mr. Jones stood at the Horton Group's temporary office in Clance, chuckling at himself.

He really was bewitched, why had he listened to his wife and come all the way here? This chapter is updated by FindNovel(.)net

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Mr. Jones was slightly startled and turned around abruptly.

There before him was Tom who, just yesterday, had been giving them the cold shoulder but now

approached him with a full-faced smile, extending his hand. "Nice to meet you!"

Mr. Jones looked at him in a daze, "Mr. Davis?"

Tom said, "Did you bring the contract?"

Mr. Jones said, "...Yes, I did."

"Good, let me take a look at the contract. If there's nothing wrong, let's sign the agreement today!"

Mr. Jones followed Tom into the office in a daze and still felt like he was dreaming when he walked out with the signed contract.

He returned home in a daze.

Mrs. Jones saw his expression and thought the deal hadn't gone through, so she immediately asked, "What happened? You weren't chased out by the receptionist, were you?"

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Mr. Jones handed over the contract to her.

Mrs. Jones glanced at it and she, too, was stunned.

Mr. Jones looked at her. "Tell me, what kind of person is your lifesaver from yesterday, exactly?"

Mrs. Jones touched her chin, pondered for a moment, and couldn't help looking at him. "Is it because I did a good deed, and this is my reward for being a good person?"

Mr. Jones nearly rolled his eyes. "Do you believe that?"

"No."

Mr. Jones then said, "Forget it. Whatever their background is, our dealings with them aren't for personal gain anyway!"

Mrs. Jones was also open-minded. "That's right!"

The next day, Keira didn't take Amy to the early education class.

Before, Keira had sent her there to avoid Howard's mother, who was always scolding her at home, and later she also sent the child there as a trap for The source of this content is Find_Novel.net

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Howard's mother.

Now that she and Howard were divorced and the house had quieted down, she simply withdrew Amy from that school.

A two-year-old child, who lacked a sense of security so much, needed to stay close to her mother.

Furthermore, since Christina's scheme hadn't worked out, she was afraid something else might come up, and she didn't want Amy to always be aggrieved.

Hearing that she didn't have to go to school anymore, Amy's face blossomed into a smile, and Keira stayed home to play with her for a while before receiving a video call from Mary.

Mary placed her phone on the coffee table. "Amy, c give your godmother a kiss!"

Amy then shyly smiled and buried her head into Keira's embrace.

Mary couldn't help but complain. "Look, my goddaughter isn't even close to me anymore. Keera, it's all your fault for blocking me for half a year..."

Keira wanted to make some excuses for her sister but

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wasn't sure what to say when she heard Mary say, "But that's okay, in the half-year you blocked me, I reflected on myself. I wasn't considerate enough. Only a person starved of love could be deceived by that scum Howard."

Mary then looked at the phone. "In the future, I'll love you even more!"

Keira suddenly laughed, feeling that the friendship between her sister and Mary wasn't so easily fractured. She really didn't need to explain anything.

Keira wanted to speak but suddenly heard through Mary's video call the sound of a door being kicked open with a "bang"...

Immediately after, Mary's parents rushed in.

Mary was also stunned, and before she could end the

video call, she turned her head just as a slap landed heavily on her face!

"Slap!"

This was from her mother.

Mary covered her face, disbelief in her eyes as she

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looked at them. "Mom, what are you doing?"

Her mother's face was livid, and upon hearing this, she immediately retorted, "What am I doing? Why don't you tell us what you've done?!"

After that, she threw a pregnancy test report in Mary's

face!

Upon seeing the report, Mary's pupils constricted slightly, and she looked toward her mother, trying to explain, "I, I..."

"Who's the father of this bastard child?!"

The angry voice came from her father.

He took a step forward and glared at Mary intensely. "Haven't we taught you to respect and value yourself? You cannot do such things! You got pregnant and messed around outside! How are you supposed to get

married now?!"

Mary's mother began to cry. "That's right. Are you not going on a blind date with Mr. Horton because of this man?! Are you

confused?!"

Mary looked at them and suddenly clenched her fists. "Dad, Mom, it's foolish to date and get pregnant, but

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it's not foolish to marry Lewis, an old widower?!"

Keira, who was beginning to worry for Mary, was dumbfounded.

She silently turned back and glanced at Lewis, who

was quietly watching her and Amy. The "old widower's" lips twitched.

That was indeed an unmerited disaster.

Keira coughed and continued to watch the video.

Mary had always had a strong presence at home, and her parents lived under her protection, so Keira didn't think much of it at the time.

But unexpectedly, after Mary said those words, Mary's father took a step forward and slapped her again. "Ungrateful creature! Is Mr. Horton the same as ordinary people? If you are so capable, why don't you sleep with Mr. Horton or Mr. Ellis and have them take responsibility for you?!"

Mary was stunned.

Her father continued to point at her and shouted, "Who will marry you now, looking like this?! If we can't marry into a wealthy family, how will your mother and

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I stay in this house in the future?! Even your grandmother will be driven out! She won't be able to be buried with your grandfather! Mary, do you even understand?!"

Upon hearing this, Mary suddenly laughed. "So, what am I in your eyes? A commodity to trade for glory and wealth?!"

Mary's mother's expression froze. "How can you speak of me like that?"

Mary's father's face darkened. "No matter what you say, this child must be aborted! And you mustn't tell anyone about this, understand?"

Mary's mother then took out an abortion pill from pocket. "We've already bought the medicine for you Take it now, Mary. Just do as you're told. Once you take this medicine, in less than two hours, this

creature will be gone. Then you'll still be our pure and pristine girl..."

Mary's eyes widened.

She couldn't believe what she was seeing, just feeling chills run down her spine.

She had never thought that her own parents would

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treat her like this one day...

Mary looked at them in shock, her hands

subconsciously resting on her belly. "Mom, I won't take it... I want this child!"

Her mother frowned upon hearing this. "Why can't you just obey?"

Her father also stepped forward. The man who was always frightened by bodyguards and Mary's uncle suddenly grasped Mary's arm tightly. "Mary, don't blame us. We have no choice. You must take this medicine... You have to marry into a wealthy family..."

Mary, in terror, tried to break free from his grip, but how could a girl's strength compare to a man's?

Mary's father held her fast, even prying her mouth open, not giving her a chance to speak again, while Mary's mother opened the medicine and forced it into her mouth...

Upon witnessing this, Keira panicked and screamed, "Uncle, Auntie! You can't kill this baby!"

Mary struggled, tears streaming down, but she

couldn't break free from her father's restraint and her

mother's suppression...

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Mary's mother, hearing the voice from the phone, said sternly, "Keera, I know you and Mary are good friends, but you don't understand. It's a mistake one makes in youth out of impulsiveness, and you'll regret it later! This bastard child cannot stay!"

Keira saw the pill about to enter Mary's mouth, wishing she could travel through the video call to get there, but it was already too late...

She could only yell, "This child is Ellis's!!"

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As soon as Keira shouted these words, the person on the other side immediately stopped their actions.

Mary's mother was stunned, looking at her phone with disbelief. "What did you say?!"

Mary's chin was grasped tightly, her body held down, forcibly seated in the chair, unable to speak. Tears rolled down from the corners of her eyes.

Keira then said, "The child is Ellis's. If you kill the baby, Ellis won't let you off!"

That was the only way to protect Mary at the moment.

Mary's mother threw away the medicine in her hand.

Mary's father also hurriedly let go of Mary, then, shocked, he looked at her belly and exclaimed with joy, "Is this true?!"

Mary felt completely drained and collapsed on the bed.

Her mother quickly stepped forward. "Mary, are you okay? Was your dad too rough? Did he hurt you? Does your stomach hurt?"

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Mary's father also nodded. "Right, right, the baby is okay, right?"

Mary, still terrified, clutched her belly and looked at the phony faces of her parents who were now expressing concern, and she found it utterly laughable!

She clutched her belly and backed away a bit, putting some distance between herself and them.

Seeing her reaction, her father immediately furrowed his brows. "Mary, don't blame us. We were afraid you were going down the wrong path. With your looks and your family background, it would be a pity not to marry into a wealthy and influential family! Why didn't you tell us earlier? If you had told us this was Mr. Ellis's child, I definitely wouldn't have treated you like that!"

Mary's mother was equally oblivious of her wrongdoing, nodding along. "Exactly, why didn't you tell us the truth? When did this happen? Does Mr. Ellis

know? What's his current stance on this?"

Mary's father immediately said, "Does he not want to take responsibility? Mary, don't be afraid. I'll go to

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your uncle right away and demand accountability from the Olsen family! We'll make Mr. Ellis marry you!"

His hands rubbed together excitedly, as if glory and riches were already within his grasp.

Mary's mother was even more overjoyed. "Yes, yes, besides, we'll demand an ample dowry from them. Our Mary is marrying Mr. Ellis... Indeed, Ellis is a better choice than Mr. Horton's second marriage! Mary, you really do have great foresight!"

Mary watched as her parents were about to leave and suddenly cried out in alarm. "You must not go to him!"

Her parents were taken aback and turned their heads.

to look at her.

Mary was trembling, overcome with a sense of shame

She could almost imagine Ellis hearing this news, the mocking smile on his lips, and that disdainful look in his eyes...

How could she have such parents?

Her eyes reddened as she looked at them. "If you dare to tell Ellis, I'll immediately terminate the pregnancy!!"

Her father immediately frowned. "What are you talking

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about, Mary?"

Mary's mother also said bluntly, "You're not allowed to abort this child! How else will you marry Mr. Ellis?! Mary, do you have something wrong with your head?!"

Mary felt there was no point in talking with them

anymore.

She glared angrily at both of them, feeling deeply powerless, and sat defeated on the bed, saying, "In any case, if anyone goes to Ellis, I'll terminate the pregnancy immediately!"

Mary's mother was hesitant as she exchanged a look with Mary's father, both of them asking with

puzzlement, "What do you mean by this? Is it not Ellis's baby?"

Upon hearing this, Mary saw her mother glance again at the abortion pills, and Mary clenched her fists tight

How ridiculous she felt now!

All she wanted was to pick up the dignity she had once shed, piece by piece, to regain her self-respect in front of Ellis, but her parents were always pulling her deeper into the abyss.

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She let out a bitter laugh and remained silent.

She looked at them stubbornly.

Keira, worried that Mary would be at a disadvantage, quickly said, "It is Ellis's child. She's still in the early months of pregnancy, and Ellis won't acknowledge the baby. Even if you go to him, it's no use. You'll have to wait until she's three months along before you can perform amniocentesis."

Mary's parents immediately scowled, "Mr. Ellis doesn't acknowledge it? This is troublesome... What did you do? How did you make Mr. Ellis not acknowledge it? Did you mess up?"

Why wouldn't he acknowledge the baby?

Why did Ellis think she was a loose woman? Wasn't it because to secure her parents' status, she had to drink with men at the dinner table again and again to pull in projects...

And now, here they were, questioning what she had done.

Mary's tears finally spilled from her eyes as she closed them in despair. "Get out, get out!!"

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Mary's father was startled, "Don't be agitated. It's not good for the baby if you get agitated. I'm leaving now..."

Mary's mother also said, "Mary, even if Mr. Ellis doesn't acknowledge the baby, it's his, and he won't be able to deny it. Don't worry, and don't get excited... I'm leaving

now."

Mary's parents left her room and helped her close the door.

Mary lowered her head and covered her face with her hands.

Keira called out to her, "Mary, are you okay?"

Mary buried her face in her knees, and her muffled

voice came through. "I want to leave this place. I want to go to your home..."

"Okay, I'll come pick you up right now."

Keira stood up immediately and handed Amy over to the nanny.

The clingy Amy was very sensible and knew by her expression that she was busy, so she didn't cling to her.

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Keira then put on her outerwear and went straight downstairs.

Lewis followed her. "I'll take you there."

He was worried about Keira driving as it could cause problems, especially since he had never seen her drive a car before.

But Keira suddenly stopped and hesitated for a moment before saying, "Can you... go?"

Lewis clenched his jaw and pursed his lips.

That place was the Davis residence, where his mother's family resided. Although Mary had moved out after splitting from the family, they still lived not far from each other. The Davis family's ancestral home was right next to theirs.

People from the old house would often come over...

Worried that Lewis might feel uncomfortable seeing the Davis family, Keira opened the driver's door. "I'll go by myself."

But before she could get in, Lewis stopped her.

He held her shoulders and took her away, seated her in the passenger seat, and only then did he briskly

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walk to the driver's side and get into the car.

Keira was about to say something when Lewis said, "I don't feel safe with you driving."

Keira was taken aback for a moment before realizing that Lewis was afraid that those people would come after her again. No wonder he was acting like a bodyguard, staying by her side every day, and even neglecting his work.

She no longer opposed his kindness and nodded.

The car started quickly and arrived at the Davis family's home.

At the entrance of the Davis family's home, a graceful figure appeared.

Mary's parents stood up quickly when they saw the visitor and asked respectfully, "Shirley, why are you here?"

Shirley was a person of Mary's father's generation, the legitimate daughter of the first branch who had married into the Horton family of Oceanion. The marriage was initially arranged as an alliance, but Nathan, that old man, had a secret child outside, and knowing this Shirley decisively had the

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seven-month-old child in her womb delivered by

Cesarean section, abandoned the child at the Horton residence, and returned alone to the Davis family.

She was Lewis's mother!

Her status in the first branch was exalted, and even Ken had great respect for his older sister.

Upon hearing this, Shirley replied indifferently, "I heard Mary was unwell; I've come to see her."

Mary's parents nodded and watched as Shirley climbed the stairs.

Before she reached the upper floor, the sound of a car stopping suddenly came from outside, followed by Keira and Lewis getting out of the car.

Shirley's gaze swept over Keira and Lewis, and just she was about to look away, she froze, her eyes lock

onto Lewis!

Keira had originally intended for Lewis to wait in the car, but Lewis had just witnessed the obstinacy of Mary's parents, he worried that Keira might not be able to bring Mary out by herself, so he decided to accompany her inside.

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As soon as they entered, they suddenly came face to face with Shirley.

Her aloof aura was so distinctive that one couldn't help but take a second look.

Lewis's gaze met hers unexpectedly and without

warning...

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Lewis's footsteps came to an abrupt halt as if he were spellbound. He stared in shock at the woman before

him.

She left soon after he was born.

This was the first time that the mother and son had

ever met since then...

As a child, Lewis had longed for his mother and once secretly looked at her photos. Though he no longer needed her as he grew up, his exceptional memory

hadn't let him forget her.

He recognized her at first glance.

In that moment, Lewis felt as if the world was spinning, and a nameless gloom and ferocity sudder surged into his heart. His gaze fixed on her, filled wit

resentment...

But in the next instant...

The woman he was staring at simply shifted her gaze indifferently and turned to go upstairs.

Her attitude made Lewis feel a stifling sensation in his

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chest, even more upsetting than before.

She probably didn't care about his persistent

memories at all.

Indeed, she didn't care about her son at all.

She didn't care about his fragile body when he was born at seven months and heartlessly abandoned him at the Horton family. He almost died on the sick bed.

The violence and gloom that imbued Lewis started to fade away, leaving only a profound silence.

In this world, it seemed he was neither cherished by his father nor loved by his mother...

Keira sensed the change in his emotions and was hesitating over why this was happening when Mary's mother also sensed Lewis's abnormality and ste forward, blocking his line of sight.

Mary's mother said, "Keera, is this your friend? Wh are you staring so intensely? You can't look at peop like my sister-in-law in that way. She's of such high standing..."

Sister-in-law...

Keira suddenly understood something and saw the

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lonely aura covering the man before her, a wave of pity and anger rising in her heart.

She was angry that Shirley didn't even recognize her

own son...

She felt sorry for how distressed Lewis must be feeling at this moment.

Without regard for Keera's public persona, she walked straight to Lewis and took his hand.

Lewis was slightly startled and turned to look at her.

Keira nodded at him.

Lewis looked away, his voice hoarse. "I'm fine."

His restrained demeanor was hardly that of someone who was fine.

After patting Lewis's hand, Keera turned to Mar mother. "I'm going to find Mary."

Mary's mother nodded. "Alright, Keera, you're a go friend of Mary's. Please go and persuade her so she doesn't do anything rash. It would be foolish. This ch can help her marry Mr. Ellis, and her future will be bright!"

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Keira maintained a stern face upon hearing this and then turned to Lewis. "Wait here for me."

But Lewis stubbornly followed behind her, reiterating, "I'm fine."

Keira had no choice but to take him upstairs.

As soon as they arrived at Mary's room, they heard Shirley's cold voice come through. "Mary, if you don't want to marry Ellis, then don't keep the child. You can't let a child tie down your life."

Right after she spoke, Keira heard a low snort of laughter beside her.

She couldn't help but feel a surge of pity for Lewis again.

Then she knocked on the door, not looking a leye but speaking directly to Mary. "Mary, I've com

you."

"Okay."

Mary had already packed a few clothes and came straight out upon hearing the words.

Keira took her suitcase, about to carry it downstairs when Lewis took the suitcase from her hands and

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turned to go down.

It was then that Shirley suddenly said, "Stop."

Lewis stiffened.

Shirley approached, her gaze sweeping over him once more, before settling on Keira. "Thank you for taking care of Mary."

"It's no trouble. She's my good friend." Keira's voice carried a hint of hostility. "I wouldn't be so heartless as to leave Mary behind."

Her words carried an unspoken implication.

Whether Shirley caught the hint or not, she merely nodded slightly.

Keira then helped Mary downstairs.

The three of them, each with their own thought the house without uttering a word.

With Shirley present, Mary's parents didn't dare to make too much of a scene. Seeing that Mary was going to move out, they didn't do much to stop her; they just looked a bit sheepish.

Keira left with Mary, feeling relaxed, and they headed

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back to the South family residence.

This small villa of the South family might only have three floors, but it had five bedrooms.

After cleaning out one of the guest bedrooms, Mary moved straight in.

Looking at Mary, then at a downcast Lewis, Keira found herself at a loss for whom to comfort first.

While she was still hesitating, Lewis suddenly said, "I'm fine."

He repeated "I'm fine" three times, making Keira feel that she had thought too much.

She said to Mary, "Mary, you should get some good rest first."

Only then did she take Lewis back to the m bedroom. After closing the door, she went to his arms, attempting to drive away his loneliness with her warmth.

Lewis held her, and from an angle Keira couldn't see the corners of his mouth slowly curved into a smile

Seeing Shirley surely made him feel sad.

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But Lewis had always been someone who could control his emotions. He had been this way since childhood and was accustomed to that pain. Aside from some initial emotional turbulence, he had already calmed

down.

There were already too many pitiable people in this house.

First, there was Amy, and now Mary had arrived.

If he didn't act a bit more pitiable himself, where would she find the time for him?

The completely clueless Keira....

Mary's sadness came swiftly and left just as quickly.

When she woke up the next day, she had most returned to normal and was even busy with wor

said to Keira. "Today, the Davis family, the Olsen f and the South family signed their cooperation agreement. There's a celebration banquet tonight th we need to attend, Miss South, is that okay with you?"

Keira said, "No problem."

She glanced subconsciously at Lewis, only to see hir

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slowly say, "I'll go too... is that okay?"

Mary didn't know what to say.

She couldn't help but poke Keira. "Your little boyfriend here seems to be a bit too clingy."

Keira was caught between laughter and tears.

In the evening, after handing Amy over to the nanny, the three of them got dressed up and attended the celebration banquet.

Lewis didn't bring a suit and was still dressed in his casual sportswear. They pulled up to the banquet,

Keira and Mary got out of the car, and Lewis went to park.

He was treated just like a driver.

Yet he didn't look the slightest bit offended.

Keira and Mary waited at the entrance for a moment until Lewis parked the car and came over, then the three of them entered together.

The celebration banquet was attended by people from the Olsen Group, the Davis family, and Keira Google search (Find)novel.net

Technology, so there was no requirement for evening

gowns, and both women wore business attire.

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Upon entering, they needed to sign in with the staff.

Keira wrote Keira's name.

Just then, a luxury car pulled up brashly at the entrance, and two uninvited guests emerged. They were Christina and Victoria.

Dressed in fancy evening gowns, they instantly became the center of attention as soon as they stepped out of the car.

Employees of the Olsen Group who hadn't yet entered immediately surrounded them, exclaiming, "Miss Christina, Miss Victoria, long time no see!"

Victoria responded with a slight smile.

Mary whispered to Keira. "This Victoria was proudly low-profile, but now she's taken a high-rankin

position in the Olsen Group. It's amazing how fortunes can rise. I heard it's because there was marriage contract between the Horton and Olsen families years ago. I bet she'll eventually marry tha divorcee, Lewis."

Keira didn't know what to say.

She had just finished signing her name and stepped

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aside.

Mary was still craning her neck, looking at the spectacle, when she said to Lewis, "Your turn to sign."

The "divorcee" Lewis gave her a cold glance and then quickly signed his name at the registration.

Now it was Mary's turn.

She finally averted her gaze back to the registration area, casually scanning upward.

She still didn't know the name of Keera's little boyfriend...

But when she saw the signature above, she froze.

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What was that name?

Why did it look so familiar?

Was that "Divorcee"?

Mary was stunned.

What kind of nonsense was that?!

Who would have such a name?

It couldn't be right, could it? The writing was so cursive, like some kind of artistic script. It was completely unrecognizable!

Confused, Mary simply scrawled her own name below the messy signature and followed Keira and Lewis

inside.

Once the three of them entered, Lewis found a secluded corner to quietly observe the surroundings.

After the incident where Keira was harmed last time, combined with the mysterious kidnapping of Jodie South, he was now very worried about Keira's safety.

He wished he could attach himself to Keira's leg-

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wherever she went, he would follow!

Thus, he was constantly observing the situation

around Keira.

Keira and Mary weren't far apart; both holding champagne, they left the crowd to find a quiet place to

stay.

Christina and Victoria entered surrounded by a throng of people, their gazes landing on Mary and Keira.

Christina said resentfully, "Do you see them? Those two, relying on some collaboration, act like they're above everyone! And my brother tells me to tolerate it! A small company's boss should be coming to us, right? Why should I hold back?"

Victoria was younger, but she seemed more competent than Christina. She smiled and said, "I've inquired about this project. It turns out Keera Technology has indeed come up with advanced research that no one

the scientific community has surpassed yet, which is why our brother is asking you not to offend them."

Christina was taken aback. "They've got some skills? Then what do I do? Just swallow my pride like that?"

Victoria laughed. "If you don't want to do that, there's

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actually another way."

"What way?"

Taking a sip of red wine from her glass, Victoria suggested, "Keera Technology is indeed too small to fit

big-time researcher, huh? If we could poach that

research bigwig to Olsen Group or to your company, wouldn't Keera Technology be nothing but an empty shell?"

At that, Christina's eyes lit up. "Right, why didn't I think of that? How much salary can Keera Technology offer him? I'll offer double... no, ten times!"

After saying that, Christina asked, "Do you know how to contact their big-time researcher?"

Victoria laughed. "I do."

She took out her phone immediately. "I looked at contract and took photos for you."

Christina's excitement grew as she browsed through the photos, spotting the name of the research personnel: N.

That must be a code name, right?

But there was also his email and phone number.

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Christina entered the phone number into her phone, thought for a moment, and sent a message. "Hello, I am from Olsen Group. Tonight is the signing banquet of Keera Technology, Olsen Group, and Davis Corporation. Are you here?"

On the couch next to her, Keira's cell phone vibrated slightly.

She picked it up and saw the message.

Not knowing who it was from, she replied, "Yes."

The reply was very concise.

Christina saw it and her eyes immediately sparkled. She continued to send messages, "Are you N, the research personnel from Keera Technology? Th's something I would like to discuss with you in p May I?"

Keira quickly replied, "Regarding?"

This research bigwig was indeed very aloof.

Christina sent another message, "Do you have any thoughts about job-hopping? Talent like you is reall stifled at Keera Technology. Olsen Group welcomes you, and the compensation is negotiable."

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Keira was surprised.

She looked at the message on her phone, slightly startled, and then felt that this probably wasn't Ellis's

idea.

She lightly raised her brow and replied, "I don't have that plan."

Christina, seeing this, became anxious. "Then you can start thinking about it now. Come to Olsen Group. We can provide you with the best stage to showcase your talents. Whatever position you want, you can have. Keera Technology will only limit your development. Do you know? The research findings you produce are worth billions. How much salary can Keera pay you? How many shares? They're even afraid to let you me into the spotlight, and on the contract, they just

an 'N' to replace your name. Don't you want to n name for yourself in your lifetime?"

Keira was intrigued.

She smiled. "I don't mind."

Christina was shocked.

She stared at the message, completely dumbfounde

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Then she suddenly glanced over at Keera in the distance and saw her lazily leaning against the wall, looking at her phone, and that makeup-free face was so dazzling under the light.

What Christina hated was this attitude of hers.

Even though Keera was just a middle-class woman, she dared to show authority in front of Christina, even hitting her...

But Christina had to admit that Keera was indeed very pleasing to look at.

Christina tightened her jaw and continued to send messages. "Are you unwilling to leave because of your boss, Keera? "

There was no reply from the other side.

Christina continued to send messages. "She's di and she's even keeping a gigolo. She doesn't care about you at all! Are you sure you want to continu this one-sided relationship?"

Keira didn't know what to say.

She twitched the corner of her mouth, feeling quite impressed by the other party's imagination, and sim

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replied, "Yes."

Christina was speechless.

Was that man so in love with Keera?

Has the research bigwig's brain gone bad?

Christina decided to have a proper chat with the other party and sent another message. "Where are you? Let's meet on the second-floor balcony and talk."

Seeing this message, Keira also raised her eyebrows, wanting to know who this shameless person trying to poach from her company was. After all, this was something that had to be settled with Olsen Group since it violated industry rules.

So, she replied to the message. "Alright."

After sending the message, Keira handed the pho Mary.

After Mary read the chat history, she was almost furious. "Come on, let's go and see who has the nerve to be so shameless!"

The two of them made their way to the second-floor balcony.

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Just as they got there, a voice suddenly called out from behind them. "I'm using this place, you go somewhere else."

Keira and Mary slowly turned around, only to see Christina bossily standing there. Follow current novels on (Find)novel.net

Keira frowned.

Mary even chuckled. "This is a public space. What do you mean you're using it? Besides, we got here first!" Upon hearing this, Christina sneered immediately. "This hotel belongs to Olsen Group. If I say I'm using it, then I am using it! I've arranged to meet someone here, so you better leave quickly!"

Upon hearing this, Keira immediately raised her eyebrows. "You're the one who arranged a meeting

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Christina had no qualms about poaching talent, and she lifted her chin proudly, "Right, it was me who arranged the meeting. Want to know who I invited?"

She crossed her arms and laughed, "I invited your research bigshot N. I just texted him, and he's very interested in joining Olsen Group. So, we planned to

have a chat here."

Christina's plan was simple.

No matter if N finally came or not, or how the talks went, just telling Keera about it would plant a thorn between her and N!

By then, even if N didn't come, Keera probably wouldn't trust him anymore.

In that case, N would have no choice but to come over

She thought she was so clever. THIS CHAPTER IS UPDATE BY FindNOVEL.NET

As Christina thought about this, she began to laugh. "Keera, you are so indifferent to N. Aren't you too cold? Besides, he's so loyal to you. After you finally got

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divorced, you didn't reciprocate and instead found a college student. Are you really being fair to him?"

Thinking she held a lot of powerful secrets, she looked down on Keira and accused her. "You should cherish

your talents. You don't even disclose his name publicly, hogging all the credit to yourself and your company. With such a big event today, you don't even give N a chance to show off himself. Aren't you being too

selfish?"

Keira didn't know what to say.

She furrowed her brows, exchanged a glance with Mary, and couldn't help but laugh.

Mary said, "Christina, Keera Company's affairs are none of your business, are they?"

Christina put on an act of concern. "I just can't st it. I think you're oppressing those with talent too much. If you're so afraid of talent being snatched a why don't you treat them better? Olsen Group is different. We definitely provide better opportunities and a stage for talents."

Keira remained silent.

She coughed and nodded. "Right. I see Olsen Group

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indeed good at poaching talents."

"You...!"

Christina became furious. She pointed at Keira and scolded, "What are you talking about? It's all consensual. Don't make it sound so ugly. But you wouldn't hold them back, would you?"

Keira was perplexed.

Christina immediately frowned. "Don't tell me. You're really planning on not letting him go? He could go for labor arbitration. Olsen Group will help him pay the breach of contract fee! Keira, this is really too much. It's one thing for someone to work hard for you, but to not let them gain recognition? A company like yours is simply heartless!"

While she was arguing, Victoria came over with a few people.

Just in time to hear the end of the conversation,

Victoria sighed lightly and said, "Miss South, if what my sister says is true, I advise you to part on good terms. Such a research talent has boundless prospects; they can't be confined by your small company. It's better to let him go now rather than have

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unpleasantness later..."

The people who had followed were starting to believe that Keira was oppressing N. Hearing Victoria's words, they became indignant.

"Yeah, Miss South, your company can't treat

researchers like that!"

"Someone like N should be the star today, and yet no

one knows who he is!"

"Maliciously suppressing employees is something you

can be sued for!”

Keira swept her gaze over the group and scoffed, “Who said I’m maliciously suppressing my employees?”

Christina argued in a wronged tone, “If it’s not malicious suppression, then why doesn’t he even have authorship rights in the project report? There’s only code name. Surely it wasn’t his choice to remain

anonymous?”

The employees from Olsen Group came today, many of whom were researchers, and they frowned upon hearing this.

Authorship rights were of great importance to them.

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Being part of a project meant having one’s name on it. If they truly were part of such a big project, they’d want the whole world to know, rather than just being glossed over with a code name.

Joined together, they believed it even more possible that Keira might indeed be suppressing someone!

Thus, the crowd became increasingly righteous in their indignation. “Right, you can’t suppress someone like that. How can you treat researchers this way?!”

“Actually, if you really want to know whether there’s suppression or not, why not just call N out, and we’ll find out?”

“Is he here today? He’s not even been invited to the dinner, has he?”

“My God, that would be so pitiful!”

“No way! I can’t stand this injustice! Miss Sou let N join this dinner!”

Mary, hearing all of this, rolled her eyes. “You all babbling on and on here. Do you even understand real situation? The way I see you now is just laughable!”

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The crowd was perplexed.

Christina frowned, immediately responding to Mary's comment. "How can you speak like that? I'll call N right

now and let him come to explain everything to

everyone!"

No sooner had she finished speaking, Christina immediately took out her phone and dialed N's number.

The moment she made the call, Keira's phone rang.

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Everyone became quiet.

They began to search for the direction of the ringing phone, and then one by one, their gazes fell on Keira...

Christina was also stunned.

They saw Keira slowly take out her phone.

Christina said, "Your phone call is quite timely. If I didn't know any better, I'd think you were N."

She sneered, just as Keira leisurely pressed the answer button and turned on the speakerphone. "Hello."

The same voice simultaneously came from Christina's phone. "Hello."

Christina was bewildered. She stood frozen on the spot, looking at Keira in shock. She then looked incredulously at her own phone. "You, you..."

Those two words also came from Keira's phone...

So, everyone began to look at her.

It was Victoria who first snapped back to reality. "You are N?!"

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Keira hung up and nodded.

Mary snickered. "Of course, it's Keera's code name. She simply didn't want to draw too much attention, so she just stayed low-key. Who would have thought you'd accuse

someone of suppressing their own employees right from the start? Come on, Christina, will you please explain to me how Keera suppresses

herself?"

Christina was dumbfounded.

She stood there stiff as a board, trembling with rage.

Keira then said indifferently, "This way of poaching is considered malicious competition, right? The Olsen Group must give me an explanation today!"

Christina was shocked, looking toward Victoria for

help.

Victoria's expression didn't change, but she stepped forward and said, "Miss South, there seems to be a misunderstanding here. My sister isn't an employee of the Olsen Group, so there's no issue with the Olsen Group stealing employees. I guess she just saw that N's name wasn't on the project proposal, so she came to voice her concerns..."

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Her words completely absolved Christina of responsibility.

Christina immediately nodded. "Exactly, that's it! I just thought it was strange that N was being treated this way, so I misunderstood."

Victoria then sighed. "Sister, you start arguing without understanding the situation. You really must change this temperament of yours, otherwise, you're going to

suffer."

Christina hastily nodded.

After that, the two turned to leave.

"Stop."

Mary suddenly said.

The two immediately looked toward her.

Mary sneered. "When you do something wrong, don you know to apologize?"

Christina immediately furrowed her brow.

Victoria glanced at her and gave her a look.

Making a scene today would be embarrassing, and Christina wouldn't be able to explain it to the Olsen.

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Group.

Thinking about that, even though she was very unwilling, she still said in a low voice, "Miss South, I'm

sorry."

Keira said, "What was that? I can't hear you."

Christina was shocked.

She puffed up with anger, resembling a blowfish, and shouted loudly, "I said, I'm sorry!"

Keira was satisfied. "Well, don't do it again next time."

Christina was speechless.

She took another deep breath, suppressing the fury in her chest.

The people nearby saw this and immediately flock Keira's side, their attitudes completely changed. "M South, did you develop this project yourself? I had no idea you were so capable!"

"Yeah, right, you're so modest!"

Someone, noting Keira's beauty, couldn't help but tease and ask, "Miss South, you're so young and accomplished. Have you gotten married yet?"

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That question made the informed people present somewhat stunned.

Then everyone awkwardly chuckled.

The person who asked the question seemed to realize something was amiss and immediately looked around hesitantly.

Seeing this, Christina felt like she was finally about to turn the tables. She immediately laughed and said, "You're really asking that question at the wrong time! Miss South hasn't only gotten married, but she also just got divorced! It's because of this project-her husband thought he'd be saddled with a penalty fee, so

he abandoned her..."

As she spoke, Christina laughed again. "Miss South speaking of which, you should pay more attention your family. If you're focused solely on scientific research, your husband will run off with someone el

won't he?"

The single men nearby suddenly lit up.

Divorced? Didn't that mean they still have a chance?

Mary laughed scornfully in response. "Who cares

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off! That way he won't get a penny of our Keera's money! And with Keera's charm, she's already got a new boyfriend!"

As soon as those words came out, Christina looked toward Lewis in the corner. "Miss South, your boyfriend isn't him, is he? A gigolo?"

Mary immediately raised her chin, "Isn't a gigolo a successful woman's standard accessory? That just shows our Keera is charming!"

Christina laughed again. "Right, charming... She's only able to pretend to be a rich lady in front of these college students."

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She displayed a look of contempt. "But I think longer alliances are better, right? Otherwise, if one is dominant, the other side will have a hard time. example, Victoria will be marrying into the Hort family... Miss South, what's your boyfriend's background? Surely you didn't really pick a gigolo no background, did you?!"

Keira didn't know what to say.

She stroked her chin, how should she respond to th

Just as she was wondering a voice came from the

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entrance, and everyone turned their heads to see Ellis and Ken walking in side by side, laughing and talking

amicably.

Ken was asking, "I heard that your family had a

marriage arrangement with the Horton family. Are you planning a marriage alliance?"

Hearing this, Ellis paused.

Keera and Keira are twins, which meant Keira was also his uncle's daughter.

So, actually...

Ellis frowned. "The two families have already been joined by a marriage..."

Even though Keira had passed away, she was still

cousin!

Thinking of Keira, Ellis couldn't help but sigh inward

Compared to Keera's docile demeanor, he actually preferred Keira. He had been captivated by her graceful charms from the start; if only she were still alive, wouldn't that be wonderful?

As Ellis thought about this, he lifted his head to look toward the banquet hall.

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There, Lewis, even sitting unassumingly, was the first person he spotted in the crowd!

There was no helping it!

Years-long arch-rival!

Ellis was momentarily stunned, convinced he must be seeing things!

Why would he be here?!

Upon hearing that the Olsen family and Horton family were already allied through marriage, everyone's first reaction was to look at Victoria.

Christina couldn't help but ask, "Victoria, was the matter already decided? Why didn't you tell me "

Victoria was also in a daze.

She hadn't heard about it either!

She looked at Ellis but saw him excuse himself to

and then stride toward the gigolo that Keera had brought over...

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At that moment, Ellis was intently staring at Lewis's face.

The man was dressed casually, looking several years younger than his actual age. People might even believe he was a college student.

His handsome features, just like during his study abroad days, attracted the attention of the

surrounding women.

That guy had been in Clance all this time, and Ellis was aware of it.

He had arranged several meetings, but Lewis had declined every time!

Ellis had thought Lewis was still deep in heartache and couldn't move on. How could he suddenly appear

here?

Hesitating, Ellis was just about to approach Lewis when Christina and Victoria came over. "Hi, Ellis."

Since the Olsen family's third branch hadn't split, they still considered one another brothers and sisters.

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Ellis was the eldest of their generation.

He nodded at his two cousins.

Although they weren't as closely related as

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blood-related cousins, these two women had grown up with him after all, and Ellis was still fairly warm toward

them.

After nodding, he looked back at Lewis, ready to speak, when Christina asked, "Ellis, do you know him?"

Christina pointed at Lewis sitting on the sofa.

Ellis was about to nod when he saw Lewis imperceptibly shake his head.

Was he...not planning to reveal his identity?

Dressed like this, showing up here, and not who he was-what was he up to?!

While Ellis was full of questions, Christina said Keera's little boyfriend. I heard that Keera just g divorced and then turned to him for comfort. He seems to be a college student. Ellis, do you know

Ellis was dumbfounded.

He stared at Lewis.

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What had he just heard?!

Lewis, the man who had an air of unapproachable arrogance at school, who was lawless and had an air of "leave me alone", had actually fabricated his identity,

pretending to be a university student to become Keera's gigolo?! UPDATE FROM FindNOVEL.NET

Ellis followed Christina's pointed direction.

His gaze first landed on Mary, but he quickly diverted his eyes, then looked toward Keira.

Ellis then looked back at Lewis and twitched the

corner of his mouth.

No, it couldn't be, right?

Lewis, who always seemed so respectable, was wilder than him in private? Was he engaging in

stand-in literature here?!

No wonder when Keira just passed away, he looked utterly devastated, but today, his eyes seemed bright

Had he found Keira's stand-in?!

Suddenly, Ellis imagined an entire fiction plot in his head, and his gaze toward Lewis became complicated

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He felt a mix of feelings—betrayed, dismal, sorrowful, and angry.

He felt betrayed on behalf of Keira.

How could he have found someone else here just over a month after her death?!

He felt dismal and sorrowful for Lewis.

His wife had been dead for over a month, and he

hadn't moved on. He was only able to find a stand-in as his emotional crutch. He must be struggling inside, right? Did he also feel pain and regret but was unable to extricate himself from his obsession because he

could see Keira's face that resembled Keira's?

Last, he felt angry for Keira.

Keera, with her love-struck brain-it was no wonder she decisively divorced her husband, but had she already had a backup plan? Did she realize that the gigolo she deeply loved, the man who lured her out of her painful marriage, only saw her as a stand-in?!

For a moment, Ellis's mind was in complete disarray.

Looking at Lewis, he almost couldn't face him

anymore.

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This was such a self-tormenting, heart-wrenching

storyline!

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Unbelievable!

Ellis coughed and then heard Christina ask, "Ellis, you haven't answered me yet. Do you know him?"

"Uh."

Ellis covered for Lewis. "No, I don't."

Christina breathed a sigh of relief.

She knew it!

How could an ordinary college student, a gigolo, possibly know her brother?

Christina immediately turned to Victoria and void the question that was on her mind.

"Ellis, you just mentioned that the Horton and Olsen families are entering into a marriage alliance... Has Mr. Horton come to Clance? When can you arrange a meeting

with him?"

Ellis subconsciously looked at Lewis. "Lewis? Arrange meeting for what?"

Christina laughed. "Of course, to meet with Victoria..

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to meet with us. After all, we'll be related by marriage in the future!"

Victoria immediately lowered her head, acting coy and shy.

Ellis frowned. "Is that even necessary?"

Christina and Victoria were slightly startled.

Was there no need to meet before the wedding?

Were the two families aiming for a marriage in the dark?

But even so...

Even if they met, what if they found each other unsuitable? What then?

The alliance would still go ahead...

Christina then reassured Victoria with a glance. "It's fine if we don't meet. But do you have a photo of Mr. Horton? Let us have a look."

Ellis was perplexed.

He did have one.

But he couldn't show it!

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He cleared his throat. "No, why would a man keep another man's photo?"

Victoria felt disappointed once again.

Christina asked, "Then what does Mr. Horton actually look like? Is he very old? He shouldn't be. All members of the rich families maintain themselves well, and I've heard Mr. Horton is handsome... Ellis, what does Mr. Horton really look like?"

Ellis, bothered by her nagging, pointed directly at Lewis. “Lewis looks just like him!”

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The words stunned Christina and Victoria.

Both turned in unison to look at Lewis.

Yet, despite being stared at and pointed out like this, the college student remained calm and collected. He sat there with his eyes fixed straight on the tea in front of him, without sparing them a glance.

Christina's eyes lit up as she couldn't help but turn to Victoria, "Victoria, although he's just a common guy, he's quite good-looking. If Lewis looks anything like him, then he must be decent in both character and appearance! You've really gotten lucky this time!"

Victoria also showed a look of satisfaction.

Just then, someone retched in the distance.

The two turned their heads only to see Mary's complexion suddenly change. She covered her chest and retched before rushing toward the restroom.

The two of them pursed their lips in distaste and, turning back, found that Ellis had disappeared.

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Mary suddenly felt unwell, and her early pregnancy symptoms caught Keira and Mary off guard.

Up until just now, Mary hadn't felt anything at all.

It wasn't until the waiter brought a plate of pan-fried fish that the strong seafood smell hit her, making her unable to hold back any longer. UPDATE FROM FindNovel.net

Keira held Mary's arm and hurried into the restroom

beside them.

Mary, facing the sink, retched for a while before pushing Keira away. "Keera, I'm fine. You go out first. I'll stay here for a bit."

Keira thought about it and decided not to insist.

After all, Lewis was still sitting outside, and the visi today included the Davis family...

Just now, the Davis family head, Ken, glanced at Lewi and seemed to have taken a few steps toward him. Sh couldn't help but grow more anxious, so she nodded, "Call me if you need anything."

Keira exited the restroom and looked again toward Lewis. Sure enough, she saw Ken standing in front of

him.

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Keira tightened her jaw and quickened her steps, just in time to hear Ken speaking, "What's your name? Have we met before? Why do you look so familiar?"

Lewis, who had always resented the Davis family, didn't really respond to him but shifted his gaze away.

The young man beside Ken was his son Chad, who immediately frowned and scolded, "Hey, do you know who my father is? My father is speaking to you. Why are you ignoring him? Don't you know any manners?"

Lewis stood up abruptly.

As he did so, his presence somehow grew, making Chad take a step back.

Then, Lewis looked straight at Ken.

Ken also frowned.

He could sense the hostility emanating from the man in front of him but couldn't understand why, so he continued to probe with a smile. "Young man, what's the matter? Do we know each other?"

"No, we don't."

Lewis looked at his uncle and turned to leave.

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Seeing this, Chad's frown deepened, "If you don't

know, you don't know. What's with that attitude? Hey, didn't your mother teach you how to speak to your elders? How can you be so rude!"

At these words, Lewis halted abruptly, and his piercing gaze, filled with killing intent, shot straight at Chad.

Keira, hearing this, felt like she was about to explode with anger!

How could this man be so annoying?!

She blurted out, "Shut up!"

Abandoning her image of being a pushover, Keira quickly got in front of Lewis, her stance protective like a mother hen ready for battle.

Her eyes focused on Chad. "With that foul mouth, perhaps you should rinse it out before you speak and save everyone from the stench!"

Chad instinctively covered his mouth, then realizing he was being insulted, his rage flared, and he blurted out, "You..."

"You what? Didn't your mother teach you not to involve elders when you speak?"

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Keira, her demeanor fierce, stepped forward and

swatted away his pointing finger. "Before you criticize others, you should take a good look at yourself first!"

Chad was speechless.

Ken was also bewildered, looking at Keira with some confusion. "Miss South, it was just a few harsh words. Chad, aren't you going to apologize to this gentleman right now?"

Ken wasn't frightened by Keira; after all, the

collaboration was just a project worth a few hundred million. He didn't need to bow down to a young woman over this bit of money.

He just felt that as an elder, he didn't need to bothe

with them.

Chad snorted and then turned to look at Lewis. "Fine take back what I just said. I've offended your mom, an I apologize to her."

Did he just bring up Lewis's mother again?

Keira felt the anger in her chest flare up once more. She rolled up her sleeves and was ready to teach Chad a lesson, only to be held back by Lewis.

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Lewis looked down with subdued eyes and said indifferently, "There's no need to apologize, after all..."

A glint of ice flashed through his eyes. "I don't have a mother."

Chad was startled by Keira's aggressive demeanor, but after hearing Lewis's words, he realized his earlier

remark had hit a sore spot.

Embarrassed, he scratched his head. "Has your mom passed away? Sorry, I really didn't know about that..."

Lewis didn't offer any explanation for the

misunderstanding but instead, took hold of Keira's hand and walked away.

Even after they had left, Ken's gaze lingered on the

Chad then said, "Really, I spoke without knowing the situation. Dad, look at this Keera. Isn't she said to ha a weak character? Where is there any sign of

weakness? She's fierce as death! With her

temperament, could she really be so bullied by her ex-husband that she couldn't raise her head? Just

rumors..."

Yet Ken furrowed his brows. "Why do I feel like I've

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“What?” Chad did not hear clearly.

“Never mind.” Ken gave his son a disapproving glance. “Mind your tongue in the future.”

Ken didn’t say anything else after that.

Even though they had walked some distance, Keira was still fuming, her cheeks puffed up like a blowfish’s.

She muttered angrily, “The Davis family is so annoying. If they can’t speak decently, what’s the use of having a mouth? Gosh, I should think of something else to insult them.”

After finishing her rant, she looked at Lewis and suddenly smiled. “I remember you’re pretty good at cursing. Could you do it for me?”

Lewis was perplexed.

Help her curse others on her behalf?

This woman’s thought process was indeed unique.

However... he was rather good at cursing...

This reminded him suddenly of when they had just met, and Keira had posted on social media, where he had joined in cursing in the comments under her post

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Those moments were as clear as if they had happened just yesterday...

Seeing that his expression was lost in thought, Keira sighed in relief. She had successfully distracted him.

Then she glanced toward the restroom.

She wondered how Mary was doing now.

At this very moment, Mary was doubled over, vomiting violently.

Everything in her stomach had been thrown up, and now she was even retching up bile, feeling terribly

uncomfortable.

How could pregnancy be so painful?

She felt as though she had no strength left in her b Her eyes and nose were reddened from the strain,

her forehead was even beaded with cold sweat.

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At last feeling a bit better, she supported herself on the sink, her hand instinctively reaching for the tissue box to pull out a tissue and wipe her mouth.

After fumbling for quite a while, unable to find a tissu a hand suddenly passed her the tissue box.

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Hastily, Mary wiped her mouth, then turned her head to say, "Thank..."

But the word of thanks got stuck in her throat because the person standing in front of her was Ellis.

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Mary paused immediately when she saw Ellis.

She threw the tissue into the trash can nearby and then stood up straight, tidying the messy hair that had fallen over her face as she had been looking down.

Then, she finally said, "Mr. Olsen, this is the ladies' restroom, I believe."

"I know," he said languidly, leaning against the wall. "I just came to see your pitiful state. What's the matter? Is your pregnancy making you feel so awful? Wouldn't it be easier to just terminate it?"

Hearing those words, Mary trembled.

She clenched her fingers and said, "This is a private matter, and it's not your concern."

Seeing her like this, Ellis sneered. "Then I apologize for meddling! But as an unmarried woman, once your pregnancy becomes public, it won't reflect well on you,

will it?"

Mary tensed her jaw, not wanting to speak, and walked directly past him.

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Ellis followed her. "What? Struck a nerve, have I? I really don't understand why you're so insistent on keeping the child. Are you planning on having the baby to claim some benefits from the father?"

Mary's chest heaved with agitation at his words.

Once she left the restroom, she stopped abruptly and turned to face Ellis. "Think whatever you want!"

Ellis frowned, feeling irked, "Who exactly is the father of your child?"

Mary stared at him. "I've told you before. It's you."

Ellis scoffed. "And I've told you, it can't be me. Mary, don't overestimate your allure, thinking that a man would be willing to wear a cuckold's horns for you!"

Mary was infuriated by his words and clenched her fists tightly. "In three months, I'll get an amniocentesis,

and we'll test the DNA!"

"Still clinging to hope, I see. Fine, who's afraid?"

Ellis, finding her impervious to reason, turned and left.

The two walked in opposite directions, conveying a sense of parting ways for good.

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In the restroom, Victoria and Christina suddenly emerged from a stall.

They had overheard the conversation in the restroom but missed what Ellis and Mary said after they left. However, the dialogue was already explosive enough!

Mary was pregnant?

And an unplanned pregnancy!

Her reputation in the circle wasn't great before, and now with this, who would dare to marry her in the

future?

Christina thought about the slap she got from Keera that day, the way Mary stood in front of Keera defending her, and then how Mary had just helped Keera retort against her. A smile suddenly curled on her lips.

She grabbed Victoria's arm. "Victoria, let's go. There's a good show to watch outside!"

The two left and headed toward where Mary was.

Mary, being beautiful and a member of the Davis family, naturally had many admirers.

A few executives from Olsen Group were there and

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went up to her with glasses in hand.

“Director Davis, congratulations on your promotion to Head of the Investment Department! Let’s have a toast to your future success!”

After saying his piece, the man emptied his glass and then gestured for Mary to do the same.

Seeing this, Mary instinctively covered her stomach.

She suddenly smiled. “I apologize, but my stomach is a bit upset today. I’ll have to drink tea instead of alcohol.” She reached out and picked up the teacup next to her.

Just as she was about to drink, Christina’s voice came through. “Director Davis, isn’t that somewhat disrespectful?”

As Christina said, she already walked up to Mary.

Her face was all smiles, showing no sign of her previous hostility. She picked up a wine glass and said, “Director Davis, I was being petty before and targeted you. Let me offer a drink as an apology. You have to at least drink this glass, right?”

After she finished speaking, she put a glass of

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champagne in Mary’s hand and then picked up another glass of champagne and downed it in one go.

Her hearty demeanor drew sidelong glances from the people around, and they all mentally gave her a thumbs-up.

Christina then looked at Mary. “I know you’re not feeling well today, so a symbolic sip will do. The champagne isn’t that strong.

But Mary furrowed her brows.

Being pregnant, she shouldn't drink alcohol, and now, with her heightened sensitivity to smells, how could she possibly drink it?

She said, "Sorry, but today..."

Before she could finish, Christina said, "Director Davi everyone here knows you can hold your liquor very well. You wouldn't refuse to drink today, would you?"

Mary clenched her jaw tighter, "Indeed, it is not appropriate for me to drink today."

"Why is it not appropriate? I remember a quote of yours that circulates in our circle, 'There is no liquor that can't be drunk, only a heart that lacks sincerity.'

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So, are you saying you lack sincerity towards me and everyone else? Or is it because you've just been promoted that you look down on people now?"

The person who had just come to toast Mary was also one of the executives of the Davis Corporation.

He happened to be in charge of the investment department, essentially Mary's superior.

Toasting was simply a gesture of respect and esteem. If Mary didn't drink, it could indeed come off as disrespectful. Hearing this, even his face changed

color.

Mary's brow furrowed even more.

Christina pushed the wine glass toward her and said, "Director Davis, if I were you, I would definitely drink that. Otherwise, it wouldn't look good for anyone."

The glass of wine was placed right under Mary's nose. The source of this content is Find novel.net

The scent of the alcohol hit her full on, immediately causing another cramp in her stomach and making her suddenly cover her mouth, turning to run toward the

restroom.

But her arm was suddenly grabbed by Christina.

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“Director Davis, are you feeling unwell? Surely, you’re not pretending just to avoid drinking?”

Victoria said, “Director Davis, if you don’t want to drink, you can just say soy. There’s no need to pretend... we all understand.”

The executive who had just come to offer the toast turned even darker in the face.

He scoffed and said, “Director Davis, if you don’t want to drink, then forget it. I was the one who didn’t understand my place!”

He turned and was ready to leave.

The rest of the executives from Davis Corporation also showed contemptuous expressions.

They had previously thought Mary to be hard-working and promising, which was why they came to bond with

her, but could it be that she now felt she was above them since she was part of the Davis family?

Mary, seeing this, understood she needed to make a choice!

On one side was the relationship with her colleagues, which could easily lead to misunderstandings if not

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clarified.

On the other was her pregnancy....

She didn't think being pregnant was something she couldn't talk about. After all, marriage was a free choice, and so was pregnancy for a woman.

Seeing that the executive was about to leave, Mary forcefully held back the churning in her stomach, turned around, and called out anxiously, "Sorry, it's not that I won't drink, but that I can't drink because... I am

pregnant!"

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The moment these words were spoken, the executive, who was about to leave, suddenly froze.”

The rest of the Davis Corporation employees nearby also turned their gaze toward Mary.

Christina feigned surprise. “Director Davis, what did you say?”

Overwhelmed by emotion, Mary suppressed her nausea and repeated, “I said I’m pregnant, so I’m feeling unwell and can’t drink, sorry.”

The executive was stunned as well. “I see, it’s okay, it’s okay... You definitely can’t drink if you’re pregnant. I didn’t know... so you... take good care of yourself...”

Mary breathed a sigh of relief, and just as she was about to leave, Christina said, “Director Davis, I

remember you aren’t married, are you? How could you be pregnant?”

Her words cast a deadly silence over the crowd.

Everyone’s eyes were on Mary, then they glanced at

her stomach...

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Victoria chimed in. “Christina, how can you ask such a question? Since Director Davis has announced her pregnancy, it must be good news, right? May I ask who the father is?”

The others immediately turned their attention to

Mary.

Mary clenched her jaw and took a deep breath. "Sorry, that's my privacy."

Victoria went straight to the point. "Privacy? In families like ours, marriages are to be made public. Is Director Davis's fiancé a secret?"

Christina immediately scoffed. "Don't tell me you don't know who it is. I've heard that Director Davis's personal life is quite controversial..."

As soon as she said this, the employees from both Davis Corporation and Olsen Group started whispering and pointing at Mary.

"She's pregnant before she's married?"

"Although the Davis family has separated, won't this really affect the reputation of the Davis family's

women?"

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"Mary has always been quite liberal with her social life, drinking with countless people for the sake of projects, but I heard she still has some boundaries!"

"Boundaries? She's pregnant now, where are the boundaries?"

"Considering her status, wouldn't the man take responsibility if she's really pregnant? How come there isn't even a fiancé?"

"Maybe Christina is right. Mary has messed around with so many men that she doesn't know who the father is. I've heard that in the circles of the wealthy, some live very wild lives, there are even those events..."

"What? Where did you hear such gossip? Tell me, what happened?"

"Don't you know? I just heard about it, I've never see it... I heard that some people have very chaotic private lives, they like to gather a group of women and men, then everyone gets undressed, forms a circle, and the men stand still while the women rotate and pause for a

minute...”

“My God, I’ve really learned something new. If one were to get pregnant like that, you really wouldn’t

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know who the father of the child is... You can only wait for the child to be born, then test all the men present

that day...

“No way, would anyone dare to keep such a child?”

“I heard the Davis family has good morals, nothing like this has ever happened before, could there be some misunderstanding?”

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Hearing all this, Mary was stunned; she had never expected gossip to shape into such a scenario.

But she didn’t know how to explain, so she clenched her fists and turned to leave.

Just then, Chad also heard the surrounding chatter and hurried over. When he heard that people were questioning the Davis family’s upbringing, his face darkened drastically.

There were still several unmarried women in his

family.

If this scandal broke, would the other Davis family’s women still be able to get married?!

His expression turned ugly as he stared at Mary, who

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had clenched fists. He quickly stepped forward to

block her path. “Where are you going? Tell everyone who the father is!”

Upon seeing this, Mary subconsciously looked toward
Ellis.

Ellis leaned against the wine table, a glass of
champagne in hand, gently swirling it. Although he had heard the commotion, he only
watched it in silence as if the champagne was some kind of rare treasure that could be
played with all night long.

He showed no intention of coming forward to help her.

Mary couldn't help but let out a bitter smile.

That was it.

In his eyes, her child belonged to another man. She had messed around with others;
how could he possibly come forward to speak up for her?

She lowered her gaze. "Chad..."

"Don't talk to me!" Furious, Chad stared at her and asked, "Just tell me, what's the deal
with this baby?!"

Mary clenched her jaw, looking at him. "It's what it is."

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She looked at the people around her, with sharp eyes and a cold smile. "The country
has laws that allow unmarried women to get pregnant and have children, don't we? Are
you all not allowing it? Or are you still living in the Medieval times? This is the 21st
century! Don't tell me everyone's still holding onto those archaic ideas!"

"You!"

Seeing her so unabashed, Chad felt anger well up from

within him.

Christina covered her mouth. "Miss Davis, I'm sorry, I didn't realize that the Davis family
was so lenient. In the Olsen family, we must be home at night, and any movements
after ten o'clock must be reported to

parents..."

These words caused Mary's complexion to change slightly. Google search FindNovel.net

Just as she was about to speak, the scene in front of her darkened, followed by a "smack"! Chad's palm struck hard against her face!

As the elder cousin, Chad had the right to discipline his siblings, and what Mary had said here severely

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impacted the Davis family's reputation.

Mary looked at him incredulously, "Chad?"

Although Chad was strict toward them, she was, after all, a woman from another branch of the family. Chad had never laid hands on her before.

Chad stared at her. "This slap is for your lack of self-respect! Mary, tell me now, who is that bastard man?"

At a distance, Ellis saw what was happening, and his brows furrowed immediately. His fingers tightened around the glass.

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Ellis subconsciously took two steps toward Mary, and then he saw Keera and Lewis rushing into the crowd, which made him pause slightly.

He let out a sneer and continued to look down at the wine glass in his hand.

Keira hadn't expected Mary to encounter such an incident either; she hurried over upon hearing the commotion and had just gotten close when she heard the crisp sound of a slap.

She immediately pushed through the crowd and charged in, positioning Mary behind herself, and then turned to Chad. "What gives you the right to hit people?!"

Chad fixed his gaze on her. "On the grounds of the Davis family's ancestral teachings! I am her elder brother! If she doesn't respect or love herself, I have every right to teach her a lesson!"

Keira countered. "That's domestic abuse!"

Chad circumvented her and turned to Mary, "Mary,

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come and tell us. Do my hitting you count as domestic violence?!"

Mary's face had already begun to swell up.

She was holding her head down, covering her face with her hands.

Keira argued. "Getting pregnant before marriage is her right! Chad, you're infringing on her personal freedom by doing this!"

Chad was already pointing at her, berating loudly. "Sure, getting pregnant before marriage is her right, but did she ever consider, after getting pregnant, what kind of impact that would have on the women of the Davis family? Did you not just hear? What have the Davis family's women been reduced to in people's imaginations? If I don't discipline her? Who would dare marry any woman from the Davis family in the future?!"

The rumors about the wealthy second-generation were already quite messy out there.

The five major families put a premium on face and honor, hence they manage both boys and girls quite

strictly.

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In such matters, it's often the girls who were at a disadvantage, so they were governed even more strictly.

Under the deliberate guidance of Christina and Victoria just now, everyone had already formed a bad impression of the Davis family's women.

Chad's words were spot on; if this matter passed without clarity, the reputation of the Davis family's women would suffer, and marrying off would be difficult-doubt would be cast upon their honor!

Upon hearing this, Keira's brow furrowed. She was about to speak when suddenly Mary pushed her arm away from behind. "Keira, this has nothing to do with

you."

Mary emerged from behind Keira and came in front of

Chad.

She looked directly at Chad, then turned her head to the crowd. "My personal behavior has nothing to do with the Davis family."

Chad was about to retort, but Mary looked at him

again. "Brother, since I've made a mistake, and as a woman of the Davis family, I should accept

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punishment. Let's go with the family law!"

At these words, Chad's eyes widened in disbelief,

"You..."

Mary said, "Let's carry out the punishment right here, so everyone can see how strict the Davis family rules are! Don't let my actions tarnish the Davis family's reputation."

Chad was startled by her demeanor.

Even Christina couldn't help but exclaim, "Family rules? My god, I've heard the Davis family's punishment is flogging, and their whips have barbs... Those barbs would peel away a layer of skin... This girl hasn't been chaste. How many lashes will she get?"

Chad was stumped for a moment and didn't answer.

Mary answered for him, "Five lashes!"

Christina then exclaimed in shock. "Heavens, after five lashes, won't her back be left without good skin? Mary, are you sure about this? You could just say who your boyfriend is, and have Uncle Davis advocate for you and arrange an engagement, couldn't you? Why go to such lengths?"

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Chad couldn't bear to whip Mary either and quietly urged her, "Mary, please tell us! Father and I will take care of you! Who on earth is the father of the child? Just tell us who the child's father is, and we can talk

about what to do next. There's no need to resort to flogging!"

The whip was still coated with salt water and chili water, causing unbearable pain when it lashed the skin.

When Chad was a child, his love for play was intense. Once he lied and underwent the family discipline invoked by his father, feeling as if his soul was nearly torn out with each lash.

Therefore, he couldn't bear to see Mary suffer the same way.

Yet, Mary clenched her fists tightly and kept her mouth firmly closed, adamantly refusing to speak.

She couldn't speak, because even if she did, Ellis would never admit it.

Why should she humiliate herself?

Mary lowered her head, saying nothing.

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Seeing this, Chad, frustrated with her obstinacy, blurted out, "Mary, why are you so stubborn! Even if the father of your child is a commoner, the Davis family can accept it! Why won't you speak? Is it true what Christina said, that you don't know who the father of your child is?!"

His words were met with Mary's continued silence.

Chad, exasperated, couldn't help but look around and say, "Is that man here? Look, Mary, he hasn't come forward to protect you yet. Is he worth all this?"

Mary remained silent.

Chad was on the verge of madness, seeing no end to the dragging issue, he had no choice but to inform his family head, Ken.

Ken rushed over in haste and, seeing Mary's condi and the crowd around, along with some journalists who had been specifically invited... The source of this content is Find novel.net

He knew that they had to provide some explanation today.

Otherwise, tomorrow the scandal would be all over the place, shaming the Davis family.

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He turned to Mary. "Mary, I'm giving you one last chance, are you sure you won't talk?"

Mary shook her head.

Ken took a deep breath and then looked around. "Isn't there anyone who will come forward to admit it? Nowadays, free love is acceptable. As long as you step forward, the Davis family won't do anything to you... we could even prepare a generous dowry for Mary!"

Unfortunately, no one in the surrounding crowd spoke

Keira immediately looked toward Ellis, glaring fiercely at him. Seeing his completely unmoved demeanor filled her with both anger and anxiety, her gaze suddenly shifted to Lewis.

As she was about to say something, Lewis said indifferently, "I won't help with that kind of favor."

Keira didn't know what to say.

Asking Lewis to acknowledge the child was indeed asking too much.

But she really couldn't bear to watch Mary suffer like

this!

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She wanted to rush over, but her arm was held by Lewis, who spoke in a voice that was not loud, yet it carried clearly to Ellis, "For Mary to have done such a thing, it indeed brings shame to the Davis family, and not being disciplined is no way to provide an

explanation. Five lashes, considering she is pregnant and can't take medicine, who knows if the wounds can

even heal..."

Keira immediately became even more anxious. "Then

what should we do?"

In the midst of the scene.

Seeing that no one came forward and Mary remained silent, Ken sighed quietly and then said, "Bring me my whip!"

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As Ken spoke, everyone was shocked.

No one had expected that the head of the Davis family would carry out punishment in front of such a large audience.

Even Christina was taken aback, and she exchanged a glance with Victoria.

Although it was the 21st century, with a well-established legal system, families as entrenched as theirs still had their own family laws.

These were in place to punish those who didn't break the law but smeared the family's reputation.

Those outside the family weren't privy to such matters; no family would enforce its laws in front of outsiders. Large families cared about face they wouldn't broadcast the disciplining of their own, preferring to handle it privately.

Today's mention of family law was simply meant to pressure the Davis family into punishing Mary upon returning home,

Chad was also confused. "Dad, maybe we should go home and carry this out...."

Once they were back home, the enforcement would be less severe, and the prescribed five lashes might not all be carried out.

But Ken was stubborn. "Since we've already made a spectacle, of course, we should do it here and show everyone how strict the Davis family is in managing its affairs!"

Chad was bewildered.

Something seemed off to him.

His father, the family head, was actually quite lenient with those beneath him, resorting to family law only for serious transgressions.

Since Mary had already been given her own residence, effectively distancing her from the main lineage; there was no need to go this far.

Even Mary herself was puzzled.

When she mentioned family law, it was to protect the reputation of the women in the family and to salvage some honor for the Davis family. Yet she knew that Ken wouldn't really flog her..

But if the flogging was carried out in public... how could Ken possibly spare her?

Mary couldn't figure out why, but her hand had already moved to her abdomen.

She couldn't possibly miscarry from a few lashes, could she?

A look of worry crossed her face.

Keira frowned, stepping forward. "Mr. Davis, are you going to publicly use capital punishment? After all, that would be illegal, wouldn't it?!"

Ken turned to look at her. "I'm disciplining a junior member of my own family. Will someone call the police? Or perhaps you, Mary, will call the police?"

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Knowing she was at fault for today's matter, Mary simply closed her mouth and said nothing

Chad wanted to say more, but Ken rebuked him, "Just go if I tell you to go! Where did all th nonsense come from!"

Chad had always obeyed his father, and with a sigh, he could do nothing but turn and exit the room. The hotel wasn't far from the Davis residence, but it would still take at least half an hour to go back and forth...

After Chad left, Ken found a place to sit down.

Mary stood there, lost and unsure of what to do. She looked down at her abdomen, never once raising her head to look toward Ellis, who wasn't far away.

Keira wanted to rush over and take her away.

But Lewis held her arm.

Keira turned and frowned at him, only to hear him explain, "If the Davis family uses capital punishment in public, do you think the public opinion will be favorable?"

Keira shook her head, "Of course not, so has Ken lost his mind?"

As soon as she said this, she saw Lewis look at her intently. "Think again."

His voice was steady, calming Keira's restless heart.

As she looked again toward the distance, she muttered to herself, "Ken wouldn't have reached his position today if he were foolish. I've interacted with him; he's quite open-minded. He even promoted Mary beyond the usual protocols because he saw potential in her. He wouldn't damage both parties in this manner, so...."

Keira's eyes suddenly widened with disbelief as she looked at Lewis. "He knows that the child's father is Ellis?"

Lewis lowered his gaze. "If she knows it, how could Ken possibly be unaware?"

The "she" referred to Shirley.

Keira immediately thought back to the day when she went to pick up Mary when Shirley urged Mary to get rid of the child. At that time, Mary was locked in a room and couldn't possibly have informed Shirley.

It must have been Mary's parents who spoke of it.

Considering the kind of people her parents were, and given Mary was pregnant with Ellis's child, they certainly would have told Ken to gain some advantage! UPDATE FROM (Find)NOVEL.NET

So... Ken really knew?

Was this whole farce to lure Ellis's benefit?!

Ken was uncertain whether Ellis actually fancied the distant niece of the Olsen family. After all, the feedback from the arranged meeting was that he wasn't interested.

A niece managed to force Ellis to marry her just by getting pregnant, which could offend Ellis, and it might also put the Davis family in a disadvantageous position.

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So, Ken did this on purpose!

He intentionally acted this way to force Ellis to make a choice!

Keira realized this and immediately looked at Ellis, only to see his brows slightly furrowed

stared at Mary in the distance, with a hint of annoyance flashing across his eyes.

Keira instantly felt an itch in her hands.

Why wouldn't this guy trust Mary?!

Although Mary was forced by her Uncle Ken and father to go to all those drinking parties, the Davis family rules were strict, and she had never slept around!

Keira wanted to go over and teach him a lesson but was stopped by Lewis, who grabbed her arm. "It's useless to say anything. Ellis's biggest trait is confidence."

Keira didn't know what to say.

Ellis was too confident in himself, which was why he refused to trust others.

Thinking about it, wasn't this characteristic of him?

She was anxious. "So what do we do? I can't just watch Mary get hit!"

Lewis looked at her and saw her eyes were brimming with worry. He suddenly felt a bit uncomfortable.

Concern led to chaos.

Keira had always been a person of calm and restraint. When she herself was abused by Poppy Hill and cursed by Isla Olsen, she always remained calm, but now she was agitated because of Mary.....

And for some inexplicable reason, his heart felt a bit sour.

Lewis coughed to suppress that sour feeling, "If she really gets beaten, we'll address it then.

Keira, hearing these words, nodded, "We can only do that."

Time passed quickly.

When Chad walked over with the whip, both Christina and Victoria's eyes lit up, and they subconsciously walked to Ellis's side, whispering to each other.

"I heard from Chad that this whip is really powerful..."

"Who knows whose bastard she's carrying; one lash from this whip and the child might be gone.

"If it's gone, then it's gone. Who asked her to do such an ugly

"But I think Mary cares quite a bit about the child, and if the child is gone, she won't get any more crazy ideas, right?"

The two giggled and spoke thoughtlessly, not noticing that Ellis's expression was growing darker by

the moment.

Suddenly, Chad handed the whip over to Ken.

Ken took it and swung it on the leather couch, instantly peeling away a layer of leather and sending out stuffing.

The people around were shocked.

Could Mary really endure such a whipping?!

Mary also shuddered all over.

She looked at the mark on the couch and fearfully turned her gaze to Ken.

"Kneel!"

Ken roared at her.

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Mary bit her lip, pleading, "Uncle Ken, can we wait until after I give birth to carry out the punishment? I'm worried..."

"The rules of the Davis family don't give you the right to bargain!"

Ken angrily interrupted her. "Reveal the father of the child. If you can't, you can't escape these five lashes!"

Upon hearing this, Mary closed her eyes in despair.

Ellis didn't believe her, how could he possibly stand up for her.

She looked at Ken, clenched her fists tightly, and slowly knelt.

Seeing this, Ken immediately raised the whip!

Just at that moment!

“Stop!”

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Keira was indeed panicking, terrified that the whip might even slightly touch Mary.

As she watched Ken lift the whip in his hand, ready to bring it down, she could no longer hold back and stepped forward with large strides. Just as she was about to speak, a voice came through

“Stop!”

It **was** Ellis!

Keira halted in her tracks and immediately turned toward him.

Even Ken was trembling, feeling that if Ellis didn't show up, he wouldn't know how to end the scene! He immediately dropped the whip, looked at Ellis, and continued acting “Ellis, what are you doing? The Davis family is executing family law, surely you're not going to stop us?”

Ellis understood the insinuation in his words and coughed. "The child is mine"

As soon as these words fell, a chorus of sharp intakes of breath filled the surroundings!

Even Christina and Victoria, who had been enjoying the spectacle, stared at Ellis in astonishment.

"Ellis, what nonsense are you talking about? How could Mary's child be yours?"

"Yeah, Ellis, don't get yourself into that mess.

Ellis didn't care about these two **and** instead looked at Mary.

Mary, who was kneeling on the ground, was now overwhelmed with shock and joy as she looked earnestly at Ellis.

Was he finally willing to acknowledge the child?

In a moment, Mary found her eyes reddening, feeling like her sincere devotion wasn't in **vain**.

Ken pretended to be surprised. "What? It's yours? Mary, is this true? When did you and Ellis get together?"

Mary bit her lip and remained silent.

Ellis then said, "During our last matchmaking meeting, it was love at first sight. We didn't have the **chance** to inform you yet..."

"I see!"

Ken immediately dropped the whip, went forward to help Mary up, and then looked at Ellis. "You ty are really something. You've scared an old man like me. To think you'd keep such wonderful news. hidden; by the way, Ellis, when do you plan to get engaged?"

Mary tensed slightly as she turned to look at Ellis.

But Ellis was watching her without a hint of joy on his face, and that demeanor made Mary's heart. sink.

What did he mean?

While contemplating, Ellis said, "As soon as **possible**. I'll discuss it with my parents at home"

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Ken said, "Good, then I'll be waiting at home for the happy news!"

Leaving this remark, Ken turned to Chad. "What are you doing standing around? Hurry up and put away the whip, lest we become a laughingstock again!"

Chad was speechless.

Ken then glanced at Mary before laughing. "Alright, I've shown my face. This sort of occasion should be left to you young people to enjoy, I'll be leaving now."

With those words, Ken took Chad and departed.

After the two had left, Mary wanted to say something to Ellis, but the people around them had already closed in, coming forth to congratulate them.

"Mr. Olsen, congratulations!"

"Director Davis, this truly is a double blessing for you!"

"Congratulations, congratulations..."

"I wish you both a lifelong union and hearts forever entwined!"

Seeing the crowd envelop the pair, Keira gave a wry smile, feeling relieved. She turned to Lewis and said, "What do you say? Do you think Ellis really believes the child is his or **not**?"

If he did, that would be very strange.

But if he didn't... wouldn't that mean Mary was seen as a liar in his eyes? Why would he stand up **for** her then?

Could it be....

Keira's eyes lit up, and she immediately looked at Lewis. "Do you think Ellis might actually like Mary..."

The rest of her words stopped short upon seeing Lewis's **expression**.

Because she realized that Lewis was staring at the doorway, where the backs of Ken and Chad were visible.

With that look, he must be thinking about his biological mother again, right?

His own uncle was right in **front** of him, but he didn't recognize Lewis....

Even if there was no real contact, would looking at a photo be so difficult? But it was clear they had never paid attention, which meant the Davis family really didn't care about their nephew, Lewis.

Seeing him like this, **Keira** immediately felt a twinge of heartache.

She took her focus off Mary and put all her attention on Lewis.

She clasped his hand. "It's okay, I'm still by your side."

Lewis seemed to come to his senses then, lowering his head and sighing quietly. He tightened the grip on her **hand**. "Keira, don't ever leave me."

"Okay."

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"Keira, everyone else has someone to love them, but I only have you and Grandma. And Grandma's health isn't good.... She's recuperating in Oceanion, and now, I only have you"

"I know, I understand"

Keira hugged him, always feeling like something was **not** quite right.

As she pondered, his large hand tightly encircled her waist, "Keira"

Keira immediately stopped her wild thoughts. Tm here:

The banquet ended with the good news of Mary and Ellis's impending engagement.

After everyone dispersed.

Mary finally had the chance to speak alone with Ellis.

She followed him into his car, Ellis was going to drive her home himself.

In the car.

Mary still found it unbelievable.

Was she really together with Ellis?

Her youthful fondness had turned into current joy.

While she was still basking in happiness, the cold voice of the man next to her suddenly came through. "Find a time to get rid of the child."

Upon hearing these **words**, Mary stiffened instantly.

She looked at Ellis in disbelief. "What... did you just say?"

Ellis irritably loosened his tie. "Mary, what are you still pretending for? This act you and your uncle are putting on, isn't it just to **force** me? Fine. I'll accept **you** as a person, but that doesn't mean I'm ready to happily be a father, does it?!"

What Lewis could see, Ellis could see as well.

Ken was clearly putting on an act.

But Mary only felt a chill rush from the top of her head to the soles of her feet, drenching her, as she looked at Ellis in shock. "You still don't believe this child is yours?"

Ellis suddenly tugged at his tie again, "I told you I have a low sperm count!"

Ever since he learned about this condition, he consulted several doctors and even tried traditional

medicine, but nothing worked.

fate.

The doctors all suggested that he relax and leave it to fa

But they also told him to prepare to be childless for life.... that maybe he could adopt a few children.

So, how could he possibly have a child?!

Had Mary created a medical miracle for him?

Mary looked at him in shock. "If you don't trust me, why did you still stand up for me?!"

Why?

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Ellis was stunned.

He didn't know why

ther. He only knew that at **that** moment, the only thought in his head was that he didn't want to see Mary get hurt.

Elsewhere.

Lewis was driving, taking Keira back to the South household.

On the way, Keira was still carefully observing his expression, to see if he was still upset, but his brow remained furrowed, his expression somber and troubled.

Keira was about to comfort him when her phone suddenly rang.

Picking it up, she glanced at it and saw that the caller ID displayed no number!

She answered with a frown, and an electronic voice came through from the other side. "Keira, Mary and Ellis are about to be engaged, and you've finally completed the first task.

Keira's heart skipped a beat, and her pupils suddenly contracted. She wanted to ask who they were, but she understood that Keira wouldn't ask such a question.

She lowered her gaze and spoke softly, "I want to go back. Can I do that?"

"Heh, you want to come home now? Is it because your biological mother, Jodie South, has been caught and brought back?"

Keira immediately clenched her fingers. "How is she? I want to see her."

"It's not impossible."

The other side laughed. "I can show you the wayhome."

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Keira Olsen heard these words, but there was no joy on her face. Instead, she asked, "What's the condition?" 1

"Complete the task I've set."

Keira Olsen scoffed.

She knew that the other party wouldn't tell her easily.

She asked straightforwardly, "What if I can't complete it?"

The other side laughed, "Nange, you should know that your mother is a traitor to the South Family, right? What do you think happens to traitors caught by the South Family?"

Keira Olsen's heart tightened, and her words trembled, "What happens?"

"Solitary confinement is the least of it. For someone like your mom, she'd be living in the Water Prison, given only a little bit of sustenance each day. Some might even be subjected to public protests and floggings... The most severe would be the cangue drowning, killed by submersion."

The other party's threatening words made Keira Olsen feel as if she were in a daze.

She even looked around for a moment, feeling like she had stepped back into ancient times. Isn't this the 21st century?!

How could there be places that operate their own private torture chambers?!

But Keira Olsen wasn't naive.

Crera's system is based on equality, where everyone could enjoy fair treatment. But the world is too vast, and there are still places with slavery.

And there are regions where women can't show their faces in public...

Maybe, in underdeveloped areas, people hadn't completely evolved to a civilized society... there were even places consumed by constant warfare....

So the place the person mentioned could indeed exist.

But Keira Olsen wasn't intimidated. The more the other side said this, the more it showed that Jodie

South was safe for now.

Indeed, the other party spoke up, "Your mom is currently in our care, nothing like that has happened to her yet, but if you're not obedient, that could change."

Keira Olsen lowered her eyes, speaking hastily, "Haven't I been obedient already? The business with Ye Min and Xu Chimo is done.">

"Hahaha, yes, you're done, Nange. It seems the pressure we've put on you in the past was too insignificant. I didn't expect that for all these years I was overlooking a great deception, you've been hiding your true strength... You've really brought me a great surprise. Since that's the case, then show your full power! Let's see if you really have the qualifications to come home!"

After finishing these words, the other party said, "Getting Ye Min and Xu Chimo to marry is the first

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task. Today the news of their engagement has spread; I suppose you should be able to complete that quickly. The second task, I will send to your mobile phone in a couple of days"

After this, the other party hung up the call.

Keira Olsen looked at her phone, her brows furrowed.

Lewis Horton was driving the car, which was silent throughout the call. Now that she had hung up, he finally spoke up, "What is it?"

Keira Olsen relayed the other party's words to Lewis Horton.

Then Lewis Horton responded, "It seems this place must not be in Crera. Nan Ge, don't worry, I'll have people search the entire world."

... But the world is so vast; her mother could be hidden anywhere, even on an undiscovered deserted

Island.

No wonder the immense power of both the Olsen and Horton families couldn't find her.

Keira Olsen lowered her eyes, understanding that there was only one path left for her to take.

That was to complete the task.

In Xu Chimo's car.

Xu Chimo irritably adjusted his tie and then turned to her, "Look, if you want to keep the child, I'm not going to agree to marry you. Ye Min, it's up to you!"

Ye Min heard this and let out a bitter smile.

She turned her head to look at the scenery outside the window and said, "Don't worry, intention of clinging to you."

Her demeanor made Xu Chimo feel even more frustrated.

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The two of them didn't speak for the rest of the journey and soon arrived back at the South family

villa.

Noticing the address outside, Xu Chimo finally realized something. "You're not staying at the Davis family's?"

"Mmm, I've been staying here with Nange for the last couple of days."

Ye Min pushed the car door open, not looking at him, "Thanks for the ride home, goodbye"

She walked straight through the entrance of the Nan family villa.

No sooner had she entered than she leaned against the door, pressing her hand to her heart.

Then, Ye Min clenched her jaw tightly, and her eyes slowly reddened.

That Xu Chimo, he really knew how to make hurtful remarks.

She did like him, but she was not a masochist. Having dodged this bullet today, she would tell her parents tomorrow that she wanted to go abroad, and then leave the country.

She was going to take her child and never return to this heartbreaking place.

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Suddenly, her phone vibrated.

She opened it and saw that it was a WhatsApp message from Ye Kal: "Minmin, Xu Chimo's parents have contacted me and will come over to propose marriage tomorrow. Remember to come back for a

visit."

Ye Min clenched her fists tightly upon reading this message.

She replied, "Uncle, there's no need to bother, I'm not suitable for Xu Chimo,"

After replying to the message, she stepped forward, preparing to head towards the living room.

But as she approached, she suddenly heard a conversation between Nange and the gigolo from inside

a room.

Nange said in a low voice, "Why do you think the first task they assigned me was to get Minmin and Xu Chimo married?"

Hearing this, Ye Min felt like she was struck by lightning, freezing on the spot.

She wasn't misunderstanding, she suddenly remembered that Nange had once vaguely mentioned the first task... to get her married to Xu Chimo?

It suddenly occurred to her that when Nange had been in a panic, scared after receiving the "task" they assigned her, she was absent-minded. Later, when she inquired, Nange had answered, "They asked me to scheme against the most important person to me, and I refused."

Back then, she thought the most important person was Zhang Hao.

But actually, the most important person was herself?!

And then she thought about what happened later...

Nange's personality was always very soft, towards Zhang Hao as well as towards herself. They had shared twenty years of friendship, yet Nange blocked her because of a word from Zhang Hao...

Was that also a way of protecting her?!

Ye Min was not foolish, and she had a natural trust in Nange.

She knew Nange wouldn't scheme against her, and the relationship that developed between her and Xu Chimo had naturally evolved, and it had nothing to do with her.

Sure enough, she heard the gigolo say, "I'm not sure, but this first task was a shot in the dark for you, and it was unexpected that they'd end up together."

Then Nange spoke up, "That scumbag Xu Chimo, if he dares to mistreat Minmin, I definitely will not let them get married! When Minmin gets back, I'll ask her properly."

Ye Min's eyes reddened.

She just knew...

But then she heard the gigolo say, "What about your mother? If you don't complete the task, you won't be able to save her."

Ye Min's pupils shrank instantly.

Save her mother?

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Ye Min could feel that Nange had been troubled recently, becoming much more somber, as if suddenly weighed down by more responsibilities.

She had been wanting to find an opportunity to ask what was going on.

But she had never imagined it was something this serious!

Nange had mentioned knowing where her biological parents were-was her mother captured by

"them"?

No wonder Nange had recently needed to complete tasks!

Just as she had this thought, she heard Nange continue, "No matter what, Minmin's happiness cannot be sacrificed."

Ye Min's eyes teared up.

Nange had always considered her wellbeing...

Ye Min suddenly clenched her fists, turned around, and quietly left the living room, approaching the front door, not hearing Kiera Olsen's following words: "Ye Min is my most important friend, my sister would never use her, nor will I."

Ye Min quietly opened the door and left the Nan family villa, standing outside.

Her phone vibrated again, she picked it up and saw it was another message from Ye Kai: "Good child, are you having a quarrel with Xu Chimo?"

There were also several messages from her parents:

"Minmin, stop being stubborn, hurry back home, okay? Marrying Young Master Xu is the glory of your life! Your reputation is already ruined, who else would you marry if not him?"

Looking at this WhatsApp message, Ye Min suddenly lowered her gaze and smiled.

Her refusal to marry Xu Chimo was always her self-righteous pride. Her desire to leave was also just her self-righteousness.

So...

Ye Min replied to the message: "Come pick me up."

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Mary moved back home.

When Keira received her video call, she was slightly taken aback, "Why so sudden? What about your parents..."

In the video, Mary smiled faintly. "I'm now Ellis's fiancée. They couldn't wait to hold me up high, how dare they lay a finger on me now? Don't worry! I'm the Davis family's princess now!"

Keira stared into her eyes. "Mary, tell me the truth. Does Ellis believe that this child is his?"

Mary nodded, "Yeah, he does! That's why we're marrying because of the child!"

Having said that, she sighed. "But he's naturally promiscuous; if not for this child, I'm afraid he wouldn't have married me."

Keira immediately said, "Then don't get married! We can't let a child trap your entire life."

"Don't be silly."

Mary winked at her. "It's such a great opportunity. Of course, I'm going to seize it! I'm not after him as a person; I'm after the status of Mrs. Ellis! Once I marry him, I want to see how Victoria and Christina can still act so high and mighty in front of us!"

Keira wanted to talk her out of it, but Mary suddenly became serious. "Keera, I'm not like you. I was born into a large family; I have a mission to fulfill with this arranged marriage. If I don't marry him, not only will my reputation be ruined, but I'll probably be sold off by my uncle. So, after much consideration, this is the best outcome."

Keira still looked at her with concern, "Are you sure you have thought this through?"

"Yes."

Mary beamed. "His parents are here; we're about to discuss the wedding. I'll stop chatting now"

As she said that, she turned the camera around, and just then, several luxury cars drove in. Keira

nodded.

After hanging up, she looked at Lewis stepping out, frowning slightly. "I always feel there's something off about Mary's emotions, and Ellis has come around that quickly?"

Lewis replied, "For Mary, he even accepted the child that he believed not to be his. What else is there to think through?"

Keira tilted her head. "Is that so?"

Of course, it wasn't!

Ellis was at that moment staring at Mary, his eyes blazing with fury.

Mary said yesterday that she wouldn't agree to the marriage.

So today when Ellis' parents came to propose, he wanted to come along to see if she had changed her mind. He didn't expect that she would agree!

Ellis' mother was holding Mary's hand, praising her. "Good child! Ellis is a spoiled kid. If he doesn't

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treat you well in the future, just come to me! I'll back you up

"Okay"

Mary nodded.

Ellis' mother then took off her bracelet and handed it to her. "This is our family heirloom, and from now on, it's yours! When the child is born, if it's a girl, give it to her. If it's a boy, give it to his wife?"

Ellis' mother looked at Mary, unable to contain her smile. "You're so beautiful. My darling grandchild will definitely be gorgeous too!!"

Mr. Olsen was also staring at Mary's belly. It was impolite, but despite trying to look away, as soon as he thought about his dear grandchild, he couldn't shift his gaze.

For so many years, the company's affairs had been managed by his younger brother, the future was handed over to his son, bypassing himself, the moderately capable eldest brother.

As a result, he had been slacking off at home.

If this child were born, he would be able to look after his grandchild!

As a child, he relied on his father.

As he grew up, he depended on his younger brother.

He was approaching fifty-five, and he relied on his son.

Once he turned eighty, he would rely **on** his grandchild!

Everything was just perfect!

Both were extremely satisfied with Mary as their future daughter-in-law!

Ellis watched them, his gaze falling on Mary, his expression changing several times, looking incredibly upset.

Then the two families began to discuss the wedding date.

Ellis casually said, "There's no hurry, right? After all, she's still pregnant!"

Ellis' mother immediately said, "What are you talking about? It's precisely because she's pregnant that we need to hurry! We can't wait until her belly is too big, can we? That wouldn't look good. Right, Mary?"

Mary hung her head and nodded, "Auntie's right."

"I **think** it's best to do it within three months!"

Ellis' mother said, "Otherwise, let's pick a date in the middle of next month!"

It was only the beginning of the month....

Thinking about the task Keera had mentioned, the sooner they got married, the better, Mary said. "Auntie, maybe **that's** not a good idea."

Ellis sneered internally, glad that the woman still had a shred of decency.

Just as he was thinking about this, Mary said, "I want to do it this month

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Ellis was dumbfounded.

Ellis' mother and Mr. Olsen were also taken aback, and even Mary's parents and Ken started coughing and giving her meaningful glances.

A woman shouldn't be too eager to get married!

But Mary seemed to have not noticed their looks and just looked at Ellis' mother. "Is that okay?" Ellis' mother nodded, "That's fine, but it's so rushed. The wedding dress and the hotel might not be up to par...."

Mary hurriedly said, "Just getting a certificate is fine; it's also okay if we don't have a ceremony"

“How can that be possible?” Ellis’ mother held her hand. “You are our daughter-in-law-to-be whom we’ve approved. We can’t let you be ill-treated! So, this month it is! With the financial power of the Olsen and Davis families, I don’t believe we can’t prepare a wedding in a few days!”

Mary nodded. “Okay”

Ellis didn’t know what to say.

Once the parents from both sides had chosen the date, Mary picked one that was particularly soon, almost just a week away.

Then the parents on both sides started discussing the wedding details, asking Mary to take Ellis up t her room to sit for a while.

Mary obediently nodded and led Ellis upstairs. As soon as the two entered the room, Ellis grabbed. Mary and pinched her chin, making her look up at him.

Ellis said fiercely, “What? Have you decided to have an abortion? You want to hold the wedding in a week. Do you think you have enough time **for** a medical abortion now?”

Mary immediately grabbed his hand. “Ellis, this child is **yours**. Three months will pass quickly, and then I’ll have an amniocentesis with you. If it’s not yours, I will abort it right away, alright?”

Ellis stared at her, then suddenly sneered. “Now I understand why you’re so desperate to marry me. Is it because you know that after three months, I can get it tested, and you want to marry me before the three months are up?!”

Mary’s face turned pale.

Ellis glared at her. “What do you think will happen if I go down right now and tell them the child isn’t mine?”

Mary immediately became anxious. “Don’t!”

“Don’t?” Ellis suddenly laughed, looking at her with a frivolous gaze. “If you **want** me to endure this humiliation, then shouldn’t you do something about it?”

Mary **was** startled. “What?”

Ellis suddenly began to rip open her clothes. “Of course, you need to do something that makes me feel pleased... The source of this content is FindNovel.net

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Mary immediately struggled. "Don't!"

She pushed Ellis away, then held her shoulders and pleaded. "The baby is just over a month old, we can't... otherwise, I may have a miscarriage!"

"Is that so?"

Ellis sneered. "Wouldn't it be better if that happens? Then you would no longer have any leverage

over me."

Mary's eyes teared up instantly. "Ellis, this is your child too!"

"I **said**, it's not mine!"

Ellis yelled and said furiously, "Is this child that important to you? Why are you so unwilling to have an abortion?!"

Seeing his attitude, Mary knew that anything she said would be useless.

She closed her eyes.

Seeing her like this, the anger in Ellis's heart grew even fiercer. Suddenly, he let go of her and sat down on the sofa, spreading his legs indifferently.

Then, he spoke to her in the most malicious and frivolous tone imaginable. "Actually, even if you're pregnant, you can still satisfy me, can't you?!"

Mary didn't understand at first and looked at him, puzzled.

Ellis sneered. "What are you pretending to be innocent for?! You've entertained so many bosses. I don't believe you haven't done this kind of thing! What? Can't let go in front of me?!"

Mary was an adult and suddenly understood what he meant. Immediately, her face turned as paper!

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Seeing she understood but just stood there staring blankly at him, the irritation in Ellis's heart grew deeper.

He had agreed to marry her, yet she still insisted on giving birth to another man's child...

In her eyes, was he really such a fool?!

He stood up abruptly and strode out. "Since you are unwilling, then let's call off this engagement!"

But as he made it to the door, Mary suddenly grabbed his arm.

Ellis turned back coldly, only to see Mary's teary eyes as she looked at him, "...Okay."

Her eyes were bloodshot, and she bit her lip hard, her hands trembling as she unfastened his belt.....

One hour later.

May and Ellis came downstairs.

Ellis's face was dark, but his body seemed relaxed.

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Mary looked stunned, her eyes slightly red, and the area around her lips felt numb.

Downstairs, their parents had already finished **discussing** their matters and had scheduled the wedding for one week later. Seeing the two of them, Ellis' mother immediately smiled. "Alright, now that everything's settled, we'll leave you alone. I'll personally deliver the betrothal gifts tomorrow!"

Ken also smiled. "The dowry from our family will also be ready; don't worry!"

The two of them exchanged a knowing smile and then turned to look at Mary.

Ellis' mother suddenly paused, then glared at Ellis.

Until they left, Ellis remained silent, bringing great relief to Mary.

Inside the Olsen family car.

Ellis' mother pinched Ellis hard.

Ellis exclaimed in surprise. "Mom, what are you doing?!"

"What am I doing? Mary is pregnant, and I won't allow you to mess around!"

Ellis's face immediately turned **red**, "I, I didn't..."

Ellis' mother stared at him. "You think I don't know what you young people are up **to**?"

Ellis stiffened, and his mother said resentfully, "Control yourself. You can't do that kind of thing in the first month of pregnancy. Don't Mary all the time! Her lips are swollen from all the kissing"

Ellis relaxed.

He thought about the unspeakable things he had just done in the girl's cozy pink room and suddenly said, "Mom, let's repaint my room at home."

His mother nodded. "Okay"

Ellis also thought about the height of that sofa, which was just right for Mary to kneel on the ground....

He swallowed and then said, "And get a new sofa."

Keira had no idea what had happened at the Davis residence.

At the **moment**, she was out having lunch with Lewis.

Upon receiving a message from Mary about getting married in a week, Keira suddenly panicked. She gave Lewis a look and quickly found a secluded place to call Mary.

Meanwhile.

At the entrance of the restaurant, Frankie and Rebecca appeared.

Frankie immediately said, "This restaurant is newly opened and has good taste, so I brought you here to try it out."

Reber a nodded indifferently. This chapter is updated by (F)indN(o)vel.net

The spiritless girl had become so thin that she was nothing but skin and bones. Her eyes were lifeless, and she looked like a walking corpse.

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Seeing Rebecca like this, Frankie couldn't help but sigh.

Ever since Keira passed away, Rebecca had been in this state.

He knew that after being betrayed by a scumbag and a wicked mother-in-law, she had lost all hope in life. Her parents and brother had been on her opposing side before, so she couldn't trust them.

Thus, when she was recuperating in Oceanion, Keira was almost like her light.

Rebecca felt motivated when she saw Keira.

But then... Keira died.

Without her light, she was like a flower that lost the sun, slowly withering **away**.

It had been several days since Rebecca had eaten properly.

Frankie and his parents racked their brains every day to find ways to get her to eat. Frankie, who was crazy about doting on his sister, searched all over Clance for food to entice her.

The two of them entered and sat down as Frankie ordered several signature dishes.

Rebecca responded with a slight nod.

She slowly lifted her head, attempting to look across, then suddenly, she saw a familiar figure!!

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Rebecca's eyes suddenly lit up.

She had spotted Lewis!

It was as if she saw a fellow traveler in the darkness, and her eyes suddenly teared up, "Frankie, why is Mr. Horton here?!"

Frankie **was** also startled and turned his head to see Lewis **as** well.

But the Lewis before them seemed different from the one they used to know.

He was dressed in casual sportswear, appearing several years younger, with a face that bore a gentle expression, completely devoid of the past's decadence.

Did he look like someone who had just lost his wife?

Frankie was puzzled but still explained, "Horton Group's projects have expanded to Clance, and Lewis has been here for over a month now."

Upon hearing this, Rebecca frowned. "Why isn't he in Oceanion to accompany Miss Keira? Shouldn't he be there for the first month of her mourning periods?"

Frankie thought carefully and realized that Rebecca was right...

Seeing how agitated Rebecca was, he couldn't help but say, "That's hard to say. After all, the journey between the two places is only six hours. Maybe he goes back from time to time? This is, after all, someone else's private matter, and it's not right for me to pry."

Rebecca's jaw tensed. "Why does he not look sad at all?"

Frankie coughed and said earnestly, "Rebecca, not everyone shows their pain outwardly. Most men keep their sorrow deep inside, and someone with a strong mentality like Lewis even more **so**."

"Really?"

Rebecca stared intently at Lewis. "But I don't see a trace of sadness on his face!"

“That’s exactly what shows his inner strength. Besides being Keira’s husband, he’s also old Mrs. Horton’s grandson. If he can’t move on, who will take care of old Mrs. Horton? Rebecca, you should do the same. Try to forget **Keira**, okay? It would also worry our parents less.”

At the mention of this, Rebecca’s eyes immediately moistened. “I won’t!”

Her tears streamed down. “The true death of a person isn’t the disappearance of their physical form. but when no one remembers her anymore. Frankie, no one in Oceanion remembers her, and no one **around** will remember her. The only one who could remember her is her **mother**, and she’s nowhere to be found. If I forget her too, then she truly dies!”

Hearing this, **Frankie** fell silent, and after a long pause, he finally said, “Rebecca, I’ll remember her

too.

“I know.

Rebecca wiped her tears. “This past month, though you haven’t said it, you’ve lost ten pounds.

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Frankie, I know, you were a little in love with her, weren’t you?”

Frankie didn’t speak.

Rebecca then said, “So, you just had a crush on her, and you’ve lost ten pounds. But look at Lewis; he hasn’t lost any **weight** at all!”

Had Lewis not lost weight? It was just that Keira had seen his checks becoming hollow and had found a way to help him gain it back over the past week!

Keira was so good at cooking, the food she made was not only nutritious but also delicious.

Lewis had been nourished to look lively and spirited, his smile so composed and confident.

He looked nothing like the disoriented man at the funeral back then.

So, Rebecca could tell at a glance that he wasn’t sad.

Frankie didn’t know what to say...

This was, after all, someone else's private matter, he couldn't just rush up to ask Lewis, "Why haven't you lost weight?" after Rebecca's few words.

He coughed, intending to say something in defense of Lewis, but then he saw the silhouette of a woman, with her back to them, sitting in front of Lewis.

Frankie paused slightly and instinctively glanced at Rebecca.

Indeed, he saw Rebecca with eyes wide open in astonishment, looking at them in disbelief.

Before Frankie could speak, Rebecca was already trembling with anger. "No wonder he came out so quickly. He has found a new love! Frankie, do you see? Miss Keira has been dead for just over a month, and he has already found someone new... it's simply outrageous!"

Frankie was speechless.

His jaw tensed as he tried to soothe her. "Perhaps this is just a facade of his?" The most update novels are published on FindNovel.net

"What facade! Stop making excuses for him! Actions speak louder than words!" Rebecca's eyes brimming with tears as she exclaimed, "Miss Keira was so kind to him while she was alive, and she helped the Horton Group so much! How **could** he do this to her?!"

Rebecca's chest heaved with anger, and her face turned deathly pale. "Look how happy he is laughing! Frankie, he's clearly fallen for someone else!"

"Rebecca!"

Frankie also raised his voice. "This is someone else's freedom, and you shouldn't be accusing him! Even if Keira were still alive, he would still have the freedom to stray!"

"No way!"

Rebecca's tears spilled over. "He can't cheat on her! How heartbroken would Miss Keira be?! I won't allow it!"

Rebecca cried inconsolably. "Frankie, I won't allow him to cheat. Whether he's busy with work or engrossed in other things, he just can't cheat on her, Frankie! How can Miss Keira rest in peace like

this!"

Listening to all this, Frankie suddenly sighed quietly.

He reached out his hand and took hold of Rebecca's. "Rebecca, everyone has to walk their own path in life, and you should learn from him, to move on as soon as possible...

"I won't!" Rebecca shook her head. "I don't want to move on. I **want** to remember Miss Keira. She was so good; she deserves to be remembered by everyone in this world!"

After saying this, Rebecca stood up abruptly. "He can't cheat on her! He doesn't deserve it!" Frankie swiftly stood up as well, following her toward the table where Lewis and Keira were seated. Unfortunately, after only a couple of steps, the two people had finished their meal.

Lewis, having regained Keira, would only notice her. He had already wrapped his arms around her waist, and the two of them, with their backs to Rebecca, left together, heading for the parking lot.

Rebecca hurried after them.

Regrettably, Lewis and Keira were both in a rush, and they walked rapidly. Rebecca was unable to catch up with them.

Breathless, she arrived at the underground parking lot, only to find no sign of them.

Disappointed, she lowered her gaze and bent over, resting her hands on her knees, gasping for breath. Behind her, Frankie came along and steadied her. "You haven't been eating properly these past few days. Stop running! You're going hypoglycemic, aren't you?!"

Rebecca didn't respond, still searching the surroundings.

At that moment, a car up ahead turned on its lights, then the engine started, and it began to slowly drive past them.

Rebecca immediately recognized the person in the driver's seat – it was Lewis!!

She hurriedly took a few steps forward, and then she saw the woman's face seated in the

passenger

seat...

Rebecca was stunned.

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Rebecca couldn't believe the face she was looking at.

She felt as though she had suddenly fallen into a dream.

The familiar face that had haunted her dreams for the past month was so clear that she wondered if her eyes were deceiving her.

She widened her eyes, daring not to blink for fear that the person in front of her would disappear if she did.

It wasn't until the car turned a corner and vanished from sight that Rebecca came back to her senses.

Did you see that? That

She turned her head back toward Frankie hurriedly. "Frankie, did you see that? Did you see Miss Keira. Did I see it wrong?"

She was so excited she was almost in tears.

Frankie was grabbed by her, and he responded with a wry smile, "I saw it..."

Rebecca immediately said, "Frankie, hurry and chase after them! Take me to her!"

Frankie nodded. "Okay"

The two quickly walked to a nearby car, got in, and gave chase.

Meanwhile, Keira was completely unaware that Frankie and Rebecca were following her.

Sitting in the passenger seat, she wore a worried expression, “I still feel something is off with Mary. The video call just now revealed nothing”

Lewis was driving. “Then stop **worrying** needlessly. Their marriage is a good thing for you.”

Keira sighed. “While that might be true, I still want her to be happy”

Lewis remained silent.

Keira was about to speak again when her phone suddenly vibrated.

She glanced down and instantly sat up straighter.

Lewis saw her reaction and asked, “What’s wrong?”

“The second task has arrived.”

Keira stared at the text message.

The message was from an international number, with its origin already erased, untraceable even by hackers. The content was simple.

“Congratulations. You’re about to complete the first task, which is a collaboration between the Davis family and the Olsen family. The second **task** is to achieve collaborations with the other three of the five great families of Clance as soon as possible.

Upon reading this message, Keira was stupefied.

She read the message to Lewis **and** then furrowed her brows. “This doesn’t sound like a task. It’s more like they want me to build a business empire! Everyone knows that in Clance, the five great families

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check and balance each other, and no single enterprise can collaborate with all five at once

Lewis glanced at her. “You seem rather well-informed about the current situation in Clance”

Kela touched her nose. “Did you think I was a housewife last month at the South residence? I’ve already figured out everything about the five great families of the Clance

Apart from the Olsen and the Davis families, there were also the Allen family, the Gill family, and the Freeman family.

Keera Technology Co., Ltd. had already completed collaborations with the Olsen and Davis families; the remaining task was to collaborate with the other three.

As for Frankie's family,

That shouldn't be a problem... right?

After all, it was Rebecca's family.

If all else fails, she could let Lewis pull some strings, or even ask Samuel to help bridge a connection, considering Dr. South's company had previously bought materials from the Allen family!

That part shouldn't be difficult.

She never considered revealing her identity.

"They were too dangerous; the fewer people knew she was Keira, the less danger she faced.

She now lived not only as herself, but more importantly, she needed to save her **mother**, Jodie South.... This chapter is updated by FindNovel.net

What about collaborations with the Gill and Freeman families... How was she going to manage that?!

While Keira was lost in her thoughts, the car arrived at the South residence.

The gates of the South home opened, the car entered the garage, **and** she and Lewis went upstairs.

Keira continued to ponder about the collaborations as she entered the study, turned on the computer, and began reviewing the collaborative **areas** of the Gill and Freeman families to see if there were any projects she could work with.

Lewis, left at the doorway by her abrupt entrance, wasn't upset. He simply brought his computer into the study, sat down on the sofa facing her, and began his work.

However, in the midst of working, Lewis suddenly paused.

He couldn't help but look up

at Keira.

He remembered Keira always struggled terribly during her monthly period and needed to take **iron** supplements.

But somehow, it didn't seem like she had her period this month.

Considering the time....

Indeed, it was that time of the month, but Keira showed no signs of it.

And just last night, they slept together, and she showed no signs of menstruation!

Could such things be delayed?

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Lewis suddenly opened a web page, turned to a search engine, and typed in: What happens when a woman's period is late?

The first line was about menstrual irregularities, saying it was normal for periods to be late.

Lewis looked thoughtful for a moment.

Reading further, he suddenly caught sight of an explanation stating if it was more than ten days overdue, it could be a sign of pregnancy.

Pregnancy..

Lewis shot up from his seat, staring in disbelief at his computer.

This sudden movement startled Keira, who looked up at him and asked, "What's wrong?"

"No, it's nothing" Lewis replied, stammering slightly as he swallowed hard. He glanced at his computer once more, then put it down and walked over to Keira.

Keira refocused on her work.

He stood there quietly next to her, staring at her stomach for a long time.

As the housemaid was mopping outside, she passed by and saw this scene, shaking her head to herself. The mistress had found herself a gigolo who wasn't only talkative and diligent but also quite handsome. The only problem was that he was too clingy!

He was like an aloof cat, always jumping onto the desk or your shoulder, seeking attention.

With these thoughts, the maid continued mopping away into the distance.

Outside the South residence.

Frankie's car was also stopped at the entrance.

Rebecca stared at the villa for a long time.

Just now, she watched Keira and Lewis Horton's car drive in.

So, were they living here?

This small three-story villa was located in the suburbs and looked too small compared to the Horton family manor... It was certainly not a place for the head of the Horton Group to live in...

After a while, she got out of the car and walked up to the front gate, about to knock on the door.

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The nanny, hearing the sound of the doorbell, hurried out and opened the front door, only to find no one there.

She was slightly taken aback but didn't think much of it and went back to the room.

Elsewhere, in the car.

Rebecca looked at Frankie angrily. "Why wouldn't you let me go in to find Miss Keira?"

Frankie touched his forehead and sighed. "I've just had someone investigate and clarify the information about the homeowner."

Given the Allen family's influence in Clance, of course, they could figure out all the information about Keera Technology within such a short time.

Frankie handed his phone **to** Rebecca.

Rebecca immediately started reading.

The list chronicled Keera's life story from her childhood: where she went to kindergarten, primary school, secondary **school**, and college. After graduating, she didn't do much but marry Howard, only to divorce him recently.

The photos ranged from her childhood up to the present day.

Rebecca looked at the face that was the spitting image of Miss Keira and was completely dumbfounded, "How come, except for the mole by the eye, she looks exactly like Miss Keira?"

Frankie clenched his jaw. "I'm guessing they might be twins"

Rebecca nodded. "It must be the case."

Frankie then glanced toward the South residence.

This data couldn't be faked; it was clear that there was a person who resembled Keira in the world. Moreover, the person they just saw didn't have a mole by her eye, and her demeanor was far from Keira's confident appearance.

So, the person inside the villa wasn't Keira but Keera.

He felt a slight disappointment, but turning back, he saw Rebecca with tears all over her face.

He was startled and immediately asked, "Rebecca, what's wrong?"

Rebecca was crying silently, and just as she was about to speak upon hearing his question, she started sobbing, breathing so **hard** in her weeping that one might worry she would stop breathing the next second.

Frankie was taken aback.

His sister was so frail now.

He started patting her back lightly, trying to help her catch her breath while thinking about what made her so upset when he heard Rebecca **suddenly** cry out loud.

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While crying, she said through sobs, "Is she a stand-in? Is she the reason why Lewis isn't sad? Because he **found** a replacement for **Miss Kelta**?" READ LATEST CHAPTERS AT Find novel.net

Frankie was taken aback.

Rebecca resumed

"How could he do this? How can he be worthy of Miss Keira this way? Frankie, I don't need you to like this stand-in. In this world, no one can replace Miss Keira!"

Frankie immediately nodded. "Alright, alright, I won't like her. Rebecca, can you calm down, please?"

"I can't calm down! I can't do it!"

Rebecca covered her head. "Every time I think that in this world, there's someone who looks exactly like Miss Keira, living a life of happiness that should belong to Miss Keira, I just can't calm down! Frankie, how can Lewis do this? How?!"

Frankie, helpless, continued patting her back and after a while, suddenly said, "Keera has always had a timid and weak demeanor, but the things she's been doing recently are somewhat surprising"

Rebecca's crying paused slightly.

Frankie pointed to the content on his phone and looked at her. "Keera Technology recently talked about cooperation with Davis Corporation and Olsen Group regarding new energy. I heard that she personally came forward with a piece of cutting-edge research."

Rebecca was stunned. "Keera didn't specialize in new energy in college; how could she have produced new energy research results herself?"

Frankie nodded. "Right, how could she?"

He pondered for a moment, then said, "I recall that Keira's company was working on new energy, they even bought raw materials from us. Later, I also learned that she was Dr. South, the highly

sought-after research scientist in the new energy field."

After hearing this, Rebecca's eyes lit up slightly. "Frankie, you mean to say...

Was Keera actually Keira?

But...

"How is that possible?" Rebecca looked at the information in her hands. "Keera grew up in Clance, and

it seems like she's never been to Oceanion, and besides... we've verified the DNA of Miss Keira's body

several times...

Her expression grew dim.

Frankie then said, "Let's go home first and talk about it after we figure things **out**."

"Okay."

The two drove back to the Allen residence in Clance.

Rebecca looked dispirited and listless..

Just as she entered the house, she heard someone say that a guest had arrived at the house to see Frankic.

Rebecca paid it no mind.

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She followed Frankie into the living room, and as he proceeded to the parlor, Rebecca was planning to go to her bedroom, which required passing through the parlor.

Hankie entered the parlor while Rebecca was about to leave when she suddenly heard a familiar voice from inside. "Mr. Allen, long time no see!"

That voice.... was it Samuch?!

Rebecca immediately halted and turned around to enter the parlor.

She had long known that Samuel was under Miss Keira's command, saying that he managed Dr. South's company, but in reality, he was helping Miss Keira manage her company.

Why had he come?

Naturally, Samuel had come to discuss cooperation on behalf of Keira!

After Keira received the second task, she contacted Samuel.

Samuel just happened to be on standby in Clance recently, ready to protect her at any moment, so upon receiving the news, he took the opportunity and came here.

He got straight to the point with Frankie. "I'm here for this reason: I wanted to help Keera Technology negotiate a **deal** with Allen Group regarding the purchase of raw materials..."

He pulled out a contract and handed it to Frankie. "The same as with our company before, Keera Technology is now working on new energy and needs these raw materials. Mr. Allen, considering our long-standing cooperation, I thought it best to come.

Upon hearing this, Frankie furrowed his brow and glanced over the contract.

Before he could say anything. Rebecca suddenly rushed in, looking at Samuel, and asked with shining eyes, "Why are you here to negotiate cooperation on behalf of Keera Technology? Is it because. Keera is Miss Keira?"

Her heart racing with uncertainty, she finished her sentence and stared intently at Samuel.

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Why did Keera suddenly have knowledge of new energy?

She even brought out the latest scientific research technology in new energy.

There was only one explanation that made sense!

Rebecca felt **she** had seen the truth...

Feeling Rebecca's intense gaze, Samuel was somewhat at a loss, "Miss Allen, what are you..

Yet Rebecca stepped closer, seizing his hand. "Samuel, tell me, is it true?"

Samuel's mouth twitched, and then he replied, "Of course..

Rebecca's eyes suddenly shone even brighter.

But what she heard next was: "It's not true!"

Rebecca **was** taken aback.

Samuel coughed and began, "Miss Allen, since you've asked, I'll just tell you straight. The boss of Keera Technology, Keera, is actually Keira's twin sister"

Rebecca paused slightly when she heard this.

Samuel sighed. "After my boss passed away, her company should have gone to her direct relatives by rights, but Mrs. Olsen was nowhere to be found, and my boss only had this one sister left..

Rebecca understood. "So, Miss Keira's company is now Keera's company?"

Samuel scratched his head. "Right."

That was the explanation he had thought of for the public.

His own company was about to merge with Keera Technology anyway, and it would make it easier for him to help his boss; this explanation seemed flawless.

Samuel knew that his boss's identity couldn't be revealed now.

Although Keira had never mentioned it, there was an unspoken understanding between them.

Seeing the expression on Rebecca's face, he knew she believed his story. He cleared his throat when he heard Rebecca speak.

"So, you've become Keera's subordinate, **and** Lewis, **Miss** Keira's husband, has also become Keera's man. Have you all started treating Keera as Miss Keira?"

Samuel scratched his head, not understanding why she sounded so sad when she said this but nodded anyway. "What? Lewis has become my boss's man?"

What was this nonsense?

He had no idea about this!

But his words only made Rebecca more devastated. “Your boss? That was what you used to call Miss Keira, **and** now you address Keera in the same way?!”

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Samuel immediately realized his slip of the tongue and quickly added, “Well... I meant my employer! My employer has now become Keera, so... sorry, it just slipped out..“

Rebecca, incredulous, stepped back. “How could you let it ‘slip out“?”

Samuel looked at her, confused.

Rebecca immediately shouted, “How could you let it ‘slip **out**? Samuel, you traitor! Lewis is a traitor. all of you are traitors!!”

She was screaming, with tears streaming down her face.

Then she grabbed Frankie’s arm. “Frankie, cancel all cooperation with them! Kick him out!!”

Samuel was dumbfounded. “Wait, Miss Allen, you...”

Frankie immediately stepped between Samuel and Rebecca, pointing to the door. “Mr. Morgan, from now on, the Allen family will no longer cooperate with your company or Keera Technology. Please **leave**.”

Samuel **was** dumbfounded.

He opened his mouth, wanting to say something, but Rebecca’s piercing scream had already reached him. “Go! Just go!”

She was obviously not herself, and Samuel could only wave his hands quickly. “Hey, okay, I’m leaving. Don’t get excited, alright...”

Samuel left the Allen residence with a dejected expression.

After he had left, Rebecca finally cried out, “Frankie, why? In this world, no one can replace Miss

Keira!TM

Leaving behind only those words, her eyes rolled back, and she fainted.

Frankie immediately picked her up, tense but not panicked because recently, Rebecca had been heartbroken and fainting had become a frequent occurrence.

Carrying Rebecca upstairs, he just happened to run into their parents, who, hearing the commotion downstairs, were hurrying over.

Seeing Rebecca's state, Mrs. Allen was shocked. "What happened?"

Mr. Allen also scolded, "Frankie, weren't you supposed to take your sister out to relax? How is this relaxing?!"

With no other choice, Frankie briefly explained the day's events.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen were stunned, then both let out a sigh in unison.

Mr. Allen, feeling sorry for his daughter, **said**, "Cancel the collaboration. Don't upset Rebecca

anymore."

Frankie nodded. "Okay"

Mrs. Allen had tears in her eyes. "How did things get so messed up? How could Keira have a twin sister? But what Lewis did was really too much. It's not just Rebecca. It makes me uncomfortable too!" Mr. Allen and Frankie exchanged looks, neither man foolish enough to **speak** up for Lewis.

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"Kicked out?"

Keira found the voice on the phone somewhat unbelievable.

Samuel said, "Yeah, I didn't expect it either. You've only been gone for so long, and they have no regard for your reputation!"

Keira pressed her lips together. "Don't talk nonsense. There must be some misunderstanding. Rebecca **isn't** like that."

But Samuel snorted. "I think she's acting a little crazy right now. You haven't seen her when she's unreasonable... New novel chapters are published on FindNovel.net

Keira cut him off, "That's enough."

Immediately, Samuel said, "Alright, I'll stop talking badly about her, okay? But what should we do now? Boss, do you have to collaborate with the Allen family?"

"Yes."

Keira said calmly, "I'll think of another way."

With that, she hung up.

Suddenly, there was an additional voice beside her, "The Allen family won't collaborate? Let me help

with that"

Keira jumped in fright, turning around to realize that at some point, Lewis had moved from the opposite sofa to her side.

He had been there so quietly that she didn't even know how long he had been standing by.

She **furrowed** her brows, hesitantly saying, "Never mind. I'll think of something else."

Because of the Davis family's relationship, Lewis had always had a poor attitude towards the Allen family, considering Mrs. Allen was the daughter of the Davis family. Asking him to mediate probably wouldn't sit well with him.

Just as she was considering this, Lewis said indifferently, "I'll have Tom speak to them. Don't worry. You're overthinking it."

Keira thought about it, then didn't object. "Alright then."

If they could reach an agreement sooner, it would be best.

She was about to continue working when Lewis suddenly held her arm. "Stand up and **walk** around a bit. Sitting too long isn't good for your health."

He glanced at the mobile phone screen displaying tips for pregnant women.

Keira stretched. "Alright."

Then she stood up and immediately felt a warm large hand around her waist. She was startled, turning to see Lewis looking awkward. "Be careful, don't hurt your back."

Keira was perplexed.

She was confused. “What’s wrong with you? Have I got some incurable disease?”

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Lewis immediately said, “No, don’t jinx yourself,” (D))

Keira was perplexed.

She stared at Lewis. Then what’s wrong with me?”

As soon as she said this, she yawned!

Lewis’s eyes lit up again!

Among the early signs of pregnancy, there was another one: drowsiness. He immediately helped Keira to the bedroom. “I’ll handle the Allen family for you. You’re sleepy now, right? Go to bed.”

Keira was perplexed.

Although she felt Lewis was being quite inexplicable, she indeed hadn’t had enough sleep due to this man’s passion in the past few days, so she went into the bedroom.

Lewis gently covered her with the blanket, then stepped out quietly. “Don’t worry. When you wake up. I will have taken care of the Allen family for you.”

Keira didn’t **know** what to say.

After Lewis left, she picked up her phone and saw a message from Samuel. “Boss, isn’t the day for your **iron** transfusion delayed this month?”

Keira replied to the message. “Yes, I caught a cold after falling into the water last time, so my period has been delayed. I haven’t felt it yet. I’ll let you know when I do!

Whenever her period was about to start, she would feel abdominal pain and weakness, which was when it was time for an iron transfusion.

But last time, after falling into the ocean and soaking for a long time, she caught a cold.

A few days ago when her period didn’t come, she was afraid she might be pregnant, so she went to the hospital for a check-up and found out it was just menstrual irregularity.

She couldn’t afford to get pregnant with her current situation.

She **didn’t** yet know what she would be facing in the future...

Thinking about this, Keira tossed her phone aside and closed her eyes.

She slept very comfortably, and when she woke up, it was already dark outside.

Amy was lying next to her, playing with a toy. Seeing her wake up, she immediately trotted over, clinging to the bed and trying to climb up.

Soon after clambering up, she dove straight into Keira’s arms.

Lewis stepped out for a moment and when he gently opened the door, he saw this scene and was startled, quickly **rushing** over to pick up Amy. “Amy, you can’t bother Mommy now!

Amy was perplexed.

Amy immediately pursed her lips, **not** speaking, just looking at Keira with tearful eyes.

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Keira, unable to resist such a pitiful look, immediately said, “I’m awake now, it’s okay. Amy isn’t bothering me. Give her to me

Lewis was very conflicted but ultimately handed Amy to her. He then sat down beside them.

As Keira played with Amy, she suddenly went to tickle her underarms.

Amy laughed out loud, so excited that her little legs kicked and flailed, and the next moment, a large hand reached out, seizing those two chubby legs.

Keira was perplexed.

So was Amy.

Both turned their heads in unison, only to see Lewis staring tensely at Amy's legs and Keira's belly.

Seeing that Amy hadn't kicked Keira's belly, Lewis finally breathed a sigh of relief.

But then his gaze met Keira's inquisitive eyes.

Lewis immediately coughed and averted his eyes.

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Keira raised an eyebrow and played with Amy for a while longer before letting her take her away to sleep, then she turned to Lewis. "You wouldn't happen to think that I'm pregnant, would you?"

Lewis's expression stiffened.

Seeing his reaction, Keira understood and couldn't help but feel a mix of amusement and incredulity. "No, I just had a blood test a few days ago.

"Is that so?"

Lewis showed a hint of disappointment.

Keira moved closer. "Are you disappointed?"

"No."

Lewis denied it quickly.

However, Keira laughed and then took his hand. "I don't want to have children anytime soon."

Lewis nodded. "I know."

That was why he hadn't told Keira **his** suspicion, fearing that if she really was pregnant, she might give it up, **as** now was indeed not the right time.

But if she really had a child, he didn't want to give up just like that.

Now that he was sure there wasn't one, he felt relieved.

As the two of them talked openly, they relaxed a lot.

Keira looked at him. “How are things going with the Allen family?”

At her words, Lewis paused slightly. Follow current novels on FindNovel(.)net

Keira was startled, “What’s wrong?”

Lewis cleared his throat. “The Allen family said they were fine with cooperating with Keera Technology, but they want me to agree to one condition.”

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“What condition?”

Lewis was silent for a while before saying in a puzzled tone, “Frankie said Rebecca wanted to marry

me.”

Keira was perplexed.

She looked at Lewis, puzzled.

After a while, she hesitantly asked, “Does Rebecca like you? I didn’t notice when we were in Oceanion...”

Lewis was also baffled.

The Allen family.

Frankie looked at Rebecca in resignation. “If you don’t like him, why do this?”

Rebecca stared at him. “I have to protect Lewis for Miss Keira and prevent him from finding another stand-in!”

Frankie didn’t know what to say.

The cooperation with the Allen family seemed to be at an impasse.

Samuel tried to mend things a few times but didn’t get through the door.

On Lewis’s side, Tom personally visited the family, and Frankie did let him in out of respect for Lewis. but the condition still hadn’t changed.

Lewis even made a phone call to Frankie.

The two men, both of few words, were silent for a long time after the call connected, until Lewis finally broke the silence. "What's going on?"

Frankie said, "This is my sister's idea. Anyway, you two are both unmarried now, which seems you're both available. Why not just agree?"

Lewis hung up immediately with a cold face.

Keira watched his sullen face and almost laughed. "There must be a misunderstanding. Rebecca's isn't

like that"

Lewis frowned. "Let's hope so."

Keira then frowned. "Forget it, neither of you can handle it, so it seems I have to make a visit personally."

Keira did as she said, immediately having Lewis drive her to the Allen residence.

At the doorstep, Lewis announced his arrival.

Upon hearing it, the butler immediately sent someone running inside, "Mr. Allen, Mr. Horton has come personally!!"

This time, of course, no one dared to stop them, and the butler personally led Lewis and Keira to the drawing **room**, then said, "Mr. Allen and Miss Allen are both at home. I'll get them for you now."

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Upstairs, when Rebecca heard from the butler that Lewis had brought Keira, the seemingly frail

woman suddenly became as revitalized as if she was injected with adrenaline. She was full of fighting spirit.

She immediately changed her clothes and looked at Frankie. "Let's go down!"

Frankie sighed. "That's Mr. Horton. Don't do anything rash

Rebecca clenched her fists. "I won't. I just want to ask Keira if she knows that she's just a replacement!"

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Keira and Lewis were seated in the reception room, surveying their surroundings. "I didn't expect Rebecca's home to have such décor. It's quite cozy.

Lewis frowned, looking displeased. "Don't you feel even a hint of danger?" Google search FindNovel(.)NET

Keira, puzzled, looked at him, "What danger?"

Lewis coughed, then lowered his voice." Rebecca covets a friend's husband so openly. You should keep your distance."

Keira didn't know what to say.

She smiled faintly. "There must be some misunderstanding"

Lewis sighed and said nothing.

Over the years, whether during school or after returning to the country, many women had thrown themselves at him relentlessly, otherwise he wouldn't have mistaken Keira, who came to him with a printout of the marriage certificate, as trying to hit on him.

But he could never have imagined that the obedient girl who always listened to Keira, filled with admiration in her eyes, would also take a fancy to him.

If Rebecca were only Frankie's sister, he certainly wouldn't be **amicable**.

But since Rebecca was also Keira's friend and bestie, with whom she had a good relationship in Oceanion, he couldn't be too harsh.

After all, a bestie's pillow talk could be deadly!

Lewis coughed, and then messed up his neatly arranged hair a bit, and adjusted his sports jacket.

Seeing him like this, Keira asked, "What are you doing?"

"Making myself look uglier."

Keira twitched the corner of her mouth, grabbing his hand. "Stop messing around. No matter what you do, you can't hide your handsome features."

At her words, Lewis indeed stopped his actions, but his ears gradually turned red.

Keira noticed he blushed easily, so she deliberately stared at him.

Sure enough, it wasn't long before he cleared his throat to remind her. "Hold back a bit. Wait until we're home tonight."

Keira laughed.

At that moment, there were sounds from the doorway, and then Frankie walked **in** with Rebecca.

Frankie had lost some weight since their first meeting. As soon as he entered, his gaze fell on Keira's face, a shadow flickering in his eyes.

Lewis immediately stepped forward, blocking his

gaze.

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Frankie looked at Lewis with **a** frown.

Keira didn't notice the subtle actions between the two men, instead, she turned to look at Rebecca, only to see Rebecca lifting her chin slightly, lacking the gentleness and timidity she had shown in Oceanion, her manner now carrying a hint of haughtiness.

As soon as she entered, she stared blatantly at Keira, her eyes filled with hostility.

What was going **on**...?

While Keira was contemplating, Rebecca approached her and extended her hand. "Hello, I'm Rebecca."

As Keira reached out her hand, about to touch hers, Rebecca withdrew her hand, feigning nonchalance as she touched her hair, then stared at Keira, “Keera, right? You really resemble a friend of mine.”

Keira didn’t know what to say.

Rebecca continued to stare at her. “Do you want to know who my friend is? Oddly enough, it’s Mr. Horton’s deceased wife... Did you know about this?”

Confused, Keira nodded.

Seeing this, Rebecca immediately furrowed her brows, her voice becoming somewhat shrill, “You knew?”

Keira nodded again.

Rebecca immediately clenched her fists, then let out a scoff. “You’re happy to be someone’s replacement?”

This time, Keira sensed something was wrong, and before she could speak, Lewis stepped in front of her, giving Rebecca a warning look. “Miss Allen, please mind your manners.”

“Are you defending her already?”

Rebecca’s attitude was harsh. She stepped forward, staring intently at Lewis. “Mr. Horton, since you’re here, it’s time I made some things clear.”

Her eyes were bright as she spoke. “Actually, I fancied you when I met Miss Keira. I just restrained myself because of her presence. Now that she’s gone, how about our families join in marriage?”

Lewis was perplexed.

His expression turned dark as he stared at Rebecca. He then looked back at Keira with a look that said, “See, this is your good friend!”

Keira hadn’t expected Rebecca to say such a thing and immediately said, “Miss Allen, you can’t talk nonsense like that.

But Rebecca looked straight at her. “I’m not talking nonsense. I want him. If you want to cooperate with our family, give him to me, or forget the cooperation!”

With that, she walked out.

Rebecca could leave, but Frankie didn't want to fall out with Lewis. Their families still had to work

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together, so he stayed, looking helplessly at Lewis. "Mr. Horton, you heard what my sister said, right?"

Lewis suppressed the anger and stared at him. "Do you always indulge her like this?"

Frankie shrugged. "There's no helping it. She's the only daughter of my parents, and she's my only sister who has gone through such an ordeal. From now on, she can only be coddled."

Lewis didn't know what to say.

He looked helplessly at Keira.

But Keira stepped forward and addressed Frankie. "Mr. Allen, if the cooperation between our families is so frivolous, then let's call it off. However, Miss Allen doesn't seem quite right. Maybe you should take her to a psychiatrist?"

Frankie was startled.

Ever since Rebecca was brought home, she had become increasingly paranoid.

Her demands were now even more outrageous.

The family had thought it was due to experiencing a failed marriage and Keira's death, so they hadn't thought much about it.

But Keira had spotted the problem at a glance.

Was Rebecca having mental issues?

Frankie pondered for a moment, then nodded. "Thank you for the reminder, Miss South. I'll take her to see a doctor."

Keira turned and left with Lewis.

Frankie watched them leave and noticed that Lewis, when with Keira, still walked half a step behind her, just as he did in Oceanion when with Keira.

That was something that had shocked Frankie before.

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t clearly showed how much Lewis valued Keira.

And now, he was doing the same with Keera.

Recalling the tone and manner in which Keera had just spoken to him... It was very similar to Keira's. quite unlike the submissive Keera they had investigated.

This made him start to doubt again, could it be...

A suspicion suddenly took root in Frankie's heart, and he found it hard to believe his own speculation, so he followed them out.

Just as he stepped outside, he saw Keera and Lewis walking toward the parking lot, about to get into a car when Frankie hurriedly took a few steps forward and called out, "Miss Olsen!"

Keira subconsciously halted a little.

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Keira was currently thinking about Rebecca's situation, so she was somewhat distracted.

When Frankie called out to her, she subconsciously stopped in her tracks.

Luckily, Lewis was quick to react, blocking Frankie's line of sight swiftly, but by the time he had done so, he became acutely aware that the act of concealing itself revealed something.

Lewis cast a glance toward Frankic, and sure enough, he saw deep suspicion in his eyes.

Keira realized that something was amiss and, without turning her head, she went directly to the car.

Lewis sat in the driver's seat, started the car, and as they drove past Frankie, Keira glanced at him.

After the car had left the Allen residence, Keira looked toward Lewis and said, "Do you think he noticed something?"

Lewis said indifferently, "He probably suspects something, but without evidence, he definitely can't accuse you."

Keira frowned, about to speak, but Lewis understood her thoughts. "Don't worry. Frankie is a smart man. Even if he has discovered something, he **won't** make a big fuss about it."

Keira then nodded.

The two of them didn't return to the South residence, but instead went to the Davis family.

Today, Mary was trying on wedding dresses.

As her best friend, Keira went to help her choose.

The car stopped in the parking lot, but Lewis remained seated in the driver's seat. "You go **ahead**. Til wait for you here while I handle some work-related matters."

He didn't want to confront the Davis family again.

Thinking of the last time when Shirley stood before him, unable to recognize her son, Keira understood and nodded.

She got out of the car and entered the Davis residence.

Mary was now the most prized daughter of the Davis family, and naturally, Keira faced no obstruction upon entering, proceeding directly to the banquet hall.

This banquet hall was large, yet now it was filled with wedding dresses, with brand managers standing by their respective stations, waiting for Mary to come and make her pick.

It was as if a **bridal** shop had been moved into their home.

Keira was startled by the scene and looked toward Mary.

Mary also tugged at the corner of her mouth. “Uncle Ken and the Olsen family arranged this. They said **since** I’m pregnant, I shouldn’t overexert myself, so they asked the brands to send over their top wedding dresses...”

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Keira asked, “Isn’t that a bit too extravagant?”

Mary let out a soft sigh.

Extravagant?

It was the power of a prestigious family.

When she was young, while her grandfather was still alive, the children in the family would often buy clothes this way. But after the principal lineage split off, they no longer enjoyed such treatment.

How could Mary’s parents and grandmother, who were accustomed to enjoying such privileges, stand their current cold reception?

That was why they saw her as a key to re-entering a top-tier wealthy family.

She was about to marry Ellis, and her parents’ status within the Davis family had risen, once again enjoying the treatment reserved for the principal lineage.

Yet Mary felt no joy, only a strong sense of helplessness and sadness.

Keira, sensing her lack of enthusiasm, helped her choose among the wedding dresses. “Bride-to-be, how about trying this one? Your neck **is** slender, and I think this dress suits you!”

However, Mary was disinterested. “No need, this one is fine.

She settled on one dress right away, sent the other brand managers home, and then looked at the sales clerk, pointing to Keira. “Help my friend choose a bridesmaid dress.”

Keira was perplexed.

She lowered her voice. “I’m married with a **child**... Isn’t that inappropriate?”

Mary immediately said, “Aren’t you divorced? Divorced means single. Of course, it’s appropriate! Keira, we had an agreement back in the day, that we would be **each** other’s bridesmaids...”

Hearing this, Keira paused for a moment, then nodded. “Okay.”

The sales clerk had the bridesmaid dresses ready, so Keira also casually picked out a white gown. was understated, which wouldn't steal the bride's thunder.

In less than ten minutes, they had chosen the dresses.

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Just as the two were about to leave, Mary's parents rushed over in a hurry, "Is **that** the choice? Isn't that too casual?"

Mary said indifferently, "Anyway, whatever I wear will look the same"

Her mother wanted to say something else, but her father quickly interjected, "Right, our daughter is so beautiful, and all these wedding dresses are signature pieces from big brands; indeed, anything she wears will look good."

After that, Mary's father looked toward the door, "Mr. Ellis was supposed to come today to choose with you, how come he's not here yet?"

Upon hearing this, Keira immediately looked at Mary.

But Mary lowered her gaze, "Well, he just sent me a message, saying he's busy with something and won't come today. Just have the sales clerk match the clothes to his size, and send them to the Olsen

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family."

At these words, her parents exchanged a glance immediately.

Her mother wanted to speak but ultimately remained silent.

Keira walked Mary back to the room, then suddenly asked in a low voice, "Mary, are you happy?"

Mary looked at her, suddenly feeling like crying.

Since her marriage to Ellis was decided, her family had been busy preparing for their wedding, but no one had ever asked her if she was happy.

Everyone thought that she was reaching above her station by marrying Ellis...

Only Keera genuinely cared about her.

But Keera needed her to marry Ellis.

Seeing her like this, Keira immediately said, "Mary, if Ellis can't even make it for such an important day, don't marry him."

Mary quickly grabbed her hand. "What nonsense are you talking about? I agreed to this marriage.

Keira was about to speak when the door was suddenly pushed open, **and** Mary's mother walked in.

As she entered, she saw Keira and immediately said with a smile, "Mary, among the dresses the manager just left, there's one for Keera as a bridesmaid." NEW NOVEL CHAPTERS ARE PUBLISHED ON FindNovel.net

Mary raised her eyebrows at her, remaining silent.

Mary's mother chuckled awkwardly. "Here's the thing, even though your wedding to Mr. Ellis is being arranged hastily, the whole town is watching. The marriage between the Davis and Olsen families is a big event, and the Olsens are planning to have Victoria serve as your bridesmaid..."

Hearing this, Mary nodded. "Sure, the bridesmaid group can have six people anyway... If she wants to

come, then let her."

Her mother hesitated, then glanced at Keira again.

"Just now, your Uncle Ken said he would let his daughter be one of your bridesmaids, and the Allen family will send someone too.... You remember your aunt's daughter Rebecca? She'll also be your bridesmaid. With this lineup, Keera's status seems somewhat insufficient..."

She seemed uneasy and looked at Mary. Seeing that Mary said nothing, she immediately turned to Keira. "Keera, you and Mary have been close friends since childhood, and I know that. So, regarding this matter... Mary is quite troubled..."

Upon hearing this, Keira immediately raised her eyebrows.

Was Mary's mother trying to get her to back off gracefully and bow out?

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Keira snorted coldly. Before she could speak, Mary slammed her glass **onto** the table, producing a loud “bang”:

She looked at **her** mother and said, “Keera **and** I agreed to be each other’s bridesmaids at our weddings, Mom. If you won’t let her be my bridesmaid, fine, then I won’t be a bride either.”

These words startled her mother instantly. “Mary, you... that’s not what I mean... I just think that maybe Keera doesn’t want to do it anymore. After all, in the bridesmaids group, her status is a bit awkward... What if it causes unpleasant emotions later? What do we do?”

She muttered, “I don’t have any other intentions; I’m just thinking of your best interests. Besides, Mary, you think you’re doing Keera a favor, but is it really good for her? You want her to stand alongside the legitimate daughters of the five major families as your bridesmaid. Do you really think she’d be comfortable?”

Upon hearing this, Mary subconsciously looked toward Keira.

Keera had always been timid from a young age. Back then, when she tried to pull Keera into the circle of wealthy families to socialize, she refused because she wasn’t used to it.

Mary understood then that people from different circles shouldn’t be forced to mingle.

There was **no** need for Keera to grovel and curry favor with anyone...

So even though her mother’s words **had** ulterior motives, Mary still started to worry.

The next moment, they heard Keera say indifferently, “Auntie, you’re overthinking it. How could I not be comfortable to be Mary’s bridesmaid?”

That made Mary burst into laughter instantly.

Seeing her so oblivious, Mary's mother also smiled awkwardly. "Well, that's fine then. I'm just worried about you. As long as everything is okay, just remember to bear with it if those legitimate daughters give you a hard time at the wedding. After all, it's Mary's wedding. Let's not have any trouble."

Keira's reply was cheerful and full of laughter, "Okay."

Feeling snubbed, Mary's mother turned and left.

When she was out the door, her husband saw her and asked, "How did it go?"

Mary's mother sneered. "She's got such a commoner's air about her! I bet she just wants to use the role to network with more people! Mary is actually indulging her."

Mary's father frowned. "Isn't she overestimating herself? Being with so many high-status individuals, isn't she afraid she won't be able to hold her own?"

Mary's mother huffed. "I've warned her, but your precious daughter won't listen. She's too protective!" Mary's father sighed, "Well then, let it be. If she wants to go, she can go. Just hope she doesn't make a scene and disgrace us!"

With that, the two of them left, discussing.

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Time soon arrived at the day of Mary and Ellis's wedding.

Keira had stayed the night at the Davis residence, sharing a bed with Mary. They chatted until late before falling asleep. At five in the morning, they were woken up to prepare and do their makeup.

After washing up, Keira went out.

She saw a well-known makeup team enter the Davis residence, and the entire villa came alive at that moment, with servants bustling about.

The guards opened the big gates, and bridesmaids from other families came early.

From the window, she saw Victoria get out of a car, surrounded by household servants, arriving upstairs.

One by one, the bridesmaids continued to arrive.

Keira immediately spotted Rebecca, who was personally sent over by Frankle. Rebecca almost stumbled **as** she stepped out of the car.

Outside.

Mary, already in a long dress, was called by the makeup artists to the neighboring room for her makeup. Before leaving, she said to the head makeup artist, "The others haven't arrived yet, so have your team start doing makeup for my friend Keera first.

"Of course, **Miss** Davis."

With a makeup team, there was certainly more than one artist. Today, they sent over half a dozen. **Six** bridesmaids and one bride—seven people in total. Each person had their own makeup artist, and no one would interrupt another.

Therefore, Mary didn't give it much thought and reminded Keira to remember her makeup appointment before she left with the makeup artist to the next room.

The bride's makeup was, of course, the most important task of the day, which was expected to take two and a half hours.

After they had left, a makeup artist approached Keira. "Miss South, right? Let me do your

"Sure."

Keira followed her to another reception room.

your makeup.

Before long, Victoria also arrived, and upon seeing Keira, she immediately curled her lip in disdain.

The unmarried daughters of the Davis family's main branch had also come, and as they gathered to greet each other, someone glanced at Keira and whispered.

"What is Mary think With our status, we're here to be bridesmaids to elevate her position, and

now she's brought in such a low-status bridesmaid to insult us?"

Victoria put on a fake, scheming smile. "I heard that Miss South and Miss Mary get along very

well...

“Get along? I think she’s just a schemer, she’s got Mary so wrapped up that Mary can’t tell north from: south. Didn’t Mary recently invest in a project because of her? Mary almost got dragged down with it,

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and she still hasn’t seen the light!”

“I truly don’t understand what charm this woman has. What tricks she’s used to have Mary so utterly fooled **that** she’d do something so foolish!”

While they were talking, Rebecca appeared at the doorway.

As soon **as** she appeared, everyone immediately turned to look at her and quickly surrounded her.

“Rebecca, you’re here!”

“How are you feeling?”

“Can you make it through today? If you feel unwell, let us know,”

They all knew that Frankie had a sister complex and that Rebecca was doted on in the Allen family.

The Davis family wasn’t short of daughters, so they treated the daughters quite indifferently.

Although Victoria was a daughter of the Olsen family, her status was naturally lower due to being adopted.

Moreover, with Frankie being unmarried, Rebecca naturally became the center of attention as **soon** as she arrived.

Rebecca had never liked this kind of social interaction, and she still didn’t.

She nodded, intending to find a quiet place to sit by herself, but when she turned her head, she caught sight of a familiar figure and immediately halted.

Then, she cried out, “Keera? What are you doing here?!”

Keira immediately frowned. Follow current novels on FindNovel(.)net

She pursed her lips and sighed softly, looking at her. “Miss Allen...”

Rebecca’s eyes instantly reddened, fixing a deathly stare on Keira.

Why was this woman lingering like a bad spirit?

Was she trying to take all the attention from Miss Keira?

No!

Rebecca absolutely would not allow it!!

The people around her became aware that something was off.

“Miss Allen must feel that being a bridesmaid with her is beneath her status, right?”

“Exactly, some people just don’t recognize their own standing. To think they are fit to be with us...”

“Miss South, I see Miss Allen has some objections to you; perhaps you should leave first?”

As Keira listened to these words, she raised an eyebrow but remained in her seat.

Tina, the legitimate daughter from the Davis family’s first branch, then approached Keira. “Miss South, as **you** can see, no one here welcomes you. Perhaps you should leave first.”

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Keira narrowed her eyes but didn’t move.

Tina frowned and continued, “Are you worried about not knowing how to explain it to Mary? Don’t worry. I’ll just say you had something to do and left first.”

Keira sneered. “But I don’t have anything to do.”

Tina was dumbfounded.

She didn't speak, and several of her female cousins started talking.

"Hey, how can you talk like that?"

"None of us welcome you here, can't you see? You're sticking around shamelessly. You really don't care about your dignity!"

Keira looked up slightly, and she suddenly stood up, then with a forceful kick, she broke a wooden chair next to her, causing a loud crashing sound.

The few cousins immediately retreated, their faces losing color.

Only then did Keira blink and look at them. "Oh dear, I'm sorry. I must have used too much strength by accident. What were you saying just now?"

Just as the Davis family's women were about to speak, Keira **said**, "Didn't you all take two steps back, further away from me, to avoid getting any splinters accidentally?"

The crowd was speechless.

Those people instantly retreated a few more steps.

Tina looked at her. "Miss South, do you dare to commit violence in the Davis residence?"

Keira said, "Isn't that what I did? What do you want to do about it? Call security to kick me out? Miss Davis, today is the marriage alliance between the Davis and Olsen families, and there are lots of journalists outside. You wouldn't want to make a big scene, right?"

Tina was instantly choked up. "You..."

Keira let out a sneer, then pulled another chair over, sat down, and calmly looked into the mirror.

Tina huffed in anger and after a while waved her hand. "Forget it."

The rest of the girls distanced themselves from Keira and sat in another corner of the room.

Victoria looked at Keira and suddenly said, "Let's hurry up with the makeup too, so we don't run out

of time later."

This made Tina's eyes light up, and she shouted at the makeup artist working on Keira. "Hey, come over here and do Miss Olsen's makeup!"

The makeup artist hesitated, "Miss Davis, why don't you let my colleagues help Miss Olsen with her makeup? I've just started on Miss South's makeup.

"What does it matter if you just started? Who's more important, her **or** Miss Olsen? Can't you see?"

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Although Miss Olsen is an adopted daughter, she's currently the only daughter of the Olsen family who's not yet married! She is the Olsen family's pride and joy! Are you looking down on Miss Olsen?" Upon hearing the words "adopted daughter, Victoria's face stiffened.

But Tina, unaware that she had said anything wrong, continued in her usual arrogant manner. "Do you believe that I could get you fired with just one word?"

The makeup artist was **so** anxious she was almost in tears.

Seeing this, Keira gently patted the back of her hand. "Go ahead."

The makeup artist gratefully looked at Keira, packed up her makeup, and went over. This chapter is updated by FindNovel.net

Seeing this, the other makeup artists didn't dare to come forward.

Over half a dozen makeup artists gathered around the other five bridesmaids, doing their makeup.

Keira looked at herself in the mirror, she had only applied a simple lipstick and didn't mind it. However, Rebecca looked at her several times.

She felt their behavior was a bit too much...

After finishing her makeup, Rebecca lowered her eyes and said, "Go and do her makeup."

The makeup artist nodded immediately and went over.

The others looked toward Rebecca at once.

Rebecca clenched her jaw, speaking indifferently, "I just don't want to put my cousin in a difficult position."

If only

one out of the six bridesmaids had no makeup, she would stand out, and it wouldn't look good.

The others exchanged glances and then laughed. "Even if she puts on makeup, it's useless. Later, when the groom's party comes to fetch the bride, we'll walk with the groomsmen. With her kind of status, which groomsman would invite her?"

During the fetching of the bride, everyone was to be taken to the hotel.

The bride would be picked up by the groom, and the bridesmaids by the groomsmen... Of course, if no groomsman invited Keira for a ride, the Davis family would arrange something for her.

But after all, it would look pretty bad.

Keira listened to their conversation and raised her eyebrows slightly.

Indeed, Lewis's status could match that of Ellis's groomsman, but Lewis didn't want to visit the Davis family, nor did he wish to reveal his identity, and he intended to act as Keira's personal bodyguard, so he wasn't her today.

So, if no groomsman wanted to pick her up later, she could just drive over there, right?

What was the big deal?

Time quickly passed, and after the six bridesmaids' makeup was done, another half hour passed before Mary's bridal makeup was ready.

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The six bridesmaids returned to Mary's bridal room, and as soon as Keira entered, she saw Mary giving her a worried look.

She immediately smiled to show that everything was fine, which made Mary breathe a sigh of relief.

The following proceedings proceeded much more smoothly.

Keira found that these well-bred young ladies might not be so decent in private, but in public, they behaved very appropriately and gracefully.

Apart from Rebecca, none of the others bothered her again.

But even Rebecca just glared at her a few times, knowing that it wasn't the right occasion to stir up trouble.

Soon, it was time for the groom to arrive and fetch the bride.

Yet there was no movement outside.

Tina couldn't help but whisper, "Why hasn't he come yet?"

Mary glanced at the clock on the wall, her mind flashing back to yesterday with Ellis at the courthouse...

Going for the marriage certificate a day before the wedding was an arrangement between the two families.

She had arrived at the courthouse early and waited a long time. When the office was about to close, Ellis finally arrived.

Without any explanation, he processed the registration with her, holding their ID cards.

Clutching her freshly minted marriage certificate, Mary felt somewhat bewildered at the time.

She had never dared to hope that she could marry the man she secretly loved...

As she was lost in thought, Ellis suddenly turned to her, his voice tinged with anger and frost, "Mary, now that we have the marriage certificate, you should finally tell me who the father of this child is, right? At least let me know whose cuckold I've been made to wear!"

Mary was taken aback by his words, and after a pause, she earnestly replied, "It's yours."

Ellis scoffed. "And you still deny it now?"

Mary lowered her eyes, "Whether you believe me or not, I'll explain one last time: you were my first, and the only man I've been with. I'm certain the child is yours!"

At that moment, Ellis froze. "What did you say? That night with me was your first time? Didn't you say before... it wasn't your first time?"

It was because of that one statement from Mary that Ellis regarded her as an easy woman.

Mary clenched her fists and smiled bitterly. “You asked me, ‘It’s not your first time, right? What was I supposed to say?’”

Ellis was **stunned**.

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Ellis **was** initially stunned.

But he quickly let out a low laugh.

“Fine, fine! You really are stubborn!”

Right away, Ellis **took** out a medical report and threw it in her face. “Take a good look. I believed your lies and thought that this child might have that one-in-a-million chance of being mine, so I went for another test. The result is nothing but a self-inflicted humiliation!”

Ellis’s eyes were red.

He clenched his fists.

When he was at the Davis family, he felt he had been wronged and took it out on Mary, but afterward, he didn’t feel any relief.

On one hand, he despised himself for bullying a woman.

On the other, he couldn’t help but remember Mary’s words and went to the hospital for another test.

The doctor who had always treated him presented a result this time, which was azoospermia.

The doctor held his report and sighed. "Mr. Ellis, there truly is no medical cure for this condition. You should try to accept it."

Azoospermia...

With oligospermia, there was still a slim chance, but with azoospermia, how could there possibly be a

child?

Ellis, with bloodshot eyes, glared at her. He stepped forward and firmly grasped her shoulders. "You insisted I acknowledge this child, and I did publicly. You wanted to get married, so I married you. You wanted to keep this child, and I'm letting you keep it for now. What I want to know now is who the real father of the child is. You're protecting him so fiercely!"

Mary looked at the report and was also puzzled, not understanding what was going on.

Her silence, however, made Ellis let out a low laugh and let go of her. "Mary, you won't talk, right? Fine, I won't attend the wedding tomorrow. I'll see who you'll marry!!"

He dropped these words and left.

Mary glanced at the time on the wall; it was already the best time to pick up the bride, but there was still no movement outside...

Mary's parents had already run out to check multiple times. Her mother couldn't help but urge her. "Mary, why hasn't Mr. Ellis arrived yet? If he doesn't come soon, you'll miss the best time to leave! Call him and **ask!**"

Mary looked down and stared at her phone.

She obediently dialed Ellis's number, but it only rang twice before being hastily hung up.

Mary couldn't help but bitterly laugh to herself. Ellis really wasn't going to come, was he?

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A wedding without a groom...

After today, she might become the biggest joke in Clance.

Seeing her make the call, her mother went out again while Rebecca and Tina stood by, watching show, Keira **was** beside Mary, asking. "What's going on?"

Mary let out a low laugh. "It's nothing

Keira immediately took out her phone and dialed Ellis's number.

But Ellis's phone still rang only twice before being promptly hung up.

Keira stood up. "I'll go find **him**."

But her arm was grabbed by Mary. "No need to."

Keira turned to look at her, and Mary slowly said, "The time has come. If he doesn't show up, we'll go to the wedding venue by ourselves."

Her words caused an uproar at the scene.

The people guarding her weren't just bridesmaids but also various relatives and **friends** who had come to send her off. Hearing this, they immediately began whispering among themselves.

"What's going on?"

"Is Mr. Ellis backing out? Has he changed his mind about Mary?"

"It can't be that bad, can it? Mary is so beautiful, and even though her family background can't match the first branch of the family, she is, after all, the daughter who has just left the Davis family to start her own. That should count for something, right?"

"No, haven't you **heard**? Ever since they split from the main house, the second branch has been treating Mary as a tool. I heard she often has to accompany clients for **drinks**...

"What? It can't be! The second branch would let their own daughter do such a thing? That's a real drop in status!"

"Once they're split off, they're not the main branch anymore, are they? Life isn't going to be easy from now on, especially since the Davis family has so many descendants, and not every household can be wealthy..

"Do you think the child in her belly might not be Mr. Ellis's?"

"Mr. Ellis isn't stupid. If the child isn't his, would he acknowledge it? But I heard that Mr. Ellis has always been quite reluctant. I heard that at the recognition ceremony at the last

celebration banquet, he was forced by that cunning Ken and had no choice but to acknowledge the child.”

“This is a real-life ‘marriage because of pregnancy’ situation!”

“Speaking of which, Mary really has some skills. After mixing in these circles for so many years, she actually ended up with Mr. Ellis, the ultimate fallback guy.....”

The conversation was getting increasingly unpleasant.

Mary clenched her fingers tightly, her fingernails digging deep into her flesh, seemingly numb to the

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pain...

A feeling of unprecedented humiliation rushed to her heart, causing her eyes to redden uncontrollably.

She realized that her preparations were still not enough.

She knew he wouldn't come today, and she knew she would encounter this situation. She had long told herself not to listen to the nonsense of those around her, but once those words passed through her ears, the hurt lingered in her heart no matter what.

It turned out that ignoring the opinions of those around her and disregarding their words was very difficult...

Within the group of bridesmaids, Tina couldn't help but turn to look at Victoria. “Miss Olsen, what's going on? Your cousin isn't really not coming, is he?”

Victoria frowned and said, “I'm not sure about this, but I did see my brother go **out** for drinks last night... Maybe he drank too much and hasn't gotten up yet?”

Immediately, someone asked, “Today he's supposed to come for the bridal procession early in the morning. Why was he out drinking late at night?”

Victoria seemed to realize that she had said something wrong and quickly waved her hands. “I'm not **too** clear on this... My brother should come. After all, they've already taken the marriage certificate. He can't divorce now, can he?”

The word “**divorce** immediately sparked everyone's interest.

“Could Mr. Ellis be having regrets? He’s not really planning to divorce, is he?”

“To be divorced the day after getting married... the bride is **so** pitiful.

The crowd began to sigh as if Mary had already been divorced.

Keira hurriedly looked at Mary, asking. “Mary, you...

But Mary held her hand. “Keera, I’m fine.”

Though she said she was fine, her voice choked up.

She suddenly stood up and said, “No need to wait any longer. Let’s go to the wedding venue!”

She straightened her spine, picked up her skirt, lifted her chin slightly, and tried to maintain her last shred of pride with this proper demeanor.

Then, she walked out of the room, one step at a time, **and** down the stairs.

Seeing Mary, her father abruptly stood up, rushed in front of her, and scolded, “Did you upset Mr. Ellis? Why hasn’t he come?!”

Mary didn’t speak.

“To face such a disgrace on your wedding day, why did I end up with a daughter like you?!”

He was so angry that he raised his hand as if trying to regain the face he had lost today by hitting Mary!

But just then, a commotion erupted at the door!

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arriving for the wedding procession, stopping

Everyone turned their heads and saw a line of cars at the entrance.

The door of the lead car **was** opened, and Ellis, dressed in a suit, got out with a **dark** expression on his face.

Upon seeing him, Mary blinked in disbelief and screamed inwardly.

She thought he wasn't coming.

Ellis walked up to her, ignoring the people around him.

Mary's father's hand froze midair before he hurriedly lowered it, and then he smiled **ingratiatingly**. "Mr. Ellis, was there a traffic jam on the way?"

He was making an excuse for Ellis.

But Ellis just sneered, saying flatly, "I woke up late."

There was indeed a look of fatigue on his face as if he hadn't slept all night. He seemed somewhat haggard. Anyone with eyes could see his displeasure with the marriage.

Still, he had come after all.

Mary's father laughed awkwardly. "It's not late at all. I'm so glad you could come."

Then, turning his head, he tried to welcome Ellis into the room. "We've prepared tea and..."

"Don't bother. Any further delay and the auspicious hour will pass."

He looked directly at Mary. "Are you coming or not?"

Mary's eyes welled up slightly, and she lowered her head. "I am."

Ellis didn't pick her up but turned around and walked briskly ahead, reaching the car door.

Mary immediately followed, trailing her wedding dress behind her as she got into the car with Ellis. Then, suddenly remembering Keira, she turned back to look for her.

But the car was already surrounded by people, and it was impossible to see the situation around them.

By now, the other groomsmen had stepped forward, beginning to arrange for the bridesmaids' rides.

Most of the young ladies from the Davis family's main branch, Victoria, Rebecca, and the bridesmaids, who had come for the procession had been friends since childhood.

So, they were quickly escorted and got into vehicles.

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It happened that someone had seen Keira, who was unmistakably eye-catching among bridesmaids, but just as that person was about to approach her, he was stopped by Victoria, "Miss South offended Rebecca. It's best you don't poke your nose into this."

Rebecca was the Allen family's precious treasure.

Who, after all, would want to attract unnecessary trouble by challenging someone like Ellis, known

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Therefore, hearing Victoria's words, no other groomsmen dared to come forward.

For a moment, Keira stood there, becoming the center of attention.

Anyone else would have felt extremely awkward.

But she seemed perfectly at ease, not caring in the slightest about the people around her, even glancing into the convoy to see if there was an empty car she could get in.

As she was surveying the surroundings, Rebecca suddenly stood beside her and said, "Miss South, it's quite awkward, isn't it?"

Keira looked at her.

She didn't quite understand how Rebecca had changed so much; in that moment, she even felt estranged from the Rebecca she knew.

Where had the kind, gentle, and slightly timid girl gone?

Keira didn't say anything, and Rebecca continued. "I can spare you this embarrassment. I could have my brother invite you into the car, and I could also agree to a partnership between the Allen family and Keera Technology

She lowered her voice suddenly. "As long as you give up Lewis Horton to me!"

Keira didn't know what to say.

She stared at Rebecca and then firmly declared, "That's impossible.

Rebecca's expression sharpened instantly. "Miss South, have you thought this through? Although Lewis Horton is quite formidable, Clance isn't his home ground. Here, with just one word from me, I can leave you isolated and without support!"

However, Keira just scoffed and said no more.

Seeing her obstinate manner, Rebecca was on the verge of breaking down, and her wrathful gaze fixed on Keira. "Fine, if you want to be like this, then don't blame me for not being polite to you anymore!"

She turned directly to the groomsmen. "You're **not** to invite her, and for today's car fleet, you are not to let her on either!"

This confused the people in the fleet, and someone whispered, "Miss Allen, isn't that a bit much?"

Rebecca's gaze turned icy **as** she immediately looked at the person who had spoken.

Victoria stepped forward. "What's wrong with that?"

The man answered, "It's just that the wedding will be lacking a bridesmaid..."

Tina also laughed. "What's the big deal? Miss South will surely drive herself, or she'll take a taxi over, won't she?"

The man was instantly speechless.

Tina immediately turned fierce. "You all are from the Olsen family, aren't you? How come? Can you disregard what Miss Allen says, and even dare to ignore Miss Victoria?"

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The person in charge dared not speak anymore, and just then, Charles, the Olsen family's second son, who was responsible for his elder brother's wedding today, came over and frowned in question. "What's going on?"

The person in charge explained the situation.

Charles turned to Victoria immediately. "Little sister, are you causing trouble again? Today is Ellis's wedding, so let's not turn it into an ugly scene..."

Victoria sighed. "Charles, it's not me who wants to make it difficult for her, but she had hit our Christina earlier... and she really doesn't get along with our family.

"What?!"

Charles became furious. "She dared to lay hands on Christina?! Can the Olsen family's daughter be subjected to this treatment?!"

Charles had always loved his sisters.

Seeing other families with sisters, especially the Davis family with a bunch of girls, he envied them so! But, unfortunately, his own father and two uncles never managed to have a daughter. They eventually had to adopt two.

Although they were not blood-related, Charles still doted on his two sisters greatly.

Thus, hearing this, he immediately found Keira distinctly displeasing. "Why let such a person in the car? She shouldn't even appear at the wedding!"

Leaving these words, Charles waved his hand. "Alright everyone, get in your cars."

Tina then immediately turned to Victoria. "Miss Olsen, your brothers are really fond of you..."

Hearing that, Victoria smiled faintly, clearly feeling triumphant.

Rebecca turned to glance at Keira.

That face resembled her savior's, and she looked aggrieved. It caused some discomfort at the bottom of Rebecca's heart...

But as soon as Rebecca remembered how Keira had taken everything from Keira, her heart that had just softened hardened again.

Everyone could forget Miss Keira, except Lewis Horton!

Thinking about this, Rebecca turned and got into the car.

After everyone got into the cars and the fleet started moving, it seemed as though nobody noticed Keira...

She, in her bridesmaid dress, stood quietly next to the departing cars.

She watched them with cold eyes and sighed softly.

She **was** in a villa district where even a taxi might not come by for quite a while....

Just as she was wondering how she would get to the wedding, a car suddenly stopped beside her...

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Keira was slightly startled.

Then the car door opened, and Frankie was sitting in the back seat, staring at her. "Miss South...do you need a ride?".

Frankie was Mary's cousin, and since Rebecca was here today to be a bridesmaid, he would certainly be present.

Now everyone was heading to the hotel where the wedding would be held.

As a member of the bride's family, he was also going to partake in the wedding feast.

That's why the Davis family's car was following behind; at this moment, Frankie was scrutinizing Keira, his eyes full of probing

Keira looked around.

The procession of cars was long, and by the time they reached the hotel, if Mary didn't see her, she might start fretting. Keira decided not to stand on ceremony and got straight into the car. "Thank you."

The procession started moving, and Keira took out her phone and indeed saw a message from "Have you gotten in the car?"

Mary

It seemed that when she didn't reply, Mary sent another five messages and even made a voice call.

Keim replied immediately. "I'm in the car, don't worry"

After putting away her phone, she noticed Frankie's gaze, so she turned her head and asked, "Mr. Allen, is there something you want to ask?"

Behind his gold-rimmed glasses, Frankie's gaze was fixed on her as if trying to spot some flaw in her, yet he couldn't seem to find any.

He asked directly, "The information about Miss South shows that you are quite mild-mannered."

Keira smiled. "Yes, I used to be quite gentle, thinking it was good for a woman to support her husband and educate her children, but didn't my ex-husband teach me how to be a different

She said this with a self-deprecating smile.

person?"

Preconceived notions were truly harmful. Who could have imagined that a woman as delicate and fragile as her sister could also have her own strength deep down?

How could someone capable of giving up the only hope of survival to her sister amidst life and death in the sea be truly weak and incompetent?

Thinking about this, Keira's eyes showed a trace of sorrow.

Her appearance, however, made Frankie even more puzzled as he sized up Keira.

Had she really undergone a vast change in her marriage, and now she had become so composed?

That could indeed be possible...

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Frankie thought he might be overthinking things.

After all, Kelta's body had been found in Oceanion, and besides, the person in front of him didn't have a mole at the corner of her eye.

He was silent for a long while before speaking again. "Lewis is with you because you look exactly like his deceased wife. Are you aware of this, Miss South?"

Keira paused, then suddenly lowered her gaze. "When my ex-husband heard about Mrs. Horton's funeral, he took me there and discovered that I looked just like Mrs. Horton... and then my ex-husband..."

She seemed almost too embarrassed to say it. "My ex-husband gave me away to Mr. Horton... I didn't understand what was happening at that time. It was only later that I understood:

Frankie was taken aback. "Just like that?"

Keira looked at him and seemed puzzled. "What do you mean?"

Frankie **said**, "It seems to me that Lewis treats you in a special way.

Keira continued with a self-deprecating laugh. "I'm just a substitute. He probably can't get over his wife's death, so he tries to find a sense of presence in me."

Frankie suddenly realized something.

At Keira's funeral, Lewis had refused to acknowledge that the body was Keira's, despite all the DNA

evidence....

At that time, everyone said Mr. Horton had gone mad.

Frankie had visited him, and in just a few days, Lewis had tormented himself to an extreme state.

Thinking of it now, he must have stubbornly seen Keira as Keira.

Only in this way, he could feel a bit better, right?

That was nothing but self-deception.

Once Frankie had worked out this **logic**, he understood what was going on and fell silent.

However, Keira wouldn't pass up this opportunity. She turned to Frankie and suddenly smiled. "Mr. Allen, about the cooperation between our two families, are you really not going to consider it again?"

Frankie frowned. "It's just a bit of raw material. I don't want to upset my little sister.

No sooner had he spoken than a cell phone appeared in front of him.

Keira had already opened a cooperation document and handed it to him. "What if we are willing to collaborate with you **and** jointly develop a new project?"

Frankie was stunned.

He looked at Keira's phone and, upon seeing the content of the project, his eyes immediately lit up.

Keira said, "As I understand it, although the Allen family is one of the five major families, it has fallen behind the other four. If you don't catch up, the Allen family might really decline. Aren't you worried, Mr. Allen?"

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Frankie clenched his jaw.

It was precisely because the Allen family had fallen behind that they chose to cooperate with the Horton family in Oceanion that year, aiming to rise to a higher level.

After the cooperation, their status indeed improved, but it still wasn't enough.

The project Keira was **now** offering was far too tempting.

The core technology of their company certainly needed to be updated, but there weren't enough technical staff. The latest technologies from Dr. South were all in Samuel's company, which now belonged to Keira...

Seeing that he was silent, Keira took back the phone, "Mr. Allen, please consider it carefully THIS CHAPTER IS UPDATE BY FindNOVEL(.)net

Frankie then fell into silence.

While his sister was important, how could such a prominent family give up such a significant benefit for one relationship?

If it had been just a minor matter before, he definitely would have complied with his sister's wishes, but **now...**

Frankie's fingers traced the backrest of the seat behind him as he pondered with downcast eyes.

It took only half an hour to drive from the Davis family to the hotel.

Once the motorcade stopped, Keira looked at Frankie. "Mr. Allen, if you change your mind, you can come and find me anytime."

Leaving these words behind, she opened the door and stepped out.

She then quickly walked toward the bride's car and, sure enough, Mary had gotten out and was waiting for her. Only when she saw Keira did she breathe a sigh of relief.

After that, everyone went into the hotel's rest area to wait for the wedding ceremony.

Among the bridesmaids, Rebecca saw Keira and was momentarily taken aback. Right away, she furrowed her brows and asked displeased, "Whose car did you come in?"

Victoria also chimed in. "Yeah, what's going on?"

Someone whispered nearby, "I think I just saw her getting out of Mr. Allen's car."

Rebecca was still a bit confused, "Which Mr. Allen?"

The person immediately pointed toward Frankie who had just gotten out of the **car**, "Your brother,

duh!"

Rebecca was dumbfounded.

Her face turned dark in an instant, and she left them with, "You guys go ahead, I'll come later."

Then she stormed off toward Frankie. With eyes red with anger, she glared at him. "Frankie, how could you bring Keera here?! Don't you know that I really hate her?!"

Frankie felt somewhat helpless upon hearing this...

Seeing his sister's state, he knew he had to give an explanation.

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After a long silence, he finally said, "I suspect that Keera is Keira."

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Rebecca was stunned by these words.

She looked at Frankie incredulously and took a step forward to grab **his** hand. “And then what?”

Frankie rubbed his forehead. “In the car, I tested her a bit. It could be her, but It’s hard to say

Rebecca let go of his hand. “So, is it her or not?”

“I don’t know.”

Rebecca’s eyes reddened slightly. “Frankie, do you also think she looks a lot like Miss Keira, which is why you’re getting fond of her? You can’t help her anymore! She’s not Miss Keira!”

Frankie said helplessly. “I know, I know.”

“You don’t know!”

Rebecca released his hand, and her eyes turned fully red. “All of you are attracted to her because she resembles Miss Keira, and that’s an obscenity and injustice to Miss Keira! She’s not her! Frankie, I won’t allow you to look at her again!”

Rebecca was emotionally agitated.

Seeing this, Frankie immediately took a step forward and gently patted her back, sighing silently.

He then remembered what the doctor had said yesterday. “Miss Allen definitely has severe depression, which makes her emotions very unstable. She needs constant care for her moods, **and** remember not to agitate her further.”

Thinking of this, Frankie sighed. "Okay, I won't look at her or help her **anymore**, okay?"

Rebecca was finally pacified.

The two entered the wedding venue, and Frankie personally took her to the backstage resting area. Rebecca kept an eye on Frankie, and seeing that he indeed didn't spare a glance at Keira, she was finally satisfied.

She went through the door and sat down on the couch.

Tina and Victoria were sitting there; when they saw her, they gathered around.

"Rebecca, did you find out why? Why would Frankie help her? Is it possible he's taken a liking to her?"

Rebecca replied immediately, "Frankie just thinks there shouldn't be any trouble at the wedding. Don't overthink it."

"That's good.

Someone else said, "This Keera does look as pretty as Mary; no wonder the two of them often huddle together. With just those two faces, there's nothing they can't do, right?"

"Please, Mary is alright. But that Keera, she has the face of a seductress. Just now when she was standing with the Davis family, several people looked at her with sympathy."

Those words instantly changed Rebecca's expression. "You're the one with the seductress face! How

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talk like that? Her face is perfect, and I won't allow you to speak of her like that!"

Miss Keira also had that face; if they were insulting Keera's face, wouldn't they be insulting Miss

Keim?

The faces of the few people around immediately stiffened.

Rebecca looked at them with disgust. “No personal attacks against Keera are allowed, especially not about her face!”

The others looked at each other, offered an awkward smile, and stepped away.

As they walked away, they muttered under their breath.

“Does Rebecca have mental issues? I was helping her insult someone, and she turned on me?”

“Don’t mind her. I think her mental state **isn’t** right.”

But Rebecca paid no attention to them and just gazed blankly at Keera.

At that moment, Keera was accompanying Mary. They weren’t paying attention to what people here were saying and were whispering to each other. Keera’s profile was distinct, with long eyelashes over her eyes, just like Miss Keira’s.

God knew what was said, but Keera smiled slightly, her lips curling at the corners, which made Rebecca’s own lips involuntarily rise.

But then, Rebecca abruptly snapped back to reality.

“Slap!”

She gave herself a harsh slap!

She wished she could slap herself a few more times; how could she have just seen the shadow of Miss Keira in Keera?

No!

Absolutely not!

In this world, no one could replace Miss Keira!

Rebecca stood up with red-rimmed eyes.

Her behavior left everyone around her stunned.

Tina was even more puzzled and asked, “Miss Allen, what’s wrong with you?”

Rebecca replied with a dark face, “It’s nothing.”

She had almost done the same as Lewis Horton, finding a substitute!

She immediately turned her head away, no longer looking at Keira.

At that moment, someone entered the hall. The master of ceremonies came in to synchronize the process. He held a ring in his hand. "Excuse me, ladies, during the wedding ceremony later, we'll need a bridesmaid and a best man on stage to deliver the ring to the bride. Who have we selected for this? I need to go over the process with the bridesmaid..."

As soon as these words were said, everyone fell silent and turned their gaze toward Mary.

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This opportunity would suit any of the bridesmaids present.

Rebecca **was** the cousin.

Victoria was the cousin of the groom.

The girls from the Davis family were all cousins of Mary....

Everyone thought Mary would definitely choose from among them, but to their surprise, Mary said, "I've already thought about it. Let Keem do it

On her wedding day, even though this was a wedding without blessings, she still wanted her best friend by her side.

Moreover, Mary didn't know what that task Keera spoke of was all about.

In any case, if she was the one to deliver the ring, she could surely complete the task better, right?

But as soon as Mary said this, the faces of the other bridesmaids turned strange.

Victoria and the women from the Davis family all sneered, but only Rebecca cried out vehemently. "Why does she deserve it?!"

Mary looked at her, puzzled. "What do you mean?"

Rebecca retorted with a **cold** laugh. "Why does she get to be on stage to deliver the ring to you? I won't allow it!"

She definitely wouldn't allow this **person**, who bore the face of Miss Keim, to be the center of attention. If she allowed her to do so, wouldn't she be able to do as she pleases in Clance in the future?

Mary frowned. "Rebecca, this is my wedding. I'll decide who I choose."

Rebecca **was** unreasonably obstinate. "I simply do not agree, and I believe that Ellis wouldn't agree either. If you don't believe me, go get him!"

Back then in Oceanion, Ellis and Keira eventually made peace with each other.

Ellis had repeatedly expressed his genuine admiration for Keira's extraordinary horsemanship.

Therefore, Rebecca **was** certain that Ellis wouldn't agree.

Mary scoffed. "Rebecca, as I said, this is my wedding, and I'll choose my bridesmaids. I don't need anyone's consent!"

The two were at **an** impasse.

The master of ceremonies stepped out and immediately called Ellis over.

As soon **as** Ellis entered, he **said** impatiently, "What are you arguing about?"

Rebecca immediately pointed at Keira and said, "Ellis, take a good look **at** Mary's best friend! Mary is actually saying to let her go on stage and deliver the ring to you!"

Rebecca didn't know how else to put it, she just spitefully exclaimed, "She doesn't deserve it! Ellis, she doesn't deserve it!"

"Why doesn't she deserve it?!" Mary pressed on demandingly.

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Why?

Of course, it was because she didn't deserve to look like Miss Keira!

But Rebecca couldn't bring herself to say that. She struggled for a while, then suddenly looked at Victoria and Tina by her side, remembering the words they had said...

Although Rebecca felt that what they said was wrong, still, without thinking, she blurted out, "Because her status doesn't match! The marriage of the five major families is a serious affair, and the bridesmaid who goes on stage must also come from one of those families. How can you let someone. of her humble origins step on stage?!"

She knew what she said was not right; Miss Keira often talked about everyone being equal, and she never judged people by their status.

However, at **that** moment, Rebecca spoke without restraint.

Hastily, she affirmed her own statement. "Ellis, am I right?!"

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Keira looked at Rebecca in shock.

She couldn't imagine how that reserved girl from Oceanion could have transformed into the **person** she was now....

Sharp, spiteful...

She quietly sighed.

Mary also frowned, “Rebecca, do you think you’re somehow better than everyone else? Let me tell you, I want Keira to be my bridesmaid on stage!”

Rebecca ignored her, still staring at Ellis. “Ellis, say something!

Ellis sneered. “Rebecca, what do you want me to say? About how you could have turned out like this? I can very responsibly tell you that among everyone present today, Keera is the most suitable person. by status!”

Keera was his own cousin!

Among the five major families, the Olsen family ranked second; the wealthy ones here were a inferior to the Olsen family.

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According to this ranking, Keera was indeed the one with the highest status among everyone at the

event!

However, without his third uncle’s consent, he still had no way to formally acknowledge his cousin.

As for Uncle Olsen...

Ellis lowered his gaze. He had lost contact with that man!

Just half a month ago, his third uncle sent him a message that he was going to an island in search of something and then there was nothing after that. The wedding was arranged so hastily that his uncle probably didn’t even know Ellis was getting married.

Everything regarding acknowledging Keera as a family member would have to wait until the return of

Uncle Olsen.

Ellis thought of this, then saw the astounded look on Rebecca’s face. After a long while, she shouted, “You say she’s the most suitable? Is it because she looks like Keira? I know you like Keira and admire her horse–riding skills, but Ellis, she’s not Keira! She’s Keera!!”

Ellis thought Rebecca was being utterly ridiculous.

So, he told someone nearby, “Please bring Mr. Allen over here. I think his sister isn’t in good health, so it’s best to take her home **now**.”

“Yes.”

That person immediately went to fetch someone from the wedding venue.

Soon, Frankie hurried over. As he entered, upon hearing Ellis’s words, he sighed and looked at

Rebecca. “Rebecca, you seem tired. Why don’t we go home? There’s not much left for today’s wedding

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anyway.”

At that moment, Rebecca felt like crying bitterly.

Why?

Did everyone who knew Keira favor Keera now?

Did they truly consider Keera **as** Keira?

How could they... How could that be right?

Her eyes became red, and she wobbled as if about to fall. Just then, Frankie stepped forward and caught her in his arms, then turned to the others and said, “Sorry, but we must leave now.”

Frankie held Rebecca and quickly called their father, asking him to take her home.

Mrs. Allen, being a Davis family’s daughter, needed to stay and help with hosting the guests.

Frankie should stay too.

Once Rebecca was in the car, she looked at Frankle, her eyes red from crying. “Frankie, everyone has betrayed Miss Keira. We can’t be like them. Promise me you won’t be nice to her, okay?”

Frankie looked at his obsessive sister and patted the back of her hand. “Alright”

The meaning behind Ellis’s words wasn’t understood by anyone here.

Why was Keira said to be the most suitable by status?

Was it because she was Mary's best friend?

Unable to figure it out, everyone chose not to dwell on it.

The wedding began. Everyone entered the venue in an orderly manner as directed by the master of ceremonies.

Keira personally went on stage and gave Mary the ring. At that moment, gazing at the blissful Mary, she thought of her sister's diary.

Her sister had always wanted Mary to have a happy life.

Seeing this scene, she certainly would have been happy, right?

Keira lowered her eyes, suppressing the tears, and then finally stepped off the stage.

Mary saw her subtle gesture and felt a myriad of **emotions**.

The wedding proceeded swiftly, but throughout the event, Ellis's expression stayed grim, **and** he hardly **said** a word. Even when the master of ceremonies asked if he was willing to take Mary as his wife, Ellis was silent for a long time, and just when everyone thought he was going to change his mind, he finally squeezed out the words.

"Yes.

Anyway, after some unsettling moments, the ceremony was completed, and then the buffet began.

Because Mary was pregnant, the toast ceremony was omitted. Everyone gathered, chatting and

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laughing, marking the end of the wedding.

Keira picked up a plate and got some food before walking to the balcony nearby, admiring the view of the whole Clance.

This banquet hall belonged to the Olsen family.

Perched on the 48th floor of a tall building, one could see the thriving beauty of Clance from here.

While she was eating. Frankie suddenly appeared beside her. "Miss South..."

Keira smiled and looked at him. "Mr. Allen, have you made a decision?"

Frankie remained silent for a long time. "We could secretly form a partnership without letting Rebecca know. We don't **want** her to find out."

Keira immediately raised an eyebrow and lifted her champagne toward him. "No problem." The source of this content is Find_Novel.net

The potential of her project was too tempting, and the prospects were very promising. Frankie wouldn't be a qualified family head if he didn't partner up with her.

Keira wasn't surprised by his agreement.

After the two toasted, Frankie turned to leave but suddenly stiffened.

Following his gaze, Keira turned and realized that Rebecca had returned and was standing behind

them.

Rebecca had come back only because she forgot her bag, and she followed her brother when she saw him approaching Keira, never expecting to overhear **such** a conversation!

Her eyes widened in disbelief as she looked at Frankie.

What did her brother just say?!

To collaborate with Keira...but to keep it a secret from his sister.

Had her brother too been bewitched by Keira?!

At that moment, Rebecca felt a chill through her body as if the entire world had betrayed Miss Keira...

Her eyes reddened as she stared fixedly at Frankie and "Keira".

Panicking, Frankie stammered. "Rebecca, listen to me. It's not what you think. Miss Keira's project that could lead **our** company.

“I won’t listen to you!” Rebecca screamed hysterically, covering her ears and shaking her head. vigorously.

Then she suddenly turned and ran out of the room.

Frankie quickly chased after her.

Keira wanted to follow but stopped herself, knowing that her presence might make Rebecca feel even

worse.

She sighed quietly to herself and continued eating while looking at the scenery outside the window.

However, five minutes later, there was chaos in the banquet **hall**. Keira thought something might have happened to Mary, but she heard people nearby saying, “It’s true. I just saw it with my own eyes.

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Rebecca ran to the rooftop! She’s going to jump!”

Jumping off the building

Keira’s pupils shrank, and she immediately put down her plate and rushed with the crowd toward the

stairs!!

The safety door to the rooftop had somehow been opened; Keira hadn’t even gotten there when she heard the murmurs of the crowd.

“The Allen family is not allowing anyone to get close, to avoid aggravating Rebecca...”

“What happened? Why does she suddenly want to jump off the building?”

“From their conversation, it seems like Frankie is interested in Keera. Rebecca and Keera have a bit of a feud... Like just now during the bridal procession...”

“Wasn’t Frankie supposed to be a brother who dotes on his sister like crazy?”

Keira herself **was** bewildered.

She didn’t understand why Rebecca hated her so much.

But the next moment, she heard something.

“No, no, I know what happened. I just overheard their conversation. It seems like Rebecca thinks Keera looks a lot like someone she’s grateful to, and she thinks Mr. Allen has transferred his affections, and that Miss Keira has been forgotten by everyone, so she couldn’t handle it...”

Hearing this, Keira suddenly understood. 1

Her eyes widened in shock.

She suddenly connected all of Rebecca’s actions...

Rebecca had never betrayed her, she hadn’t fallen for Lewis either. The reason she fought for Lewis was because she thought Lewis had found a replacement....

Her opposition to Keira, even refusing to let Frankie work with her, was because she felt it was a disservice to Keira...

Tears instantly welled up in Keira’s eyes.

She pushed through the crowd, determined to clarify everything with Rebecca!

This foolish girl!

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