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That night. Theodore returned home again.

Seeing the empty villa with no one at home and realizing that Rebecca wasn't living there anymore, his anger boiled over

Theodore couldn't hold back any longer and took out his phone to call her,

In the neighboring villa, Rebecca's phone rang, but when she saw it was Theodore, she didn't answer. She stared at the phone until it automatically hung up.

Over at Edwards Villa, Theodore saw she hadn't answered and frowned deeply before calling her again.

Rebecca, feeling annoyed by the ringtone, hung up immediately.

Theodore quickly understood that she was deliberately ignoring him and didn't want to answer his call.

Immediately after, he threw his phone down with a loud thud.

Theodore grumbled inwardly, 'This is absurd! I really don't understand Rebecca anymore. Does she honestly believe she can have a good life without me? She's overestimating herself!

Half an hour later, Wyatt rushed over in a hurry.

He asked worriedly, "What happened, Theodore?"

Theodore took a deep breath and asked, "How's the investigation I asked you to do?"

After a brief silence, Wyatt responded, "If you're asking about Debra and her husband, I've almost got everything. I can send you the information now.

"If it's about the call someone made to Mrs. Melissa Edwards on the day you and Rebecca divorced.

"I had it looked into. Someone did call Mrs. Melissa Edwards that day, but the caller used an anonymous account from abroad, making it hard to trace."

After saying that, he couldn't help but ask, "Theodore, do you really not like Rebecca at all?"

Theodore felt irritated by the question.

Wyatt shook his head. "Forget it. It's your business anyway. I'll stay out of it. But before you make any decisions, think it through. Once you go down this path, there's no turning back. Even if the wounds heal, the scars will remain."

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Theodore gave him a dissatisfied look. "What do you mean?"

Wyatt looked at Theodore and seriously said, "I just don't want you to regret it later."

The next moment, Theodore commanded, "Send me that woman's information now."

Wyatt nodded, took out his phone, and, after a few quick taps, sent the files.

"Oh, and check on that Charlie for me too," Theodore added suddenly.

Wyatt paused briefly before agreeing, "Sure."

Theodore soon sat at his desk at his study and meticulously went through the information Wyatt had just sent, which was about the woman who was always around Rebecca.

However, as soon as Theodore clicked open the file, his expression turned grim.

He wondered irritably, 'What kind of rubbish information is this? Just a last name and a background? She's from Hivalis? That's it? Where's the rest?'

Three minutes later, Wyatt returned. He stood straight in front of Theodore like a well-behaved child while holding a document, which was his resignation letter.

Theodore looked at the resignation letter Wyatt handed over, his face darkening. "What do you mean by this?"

Wyatt was silent for a moment before saying, "Theodore, I've been working with you since I graduated. You've given me the highest salary in the industry, and I'm very grateful for that. But after thinking it over for a long time, I feel we might not be suitable as superior and subordinate.

"Besides, I've saved some money over the years, and I want to venture out," he added.

Theodore's fierce demeanor seemed to soften a lot at this moment. He looked at his friend and subordinate with a complex expression. "You want to start your own company?"

Wyatt nodded. "Yes."

"What do you plan to do?" Theodore asked.

Wyatt then went quiet for a moment.

Theodore said in a firm voice, "If you need any help, you can always come to me. I'll help with whatever I can."

Wyatt smiled and nodded. "Sure!"

He then looked at Theodore and reminded him one last time, "Theodore, we've been friends for many years. I just

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want to ask. Do you really not have feelings for Rebecca?

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"We've known each other for over a decade. Rebecca is the first and only person I've seen who can affect your emotions."

With that, Wyatt hesitated for a moment before finally turning and leaving.

Afterward, the spacious villa was left with only Theodore, all by himself

The following day, Wyatt still went to the office.

Although he had submitted his resignation, he planned to finish the month and leave at the end of it.

Theodore also spent three days thinking. Three days later, he called Wyatt over.

Wyatt looked at Theodore.

Theodore asked angrily, "Do I have to tolerate her cheating on me just because I like her?"

Wyatt was a bit taken aback. He hadn't expected that Theodore would genuinely reflect on the matter.

Wyatt explained, "This isn't about cheating. Liking someone means getting to know her, cherishing her, not dominating and bullying her. Liking someone should be a joyful thing, not painful."

Theodore sneered, "How can I be happy when she cheats on me?"

Wyatt was silent for a moment before replying, "I can't comment much on this matter, but one thing I believe is that Rebecca is someone worth trusting."

"I didn't know you and Rebecca had such a good relationship that she's worth your trust!" Theodore mocked.

Wyatt was rendered utterly speechless by him.

At that instant, the office atmosphere became very quiet. After a brief pause, Wyatt spoke up. "If there's nothing else, I'll get going now. The workday is over."

Theodore called out, "Hold on."

Wyatt then turned around.

Feeling a bit awkward, Theodore took out a cigarette and handed it to him, saying, "Anyway... Thank you for telling me all this."

Wyatt smiled and said, "A simple thank you isn't enough. Why don't you buy me a drink next time?"

Theodore nodded. "Sure."

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Charlie's entertainment business was now officially registered.

The first thing he did after establishing the company was to spend a lot of money to poach a top-tier agent then had the agent train Rebecca.

Charlie figured that if she wanted to become a top actress, having resources alone was not enough. More importantly, she needed to become skilled.

Rebecca was very grateful for this arrangement as she was eager to learn.

She wanted to be better than Janet, not for any other reason, but just to prove herself.

Back then, Janet had tampered with Rebecca's university application. When it came to light, Rebecca's parents said that even if she had applied to the film school, she wasn't cut out for acting. They said she never become famous and that the major wasn't suitable for her. Eventually, the matter was dropped,

Later, after Janet finished her SAT, she deliberately applied to film school just to provoke Rebecca.

Rebecca's foster parents claimed that Janet had more talent for this industry and scolded Rebecca no jealous of her sister.

However, Rebecca never felt she was inferior to Janet. She believed that if given the opportunity to learn could do better than Janet.

Now, Rebecca wanted to prove herself through her own efforts. She wanted everyone to see that she could

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Rebecca understood that learning was tiring, but every time she took a break and remembered her supportive family, all her tiredness seemed insignificant.

Time passed day by day, with Rebecca training every day. She would only take a break when the children cried or fussed, taking them from the nanny or Debra to feed and soothe them.

Charlie stayed with Rebecca every day at first, but later, he took up a job and had to go out for filming.

But before Charlie left, he specifically asked Rebecca's agent to take good care of her.

His intention was for his sister to learn just enough to get by.

However, Rebecca didn't want to be half-hearted. Having lived through tough times, she understood how precious days with her family's support were. Rebecca knew the resources her family provided were one-of-a-kind and didn't want to waste them or let her family down.

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proactively asked her agent to be strict with her. Rebecca wasn't afraid of hardship or exhaustion. She just

wanted to do her best.

Rebecca's agent, Lynn Fox, was in her forties and had previously managed an award-winning actress, a top actor, and two well-known young actresses. Lynn was a renowned top agent in the entertainment industry.

Given Lynn's status, she typically wouldn't take on new talents, especially not someone like Rebecca with no acting background.

The only reason she agreed to be Rebecca's agent at the L&K Group was because she owed Charlie a favor. Lynn was willing to manage Rebecca solely to repay that favor.

Lynn initially planned to just look after Rebecca casually for a few years and call the task done.

However, after spending a few days training with Rebecca, Lynn changed her mind.

She could tell that Rebecca was genuinely gifted, as she could pick up most things after just a bit of guidance. Lynn had worked with many artists, but ones with such natural talent were rare.

Most importantly, Rebecca's attitude impressed Lynn. Her proactive request for strict training and her willingness to endure hardships made Lynn more optimistic about her potential.

A month passed quickly. The Carter family's jewelry store in Maeloria was renovated and ready to open. Rebecca's father couldn't wait for her to visit the store.

He was concerned that Rebecca might not know how to arrange things when opening a store in the future, so he strongly insisted she pause her training and learn how to manage everything.

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Rebecca couldn't refuse her father, so she politely asked Lynn for a day off.

Lynn readily agreed without any objections, understanding that everyone had pressing issues now and then.

Rebecca had been training continuously for a month without any complaints, working diligently every day, which was more dedicated than most artists.

With a day off, she went to learn with her father. Rebecca spent the entire day learning, and in the evening, she diligently wrote down her notes and locked them in a cabinet.

With the grand opening of Carter's Jewel's branch approaching, Rebecca informed her agent, Lynn, about her new role as the brand's spokesperson.

Lynn was shocked by the news, as it was nearly impossible for a newcomer like Rebecca to be chosen as the spokesperson for such a globally renowned brand.

However, Lynn quickly thought of Charlie.

She wondered, 'Perhaps Charlie was the one who got Rebecca this opportunity?'

With that thought in mind, Lynn asked, "Is there a contract? Can I see it?"

After all, she was now Rebecca's, or rather, Becky's agent.

Rebecca was her real name, but when signing the contract, Charlie had said that she would debut under the stage name Becky instead of her real name.

"Yes," Rebecca nodded. Afterward, she took out the contract and handed it to Lynn.

Lynn immediately began to review the contract.

Contracts between artists and brands were very important. Some brands assumed that artists didn't understand them, so they included all sorts of unfair terms. Less famous artists could easily fall for these traps and, in case of disputes, might face enormous compensation claims.

But soon, Lynn became numb and thought, 'Isn't Becky...getting a little too much from this contract with Carter's Jewel? Even if Charlie himself came forward to endorse Carter's Jewel, it would be hard to get such a contract, right?'

Rebecca noticed that Lynn kept staring at the contract and asked with a hint of confusion, "Lynn? Is there something wrong with the contract?"

Lynn immediately shook her head vigorously. "No. No problem at all."

If anything, it was that the Carter family was too good to Becky, so much so that Lynn found it unreal.

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The next moment, Lynn asked seriously, "Carter's Jewel's branch is opening soon. Have you prepared a dress?"

Rebecca shook her head and replied, "Not yet."

She had been busy training lately, and whenever she took time off, she had to follow her father to learn how to run the company. Rebecca really had no time to get a dress.

Lynn took a deep breath and said, "It's okay. I'll arrange it for you. Just rest for the next few days and get yourself ready. I'll let you know on the day of the opening."

"Thank you, Lynn," Rebecca said gratefully.

They hadn't told Lynn that Rebecca was the heiress of the Carter family. It wasn't that they didn't trust Lynn, but until Rebecca got the divorce license, she and her mother didn't want to complicate things.

Over at Evergrande Entertainment, Lisa excitedly entered Janet's dressing room with an invitation in hand. "Janet, I got the invitation to Carter's Jewel's branch opening!"

When Janet turned around and saw the red invitation in Lisa's hand, Janet's eyes instantly lit up. She excitedly said, "Great! Now I can finally attend the opening ceremony."

She handed the invitation to Janet and then whispered, "Janet, I just heard that Carter's Jewel might be looking

for a spokesperson."

"A spokesperson?" Janet asked excitedly.

Lisa quickly nodded. "Yes. I heard it from someone inside their company. Apparently, it's coming from the higher-ups. Now, everyone at Carter's Jewel is talking about how they're going to have a spokesperson soon."

Janet asked cautiously, "Have they decided who will be the spokesperson?"

Lisa was taken aback by the question and shook her head. "I'm not sure. I haven't heard anything about that."

Janet thoughtfully asked, "Has Carter's Jewel held any spokesperso

interviews recently?"

"No," Lisa replied confidently. She was sure about this because their company kept an eye on all the major brands' recruitment of spokespersons. If Carter's Jewel had announced they were looking for one, their company would

have known.

“Could it be that they haven’t chosen anyone yet?” Janet suggested, trying to contain her excitement.

Lisa’s eyes lit up, and she nodded. “It could be.”

With that, she looked at the invitation in Janet’s hand and said excitedly. “Janet, you should dress up nicely for the opening ceremony and wear more of Carter’s Jewel’s jewelry. Maybe the Carter family will see how good you look in their products and make you their spokesperson.

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Janet’s eyes gleamed with a nearly crazy excitement. She nodded. “Yes”

“Lisa, get me a day off I need to go to Hivalis, Janet said at the thought crossed her mind.

Lisa, equally excited, asked, “Janet, are you going to Hivalis to try jewelry from Carter’s Jewel?”

Janet touched her ear and nodded. “Yes, I want to buy the best-looking earrings for the opening ceremony of Carter’s Jewel’s new branch.”

“Alright, I’ll inform the company. Good luck, Janet!” Lisa said excitedly

Janet smiled with a determined sparkle in her eyes.

Meanwhile, Lynn gave Rebecca a few days off to rest and fully prepare for the ribbon-cutting ceremony at Carter’s Jewel’s new branch.

With rare free time, Rebecca finally had the chance to stay at home with her parents and her two adorable babies.

Lily and Key were now two months old. She could buy some infant toys to help them develop their focus, fine motor skills, and grasping ability.

There were many small toys at home. Rebecca held the babies while Debra teased them with a cat toy, making the baby reach for the fluffy ball attached to it.

With their bright eyes, the babies were fascinated by the fluffy ball. Every time they tried to grab it, Debra would mischievously pull it away, leaving the babies grasping at thin air.

The babies were stunned.

Seeing their surprised expressions, Debra smiled brightly to cheer them up.

The babies laughed along with her, their giggles filling the room.

Rebecca played with the babies, too, but she held a cute pink balloon instead of a cat toy.

The babies, drawn to the bright balloon, reached out with their tiny hands, trying to grab it.

Rebecca tied the balloon's string to one of the baby's feet. As the baby moved, the balloon bobbed up and the baby played happily with the balloon.

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It wasn't until the nanny reminded them to let the babies rest that they stopped, allowing the nanny to put the

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babies down for a nap.

Paul had a rare break at the hospital and immediately came to see his niece and two little nephews.

Rebecca looked at Paul with immense gratitude. If Paul hadn't recognized her at the hospital, she might never have found her family and reunited with her parents.

"Paul, thank you." When everyone was quiet, Rebecca looked at Paul and sincerely thanked him. Some things were

worth saying out loud.

"Thank you for finding me and reuniting me with my parents," Rebecca explained again.

Paul laughed when he heard this. "Silly girl, why are you thanking me? You were always our precious one. I'm just

happy to have found you."

Debra also looked at Paul and said, "Paul, we really should thank you for what you did for Becky. How about we all

go out for a family gathering? It's been so long since we had a family gathering."

“Sure, Debra. You and my brother haven’t tried the local food here in Maeloria yet, have you?” Paul responded

with excitement.

Paul then turned to Rebecca and said with a smile, “I’ve been so busy with work that I haven’t had time to go out and eat. But Becky, you grew up in Maeloria, so you should know some good places, right? How about you pick a restaurant, and we all go out for a nice meal together?”

“Sure, I’ll take care of it,” Rebecca immediately agreed with a smile.

Rebecca took the task seriously since it was her first time arranging a family gathering. She discussed it with her mom for a long time and finally chose a restaurant that everyone liked.

There were many restaurants in Maeloria, but the Blue River Bistro was the best.

Rebecca found the restaurant’s page online and booked a private room in advance.

That evening, the whole family went to the Blue River Bistro.

They were accompanied by the nanny and the babies.

Although the babies were too young to eat barbecue, they could still be part of the outing.

However, Rebecca was surprised to run into someone familiar at the restaurant. It was Theodore.

Theodore was there with his parents, Michael and Helen, and a girl she didn’t know. The four of them seemed to be having a good time together.

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To be precise, it was Theodore’s parents and the girl who were chatting happily.

On the other hand, Theodore looked unhappy and followed them.

But when Theodore turned and saw Rebecca, his gaze fixed on her.

From a distance, Theodore’s intense gaze locked onto Rebecca.

Rebecca’s steps halted, her heart instinctively flustered, and she stood still, not daring to move forward.

Debra and the others also saw Theodore and his parents, Michael and Helen.

Unlike Rebecca, who was looking at Theodore, Debra quickly noticed the girl chatting with Helen.

Debra sneered and then turned to Rebecca, whispering, "The girl next to Helen is the one they brought back from abroad. They plan to marry her to Theodore."

Rebecca was shocked and turned to look at her mom.

Patrick reminded them, "Let's go to our private room first."

Rebecca, though filled with questions, held back and nodded. "Okay."

Even though she agreed to her parents' suggestion, Rebecca's mind was still in turmoil, mostly in shock..

An arranged marriage?

She and Theodore hadn't officially divorced yet. Wasn't Theodore involved with Janet?

They even had a child together, yet now Theodore was going to marry someone else.

Was Theodore not going to marry Janet?

"Excuse me. Which private room did you book?" the restaurant's waiter came over and respectfully asked.

Rebecca snapped out of her thoughts and quickly said, "Room 403."

"Alright, please follow me," the waiter said respectfully and then led the

away-

Rebecca and the others followed the waiter into the elevator. The waiter pressed the floor button and led them to their private room before leaving.

"Becky, the Edwards family is nothing but trouble. There's nothing worth holding on to with Theodore. If you're not happy, you should finalize the divorce as soon as possible," Debra advised as soon as the waiter left.

"Mom, you said Theodore is going to marry that girl?" Rebecca couldn't control her shock and asked.

Debra nodded and explained, "Becky, after we found out about your relationship with Theodore, your dad and I had people investigate the Edwards family.

“The Edwards family has been doing well domestically and seems to be planning to expand abroad in the coming years.”

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The other three in the room all looked at him, including Jenny, Michael, and Helen.

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Rebecca looked at Theodore.

Theodore met Rebecca’s gaze, and in that moment, he realized...Rebecca’s look had changed.

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Three days passed quickly, and soon it was time for the grand opening of Carter's Jewel's new branch.

Early in the morning, Lynn called Rebecca, urging her to get ready.

The branch opening was a big deal for her family, and it was Rebecca's first time appearing as the spokesperson,

so she took it seriously. She

got up before dawn.

When she got Lynn's call, she almost immediately got into the car to go to the company.

The L&K Group's headquarters was temporarily established in Maeloria, in a house Charlie rented as a temporary

office.

When Rebecca arrived, Lynn handed her a dress to change into.

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Seeing Rebecca in the dress, Lynn stood up from the sofa in shock.

Although Lynn had always known that Rebecca was beautiful, she hadn't expected her to look this stunning in the

dress!

"Lynn?" Rebecca was still a bit nervous.

Lynn quickly relaxed and smiled, "It's okay. You look absolutely gorgeous in that dress.

"Come over here and sit down so the makeup artist can do your hair and makeup," Lynn added with another smile.

Beside Lynn stood a woman in her forties, dressed in a black suit, with her hair in a low ponytail and minimal makeup. Her simple appearance carried an air of mature charm.

"Okay," Rebecca agreed.

Rebecca walked over and sat at the vanity table.

The makeup artist, Courtney Green, quickly removed her tools and began applying makeup to Rebecca.

Courtney seemed very serious, not saying a word from start to finish, but her movements were clean and swift as she worked on Rebecca's makeup.

Rebecca tried her best not to move and cooperated with Courtney to create the look. After about half an hour, the makeup was finally done.

"Is this okay?" Courtney asked.

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Rebecca stood up and looked at herself in the mirror, feeling...beautiful.

She had never felt this beautiful before.

Lynn came over, glanced at Rebecca, and nodded. "It's perfect. Now let's do her hair."

"Alright," Courtney agreed.

Courtney put away her tools and started working on Rebecca's hair.

Creating a beautiful hairstyle took time and patience.

Rebecca knew she had to wait patiently for the process to be completed.

However, she didn't expect Charlie to come back during her wait!

"Becky!" Charlie called out as he walked into the dressing room, looking for Rebecca.

Hearing Charlie's voice, Rebecca instinctively turned to look at him.

"Don't move," Courtney reminded her.

Then, Rebecca quickly sat still.

"Lynn, Courtney, good morning!" Charlie greeted Lynn and Courtney with a big smile.

"You're back early this time?" Lynn teased.

Charlie looked at Rebecca and nodded. "Of course, today is her first time as a spokesperson. I had to come to support her!"

Lynn smiled wryly, glancing at Charlie and then at Rebecca, feeling a bit conflicted.

She had seen the news about Becky and Charlie participating in a variety show together and knew they had a fan-idol relationship. But...was Charlie being too nice to Becky?

Courtney, make sure she looks amazing. She has to be the most beautiful woman there tonight!" Charlie said, looking at Courtney expectantly.

"Isn't this look already beautiful enough?" Courtney glanced at Charlie, teasing.

Charlie immediately laughed heartily. "Of course, it's beautiful, but she is still the most beautiful."

Hearing this, Courtney also laughed and continued styling Rebecca's hair.

"Rebecca, this is Courtney. Her full name is Courtney Green. She used to style me before, and she's really good.

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You don't need to worry about anything when it comes to styling," Charlie quickly introduced Rebecca to her.

Courtney smiled more gently after hearing Charlie's words.

"Thank you, Courtney." Rebecca quickly thank

her.

"No need to thank me. Whether you look good or not depends on your natural beauty. You're already pretty. Even

if I styled you like a beggar, you'd still look great," Courtney said with a smile.

Rebecca laughed too. This stylist, who initially had a stern face, seemed quite nice after all.

The hair was soon done. It was a voluminous bun. Rebecca stood up and looked at herself in the mirror, feeling that she looked much younger and more vibrant.

"And this!" Charlie took out two small boxes.

Rebecca was curious. "What is this?"

Charlie opened the boxes, revealing the earrings inside.

“Such beautiful earrings.” Rebecca got excited immediately, captivated by the earrings.

“I’ll put

them on for you,” Charlie said, carefully picking up the earrings and putting them on Rebecca.

Rebecca stayed still, cooperating with Charlie.

Once the earrings were on, she eagerly looked at herself in the mirror. She looked stunning.

Charlie opened another box, revealing a beautiful bracelet.

With the bracelet on, Rebecca walked to the mirror, almost doubting if the person in the mirror was really her.

“Looks great, right?” Charlie said happily.

“This was specially designed for you by the designer. It’s the only one in the world. It even has your name engraved on it, one of a kind!” Charlie said proudly.

These accessories were specially designed for Becky.

Lynn stood up in shock.

“Can I take a look?” Lynn asked.

It was quite normal for celebrities to endorse brands. As brand ambassadors, it was also typical for the brand to give their products to celebrities. However, designing a product specially for the ambassador seemed quite extraordinary, didn’t it?

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Rebecca was curious too. She wanted to see it since Charlie mentioned her name was engraved on it.

Rebecca took off the bracelet and looked inside. Her name, Becky, was engraved there.

“The earrings also have your name on them, so they won’t get stolen,” Charlie said happily.

Rebecca was speechless.

She took off the earrings too and examined them closely, trying to find her name. After looking several times, she couldn’t find it.

Rebecca was puzzled. She looked at Charlie, confused. “Where?”

Lynn and Courtney also looked at the bracelet and saw Becky’s name on it, but they were more curious about the name on the earrings.

Could such small earrings really have a name engraved on them?

Everyone leaned in together, curiously staring at the earrings, trying to find the engraved name.

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“No” Rebecca asked again, her brows furrowed in confusion.

Lynn also looked perplexed as she replied, “Yeah, I can’t see it either.”

A mysterious smile played on Charlie’s lips as he suddenly produced a magnifying glass and handed it to Rebecca. “Take a look at this,” he suggested.

Rebecca was taken aback but accepted the magnifying glass anyway.

Could it really be so precise that she needed a magnifying glass to see it?

“Quick! Take a look,” Courtney urged, unable to contain her curiosity.

Rebecca carefully scanned the earrings with the magnifying glass and finally spotted her name engraved at the

very bottom.

It was true!

“It is engraved with such precision,” Lynn marveled in amazement.

What was even more impressive was that despite the precise engraving, there was no visible flaw on the outside. The engraved area seemed to meld with the earring’s design seamlessly.

“Put it on for the ribbon–cutting ceremony we’ll be going together later,” Charlie coaxed with a smile.

Rebecca snapped back to reality and complied with Charlie’s suggestion. Meanwhile, Lynn took the magnifying glass from Rebecca’s hand and watched as Rebecca put on the earrings and bracelet again.

“What about you?” Courtney inquired, directing her gaze at Charlie.

Charlie chuckled and settled onto a stool, stating, “You’re still as sharp as ever, Courtney.”

Rebecca couldn’t help but chuckle; Charlie was forever the life of the party.

When it came to makeup, guys had it easy. Courtney only needed half an hour to work her magic on Charlie before she was done.

“Okay, let’s all go to the store together,” Charlie declared cheerfully, clapping his hands with excitement.

“Charlie,” Lynn interjected anxiously, “You...are you coming too?”

Charlie raised an eyebrow, turning to look at Lynn before flashing a smile at Rebecca. “Of course!

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“It’s Becky’s first endorsement gig: I’ve got to be there to watch her back!” Charlie asserted confidently.

Watching Charlie, Rebecca couldn’t help but feel the comforting presence beneath his lively, boyish exterior.

“Do you have the invitation?” Lynn asked curiously.

Charlie chuckled, “Of course I do! Getting it is a piece of cake!”

With that, Charlie pulled out a red invitation card from his pocket.

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Lynn examined the invitation and confirmed its authenticity, her gaze flickering between Charlie and Rebecca.

“There’s something I’m not sure if I should ask.” Lynn tentatively began.

“Becky and I aren’t dating. We don’t have romantic feelings for each other, and we will never be together in our lives. Is that answer satisfactory for you?” Charlie explained.

Lynn chuckled, explaining, “It’s just a professional inquiry.”

“I understand,” Charlie nodded.

Lynn simply suspected that Charlie was treating Rebecca well because they were dating.

Charlie looked at Rebecca, affectionately ruffling her hair, and said with a smile, “Lynn, I think of Becky as my little sister, and I just want to protect her well for the rest of my life!”

Lynn froze because the phrase “rest of my life” slipped from Charlie’s mouth naturally. Though simple, it carried a profound weight that would span a lifetime.

“Okay,” Lynn nodded in agreement after some thought.

Inside Janet’s dressing room at Evergrande Entertainment.

Today, it was the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Carter’s Jewel branch opening, followed by the much-anticipated grand opening banquet.

Janet slipped into her meticulously prepared black gown and adorned her neck with the latest gold necklace from Carter’s Jewel, which she had bought at the Hivalis store a couple of days ago. While gazing at herself in the mirror for a while, she marveled at her beauty.

The necklace around her neck was particularly stunning, making Janet stare at her reflection, repeatedly comparing her makeup and the necklace to see if they matched.

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Janet, that necklace from the Carter family suits you perfectly, Lisa praised from the side.

Janet chuckled and replied as she sat down, "That's for sure.

"When does the banquet start?" Janet inquired again.

Glancing at the time, Lisa replied, "It's still an hour away. We'll wait a bit longer before heading out."

Janet nodded slightly. "Sure."

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Janet glanced over at Mary and Arthur standing nearby. She had recently given birth and was allowed to bring her son to work by the company, so usually, Mary would take care of Arthur while Janet was busy with work.

Mary became a bit nervous when she saw Janet approaching.

Sitting down beside them, Janet picked up one of Arthur's toys and played with him.

While absent-mindedly watching Arthur's face, Janet's mind wandered off, hoping to find his features resembling either hers or Theodore's on the child's face.

Knowing Arthur was hers and Theodore's son made her heart swell with anticipation for the future.

But after she stared at him for a while, her brows furrowed gradually. Why did it feel like... Arthur didn't have any features that resembled Theodore's?

They said sons took after their mothers, while daughters took after their fathers. Could it be that because Arthur was a boy, so he resembled Janet more than Theodore?

Janet pondered for a moment before she relaxed. Perhaps it was normal for her son not to resemble Theodore so much?

Carter's Jewel was adorned with large banners from inside out, while a large group of staff dressed in suits celebrated the occasion joyfully.

At the entrance of the jewelry store, two rows of flowers lined the path, and a red carpet covered the ground. Many citizens gathered around, wearing smiles as they curiously observed the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

When Rebecca and Charlie's car arrived, it was actually still early, but the place was already bustling with an

excited crowd.

As Charlie stepped out of the car, many passersby recognized him and exclaimed, “Is that Charlie?”

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“Oh my gosh, it’s Charlie! I can’t believe my idol’s here!”

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Passersby were initially shocked, but soon their expressions turned to excitement. This was especially true for

Charlie’s fans, who quickly realized the situation and hurried over.

Thankfully, the Carter family had already arranged for security guards to intercept these emotionally charged fans, preventing any chaos.

Charlie also noticed his fans and turned to greet them with a happy wave as they approached.

Some fans who had seen Rebecca with Charlie on a variety show quickly recognized her and exclaimed in delight, “That’s Becky, right?”

“Is it Becky?”

“I’m going crazy! Charlie and Becky are still together, and they’re even attending events together!”

The fans shouted excitedly, hastily taking out their phones to take pictures of them.

Rebecca glanced sideways at Charlie, then followed his lead, raising her hand and greeting everyone graciously, “Hello, everyone, I’m Becky.”

Hearing Rebecca’s greeting, the fans who were eagerly taking photos became even more excited, shouting, “Becky is talking to us! Her voice sounds even nicer than during the livestreams!”

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“Can we get your autograph?” A fan’s voice rang out with fervor, cutting through the bustling atmosphere,

Lynn followed, her senses heightened by the passionate cries of the crowd.

Could it be that Becky had already garnered a group of fans after just one stint on a variety show?

Glancing at Becky, Lynn couldn’t help but swell with pride at her friend’s newfound fame.

“Count me in for an autograph! I want one from Chuck too!” Another voice clamored from within the crowd.

Patrick and Debra stood at the entrance of the jewelry store basking in the glow of their children’s popularity. Their hearts brimmed with joy, mirrored by the radiant smiles gracing their faces.

“You can sign over there,” Patrick graciously directed.

Charlie shot a sidelong glance at his father, a chuckle bubbling up within him at the unmistakable display of favoritism. Yet, despite the internal amusement, the prospect of signing autographs had him brimming with excitement, especially when there was an area set up specially for them.

Without a moment’s hesitation, Charlie whisked Rebecca away, eager to engage and converse with their adoring fans.

Before long, candid snapshots of Charlie and Becky made their rounds online, igniting a whirlwind of attention.

At Evergrande Entertainment, Lisa received the news and hastily sought out Janet.

“Janet, something’s happened! There are rumors online saying that Charlie and Becky attended the ribbon–cutting ceremony at Carter’s Jewel!” Lisa exclaimed anxiously.

Janet, already dressed up and eagerly awaiting the end of the ribbon–cutting ceremony to attend Carter’s Jewel’s grand opening banquet, was taken aback by the news.

“What do you mean?” Janet’s brow furrowed in confusion, her expression clouded with apprehension.

Lisa promptly handed her phone over. “Take a look, Janet. These are candid shots taken by the fans. Someone captured Charlie and Becky at the ribbon–cutting ceremony!”

Taking the phone, Janet scrutinized the images, zooming in to examine every detail. Despite her repeated scrutiny, the faces in the photos remained unequivocally real, devoid of any trace of editing.

It was Rebecca!

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shockwaves through Janet's mind. As someone who grew up in Maeloria, she wouldn't be mistaken by the

landscape and location captured in the pictures.

"How is this possible?" Yet, Janet refused to accept the reality portrayed in the photos.

"Could Rebecca really have earned the right to attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Carter's Jewel? With her limited abilities, is she even worthy of that?" Janet's frustration bubbled over into anger.

Lisa, equally perplexed by the situation, offered a tentative explanation, her brow furrowed in concern. "Could it be that Charlie brought her along? With Charlie's status, it's not entirely impossible for him to secure the role of spokesperson for her."

The gossip circulating among Carter's Jewel staff only added to the confusion. Rumors suggested that the Carter family had already selected a spokesperson for the year, yet no official announcement had been made. Seeing Charlie and Rebecca together at the event led many to speculate that they were indeed the chosen representatives

for Carter's Jewel.

Janet's anger reached its peak, and she impulsively smashed a glass against the floor. Lisa recoiled in shock, her instinctive reaction to protect herself kicking in.

"Why would Charlie go out of his way to help Rebecca?" Janet demanded.

Concerned about the implications of Charlie's involvement, Janet wasted no time in issuing orders. "Lisa, find some paparazzi and have them watch them twenty-four seven!"

Lisa hesitated at Janet's suspicions before comprehending them fully. "Janet, are you suggesting that Charlie is

financially supporting Rebecca? Like, as her sugar daddy?"

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Janet's response was a cold smirk. "Why else would Charlie go to such lengths for Rebecca if there weren't ulterior

motives?"

Considering Janet's logic, Lisa nodded slowly. "You're right, Charlie's exceptional treatment of Rebecca does seem

peculiar."

Janet wasted no time in giving instructions. "Arrange for people to watch over them and capture any intimate

moments between them. If possible, obtain video evidence."

Lisa, though uneasy, agreed promptly. "Understood."

"And initiate a few strategic leaks online, insinuating Charlie's 'financial support for Rebecca," Janet continued.

Lisa hesitated momentarily but eventually complied. "I'll handle it."

In the entertainment industry, such maneuvers were commonplace. With a bit of investment, they could sway

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public opinion, tarnishing their rivals' image and securing their own interests, be it for roles in shows or

endorsements.

"Janet, should we still attend the grand opening banquet later?" Lisa inquired cautiously.

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They had prepared meticulously for the event, securing invitations and planning outfits and accessories. Janet

had even taken a day off to purchase the latest jewelry from Hivalis for the occasion. However, with their aspirations to represent Carter's Jewel now in doubt, the banquet held a different significance.

“Of course we are!” Janet’s voice was stern and commanding.

Then, she chuckled, a sarcastic edge to her tone. “If nothing unexpected happens, Theodore will definitely attend today’s grand opening banquet too. I’d love to see the look on his face when he sees Rebecca and Charlie together at Carter’s Jewel’s opening ceremony. That would be quite amusing, wouldn’t it?”

Lisa’s eyes widened at Janet’s words as realization dawned upon her. “Oh my goodness, why didn’t I think of that earlier? If Rebecca managed to secure the spokesperson role at Carter’s Jewel by sleeping her way around, how would Mr. Edwards react if he found out? Rebecca would be in big trouble.”

Lisa’s excitement grew as she continued, “Janet, imagine if Mr. Edwards decides to divorce Rebecca on the spot! Once they’re divorced, you could marry Mr. Edwards!”

Janet was initially surprised by Lisa’s suggestion, but soon, a triumphant smile spread across her face as she nodded in agreement. “Yeah, that’s right.”

What had started as anger now transformed into a sense of gleeful anticipation for Janet? She couldn’t wait to witness the scene where Rebecca would be caught red-handed by Theodore. It was sure to be entertaining for her.

At Carter’s Jewel, Rebecca and Charlie found themselves surrounded by fans clamoring for their autographs. They were kept busy for a while, but thankfully, the frenzy didn’t last long.

Charlie, being a popular movie star in the country, attracted a crowd simply by standing at the entrance for a brief moment. More and more people arrived after hearing the news, eager to catch a glimpse of him.

To avoid chaos, Charlie and Rebecca exchanged a few words of comfort with their fans before being ushered inside by the staff.

Outside the jewelry store, the guests invited to the ribbon-cutting ceremony began to arrive one after another, warmly welcomed by the staff as they were ushered inside to take their seats.

As the ribbon-cutting ceremony was about to commence, Theodore’s Rolls Royce finally made its appearance. With an icy expression, Theodore stepped out of the car, his lips pressed together tightly. Following closely behind him was Jenny, adorned in a light blue dress and wearing a joyful smile.

As they descended from the luxury of Theodore’s car, Jenny instinctively intertwined her arm with his, a gesture of

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intimacy and partnership that spoke volumes about their relationship.

Inside the opulent confines of the jewelry store, Debra's voice was barely a whisper, tinged with a hint of disapproval as she addressed her husband. "Why did you invite him?"

Casting a

3 glance toward the imposing figure of Theodore outside, Patrick exchanged a subtle yet reassuring look with his wife, silently affirming her that everything would be alright.

They didn't hesitate to uproot themselves from Hivalis to Maeloria, setting up shop and purchasing a home there. Besides being closer to Rebecca, seeking retribution for her was also a top objective of theirs.

While the legalities of Rebecca's divorce from Theodore might have been straightforward, the emotional toll of the Edwards family's mistreatment was something that would linger for a long time.

Women may resolve conflicts through verbal sparring, content to claim victory in the heat of the moment.

But for men, the approach was often different.

Since the Edwards family dared to mistreat Rebecca, they shouldn't be surprised if he decided to strike at the very core of their power.

He intended to systematically dismantle the Edwards family's influence, leaving them to rue the day they betrayed his beloved daughter.

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Theodore entered with an air of striking handsomeness and aristocratic grace.

The customers in the store couldn't help but stop their movements, closing their mouths and maintaining silence as they turned their heads toward the man.

The Edwards family truly lived up to their reputation as Maeloria's top dogs. The tension and respect subconsciously exhibited by everyone in Theodore's presence represented not only the Edwards family but also

Theodore's status in Maeloria.

Patrick patted Debra's hand and quickly greeted him with a smile, "Mr. Edwards."

His greeting and smile made it seem as if he hadn't spat in Theodore's face just a few days ago.

When Theodore saw Patrick, his eyes widened slightly in disbelief. How could this man be here? What was his relationship with the Carter family?

Theodore pondered, his gaze crossing the man to scan the venue, and sure enough, he soon spotted Rebecca

inside.

Theodore's gaze was intense as he stared at Rebecca.

Debra furrowed her brow, discreetly pulling Rebecca behind her.

Patrick observed everything, smiling as he said, "Mr. Edwards, the seating has been arranged. This way, please."

"Are you a member of the Carter family?" Theodore stared at Patrick, questioning in a cold tone.

Patrick smiled, "Mr. Edwards, you think too highly of me. Though my last name is Carter too, I'm just a worker for the Carter family."

He was a worker for his wife, working hard to buy her anything she wanted.

"But I manage most of the Carter family's business in the country."

Then, Patrick smiled, "Mr. Edwards, this way."

Theodore nodded and walked inside.

Jenny held Theodore's arm, curiously inspecting the decor of the store. She was filled with curiosity about everything in Zentscape.

With the ribbon-cutting ceremony was about to commence, the host of Carter's Jewel stood on stage, delivering formal speeches and lengthy accounts of Carter's Jewel's history and glory.

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Soon, the staff reminded them that the planned time for the ribbon-cutting was approaching, prompting the host to halt the speech.

“We are delighted to have you all here to participate in the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the opening of Carter’s Jewel branch here. Now, please join me in welcoming our spokesperson, Mr. Charlie Carter and Ms. Rebecca Mitchell, to lead everyone to the entrance for the official ribbon-cutting ceremony!”

As the host’s words fell, Theodore’s eyes widened once more in surprise. Rebecca was the spokesperson for Carter’s Jewel?

Why?

On what grounds?

Why would Carter’s Jewel choose Rebecca as their spokesperson?

At that moment, Theodore’s gaze shifted to Charlie, who stood beside Rebecca.

His last name was Carter, and the couple accompanying Rebecca was from the Carter family.

Could it be...

Was Charlie part of the Carter family?

Did Charlie grant Rebecca the privilege of being Carter’s Jewel spokesperson because they were in cahoots?

And what about Patrick and Debra? They were clearly the Carter family’s lackeys, so their relentless defense of Rebecca during this time made perfect sense.

After all, the lackeys of the Carter family naturally had to obey their master’s commands.

They were defending Rebecca on behalf of Charlie against the Edwards family.

Theodore pondered, recalling how deliberately Patrick and Debra had bought the villa next to theirs. Did they really purchase that villa, or did it belong to Charlie?

Charlie, being a celebrity, wouldn’t risk exposing himself by buying a house under his own name, especially one meant for...a mistress.

So, was Rebecca actually Charlie’s underground lover?

Did they intentionally buy the house next door to taunt him? Or were they simply too bold in their affair?

Theodore simmered with anger, his gaze almost ablaze. He was tempted to strip Rebecca bare with his eyes to see if she had any semblance of decency left!

Rebecca had been talking about divorcing him lately. She must be dreaming of marrying Charlie, mustn't she?

Did she think that divorcing him would pave the way for her to marry Charlie?

What a shameless fool!

Suddenly, Rebecca felt a piercing gaze upon her, and when she turned, she found Theodore staring at her with an almost predatory intensity, like he was about to eat her alive.

At that moment, Rebecca felt as if her throat was being constricted, suffocating her.

"Don't be afraid." Charlie's reassuring voice sounded from beside her.

"Let's step outside," Debra murmured, gently guiding Rebecca away.

Hearing Charlie's comforting words and feeling Debra's reassuring touch, Rebecca's fear began to ebb away.

So what if Theodore was there?

She had her parents and brothers by her side; she didn't need to fear Theodore.

"Be confident. Today is a milestone for us as the spokesperson of Carter's Jewel," Charlie encouraged her with a

bright smile, flashing his pearly whites.

Rebecca looked at his infectious grin and felt the weight in her chest lift as she nodded resolutely. "You're right."

With her family, they made their way to the front. Amidst the guests' curious gazes and the flashing cameras, they cut the red ribbon at the entrance of Carter's Jewel, heralding its grand opening.

Cameras flashed incessantly as they posed for photos.

Rebecca stood with her family behind the ribbon, smiling confidently as she observed the guests and, notably,

Theodore among them.

Rebecca's confidence soared, and they flashed a radiant smile. When the ribbon-cutting ceremony concluded,

they were ushered inside for a break.

As the ceremony ended, the crowd exited the jewelry store and made their way to the hotel for the opening banquet.

Unlike the exclusive ribbon-cutting ceremony with influential figures as their guests, the banquet welcomed a more ordinary range of guests.

And Janet had secured an invitation in that category.

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As the ribbon-cutting ceremony concluded and the crowd began to transition to the hotel, Janet finally arrived with a regular invitation in hand. With so many ordinary guests around, Janet smoothly passed through the checks and blended into the banquet.

Rebecca, along with her parents and Charlie, were busy greeting guests inside the hall and hadn't noticed anomalies at the entrance. Therefore, they temporarily remained unaware of Janet's unexpected presence at the gathering.

It wasn't until Rebecca caught sight of Janet that she paused, momentarily perplexed. How had Janet managed to slip in?

Surely, the Carter family hadn't extended an invitation to the Mitchell family, and Janet couldn't possibly have received an invitation either.

Janet, however, didn't see her presence as problematic. On the contrary, as she looked at Rebecca, she could help but wonder if Theodore knew about Rebecca's relationship with Charlie.

Just the thought of Theodore possibly figuring out that something was amiss between Rebecca and Charlie brought her immense satisfaction.

"Hey, long time no see! Heard you're the face of Carter's Jewel now? That's impressive, congratulations," approached with a glass of red wine in hand, wearing a smile that concealed her true intentions.

Rebecca's smile slowly faded as she turned away, uninterested in engaging with Janet.

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“Rebecca!” Janet finally dropped her facade, her smile replaced by a displeased expression as she looked at

Rebecca

Rebecca completely ignored her, continuing to walk away without acknowledging her presence.

Not far away, Debra noticed the situation and frowned with displeasure.

The next moment, she turned and went to find a security guard, giving him a few brief instructions. The guard, slightly puzzled, nodded in response.

A moment later, the security guard made his way through the crowd, heading straight towards Janet, who stood with a glass of red wine in hand, eagerly scanning the crowd as she wondered, ‘Would Theodore be here today?’

Theodore was conspicuous in the crowd, and Janet quickly spotted him, surrounded by many people. Her face lit up with a smile as she began to walk towards him.

But just as she took a few steps, a security guard suddenly approached her.

Janet frowned, looking displeasedly at the security guard blocking her path.

“Ms. Mitchell, I’m sorry, but the hosts have informed us that you were not invited to this event. Please leave the premises immediately,” the security guard said sternly.

Nearby guests also noticed the commotion and turned their attention towards them.

Janet’s hand, holding the wine glass, froze in place. She retrieved her invitation card, saying, “But I have an

invitation!”

The security guard remained firm. “The hosts have made it clear that they did not invite you here.”

Those words felt like a slap in Janet’s face.

“Ms. Mitchell, please leave immediately,” the security guard reiterated.

More people turned to look in their direction, causing Janet’s face to pale in embarrassment.

This kind of event usually only required an invitation for anyone to join, and the hosts wouldn't make things difficult for the guests.

Why did the security guard come to escort her out without any care for her dignity at all?

At that moment, Janet suddenly thought of Rebecca.

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She had just finished talking to Rebecca when the security guard approached. Could it be Rebecca's doing?

Some things shouldn't be dwelled upon. Once thought of, they spiralled out of control, becoming increasingly

irrational.

She wasn't close to the Carter family, so the only person who could have orchestrated the security guard's

intervention was Rebecca!

Now that Rebecca was the spokesperson for Carter's Jewel, she could easily have informed the Carter family to

have Janet escorted out.

With these thoughts swirling in her mind, Janet turned her head to scan the crowd. She needed to find Rebecca. If possible, she would even kill Rebecca with just her gaze.

Rebecca also noticed the commotion around Janet. In fact, she hadn't expected the security guard to ask Janet to leave.

This was Carter's Jewel's grand opening, and only someone from the Carter family could have summoned the security guard to do such a thing.

Rebecca couldn't help but turn to Debra, who offered her a smile in response.

In that instant, Rebecca understood that it was Debra's doing. Suddenly, she felt a wave of happiness wash over

her.

She had already expressed her gratitude countless times, and saying it again would seem too formal for family. So, Rebecca said nothing and simply returned the smile, swirling the wine glass in her hand.

On the other side, Janet followed Rebecca's gaze and also noticed Debra. With just one glance, she recognized her as the woman she had encountered at Theodore's house that day!

In that instant, Janet recalled the altercation at Theodore's house, realizing that this woman was responsible for the premature birth of her child due to their confrontation.

Janet remained motionless as the security guard's expression turned cold and displeased. "Ms. Mitchell, if you insist on staying, we will have to take action to make you leave."

The security's action would involve physically removing her from the premises and throwing her out.

Janet's expression changed abruptly as she disdainfully threw away her invitation card. "Who cares about being at a lousy banquet?"

With a toss of her gown's hem, she walked away proudly.

Despite her proud departure from the hotel, the facade of her feigned arrogance couldn't hide the heavy gloom

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that shrouded her face underneath the meticulously applied makeup.

"Janet, why did you come out so soon?" Lisa was bewildered, her concern evident in her questioning tone.

With a look of resentment, Janet yanked off the necklace around her neck and threw it out of the window in

frustration.

Seeing her demeanor, Lisa knew something was amiss.

"Drive, let's go back!" Janet ordered coldly.

Lisa nodded quickly, instructing the driver to head back to Mitchell Villa.

Upon returning home, Janet erupted in a fit of anger. However, her mood lightened when Mary entered the room

with Arthur.

Rebecca getting involved with Carter's Jewel, well, was something. The better her relationship with Carter's Jewel,

the better her relationship with Charlie, it seemed.

"Why is a grown man suddenly being so nice to a grown woman? What's his motive?" she wondered.

Janet reached out and lifted Arthur from Mary's arms, her previously cloudy expression transforming into a radiant smile, leaving Lisa bewildered.

"Lisa, have you arranged for someone to keep an eye on Rebecca and Charlie? Is everything set?" Janet inquired.

"Not yet," Lisa cautiously replied. Janet had only instructed her to do so recently, and she hadn't had the chance to organize it yet.

As she spoke, Lisa carefully observed Janet's expression. It seemed too strange, so she had to ask, "Janet, did Rebecca cause you trouble today?"

"Don't worry about my affairs. Just hurry up and get the investigation underway. We must catch Rebecca and

Lisa nodded in understanding. "Alright."

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video!" Janet's tone was Ky. Lanusided

Carter's Jewel grand opening banquet was in full swing.

Charlie had pulled Rebecca aside to a secluded corner, away from the hustle and bustle of socializing. He urged her to ignore the others and indulge in the delicious treats laid out on the table.

The spread was lavish with an array of delectable desserts and delicacies.

Rebecca's nerves were eased by Charlie's gesture, and she obediently accepted his offerings, savoring each sweet

bite.

However, their moment was interrupted when someone approached Charlie for conversation, prompting him to temporarily leave Rebecca's side to attend to the guests in the hall.

Meanwhile, at the heart of the banquet, Theodore was surrounded by a throng of people. Amidst the chatter, his gaze frequently drifted towards Rebecca.

As Charlie pulled Rebecca into a secluded corner to savor some sweets, his poker face remained intact, but beneath that cool exterior, his heart was already plunging into a deep freeze, colder than an ice bath on a winter's day.

When did Rebecca and Charlie first meet? How long had they been involved in this clandestine affair behind his back?

What irked him most was that despite knowing he would be attending the event, Rebecca had the audacity to show up, and now, she seemed to be completely disregarding his presence, cozing up to Charlie as if he didn't

exist!

As time passed and the banquet drew to a close, Theodore was among the first to take his leave. His demeanor, cold and distant, didn't go unnoticed by those familiar with him, or even those who weren't. They could tell that Theodore was clearly in a foul mood today.

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Theodore left, and following his lead, some other guests began to take their leave. In no time, the number of attendees at the banquet had dwindled significantly.

Patrick remained his cheerful self until he saw off the last VIP

Back at home that evening, Debra's face turned stern as she muttered angrily, "Theodore is becoming more disgusting by the day. Becky must divorce him!"

Divorce was definitely on the table, but Theodore was adamant about retaining custody of the child and keeping the kid's surname. Without his consent, they were at an impasse, so Debra was furious about the situation.

Patrick smiled reassuringly at his wife, "Don't worry, take it slow. If he's reluctant to divorce and wants to drag it out, then we'll drag it out with him. We're not going to be the ones feeling bothered in the end."

"What do you mean?" Debra frowned, displeased with her husband's insinuations.

Patrick looked at his wife, then at his daughter, before smiling and saying, “How many years did that scumbag

torment Becky in the past?”

“Becky has taken care of him for so long, and what does he do? He wakes up and gets involved with other women, sleeping around with them! Isn’t Janet pregnant with his kid? I heard she gave birth around the same time Becky did, yet, did he feel any remorse? Does he realize he’s wronged Becky by doing that?”

Debra knew Patrick well, and at his words, she sensed mischief brewing. Her eyes lit up with anticipation as she probed, “What do you have in mind?” Patrick chuckled at her curiosity.

“We’ll take a page from his book. Why else would I have bought a house next to his?”

Rebecca grew nervous at her father’s words and couldn’t help but ask, “Dad... do you have a plan?”

Patrick looked at Rebecca, his eyes filled with affection, and he nodded. “Yes.”

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Seeing the curiosity in both their eyes, Patrick smiled and explained, “Becky, I want to ask you something. Has Theodore always thought it was okay to flirt and get close to other women without caring if it hurts you? Since that’s the case, we move in right next to him and make him watch you get close to other ‘men’ right under his nose. I wonder if he can stand watching it.”

His plan rendered both Rebecca and Debra speechless.

“Wait, honey, what do you mean? I don’t quite understand. We live here, so how is it the same as Becky getting close to other ‘men’ in Theodore’s eyes?”

Debra was completely lost, and she pursued with confusion.

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Paul took a sip of water, amazed by Patrick’s scheme!

Unable to resist, Paul chimed in to help Patrick explain, “Debra, think about it. Isn’t Theodore misunderstanding Becky’s relationship with Chuck?”

Debra asked in confusion, “Yeah, so what?”

Debra quickly pieced it together. The 'man' her husband mentioned earlier must be Chuck.

"But when we bought the house, Theodore didn't have any misunderstandings about them, right?" Debra couldn't help but ask.

Paul chuckled, "That's right. But isn't it just a matter of time because he does?"

He glanced at Rebecca, who looked utterly lost, thinking that his niece was as innocent as her mother.

"Chuck doesn't know his boundaries. After we found Becky, he started showering her with affection without restraint, but outsiders don't know that Chuck and Becky are actually siblings. As adults and Chuck suddenly being so kind to Becky, it's only natural for others to misunderstand them?"

Debra's eyes widened as she turned to her husband. "So you already foresaw Theodore misunderstanding Becky and Chuck's relationship, deliberately buying the house next to Theodore's, waiting for him to jump to conclusions. about Becky and Chuck, just to infuriate him?"

Patrick and Paul exchanged a knowing look, both sporting cunning smiles. When it came to dealing with men, indeed, their own kind knew the best method.

Becky getting the divorce license meant her liberation was assured.

But letting everything end there would be letting Theodore off too easily.

With Becky now under their protection, it was impossible for Theodore to make her suffer even a bit more!

So now, it was time for them to strike back. Whether in business or personal matters, every bit that Theodore owed Becky, they would reclaim it, down to the last penny.

Theodore finding a mistress, flirting with Janet in front of Becky, getting Janet pregnant, making Becky suffer for so long – now they could live next door to Theodore for however long they wanted, maybe even longer, and make Theodore feel the same torment Becky once did.

"Will this really work? Would that scumbag even care?" Debra seemed to understand, yet also seemed confused about the situation.

Paul chuckled, "Why wouldn't it work? Hasn't Theodore been on the brink of losing it these past few days?"

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“Didn’t you find Theodore’s expression at the banquet amusing?” Paul smirked.

“No man can feel comfortable knowing his wife is being flirtatious with another man, even if he doesn’t love her,” Patrick interjected.

Debra fell silent.

Rebecca was stunned. She hadn’t realized her dad was so clever, planning so much when she didn’t even know, all

for her.

“But...isn’t it a bit wrong for him to misunderstand my relationship with Charlie?” Rebecca voiced her unease.

Patrick chuckled, “Don’t worry. You and Chuck are siblings by blood, so nothing will happen. We’ll make Theodore uncomfortable for a while. Once we have the divorce license in hand and the truth about you and Chuck comes

out, all misunderstandings will be cleared up. Then, Theodore will be the only clown left standing.”

Rebecca fell silent. That was indeed quite a sinister plan.

“Making Theodore uncomfortable is one thing, but Becky needs to hurry up and divorce him. Getting rid of that scumbag is the most important thing,” Debra interjected calmly, her tone serious.

“Of course,” Patrick nodded.

Revenge might be important, but nothing outweighed his precious daughter’s future happiness. As long as Becky was tied to Theodore, it would never be a good thing. If divorce was possible, they had to seize the opportunity.

Patrick thought for a moment before speaking again. “Michael and Helen are currently dreaming of Theodore marrying the lady from the Smith family. We should find a way through them. It shouldn’t be too difficult”

Debra looked at her husband. “Then you better come up with a plan to get Becky the divorce license as soon as possible.”

“Got it.” Patrick nodded in agreement.

Rebecca’s emotions were complex, yet she was deeply moved.

