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“Yeah.”

The assistant nodded. “After scanning through the comments on the Internet, I noticed that a lot of people actually support Catherine in getting together with Shaun. It seems that Wesley has a bad reputation. He likes beating women, and he even married Catherine using devious tactics. Having said that, the news on the Internet can be true and false. Since we’re foreigners, we can’t tell whether it’s true.”

“You’re right. In fact, there are only two possible reasons.”

Matthew flipped through the file in his hand impassively. “It could be either Wesley’s character is really nasty or Catherine is too cunning in that

she destroyed her current husband’s reputation so as to betray him rightfully. This way, the public would think that there’s nothing wrong with her cheating on him.”

The assistant nodded and agreed with what Matthew had analyzed. “The second one seems

more probable. After all, Miss Jones has claimed that Catherine is brutal, even to the extent of killing her biological grandmother and plotting against her parents.”

Matthew pursed his exquisite, thin lips.

If he had learned this earlier, he would have believed it without a second thought.

However, was Catherine such an evil woman?

If she was evil, why did she save him yesterday? Could someone really hide themselves so well?
Matthew continued to flip through the document.

Once again, something caught him by surprise.“

Catherine is the chief design officer of Hazle Group?”

He had met the owner of Hazle Group, who was a talented man. The owner was also the one who personally designed the most popular hotel in Neah Bay.

Unexpectedly...

This woman had astonished him a lot.

“Put this on the back burner first. ” Matthew closed the file. “I’ll handle it by myself.”

“Okay.” The assistant was baffled. Dealing with a woman like Catherine was just like squashing an ant.
Why did Matthew need to handle it by himself?

The prison gate.

Catherine waited for about 20 minutes before the prison warden called her in.

Soon, she saw Sally.

Having not seen her for several years, Sally looked much older at this point. She used to be in good shape, but she currently looked close to her 70s even though she was only in her 50s. Her face was filled with wrinkles. Catherine could tell that she had not been living well in prison.

“Aunty...” Catherine lifted the handset and gazed through the transparent glass that separated them.

“Ha. You used to call me Mom, but now you’re calling me Aunty. It’s pointless raising you for more than ten years, b*tch.” Sally looked at Catherine as if she was her enemy.

“ I’m calling you Aunty simply because I’m well- mannered. ” Catherine said nonchalantly, “After all, you killed my biological grandmother, so you don’t deserve my respect at all.”

“Why are you looking for me then?” Sally suddenly scoffed. “Is it because you’re worried about the fact that we’ll be released soon? After trying so hard to send us to jail, you never thought that we’d be out in less than four years, huh?”

Catherine knitted her brows. “It’s Rebecca’s doing, right? She’s back.”

“Why? Are you scared?” Sally smiled smugly. “ Catherine Jones, karma will hit you very soon. Rebecca will pay you back with interest for all you’ve done to us. Just wait.”

“Sure enough...”

Upon receiving the answer she wanted, Catherine bit her lip. “ Sure. She got away four years ago, but now that she has returned rashly, I’ll take her down. I forgot to inform you that I once sold Rebecca to the mountains after you got into jail.

Tsk. That was probably the highlight of her entire life.”

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“What did you say?”

Catherine’s provocative words made Sally fly into a rage. “B*tch, how dare you do that to Rebecca?

You’ll be dead this time. She won’t let you get away, and we’re going to put you through hell.”

“Just because she said so?”

“You don’t even know Rebecca’s identity now. Haha. She can take you down as easily as squashing an ant. Having Shaun to protect you won’t help.

Even the prime minister of Australia won’t be able to protect you,” Sally roared with clenched teeth.

“Really? I can’t wait.”

Catherine smirked, but deep down, she was overwhelmed with frustration.

There must be some grounds for Sally’s remarks. She definitely knew what was going on.

Catherine did not call Jeffery out because he was more manipulative than Sally. Even if he knew about the matter, he would be tight-lipped about it.

Unlike him, Sally would give it away when she was provoked.

“Haha. Catherine, you can continue to be smug, but it’s no use. Even God won’t be able to save you.

Haha.” Sally suddenly burst into laughter. “I heard you’re going back to Canberra now, right? Just wait. We’ll come and look for you once we’re out.”

Catherine put down the handset. Then, she turned around and left.

Shaun, who was outside the prison, strode toward her as soon as he saw her. He held her hands. “How is it?”

“It does have something to do with Rebecca.” Catherine went quiet for a moment before she added, “I managed to sound Sally out. It seems that Rebecca is involved with some big gun. That big gun could be equally or more powerful than the prime minister of Australia.”

Shaun’s expression became somber. “Who the hell is that blind man interested in a woman like Rebecca?”

“I have no idea what’s wrong with the world.” Catherine laughed bitterly. “But just like Sarah, Rebecca is great at pretending. Many men fall into this kind of trap.”

“It’s alright. There’s a solution to every problem.” Shaun wrapped his hand around her waist. “Let’s return to Melbourne. The new product of Hill Corporation will be launched soon.”

“Mm.”

Catherine nodded. However, before she left Melbourne, she called Logan and Austin over. “ Please keep

an eye on the prison. I have a feeling that Rebecca might show up after Jeffery and Sally are released. But don't tail them too closely. Both of you should separate yourselves from each other when shadowing them. If one of you is in danger, at least the other person can save you."

"You mean...?" Logan was dumbfounded. "Be careful." Catherine reminded them.

After returning to Canberra, Hill Corporation organized a press conference where Shaun personally gave a speech on stage.

In the public's eyes, Hill Corporation had already become a shadow of its former self. Even other companies within the industry did not pay them much attention. Hence, only a handful of reporters were present. There were ten or so reporters scattered around the venue.

"President Hill, did you suddenly venture into the electric appliances industry because the Campos family has recently invested 500 billion dollars in electrical products? Are you planning to compete with the Campos family? But I don't think Hill Corporation can compare to the Campos family in terms of its current net worth and rank."

"President Hill, you must be kidding. The Campos family has introduced Garson Corporation's technology to develop their electrical products.

How can Hill Corporation compare to them?"

Stung by the reporters' mockery, Shaun gave a faint smile. "The Campos family is still in the middle of developing the product. However, Hill Corporation has developed the product, and it'll be launched globally three days later. You guys can have a look at our latest model of transformer and X-ray generator..."

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At the same time, in Campos Corporation.

While a group of executives was having a meeting, Mason sat on the main leather chair impassively. All of a sudden, an employee from the technical department barged in. "Oh no, Chairman Campos."

"Can't you see we're having a meeting? What are you fussing about?" Charlie thumped the table with a gloomy expression.

"President Campos, Hill Corporation has just held a press conference..."

"I've heard about it. Hill Corporation is trying to compete with us by venturing into the electric appliances industry. They're biting off more than they can chew." Charlie snorted. "No matter how much effort they put in, the technology they adopt will never be able to surpass ours. What's more, we've released the data of our latest electrical products. None of the businesses out there will want to collaborate with Hill Corporation."

"No, President Campos." The employee took out a datasheet. "This is the latest model of their

transformer and X-ray generator. Based on the data, their top products are much greater than ours."

"What are you saying?" Mason sprang to his feet, and his elegant face was extremely grim. "Let me see."

The employee handed him the datasheet.

After Mason looked at it, his face was flushed with anger.

"What's the matter, Chairman Campos?"

The executives of Campos Corporation began to panic. “Didn’t you say that Garson would provide us with the best technology in the world? Why can’t our product data beat those of Hill Corporation?”

“The worst thing now is that Campos Corporation has already invested 500 billion dollars in the products!”

“Doesn’t it mean that our money’s all gone? Since Hill Corporation’s product data are greater and their products are cheaper than ours, who else is going to buy our products?”

“On top of that, Hill Corporation will launch their products globally after three days. The soonest we can develop our products will be one month later.

We’ve completely lost our competitive edge.”

“Who on earth suggested venturing into the electric appliances industry earlier? Who got Garson to work with us? Could we have fallen into a trap?”

Facing the crowd’s comments, Charlie’s face was red with anger. “Uncle, this is impossible. When Garson Corporation signed the contract with us, they told us that they’d provide us with top-notch technology. I’ve done some research as well. This type of technology hasn’t been adopted by any other companies in the world...”

“Shut up.”

Mason lifted a glass and flung it at him.

With a loud bang, the glass directly hit Charlie in the head. His head buzzed as blood began to trickle down from the top of his head.

Complete silence befell the meeting room. This was everyone's first time seeing Mason, who had always been cool-headed, get so furious.

"Mason..." Maurice immediately drew some tissue and covered his son's head.

"500 billion dollars." Mason snickered. "We've invested all the profits from selling the microchips in the products."

Charlie's lips quivered. "Oh no, Chairman Campos." The door of the meeting room was pushed open once again. It was Mason's assistant who dashed in. "Leslie Dam is going to build the largest hydroelectric power station in Australia, and they've already contacted Hill Corporation to work on building it together."

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"What?" The executives were shocked. "Leslie Dam has originally planned to work on building the largest hydroelectric power station with us. We've verbally agreed on it earlier. If we could secure this project, we would be able to earn at least 400 billion dollars."

The assistant forced a smile. "Besides that, a lot of local and foreign hospitals have frantically booked the X-ray generators that Hill Corporation developed because they are cheaper than ours.

Moreover, the cost of their products is more affordable. The product also turned out to be very effective after they conducted a try-out on the spot. Hill Corporation's shares have hit the daily limit just a moment ago, and a huge amount of funds has even been invested in them. It means that the public is very optimistic about their prospects."

"Copycat. They copied our product." Charlie thumped on the table furiously. "I understand it now. Garson Corporation must have tricked us. I'm sure they provided Hill Corporation with better technology. I'm going to look for them."

Mason did not stop him.

The commotion in the meeting room lasted for a long while before he rose to his feet and said, “Dismissed.”

Once Mason returned to his office, he broke his laptop screen with a punch.

“Aw, what’s wrong, Hubby?” Joanne, who was dressed to the nines, was shocked at the sight of Mason’s behavior. “Hubby, who pissed you off? Simmer down. I’ll have lunch with you, okay?”

“Get lost.” Mason pushed Joanne away. Since she was wearing a pair of high heels, she fell onto the ground and instantly wept in pain.

“If you want to cry, do it outside. I’m not in the mood to watch you cry,” Mason bellowed at her in exasperation.

Joanne was stunned. She had hardly seen Mason get so infuriated.

“You may go out first,” Maurice said as he walked in.

Joanne immediately ran out.

For some reason, Mason felt a sense of disgust at the sight of her expression. When he was in power,

he needed a gentle and understanding woman. However, such a woman was useless when a crisis was almost upon him.

“The situation doesn’t look good.” Maurice said with a frown, “Lea and Shaun have been putting up with everything in silence these days. They’ve

made us think that Hill Corporation has become a shadow of its former self when, in fact, they’ve been tight-lipped about their big plan. We’ve underestimated the two of them.”

“Don’t you get it yet? It’s not just Hill Corporation but also Garson.” Mason clenched his fists. “We got cheated. It can’t be a coincidence. Garson provided us with top-notch electrical technology, yet Hill Corporation got it earlier than us. I guess Shaun has long since struck a deal with Garson.”

Maurice was stunned. “We’re obviously more powerful than Hill Corporation. I don’t get how Garson will benefit from working with Hill Corporation privately. By doing this, Garson will also ruin its own reputation. Who’s going to work with Garson from now on?”

“I don’t get it either. But since Garson has done this, do you think we still get to threaten them? I suppose they have fully prepared for this. Garson has set us up.” Mason became so exasperated the

more he spoke that he punched the wall. “With Shaun’s ability, he can easily jump at the chance to make a comeback. I’ve endured the humiliation for over ten years... D*mn it.”

“Sure enough, we should’ve gotten rid of him back then.” Maurice was filled with regret.

“Do you think I’ve never thought of it? I’ve tried to kill Shaun a few times now, but he has managed to escape every time.” Mason looked back and said to Maurice, “Let Wesley know that if our family collapses, he’s going to suffer as well. The only way out now is to make Shaun disappear into thin air.”

“Brother, Wesley won’t listen to us.” Maurice bit his tongue before he continued, “When Wesley’s company was in trouble earlier, he asked us for help a few times, but we rejected him.”

The Campos family could not be bothered about Wesley before this, but who knew that they would encounter such a crisis so suddenly?

“Let’s...” Mason narrowed his eyes. “Put Lea through hell.”

Maurice shuddered. “Do we need to call that bunch of people to take action?”

“Mm. We’ve spent so much money. It’s time to make use of them. Get all of them to act,” Mason ordered grimly.

Those people were exceptionally brutal. When all of them took action, no one would be able to cope with it.

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Hill Corporation.

After completing the interview with the press, Shaun lifted his phone, which showed a message on the screen.

As soon as he finished reading the message, he deleted it.

“Shaun, I just got off the phone with the president of Raffles Corporation. They’d like to buy 30,000 transformers and sign a five-year contract with us.” Lea came in with a gleeful look on her face.

Hill Corporation had been hit very badly this year mainly because of her. Hence, seeing the company rise

from the dead made Lea more excited and pleased than anyone else.

“Raffles initially planned to work with Campos Corporation. But now that we’ve stolen the Campos’s business, Mason must be holding a grudge against us,” Shaun said indifferently as he sat down and leaned against the chair.

Lea snorted. “Campos Corporation has always been

stealing other people’s works. This time, they reap what they sow. We just beat them at their own game. As far as I know, Campos Corporation has invested 500 billion dollars in the electric appliances industry. Now that we’ve launched our new products first, their 500 billion dollars have basically gone down the drain. Your idea is brilliant.”

“It’s not my idea. It’s Dad who came up with it,” Shaun suddenly said.

Lea was stunned. All of a sudden, she was overwhelmed with a mix of emotions. “Considering that Garson Corporation and Campos Corporation have signed the contract earlier, will your dad... be in trouble?”

“No.” Shaun shook his head. “Dad already has a surefire plan. As for you...”

After a moment’s pause, his expression became grave. “I heard that Mason is going to do something to you.”

Lea was shocked to the core. Only after some time did she clench her fists. “What is he going to do to me? Kill me?”

“Kidnap and torture you so that you’ll compromise and give up on the product launch. Otherwise, he’ll

take your life away," Shaun whispered.

"What a despicable man." Lea was trembling with anger. "We're all business people. Why can't he confront me above board?"

She had always known that Mason was cruel, but when she learned that he was going to kidnap her, she found it hard to accept it. "Shaun, are you sure that's true?"

"Absolutely. But don't tell anyone about it."

Shaun leaped to his feet and said, "There are two ways now. The first option is that I'll get someone to protect you all the time, but I'm not sure if this will work since Mason is getting the top killers to take action this time. What's more, if the killers

fail, they'll definitely notice that their news has been exposed. As a result, they might sniff out my spy. Another way is to let them kidnap you, but I'll place a tracker on you. When Mason starts torturing you, we'll report it to the police and save you with the police's help. We'll then be able to get those killers and Mason arrested on the spot. Without Mason, Campos Corporation will fall apart."

Lea looked at her son in astonishment. She kept quiet for a long while before she spoke again, "I'll go for the second one. It's Mason who made the Hill family and Willie suffer. They're also partly responsible for Liam's death. I want him to be sent to jail. I'll end the problem I've caused on my own."

Shaun loosened the tie around his neck and sighed. "Mom, let me remind you something. Since Mason has the intention of capturing you, he won't care about your past relationship with him. He'll certainly take great pains to torture you, and the process can be very painful."

"Could the pain be as bad as your uncle's suffering? Ever since Willie became a fool, he has never spoken to me. Could the pain be as bad as losing Liam?" Lea smiled despondently with reddened eyes. "Even if I were to die, I deserve it. But keep in mind, you must bring Mason to justice, whether it's through the tracker on my dead body or by other means."

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Shaun gazed at Lea deeply for a long while. "Later, you can pretend that you're feeling unwell and head to the Jewell family's hospital. After you get there, Chester will have someone inject a tracker into your body."

"Okay."

After Lea went to the hospital, Shaun went to the villa Brennan lived in.

"Dad, did the Campos family look for you today?"

"Charlie has brought his people to Country Y to look for me. However, he doesn't know that I've never left Canberra at all." Brennan was holding a watering can, watering plants in the garden. "Don't worry. Besides giving Garson Corporation some negative image and pressure, the Campos family can't do anything to me with just a contract."

Shaun walked to Brennan's side and suddenly said, "The Campos family has decided to kidnap Mom to threaten me. Mom has agreed to inject a tracker

into her body, and we'll cooperate from the inside and outside. When the time comes, we'll capture Mason on the spot."

Brennan's arm stiffened. After a moment, he said, "This is indeed the only chance to get some dirt on Mason quickly. Based on Mason's character, he'll definitely take the money and leave Australia if he can't overcome this hurdle. By that time, it'll be hard to catch him."

Shaun replied in the affirmative with his brows knitted in a tight frown.

“Shaun...” Brennan put down the watering can. Then, he patted Shaun’s shoulder lightly. “At the end of the day, all these happened because of Lea. If she doesn’t do this, she’ll never be able to face the Hill family members in her entire life.”

“ I understand, Dad. ” Shaun nodded. However, he still could not help letting out a long sigh in his heart.

That night, Shaun returned to the Hill family’s residence and took a bath. After that, he sat alone in the study instead of reading to the children, which was rare.

He sat there for some time before Catherine pushed the door open. The warm light fell on her hair, and there was a smile on her lips. “Young Master Hill, what’s wrong? Why aren’t you going to sleep yet? Is it because you’re too excited about becoming the First Young Master of Australia again soon that you can’t sleep?”

“Where are Suzie and Lucas?” Shaun extended his hand toward her.

“I finally coaxed them to sleep. ” Catherine held his hand and sat on his lap. Noticing his furrowed brows, she could not resist rubbing his thick eyebrows with her hand. “You have something on your mind. Are you unhappy?”

“I’m not unhappy. I’m worried.” Shaun tapped his phone on the table. “I can’t reach my mom’s phone anymore, and I can’t reach her assistant either. I suspect something has already happened to her.”

Catherine was shocked. She wanted to stand up immediately, but Shaun grabbed onto her waist tightly. “This is a plan my mom and I have discussed. It’s also the only way to catch Mason. Cathy, I really used to dislike this mom of mine. Ever since I was young, she has never fulfilled any of her responsibilities toward me. However, I only realize now that my mom is still my mom after all. I’m afraid something will happen to her.”

“So you both...” Catherine gaped. Looking at Shaun’s state, she suddenly did not know what to say. “Nothing will happen. Mason must’ve kidnapped her to threaten you. If he hasn’t succeeded in threatening you yet, your mom won’t be in danger.”

“Cathy, you’re always so clever.” Shaun touched her small face. “However, Mason was deceived by me this time. He’ll surely vent his anger on my mom. I’m afraid...”

Catherine held his hand tightly. At a loss, she asked, “When do you plan to take action?”

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“I have discussed it all with my mom. After she gets kidnapped, she has to think of a way to lure Mason out no matter what. Therefore, she has to spend at least a whole day there.” Shaun clenched his fists. After a moment, he pushed Catherine away gently. “I have to go out and look for my mom. The act has to be done properly so that Mason won’t suspect anything.”

“Go,” Catherine said. “I’ll be by Suzie and Lucas’s side these few days.”

“Mm. After Mason and that group of killers have been caught, Suzie and Lucas can go to preschool as usual. Without the Campos family as his backing, Wesley can’t cause any problems no matter how great he is.”

Shaun caressed Catherine’s hair. “After Mason has been dealt with, the next one will be Wesley.”

At that, Catherine let out a breath of relief.

If both Mason and Wesley were sent to jail, she would not be that frightened of Rebecca returning, no matter how strong of a backing she had.

3:00 a.m.

Lea regained consciousness after getting splashed with a bucket of water.

Her eyes snapped open. The first thing she saw was a buff black man, followed by four to five towering-figured foreign men sitting at the side. Some of those people were fiddling with their guns, while some were sharpening their knives.

Lea was not a fool. Although it was just a glance, she could tell that those people were not just ordinary gangsters. They had definitely taken many lives before.

“Who... Who are you?” Lea got nervous. She had just attended a social engagement that night and was on the way back when she got kidnapped.

She did not know whether those people had discovered the tracker inside her body or not while she was unconscious.

“Guess.” The black man grinned. His row of white teeth looked frightening and creepy.

“Bank, stop scaring her.” A tattooed man walked over and said, “Hill Corporation is on quite a roll now. We’ve been commissioned by someone...”

“They must’ve paid a lot to commission you. I can offer double that amount as long as you let me go,” Lea said frantically.

“Haha, your words are quite tempting. Unfortunately, our occupation has its own ethics too. If we betray someone anyhow, how will we get any business in the future?”

After the tattooed guy finished laughing, he caught sight of Lea's ashen face and said with a fake smile, "However, if you serve me well, maybe... I can change my mind."

"Bart, you must be crazy. She's a 50-year-old woman. Haven't you touched a woman before?" That black man called Bank grabbed the tattooed guy's hand and warned him.

"Tsk. Well, she has taken quite good care of herself, so she still has the charm. Moreover, she's Hill Corporation's eldest daughter. I heard she used to be the most beautiful woman in Canberra. I've never had a taste of one before. Hehe." Bart's laugh was especially sleazy.

"Enough. The employer said no." Bank shook his head.

Bart snorted.

Lea was so nervous that her heart began to tremble. She may have already made all sorts of mental preparation, but if those people really did... She would be too ashamed to continue living.

Luckily, luckily...

"Was it... the Campos family who hired you guys?" Lea suddenly said with her voice quavering, "Get Mason here. I want to see him."

Bart glanced at her. "You don't need to know about that."

Lea was shocked. Those words meant that Mason did not intend to show his face. If so, then what did she endanger herself for? She had to lure Mason out. Bart took out a phone and snapped two pictures of Lea before going out.

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“What are you guys doing?” Lea suddenly got agitated. She started thrashing around on the floor with all her might.

“Shut up and be quiet.” Bank kicked Lea. “We sent pictures to your son. If he still wants you alive, he must do as we say. If not, we’ll kill you.”

“It must be Mason. It’s him who wants to use me to threaten Shaun, right? He can dream on. All he knows is to use such despicable methods every single time. Hill Corporation has finally managed to rise again, so he can forget about using me to threaten the Hill family. Even if I die, I won’t let him have his way.”

After Lea finished speaking, she gritted her teeth and knocked her head on the ground hard. Soon, blood started to flow out from her head, and she fainted.

“F*ck,” Bank swore. He immediately contacted Mason.

“A bunch of useless things. You can’t even keep an eye on a woman,” Mason scolded. “How is her condition right now?”

“She must be treated immediately. Otherwise, she’d die,” Bank said as he looked at the puddle of blood on the floor.

“I’ll send a doctor over right away.” Mason flung his phone out of anger.

In the meantime, Shaun received the two pictures of Lea from the kidnappers while rushing to the police station.

Following that, his phone rang. It was obvious that the people on the other side of the phone were using a voice changer.

“Shaun, if you don’t wish for your mom to die, give up on launching the new products. At the same time, send the data of the new products over. If not, you’ll be seeing your mom’s corpse tomorrow morning.”

Shaun sneered. “You must be Mason’s men, right? Can’t Mason do anything else besides stealing and snatching other people’s data? Campos Corporation is a top mega-corporation in Australia, yet all they do is illegal stuff.”

“Why do you care who I am? All you need to know is

that if you don’t do as I say, you’ll have to bear the consequences.” The kidnapper laughed sleazily. “Of course, before your mom dies, I can still have fun with her. Playing Young Master Hill’s mother must be quite something.”

“Don’t you dare.” Shaun’s gaze turned ruthless as his fist punched on the steering wheel.

“You can try. But if you saw it in real action, I’m afraid you won’t be able to take it. Haha.” The kidnapper laughed.

“I must give this some thought...”

“You don’t have the right to think about it. ” The kidnapper cut him off abruptly. “I want to see you act before daylight comes.”

Shaun said coldly, “ If I stop the launch, I’ll have to face a huge amount of compensation. Hill Corporation has already lost a huge sum of money before this, so there’s no way I can afford to do it again this time. I

cannot agree with your

conditions. If Hill Corporation's future can be secured in exchange with my mom's life, then I have no choice but to give her up."

"Shaun, are you abandoning your mother just for money?" The kidnapper did not believe his words at all.

"I don't have such deep feelings for her anyway. You'll know if you ask around. After she left my dad, started a new family, and established her career, she didn't even care about me, her son. If it weren't for my own capabilities, I wouldn't have

had the chance to inherit Hill Corporation. You guys really used the wrong person to threaten me."

Shaun hung up after he spoke.

After the call ended, his eyes were bloodshot from anger.

"Eldest Young Master..." Hadley looked toward Shaun worriedly. "There's news from Chance. Mason didn't go over, but it seems like he did send a doctor there..."

Shaun's body jolted.

Although he had installed a tracker, he did not know what was happening there at all.

"Now... What do we do?" Hadley asked.

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“Wait for a little while more. Since the kidnapper has failed to persuade me, he’ll definitely find a way to contact my grandpa. Capturing my mother

wasn’t easy for them, so I’m sure they won’t give up on this piece of chess for now. Since Mason has sent a doctor over, it means he won’t let my mom die for the time being.” Shaun’s fists clenched tightly. “Once Mason shows up, inform the police to move immediately.”

“But we don’t know when exactly Mason will show up.” Hadley looked worried.

3:00 a.m.

When the Campos’s family doctor rushed over, the floor was already stained with Lea’s blood from her forehead.

After a round of emergency rescue, the doctor had no choice but to give Mason a call. “Director Campos, she... hit her head really hard, and she has also lost the will to survive. If you don’t send her to the hospital, I have no confidence... that I can save her.”

“No confidence?” The other side of the phone went silent for a while before Mason’s violent roar sounded. “I’ve spent so much money to fund you, yet you can’t even f*cking save a person. What did I fund you for?”

“The main reason is... she has lost the will to survive,” the doctor said helplessly.

“Useless things.” Mason was scolding non-stop on the other end. Only after a while did he suddenly recall the first time he met Lea at university.

At that time, she was the favored girl high up in the clouds, arrogant and beautiful.

Mason did fall in love at first sight.

Initially, he wanted to wait until he married her, and even if he had sucked Hill Corporation dry, he would not abandon her. He would treat her well for his whole life.

However, Lea betrayed him first and got together with Brennan.

Afterward, she even had a child with Brennan.

Mason could also sense that her feelings had started to change slowly after she married Brennan. From then onward, his hatred for her grew in his heart. He hated that woman.

Therefore, Mason kept scheming to drive a wedge between Lea and Brennan so that she would divorce Brennan. Unfortunately, Lea did not sense anything at all. Although she divorced Brennan, she did not care about Mason as much as before. She kept mentioning Brennan in her words, and she would always mistakenly call Mason Brennan when she was dating him.

In the end, she had sex with Brennan again and had Liam.

At that time, Mason had no choice but to play along and make Lea misunderstand that Liam was his child. For Liam's sake, she married him.

After their marriage, they got along harmoniously. However, no one knew how much hate he hid in his heart.

Mason kept thinking Lea was dirty, and at the same time, he looked for young, pretty women outside on

purpose.

When Campos Corporation was finally in power, he felt an indescribable satisfaction to be able to trample Lea beneath his feet.

Mason thought he did not care about her anymore. Yet, when he heard that she was about to die, he was suddenly stunned.

He hated her and wanted to torture her, but he did not want her to die.

He had to keep the woman alive so that she could see him standing on top of the clouds while she could only grovel by his side inferiorly like an ant.

Mason wanted to humiliate her. He wanted to humiliate her endlessly.

He did not know how long he stood there before he took the car keys and went out.

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When Mason arrived at the place of the kidnapping, he saw the woman lying on the wooden bed with her head bandaged and her hand connected to an IV drip. Her face was as white as a sheet, as if she could die any moment.

The scene where he first met Lea flashed across his mind. That year, she wore a red dress and looked like the favored child of the heavens.

“Lea, wake up. You can’t die.”

Mason rushed to the bedside and grabbed Lea strongly, shouting, “If you die, I’ll kill Liam. Haven’t you been looking for Liam all this while? Let me tell you. Liam is in my hands. If you die, I’ll kill him

immediately.”

“Mason... You... Lunatic.” Lea struggled to open her eyes. The word “Liam” was the only reason she persisted. “Why... Why are you treating him like this? He’s your... son.”

“Son?” Mason laughed out loud as if he had just heard a joke “Lea, you b*tch. He’s not my son at all. He’s Brennan’s and your son.”

Lea’s body jolted. Then, she broke down and started hyperventilating so badly that she almost fainted again.

“That night, you were drunk. Brennan was the one who was with you.”

Mason bent over and looked at her fiercely. “Lea, do you know why I hate you so much? That was the last chance I gave you, yet you were together with Brennan again. You were reluctant to marry me, so I pretended that I slept with you. I didn’t expect

you would actually get pregnant in the end. I could only grit my teeth and said that child was mine. Do you know how much contempt I felt in my heart whenever I see Liam all these years? I desperately wanted to kill him.”

“You...” Lea’s whole body trembled as she gazed at the man in front of her. His eyes were clouded, and they looked very fierce.

She had never wished for his death as desperately as at this current moment.

Her whole life was ruined all because of him.

Lea clearly could not hold out anymore, but she did not know where she got her strength from as she strangled Mason's neck.

"You want to kill me?" Mason pushed her hands away while sneering. "Are you dreaming, Lea? You must be well and alive for me. If you die, I'll kill Liam and bury him with you."

He pushed her away hard after he spoke.

Lea sprawled on the bed. Tears fell from the corners of her bloodshot eyes.

She was an utter joke her whole life.

She had mistaken a fake hypocrite for a guilty gentleman.

She always treated the Campos family and Mason well because she felt like she owed him for what happened with Brennan.

In the end, she had hurt another man badly for the sake of this sc*m.

Lea even mistook her child's biological father, which caused Liam and Shaun, who were biological brothers, to become enemies for tens of years.

She was unworthy to be a mother.

"Call your dad." Mason threw a phone to her coldly. "Make him force Shaun to hand over the

information of Hill Corporation's new products and stop the product launch. If not, I'll throw you to those guys and let them serve you well."

Lea gazed at him in disbelief. "Are you still human?"

"You were the one who drove me to this state."

Mason grabbed her face. "Lea, I've held myself back for more than 20 years to come this far. In those 20 years, I was a f*cking flatterer every day at the Hill family. When I've finally achieved the position I have today, the Hill family has to go against me as always. Do you know? Shaun doesn't care about whether you live or die at all. He even hung up our call. Now the only people who can save you are Liam and yourself." "Is Liam... really still alive?" Lea laughed hoarsely. "Will such a heartless, cruel person like you keep him alive? If he's still alive, why would you kidnap me? Isn't using him to threaten me much more effective?"

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Mason was shocked. He did not expect Lea could still analyze things so calmly when she was in that state.

Ha! As expected of the woman he used to love. Too bad...

"It's useless, Mason. I won't call my dad. Moreover, he's already paralyzed. What can he do to Shaun? Shaun has been Hill Corporation's sole decision-maker for a long time." Lea sneered.

"If you won't call him, then I'll do it. I'll have your father listen to how his daughter gets raped." Mason had really been driven to insanity.

He waved his hand at those kidnappers.

Bart immediately came over while rubbing his hands together. He was even a little excited. " President Campos, is it really okay?"

"As long as you don't kill her." Mason looked at the scene cruelly.

Lea bit her lips hard.

When Bart pounced on her and ripped open her clothes, a sniper gun shot through Bart's temple from the outside with a bang.

The house fell into chaos in an instant. A rare look of panic and shock appeared on Mason's cold face.

The voice of the kidnapper, who was standing guard outside, rang. "There's police..."

Mason snapped back to his senses and quickly put on a mask before rushing over to take Lea hostage.

The kidnappers who were still alive covered Mason to escape from the back door. However, when they opened the back door, they realized that they were already surrounded by a large group of police.

"Don't move. I'll kill her if anyone moves." Knowing that he was tricked, Mason used a knife and held it at Lea's neck, trembling.

"Don't mind me. Just shoot. " Lea yelled frantically, "He's Mason Campos of Campos Corporation."

" Shut up. I'm not," Mason bellowed. He could not let anyone see his true face. As long as he escaped

and used some money, he could run away with his money overnight. As long as he had money, going anywhere would be the same.

“Mason, the sniper already saw you clearly from outside. You can’t escape.”

The surrounding police suddenly opened up a path, and a buff, towering man walked over from behind. He wore a pair of long white pants matched with a black shirt. He had a body like a European model’s, and he exuded a strong, mature aura.

Although that chiseled face had the signs of aging on it, his eyes were still deep-set. The only unfortunate thing was the deep knife scar on his face. However, it did not look fierce. Instead, it added a hint of wildness to him.

Mason’s arm trembled.

“It’s you. You’re not dead yet...” Mason was shocked.

Lea looked at the man in a daze. That was Brennan?

Why would he turn up here?

A lump appeared in Lea’s throat. They had not met for more than 20 years.

Unknowingly, both of them were already in their middle ages, yet he was still so mature and handsome.

However, why was there a scar on his face? Why did Mason say Brennan was not dead yet?

“Are you surprised? It must be difficult for you to recognize me.” Brennan looked at Mason coldly. “

That year, you threatened me to leave and even sent people to kill me overseas. You drove my mother and me into a corner. Your subordinate even took my mother's life. From that time onward, the reason I live is to take your life."

"I don't know what you're talking about."

Mason denied it in a loud voice. All he knew was that he could not admit who he was in front of the police. "Step aside. If not, I'll kill her immediately."

"You don't have to use me to threaten people. " Lea suddenly looked toward Brennan miserably. "I'm sorry. I heard from Shaun that you had a tough life throughout these tens of years. I was the one who did that to you, and I caused your mom's death too. Even if I die here today, this is what I owe you. All of you don't have to care about me."

After she spoke, she closed her eyes and decisively pushed herself toward the knife in Mason's hand.

Mason was so startled that pressed her neck hard in a hurry.

"Mason... Campos... Don't even think about... Taking me hostage." Lea's face was red from being choked.

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Brennan clenched his fists. "Mason, you can leave. "

Lea was stunned. She widened her eyes and looked toward him. "No..."

"You're Shaun's biological mother. I can't possibly let you die." Brennan waved his hand. After he made eye contact with the police, the police moved aside.

Just like that, Mason slowly left while holding Lea. Afterward, he got in the car with two kidnappers who were still alive.

“President Campos, what do we do now?” The kidnapper, who was driving, shouted angrily.

“My money and card are at the villa. Send me back there to get them, ” Mason said through gritted teeth.

“You really love money as if it’s your life, ” Lea said sarcastically.

“What the f*ck do you know?” Mason slapped her across the face. “If there’s no money, I can’t go anywhere.”

Lea almost fainted from getting hit. However, she clenched her jaw and withstood it.

The car sped toward Mason’s hidden villa.

After Mason took Lea down from the car, Chance, who was standing guard at the villa, immediately came over. “Director Campos, what... what happened to you?”

“Chance, I’ll give you 500 million dollars to help me escape from here.” Mason knew Chance had exceptional fighting skills. That was also the reason why he spent a lot of effort to headhunt him.

With Chance's skills, Mason believed that escaping would be much easier as long as Chance helped.

Chance's eyes trembled. "But... My wife and children are here..."

"As long as you protect me while I escape, you can still come back afterward. Chance, you're my subordinate. You and I are on the same boat. If I get caught, you'll go to jail too," Mason warned.

"...Okay." Chance clenched his fists.

"Keep a close eye on her. I'm going upstairs to get some stuff." Mason handed Lea to the kidnapers and quickly went upstairs.

"F*ck, this old thing. He's still wary of us even when trouble is upon us." Bank snorted.

"He has no choice. He must be afraid that I'll take all the treasures he's hiding." Another kidnapper snickered.

"Brothers, what exactly happened?" Chance asked. "The police suddenly..."

Before Bank finished his sentence, his chest was suddenly stabbed with a knife.

Another kidnapper at the side widened his eyes as he looked toward Chance. Then, he lowered his head to see a knife in his chest too. He opened his mouth.

However, before he could say anything, Chance knocked him out.

"Quick... Go and catch Mason," Lea reminded hastily.

“There’s no need to worry. Young Master Hill is already upstairs. Let me send you to the hospital.”

Chance carried Lea and walked out of the villa. Right at that moment, the ambulance arrived and transported Lea to the hospital.

Upstairs.

Mason was frantically packing the treasures in his safe.

Suddenly, footsteps rang behind him.

“Why did you guys come up...” Mason turned his head back. Before he could finish his sentence, he saw Shaun, who had come up from behind, choking him.

“Help...” Mason reacted quickly and immediately started yelling. Shaun simply watched in amusement as Mason shouted for help. Only when Mason’s throat was hoarse from yelling did Shaun grin mockingly. “Do you think your men will save you? Chance has already dealt with the people downstairs.”

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Mason was not stupid.

In an instant, he understood everything. “Chance is your man?”

“You’re wrong. He has always been my man.”

Shaun dragged a chair and sat down slowly. He was not in a hurry. His gaze looked as if he was looking at a mouse that was struggling on its brink of death. “Back then, you used Yael to steal Hill

Corporation’s microchip’s data. Yael was indeed the black sheep of Liona, and in your eyes, Chance was a man who would betray everything for the sake of a woman. You thought that by recruiting Yael, Chance, a sharp blade, would naturally fall into your hands.”

Mason had hidden his character for tens of years. He was confident that everything was in his hands. However, at that moment, he felt a sense of panic that he had never felt before.

“Are you thinking why Chance, who cares so much about his child, would ignore his child?”

Shaun raised his eyebrows. “It is because Yael has long betrayed you. A person who’s capable of betrayal once can betray someone a second time. It’s all thanks to your nephew, Ivan, who has been in an affair with Yael for a long time now. Tsk, he can’t even spare a pregnant woman. Your nephew has quite extreme taste. Through Yael, I’ve now gotten my hands on a lot of the Campos family’s illegal secrets.”

Mason’s breath quickened. The elegant look on his face was gradually replaced with fear.

“It looks like you know very well how many bad things the Campos family has done.”

Shaun stood up slowly with his hands in his pockets. “The Campos family and Yule Corporation started an investment company together. However, the Campos family had been faking the accounts behind everyone’s backs all along. You even joined hands with Kawada to swallow Yule Corporation through

illegal means and manipulated Yule Corporation's shares. Furthermore, you stole Hill Corporation's microchip's data and made a deal

involving a huge sum of money with Landell Group in secret. Landell Group is an overseas company. So what did your actions mean? As an Australian, you took a product that a local Australian company

painstakingly developed and handed it to an overseas company. You have betrayed the country. I need not elaborate on how severe the consequences are, right?"

Mason fell back onto the ground.

As he raised his head and looked at Shaun, his whole body could not help but tremble.

After a moment, he suddenly knelt in front of Shaun with a thump. "Shaun, seeing as Uncle Mason has known you for tens of years, please let me go. I'll give you everything. Money, jewelry, even Campos Corporation. You can return to the position of Australia's wealthiest man anytime."

Mason knew he would be sentenced to death for every single thing he had done.

"Uncle?" Shaun snorted with dark flames burning in his eyes. "You think you're worthy of that title? Do you think I don't know that you were the one who killed Liam?"

After he said that, he grabbed Mason by the collar and punched him hard. "You f*cking made Yael throw Liam into the sea. You pretended to be Liam's father and made me and Liam hurt each other despite being biological brothers. You forced my biological father to leave Australia and made me parentless since I was young. You even killed my grandmother. Yet, you're asking me to spare you? It's f*cking good enough that I don't kill you with my own hands."

In a fit of fury, Shaun kicked and stepped on Mason's body hard.

Mason was over 50 years old, and he usually lived a comfortable life. As such, he was not Shaun's opponent at all.

Not long after, Mason was beaten until blood was gushing out of him. His whole face was so swollen that he was unrecognizable.

Shaun stepped on his face. "Weren't you very smug when you replaced Hill Corporation? How did you humiliate my mom at Campos Corporation's main entrance when she went to look for you? Yes, Mason. Even if my mom has made a lot of mistakes, she's still my mom. It's not your place to humiliate her. Don't you treasure the son you have with Joanne a lot? Ha, I have a hundred ways to torture him."

"Don't..." Mason raised his head in fear. For the first time, there was a pleading gaze in his eyes. "Shaun, I lost. I'm not your opponent, but... the child

.. is innocent. I beg you... Spare him..."

"Ha, spare him? Then who could spare Liam? Who could save Liam?" Shaun shouted in agony. "Wasn't Liam once a child too? You were the one who watched him grow up. He called you dad for tens of years, yet you still could bring yourself to harm him." Mason almost stopped breathing from being stepped on by Shaun. He could only grab Shaun's leg desperately. "He's only... four years old..."

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"If you want him alive, you should go to jail obediently and come clean with every crime you've committed. Then, I will spare your son. Do you hear me?" Shaun yanked Mason up by his scalp and warned him coldly in his ear.

“Okay...” Mason nodded in despair.

“By the way, I forgot to tell you this. Didn’t your nephew, Charlie, who you have been nurturing all along, go to Country Y to look for the director of Garson Corporation? I’m afraid... he’ll never come back,” Shaun said expressionlessly.

Mason widened his eyes. Charlie was the successor he had painstakingly nurtured.

Shaun said with a cold, indifferent tone, “Because the manipulator behind the scenes of Garson Corporation is my dad, Brennan, the guy whom you’ve once sent people overseas to kill over and over again.”

Mason’s blood-stained lips quivered. After a moment, he started laughing sarcastically.

It seemed like he finally knew how he got defeated.

It seemed like he understood how Shaun could rise so quickly.

He did not expect it. To think that he had finally become the wealthiest man after scheming for tens of years, only to be brought down by Shaun and his father in such a short time.

Moreover, he was brought down into an eternal hell.

Shaun turned around and opened the bedroom door. At the same time, the police entered from the outside and apprehended Mason at last.

Shaun walked downstairs step by step.

At the courtyard, Brennan stood with his back toward Shaun and a cigarette in his hand.

“Dad, we’ve finally avenged Granny and Liam,” Shaun said in a low voice as he walked to Brennan’s side.

“Yes, but they’ll never come back.” Brennan took a long drag on the cigarette. Then, he raised his head and looked at the stars in the sky. Even a tough guy like him had tears in his eyes.

Shaun’s throat felt painful and bitter. He had clearly gotten his revenge, but he did not know what to say.

“Dad, let’s go to the hospital together to have a look at Mom. It seems like her injuries are quite serious,” Shaun said.

“You can go. I don’t want to see her.” Brennan turned around and left with his hand in his pocket.

“Dad, you still care about Mom, right? If not, you wouldn’t have rushed to the scene with the police to save her tonight.” Shaun suddenly added, “You wouldn’t even have let Mason leave just because he took her hostage.”

“You’re overthinking it. That was because I knew Chance was spying on Mason...”

“But Mason was escaping in a hurry, so nobody knew whether Chance would have the opportunity to meet Mason or not. If Mason didn’t come here, we might not have been able to catch him smoothly.” Shaun interrupted Mason and said with mixed feelings, “It’s been more than ten years, and you haven’t remarried.”

“What right does someone like me, who lives his days with hatred, have to remarry?”

Brennan suddenly let out a long sigh. “Forget it. Although that marriage back then was short, it made me lose all thoughts about marriage. Besides,

the rift between your mom and I can never be mended.”

After that, he left in long strides.

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6:00 a.m.

When Shaun arrived at the hospital, Lea had already been saved. Catherine and Valerie, who both could not stand each other, did not fight for once as they sat in the ward calmly.

When Shaun entered, Valerie asked hastily, “Has Mason been caught?”

“Yeah.”

Shaun nodded. “Everything happened very quickly. Everyone in the Campos family is in the police’s custody. This time, not only Mason’s kidnapping but the fact that Campos Corporation intentionally oppressed their competitors and stole Hill Corporation’s microchip’s data would slowly be uncovered.”

“That’s great.” Valerie was emotional. “Since the microchip’s data was stolen, could we get back the microchip’s ownership from Landell Group?”

"It'd be difficult. Landell Group can stay out of it by saying that it was Campos Corporation that offered the data to them to curry favor with them. At most, we can only make them stop the sale of the microchips. Although we can't punish them, this will be a heavy blow to Landell Group, and their reputation will be destroyed globally. It'll be hard for a company without reputation to rise again," Shaun explained.

Valerie nodded. "Perhaps... it can only turn out this way. Shaun, you really... did a good job. To be honest, when Hill Corporation was in that state, your uncle and I thought Hill Corporation would never be able to rise again."

"Actually, I've been busy dating lately. My mom has been the one working hard over the company's matters." Shaun looked toward Lea, who was on the patient's bed, as he said that.

Stunned, Valerie lowered her gaze sadly.

She used to be sarcastic and mean. However, after problems occurred one after another for Hill Corporation, it made her calm down and reflect on herself a lot.

"Shaun, your mom..." From outside the door, Spencer barged in. When he saw Lea, who had an oxygen tube up her nose, his eyes reddened.

"Uncle Spencer, Mason has been caught. Since Ivan has hurt Willie, you can now avenge Willie."

Shaun gazed at Spencer and said, "I know you've always blamed my mom. If it weren't for her choosing Mason back then and bringing trouble into the family, Willie wouldn't have ended up like that. In order to find evidence of Mason's crimes, my mom deliberately allowed Mason to kidnap her. Although we already implanted a tracker in her body, she still got hurt by Mason."

Spencer let out a heavy sigh. “In fact... I don’t blame her anymore. After all, we’re family. I just can’t help but think of Willie now as a retard whenever I see her. That’s why I simply don’t meet her. Shaun, how is she now?”

“Her head has suffered a heavy blow, so she’s still in a coma. But she has already gotten through the most critical stage,” Valerie explained.

“That’s good.” Spencer nodded. “It’s best not to tell Mom and Dad about this, lest they get worried since they’re so old. The Campos family has finally received retribution.”

“After Mason was caught, Maurice had been under control too. I plan to take this opportunity to acquire Campos Corporation.”

Shaun suddenly said, “Campos Corporation has already invested 500 billion dollars in the electric appliances industry, and many products are already semi-finished. As long as we utilize Hill Corporation’s latest technology, Hill Corporation can save a large amount of money. We can increase the manufacturing too.”

Spencer’s eyes lit up. “That’s not bad. Campos Corporation’s equipment may be of little value to other companies, but it’s a great addition to Hill Corporation. Shaun, you’re very smart.”

Valerie was excited as well. “The Hill family can be the wealthiest family in Australia again.”

Shaun nodded.

He felt pretty emotional too.

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Hill Corporation had met its downfall in his hands, but it did not take long for it to rise again in his hands as well.

Spencer glanced at Shaun, whose eyes were bloodshot. Then, he glanced at Catherine, who was silent at the side. He said, "Shaun, you should accompany Miss Jones home to rest. You both have worked tirelessly the whole night. Leave this place to your aunty and me. It's our turn to do something for the Hill family."

Shaun hesitated slightly, but Catherine had already walked over and held his hand. "Come on. Let's go back and have some rest. We'll come again in the evening."

"Okay."

Since Catherine has spoken, Shaun left with her.

"Your mom will only wake up in the evening or at night. There's nothing you can do by staying here. You might as well go back and sleep for a while.

Then, you'll have more energy to take care of more things," Catherine explained gently.

Shaun's hand held hers tightly. He remained silent for a long time before he said regretfully, "It's too bad that... Liam can't see all of this."

That short sentence made Catherine feel strangely bitter.

If it were not for Liam, she and the children might not be here in one piece.

"Mason will be sentenced to death," Catherine said after a long while.

“A death sentence is for sure for all the bad things he has done. We just don’t know how much more he has done that we’re unaware of.”

Shaun frowned. “Wesley used to do things for Mason in secret, so he must’ve done a lot of illegal stuff. Since I’ve used his son to threaten him too, I think he’ll expose Wesley.”

Catherine’s eyes lit up. “If Wesley is caught, then Ethan can be avenged. I can immediately divorce him as well.”

“He will be caught. Wesley is who he is today because he got on the same boat as the Campos family. Now that the Campos family has fallen, Wesley’s good days will be coming to an end too.”

Shaun wrapped his hand around Catherine’s waist.

He chuckled and said, “Weren’t you quite worried about Rebecca before this? I’ll be back to the position of Australia’s wealthiest man soon. Cathy, don’t worry. No one can hurt you and the children anymore. I’ll protect all of you in the future..”

“Who knows if you’ll attract other women again after you become the wealthiest man? Even Hannah was attracted to you when you were at your worst. What if a second Sarah appears?” Catherine’s red lips curved into a mocking smile.

“Cathy, I swear that won’t happen anymore. Making that mistake once in the past is painful enough.”

Shaun hurriedly hugged her and said, “And I think you bring good luck to me. You see, when I divorced you back then, I immediately fell from the top someone plotted against me. I even almost lost my life a few times. Not long after I’ve gotten back together with you, I have risen again. Aren’t you the one who’s bringing good luck to me?”

Catherine smiled and rolled her eyes. "In that case, you only got together with me because you want me to bring you luck?"

"Cathy, your words really hurt me. Are my feelings for you not clear enough? I can give you all the shares I have in Hill Corporation. I'll work for you in the future." Shaun hugged Catherine tightly. "Cathy, I'll give you the shares, okay? I'll transfer them to you in the evening. Don't leave me in the future."

"You're crazy. I don't want the shares." Catherine quickly hugged his neck. "I was just teasing you, silly. Do I still not know your feelings for me?"

"But I really want to give them to you," Shaun said softly.

"Stop fooling around. You can just give them to Suzie and Lucas in the future. I'm not interested in your money." Catherine winked at him ambiguously. "I'm only interested in you."

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Shaun's eyes heated up. As his thin lips curved upward, he deliberately opened a button in front of his chest and revealed his sexy collarbone. "Good girl, I'll give myself to you after we get back."

"Pervert." Blushing, Catherine rolled her eyes and pushed him away.

"It's all because of you." Shaun chased after her and grabbed her hand.

When they returned to the Hill family's residence, Suzie and Lucas immediately surrounded them. "

Scummy dad, Mom, where did you guys go on a date behind our backs last night? Hmph, you

dumped us and spent time alone again.”

“You misunderstood. Your granny got hurt last night, so we went to the hospital to accompany her,” Catherine explained while patting the children’s heads.

“What? Granny is hurt? I want to go to the hospital to visit Granny,” Suzie exclaimed agitatedly. She desperately wanted to rush out immediately.

“Why did Granny get hurt?” Lucas was calmer than Suzie.

“It’s because someone bad has been trying to deal with the Hill family. However, he was finally caught last night.” Shaun then crouched down and said gently, “I’ll bring guys to visit Granny in the evening. After a few days, you both can go to preschool too.”

“Really?” Lucas and Suzie were very excited. As they could only stay in the villa every day, they were very bored.

“It’s true. Let your dad sleep for a while. He didn’t sleep for the whole night last night,” Catherine said gently to the children.

“Scummy dad, quickly go and get some sleep. When you wake up, you can take us to visit Granny,”

Suzie said.

“Mom, you should sleep for a while too.” Lucas said gently, “You must be tired.”

“Let’s go. We’ll sleep together.” Shaun hugged Catherine’s waist.

Catherine felt slightly embarrassed, and her face heated up, especially with the children's innocent gazes on her.

However, Shaun did not give her the chance to speak as he dragged her to the bedroom upstairs straight away.

"I don't think it's appropriate sleeping together in broad daylight," Catherine whispered.

"What's so inappropriate? Could... I still do something to you?" Shaun purposely smiled evily. "Don't put me in a difficult position. I don't have any more energy."

"Go and die, pervert." Catherine did not hesitate to pinch him on the waist.

However, she did not use a lot of strength. In turn, it made Shaun's heart itch instead.

"Since you called me a pervert, I must do something." Shaun grabbed her soft, slender waist before lowering his head and smacking his lips on hers.

After a long, deep kiss, he carried her to the bed.

Catherine exclaimed. Just as she thought he was about to do something, he placed his arm behind her head. "Sleep."

Catherine lay down on her side. After watching the outline of his handsome face for a while, she gradually could not resist her sleepiness and fell asleep.

When she woke up, it was because of the children's laughter.

She opened her eyes to see Suzie's chubby, pink face at a close distance.

She was so startled that she wanted to sit up. However, she realized her whole body was trapped in Shaun's arms.

Perhaps her movements were too big, but Shaun woke up too. When he opened his eyes and saw the two children on the bed, he had a slight headache.

"How embarrassing." Suzie pulled a face. "Scummy Dad, Mom, you're both grown-ups, yet you guys still hug each other to sleep like little kids."

Catherine's face began to flush. "I... I just took your dad as a blanket."

"Really?" Suzie was taken aback.

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Lucas said in a low voice, "You guys are deceiving us kids. I heard that when parents hug each other to sleep, they'll easily have a new baby."

"You guys want a new baby?" Suzie was stunned for a moment before her eyes reddened. "Isn't having Lucas and me enough? You still want a new baby? I don't approve of it."

Catherine and Shaun were awkward and speechless.

"Lucas, who did you hear that from? Your mom and I were just sleeping," Shaun explained while the corners of his mouth twitched. "Having both of you as third wheelers is enough. We don't need another one."

“When did we become third wheelers?” Suzie was confused.

“It means we are always in their faces.” Lucas said, “We’re disturbing his and Mom’s alone time.”

“That’s too much.” Suzie was furious. “We didn’t even hate you for snatching our mom. Go away.”

The little girl crawled over and pushed Shaun away,

sitting in Catherine’s embrace. “Mom, you guys have slept for a very long time. When are we going to the hospital to visit Granny?”

Catherine looked at the time. It was already 3:00 p.m. “Let’s go now.”

When they were about to depart, Shaun received a call from the police station. “It seems like Mason has confessed to some new offenses, so the police have asked me to go over. You can go ahead with the children first. I’ll arrange for Hadley to escort you guys.”

Catherine nodded.

Once Shaun arrived at the police station, the chief, who was in charge of the case, gave him a copy of Mason’s statement.

After reading through it, Shaun remained silent for a long time.

He really did not expect Mason to have done a lot more bad deeds than he had imagined.

Furthermore, it seemed like Mason was afraid that Shaun would hurt his son too. As such, he explained everything clearly.

“Please continue interrogating him on whether there are any accomplices or not,” Shaun said.

“We would, but he had a lot of injuries on him when we caught him during dawn. Currently, his body can’t take it, so we plan to let him rest for two days. Then, we’ll continue interrogating him.”

“Thank you.”

Shaun took the statement and left.

He drove to the hospital straight away. However, he did not go to Lea’s ward. Instead, he went to Chester’s office.

Chester had just returned after finishing his rounds. He removed his stethoscope and punched Shaun’s body lightly. A smile then etched on his handsome face. “Congratulations, Young Master Hill. The public is in an uproar now. You, Young Master Hill, are about to become the First Young Master of Australia again. Tsk, you stole the limelight from me again.”

Shaun gazed at Chester with furrowed brows and did not say a word.

“Alright, don’t look so solemn. I’ve asked the doctor who’s in charge of your mom. She’ll recover after one or two months’ rest,” Chester said with a smile.

“I just came from the police station. When the police interrogated Mason, he revealed some things that I think you need to know.” Shaun passed the statement to Chester. “Three years ago, Charity really was framed for Shelley’s death. The person who planned all of it was Mason.”

Chester’s body stiffened. He gazed at that statement and did not move.

Seeing that Chester did not take the statement, Shaun kept it. "What Cathy said was real. Back then, after I sent Rebecca away, it was Mason who brought Rebecca out. He made her undergo plastic surgery to have Shelley's looks and arranged for her to be by my side. At that time, the milk Shelley gave me to drink contained drugs that made my memory deteriorate. After Catherine realized Shelley was Rebecca in disguise, they played along and burnt the real Shelley. Afterward, they blamed it on Charity."

Chester turned around. His handsome face was so calm that it looked cold.

However, only he knew how tight his heart was clenching that he felt like he could suffocate for a few seconds.

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Catherine had told Chester about that before.

He did believe it to a certain extent. However, deep down in his heart, he refused to accept that truth.

The reason being once he accepted it, it meant that he was the one who personally found a lawyer to send Charity to jail and sentenced her.

He would be the one who contributed to the cause of Charity's death too.

Chester would rather think of Charity as a despicable, bad woman, and that she had only herself to blame.

She deserved it even if she died.

However, the perpetrator had now admitted it himself.

Ha, Chester was wrong. He made a grave mistake.

“Why did Mason shift the blame to Charity then? Was he close to her?” After a long while, Chester asked hoarsely.

“Charity... Frankly speaking, she’s a sacrifice.”

Shaun said uncomfortably, “Because those days, Charity, Cathy, and Freya were close, and we despised Charity because of Sarah. Mason thought if he pushed the blame onto Charity at that time, it would cause a rift in my relationship with Cathy.

“Cathy would firmly believe that Charity was innocent, while we would think that she was taking Charity’s side. It truly happened that way. My relationship with Cathy started deteriorating from that time onward, and even you started having opinions toward Cathy. To make it worse, Rebecca drugged me, which made my illness more severe.”

“Mason... He really schemed everything so cruelly.” Chester looked outside the window. There was a bottomless coldness in his eyes.

He admitted that he was ruthless, but he would never set up innocent people.

“That’s right. If only I believed in Cathy back then. She said she had done a DNA test between Rebecca and Jeffery, but I didn’t believe her.” Shaun’s lips lifted in a self-deprecating smile. “Charity’s death indirectly caused Jennifer and Boris’ deaths. Since everyone in the Neeson family is dead, there’s nowhere I can atone for my sins. I can’t possibly help Thomas and Sarah, right?”

Chester remained silent. Beneath his short hair, his dark gaze was downcast. No one knew what he was thinking.

At first glance, people would think that he was indifferent.

However, Shaun knew that Chester was not that kind of person. Chester was a person who hid things deeper than him.

“ I’m leaving.” Shaun patted Chester’s shoulders before turning around to leave.

“Will you tell Catherine about this?” Chester suddenly asked.

“...I won’t. Maybe it’s because I’m too selfish. I’m afraid knowing about it will make her more remorseful and upset over Charity’s matter. I want to be with Catherine. After all, we’ve finally

managed to make up. I’m scared that the rift from the past will reappear.”

Shaun left after he spoke.

Chester stood in front of the full-length windows alone for a long time.

The trial that sent Charity to jail kept replaying in his mind like a slow movie.

That day, she repeatedly said she was wrongly accused and that she was innocent.

He did not believe her and looked at her as if he was looking at a cruel murderer.

When all the yelling made her hopeless, her cool, slightly reddened eyes became lifeless and dim. Let

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Chester flung his hand and swept the glass on the table to the floor.

It was as if that was the only way to stop him from feeling so annoyed.

Shaun returned to Lea's ward.

Lea was already awake. However, she exuded a wave of lifelessness.

"Shaun, you came just at the right time. We don't know what's wrong with your mom. I've been talking to her for a long time, yet she hasn't uttered a word. It's very unlike her." Valerie came over and whispered, "Is she still hung up on Mason since he has gotten caught..."

"No..." Shaun cut her off. He glanced at the few people in the ward and said, "Maybe it's because she found out that Liam is hers and Brennan's son and my biological brother."

"What?"

Valerie and Spencer were shocked. "Wasn't Liam hers and Mason's?"

Catherine frowned as she glanced at Lea. She and Shaun had known about it early on, but they were afraid it would upset Lea. It must have been Mason who said it himself.

"He's not Mason's son." Lea finally spoke. However, her hoarse voice was empty and sad. "I was mistaken all along."

“You... How could you be so silly?” Spencer sighed heavily. “As the child’s mother, you can’t even figure out who’s the father.”

Lea could not even feel any embarrassment. In fact, she felt that living was meaningless. “In the past, I always thought I was a failure of a mother. Now, I realize that I’m not even worthy of being a mother. For more than 20 years, I was fooled by a man.”

She choked, and her eyes reddened. Then, she raised her head and said to Shaun, “Shaun, I’ve wronged you, and I’ve wronged Liam too. Liam is dead. It was Mason who killed him. I’m so useless and stupid. I caused Liam’s death.”

As she spoke, she covered her eyes and wept.

She was a tough woman. She did not cry that way even when Mason abandoned her.

However, when she found out the truth, she broke down and cried.

At that moment, everyone was at a loss for words. “It’s not completely your fault.”

Shaun suddenly said, “Actually, I’ve already known about this for a while now. I’ve asked Dad about it. That night, you were drunk, and he went over to look for you. When he woke up the next morning, he was embarrassed to face you because of his men’s pride. Hence, he left. Afterward, Mason came and pretended to be him. Dad thought you got pregnant with Mason’s child not long after you divorced him, so his hatred toward you deepened. If only you and my dad were mature enough at that time. You were the prideful princess of the Hill family who looked down on him, while he, having married into the Hill family, was taunted by you, and he had his own pride too.”

“At that time, Dad and Mom both said that Brennan was quite good.” Spencer said, “Yet, you said he was targeting the Hill family’s family business. In the end, the one who was really targeting the Hill

family's business was Mason."

"Enough, Brother. Stop talking. Don't upset Lea anymore." Valerie rolled her eyes at Spencer. "Anyway, both you and Brennan are to blame for this matter. There's no need to shoulder everything yourself."

"No, the fault mainly lies with me." Lea shook her head. After wiping her face with a tissue, she asked, "Shaun, where's your dad?"

"The reason he came back this time is mainly to get revenge. Now that he has gotten his revenge, he'll return to Country Y after some time. After all, he's Garson Corporation's director, and his company is over there. He said he despises Canberra," Shaun said with a hint of sadness.

"Wow. He's actually Garson Corporation's director?" Valerie was surprised. "That's the top mega-corporation of Country Y. I never expected he would have today's achievements when he was so poor back then."

"He has always been a smart and capable person. When he was studying, his results were the top in the school. I was the one who was prejudiced against him." Lea said with difficulty, "Shaun, please tell him thank you... for last night."

"Mm."

Shaun took out a document. He said, "This is the Hill family's manor's Certificate of Title. "

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"This... Where did this come from?" Valerie immediately took it. The moment she opened it up, she froze. How did the names on it change to Suzie and Lucas's?

"When Hill Corporation was going through a crisis and was forced to sell Hill Manor... it was my dad who secretly bought the manor. He wanted to help the Hill family overcome this crisis. He wanted to give the manor to me at first, but when he learned that he had grandchildren, he changed the names

t o Lucas and Suzie's. It's a gift for the two children. ”

Shaun continued saying, “After this matter is over, I plan to have Grandpa and Grandma move back to Hill Manor since they are more used to living there. As for all of you, you can move back anytime if you want. The manor is huge, so you can accompany the two elders.”

“Shaun, please do ask when your father is available to have a meal together.” Spencer said emotionally, “It's to thank him. He has really helped the Hill family a lot this time.”

“I think my father may not be too willing to meet with you.” After a moment's silence, Shaun said, “Back then, he was forced by Mason to leave the country, and he was hunted down by Mason's men. My grandmother also died because of this. He... actually hates the Hill family. He regrets marrying someone from the Hill family.

Spencer was suddenly at a loss for words.

Lea held onto the quilt tightly. Her heart felt incomparably bitter. If it were her, she would feel the same.

In the evening, Catherine and Shaun left the hospital with the children.

She asked casually, “When you went to the police station, did Mason hand over any incriminating evidence?”

“Oh, yeah.” Shaun's eyes glinted. He quickly kept his eyes on the road and drove seriously. “It has to do with Yule Corporation. Yule Corporation and Campos Corporation previously worked together to open an investment company. However, the police found that Campos Corporation had been committing accounting fraud and manipulating the stock price of listed companies. Hence, Yule Corporation's investment company was frozen too.

But since Yule Corporation had nothing to do with this matter, they could get away. In other words, the Campos family has no control over Yule Corporation now, and it can return to the Yule family's hands."

Catherine paused. "Most of it should have fallen into Damien and Melanie's hands since my grandparents and my dad differ in opinions."

"Your dad has opened another logistics company, and the elites from Yule Corporation have all gone to his side. Even if Yule Corporation returns to Damien's hands, they're at the end of their era." Shaun paused before continuing, "I'm just worried that Damien will ask your grandparents to plead with your dad to merge his new company with Yule Corporation and let the two brothers manage the company together."

Catherine frowned at those words.

Thinking about it now, there was that possibility.

During the period of time when Yule Corporation was controlled by Campos Corporation, Joel's new company took advantage of the opportunity to expand. Today, they had thousands of logistics outlets across the country, and they were even in collaboration with major e-commerce companies. Damien would definitely be jealous. In fact, he would likely tell the two elders that Joel stole Yule Corporation's business, and the two elders would definitely threaten Joel with their death again.

Just as she was thinking about it, Joel called her. "Cathy, don't come back for the time being. Your grandparents and Damien came over to cause trouble again. My head hurts from all the fuss they're making. I can't be bothered to go back either, so I'll just sleep at the office."

"Dad, did Damien return to Yule Corporation?" Catherine asked.

"Yeah. After the Campos family fell, there was no need to worry about Kawada alone, so Damien

became the chairman of Yule Corporation.

However, Yuel Corporation was hollowed out by the Campos family and Kawada, and Damien claimed that I founded a new company to go against him. Hence, he wants me to either let the two companies merge or let the old employees who came to me go back to him.”

Joel scoffed coldly. “In his dreams. I’m not going to bother with him or your grandparents. What I have will be left to you.”

“Yeah, it’s better to avoid them.” Catherine agreed.

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After finishing the call, Shaun turned his head and said, “I’m going back to the company. I’ll be working overtime tonight, but you can take the children back to Hill Manor tomorrow. It’s bigger there, so it’ll be more fun for them.”

“Yes, yes! Can I ride a horse again?” Suzie turned to Lucas happily. “I’m telling you, Hill Manor is really, really big. There’s a playground, a horse ranch, a small river, and lots and lots of fruits. It’s really fun.”

Although Lucas had never been to Hill Manor before, Suzie’s words made him a little excited.

“It’s fine for you two to stay there, but I... I haven’t divorced Wesley yet. ” Catherine was still concerned about this matter. Although she did not care about how other people saw her, she did not feel comfortable being with Shaun like this.

“Don’t worry. I don’t believe Wesley’s not involved in Mason’s incident.” Shaun snorted. “It’s just a matter of time before the divorce.”

“Hm.” Catherine nodded.

With his current capability, she believed him.

After separating from Shaun, she had just taken the two children to the Hill residence when she received a call from Logan. His voice sounded urgent and in pain. “Miss Jones, Austin and I have gotten into an accident.”

“What happened?” Catherine was shocked. “How are you now?”

So many things had happened the past few days that she almost forgot she sent Logan and Austin to keep an eye on the prison. When she counted down the days, today was the day Jeffery and Sally would be released from prison.

“This evening, after Jeffery and his wife were released, an unlicensed luxury car picked them up. I followed your instructions and followed them with Austin separately. But after following them for about half an hour, I noticed that Austin had disappeared. I searched his vicinity for a long time and found him tossed in an alley, covered in blood. When I went to save him, I was ambushed by two people and suffered some injuries. Fortunately, I managed to take Austin and escaped to somewhere crowded, so they didn’t come after us.”

Catherine asked anxiously, “How is Austin?”

“His injuries are worse than mine. He has been stabbed in the lower abdomen, so it’ll be difficult for him to recover in a month. I also got cut in many places.”

Logan fell silent for a moment before saying, “I fought with those two guys, and their skills were the same as mine. They had probably honed them on various battlefields. They’re even more powerful than the assassins in Neah Bay. Otherwise, Austin wouldn’t have been knocked down so easily.”

Catherine was horrified. What kind of force was backing Rebecca?

"I don't feel rest assured keeping you both in Melbourne. I'll tell Shaun to get someone to pick you up," she said.

"Okay." Logan did not refuse. "I just... find it a bit strange. The other party seemed to know I was with Austin, so they ambushed me after defeating Austin. I think Rebecca seems to know us very well."

"I'm guessing it's because Wesley has told Rebecca about me. She must know me very well now. I was careless." Catherine was filled with chagrin. "By the way, did you see who picked up Jeffery and Sally?"

"The car windows were tinted, so I couldn't look inside."

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Catherine's head began to hurt.

She had not done anything yet, but her left- and right-hand man were already crippled.

Furthermore, she still did not know anything about Rebecca.

Forget it. She would just have to deal with the situation as it developed.

Hill Corporation.

Chance had been waiting at the door for a full hour.

The current Shaun was in full swing. After the fall of the Campos family, Shaun bought over Campos Corporation at breakneck speed, and the whole world now knew his name.

He fell in his early thirties, but he climbed back up at the fastest speed.

However, such was the society that trimmed one's sail to the wind. From evening to late night, many prominent people had been wanting to make an appointment with him. However, most of them were turned away.

"Mr. Ziegler, Eldest Young Master has told you to come in." Hadley opened the door and spoke.

"Thank you." Chance nodded and strode in.

Shaun finished signing the last contract and put it aside. Then, he raised his head and looked at Chance. "You're here for Yael's matter, right?"

"Eldest Young Master... How are you planning to deal with her?" Chance asked hesitantly. "I know she killed Liam, and you might not intend to let her go."

"You still want her?" Shaun mocked. "These days, in order to get the antidote from me, she has been using all ways to seduce Ivan and sleep with him. Do you not despise her?"

"I had given up on her ever since I found out that she was flirting with Ivan." Chance shook his head decisively. "I just care about the child in her belly."

"I'm a man of my word. If you hadn't tipped me off after you went undercover, Lucas and Suzie might have gotten into an accident." Shaun stuffed the pen into the pen holder, put it down, and

interlaced his slender fingers. "After the child is born, Yael will be handed over to the police, and you'll raise the child."

"Thank you." Chance's furrowed brows relaxed. "Eldest Young Master, can you let me back into Liona? It's fine even if I'm not the master. I just want to work for you again."

"No need, Chance. You already have a weakness, so Liona isn't a place for you to enjoy your retirement. You should hurry up and find a place to live in peace with your child." Shaun said faintly, "As for Liona, I already have a new candidate for the master."

"Well, I expected that. Thank you, Eldest Young Master. I'll see you someday."

Chance smiled wryly and nodded. Then, he turned his tall, sturdy figure and left.

Shaun sat quietly in his chair for a while. After about ten or so minutes later, a short-haired and fit woman walked in and knelt on one knee. "Eldest Young Master, I'm back."

The light fell on the woman's face, illuminating a very young and cold face with slightly tan skin. Her eyes were like ice blades.

The person was Elle Charlton. Shaun had sent her abroad for brutal special training for a period of time, and now, Elle was the new master of Liona.

"Mm, Chance just left." Shaun waved his hand, motioning for her to get up.

Elle paused, looking awkward. "Are you really going to make me Liona's master?"

"Hill Corporation's crisis has made me see clearly that many people in Liona aren't loyal. The most important things for the master of Liona to have are loyalty and skill, which you've gained after the special training. Elle, I hope you can lead Liona back to its heyday as soon as possible."

Shaun knocked on the table and said in a low voice, "Actually, what I value most is your loyalty to Cathy."

Elle paused for a moment before she said, "I will continue to be loyal to Miss Jones, just like how I'm loyal to you."

"No, I want you to be more loyal to her, Suzie, and Lucas," Shaun said. "Sometimes, my decision is not necessarily right."

Elle opened her mouth. A moment later, she nodded. "I understand."

"I have a task for you now. Arrange for someone to go to Melbourne and pick up Logan and Austin.

They're injured. Take them back to Liona for them to recover first," Shaun said.

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"Yes, I'll get to it right away."

The next morning, Shaun was still sleeping in the lounge in his office when he suddenly heard Hadley's voice from outside.

"Eldest Young Master is still sleeping..." "Yes, I know. I won't wake him up."

After the beautiful voice sounded, the door was

gently pushed open, and Catherine walked in wearing a one-shoulder red plaid dress. Her exposed shoulder was as white as milk, looking bewitching and seductive. Along with her delicate eyes and features, Shaun suddenly felt a fire in his calm chest.

“You’re awake.” Catherine paused the moment she met his eyes.

“Why are you here so early?” Shaun rubbed his slightly messy hair.

“ I’m here to see... if you have hidden any beautiful

women in the office lounge... Ah.” Catherine deliberately joked and looked around.

However, before she could finish her sentence, she was pulled into a strong and hot chest by an arm.

“There is one beautiful woman... right here.” Shaun then flipped her over and pressed her on the bed before planting a domineering kiss on her.

Catherine smacked his back hard, but he ignored her. The kiss burned as hot as Mars.

“Shaun, stop it. The door isn’t closed.” She scratched his back anxiously.

Shaun immediately picked her up. Without breaking the kiss, he closed the door quickly with his other hand and locked it.

Catherine was dumbstruck. “ I’m here to send you breakfast.”

“ I’ve received it. Time to eat. It tastes delicious. ” Shaun chuckled in his husky voice.

Catherine immediately blushed. The two of them had been very busy lately, and there was not much time for intimacy. Hence, she could understand his desire.

Everything that happened next followed a logical sequence.

However, he was just unable to please her using the conventional way.

After an unknown amount of time, Shaun went to the bathroom. As cold water poured from the shower, he hammered his fist hard on the wall.

“Don’t be like that. You’ll get better.”

A petite body hugged him from behind.

Shaun’s body trembled, and he turned around to face a stunning beauty in front of him. His breathing became erratic, but he could only laugh bitterly. “You know of my condition, yet you still deliberately tempt me.”

“You don’t say it, but I know you don’t feel comfortable.” Catherine stuck her tongue out with her face flushed.

“Little vixen.” Shaun’s eyes deepened as he hugged her tightly and said in a husky voice, “Don’t show your shoulders in the future.”

“Huh?” She was confused.

“Your shoulder is lethal to men. It’s too seductive.” Shaun gnashed his teeth.

“No wonder...” Catherine understood immediately. She had underestimated herself.

“You don’t come here often, so... stay with me longer,” Shaun said, then kissed her again.

It was like he would never get tired of kissing her. He held her and moved them back to the bed again. That was when his phone suddenly rang. Catherine picked the phone up, answered the call, and pressed the speaker button. The voice of the police sounded. “President Hill, Mason Campos committed suicide in jail last night.”

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“Suicide?”

Shaun looked down and met Catherine’s eyes. He saw the shock in her eyes.

“How did he commit suicide?”

“He smashed his head on the wall.” The police said in a low voice, “He used a lot of force. It was clear that he didn’t intend on surviving it. He died on the way to the hospital. I was hoping to get more information out of him, but I guess there would be no leads now.”

“Did anyone visit him before his suicide?” Shaun went straight to the point.

“Yes, his woman, Joanne Holt.”

Shaun fell silent. Many things were becoming clearer to him.

“We’re planning to interrogate that woman,” said the policeman.

“Okay.”

Shaun put down his phone and frowned deeply.

Catherine put on her clothes. She did not expect this to happen. “If he dies, the trail that Wesley is involved in the crimes will disappear.”

“It’s my fault.” Shaun’s expression was as cold as ice. “I should’ve thought that someone would use unscrupulous methods to threaten Mason with his child.”

There was nothing that could threaten people like Mason. His only weakness was his own child.

Previously, Shaun had used his child to threaten him to confess his crimes honestly. Now, another person had used his child to silence him.

“Forget it. Compared to the other person, you were just threatening him verbally. You would never raise a hand against a child. But Wesley is different... He has no humanity left to speak of.” Catherine clenched her fists in abhorrence.

“You also think it was Wesley?” Shaun looked at her.

“Besides him, what other partners and accomplices did Mason have?” Catherine said in a low voice, “After all, when it comes to Mason and his position, the people he has common interests in won’t be ordinary.”

Shaun silently caressed her long hair. Just like that, his mood was ruined early in the morning.

He originally thought he could get Wesley and her a divorce as soon as possible.

“Cathy, don’t worry. I’ll tell Chester to lay on the pressure. If Wesley wants to maintain Golden Corporation, he’ll have to sign the divorce agreement as soon as possible. Otherwise, I’ll leave him with nothing.”

A ruthless look flashed in Shaun’s eyes.

Wesley no longer had the assassins from Neah Bay helping him or the backing from Mason. As such, dealing with him would be easy.

“Well, forget it. Stop thinking about it. Let’s eat breakfast.” Catherine rested her chin on his shoulder. “I specially brought you breakfast and

put it on the desk outside, but it’s probably cold by now.”

“You made it?” Shaun’s eyes lit up. “Yeah.” She answered lazily like a cat. “Thank you.” Shaun was overjoyed.

For him, there was nothing more delightful than eating breakfast she personally made.

“Just a thank you?” Catherine snorted absent- mindedly. “I got up at six in the morning just to make you breakfast.”

“Didn’t I thank you already?” Shaun glanced at the bed meaningfully.

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Catherine was stunned for a moment. When she understood his meaning, she blushed and pinched his waist fiercely. "You pervert."

"Ouch. It hurts. I'll stop teasing you." Shaun quickly pressed her into his arms and kissed her little ear. "I'll tell you some news. I've already appointed Elle as the new master of Liona. In the future, you can tell Elle to handle any task you have. After all, Logan and Austin are both injured, and they won't recover in a short time. I think... Rebecca already knows of your left and right arm. That was why she hurt them as soon as she came back."

Catherine was deeply touched by his arrangement. Logan and Austin's injuries troubled her, so Shaun's actions were a solution to her most pressing issue. "I never thought Elle would be the master of Liona. She's still young, and she's also a woman..."

"So what if she's a woman? Don't underestimate women. You're a woman, but you're much smarter and more rational than me." Shaun kissed her cheek. "Elle is young, but her advantage is that she's loyal to you."

Catherine looked startled. "Didn't you prohibit Yael from being too loyal to Sarah?"

"Sarah is Sarah, and you are you. You gave birth to my children, and you were willing to forgive me. I'm more than happy to place you in the most important position." Shaun took out a golden token from the drawer and put it in her hand. "This is Liona's new command token. With this, you can mobilize all the people in Liona."

"Why are you giving me this? I don't want it." Catherine pushed it away.

"Take it. They'll listen to me even without the token." Shaun hugged her and said dotingly, "I'll expand Liona's power and give you the same status as me."

Catherine was touched. She raised her head and took the initiative to kiss his thin lips. "Shaun, let's carry on like this in the future, okay?"

"Yeah, we will." Shaun helped her get dressed and carried her out to have breakfast.

Although it was a little cold, the breakfast she made was still delicious.

He finished everything, and Catherine was prepared to leave when she said, "I've taken the kids to the manor. I'm planning to find a new preschool for them in the afternoon."

"No need. I've already found a good preschool for them, which is just at the foot of Sherman Mountain. It's the royal preschool near the Snow family's house. The preschool is where all the country's political bigwigs send their children to. It's armed with a police corps and special forces, so the children will be absolutely safe."

Catherine was stunned. She had heard of that preschool before. "It isn't a place you can send the kids to just because you have money, right?"

"I asked Ryan for help," Shaun said.

"Well, that's good. If they go there, I won't have to worry about Rebecca going after the kids."

In the morning, after Catherine sent the two children to the manor, she went to the hospital to visit Lea.

After leaving the hospital, she went to a nearby supermarket.

It seemed that a lot of new items had to be bought for the new place.

She first bought some toys and pajamas for the kids and then went to the men's clothing section on the fourth floor.

"Could you fetch the suit from the model at the window for me to take a look, please?"

Catherine had just finished speaking when a surprised voice sounded behind her. "Carrie."

Catherine turned around as an unruly mixed-race man strode in with large strides. His handsome face, which seemed like it was carved elaborately by the Gods, instantly captured the gaze of all the clerks in the store.

"Matthew, why are you here?" Catherine raised her brows in surprise.

After that supper in Melbourne, she thought it was impossible for her to cross paths with Matthew again.

"I came to Canberra this morning. I didn't expect I would meet you in the afternoon. This must be fate." Matthew still spoke with an accent, but it made his voice sound more attractive as a result.

"Yes." Catherine did not expect this either. "Are you here to buy some clothes too?"

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"Yeah. I didn't buy any clothes when I came to Canberra, so I thought about buying a few." Matthew's blue eyes exuded a charming smile. "We met just in time. Would you mind if I consult you?"

Catherine was just about to speak when the clerk came over with a brown suit. "Miss Jones, is this the suit you were talking about?"

“Uh... Yes.” Catherine nodded. “ Can you help me get one with a bigger size?”

“Of course.” The clerk turned and went to change it. Before she left, she secretly sized Matthew up.

“Why did she call you Miss Jones?” Matthew blinked in confusion. “Isn’t your last name Yule?”

“Sorry, my last name is actually Jones.” Catherine smiled helplessly. “My name is Catherine Jones.”

“Carrie... No, Catherine. You’ve gone too far. I told you my real name and thought of you as a friend, but you gave me a fake name.” Matthew had a bitter look on his handsome face.

If it were anyone else, Catherine would not bother to explain herself. However, Matthew was different. The familiar and amiable feeling she got from him made her not want to see him angry. “ I’m sorry. It’s because I’m somewhat considered a public figure, and my reputation isn’t that good. When we met in Melbourne, I thought our paths crossed coincidentally and that we wouldn’t meet again.

That was why I made up a fake name.”

“A public figure?” Matthew blinked. “Are you a celebrity? An artiste?”

“No.” Catherine shook her head. “It’s more like... somewhat of an online celebrity.”

“Oh.” A vague look of understanding flashed in Mathew’s eyes. “In any case, I guess this can be considered as us getting reacquainted. You live in Canberra, right? I’ll also settle down here in the

future. This is great. You're my first friend in Canberra. I'm very glad to meet you again."

He extended his right hand like a gentleman. Catherine shook his hand.

The shop attendant came over with a new suit, and Catherine said, "Help me wrap this up. Also, give me a set of the same size for the army green suit over there."

"Are you buying clothes for your husband?"

Matthew hid the sourness in his heart and asked her.

Catherine pursed her lips and said honestly, "Strictly speaking, he's my ex-husband and my current boyfriend."

"But didn't your friend back then say that you were married?"

"I am, but my husband and I share no feelings. Also, he deceived me into marrying him. We've been living separately for a long time and want to get divorced. We'll have to go through the legal process soon." Catherine smiled helplessly when she saw the stunned look in his eyes. "Sorry, I may have scared you. My love life is actually very messy. I've gotten back together with my ex-husband, and we have two children together."

"I didn't expect... you'd have two marriages at such a young age." Matthew said emotionally, "Since you're divorced, it must be because you don't get along well. Yet, why did you get back together with him? Is it because of the children?"

"That's half-right. The children are one of the reasons, but another reason is that I still love him." Catherine admitted it openly.

Matthew froze for a moment, a complicated feeling spreading in the depths of his heart.

After a pause, he said, "It's a little unexpected, but it's fine. I grew up abroad, so I'm relatively open-minded. As long as you like him, it's fine."

"Thank you." Catherine was a little surprised. The average person would not be able to accept it.

In any case, Matthew's words made her very happy.

"You have a good eye. Why don't you... help me pick out some clothes?" Matthew's long and slender fingers traced on the brand-new clothes.

"You're handsome. You'll look good in anything." Catherine sized him up and finally picked out a few brightly colored clothes.

"You want me to wear this kind of... orange clothes?" The corners of Matthew's mouth twitched. He had never worn such brightly colored clothes before.

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"Didn't you say I have a good eye?" Catherine looked confused. "Besides, you have such a good figure, and you're at a nice age. You don't have to wear dark colors all the time. Young men should wear bright clothes."

Then, she picked out more than ten outfits in one go.

The clothes in this shop were more suitable for people of Matthew's age. He could wear a white vertical striped shirt with jeans, and he could also wear a sky blue plaid shirt with beige cropped trousers.

If she had a younger brother, she would definitely dress him up like this.

Matthew watched her in shock. Those clothes were completely different from his usual dressing style.

He especially liked black, but Catherine did not pick a single one for him.

“Sorry, I seem to have chosen too many. You can just buy...”

“All of them.” Matthew took out a black card.

Catherine was stunned. She remembered that Shaun had a similar card, and it was not a card

available to ordinary people. Moreover, the clothes in this shop were very expensive. Yet, Matthew

spent hundreds of thousands of dollars without batting an eye.

“Matthew, why don’t you give your family a call? Buying this many clothes is expensive...”

“No need. Money like this is chump change.” Mathew laughed. “My family ancestors had worked so hard to earn money. I don’t think I can spend it all in my life even if I tried.”

Catherine was speechless.

This was a kind of humblebrag.

“By the way, since you’re from Canberra, do you know any good villas or manors here? I want to buy one so that my parents will have a place to live in when they come over at the end of the month.” Matthew looked deep into her eyes as he spoke.

“At present, the best villas are at the west of the city. The environment there is excellent, and it’s close to the sea...” Catherine said as she thought about it.

“When are you available? Could you accompany me to have a look? I’m not familiar with this place yet.” Matthew shrugged and looked at her expectantly.

“I have to arrange preschool for my children these

two days...”

“Then we’ll do it after two days.” Matthew looked at his watch. “ It’s getting late. Let me treat you to dinner.”

“I...”

“Are you busy? If you’re not available, I’ll eat some noodles around here by myself.” Matthew’s handsome face became lonely.

Catherine, who was originally going to refuse, suddenly could not bear to. “I’ll treat you to dinner instead, but I have to go back early. I can’t stay out too late.”

“Great! Thank you.” Matthew’s eyes lit up. His already good-looking eyes sparkled like stars. “But there’s no need for you to treat me. I’ll treat you.”

Catherine smiled. It did not matter whose treat it was. It was just a meal.

However, for convenience's sake, she chose a fondue restaurant upstairs.

"I don't know if you're used to eating fondue, but this is a pretty famous fondue restaurant franchise in Canberra. The food here is pretty good." Catherine's phone rang just as she took a seat.

When she saw the incoming call on it, she picked it up with a guilty conscience. "Hi..."

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"I'm on the way back to the villa. What about you? Are you with the children?" Shaun's hoarse voice came through from the other end.

"I'm out eating fondue with a friend." Catherine rubbed her nose.

"Who?" Shaun asked overbearingly, "Freya?"

"No, a colleague in the company. You go and accompany the children. I'll go back once I'm done." Catherine nodded vaguely. She did not mean to lie. Shaun's jealousy was just too strong.

"What colleague? Male or female?"

"Shaun Hill, are you done?" Catherine pretended to be angry and said, "Why are you asking so much? Don't you trust me?"

"Is it that difficult to answer my question of whether it's a guy or girl?" Shaun asked coldly.

"So what if it's a guy? It's none of your business. I'm just eating with a friend." Catherine hung up the phone without a second thought.

Opposite her, Matthew looked at her playfully. "I'm your colleague?"

Catherine explained awkwardly, "I can't help it. If my boyfriend finds out that I'm eating with a handsome hunk who's younger than him, he'll definitely get jealous. He's a very domineering person."

"Then... Have you eaten with other young and handsome hunks before?" A dim light flashed in Matthew's deep eyes.

"No," Catherine told the truth. "I don't have many guy friends. You're the first. I feel... a sense of familiarity with you. If I had a younger brother, he'd probably be like you."

Matthew froze.

Catherine smiled. "I don't have a younger brother, so don't misunderstand. My parents only gave birth to me."

"Your parents didn't have another child?" Matthew asked deliberately.

Catherine shook her head, not wanting to answer this question. "Let's order. You're the guest, so you go ahead."

"I don't know much about the food here. Why don't you order instead?" Matthew shook his head.

Catherine did not insist and only ordered a few dishes she thought were delicious.

Unexpectedly, Mathew said that besides the strong taste, it was very delicious. "I didn't expect black pudding and foie gras to be so delicious. We never eat this overseas. You people have very peculiar food."

"Although it's peculiar, it's delicious."

Catherine found that Matthew's and her preferences in food were very similar.

She liked beef a lot, and so did Matthew. She liked portobello mushrooms, which Matthew also liked.

This resulted in them ordering everything in twos.

"By the way, Matthew, are you going to settle in Canberra? What are you going to do here?" Catherine asked casually after the meal was almost over.

"I plan to open a bank..."

"Ahem." Catherine almost choked to death from the mutton slices.

When she looked up, her eyes were hazy, and her lips were slightly red and swollen. She looked as cute as she could be.

Matthew's eyes darkened slightly, and he smiled naturally. "Is it that weird to open a bank? My family has opened many banks overseas."

"No wonder..." Catherine murmured. No wonder he could spend several hundreds of thousands without batting an eye. "But you're still so young. Opening a bank is too..."

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“I’m young?” Matthew was stunned. “Not really. When I was 16, my dad left his business to me. I had to study and manage many businesses like banks and hotels.”

Catherine looked outside the window.

“What are you looking at?” Matthew was puzzled.

“I’m looking if there are any cows outside taking a dump.” Catherine joked.

Matthew was at a loss for words.

He was telling the truth, yet she thought he was bullsh*tting.

“You don’t believe me?”

“All I know is that when I was 21, I was still dating and worried about love every day. How am I supposed to believe you if you say you’ve been managing so many businesses since you were sixteen?” Catherine shook her head. “People your age are at the peak of your youth. You should be dating, not earning money.”

“Do you want to introduce a girl to me?” Matthew suddenly raised his brows.

Catherine paused. “You’re too young. I don’t know anyone young and suitable for you. You should go find one yourself.”

“But I like older girls like you.” Matthew looked at her with his Duchenne-smiling blue eyes.

Catherine was so stunned that she almost choked again. She widened her eyes. "Stop. I think of you as a younger brother. If you have any other thoughts, we cannot stay friends."

Matthew looked at her firmly for a while before saying, "You really don't want to think about it? I'm rich. I'm super, super-rich. You can't even imagine the amount of money I have..."

Catherine frowned deeply. "Do you think I'll give up my boyfriend just because you have money?"

"That's not what I mean..." Matthew hurriedly picked up his drink and blocked the look in his eyes.

He was actually trying to test her.

"Good. Otherwise, we can't be friends." Catherine sincerely admitted that she was a little upset and disappointed with Matthew just now. "Relying on money to attract women is not a glorious thing. I'm not short of money either."

"But doesn't everyone think that the more money they have, the better? Greed is endless." Matthew said thoughtfully.

Catherine chuckled. "You say you are ridiculously rich, but you're still here eating fondue with me. Look over there. There are working-class employees with a monthly salary of several thousand, yet they're eating the same things as us."

Matthew opened his beautiful lips slightly. However, he was at a loss for words. Only after a moment did he find his voice. "I'm very handsome. My boyfriend is also very handsome." Catherine interrupted him. "He's not inferior to you, and he also has the charm of a mature man."

Matthew rubbed his forehead, feeling powerless. "Is there really no part of me that attracts you?"

Catherine looked at his young and handsome face and somehow felt amused. Nevertheless, she said seriously, "I really can only think of you as a younger brother. If not for that reason, I wouldn't be here eating with you. If you want to flirt, then you have the wrong person. I suggest you find someone else."

Noticing that the patience in her eyes was gone, Matthew hurriedly said, "I was just joking. Actually I also have an older sister like you, and she looks a little like you. That was why I felt close to you when I first saw you."

He really did not expect Catherine to have such a huge reaction to his reply.

Generally, women like her admire powerful people. Since she knew he was rich, would she not flirt with him a little?

Just as he was spacing out, Catherine looked behind him, and her face suddenly paled. Then, she cleared her throat and stood up, saying with a pleasing tone, "Shaunny, why are you here?"

"How would I know that you're having dinner with your male colleague if I don't come here?" A gloomy voice sounded behind him.

Turning around, Mathew saw a slender and noble – looking man, dressed in a grey suit, standing behind him.

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