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Juniper, who could not wait anymore, called Hesper directly and

could not hide her hatred as soon as the call went through. "You b\*tch! Rickard should've contacted you, right? Where's the antidote?"

"What antidote are you talking about?" Hesper blinked in confusion on purpose.

'Anyway, it's not my face that's going to get disfigured, so I'm not the one who's in a hurry.'

"Stop pretending already! Rickard already knows what you've done to me. He'll definitely obtain the antidote for me!"

"Really? I must say, you're really a confident one."

Hesper was in a rush to pick Renfrew up, so she was too lazy to go back and forth with her. She only gave off a chuckle and left Juniper a short message before hanging up the phone. "But I do have a gift for you. Just allow me to make up for what I've done to hurt you."

"I don't believe that you'll be this kind!" Juniper shrieked and rejected her gift, but it was already too late as Hesper had already hung up the phone.

Not long after, a familiar voice sounded in the corridor of the hospital.

"May I know which ward is Juniper Wight staying in?"

'It's Director Tailor!'

Excited, Juniper's eyes widened. She was about to rush over and open the door but suddenly thought of her face.

'My hideous appearance will only frighten them and damage my image as a star in the past.'

However, the people in the corridor were still looking for her, and their voices were getting closer.

"It seems to be this floor. It's either ward 2104 or 2105."

"No, don't come in!" Juniper bit her lip in horror and tried to find a place to hide in the ward, but it was already too late, as the door of the ward was pushed open, and a large group of colleagues from the television station swarmed in.

"Mr. Taylor... What brought you guys here?" Seeing that she could no longer hide, Juniper had no choice but to pretend nothing had happened.

But her appearance still surprised everyone, and some of them even frowned the moment they saw her face.

Juniper's self-esteem was hurt, and she complained

dissatisfiedly, "Why are you guys looking at me like this? I'm currently sick. It's not like I've always looked like this. You guys should know how I look before this, shouldn't you?"

These words dragged everyone back to their senses, and all of them realized that they were rather rude and started comforting her instantly.

Hearing their response, Juniper finally felt better and turned to the director. "Mr. Taylor, you've come all the way here in person. There should be something else that you want to talk to me

about, right?"

"About this..." The director was about to speak, but he could not help but hesitate when he saw her swollen face.

However, he had always been someone who took his reputation very seriously, so he could only move on to explain it to Juniper,” Ever since you got suspended, your fans have been very upset. They even went to the television station, demanding for you to continue hosting. Many sponsors have also been asking for you to take on the programs that they’re going to sponsor. So, after some comprehensive consideration, our management felt the punishment that they imposed on you was a little too harsh, and they’ve decided to bring you back. And with that new

arrangement, you’ll regain your original position and receive two additional prime-time programs.”

“What?”

This news felt like a blessing from heaven. Hearing this, Juniper was so exhilarated that she grinned ear-to-ear. However, the sudden movement on her face accidentally jerked a certain facial muscle tissue, and her facial features twitched almost instantly, making her look very frightening.

“Juniper! What’s wrong with your face?” The director, who was standing closest to her, was taken aback.

The other colleagues that came to visit also felt that they had just seen something strange, and whispers started to emerge among the group of people in the ward.

“Is that a certain sequela of excessive plastic surgery? Otherwise, why would her face twitch all of a sudden?”

“It does look like it. Her face didn’t look very natural before this. So, it turns out that she’s undergone certain procedures to attain her beauty.”

“Then how can she host a show when she looks like this? Shouldn’t she be afraid of scaring the audience?”

The director heard the comments and had already made a decision when he spoke again. “Juniper, considering that you haven’t recovered, don’t worry about the projects

that I mentioned just now. I'll get others to take over first. You should focus on taking good care of yourself for now."

"No, there's no need for that, Mr. Taylor. I can do it!"

The director did not say anything and exited the ward while comforting her casually. "It's okay, you should recover first. Focus on your recovery."

"Mr. Taylor, I can do it for real! What happened to my face is just a minor issue, and I'll recover very soon."

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But why would the television station want to put a host whose reputation had been severely damaged out there? The director escaped from the ward immediately.

Even though Juniper yelled so loud that her voice turned hoarse, he would not stop and return to the ward.

"I really can do it!" she screamed, unwilling.

The attitude of her former colleagues all changed as soon as they left the ward. They rushed away from the ward one after another as if they were afraid that they would be kept there in the ward by Juniper if they were to leave a second later.

"This is my opportunity. How can you guys do this to me...?"

Juniper was devastated. The great joy only went on for a few minutes, and it was immediately followed by sorrow and grievance.

'I've already won so many awards, and I'm only a few awards away from earning myself a grand slam and becoming a well-known goddess-like public figure. But now, I can't even grasp the opportunity that was placed right in front of me! Damn! Damn it!'

Juniper bit her lip ruthlessly, and she would not stop even when her teeth had pierced through her lip and caused it to bleed.

At this moment, she received an anonymous text message on her cell phone.

"How's the gift? Do you like it?"

'It's her, Hesper Rivera!'

At this moment, all Juniper wanted to do was slaughter

someone.

'If Hesper were standing right in front of me right now, I'd cut her face and make her experience what it's like to be regarded as an ugly monster!'

After sending the text message, Hesper's attention was no

longer on the matter anymore. She waited at the entrance of the hotel for some time before she saw Benji fetching Renfrew to the hotel.

"Mommy!" The little fella was extremely clingy whenever he was around her, and he would always give her a passionate and tight hug every time they met.

As the mother and son cuddled together, Hesper could not help.

but think.

'If it was a daughter, she'd be even clingier.'

"Good boy, do you miss me?"

"Of course!"

The mother and son were enjoying each other's company when Benji's voice broke the harmonious scene. "Mrs. Duval, Mr. Duval has agendas to attend to tonight, so he can't fetch the young master here himself, which is why I've been assigned with this task."

"Stop right there." Hesper waved her hand. "Benji, we've known each other for many years and you once helped me before, so I don't want to make your life miserable now. Stop calling me Mrs.

Duval. Mrs. Duyal died long ago."

"But..."

Catching a glimpse of her sharp gaze, Benji's heart skipped a beat.

'Nowadays, the young lady's aura isn't inferior to that of Mr. Duval, which makes her equally frightening.'

But as Rickard's most capable assistant, Benji felt the need to help Rickard out. "Mrs. Du... Ms. Lane, if you don't like it, I can stop calling you that. But Mr. Duval actually misses you very much, so I sincerely hope that you can give him a chance. There's really no need for you to cut off all possibilities so early on. It's always wise to leave some room for possibilities."

“He misses me?” She scoffed. “If I remember correctly, you told me something rather similar three years ago too. You said he cared for me, but as soon as something happened, the first thing he did was abandon me and shield the killer who wanted to murder me. He even hit me. You witnessed all this with your own eyes, so how can you ask me to give him a chance?”

“Ms. Lane...”

“There’s no need for you to try to justify his actions. For our sake, I’ll pretend that I didn’t hear those words, and you don’t have to bring them up ever again in the future.”

Hesper held Renfrew’s hand, turned around, and left coldly. Frozen in place, Benji stared at her resolute figure and let off a long sigh.

‘After so many years of accumulation, the grievances that the young lady kept within herself isn’t something that can be easily

removed...

“Mommy.”

Hesper had not spoken ever since she left the lobby with Renfrew. Seeing her uneasy look, Renfrew gently squeezed her palm.

“Yes, Ren? What is it?” She lowered her head instantly.

“Did daddy really treat you so badly back then?”

He had only heard about what his grandma and aunty did to his mommy, but he did not know that his daddy was as cruel as them too.

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Hesper did not want him to know more about her past, so she gave off a faint smile.

“Don’t worry, it’s all over now.”

“But, Mommy, you must have been very sad because everyone around you targeted you and embarrassed you.”

Because of his words, Hesper’s eyes turned bloodshot.

“You brat, who taught you to say all that? Just how gutsy are you?” She pinched his cheeks, trying to get away with it.

The little boy stared at her without blinking his eyes and abruptly wrapped his arms around her neck, saying in the softest voice, "Mommy, I'll protect you in the future, and I won't let anyone hurt you ever again."

And this promise was perfectly kept by Renfrew for many years to come; no one could ever break it.

"Alright, mommy believes in you." Hesper smiled and brought him to the restaurant for a meal.

Considering that Renfrew was still growing up, she asked the chef to cook some nutritionally balanced dishes, and Ren ate everything except green peppers.

Hesper did not force the issue, as green peppers were just garnishes. When he was almost done eating, she handed a

tablet to him.

"Huh? Mommy, are you going to buy a house here?" The little rascal's eyes lit up when he saw the information about houses for sale on the screen.

'Mommy is going to buy a house here, which means she'll be staying here for a long time.'

Hesper nodded. "I still have things to deal with here in Genecity, and I can't stay in a hotel all the time. So, you can choose the one you like, and we'll live together in the future."

The little guy got excited when he heard this and picked the tablet up with a solemn look, with his short legs crossed. After a while, he pointed to one of the \$50,000 apartments and said to her, "Mommy, this looks good."

"Okay, consider it done." Hesper immediately contacted the agency and notified Renee to handle the rest.

The little boy sat obediently on the couch. As long as he could be with his mommy, staring at her was already sufficient to make him a very content child.

At this moment, the red dot on the smartwatch on his wrist flashed twice, and Renfrew's eyes widened subconsciously.

'Ms. Myriade is looking for me.'

Seeing that Hesper was not paying much attention to him, Renfrew quickly escaped to the restroom and answered the call, "Hello? Ms. Myriade."

"Little brat, do you still want to learn skills that you said you want to learn?"

"Yes, but now might not be convenient on my part, as I'm with my mommy now."

The young girl who was speaking on the other end of the phone call was seven or eight years old, and when she heard that

Renfrew was with his mother, she was happy for him too. "Nice,

it seems that you and your mommy are getting along well. If that's the case, I'll give you a break today. Just contact me when you're free."

"Okay."

At the end of the call, Renfrew still did not know that what he was learning now was one of the world's most advanced hacking techniques, and once he had mastered it, he would become a super powerful existence.

"Ren, what are you doing in there?"

After cascading the information to Renee, Hesper vaguely heard someone talking in the restroom, so she came over and knocked on the door.

The next second, the door opened, and Renfrew let off a pure and innocent smile.

"Mommy, my stomach hurts."

"Huh? What's wrong, did you eat something unhygienic? Do you want to go to the hospital?" Hesper became extremely nervous immediately.

Renfrew could not bear to cause his mommy to be anxious, so he rubbed his head against her. "I'm all right. It won't hurt anymore when I get to sleep with you tonight. You always smell very nice and I like it very much."

"What a sweet talker you are. If this is what you're capable of at such an age, just how potent will you be when you grow up?" Hesper did not know how to react to Renfrew's praise and carried him into the living area to play.

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On the other side of the city, Juniper's face was still not recovering after such a long time, and the elders of the Wights were all very anxious about her condition.

In the ward of the hospital, seeing that the face of her beautiful daughter had swollen so much, to the extent that she was on the verge of not being able to recognize her own daughter, Ariana's heart hurt from the wrath within.

"Damn that b\*tch! How can she be this cruel? A lady's face is her most important asset. She's just trying to ruin Juniper at this point!"

Ariana hammered her chest in frustration and alluded

intentionally to Julie, who was sitting on the other side of the room, "Madam Duval, the incident happened right in front of your house, and Rickard's ex-wife is the one who did this. How do you plan to deal with this?"

"Don't get too fired up, Madam Wight." Julie forced a smile. She was called here by Ariana, and the two families had a great relationship, so it was only sensible for her to come and pay Juniper a visit.

However, Juniper's condition was indeed worse than she expected. Julie could not come up with a solution at the

moment.

"That's easy for you to say. It's my daughter's future that we're talking about now. How can I not be pissed?" Listening to her evasive words, Ariana refuted her directly with a cold face.

Madam Duval, forgive me if I sound rather offensive at this moment, but our families have been friends for so many years, so if our relationship were to be ruined by this matter, you should do the math to see whether it's worth it or not. What's more, this incident was caused because of Rickard at the end of the day. That b\*tch must be jealous of my daughter because she's gotten too close to Rickard, and that's why she's done something so ruthless."

"I know, you're right." Julie reluctantly agreed but could not help but sneer deep down.

'Are you saying that Dick is the one who caused this? Are you even listening to yourself saying this? If it wasn't because of Juniper's obsession over Rickard, would she even end up here in a hospital?'

But she could not utter this in front of the Wights, so she could only sigh and pretended to comfort Juniper. "Juni, you poor girl, I'm sorry that you have to suffer because of this incident. But don't worry, I'll definitely find the best doctors in the country for you so that we can heal your face."

Ariana did not buy into Julie's offer. "Madam Duval, we've

already contacted many doctors, but the key to the cure still lies with that b\*tch. At the end of the day, we still need to start with her."

"Then this is going to be difficult." Julie did not want to be a part of this hot potato, so she immediately tried to come up with excuses. "Both of you should know that b\*tch's temperament as well as I do, shouldn't you? So how do you expect me to talk her into handing us the cure? I'm afraid that the longer it takes, the more we'll delay the treatment for Juni's facial crisis."

"Madam Duval!" Juniper was furious. How could she not

understand Julie's cop-out and prevarication? She then

questioned her with bloodshot eyes, "Are you saying that your won't help me with this matter?"

"I don't mean that, Juni..."

"That's enough!" Ariana, unable to stand it anymore, interrupted her coldly. She took a deep breath and said meaningfully, "Madam Duval, you and Juniper have always been close, so of course, we know that you won't do nothing about this matter. It's just that it can't be delayed any longer. After all, Juniper wasn't the only one who wanted to get that b\*tch killed back then. If Rickard were to know about it, I'm afraid that..."

Julie's expression changed in an instant, knowing that she was being threatened.

Although she was Rickard's biological mother and he would not do anything ruthless to her, the power of the Duvals was currently all in Rickard's hands, so if she were to fall out with her

son...

"I understand, don't worry. I'll approach that b\*tch right now, and get her to hand over the cure no matter what." Julie agreed to help without any hesitation.

Ariana smiled but there was not even a trace of hilarity in her eyes.

'This old hag only wants to stay out of the matter after taking advantage of Juniper. Sorry, but there is no free lunch in my book!

Julie left the hospital, and although she was not very happy about the outcome, she could only put her promise into action. as soon as possible.

She called Benji and asked him as soon as the call went through, "Where is Hesper Rivera living now?"

"Ma'am, why are you asking this?"

Julie lied with an unchanged expression, "Didn't Ren go to her place? The weather is changing soon and I'm worried about Ren's well-being, so I want to send something to her place."

Benji frowned.

'Madam Duval has always been rather unconcerned when it comes to anything related to the young master, so why would she be so kind to him all of a sudden?'

While he was still hesitating, Julie had already gotten impatient and urged him for an answer, "Benji, you should know your place better. I'm asking you for an address. How dare you push back. my request?"

"No, ma'am, that's not what I mean. I'll send the address to your phone right now." Benji quickly apologized.

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When Julie got the information that she wanted, she did not bother to go back and forth anymore, so she snorted and hung up the phone.

"Let's go, it's time to go meet that b\*tch."

But at the same time, Benji became more and more worried. Fearing that something would happen, he found Rickard.

"Mr. Duval."

"What's wrong?" The man was going through the documents in his hand and did not raise his head. Things had been rather difficult for the company ever since they terminated their contract with Drogon Enterprise. The other party had made it clear that they were making things difficult for Duval Group on purpose.

Seeing that he was so busy, Benji did not know whether he should bring the matter up or not.

“Since when have you become so indecisive? Just shoot if you have something to say!” Rickard frowned impatiently.

Benji gulped his saliva and said outright, “Madam Duval just called and asked me to send her Ms. Lane’s address and phone number just minutes ago, saying that she wants to send something there for the young master, but I’m worried that Madam Duval is heading there for Ms. Lane instead.”

Within a split second, Rickard raised his head abruptly, and a hint of dissatisfaction surged from the bottom of his eyes.

“Why didn’t you tell me that earlier?” He stood up, grabbed his car keys, and left. His footsteps were as fast as a whirlwind, and Benji could not even catch up to him even if he wanted to.

On the other side of the city.

“Bang bang bang!”

A series of vigorous knocks could be heard coming from the door of the hotel room, and Hesper, who was drawing with Renfrew, frowned displeasely.

Looking out through the peephole, it could be seen that the person who was standing on the other side of the door was Julie.

“Hesper Rivera, I know that you’re in there, I’m here to visit my grandson, so open the door this instant.”

She claimed that she was there to see the child, but she was accompanied by two robust women.

Hesper squinted her eyes, and Renfrew’s voice sounded from behind at this moment.

“Mommy, is it grandma? How did she manage to find us?”

He came to the door because he heard the yelling too. He was still holding a small paintbrush in his hand, and there was oil paint on his chubby and tender cheeks, but that was still not enough to conceal his concern for his mommy.

“Mommy, grandma is here to find fault in you, isn’t she? Let’s not let her in.”

‘But we can’t avoid her forever. Plus, hiding has never been my style.’

“It’s okay, she won’t dare to do anything to me in broad daylight.”

But as soon as the door was unlocked, the two women rushed in with brute force.

Hesper could not dodge in time and got knocked back by the two of them, her shoulder ramming into the wooden wall cabinet.

“You wouldn’t even open the door for me and left me shouting outside for so long?” As soon as she got in, Julie questioned her for

her attitude, trying to gain dominance and an upper hand.

However, Hesper did not show her any respect at all. She rubbed her shoulder expressionlessly, and her tone sounded gentle but ruthless.” It’s not like I’m the one who invited you here. You can leave if you think it took too long.”

“You!” Julie snorted angrily. “You’ve even become more eloquent now. Do you really think that I can’t do anything to you just because you’ve learned to speak up in the last three years?” As she said so, she looked at the two women and motioned them to take action.

The strong women strode forward and toward Hesper mercilessly, regardless of Renfrew’s presence.

Julie sneered. “Hesper Rivera, I’ll cut to the chase. I won’t make things difficult for you as long as you hand over the antidote. How about it?”

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The two women put on ferocious grins. Hesper remembered them.

‘They’re the women who pinned me down and poured scalding fish soup into my mouth after I gave birth to Ren back then. Who would’ve thought that after so many years, they’d still be working for this woman? They’re really loyal!’

“No, I don’t have an antidote for little Juniper. Her face is already an unsalvageable case.” Hesper’s tone sounded cold.

Julie’s expression changed instantly. She rushed forward and pointed at her viciously. “Are you refusing to cooperate on purpose? Do you miss the taste of what it’s like to be beaten up by these two?”

“Heh, would you dare to do so here?” Hesper did not show any vulnerability.

'Because we're staying in the hotel, I thought nothing special would happen and arranged for Isaac to attend to other affairs.

Unexpectedly, this has given Julie a chance to act all presumptuously and boldly.'

Julie was furious. "B\*tch, I think it's time to teach you a lesson and remind you of who's in charge here!" She raised her hand to slap her.

"Don't hit my mother!" Renfrew rushed forward quickly and pushed Julie.

Julie was in pain for a split second, and she staggered two steps backward. When she came back to her senses, her mean face turned vicious instantly.

"You little bastard, now that you've found your mother, you've

forgotten about your grandma, haven't you? Have you forgotten how she abandoned you in the first place? You're just a piece of trash that

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she discarded heartlessly, and you're actually here protecting her now? You heartless bastard, I really have loved you for so many years in vain!"

Hearing that he was abandoned back then, Renfrew's eyes dimmed. He had always cared a lot about this matter, but he believed that his mother only left him because she was facing a lot of difficulties, so he kept on putting up a strong facade.

But when his most vulnerable past got uncovered, he would still feel extremely aggrieved. His black eyes teared up as if he could start crying at any time, but he continued to stand in front of Hesper to protect her.

"Grandma, you mustn't hit mommy. Mommy hasn't done anything wrong. It was Aunt Juni who started it first!"

"You're just a kid, so what do you know? Your mother has done a lot of shameless things in the past. I'll tell you each and every one of them later!"

Hesper glared at her exasperatedly and lost her cool for a second. "That's enough!"

She was afraid that Renfrew would be accidentally injured by his grandmother and the two women, so she pulled him behind her and stared at Julie with an indifferent gaze as if she was looking at a dead body.

"How could you utter such complete nonsense in the presence of a child? I've truly thought too highly of your upbringing and decency. Oh, I've forgotten, you're someone who only thought about breaking up your son's marriage and killing your daughter-in-law. So there

shouldn't be any decency left in you at all!"

"How dare you reprimand me?" Julie, unable to bear this grievance, she rolled up her sleeves, ready to hit her.

However, Hesper was not someone to be trifled with either. She

grabbed her wrist and flung it aside forcefully. "Madam Duval! I'm

only addressing you as such for Ren's sake. But if you keep messing around here, don't blame me for anything that comes your way!"

"Alright, I'd like to see what's coming my way too!" Julie was completely irritated and signaled the two women to make a move.

But they forgot that Hesper was no longer the pushover that they could easily overwhelm in the past. In the past few years, she had been learning self-defense from Matthew, and what she had learned was more than enough to defeat the two of them.

Soon, the two women were kicked to the ground. Julie was shocked and piqued. "A shrew, what a shrew! You even turn to violence! Thank God I made Rickard divorce you. Otherwise, how could the Duvals take someone as violent as you in as our lady?!"

"Do you really think that I care?"

The old and new grudges that she had been holding against Julie emerged, and Hesper approached Julie with a sullen expression.

"What are you doing? I'm Ren's grandmother. Do you still think you're in the position to hit me?"

"Heh, so you suddenly remember that you're Ren's grandmother, huh?" She let off a mocking chuckle. "It's too late now!"

"Ah! Someone! Please help me! Someone's trying to kill me! Someone wants to kill me!" Julie was frightened and ran away, and while doing so, she accidentally kicked Renfrew's easel. It fell to the ground and left paint stains on her face, which made her look extremely ridiculous, making her feel embarrassed.

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"Mom!"

This was what Rickard saw when he arrived at the scene, and he rushed over anxiously to help Julie up.

Hesper raised her eyebrows when she saw the scene.

'What a coincidence. It seems that God really wants us to quarrel.'

Sure enough, as soon as Julie saw her son, she immediately began to make up stories. "Dick, you've finally come. Look at me; I came here to visit Ren, but look at what this shrew did to me! She even injured the women that came here with me! You must do something about it!"

"Is that so?" Rickard's gaze landed on Hesper, but he could not tell what kind of expression she was giving off.

"That's not it. Grandma..." Renfrew wanted to explain to his daddy anxiously.

But Hesper interrupted him indifferently. "That's right, I'm the one who did it. What of it? Are you planning to avenge your mother?"

Rickard's expression dimmed, but he did not say anything. The veins on his forehead bulged and twitched. It was obvious that he was trying his best to suppress his anger.

But he was not a fool either.

'If mom were so flawless, it's impossible that Hesper would make a fuss out of this matter. Apart from that, Ren obviously has something to say.'

After a long time, he managed to say, "I don't want to see this matter happen ever again. After all, she is Ren's grandma and my mother!"

"What? Dick, is that all you have to say?" Julie was still unreconciled.

'Since Rickard has come over, I have to teach this b\*tch a lesson.'

"Mom, have you forgotten what I told you?" He slightly tightened his grip that was holding Julie, and she remembered instantly.

He told her that he did not want them to embarrass or bully her again, and he really was a man of his word!

"The car is already waiting downstairs. Let's go."

Rickard supported Julie as they walked out of the hotel, while Hesper was watched coldly. Although she was surprised that the man did not lose his temper, his expression still did not look too friendly either.

However, when he walked past her, Rickard reminded her softly, "My mother wouldn't come all the way here just to embarrass you for no reason, so this must be related to Juniper's affairs. If you only want to teach her a lesson, then I think she's suffered enough throughout the past few days, and I advise you to hand over the antidote as soon as possible before the situation gets any more serious."

“I already told everyone that the pill that Juniper ate doesn’t have a cure, but you people just refuse to believe me. Now leave, and let me

apologize for not sending you off.”

Seeing her display such a cold attitude, Rickard stopped talking. He took a glance at Ren before striding away.

Back in the car, Rickard’s gaze turned icy cold. “Mom, I didn’t stay back at the scene and get to the bottom of the whole incident only because I was trying to protect your image in front of Ren. Now tell me, who asked you to come here?”

“... I only came here to see the child. She’s the one who started to make things difficult for me first.”

“Please don’t say such things to defend yourself. To me, it’s totally ridiculous.”

Rickard waited for a few more seconds, but Julie still chose to remain silent, which made him feel rather disappointed. He did not say another word, and the car arrowed off into the distance.

Isaac had already rushed back to the hotel at this time, and after being told what had happened, he wanted to go after Julie and teach

her a lesson.

Hesper stopped him instantly. “There’s no need for that. After all, I didn’t suffer much.”

She then glanced at Renfrew, who was silently sitting on the couch, and a hint of distress surged from the bottom of her eyes.

When Julie uttered those words just before, she could see that the little boy felt very sad.

‘Perhaps, I still owe him an explanation.’

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“Ren, come to mommy.” Hesper smiled and waved at Renfrew, and the little boy slipped into her arms.

Smelling the milky scent on her son’s body, she organized her words and decided to start from the very beginning.

“I think you should have the right to know why I left you in Genency in the first place.”

So, she briefly described to Renfrew how she and Rickard got married, how they got divorced, and what the Duvals did to bully her, skipping all the bloody and violent

scenes. However, with the kid's IQ, she believed that he would understand the dilemma that she had to face back then.

"In short, back then, under the circumstances, the Duvals would never agree to let me take you away, so I could only leave this place by myself and then come back to pick you up." She rubbed her son's head and sincerely apologized to him. "But no matter what my reasons are and how many of them I have, choosing to leave you here will always be a taint in my life. But at the end of the day, I hope that you can let go of that past and not let this matter affect how you see life in the future. I'm sorry, Ren."

"Mommy." He wrapped his arms around her neck, feeling a little sad but also a little delighted.

Everything turned out just like he thought. His mother left him back then only because she was facing certain difficulties. And she was worried that he would feel uncomfortable, which was why she took the initiative to apologize to him.

Thinking of this, the little boy stroked her hair in a decent manner and then gave her a kiss on her cheek. "Since you've apologized to me,

then I think I should sincerely tell you that it doesn't matter. I understand your difficulties, so I'd never hold grudges against you."

Hesper knew this very clearly. If Renfrew were to hate her, it would be impossible for him to accept her so quickly.

But who knew that what Ren said next would take her by surprise?

"Mommy, I don't blame you. My grievances come only from the fact that I didn't find you sooner. So don't blame yourself, Mommy. I know that you've tried your best to give me the best, so no matter what happens in the future, you'll still be the best mommy ever."

"You rascal..." Hesper was so moved that she teared up. She had also found out that she was easily touched by him from time to time.

'Sure enough, children are the most therapeutic angels in the world. They'll trust and love you unconditionally, and you'll always be the center of their small world.'

However, later that night, after taking a peep at his mommy, who was soundly asleep, Ren quietly got up from the bed and came to the study where Hesper usually handled work.

'Grandma was so fierce during the day, and she'd definitely distort the truth again after leaving the room with daddy. Daddy mustn't misunderstand what happened here in the room, so I have to personally send a piece of evidence to him.'

'As for where I can get my hands on the evidence...'

Renfrew gave off a malicious smirk, making him look a little like Rickard.

'Mommy told me that she's installed surveillance cameras in every corner of the room except for the bedroom and bathroom, so as long as I can get hold of the surveillance footage, Mommy's innocence will be proven naturally.'

"Little Rascal, can you do it?" Myriade's suspicious voice originated from the watch.

"I've been learning from you for so long, so it'll definitely be fine," Renfrew said to encourage himself.

As a result, Myriade unceremoniously debunked his theory in the next second. "Come on, if you're really so confident, you wouldn't have called me and asked me to supervise you as you operate the system."

Renfrew was ashamed and a little annoyed when his excuse got exposed, but he had been receiving an excellent education since he was a child, so even if he was angry, he would not swear but complained in a bashful manner, "Ms. Myriade, you're not very adorable."

Hearing his childish voice that was being embellished with a solemn tone, Myriade could not help but burst out laughing.

The laughter sounded crisp and hearty. It felt as if a gust of refreshing mountain breeze had slashed through in the silent night.

Renfrew's face turned pale. "Shh, don't laugh. You'll wake my mommy.

up!"

"Oh, okay, then I won't laugh."

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Myriade tried her best to stay serious, and the rest was up to Renfrew's skills.

His fingers tap-danced over the keypad of the laptop. The process was so smooth and unimpeded that it felt like he had stepped into no man's land.

In the end, the moment the video was successfully sent to Rickard's mailbox through an anonymous email address. Even Myriade stared at him with admiration.

"Nice one. You actually completed the whole thing in one go on your first attempt. You have a bright future ahead of you. You're already doing much better than many others in our league."

"Then how about you?" Renfrew asked.

The young girl sitting on the other end of the phone call glared at Renfrew's profile picture and jumped down from a 5-foot-6-high hill in one go. She flicked her ponytail chicly, looking all sweet and cool. "Of course, you still have a long way to go when compared to me. I am, at the end of the day, still your master!"

Renfrew pouted.

Suddenly, a beam of light flashed across the room, and Myriade hurriedly said to her watch, "Something just came up over here. I have to hang up already."

"Okay..." Before Renfrew had the time to say goodbye, the call had already ended.

At this point, a man wearing a mask walked up to Myriade and glanced indifferently at the index number on her chest. "0337, the biannual elimination test is about to start. What are you doing here?"

Staring at the person who was approaching her, Myriade was a little nervous. She clasped her palms before replying calmly, "Sir, I'm under too much psychological stress, so I've come out here to play a ring game to take the edge off!"

The man stared suspiciously at her slightly sweaty face and then chose to believe in her words. However, his tone still sounded very serious. "Don't stay outside for too long. Report back to your team now!"

"Yes, sir!" Myriade immediately performed a standard alliance salute, but after the man turned around, a trace of fear flashed across her flushed and egg-shaped face.

'Another elimination test... I wonder if I can survive it this time around.'

On the other end of the phone call, Renfrew could not fall asleep either. He was recalling all the codes that he had just used, and while he was thinking about it, he thought of Myriade.

'Ms. Myriade and I met each other half a year ago because of an accident. I actually managed to save her from dying by chance, and we've been contacting each other in secret ever since.'

'The weird thing is that I still don't know who she is and what her identity is, but Ms. Myriade once told me that once her identity is revealed, I'll never see her again. But I don't want to lose her, so her existence has since become a secret that only I know about.'

The next day, Hesper woke up and saw that Renfrew was still sleeping. She chuckled and shook her head. "How can one be this lazy? He's still sleeping at this time."

She did not know that her son worked until almost dawn last night only because he wanted to help her vent her anger.

As if he was awakened by her, the tiny man turned over languidly, then closed his eyes and went back to sleep again.

The smile on Hesper's face became even wider, and she got up to get herself ready for the day

alone.

After washing up and eating her breakfast, she came to the study, and that was when she froze in place and her expression stiffened.

'Someone tampered with my laptop.'

'Although it's only a less-than-an-inch difference when compared to where I left it yesterday, a slight discrepancy is still a discrepancy.'

'What happened? Could it be Isaac?'

But this idea was quickly dispelled by her.

Without my order, Isaac would never touch my belongings so casually. So... Perhaps it's Ren? Maybe he was running around the room and bumped into it by accident...'

As soon as this thought clicked in her mind, the feeling of uneasiness disappeared instantly, and she turned the laptop on and proceeded to work on things.

The Chief Executive Officer of Drogon Tech had agreed to meet with her, and there was a high possibility that a cooperative relationship would be formed.

Thinking of Rickard's expression when he found out that his project had been preempted by her, Hesper could not help but feel that the sun was brighter that day.

## Chapter 110

Back in the Duvals' residence.

When Rickard came down the stairs, he immediately saw Julie and Sophia having breakfast in the dining hall.

Julie was still brooding about what had happened the day before. She started complaining as soon as she saw him coming down.

"It's said that raising a kid is like investing in an insurance package that would safeguard one's old age, but I disagree. Some sons are just not as good as daughters. At least my daughter knows that I've been bullied by an outsider and knows how to cheer me up early in the morning. Unlike my son, who actually saw the whole incident with his own eyes but pretended to not have seen anything!"

“Mom, stop it already.” Sophia’s expression looked extremely embarrassed.

‘I don’t mind taking such credits when things are more easygoing, but Rickard has been very displeased with me recently. Mom can, of course, mock him as much as she wants, but what if he chooses to vent his anger out on me again?’

But Julie did not take her daughter’s warning seriously and snorted heavily. “What? This is my house. Can’t I even say anything that I want to say here?”

“That’s not what I meant.”

‘What have I done to deserve all this bullsh\*t?’

Sophia was infuriated, so she got up to leave, but Julie pressed her down. “Where do you think you’re going? I haven’t even finished yet! Hesper Rivera, that woman actually dared to talk back to me yesterday. Let’s go to her place together today and bring Renfrew back!”

“What? That’s not a very good idea, is it?” Sophia was already on the brink of cursing at her mother. She took a peek at Rickard’s expression.

‘He looks fine, not too gloomy just yet.’

But she did not want to get involved in this matter, so she found an excuse. “Mom, don’t you remember that Dick demanded that I stay at home to reflect on myself? I can’t step out of the house casually.”

“Then do you mean that what I say is now worthless here?” Julie raised her brows and gave off an aggressive glare.

Sophia was at a loss for words. “I…”

‘I shouldn’t have come downstairs to eat breakfast today. Dude, even if you’re upset with life,

there’s no need to drag me through piles of sh\*t so early in the morning!’

Fortunately, Rickard spoke up and interrupted their conversation at this moment. “Was yesterday’s lesson not quite enough to make you stay put for just one day? Do you plan to go out there and provoke her again?”

“Rickard Duval, what are you talking about?” Julie lost her patience instantly and smacked her silverware against the tabletop. “I’m your mother. I got bullied by an outsider and you won’t help me? Fine! But you’re planning to limit my freedom now by asking me to not provoke that woman? If that’s the case, are you asking me to take a detour whenever I run into her in the future?”

'What makes Hesper Rivera think that she's worth my time and effort?'

"But is the truth that you've been depicting since yesterday really the truth?" Rickard's voice sounded indifferent. He sat down in his seat, took a sip of warm milk, and continued as if he was only talking about something casual.

Hearing this, Julie screamed, "Didn't you see everything yesterday? The wounds found on the two women are the best evidence. Rickard Duval, just how heartless can you be for you to say this to your biological mother!"

Feeling extremely wronged, she wiped the corners of her eyes with her sleeve, as if she was crying from anger and grievances.

Rickard quietly watched her performance, feeling extremely disappointed once again.

"I might not bring something up only because I care about your reputation. But since you insist on creating a scene, then allow me to help you out." With that being said, he tapped on the video on his phone and placed it in front of her.

In the video, it was clearly recorded just how domineering and aggressive Julie and the other two women were ever since they arrived at Hesper's doorstep. It also showed that Julie was the one who made the first move. All Hesper did from the beginning to the end was defend herself.

"I already knew that there was more to the incident than meets the eyes when I arrived at the scene yesterday, and this footage that I have in my hands further proves that my guess was right." Rickard gazed at his mother without blinking. "So, Mom, what else do you have to say?"

Julie's face flushed and paled. She did not expect that her son would possess evidence that could smack her in the face so soon.