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Renee realized she was the only one who felt awkward. Stefan seemed comfortable and acted as free as he was at home. It profoundly interpreted the quote. "It's only embarrassing if you care what people think."

Earlier, Charles Hanns smashed the stuff in the entire living room and made a terrible mess. Only the sofa area seemed to be untouched.

Stefan sat gracefully on the couch and crossed his legs. He asked Renee, "How are you? Have you gotten used to your new place?"

"What do you think? This is my home. Why can't I get comfortable here?"

Renee looked around and flashed a meek smile. "I'm finally home after four years of wandering. I have to say, home sweet home!"

Stefan's eyes turned slightly gloomy. He said quietly. "As you said, you have half of the property rights to Hunt Villa. If you want to go back, you can move anytime. It's your home."

Renee almost thought she had misheard Stefan. The kind look on her face vanished, replaced by disdain.

"Stefan, aren't you being a hypocrite? Remember when you made me move out overnight to make room for Desrosiers? That's not what you said at the time."

A man's delayed affection was simply worthless. Besides, Stefan was not actually in love with her. He needed her help.

Renee knew why Stefan came to her, but she kept quiet and refused to discuss it. She did not want to give him what he wanted!

"I was wrong before. I didn't expect Briar to be so unreasonable," Stefan said, his disgust visible in his eyes. Thinking back, he did not have a good impression of Briar during their first meeting. She looked soft and harmless, though her complex eyes said otherwise. They seemed to be filled with cunning thoughts.

Unlike Briar, Renee's pair of bright and clear eyes looked as pure as the water of a mountain spring amid a quiet valley. Stefan had to admit. He often felt that fluttering in his chest whenever he looked into Renee's eyes.

"I didn't know she would ruin Hunt Villa like this. If I had known, I wouldn't have allowed her to step foot in it."

Stefan rarely stayed in Hunt Villa, but he loved the sunflowers in the garden. However, the sunflowers were all gone, replaced by a field of boring roses.

It was not only the sunflower. All traces of Renee's presence were gone, which made him inexplicably uncomfortable. "Ah. So what?"

Renee no longer had the patience to waste time with Stefan. She directly exposed his intention and said coldly, "You know your lover is terrible. Even so, you still came for her, begging for my mercy."

"Aren't you the proud and almighty Mr. Hunt? Why did you come to me? Would you lick your ex-wife's boot for a woman like her? Isn't that true love?"

Surprised by Renee's intelligence, Stefan let out a long sigh. "Yeah. I'm here for Briar today."

After a short pause, he said directly. "She's still in the hospital because she's still in shock. I want you to drop the case." 'I knew it!' Renee thought. Stefan was only here for Briar. Somehow, her heart still ached a little at this realization.

Renee took a deep breath. "She stole and destroyed my belongings. The evidence is all there. Why should I drop the case?"

With Stefan's status, he could easily get Briar out of trouble. But, unfortunately, the ruthless Renee decided to send her lawyer, Zack Rosenwell. His law firm filed a suit, leaving Stefan no time to react.

Even if Stefan had the power, he could not openly defy the law. The only way to resolve this was to get Renee to drop the case. or Briar might very well end up in jail if the court so decided!

Stefan's patience was gone. He looked annoyed. "Tell me. What do I have to do to make you let her go?"

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Renee found Stefan's sudden change in temper ridiculous. It must have been hard for an arrogant guy like Stefan to put up such a gentle facade for his lover.

Renee lifted her chin and said with a half smile. "Haven't I made it clear enough? All you have to do is let your lover kneel down and apologize to me in front of all the media."

"Don't go overboard." Stefan's eyes turned cold. Somehow. Renee seemed like a complete stranger to him. The old Renee was not so aggressive.

"I told you. Briar is still in the hospital with an unstable pregnancy. How can you have her kneel down and apologize to you?" "Is that so?!"

Renee silently clenched her fists. Despite the heartache, she maintained her arrogance and mocked Stefan. "She can't kneel but you can kneel on her behalf. Well, Mr. Hunt, aren't you a man who would bend over for true love? How touching!"

Nothing mattered to Renee anymore. Just let Stefan think of her as a mean and cold-blooded woman. Despite being kind and meek for the past four years, he saw her with utter contempt. In that case, she would rather be the villain!

Stefan's face contorted with anger that made people shudder.

Renee's unforgiving behavior angered him. He seemed to have lost all control over her, and such a feeling drove him mad! "Briar was wrong, but she already had her punishment..."

Stefan tried to hold his anger, hoping to reach a peaceful solution. He warned coldly, "You're not pregnant, and you won't understand the pain she's going through. If you need any financial compensation, state your demands, but if you dare to hurt her, don't resent me for ignoring our past relationship as husband and wife!"

"Haha."

Renee was not angry at first, but Stefan's words infuriated her. "Were we really husband and wife?" she spat.

Stefan had to be the most hypocritical and heartless man she had ever met. He rescued her just not long ago, but the next moment, he threatened her for Desrosiers. How could he?

The way Stefan hurt her without knowing was incomparable to the damage that Charles brought her. The damage that Stefan caused was invisible, yet deadly!

"I don't want the money. I want Briar to have a bad time. Go ahead and threaten me all you want. Let's see

who'll win!" Renee's words were a formal declaration of war with Stefan. She had nothing to fear.

Zack Rosenwell was a top criminal lawyer. If Renee wanted, she could hold Briar accountable for her crimes. It was not entirely impossible to put her in jail for more than eight years or even a decade.

"You're so stubborn. You're going to regret this, sooner or later," Stefan said, his words sounding more like advice. He left after that.

Margaret had been working in the kitchen all morning. She prepared a variety of dishes, which were Stefan's favorites.

She once thought that Renee's former husband was a reliable man and could bring Renee happiness. She liked him a lot and was sure that Renee's late parents would be happy with him as well. Therefore, Margaret was determined to find a way for Renee to reunite with Stefan.

"Food's ready! Time to eat!"

Margaret enthusiastically brought out the dishes and served them on the table but was surprised to see

Renee alone. "Huh? Where is Mr. Hunt?"

"I chased him away." Renee sat down as if nothing had happened and began to enjoy Margeret's cooking.

"You chased him away?" Margaret let out a long sigh. She knew Renee well enough to see she was playing it cool.

"Miss Ren. I know you and Mr. Hunt still have feelings for each other. Have you ever given remarriage a thought? For the sake of your baby?"

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"We have feelings for each other?"

Renee stopped eating and smiled helplessly. "Margaret, you're always good at reading people, but not today. Unfortunately, you've misread the situation. Do you know the reason behind Stefan's sudden visit and all that courting?"

"That's because he can't let go of you and wants to reconcile?"

Renee shook her head. "He came to plead for his lover. He's a prideful man but stripped his pride for such an awful woman.

That's unacceptable. I'll never forgive him for that!"

"What—" Margaret looked at Renee, appalled. She did not expect Renee's former husband, who seemed so upright and noble, to be so dishonorable. That was a great disappointment.

"I don't think he's that kind of man. He should be able to distinguish between right and wrong. He probably won't condone his lover and her bad character. Is there some misunderstanding?"

"Misunderstanding?"

Renee sneered, "Margaret, you lack experience in relationships. Do you know? There's no right and wrong in love..."

"The favored ones always do whatever they want. I blame my lack of charm. It's been four years, yet I never garnered his love."

Renee had always been confident. However, she felt inferior and weak against Stefan and their strange marriage.

She couldn't understand how a nice person like herself would lose to a pretentious woman like Desrosiers. Anyway, screw that. She was done with self-doubt and hurting herself.

Margaret said nothing more. The failed relationship had indeed hurt Renee deeply. However, seeing that Renee hadn't let it go, she secretly decided to do something...

Stefan left the Everheart Residence in a terrible mood. Anger swirled around his face, and his stormy aura would deter even the bravest souls from approaching him with a ten-foot pole.

He frightened H Group's employees. Now, they were extra cautious and dared not even

squeak. At the same time, Xavier walked into Stefan's office with a big grin.

"Stefan, Stefan. Are you there? Hey?"

Xavier sensed the strange atmosphere in the office while walking. It seemed like Stefan was the cause.

"Hello, Mr. Stuart! How can I help you? Mr. Hunt is busy today. I suggest you come back another time!"

Rachel, the secretary, tried to hint to Xavier about the situation. She hoped he would read the room and not get himself into trouble.

Xavier, however, being the goofball he was, said with a big smile, "It's okay. I'm Stefan's favorite. He'll make time for me even if he's busy."

Xavier proudly lifted his chin towards Stefan, who was buried in work.

"Right, Stefan?"

The only reply he got was, "Get lost!"

"Ahem!" Xavier flashed an awkward smile at Rachel. "Stefan seems to be in a bad mood today. What happened?"

"I'm not sure," she whispered. Everything was fine before, but I heard he became like this after leaving his former wife's place..."

"Alas, it must have been hard on Mr. Hunt. Now the world knows about his failed relationship. It'll be very humiliating to lose her forever. He's probably under tremendous pressure!"

Almost eighty percent of the people in the company were fans of Stefan and Renee's relationship. Rachel, one of their rabid fans, even stalked Stefan and Renee's movements.

Everyone unanimously agreed that Mr. Hunt must have been frustrated with the former Mrs. Hunt again. They all looked at Stefan with awe and sympathy. There was also a sense of pleasure in knowing that life was fair.

"Frustrated?"

Xavier sighed and lamented, "I didn't think the former Mrs. Hunt would be that aggressive. Stefan can't even deal with her. I thought he could help get me some connections, but how about now?"

"Right? Mr. Hunt can't have his way around Mrs. Hunt

anymore!" Both Xavier and Rachel sighed long and hard with

sad faces.

Stefan glared at them, warning them coldly. "Don't you two have anything to do? Do you want more

work?" "Please, no!"

Xavier rushed over and tried to flatter him. "Stefan, I'm here for a reason! It's serious business!"

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'Here for a reason?! When Stefan heard those words, he remembered his unpleasant exchange with Renee and got angrier.

"What business do you have? Don't blabber, or I'll ban you."

After that, Stefan continued to bury himself in work. He had a cold aura around him, as though he was an iceberg completely isolated from the world.

'Gee, Stefan's really pissed!' Xavier thought and gulped. He finally realized Rachel's good intentions in telling him to come back another day.

As Xavier turned to Rachel, trying to ask for help, Rachel obligingly smiled at him and left. "Mr. Stuarts, please feel free and talk to Mr. Hunt. I'm going back to work."

And then... She just left like that!

"Damn! Rachel, seriously?!"

Xavier watched Rachel as she casually locked the door and left the room. He suddenly felt a sense of despair, like he'd been strategically fed to the beast.

'Nevermind,' he thought. 'I'm here already. Might as carry on.'

After all, who else would suffer here if not him?

"Ahem!"

Xavier took a long time before he finally mustered the courage to talk to Stefan, whose face had been cold the whole time. "Stefan, it's just you and me here. If you really feel bad, just cry it out. Numbing yourself with work won't solve the problem. It's okay. Just cry. It's not embarrassing for men to cry!"

Confused, Stefan looked up at Xavier, who looked like an idiot. He pursed his lips and said nothing.

"We're brothers. Relax. We've seen the video where you knelt to beg your ex-wife to stay. I never thought you'd love her so much. Well, she's not really my type, but I'll accept it since you like her."

Xavier recalled the few times he had met Renee in person. He could not help but shake his head in disbelief.

He failed to understand how Stefan could fall for a girl like Renee and love her so much. His taste in women was so different.

"Stefan, you need to do something. You may not have much experience in love, but you should've been able to deal with a girl like Renee. Why does she have more control over you? That won't do..."

Xavier patted his chest and encouraged. "You're better than me in business, but I'm better than you in love. It looks like it's time. to teach you some tips on courting women. We have to win this!"

Stefan was arrogant and cold, "I was drunk and spouting nonsense in the video. The video is irrelevant, also. She's my ex- wife. She's not your type, but does it matter? Don't get yourself involved."

"Wait, hey! Stefan, what's with that tone? Are you showing your possessiveness over her?"

Xavier showed a meaningful smile and urged, "Stop wasting time. Just man up and be straightforward. Do you have feelings for her? Do you want to get her back? If so, I have plenty of ways to help you get her back!"

"I can't be interested in her!" Stefan smiled coldly, his handsome face marred with disdain.

Renee was not his type at all. Stefan would have done something during their four years of marriage if he had any interest in her. Instead, they were married but did not do anything normal couple would do.

Stefan was sure that he had no feelings for Renee. However, deep down, he could not avoid reacting to Renee's every move...

Stefan thought about it and concluded that his feelings stemmed from his unwillingness to lose.

He was unwilling to lose dominion over the woman who once loved him deeply. How could she stop loving him? Therefore, he had to find a way to make Renee fall in love with him again.

It wasn't unlike the feeling of a beast that wanted to conquer its prey!

Stefan's anger subsided as soon as he figured out his feelings for Renee. He became more open and calmer. "I don't like her.

but she must love me, so..."

Stefan turned to Xavier with a cold and proud look. He asked arrogantly. "Do you really have a way to get her to change her mind and be deeply in love with me again?"

"Ahem!" Xavier was surprised at Stefan's sudden change in attitude. He hurriedly said, "Of course. I've been in so many relationships. If you're willing to learn, I guarantee Renee to be in love with you again within a month!"

Stefan gave him a nod. "Teach me!"

As soon as Stefan agreed, Xavier tried to negotiate a deal. "I can teach you, but you must promise me one thing after the job is done."

"Sure." Stefan agreed without hesitation, which surprised Xavier.

Xavier could tell Stefan was serious about learning the tricks to court women and thought, 'Oh, dear. Stefan must've seriously fallen in love—'

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Stefan grabbed his notebook. With a pen, he wrote "How to court a woman" in strong handwriting. Xavier took a glance and almost burst out laughing.

"Stefan, oh, Stefan. Everyone says you're as cold as an iceberg. Why do I feel like you're such a dork? Learn how to court a woman by understanding, not by reading. Why are you taking notes?"

Stefan said with a blank face. "There are rules to follow for everything. Courting a woman is no different. I'm not only taking notes, but I'm going to do an analysis later. I'll compare various methods and increase the sample data to evaluate the reasonableness and feasibility of your teachings."

"Are you serious Do you have to go that far?"

Stefan acted as if he was performing a feasibility test on a multi-billion project, which pushed Xavier's pressure sky-high.

"I take everything I do seriously." Stefan looked up at Xavier with a warning gaze. "You better be serious at teaching. If it doesn't work, you're finished."

Xavier suddenly felt nervous. Knowing Stefan, he was not joking.

It seemed that Stefan was really anxious this time. Xavier had underestimated Renee. He thought she was just a demure young lady, but she really had her grip on Stefan, and tightly as well.

"Ahem!" Xavier cleared his throat and said solemnly. "In that case, I'll teach you everything I've learned so far. As long as you do what I say, it's guaranteed to work."

Stefan's handsome face lit up with expectation. He urged with a slight frown, "Cut the nonsense! Hurry up!"

"Before I start, I want to state something. I've had girlfriends of all types, so I have sufficient experience. Don't question my professionalism."

Xavier knew his relationship history was not the best, but he was much more experienced than Stefan, who was in only one relationship and was eventually dumped.

"There are two methods in courting a woman. You either court them with money or sincerity. With our status, most women will come to us automatically, but there'll be that remaining one percent that money can't satisfy. It'll take a lot of effort to court. them.

"Your ex-wife Renee is clearly a kind of dreamer. She doesn't know the suffering of the world and cares about true love. You'll need to spend a lot of effort to get her."

Xavier could not help but shake her head again as he spoke of Renee. He feared women like Renee the most. Women like her did not care about money. They only cared about feelings. They were not only hard to satisfy, but also the most dangerous.

Being trapped in love would mean disaster.

Stefan was already unlike himself in the early stages of the relationship. One could only imagine what would happen in the later stages.

Therefore, Xavier would never get romantically involved with women like Renee!

Stefan nodded in agreement. "Yes. She's a fool living in a dream. She demands to cut ties with my family and me. Is she completely unaware of the dangerous world outside? How do I chase this fool?"

"It's simple. Just remember this."

Xavier shared generously with no reservations, "Cast your net and make it work!"

Although puzzled, Stefan diligently took notes. He looked up at Xavier and ordered him, "Elaborate."

"First, let me explain step one. You have to be bold enough to make your presence felt. There's an old saying that says constant pursuit will win the lady. Send her daily messages from day to night. Share photos of your day and occasionally bring her out on a date. You can go for a meal, a movie, a concert, and so on. Anyway, hang around her at all times..."

"No way!" Stefan rejected the first step straight away. "I'm not that free."

"Then why bother to learn the tricks? Just stay single forever," Xavier said and then added. "You may not have time to date, but you'll always have time to chat, don't you? Can't you do it over toilet breaks? You can send her a message saying you miss her. Will it really take so much time?"

Stefan fell silent.

"You can't even do that?"

"That's not the main issue."

"So what's the problem?"

"The problem is... She blocked me!"

"Huh? Renee blocked you?"

Xavier could not stop laughing when he heard this. "Hahahaha! No way! Seriously? Stefan, I didn't know this would ever happen to you!"

"Shut up!"

Stefan held his forehead, feeling deeply embarrassed.

Xavier bit his lip and tried to hold back his laughter. At last, he said seriously, "It's okay. It's okay. We can still fix it!"