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Of course, Renee herself was not looking that much better.

This was no time to be willful. Renee tried her best to calm herself

down. "Okay, let's tidy up and go to the hospital together."

The two went to different bathrooms and quickly washed themselves.

But the awkward thing was, because neither of them lived there, they naturally did not have any spare clothes there. They had to come out of the bathrooms wrapped in towels.

Renee walked out of the bathroom, wanting to find some casual clothes to wear. Stefan also had the same idea.

So, the two ran into each other in this awkward manner.

Stefan looked at Renee unabashedly, from her wet hair down to her toes.

As for Renee... she was even more unabashed. Besides ogling Stefan, she even felt the urge to run her hands over him.

"Stefan, have you been going to the gym again recently? Look at those abs. They're like the abs of a fitness coach."

She could not help but recall the days when she took care of the "quadriplegic" Stefan who was paralyzed in bed. She could touch him all she wanted.

Stefan raised his eyebrows and said coldly, "Your figure is also much nicer than I expected, except your tummy is a bit big. Maybe it's time to lose some weight."

Renee: "..."

She knew this guy would not have anything nice to say.

She was pregnant with twins! Of course her tummy would be big!

But what did he mean by "her figure was much nicer than he expected"? As if he had not seen her body

before! They were looking for clothes to put on when Stefan's mother, Francine, arrived.

She was already angry to begin with. When she saw Stefan and Renee half naked, looking like they were about to have some "happy time" together, she got even angrier. She almost coughed up blood on the spot.

"So it's true! You two are getting back together!"

As if she was protecting something, she stepped in front of Stefan, pointed at Renee, and said, "You harbinger of tragedy! Do you have no shame? My son already threw you out of the house! Why do you still try to seduce him?"

Renee rubbed her sore temples.

This former mother-in-law of hers was a strong character indeed. Her voice was as loud as a bell. Renee felt like her eardrums were gonna burst.

"Miss Francine, first of all, you need to be clear who's seducing whom here. I'm at least completely covered. Look at him... Look at how low he's wearing his towel. He has no decency!"

"Wh-What did you say?"

"I said, your son is exposing himself indecently. He has no shame and is seducing people in the middle of the night. He should be punished for being a whore!"

After saying that, Renee glared at Stefan and said seriously, "I'm talking about you. Hurry up and pull the towel up. It's about to fall off. Who are you trying to seduce?"

At this point, Francine was so angry that she could not say a single word.

What made her even angrier was that Stefan actually listened to Renee and pulled the towel up. He said, "I'm trying to seduce you. What's the problem?"

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Francine could never have imagined that her son, who was always cold and serious, would flirt with Renee, the harbinger of tragedy, in her presence. This was even more surprising to her than seeing aliens on Earth.

"Stef, what's the matter with you? You wouldn't even look at her twice in the past. Why are you being so intimate with her now? Don't tell me you're actually trying to seduce her?"

Stefan shrugged, neither admitting nor denying it.

This made Francine even more aware of how serious the matter was.

If it was Renee who was making advances on her son, it would make sense to her, but now, it appeared that it was her son who was making advances on Renee. This made her, the mother, feel ashamed and lose her moral high ground.

"Son, did you get brain damage or did she put a spell on you? Do you even know what you're doing? Why are you seducing this harbinger of tragedy?"

Francine had a short fuse. Angered by Stefan, she started hitting him.

While pounding at him, she yelled, "Grow some eyes! Please, for the love of god, grow some eyes! Why are you seducing the woman you've already divorced? A good horse will never turn round to graze on an old pasture! You're an embarrassment to me and to our family!"

Renee saw Francine beating Stefan "ferociously", so she quickly stepped back a meter or so to distance herself and keep herself safe. She also said, "Miss Francine, please be mindful of your wording. Technically speaking, I'm not the woman your son divorced, I'm the woman who dumped your son. And, technically speaking, he didn't "turn round to graze on an old pasture", because I haven't let him "graze" on anything at all.

As for that time when they got drunk, something did happen between them, but in Renee's mind, that wasn't her being "grazed", they were mutually "grazing" each other, so it didn't count.

Francine felt even more humiliated. She started hitting Stefan even harder, yelling, "Did you hear that? This woman has never loved you. Stop making a fool of yourself! Hurry up and put on some clothes!"

Stefan's handsome face showed no expression as he flatly said, "There aren't any clothes." "You...!"

Francine rubbed her temples. She felt that if she kept going, she would die from anger.

While all that was happening, Renee found a tracksuit someone left behind and quickly put it on.

After rummaging around in the wardrobe, Stefan also found some casual clothes he left behind a long time ago and put them on too.

Now, the scene finally did not look so weird anymore...

When Francine saw Renee's tracksuit, it instantly reignited her hatred.

That was because the clothes Renee was wearing happened to be left behind by Briar

Desrosiers. "You vicious woman! Tell me honestly, did you kill Briar and my unborn grandchild?"

Francine clenched her fists and demanded to know in a harsh voice.

Although Renee was accused of something she did not do, she was very calm. She looked at Stefan and said, "Didn't Briar Desrosiers commit suicide? No one knows better than your son what happened to her."

The mention of Briar Desrosiers' death instantly angered Renee.

Briar Desrosiers was obviously the one in the wrong, but not only did Stefan take her side unconditionally, he even went as far as to fake her death in order to save her... It was an insult to Renee's IQ.

"Stef, what did she mean by that?"

Francine turned around and asked

Stefan.

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Stefan did not reply, which was as good as confirming Renee's accusation.

"See, your son has given you the answer. You don't have to worry about Briar Desrosiers. How could a person like her commit suicide? 11

Renee sneered and spoke sharply.

Although she could already guess that Stefan had secretly hid Briar Desrosiers away, when Stefan confirmed it, she still could not help feeling disappointed.

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His unconditional protection of Briar Desrosiers was a merciless trample on her feelings. She was ashamed and felt bad for herself for having loved such a man!

"You two take your time. I have something else to take care off, so I'll be leaving now."

Renee did not want to stay any longer. More importantly, she had to go check on

Xavier.

After taking two steps, she turned back and told Stefan, "You better hide her well, Mr. Hunt. If I manage to find her, I might make the lie come true. After all, I wouldn't technically be breaking the law if I make a person who's already dead disappear."

Of course, Renee only said that so that Stefan would keep Briar Desrosiers under strict control and not let her come out to do dirty stuff again.

As long as Briar Desrosiers behaved herself, Renee naturally would not make a move either.

Unfortunately, her nonchalant warning actually brought disaster upon herself...

After Renee left, Francine finally snapped out of it.

"From what she said, Briar is still alive?"

"Hmm."

Stefan nodded, his expression terrible.

He was still thinking about Renee's harsh warning.

He could not understand why Renee hated Briar so much.

"Oh, thank god. My little grandchild is safe... The Hunt family line will go on."

Francine smiled brightly with her hands folded, thanking the heavens.

Stefan was speechless. "What? I'm still alive!"

"So? It's not like you touch any woman. How are you any different from a celibate monk? Fortunately, Briar is able to conceive your child, but you don't look like you have any interest in Briar as a woman either. If she doesn't give birth to this baby, I don't think there's any chance you'll have another baby in the future..."

Francine knew Stefan very well.

His personality was too cold and he had too much self-control. Ever since he was young, he had little interest in women.

Otherwise, he would not have been married with Renee for so many years without touching her.

For Briar Desrosiers to be pregnant with his child was as improbable as winning the lottery. It would not happen again in the future.

Francine was not blind. She could see that Stefan was not interested in Briar Desrosiers.

But his reaction to Renee tonight... He finally looked like a man. His hormones were nigh bursting out of him.

Francine suddenly had a bold idea.

She grabbed Stefan and said solemnly, "Actually, I can see that Briar is too much of a hypocrite and is not a good match for you. Since she's officially deceased now, I won't urge you to marry her anymore. When she gives birth to the child, give her a sum of money and ask her to leave." « >>

Stefan's expression was complicated.

In truth, he had planned to do the same, but when he remembered his elder brother's dying wish, he could not do it.

Francine continued, "I've given up on Briar Desrosiers, but there must be a Mrs. Hunt. I can't let my grandchild grow up without a mother. I've thought about it. There's actually no candidate more suitable than Renee Everheart!"

"Mom, what are you saying?"

Stefan was stunned. "I thought you've always looked down on Renee. You persuaded me to divorce her for four years while we were still married!"

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"She's not ideal, but she's the best person available!"

Francine could not help but sigh. "You're almost thirty, but you've never socialized with that many women. Briar is too much of a hypocrite, while Cecilia's relationship with your good friend is complicated. After thinking about it long and hard, there's no better candidate than Renee Everheart. There's no problem with her except for her family background."

"But more importantly, I heard she's quite capable. She quietly started a company, became the president of the Electronic Technology Association, manages a law firm well and even stole the biggest customers of H Group... She's not the pretty but useless woman that I thought she was. I've always had an appreciation for capable women. This new her is perfectly qualified to be your wife!"

Stefan had rarely heard his picky mother speak so highly of anyone, let alone Renee. He was glad to hear it.

After all, the conflict between mother-in-law and daughter-in-law was a problem that had existed since the dawn of humanity. If this problem could be solved, then maybe Renee and him could really start over?

Start over?!

The abrupt thought startled Stefan.

"Mom, you're thinking too much. It's no longer a question of whether she's qualified to be my wife, it's a question of whether she wants to," he replied flatly.

"She wouldn't want to?"

Francine frowned. Then, her usual haughty expression crept back onto her face. "It's just an act. She's just playing hard to get.

Do you know how many women would give up everything to marry into the Hunt family? How could she not want to? If she didn't, she wouldn't have stayed in the Hunt family for four years despite everything."

Stefan poured cold water on her plan, "If being Mrs. Hunt really meant that much to her, why did she agree to the divorce that easily? Why was she so eager to get through the divorce procedure as quickly as possible?"

"That's..."

Francine pondered over what her son just said and found that it made sense.

Besides, thinking back on what transpired earlier, his son was the one trying to seduce her. Renee Everheart looked like she had no interest and was shunning him.

If she was just playing hard to get, she was trying way too hard.

"Tsktsk. Sigh!"

Francine examined Stefan from head to foot with a sad expression, sighing as she looked.

Stefan was speechless.

"Mom, if you have anything to say, just say it."

But Francine did not say anything. First, she took a good look at Stefan's handsome and perfect face. Then, she pinched the muscles on Stefan's arms and abdomen. She was puzzled. "This doesn't make sense. You're still as handsome as before, and you have even more muscles now. Why isn't she obsessed with you anymore?"

Stefan:

"How about this, son..."

Francine said seriously, "Try changing how you dress. Don't just wear button-up shirts and suits every day. You look too serious. I heard women over the age of 25 don't like men with a serious personality. They prefer the warm and approachable type..."

"Isn't Renee about to turn 25? She may be a bit tired of your aesthetics. Try dressing in a fresher way to rekindle her fascination with you!"

Stefan:

He really wanted to say, "Thanks but no thanks, Mom."

Who could have imagined that the day would come when his mother, who absolutely despised Renee and used to ask him to divorce Renee every day, would seriously try to teach him how to win Renee back?!

"Not only do you have to change the way you dress, you have to change your personality too. You can't be as cold as before. You have to take the initiative, be enthusiastic, and chat with her whenever you're free..."

Francine said, already beginning to feel a sense of crisis, "Actually, that harbinger of tragedy has quite the charisma. I heard a lot of young men from prestigious families already have their eyes on her, especially the young man from the Osborne family who's supposedly very close to her. If you don't act soon, it might be too late!"

Francine did not notice before that Renee was actually this popular.

Renee had only just gotten a divorce but her pursuers were already lining up. The pursuers were some fine young men too!

Francine was really reluctant to let such a good daughter-in-law go. She must have been blind before not to see Renee's worth. Hopefully, if Stefan worked hard now, he could still get her back!

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Stefan was pretty unhappy. "Didn't you just say a good horse will never turn round to graze on an old pasture? Why are you suddenly doing a 180? Aren't you embarrassed?"

Francine pursed her lips and said arrogantly, "I am, but I don't want to miss out on a good woman. Besides, the reason I was so opposed to you being together before was mainly because you didn't love her and I didn't want you to suffer in a marriage

without love. But now, things are

different..." "How?"

"Because you're interested in her now!"

Francine said with confidence, "All these years, very few women could catch your attention. Since you've finally found one who could, of course you need to hang on to her!"

"I'm not interested in

her!" Stefan denied it

coldly.

"You know better than anyone if you're interested in her. You don't have to convince me..."

Francine sighed and revealed a helpless expression, "Although I still don't like her very much, but if you do, I'll try to. I promise I won't treat her badly or call her the harbinger of tragedy anymore. If you need me to, I can even try to befriend her, I..."

"There's no need!"

Stefan's respond was very direct. "It's over between us, so give

it up." At the hospital.

Xavier's broken leg was reattached and put in a cast. He had to stay in bed for half a

month. When Renee arrived at his ward, she found Christopher there.

"Mr. Jacobs."

She nodded at him as a greeting.

Christopher was surprised to see Renee, and it showed in his

eyes. "Miss Everheart! I was just thinking about apologizing

to you!"

Christopher told Renee earnestly.

"Apologize to me?"

Renee looked puzzled.

"Cecilia's fine now. I apologize as her ex-fiance. Something must have gotten to her that day for her to lose control like that and accuse you. Please forgive her."

After saying that, Christopher lowered his head.

He was so sincere that Renee felt a little embarrassed. She quickly pulled him upright. "Come on, there's no need for that." "Please don't be mad with Cecy. She must not be thinking straight. She's usually not that irrational."

"I'm not mad at her at all. I just can't figure out why she would accuse me and claim I pushed her into the sea. It's a serious accusation. She's trying to destroy me!"

"I don't know why either..."

Christopher said, somewhat

embarrassed. "You don't know?"

Renee suddenly became curious and asked, "Then how do you know her accusation is not true? Did she confess to you?"

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"Cecy didn't confess anything..."

Christopher continued, "I just think, based on what I know about you, that you wouldn't be the kind of person to do that kind of thing. One, you have no motive, and two, it's not worth it for you."

Renee snorted coldly. "Yeah. I have no motive and it's not worth it for me. You can see such obvious things, but Stefan Hunt can't."

"Stefan's a bit naive. He doesn't truly understand the complexity of the human heart."

"Yes, just like an idiot."

The two could not help but smile at that. A thousand words were exchanged in those smiles.

Xavier was lying on the hospital bed with one leg hanging in plaster, unable to move. He was in a terrible state and was extremely agitated.

When he saw Christopher and Renee walk into his ward, he called out at them like a drowning man clutching at a straw, "Thank god you two are here. Hurry up and get me out of here. This place is like a prison. I can't stay here for a minute longer."

Christopher frowned and said seriously, "You broke your leg. Can you calm down for a bit?" "I can't!"

Xavier banged his arm on the side of the bed as he complained, "I have strangers helping me eat, drink, shower and pee. It's embarrassing. The most annoying thing is, I wanted to play a video game, but the nurse wouldn't even let me do that. You call this living?"

"This won't do. I have to get out of the hospital. No one can stop me!"

"But..."

Christopher was worried.

He knew Xavier. Xavier was really stubborn. Once he decided to do something, no one could stop him. "Don't you dare move!"

Renee suddenly shouted.

Xavier was like a brat who was throwing a tantrum, but he instantly calmed down and looked at Renee with a stunned face.

Renee slowly poured a glass of water and said, "You're an adult, for god's sake. If you don't want strangers to take care of you, I'll do it."

After saying that, Renee moved the glass close to Xavier's lips and said gently but forcefully, "Come, have some water. Your lips are a bit dry."

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Xavier gave Renee a complicated look, but his lips did not move. The atmosphere in the ward was tense. Christopher wiped away sweat from his forehead.

After all, he knew the two of them had always been at odds. If they started fighting, it would be like a world war.

"Umm..."

He was about to act as a mediator when something incredible happened.

Xavier lowered his head obediently and took a sip of water. He then said earnestly, "Thank you. I was really thirsty." Renee looked down at Xavier like a queen, "Are you still gonna make a scene?"

"No."

"Do you still want to leave the hospital?" "No."

"Very good."

Renee nodded and told the timid nurse outside the door, "Didn't you say you're going to give him an anti-inflammatory injection? You can do it now."

For some strange reason, Xavier, who was screaming about leaving the hospital and refusing to let the nurse give him the injection a moment ago, was suddenly behaving himself. He let the nurse do whatever she had to do without a word of complaint.

Christopher looked like he was witnessing a miracle. He was so stunned that he could not speak for a long time.

He asked Renee in a whisper, "How did you do that? This guy's a notorious brat. He listens to no one but his father. Why is he suddenly so well behaved?"

Renee gave him a faint smile and flicked her hair smugly. "It's probably because of my charisma." After the nurse changed Xavier's medication, she left the ward.

Renee turned to Xavier and said, "If you have nothing to do, then just rest."

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"But I want to..."

Xavier hesitated while looking at Renee, looking very pitiful. "You want to play video games, right? You can't!"

Renee's attitude was firm, like a disciplinary teacher. "Hmph,

whatever!"

His hopes crushed, Xavier angrily covered his head with the blanket and went to sleep.

The way he was fierce but scared at the same time was kinda cute.

When he heard that they were leaving, he quickly pulled down the blanket and asked, "Renee, you said you're going to take care of me. Is that true?"

"Of course."

Renee did not hesitate. "You saved my life. Isn't it natural for me to take care of you?"

"But let me make this clear. I'm not a very patient woman. If you keep being difficult and refuse to cooperate like you did earlier, I can't promise I won't beat you up!"

"There's no need to worry. As long as you're the one taking care of me, I'll definitely cooperate."

Xavier went back to sleep.

Christopher watched all this with a somewhat complicated expression.

"Mr. Jacobs, I'm going to the nearby supermarket to buy some food and necessities for this guy. Will you come with me?" Renee asked Christopher.

She was serious when she said she would take care of Xavier. It was to repay him for saving her life. "I'll be right there. I need to talk to Xavier first."

"Okay."

Renee did not ask what they were gonna talk about. She simply left.

Christopher walked over to Xavier's bed and pulled down the blanket that was covering his head. With a serious face, he asked, "What are you doing?"

Xavier was about to fall asleep. He woke up with a puzzled look on his face and asked, "What's the matter, Chris? You're still here?"

Christopher did not look too happy. He said coldly, "Don't play the innocent with me. Be honest and tell me what's going on between you and Miss Everheart."

"Nothing's going on."

Xavier said, "I went to her house for tea, and her house caught fire.

I saved her and, in the process, hurt my leg..."

"That's all?"

"Yeah, that's all!"

"Why do I feel like you have feelings for her..." "Nope, definitely not!"

Xavier denied it vehemently. "I don't have any interest in her. You know what kind of women I like. Even if she's the only woman left in the world, I still wouldn't be interested in her!"

"Our friendship is purely platonic. As you know, if it weren't for her, Zack Rosenwell wouldn't have represented me in that lawsuit. I'm being so nice to her because I owe her a favor."

Xavier wanted to explain further but Christopher raised his hand and stopped him. "You don't have to explain anymore. It's fine as long as you know what you're doing."

"Some women you can fall for, but some you can't... Never touch a brother's lover. I'm sure you know the code." The atmosphere suddenly became a bit weird.

Xavier, who had always respected Christopher, suddenly gave him a mocking smile. "Chris, I'm not as stupid as you think. I know what I'm doing. I'll never cross the lines that I shouldn't cross.

But... aren't you the one who failed to follow the code?"

Christopher lowered his head, his handsome and elegant face filled with regret. "That's right. You should consider me a cautionary tale. I don't want the three of us to fall apart again because of a woman!"

"Understood!"

Xavier said nonchalantly, "I'm just having some fun because I'm bored. There's no need to take it that seriously." While they were talking, Stefan pushed open the door and walked in...

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Christopher and Xavier immediately stopped talking, both looking guilty.

"Bro, why didn't you knock before you come in? That's really rude! 11

Stefan's handsome face was expressionless, like an iceberg. He walked up to Xavier, knocked on the hung up plastered foot, and asked, "Does it still hurt?"

Xavier's face immediately crumpled as he cried out in pain, "Ouch, ouch, ouch! Bro, are you trying to kill me? I sacrificed my life to save your ex-wife. Is this how you repay me?"

"You seem to be in high spirits. Looks like you're completely fine. In that case, stop telling everybody that you saved her."

Stefan's voice was cold, as if he did not want to accept the fact that Xavier had saved Renee's life.

After all, the status of life savior carried a lot of weight. In ancient times, the rescued victim may even repay the savior with personal favors. Stefan felt very unhappy thinking about it.

"That's right!"

Christopher chimed in, "This brat even wants her to take care of his everyday needs. He's shameless."

"Take care of his everyday needs?"

Stefan narrowed his eyes slightly, pondering the meaning of that comment.

Right then, Renee pushed the door open and came in with a steaming hot bowl of yam and pork ribs congee. She said warmly, "Xavier, get up. I brought you supper. Yam and pork ribs congee will help your wounds heal. I'll feed you."

Renee only realized that Stefan and Christopher were both in the ward after she walked in. She felt embarrassed.

"You... Why are you guys here?"

Stefan glanced at the congee and snorted. "Isn't it normal for us to be here? But you... You brought him a bowl of congee in the middle of the night. How very considerate of you!"

Renee thought Stefan must be looking to argue with her again. She just rolled her eyes, walked around him, and didn't

bother to talk to him at all.

She sat down on the edge of the bed, scooped the congee with a spoon, blew on the spoonful of congee carefully, and extended it to Xavier's mouth. "What are you waiting for? Open your mouth. The nurse said you can consume some liquid food now that the anesthetic has passed."

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Xavier wanted to open his mouth.

Because he was actually really hungry.

However, when his eyes came into contact with Stefan's death stare, he dared not even breathe, let alone open his mouth. "What's the matter? I said I'll take care of your daily needs, and you agreed to listen to me."

Renee looked like an old mother educating her rebellious son. She said with a stern expression, "Open your mouth. You must finish this bowl of congee no matter what."

"You..."

Xavier's mouth was half open. He was in quite the dilemma.

Both Renee and Stefan were people he did not dare to offend. He was caught in the middle!

But the congee looked so delicious. He was so hungry. Renee's attitude was so sincere. Xavier finally decided to open his mouth and eat the congee.

Stefan said coldly, "You have a broken leg, not a broken hand. Why can't you eat it yourself?"

Renee was very upset when she heard this and retorted, "Are you cold-blooded? And you call yourself his brother? He recently escaped the jaws of death with a broken leg. What's wrong if I feed him?"

Stefan remained silent for a moment, then said disdainfully, "In that case, let me feed him."

He took the congee from Renee, stiffly scooped a spoonful, and brought it to Xavier's mouth. "Eat this!"

"Cough!"

Xavier was flabbergasted. He was obviously unwilling. "I don't think this is necessary."

"So she can feed you, but I can't?"

Stefan said coldly, "I've thought about it. As your bro, I should also do something for you. From now on, I'll take care of your daily needs."

"No, you don't have to! Really!"

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Xavier gulped hard and quickly said, "The hospital has professional staff that can take care of me. You guys are busy. You really don't have to do this."

"I'm serious. You saved her, so I must do something for you to repay you. You're not allowed to refuse!"

Stefan's attitude was firm. He urged, "Open your mouth and eat the congee!"

Xavier had no choice but to give in.

Before he had finished the first spoonful, Stefan was already feeding him another. In the end, Xavier was so full that he felt like his stomach was gonna burst.

Oh god, what sin had he committed to deserve this? He saved someone's life and even broke his leg doing so, but he now had to be a tool in those two's argument. He felt like the most miserable man in the world!

When Renee saw that he had finished the congee, she immediately brought out an apple, peeled it with a knife, and handed it to him. "Having some fruit after dinner is good for digestion."

Stefan urged again, "Eat the fruit."

Xavier:

Xavier's internal monologue: I don't want to eat anything anymore. I just want to go home and escape this bloody place.

After eating the apple, Renee handed him a small cake. To no one's surprise, Stefan made sure he finished it again.

"Your face is a bit dirty. Let me help you..."

Before Renee had even finished speaking, Stefan already grabbed a towel and started to "help" Xavier wash his face. In short, Stefan would not give Renee any chance to repay Xavier. He intercepted them all.

Poor Xavier. He did not even dare to move. He let Stefan wash his face and wipe his body. It felt worse than death.

Christopher watched the increasingly bizarre scene and joked, "Bro, you're so lucky. This is probably the first time Stefan takes care of someone like this. Enjoy it!"

Xavier smiled bitterly. His expression screamed: Help me! Help me!

Renee was finally done. She walked out of the ward, and Stefan followed after her.

"Stefan, if you're unhappy with something, come at me. Stop bothering Xavier."

When Renee saw that no one was around, she confronted Stefan.

She was upset because Stefan was clearly doing all that to get back at her and Xavier.

"How am I bothering him?"

Stefan's attitude was as arrogant as ever. "Like you said, he's my bro, so I took good care of him. How was I bothering him?"

"Didn't you see how reluctant he was?"

Renee could not help mocking, "You weren't feeding him, you were stuffing him. You weren't washing his face, you were scrubbing his face off. Is this really how you're going to take care of him?"

"I disagree. I think I took really good care of him. I think Xavier is very satisfied. He didn't complain once."

"Complain?"

Renee was speechless, "As if he would dare!"

"Why are you so concerned about Xavier? Are you really gonna give yourself to him?"

Stefan asked tentatively.

"What?"

Renee was perplexed. "You're so unreasonable. Fine, if you're so wary of me ruining your friend's life, I'll stay away from him from now on. You can take care of him. I'm not coming here anymore!"

Renee turned around and left the hospital.

Stefan remained rooted to the spot, speechless. He could not understand her line of thought.

Why would she think that he was wary of her ruining his friend's life?

Couldn't she see that the one he's wary of was obviously his friend?

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After Renee left the hospital, she was still furious.

"He's so annoying! What is wrong with him? He's so worried that I would ruin his precious friend's life. He's totally looking down on me!"

She took a taxi back to the Hunt Villa.

Margaret was already there. She was rubbing her hands anxiously.

When she finally saw Renee, she immediately rushed over. "Miss Ren, what's going on? How did the Everheart Residence burn down while I was out doing grocery? Why did you ask me to wait for you at the Hunt Villa?"

The moment Renee saw Margaret, the tears she had been holding back came pouring out.

Like a child, she threw herself into Margaret's arms and cried, "Margaret, what took you so long? Our house is gone! Our home is gone!"

"Don't cry, Miss Ren. Don't cry!"

Margaret gently stroked Renee's back and comforted her, "Don't be sad. Our home will never be gone. Home is where you and I are. So what if the house burned down? We can just rebuild it. Don't cry! 11

"It's all gone..."

Renee bawled her eyes out. She sobbed, "The house can be repaired, but the traces of Grandpa, Mom, and Dad are all gone. Every plant, tree, brick, and tile in the house is gone!"

"They're not. As long as they remain in our hearts, even if the house is burned down, they'll still exist. Calm down, Miss Ren. It's not a big deal. We can always rebuild the house. I know our strong Miss Ren would never be defeated by this setback."

"That's right, I can't let it defeat me..."

Renee finally stopped crying.

Grandpa once said tears belonged exclusively to the losers. The strong would always turn tears into strength. Instead of feeling sorry for herself, her time would be better spent making the Everheart family great again!

"Margaret, we can't be defeated by this. We have to be stronger than before. Let's stay in the Hunt Villa for now while we slowly rebuild the Everheart Residence. I believe that the reborn

Everheart family will shock the entire Beach City!"

Renee's oath filled Margaret with enthusiasm.

The two then carefully transformed the Hunt Villa from the inside out so that the villa would have a strong Everheart feel. The next day.

Renee got up early and, like before, cooked something delicious in the kitchen.

After all, she had lived in this place for four years. She was familiar with every corner of it, especially the kitchen.

She used to love cooking. Whenever she heard Stefan was coming back, she would prepare a whole feast for him.

She had not cooked at all since the divorce, so her skills were somewhat rusty.

She had taken a liking to sour food lately, so she wanted to make lemon chicken feet.

The moment she finished marinating the chicken feet, she heard Margaret's nervous voice call out to her. "Miss Ren, we have an important guest."

"An important guest?"

Renee was puzzled. She quickly washed her hands and walked out.

She saw her ex-mother-in-law, Francine Milford, sitting in the living room.

That's not an important guest! That's an unfortunate guest!

Last night, Renee and this arrogant woman had parted on bad terms, and now, she was probably back for more. "What brings you here this early, Miss Francine?"