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“Mr. Beckett! It’s all my fault! It’s all my mistake!” Roanline thought it would be better to admit her wrongdoing instead of waiting to be questioned. She couldn’t let this matter affect her daughter and ruin her chances of marrying into a noble family.

So she rushed over with a sorrowful expression. And she knelt in front of Jasper.

“The Kirkmans are in trouble. Our cash flow is broken, and our factories are closing down one after another. When the Becketts refused to help, we were forced into a corner by the Taylors. We were left with no choice…”

“So I discussed it with Liana’s father, and we decided to sell some family assets for the sake of our company’s finances. I secretly sold Liana’s jewelry. Liana didn’t even know of it!

“If I had known that the necklace was the token of your love to Liana… Even if I starved or died of poverty, I would never have sold it!”

Liana secretly heaved a sigh of relief before pretending to be shocked. Tears welled in her eyes, and she cried, “Mom… How could you do this? That was my most beloved necklace. How could you!”

Jasper didn’t even blink as he calmly said, “That’s not what I wanted to ask.”

The necklace was no longer of much importance to him compared to the false accusations against Alice. Although he was still upset to see his heartfelt gift being mistreated, he could understand and forgive it if Liana had sold it to save her family.

But twisting the truth, lying, and framing an innocent person was something he couldn’t forgive.

“Did you hurt yourself? Or did Alice do it? Did she accidentally break her bracelet? Or did you snatch it from her and deliberately break it?” Jasper asked calmly. His gaze was still as water.

“Jasper, are you saying I’m an evil woman who framed Alice?” Liana cried, acting innocent. “You think I can’t even match up to your ex–wife, who cheated on you emotionally?”

Jasper’s brow furrowed. “Lauren never lies. She said she didn’t see Alice touch you”

“Lauren isn’t in her right mind. And her language skills are lacking. You know that, Jasper. Besides, she was hiding at the time. It’s hard to say if she saw anything,” Sophia quickly stepped

in to smooth things over,

Jasper’s lips curled faintly. “Is it common for mothers to criticize their daughters like this in front of others? I wouldn’t know, as I don’t have a mother.

Sophia’s face paled in an instant. He usually had the vigor of a zombie at home. But now, when he retorted, he was full of spirit!

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“So, Lia, why did you do this? Since I chose you, I would never get back together with Alice. So why did you go looking for trouble with her?”

Jasper suppressed the frustration within him, which felt like heavy chains binding his heart. The chains were so restrictive that his heart could hardly beat.

He still called her “Lia” because of their twenty years of friendship, the feelings they shared, and the redemption she brought during his dark childhood. He feared that this light in his life would

extinguish and that he had made the wrong choice by staking everything on her.

“I didn’t! It wasn’t me!” Liana yelled, pounding on the bed. A bloodshot glare now replaced her usually gentle gaze.

“She stole my man! And now she wants to turn me into a scapegoat! Betty said Alice and Lauren were close when she was still part of the Becketts. They must be conspiring against me! Jasper, do you believe them over me? Have you fallen for Alice? Do you not want me anymore?!”

“I have always been yours. Even during the three years I was married to Alice. My feelings for you. never changed, and I never even touched her,” Jasper clenched his trembling fingers tightly. His starry eyes lost their luster.

He recalled how Alice took the blame for the suspicion, how her wrists were swollen. And how she looked back at him with tears and hatred, full of heartbreak and disappointment.

Jasper took a deep breath, but the intense headache caused his vision to blur. “But Liana, I’m having a hard time understanding everything you’ve been doing lately. Are you trying to push me toward her?”

“No, no! Jasper! Jasper!”

Jasper left without a second glance at her, and it scared her. She staggered out of bed and rushed to the door. Only to be met with a heavy thud as the door closed in front of her face.

Liana kicked the door of the ward angrily. However, she screamed in pain and hopped around in place because she exerted too much strength.

“Alice! I won’t let you get away with this! You swore to be my enemy? Bring it on!” she thought.