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In the deep of the night, Liana sat in the corner of a rowdy and tiny bar. She kept a low profile by wearing black athleisure, which was a stark contrast to the women around her with heavy makeup and skimpy clothes. She was like a fish out of water.

After a long wait, she felt the hot breath of a man who reeked of alcohol.

She quickly looked up and saw a familiar face. He took a seat beside her. The strong cologne on him made her sick.

“Ashley, you’re as gorgeous as before. I’m

aroused.” He flashed a suggestive smile at her. She

inched to the side. His words made her skin crawl.

When she was in Mosgravia, she hung out with him all the time. She loved his sweet talk and enjoyed running her fingers over his muscular body.

Now, she felt nothing but disgust at the sight of his face. How thirsty was she to have fallen for a trash like him? He was nothing compared to her handsome Jasper.

“When did you come back? And why?” she whispered coldly.

“I’m back here for you. I have a place to call home when I’m with you.” With an evil grin, he leaned toward her. “Tsk, remember to wear a dress when you meet me.”

She gritted her teeth. “And what do you want from me?”

“I missed you...” He paused and added with a grin, “Give me some money.”

“I’ve paid you a sum when we broke up! How could you do this to me?” Her voice came out croaky from the anger.

“You play, you win; you play, you lose. The money you gave me is not enough for me to win big. I saw on the news that you’re marrying the president of the Beckett Group soon. You might want to satisfy my request if you want a perfect wedding.”

He was clearly blackmailing her! Feeling something going off in her, she seethed, “So what if you tell him everything about us? He loves me too much to care about my past. It’s common to have an ex or two. You can’t threaten me with this.”

That makes sense, but I think it’s hard for any man to accept that their fiancée had given birth to another man’s child. Not only that, it was done out of wedlock.” He took a sip from her glass.

“H–How shameless of you to bring this up!” The memory of her daughter gave her the chills. “It’s all your fault! You dragged me into the mess! I would have aborted her if not for the risk to my fertility!”

He scowled and held her trembling shoulder. “The child is the proof of our love. We wouldn’t have met again if not for her.”

“How much?” she said aloud in a frigid tone and a pale face.

“Five million.” The man suggested a ridiculous amount.

“My family is not as rich as before. How do I even get you five million dollars?”

“Mr. Beckett can afford it.” He scoffed. “Five million is probably fifty dollars for a business magnate like him. He dotes on you a lot. I bet he would give you the money if you ask.” 1

Eyes widening in shock, she calmed down from the initial rage and helpless. A wild idea popped up in her mind. Her behavior changed as she leaned against him and stared at him with a pitiful look.

“I’ll tell you the truth. My engagement to Jasper Beckett is on the rocks. He wanted to call off the wedding and break up with me a few days ago.”

“Huh? Why?” The man appeared more anxious than she looked. He had heard some news about the Gardners’ bankruptcy. He only extorted Liana because of her relationship with Jasper Beckett.

Her failed engagement to Jasper Beckett would foil his plan, and his long trip from Musgrovia would be all for nothing. He would not only fail to pay off his gambling debts but also struggle to pay for his return ticket!