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Daniella hesitated, but Draco warned, "Don't leave Jordan Residence. I can't assure you what'll happen once you step out." Draco firmly believed Daniella wouldn't depart. After all, she had to consider the possibility of him exposing her involvement in the murder incident if she did. He hadn't exposed her yet, as she was still under Casey's control. He was sparing her for Casey's happiness. Daniella's eyes brimmed with hatred, but she lacked the courage to say more. She turned and returned to the house. Eira paid another visit to Neil at Riverview Villa. Upon entering, she found Neil asleep on the sofa, one arm shielding his eyes. Papers and photos were scattered around him and on the floor. Eira guessed he had fallen asleep while reading. As she began to tidy up, Neil suddenly removed his arm and opened his eyes. Startled by Eira's presence, he hastily sat upright and stashed the documents behind him. "Why didn't you announce your arrival?" Neil started gathering the papers on the floor. so guarded

Eira observed Neil in silence as he concealed everything. She questioned. "Why are you so g around me, Neil? Neil nonchalantly replied, "I told you last night that I didn't want you involved in this matter." Eira persisted, "But you let me help with the company's transfer before. Why won't you share this with me? I'm not your enemy! It would be better if you confided in me so we could solve this together. Look at the mess you're in now." Eira held some food containers, and Neil reached for them. She hid them behind her and asked, "Neil, is our relationship so shallow?" Neil sighed, appearing weary. "Eirá, let's eat. Alright?" Eira replied, "If you can't treat me as a friend, I won't eat here today, and I won't work at Carol's place anymore." "Eira, stop being stubborn!" Neil's frustration was visible. She placed the items on the coffee table and knelt beside Neil. "What's troubling you, Neil?"

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Neil looked away, muttering, "Nothing's bothering me." "Can I interpret that as you're keeping me out of it to protect me?" Eira asked. Neil confessed, "I'm powerless in this situation. In fact, I might face unknown dangers, so I don't want to involve you. Eira challenged, "Do you think I can't take care of myself? Nell clarified, "It's the other party that's too powerful." "Is it the Jordans? Eira blurted out Neil gazed at her in astonishment. "What made you think that?" Eira explained, "In Angelbay, the influential families are the Jordans, Xanders, and Prices. Your relationship with Alex is fine, and you get along well with Carol. That leaves the Jordans. Excluding Evan, it can only be his father." Neil chuckled. "You're too clever for your own good." "So, this is related to the Jordans, right?" Eira pressed.

"So, Neil, you're disheartened because he's too powerful, and you don't know where to begin to make him pay?" Eira asked.

Neil knew Eira would investigate further once she was sure of her target, potentially putting herself in

danger. He sighed and began sharing their grievances with Draco.

Chapter 712 Subconsciously Testing

Neil bitterly admitted, "No. It's because I'm too useless to bring him to justice. In fact, I sent Carol to beg

Evan so we can seek revenge, despite knowing that Carol can't be with Evan because of this matter. All in

all, I'm a deadbeat."

Eira said, "You're not. Don't you think Evan and Carol are good for each other from the start?"

Neil was rather stunned. "You think so?"

"Don't you? I think you can put it this way. You think that Carol cares about Evan, so you asked her to seek

his help. However, you still respect Carol's opinion in this situation, right? You didn't make her do this

against her will, right?"

Neil's gaze dimmed. "You sound like you're exonerating me."

"This is not an exoneration. You did it because you know that Evan is good for Carol, and you felt that he

will be of help. Perhaps... you're subconsciously testing him?" Eira pointed out.

Neil still couldn't figure out what made him say that to Caroline at the time.

"Ive finally figured it out. You're not scared of the Jordans, but you feel guilty toward Carol!"

Eira stood up and passed t	he boxed milk to Neil.
Neil kept quiet. He did feel with	guilty toward Caroline, so he had shut himself at home, trying to come up
ways to resolve this for the	e past two days.
Noticing that Neil was quie	et, Eira added, "Neil, you don't have to feel guilty toward Carol. You gave her
right to choose her future.	n
Neil kept quiet.	
Eira patted his shoulder. "/	Alright, this matter will be resolved eventually. Let's go out and eat now!"
Neil was stunned. "Didn't y	ou bring food?"
"I don't care! Let's go out a	and take a break!" Elra took Neil's hand
At night, Alex visited Paige	with Lucas,
It was Lucas who suggeste	d it, not Alex who invited him.
Lucas wanted to get close	to Caroline through Paige so he could help set up his best friend!
Paige was eating a popsicle	e sneakily on the sofa when they arrived.

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Alex was exasperated. "Do you know that you're pregnant now? Why are you eating a popsicle in this kind of weather? It's still early spring!" Chapter 713 We Can Tell Paige flinched at Alex's shout. She realized her mistake and chose not to make a scene. She turned to Alex and said, "You brought a guest, Alex. Let's talk later tonight and host your guest first." Alex replied, "Don't worry about him. He can handle himself." "I'm concerned about my reputation. You scolded me in front of your friend as if I'm your child," Paige muttered. Lucas stepped forward, saying, "Alex, don't argue with your girlfriend. It's just a popsicle." "Shut up! Are you going to take responsibility if the baby gets sick from the cold?' Alex retorted, rendering Lucas speechless. Putting down the trash bin, Alex went into the kitchen to get Paige some warm water. He turned to Lucas and said, "Come in and have a seat. It's a small place." Lucas didn't mind and sat next to Paige on the sofa.

"Is this the house you bought for your girlfriend?" he asked.

Paige corrected him, "No, we're renting this place."
Lucas raised an eyebrow. "Alex, why not get a place for both of you?"
Paige defended Alex, "It's not his fault. I didn't want to move, so he paid three years' worth of rent for me."
Lucas changed the subject, asking, "You're close friends with Caroline, right?"
Paige grew wary. "Why are you asking about Carol?"
"I just wanted to know if Caroline still has feelings for Evan," Lucas hastily explained.
Paige didn't answer but glanced at Alex. "Did you bring him to ask me that?"
Alex shook his head, "He insisted on coming himself. It's not my concern."
Paige forced a chuckle. "I can't share information about Carol. I'm sorry."
Lucas turned to Alex for help. "Help me explain that I'm not trying to break up Caroline and Evan."
Alex clarified, "Luke wants your help in persuading Caroline to reconcile with Evan."
Paige was frustrated. "Why do you have to interfere in Carol's life? I want to protect my friend, too. I won't
help!

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Lucas argued, "It's for Carol's benefit. We can see how much she cares for Evan. If Evan is pursuing her, shouldn't they be together?"

Paige sniggered. "Your persuasion attempts won't work on me. Carol can choose her partner."

Lucas tried another approach. "How about you invite Caroline out so I can talk to her?"

Paige declined, "No, you can meet Caroline yourself. I'm curious why you're so invested in Evan's relationship."

Lucas sighed. "Evan has had a tough past, and all his close friends want him to have a happy family."

Paige knew about Evan's difficult past and stayed silent for a moment, then said, "I won't betray Carol, and she hasn't had it easy either."

Lucas remained determined to influence Paige.

Alex added. "I told you not to approach Paige, but you wouldn't listen. We've all tried to persuade

Caroline, but she hesitates. Now that she has learned about Evan's father murdering her father, she's even more reluctant to be with him."

Paige looked at Alex in shock. "What did you just say? How do you know about that?"

Chapter 714 I Should Just Tell You



Caroline remained silent briefly. "Yes, I met up with Evan about this." "Huh? You met up with him? What did he say?" Paige pretended to be surprised. "Didn't Alex tell you about this?" Caroline was puzzled. Paige glanced at Alex and replied, "Nope. What did Evan say?" Caroline explained, "He said he would resolve it for me but also for his mother." Paige asked, "Really? Even if it means turning against his own father?" "Yes, I didn't expect him to be so determined either," Caroline exclaimed. Paige nudged Alex with her foot, signaling for him to pass her the water. Alex did as he was told. Lucas looked at Alex with contempt, thinking. What a servant to his girlfriend!" Paige took a sip of water and asked, "So, Carol, what are your current thoughts about Evan?" +15 BONUS Caroline remained quiet for a short while. "I won't make a fuss with him about this, considering his good

intentions. After all, the past has nothing to do with him. Paige, what are you trying to ask me?"



Caroline finished washing her face and put the children to sleep before returning to her room. Her phone
vibrated as soon as she lay down.
She checked her phone and saw a text from Evan.
Evan: [Are you asleep?]
Caroline: [Not yet.]
Evan: (There's something I think I should tell you]
Caroline: [Go ahead.]
Chapter 715 You've Already Explained to Me
Caroline saw Evan typing a message but received no reply after waiting for a while. It became clear to her that Evan was hesitant.
Caroline: [Go ahead and speak your mind]
Evan stared at Caroline's reply, taking a moment to ponder. He realized he shouldn't keep something from her any longer.
Evan: [Daniella called me today, asking me to help her.]
Caroline was puzzled.
Caroline: [What do you mean by Daniella asking you to help her?]

Evan: Casey abuses her, and she wants me to help her. She offered to assist me in finding out ITTY
situation in return.]
Caroline was even more confused.
Caroline What does Daniella know?]
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Evan massaged his temples, not liking texting much. After some thought, he stood up, grabbed his jacket, and walked out of the study.
Caroline waited for Evan's reply for a long time. Initially drowsy, she got ready to grab a snack as she waited. However, she heard a car engine downstairs just as she was about to get up.
Caroline was stunned.
"Who would come over at this late hour? She went to the window, looked downstairs, and saw Evan's car "Why did he suddenly come over?"
Caroline swiftly noticed her bra on the sofa and blushed as she put it away. She tidied up the place haphazardly and heard someone knock on the door
Caroline opened the door right away and saw Evan standing there with a rigid expression.
She asked, "Why are you out when it's so cold?"
Evan smiled when he noticed Caroline's concem. 'Are you going to make me talk at the door?"



Caroline smiled. "It does align with your personality, but Daniella came to you because she had no other
choice."
Evan looked at her deeply. "Aren't you angry that Daniella is in contact with me?"
"Getting angry over this is a bit of an overreaction. Moreover, you've already explained to me," Caroline
muttered.
Evan felt his heart racing as he looked at her, leaning against the sofa with her gaze lowered. "Caroline."
"Hmm?"
Caroline looked up at Evan and was captivated by his deep eyes.
Chapter 716 Rebuild From Scratch
Evan reached out slowly and brushed away the scattered hair on Caroline's forehead. In a gentle yet hoarse voice, he said, "I love it when you let all your guard down and talk to me calmly."
Caroline looked at him in a daze and felt her heart racing. His touch on her skin instantly swept away her senses and soberness.
Her lips moved as if she wanted to say something to break the silence, but she could not utter a word.
Perhaps she did not wish to break the silence
Evan's gaze was fixed on her lips, and his hand moved down to Caroline's chin. As he leaned closer, he exerted strength in his fingers to lift her face gently.

The familiar scent of his breath blew onto her nose and quickened her breathing.
When Evan's lips touched hers, she felt as if the barrier in her heart had dissolved instantly.
The kiss was tender and gentle yet prolonged,
Overwhelmed by lust, Evan lifted Caroline onto himself. He turned his head slightly and whispered, "Don't leave me, Caroline."
The next day, everyone woke up late without Eira.
The children washed up and went downstairs only to discover that Caroline was not in the study or living.
room.
Liora rubbed her growling tummy. "Where's Mommy? I'm hungry…"
Tyler yawned. "She is probably still asleep. Let's go upstairs to check on her."
Axel and Liora nodded and joined Tyler to head upstairs again.
Tyler knocked on Caroline's bedroom door. "Are you up, Mommy?"
The children did not hear a response after a long while.
Tyler frowned and opened the door. He stuck his head in and saw two figures lying in the room with the light on. His eyes widened in surprise, and he shut the door right away.
Axel and I lora looked at Tyler in astonishment because they did not see the situation in the room.



Tyler and Axel were rendered speechless. 'Does she even understand what we just said? Liora recovered from her surprise a few seconds later. "Is Daddy in Mommy's room?!" Tyler said, "You need to rebuild your brain from scratch." Liora pouted. "What is Daddy doing in Mommy's room?" "What else?" Tyler replied in a displeased tone. "Ty, don't tell Lia that," Axel reminded him. Tyler thought to himself about how Liora would not understand it anyway. Axel pulled out his phone. "What would you like to have, Lia? I'll order takeout for you." Llora said, "Yay! You're the best!" Excitedly, she leaned close to Axel to check on the food delivery menu. Chapter 717 Not Good to Grow Up Too Fast After breakfast, Caroline and Evan remained in their room. Kenny woke up first. He looked around in confusion upon finding the three children playing in the living room unattended. "Where's your mother?" Tyler replied arrogantly, "Scumbag Daddy is holding Mommy in bed," Kenny turned abruptly, asking, "Evan is here? When did he arrive? Why didn't I know?"



Kenny replied, "He hasn't, but I'm sure your mom holds a special place in his heart." Tyler challenged, "What good is your certainly?" Kenny said, "Don't dwell on it, Ty. Your mom loves Evan, tool Otherwise, why isn't she up yet?" Tyler pursed his lips glumly, his usual grace overshadowed by his mood. "Ty, If your mom can accept Evan, can you?" Kenny asked. "I'm willing if she is," Tyler replied without hesitation. Kenny nodded and patted Tyler's back. "Alright. Let your mom explain when she wakes up." Tyler glanced at Kenny. "Why aren't you at work?" Kenny stood up, yawning. "It's Easter today, so your mom gave all the employees the day off." +15 BONUS Caroline opened her eyes and sat up. She glanced around and noticed that Evan was still asleep. She searched for her phone with gentle movements. Before she could find it, she heard a hoarse voice. "You're awake?" Caroline appeared embarrassed and pulled the blanket tighter around herself. "Yes." Evan took hold of Caroline's arm and drew her back into his embrace. Let's stay in bed."

It had been a long time since he had slept so peacefully. Perhaps he was more at ease now that he had
found what was lost.
Caroline struggled to catch her breath from his embrace. She pushed him gently and said, "It's late. The
children will be hungry, Evan."
Evan replied, "Axel can handle the minor things."
Caroline reluctantly surrendered to Evan's embrace. Yet, she was fully awake, thinking about the children.
After a moment, she said, "I'm hungry, okay?"
Evan loosened his hold and said, "Sure. I'll take you out to eat.
Caroline was surprised by his quick response. "Aren't you going to work today?"
*Your company is closed today, too, right?" Evan smiled and planted a kiss on Caroline's forehead."
Alright, let's get up."
Chapter 718 What Were You Doing Last Night?
They cleaned up and were about to leave the bedroom when Evan asked, "Is the villa next door still for sale?"
Caroline nodded. "Yes. Nobody came for the viewing. The price is a bit high."

"Hmm... let's go," Evan replied casually, opening the door. Caroline didn't pay much attention to his question and joined him to head downstairs. When the children and Kenny heard the commotion, they turned to Evan and Caroline. Caroline felt their collective gaze with mixed emotions. But Evan could clearly sense hostility emanating from Tyler. Caroline felt too guilty to meet the children's eyes. After all, she had stayed up late but hadn't informed them about Evan spending the night. Evan strolled over to them casually. "I'm taking you out to eat." Liora eagerly got up. "Great! Let's go to Odin Palace, where you took me before." Tyler glared at Liora. "Good-for-nothing!" Liora heard it and glared back. "Are you done sulking, Ty? Why are you so childish!" Caroline approached them and looked at Tyl "Ty?" Caroline called out. in astonishment after hearing Liora's comment.

Tyler stood up, went to Caroline, and pulled her away by her hand. "I'd like to talk to you in private,
Mommy."
Caroline glanced at Evan, signaling that she would go.
Evan didn't understand Caroline's intention, so he took Caroline's arm and told the sulking Tyler, "Talk to me if you have something to discuss."
Tyler turned and glared at him. "Why would I talk to you?"
"Aren't you a man? Talk to me if you are!" Evan retorted coldly.
"Evan, Ty is still young. You don't have to be so stern, Caroline anxiously reminded.
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Evan said, "His hacking skills are so advanced that he outperforms all the IT staff in my company. Do you
think he doesn't understand what I'm saying?"
Caroline was shocked to realize how skilled Tyler
r was
Evan walked up to Tyler and said, "Talk to me if you're a man!"

Tyler was provoked. "So be it then!"
They went upstairs after saying that.
Caroline anxiously watched their departing silhouettes and wondered if Evan would scold Tyler.
Kenny approached Caroline and comfortingly said, "It's going to be fine. What can possibly happen when
a father and son talk?"
Caroline was still worried despite Kenny's reassurance.
Kenny changed the topic. "Speaking of which, what were you doing last night?"
Caroline blushed at the memory of last night's incident. "Nothing"
Kenny looked suspicious, "Something's not right, G!"
Caroline was rendered speechless.
Evan and Tyler sat facing each other in the study upstairs.
Tyler stared at him fearlessly and said, "Don't play with Mommy if you don't love her!"
Evan raised an eyebrow and adopted a feigned cold tone, "How can you tell that I'm toying with your
mother?"

"Haven't you made Mommy cry enough times?" Tyler asked angrily. Evan leaned back on the sofa. "You label me as toying with her just based on that?" "Or else? I can't see that you love Mommy," Tyler retorted. Evan smirked. "A man's love is in his actions and his heart. Anyone can say it out loud. If I didn't love your mom, why would I help out when Liora and you were in trouble? Why would I add more trouble to myself?" Chapter 719 Dropped Out Tyler pouted and turned away, upset Evan asked, "Are you upset because you can't answer the question, or do you feel my answer isn't enough?" "It's a bit convincing, but it doesn't mean you love Mommy!" Tyler responded. Evan asked, "What would you like, then?" Tyler thought for a moment. "I don't fully understand how men and women relate, but I know that love means Mommy is happy and not crying because of you!" Evan smiled at Tyler. "You're right, but it's normal for adults to have disagreements. Your mom and I

sometimes misunderstand each other, but we won't fight or have conflicts as long as we work things out



Despite his apparent maturity, Tyler was still just a child. Evan understood that making a promise would
dispel his sulkiness since children were innocent in that way.
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+15 BONUS Evan's promise was heartfelt. He wanted Caroline to be happy and make amends for his past mistakes.
They headed downstairs, and Tyler had returned to his usual self.
Caroline hurriedly knelt before Tyler. "Ty, are you alright?"
Tyler smiled graciously. "Mommy, am I being too narrow–minded?
'Oh, my Someone was sulking earlier," Liora teased.
Axel affectionately ruffled Liora's hair. "Don't tease your brother, Lia."
Tyler glanced at Liora and brushed her off. He told Caroline, I'm sorry for worrying you, Mommy,"
Caroline was relieved. "I'm glad you're all okay."
"Let's go to school, Mommy!"
The children would go back to school today.
Axel went to school but returned home due to his health condition.

Eira was not at home, and Caroline couldn't leave Axel with the bodyguards, so she took him to work. Caroline pondered with Axel after arriving at the company. "Axel, would you like a tutor?" Axel looked up at Caroline. "What would you like me to learn, Mommy?" "Language and mathematics, perhaps? Otherwise, you might find catching up with your classmates. challenging after being out of school for a while." Axel replied, "Elementary school subjects are easy, Mommy." Caroline asked, "Have you covered all of them?" Axel nodded. "I've learned everything while being at home alone." Caroline's heart ached. "Were you often alone at home before?" "That's in the past, Mommy. I'm not lonely anymore. I have you, Tyler, and Liora now.' Axel held Caroline's hand tightly. Caroline hugged Axel. "Axel, I might not have much free time, but I'll do my best to find time for you." Chapter 720 When Will You Be Back? Axel asked, "Mommy, will you be busy soon?" Caroline nodded and replied with a smile, "Yes, I have a business trip next week, and the company just got a huge order."

Axel looked down sadly. "When will you be back?"
Caroline thought for a moment. "Maybe in two to three days, dear. But I'm not sure yet."
"Are you going alone?"
Caroline sighed. "Yes, Uncle Kenny will stay to watch the factory, I'll let him know, and Eira will be back.
soon to take care of you."
Caroline's phone rang, interrupting the conversation. She checked Eira's text message.
Eira: I'm sorry, Carol. I need more time off because Neil is feeling guilty.
Caroline frowned.
Caroline: [What's wrong with Neil?]
Eira: (He feels like a burden for making you plead with Evan about your father's matter.
Caroline: I didn't mind doing that. Is my brother with you now?]
Eira glanced at Neil, who was sleeping on the sofa. She gently placed the cut fruit on the coffee table and
sent a photo with the text.
Neil had dark circles under his eyes and stubble on his chin.



Liora angrily said, "The academic building is so far from the school entrance, and Tyler won't help me!"

Tyler leaned against the seat. "It's not my fault you can't finish your schoolwork."

Liora retorted, "What does that have to do with you carrying my backpack?"

Tyler smiled. "It's your backpack, and I'm not obligated to take care of you just because you're younger.

Plus, we're born one after another from Mommy's belly."

Liora's face turned red with anger. "You're such a typical guy. You won't get a girlfriend in the future!"

Tyler tilted his chin arrogantly. "I'll have plenty of suitors because of my good looks!"

Axel sighed as he observed them. "Can't you go a day without fighting?"

Liora turned to Axel. "He bullies me! Axel, this isn't fair. You'd help me with my backpack, rig-"

Before Tyler could finish, Axel was already hugging and patting Liora's back to comfort her.

Tyler couldn't help but wonder, 'Why did Mommy bring a sister worshiper into the world?!"

Tyler interrupted, "Stop seeking pity from Axel! Ignore her-"