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"I will," Gabriel said firmly.

He thought. I'll definitely expose the mastermind and teach that person a severe lesson. Gina stopped dwelling on the possibility that Emily had been harmed and said, "I've eaten. I'll head back now."

"I'll give you a ride," Gabriel said.

He felt reluctant to part with Gina. It was blissful to be able to spend another minute with her.

This time. Gina did not ask Gabriel to drop her off at the bus stop near the apartment. Instead, she asked him to drop her off at the apartment building.

"Which building do you live in?" he asked.

Gina pointed at the building with better lighting and said, "Over there. The sixth floor."

"Alright," Gabriel said. "Got it. Goodbye."

"See you," Gina said. With that said, she turned around and left.

Back in the car, Gabriel's deep eyes glinted with a hint of amusement.

David was somewhat puzzled. "Mr. Jackson, why didn't you try asking if you could go up and spend some time there for a while?" he said.

Gabriel gave David a cold glance and said, "You don't understand,"

He thought, I'm very pleased with this progress. Everything has to be done step by step. This is because I know that Gina is a person who takes time to become comfortable with others. I can't be too hasty!

David was left speechless.

He thought, I don't understand. How can someone like me, who has never been in a relationship before, understand?"

In the past, he thought that at least Gabriel was a lonely young man like him. He did not expect Gabriel to suddenly have someone to pursue. He had a feeling that Gabriel would soon get into a relationship.

David muttered softly, "When can I also be able to get out of being single?"

Gabriel glanced at David and said, "You're always just going back and forth between home and the office every day, never going out during your free time, and you never participate in departmental team-building activities. Why? Waiting for love to come knocking on your door, huh?"

After being criticized, David chuckled in embarrassment. "Actually, being single is not bad," he said. "It's pretty good."

Gabriel was left speechless.

The next day, Gina went to the detention center early in the morning to see Lily.

Through the glass window, Gina saw the haggard and thin Lily during the daytime.

The days without freedom were tough.

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Lily sneered at Gina and said, "Coming to laugh at me so soon? You must be very happy to see me in such a sorry state, right? Gina, you don't have to hold back. You must be so darn smug, right?"

If it weren't for the barrier of the glass window, Lily would have wanted to rush up and

scratch Gina. The deep hatred in her eyes could not be hidden.

Gina's expression was cold as she said indifferently, "I'm not that free. I'm here to ask you something."

"Don't even think about getting anything out of me," Lily said. "I take responsibility for my actions. Everything was done by me alone. It has nothing to do with anyone else."

Gina knew very well that it was Olivia who had instructed Lily to do those things, but Lily refused to admit it and point out Olivia's involvement. Without evidence, it would be difficult for Olivia to receive the punishment she deserved.

Gina smiled mockingly and said. "You and Olivia are birds of a feather. Are you two close? I don't think so. Isn't she just treating you as her lackey?"

Lily's face turned pale. "Stop trying to drive a wedge between us," she said. "I'm good friends with Olivia!"

"Good friend?" Gina said as she sneered. "I'm afraid that in her friendship criteria, you're not considered a friend at all, right? You should know Hazel. She's Olivia's good friend and bestie, isn't she?"

She thought, "Not anymore, though. Just a pair of fake friends at the end of the day, yet Olivia often boasts about being a people person. That's amusing."

Lily began to avoid Gina's gaze. She thought, 'Of course, I know Hazel. The three of us have even gone shopping at the mall together, but every time, I'm the one trailing behind, helping to carry the bags.'

Lily flew into a rage out of humiliation, saying, "So? You came here just to mock me?"

Gina asked coldly in return, "I just want to know about this. During the few days you were here, did Olivia come to see you?"

"What does it have to do with you?" Lily said, trying her best to suppress her emotions.

"Please come to your senses, C n a said. "You're just a lackey in her eyes. You're a pawn that has been discarded."

"Shut up." Lily said. "You know nothing. Olivia helped me during my toughest times. She's my friend. Who do you think you are? Intentionally coming here to break our friendship, I'm telling you. It's not going to work. Haha..."

Lily seemed to have lost control of her emotions.

"She helped you before, so you're willing to take the fall for her?" Gina continued to ask.

Lily was stunned for a moment. When she recovered from her daze, she looked at Gina with a sneer and said, "You're here to trick me into revealing things, right? You want to use me to harm Olivia. Haha. I won't let you succeed!"

With that said, Lily immediately stood up and left the visiting room.

Gina then left, feeling that this visit was somewhat fruitful after all.

She thought, 'Olivia has helped Lily, so Lily is so determined to help her cover up her wrongdoing. Is it really just help? Is

there no other secret?"

C n a did not go home. Instead, she went to Prover Hospital.

She went directly to find Dylan.

"You want to check Mrs. Emily's inpatient records?" Dylan said, feeling somewhat surprised. "Sure."

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He added, "But why are you looking into this?"

“Mrs. Emily might have been murdered,” Gina said. “I want to investigate, Dylan was shocked again. He had accidentally learned a big secret that no one knew, feeling inexplicably nervous.

However, he already knew quite a few big secrets. Many of them were even about Gina. Dylan recalled how Gabriel affectionately called Gina when he bumped into Gabriel at the hospital yesterday.

He thought. Coupled with Gabriel’s hostile gaze when he looked at me, I’m certain that they are not just friends. Could it be that they are an item now? But I haven’t heard any rumors, have I’

I remember that you never meddled in other people’s business,” Dylan said,

This is not meddling in other people’s business, Gina said solemnly.

“So, are you and Gabriel together?” Dylan said.

Dylan’s sudden change of topic stunned Gina.

“What are you thinking? Gina said. “No, we’re not.”

“Ah!” Dylan replied. “Then why do you still want to get involved in the Jackson family’s affairs? The Jackson family... is also in a mess. Are you sure you want to get involved?”

“In a mess?” Gina asked in puzzlement. “How do you know?”

Dylan touched his ear and said, “I’ve heard too many rumors.

“Such as?” Gina asked.

“For example, quite a few members of the Jackson family have their eyes on the position that Jackson Group is guarding.” Dylan said.

He did not know the details, but he could guess that the Jackson family’s internal affairs were definitely not peaceful. With such a large family, it was inevitable that there would be a few greedy and discontented people who would cause trouble.

He thought, ‘Well, before getting to know Neil and Gabriel, Gina didn’t care about the Jackson family

Dylan said, “I thought you were with Gabriel, so you wanted to investigate this matter for him.”

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Gina wanted to refute, but she could not explain why she instinctively wanted to investigate this matter, so she did not say anything

Dylan quickly sorted out the medical records of Emily stored in the hospital archives at that time.

Gina flipped through them.

It was late-stage liver cancer.

Gina also noticed that there were a few photos of Emily in the documents.

The Emily in this photo was worlds apart from the family photo Gina had seen in the photo gallery room of the Jackson family’s house.

She was so skinny that she was barely recognizable with only skin and bones remaining.

Gina thought. No wonder Emily was unwilling to leave behind any photos back then.

Gina lifted her eyes and asked Dylan. “Did Emily give permission for these photos to be taken?”

Dylan shook his head and said guiltily, "Nope..."

"How were they taken then!" Gina asked.

They were secretly taken by the team treating Emily at that time, Dylan said. "Emily's illness suddenly acted up, and her condition worsened very quickly. Despite using the most advanced medical techniques, equipment, and medicinal herbs, her condition was still completely beyond help in as short as just one month. The team thought Emily's case was relatively rare, so they took some photos to observe the development of her condition and the changes in her physical condition"

"And then?" Gina asked. "Did they find out anything from the research?"

Dylan smiled and said, "Nothing"

Gina was left speechless.

"At that time, you weren't around," Dylan said. "If you were around, you might have been able to save Emily."

Gina suddenly had a question.

She thought, Three years ago, where was I? What was I doing? I can't remember. I can't recall.

All she could remember was being brought back to Xax Village by her godmother, Ruby,

Gina collected her thoughts and continued to look at the photos. Suddenly, she felt a sense of familiarity with Emily's appearance before her death. She suddenly widened her eyes.

She remembered that the family who had once adopted her also had someone die in a similar manner before they were all wiped out. When Gina learned of their death, she was in a daze and went to the funeral parlor. As their foster daughter, she bid them farewell for the last time.

The memories gradually overlapped. Gina instinctively tightened her grip on the photos, thinking, 'Could it be... Could it be that the extermination of the family back then was also related to the Jackson family?

Dylan leaned in to take a look. Other than noticing that Emily was frail and skinny to a terrifying extent in the photos, he did not see anything unusual. "Why's wrong?" he asked.

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"She was poisoned." Gina replied.

"Ah?" Dylan said. "But no poison was detected in her body at that time."

"The poison she was given wasn't an ordinary one," Gina said, "It likely came from a top expert. That's why conventional examination methods couldn't detect it." did not know the name of the poison.

Dylan was shocked. "It's you again. You can figure it out at a glance!"

So what if I can figure it out? Gina thought. "Emily is already dead

She was not in a good mood. It was unknown if she was feeling pity for the family that had adopted her or for Emily.

If she hadn't been lucky enough to leave the house that day, she would have died in that massacre too. She was only ten years old at the time. Even though she had a more mature mindset than others her age, she could not save them.

It was precisely because of her quest for the truth that Gina began her journey of

training and growth.

For some reason, Dylan felt that the atmosphere was a little strange.

Gina looked grim, as if she had fallen into some painful memories.

“Are you okay?” Dylan asked.

I’m fine. Gina said. I’ll take these documents with me.”

“Okay,” Dylan said.

Gina left Prover Hospital.

She did not intend to tell Gabriel about her investigation into Emily’s cause of death for the time being as she felt it might come across as meddling in other people’s affairs, However, from the looks of things, the extermination back then might not only be related to the Miller family, but also to the Jackson family.

Gina felt that the family that adopted her back then must have known some secrets that no one knew, leading to their extermination to silence them.

She thought. What about Emily? Was she also killed because of the same reason?

What kind of secret is it after all?’

The extermination that year had shocked the entire country. Of course, the suspected criminal was caught, but Gina could tell that the so-called criminal was just a scapegoat manipulated by the real mastermind behind the scenes.

In fact, shortly after being imprisoned, the scapegoat waited for the right moment before taking his own life.

At that time, some people discussed and thought that this criminal took his own life due to fear of receiving punishment.

But Gina did not think so.

Because in this world, dead people were the only ones who could not reveal secrets.

Gina sat back in the car thoughtfully.

Michael called Gina, saying, “Gina, I have some progress on the investigation you asked me to do regarding the fire at the Miller family’s old residence.”

The fire destroyed everything, including evidence.

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Otherwise, Michael wouldn’t have needed to investigate for so long.

This was also the evil intention of the arsonist.

“I checked the surroundings on the day of the fire one by one and found no suspicious individuals,” Michael said. “Therefore, the arson incident this time should have been done by someone within the Miller family.”

Gina was not surprised. She was considering who was the most suspicious person.

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It was possible that the Miller family wanted to set fire to kill her alone, but she was not the only one at home that day. Her brothers, who were preparing to go out for work, were also at home.

First of all, she ruled out the possibility that her six brothers were involved. Gina found them unintelligent and couldn’t make good judgments, which caused them to be fooled by Olivia the angelic b i t c h.

But they wouldn’t go as far as setting a fire to kill her and themselves in the process. On that day, aside from Olivia not being at home, Ella was at the hospital, accompanying

Phillip, who was suffering from a stroke, so she wasn't at home either. Gina was awakened from her nap by the smoke that day. By the time she woke up, the fire had already spread significantly. Her six brothers were running around in panic like headless flies. She was the one who rescued them from the fire one by one.

She made them unscathed, but they didn't care at all whether she lived or died. After that, they went about their business as if nothing had happened. Gina had to manage everything on her own. Before she fainted from carbon monoxide poisoning, she called for emergency help for herself.

Gina also thought about the incident of Phillip's oxygen tank being tampered with. She was certain that it was not negligence or scheming by the hospital staff because it was impossible.

There was only one plausible explanation then. Someone within the Miller family had tampered with it.

Gina smiled sarcastically, thinking, "It seems that the Miller family isn't as peaceful as they appear on the surface!"

Gina felt that these things were definitely related to Olivia, but she was certain that Olivia couldn't have accomplished them alone. She thought, "There must be someone helping Olivia, just like how she arranged people at school to target me. Within the Miller family, who could be Olivia's lackeys?"

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But everyone in the Miller family was inclined to support Olivia. This increased the difficulty of Gina's investigation.

"By the way, help me check how Olivia helped Lily in the past," Gina said.

"Okay," Michael said.

He could handle this kind of trivial matter in a few minutes, so Gina did not hang up. Soon, Michael said, "Lily borrowed over 20 thousand dollars three years ago from an online lending platform. Olivia helped her pay off the debt. Olivia lent her the money, but not without conditions. Using the excuse that she was worried that Lily wouldn't return the money, Olivia took Lily's nude photos,

Michael discovered all this by hacking into Lily's social media account and reviewing the chat records. There weren't many conversations between Lily and Olivia, and often it was Lily messaging Olivia without receiving a reply.

Sometimes, if Lily upset Olivia, or if she refused to comply with Olivia's request to do something unethical, Olivia would threaten Lily to release her nude photos.

Gina thought, "So, it turns out that Lily's targeting me isn't just because she's dumb, but also because Olivia has a hold over her. That explains everything.

"Alright," Gina said. "Got it."

"Is there anything else you want me to look into?" Michael asked.

"Not at the moment, C n a said. "You've worked really hard during this period. Take a rest."

Michael smiled and said, "It's nothing. I think it's manageable for me. It's not tiring. Take care of yourself too. Don't overwork yourself."

"Okay," Gina replied indifferently before hanging up.

Meanwhile, Gabriel received a call from Jack at Jackson Group.

“Mr. Jackson, there’s been progress on the investigation of the fire in the dormitory building,” Jack said. “Residual gasoline was found in the rubble. That means someone intentionally set fire to it, causing the fire to go out of control. Over the past few days, we’ve been working hard to investigate and find suspicious people. Finally, we found a suspect. I’ll send you photos of the suspect right away.”

A few seconds later, Gabriel received photos from Jack. Most of them were screenshots from surveillance footage.

In the photos, there was a woman completely wrapped in a hat, mask, and sunglasses, making it impossible to tell what she looked like. From the photos, one could only tell that she had long hair.

At the other end of the line, Jack said, “Mr. Jackson, we may have identified the suspect, but it’s a pity that she clearly came prepared. It will probably take quite some time to track her down.”

In fact, they might not even be able to find her. If she disguised herself like this, she might even be wearing a wig. Tracking her down would be like looking for a needle in a haystack.

But Jack didn’t dare to tell Gabriel directly that he couldn’t find the suspect, unless he didn’t want the position of principal anymore.

“Keep looking. Gabriel said in a cold tone.

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“Sure,” Jack said. Before he finished talking, Gabriel hung up.

“Find this person,” Gabriel said.

He then handed the photos to David, asking him to investigate as well.

“Got it,” David replied.

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Late at night at the Miller family’s house, Ella went to the kitchen to pour herself a glass of water. While she was returning to her room, she noticed that the door of Olivia’s room wasn’t closed. She went forward to see what was going on and found Olivia asleep, her whole body slumped over the desk.

Sketches and drafts of jewelry designs were all over the table.

Ella woke Olivia up and said, “Why aren’t you sleeping in bed?”

Olivia looked sleepy. She rubbed her eyes and yawned, saying, “Mom, why are you still up late at night? You want to see me, huh? I’m working on sketches.

“I noticed your door wasn’t closed, Ella said.

“Oh, I probably forgot about it when I came back from the bathroom, Olivia said.

“It’s so late,” Ella said gently. “Don’t sketch anymore. Go to bed.”

Olivia held Ella’s hand and said, “Mom, it’s all my fault for what happened before. I shouldn’t have faked a fracture to avoid designing new products. I just want to quickly create a new series to help you ease your worries for the Miller family and Miller Group. Ella patted Olivia’s head in relief and heartache, saying. “I’m glad you have this intention. Look, your dark circles from staying up late are showing. Go to bed first.”

“Okay” Olivia said as she nodded, appearing obedient and sensible.

Actually, she did not stay up late at all. She just heard Ella wake up, so she deliberately staged this scene. This was because she clearly sensed that Ella had distanced herself

from her. She had to think of a way to rebuild the mother-daughter bond between them.

“Mom, look,” Olivia said, showing Ella the design draft. “How’s my drawing?” Ella didn’t have much of a reaction. She smiled and said, “It’s pretty good. My darling Olivia’s drawing is just beautiful

In reality, after looking at the design draft, Ella fell into deep worry. She couldn’t shake off the feeling that these designs couldn’t surpass the designs in Gina’s Wish collection. Although Ella did not want to admit it, she was truly amazed when she first saw the design drafts from the Wish collection.

She herself loved them.

But at that time, she still regarded Gina as a jinx and tacitly allowed her sons to transfer the fruits of Gina’s labor to Olivia without saying anything.

Ella suddenly felt a little dazed and strange, thinking. ‘Gina clearly grew up in an orphanage and stayed in the countryside for a long time. Why was she able to produce such remarkable work? Is it talent?’

It was only then that Ella realized that she knew too little about her own daughter.

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In her mind, Gina was associated with rural life, the countryside, lack of sophistication, being reserved, and lack of social grace.

For some reason, Olivia could not shake that remark.

Though she did not feel satisfied with them.

Feeling that Ella was going through the motions with her when she uttered stay up late to draw, she had racked her brains to come up with these design drafts.

She was very

She was also very confident that they could surpass the design drafts created by Gina in the Wish collection.

She just felt that she wanted to escape previously because she lacked inspiration. She thought, ‘Now that I have inspiration, all

my problems are solved. It’s not because I feel inferior to Gina!’

Olivia lifted her eyes to look at Ella and said, “Mom, what are you thinking about?”

“Nothing.” Ella replied vaguely. Then, she asked, “By the way, the announcement of the results of the National Higher Education Design League Contest competition has been postponed. Have they specified a new date to announce?”

“Not yet.” Olivia said.

At the mention of this, Olivia also felt anxious. She had long been prepared to receive the glory that belonged to her, but the announcement was delayed, making her feel like she was on pins and needles as she waited.

“There won’t be any issues, right?” Ella instinctively muttered.

“No issues, Mom,” Olivia said. “Isn’t it said that the insider news is reliable? I am top-ranked, and I’m the winner of the gold award!”

“Alright.” Ella said. “Let’s just wait then. Go to bed early.”

“Okay,” Olivia said.

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After seeing off Ella, Olivia closed the door. Right after that, there was a knock on the door.

“Mom, what’s wrong?” she asked.

Olivia opened the door and saw Lucas.

“Lucas, it’s late, Olivia said. “Why haven’t you slept yet? What’s wrong? What’s the matter?”

“I noticed that you haven’t gone to bed,” Luas said. “I’m worried that you may be hungry, so I brought some food.”

“Okay,” Olivia said. “Thanks.”

Olivia was a little puzzled, but she did not find anything strange about it. After all, Lucas usually took good care of her, but s r v a n t s were still s e r v a n t s at the end of the day. Olivia would not have any special feelings just because Lucas often showed concern about her well-being.

“Miss Olivia, why aren’t you asleep yet at this hour?” Lucas asked with concern. “Is something bothering you?”

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Olivia was also a little frustrated, so she simply told Lucas, “I keep feeling that my mom me differently from before, and it’s making me quite scared...”

She feared losing everything she had at present.

What Olivia feared losing was not the so-called family, but rather the life of luxury and privilege.

Lucas comforted Olivia, saying, “Miss Olivia, don’t worry. Humans have feelings and won’t be totally heartless. You have stayed in the Miller family’s home for so many years. No matter what, you have a deep emotional bond with Mrs. Ella, Mr. Phillip, and your brothers. Don’t worry. Also, your engagement party with Mr. Ethan is coming up soon. Rest early. Look gorgeous when you make your grand entrance by then.”

“Sure thing.” Olivia responded.

Suddenly, she remembered something and asked Lucas, “By the way, how’s the investigation going regarding the toxic gas added to my father’s oxygen tank?”

After a pause, Lucas said, “Mr. Noah went to check the surveillance footage, but he hasn’t found any suspicious people yet.” The surveillance footage at Prover Hospital was challenging to access, taking considerable effort and time.

Olivia sneered and said, “Humph. I think the only suspicious person is Gina.”

Lucas did not respond to that remark.

While Ella was having breakfast the next day, she noticed that there was an extra glass of smoothie on the dining table. She was somewhat surprised as she did not instruct the s e r v a n t s to make it.

Lucas explained from the side, “Mrs. Ella, Miss Olivia instructed the s v a n t s in the kitchen to make this. She said she noticed you were up late last night, wondering if you didn’t sleep well lately, so she specially instructed the s e r v a n t s to make it.”

There was a hint of gratification in Ella’s eyes. “She is still such a good and considerate

child, knowing how to show concern to others," she said.

Lucas smiled in agreement.

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As Olivia walked into the dining room, Ella said, "Sweetheart, thank you for making the smoothie for me."

Olivia was still somewhat groggy. "Huh?" she said. "Smoothie?"

Lucas quickly interrupted and turned to give Olivia a look that signaled a message, saying, "That's right, Miss Olivia. It's the smoothie you instructed the s e r v a n t s in the kitchen to make for Mrs. Ella. Didn't you say that you were very worried about t Mrs. Ella because you noticed that she was still up late at night yesterday?"

Olivia immediately understood and responded, "Oh, that's right. Let's share it"

"Okay," Ella said.

After breakfast, Olivia went to see Lucas and thanked him for helping her rebuild her bond with Ella.

"Lucas, you did a great job," Olivia said. "In a few days, I'll talk to Mom about giving you a raise."

The important thing is that your relationship with Mrs. Ella has been repaired," Lucas said. "Whether or not I get a raise doesn't matter much."

Olivia thought, 'He's observant, knows how to handle things well, and can please his boss. Isn't a pay raise the ultimate goal of such a servan t ?'

Olivia simply regarded Luc a s 's words as mere politeness and didn't take it to heart..

Then, she went to doll herself up.

There were less than two days left until her engagement party with Ethan. Ethan wanted to take her to buy an engagement ring. Without much hesitation, she immediately decided on a ring from Quaria.

When Olivia was putting on makeup, she was in a very good mood. She thought, Once I'm part of the Jackson family, I'll make sure to make Gina's life miserable. After receiving 600 million dollars, she wants to get revenge on us by trying her best to get close to the Jackson family? Dream on! I'm the future granddaughter-in-law of the Jackson family, so they'll definitely side with me!"

Olivia thought confidently.

By the time Gina woke up, it was already noon. Last night, she suddenly had an impulse and wanted to sketch a few design drafts. Once she started, she couldn't stop and drew over a hundred sketches overnight. Then, she sent them to Michael to handle.

So she went to bed late.

She unlocked her phone and noticed that Gabriel had sent her dozens of messages.

At first, Gina found Gabriel chatty, but he was like this every day, telling her every little detail. Gina even got used to Gabriel sending her messages.

If Gabriel did not send her any messages one day, she might really feel a bit uncomfortable.

Her life might be full of various experiences, but there was also a sense of limitation or constraint to some extent

Gina took a look. It started from greeting her in the morning to asking if she was free to meet in the afternoon.

She seemed to be free for the time being, so she replied, "I'm free. What's the matter?"
"Can't disclose for now," Gabriel said. "Shall I come to pick you up?"

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"It's okay, Gina said. "Just give me the address, and I'll come over."

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Gabriel's car was too eye-catching. Although Gina's neighborhood was not an average neighborhood, his customized Rolls-Royce was still too eye-catching,

"Okay," Gabriel replied.

Gina looked at the location sent by Gabriel and was surprised to find it was a Hosxen store.

She didn't know why Gabriel wanted to meet her at a handbag store. Since she had agreed, she decided to keep her appointment.

Arriving at the Hosxen store, Gina walked in and saw Gabriel,

Gabriel naturally stepped forward and held Gina's hand, saying, "Take a look. Is there anything you like?"

Gabriel initially intended to buy a few handbags and send them over to give Gina a surprise. However, he told the sales assistant earlier that the handbags were for his fiancée. When the sales assistant asked if his fiancée had any preferences for handbags, he could not answer. He also realized that if he gave her handbags she didn't like, she probably wouldn't use them and they would only add clutter to her place, causing inconvenience. So, he decided to abandon the idea of surprising her with gifts. He thought. There'll be plenty of opportunities to surprise her in the future. Missing out on this occasion is not a big deal.

Gina was a little puzzled. "You want to buy me a handbag?" she said. "Why?"

"I notice you often carry a canvas handbag" Gabriel said. "How about switching handbags occasionally?"

Gina actually didn't have much desire for luxury goods. It was not that she couldn't afford it. She just wasn't interested. As for why she kept carrying a canvas handbag, it was because that handbag was bought and gifted to her by Ruby.

It was the first time she received a gift from someone else.

That canvas handbag had a special significance to her, even though it looked cheap and average.

"It's okay," she said. "I'm used to carrying my canvas handbag."

Gina did not understand why Gabriel did this.

Gabriel looked at her sincerely and said, "Gina, don't reject my goodwill, okay? Didn't you promise to give me a chance? Let me treat you well, okay?"

The sales assistant beside him was shocked and envious when she heard Gabriel's heartfelt confession.

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The sales assistant thought, 'So what if he's the king of business? He still has to make his girlfriend happy!'

The sales assistants couldn't help but start discussing.

"What a perfect match!"

"I'm so envious. When will I ever get a sweet love like theirs?"

"I can't take it anymore. I'm going to be a hopeless romantic. I'll go check out some criminal cases to calm down!"

The staff's discussion was neither loud nor soft, just enough for both Gina and Gabriel to hear.

For some reason, Gina actually felt a little embarrassed.

She thought, 'But it seems that Gabriel is really eager to give me a gift.

Gina nodded and said, "Alright. I can accept your gift."

She paused for a moment and added, "Since you gave me a gift, I'll return a gift to you in the future."

Probably because she grew up in She

an orphanage, she was not skilled at handling social relationships and worldly affairs. She remembered that when she first returned to the Miller family's home, members of the Miller family talked about her behind her back, saying she looked aloof and had no connection with them.

Gina was at a loss when she heard this, feeling unsure of how to deal with this situation. She slowly began to learn the so-called ways of the world. She knew that if she wanted to treat others well, she had to make an effort. Therefore, she began to offer everything she could to the Miller family, which was her so-called family. She did not tell them what she had done. On one hand, it was because of certain aspects of her identity she couldn't reveal. On the other hand, she didn't want them to feel like she was trying to please them.

She thought. After all, we're a family. It is only right to do things for family, right?"

That was how Gina thought about it.

Gabriel found it amusing and frustrating at the same time. He felt like there was a hint of seriousness in Gina's words, as if she was afraid of owing him a favor.

Gabriel nodded and said, "Alright, but can your return gift be according to my request?"

Gina didn't see any problem with that. "Of course," she replied.

"Alright," Gabriel said. "We'll talk about the specifics then when I ask you for a gift in return. Is that okay?"

"Mm-hmm, Gina replied as she nodded.

A call came in. Gabriel glanced at it and noticed that it was a call from an employee of the company. If it was any other unimportant call, he would not answer it. He just wanted to enjoy the time he had with Gina.

"I'll take this call," Gabriel said to Gina. "Take your time choosing"

Initially, Gabriel intended to accompany Gina to choose. Now, the sales assistant would accompany Gina instead. As the sales assistant explained the materials and styles of the handbags to Gina, she engaged in small talk with Gina from time to time. "Miss Miller, your fiancé is so kind to you," she said.

Gina widened her eyes and clarified, "He's not my fiancé."

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The sales assistant had a look of understanding things. She said, "I'm sorry. I'm sorry, I know. The wedding reception hasn't been held yet, so it's indeed inappropriate to say that he's your fiancé,

After all, when a big shot like Mr. Jackson holds an engagement party, it will definitely cause a sensation in the entire city the sales assistant thought.

Gina opened her mouth but said nothing. She did not explain much either.

The sales assistant saw Gina looking around and not saying anything, so she asked, "Miss Miller, you don't like these styles, huh

"Not really," Gina said,

She just had a bit of decision paralysis.

"What do you think of these handbags then?" the sales assistant asked.

"Not bad," Gina said casually. "They're all pretty good."

Gabriel returned after answering the call and asked, "C n a, how's the selection going?"
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The sales assistant replied enthusiastically on behalf of Gina, saying, "Miss Miller said all these handbags are pretty good."

Gabriel glanced at the variety of handbags on the shelves and said indifferently. "Wrap them all up

C i n a was stunned, thinking. That's not necessary!
then.

The sales assistant's eyes widened, thinking. These handbags, plus the accessories, will cost over two million dollars at a minimum. I'm truly shocked by Mr. Jackson's lavish spending just to please his fiancée. Is this the kind of boyfriend you hear about in stories, who buys handbags worth over two million dollars for his girlfriend when he does things on the spur of the moment? And my ex-boyfriend... he would only buy me an ice cream worth three dollars when he acted on a whim!

The sales assistant wanted to beat her chest and stamp her feet.

Gina quickly said, "I just didn't know which one to choose, and that's why I said they were all good. It doesn't mean I want to buy them all."

He thought, 'Decision paralysis? I get it.

Gabriel's appeared gentle.

"Let's not choose then," he said. "We'll buy them all, and you can take your time picking later."

He then instructed the sales assistant again, saying, "Wrap them all up."

The sales assistant nodded vigorously and was overjoyed, thinking, 'No need to worry about this month's sales performance. anymore!'

On the street outside, Olivia held Ethan's arm and walked out of Quaria Jewelry Store. The engagement diamond rings had been bought. The diamond was a dazzling ten-carat stone. She loved it and couldn't wait to put it on.

"Olivia, we're supposed to put it on at our engagement party," Ethan said. "You put it on too early."

"Ethan, I just want to wear it now," Olivia said.

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When Olivia acted endearingly, Ethan could not resist anymore. He had no choice but to go along with her wishes.

"Alright, alright, Ethan said. "Remember to put it away later."

"Okay," Olivia replied.

Olivia admired the diamond ring on her finger. As she lifted her head, she saw a Hosxen store.

She said endearingly again. "Ethan, I want to buy a handbag

"Huh?" Ethan said.

When Ethan saw that it was a Hosxen store, he was overwhelmed. He thought, I used my pocket money to buy the diamond ring earlier. That's huge spending. If I buy another bag, I won't have any money left to spend freely this month. More importantly, if my mom finds out that I spend money again to buy stuff for Olivia, she'll definitely say I'm showing off.

"Ethan, buy a handbag for your wife," Olivia said. "I've been carrying the previous one for a long time. Because you gave it to me, I couldn't bear to switch it to another one. In the end, people say I've got only one handbag..."

Olivia's tone carried a hint of grievance.

"Ethan, please?" Olivia said.

Under Olivia's persistent persuasion, Ethan reluctantly agreed.

As soon as the two of them entered the Hosxen store, a sales assistant came forward to attend to them, saying, "I'm sorry, but almost all the goods in the store have been purchased. Are you sure you still want to come in and browse?"

Olivia glanced at the empty shelves with a somewhat sour expression, thinking. It seems that I can't buy the style of handbag I want today"

Ethan, on the other hand, felt a sense of relief. He said hypocritically, "Olivia, look, there's hardly anything to choose from. Why don't we come again next time?"

Olivia did not want to leave just like that. She then tightened her grip on Ethan and said, "It's fine. I'll take a look around."

Ethan was left speechless.

Even the sales assistant could tell that Ethan was reluctant. She thought, Judging from their attire, they probably came from well-off families. Buying a Hosxen bag shouldn't be difficult for them. But the guy looks very unwilling. Is it because he is stingy? I've just seen Mr. Jackson's generosity, and now that I'm looking at these two, it's like night and day!

"Hurry up and choose then, Ethan said impatiently.

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Sensing Ethan's reluctance, Olivia's good mood was dampened considerably.

She couldn't vent her anger on Ethan, so she shot a glare at the sales assistant.

The sales assistant's mind was filled with curses...

Just as Olivia was about to pick out a handbag, she saw Gina's figure.

Why is this bit c h here?' she thought.

Gina sensed that someone was looking at her, so she glanced toward Olivia and Ethan's direction before looking away.

Olivia was puzzled, but she thought C i n a was probably not working here. She thought, Others may not know, but I know Gina took away 600 million dollars from the Miller family! She's probably splurging now!

Olivia gritted her teeth in anger.

She greeted Gina with a fake smile and said. "Gina, are you here to buy a handbag

too?"

Gina gave Olivia a cold glance and ignored her. She thought, 'Olivia is really good at pretending. We've already fallen out with each other, but she can still greet me as if nothing happened. Is she an Oscar nominee? Otherwise, how can she be so good at pretending? But it's probably because Ethan is here. After all, Olivia is a pro at pretending to be innocent and gentle in front of people.

The shop fell into a strange silence. Ethan thought, 'We took the initiative to talk to Gina. That's showing her respect, and she actually ignores us? There are so many other sales assistants watching! Isn't she intentionally making us lose face?'

Ethan immediately said angrily. "Olivia asked you a question. Are you deaf or mute?"

Olivia began to pretend to be a nice person with an aggrieved expression, as if she had been deeply wronged. "Ethan, maybe Gina just doesn't want to talk to me," she said. "It's okay."

"If you're not mute, then speak up!" Ethan said. His temper as an entitled scion flared up, especially since he had been cheated out of 400 thousand dollars by Gina and now she was mistreating his woman.

He thought, 'She thinks I'm a doormat, huh?'

Sensing the escalating tension, the sales assistant attempted to defuse the situation, saying, "Sir, if you have anything to say, talk nicely. Could you please calm down?"

Ethan immediately vented his anger at the sales assistant. This Hossen store has no sense of aesthetics and taste at all, huh?" he said. "Letting in such a country bumpkin and h

i k to shop here. Can you see any designer labels on her? Can she afford iz

Ethan spoke disdainfully.

"What the hell is he talking about? the sales assistant thought.

She was shocked. "Sir, please watch your words," she said. "Miss Miller is our store's valued client, not a country bumpkin you're talking about."

The sales assistant found the words "country bumpkin" too offensive to utter. Her impression of Ethan and Olivia had gone south. She thought, One pretentious guy and one scheming girl. Their foul vibe is way too extra, like an over-seasoned dish. No wonder they're together! Birds of a feather flock together! So what if Miss Miller doesn't have designer labels? That's called being low-key. Big shots are like that. They keep things under wraps. Decking yourself out in designer brands and worrying others won't notice? That's called vanity. Just showing off!"

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"Valued client? Ethan said with a disdainful expression. "I think you're out of your mind. Wasn't she here before us? How many handbags did she buy? Tell me."

The sales assistant showed a professional smile and pointed at the empty shelves, saying, "The items on the shelves were all purchased by Miss Miller

She thought, 'Even though Mr. Jackson paid for it, I heard him say that Miss Miller is his fiancée. Doesn't that make them a family? There's no need to point out who bought and who paid:

Olivia was in disbelief. She said, "What did you say? She bought all of them?"

The sales assistant nodded solemnly and replied, "Yep."

Olivia clenched her fists hard.

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This was because Gina took away 600 million dollars from the Miller family, causing her quality of life to seriously decline.

She thought. I have to beg my man for ages just to buy a handbag, while Gina can splurge so freely. B i c h!

Olivia tried her best to maintain her composure and asked with a forced smile, "Gina, you come here alone, huh? How can you carry so many handbags alone? Someone has helped you arrange things, right?"

When Ethan heard Olivia say that, he suddenly felt enlightened. He sneered and said, "You bought them yourself? I think you have h o o e d up with a middle-aged bald man and got him to buy them for you. Where's the old man? He went to pay for you, right!"

Gina's expression was indifferent. She was not angered by their sarcasm and insinuations. Instead, she said calmly, "Whether I bought them myself or someone else did, what does it have to do with you? Do I have to explain to you?"

Ethan sneered and said. "You don't dare to say it because you're afraid that we'll find out that you've h o o k e d up with a rich old man, right? Actually, I'm not surprised. It's not like I don't know how messy your private life is."

Although the previous rumors about Gina's messy private life had long been clarified, Ethan did not believe it. Instead, he believed Olivia's one-sided story. From Olivia, he heard that Gina had very open and scandalous romantic affairs.

Therefore, when he had a meal with the Miller family the other day, he became lustful after knowing that Gina had been drugged. He wanted to experience how good Gina was in bed.

Unexpectedly, Olivia saw it. Because of this, Olivia even got angry and quarreled with him. He spent a lot of money to pacify her and even pinned the blame on Gina.

The sales assistant could not take it anymore and spoke up for Gina. "Sir, if you continue to talk nonsense and maliciously slander our valued client, I'll get the security guards to escort you out," she said.

"Is there anything wrong with what I said?" Ethan said. "Tell me then. Did she come alone to buy handbags? She came with a man, right?"

The sales assistant was momentarily unsure how to respond. "This is Miss Miller's privacy," she said. "No comment." Ethan became even more smug. "No comment?" he said. "Afraid to admit it, right? I hit the nail on the head! Haha!"

Ethan was in a good mood and mercilessly mocked Gina.

Olivia also heaved a long sigh of relief, feeling a sense of satisfaction. But she pretended to be shocked. "Gina, why did you go down the wrong path?" she said. "Just for the sake of buying a handbag?"

Gina could not help but find it amusing that the two drama queens had m e n a l l y created a dramatic situation and even mocked her.

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She said calmly. There is indeed a man who comes with me, and you all know him."

Olivia's heart s k i p p e d a beat, thinking. We know him? Who is he?"

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Ethan did not believe Gina. He said, "Who the hell knows those beer-bellied bald-old men? Do you think everyone needs to trade their bodies for things like you?" Olivia slandered Gina again, saying, "Gina, you said we all know him. Could it be that he is a certain board member of Trowell University who helped you expel Lily?" As soon as Ethan heard "board member of Trowell University, the image of bald middle-aged men immediately came to mind. He became even more smug. "I'm going to report you to the education bureau for having an inappropriate relationship with a board member of the university," he said. "You're bringing negative influence to the school's culture!"

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"He's just a school board member, so how could he possibly have so much money to buy so many handbags for you in one go?" Ethan said. "He probably embezzled and took bribes. You two shameless lovebirds really have no shame!"

"Who are the shameless lovebirds you are talking about?"

After paying, Gabriel, who had discussed with the sales assistant about the delivery of the handbags, walked out of the inner hall with a gloomy expression.

Ethan instantly felt a chill down his spine. He said, "Uncle, Uncle Gabriel?"

The sales assistant was a little surprised, thinking, 'Mr. Jackson is actually the uncle of this pretentious guy? Though they don't seem much different in age, their vibes are worlds apart. Not only that, but their partners are also worlds apart. Obviously, Mr. Jackson has better taste!

Olivia's face turned pale, thinking. 'Did Gabriel overhear what we said just now?'

She lowered her voice and asked Ethan quietly, "Is, is your uncle a school board member of Trowell University?"

At this moment,

Olivia's mind was blank.

Ethan gulped and said, "I think... he is."

At this moment, Olivia also remembered that Gabriel had visited during the centennial celebration of the university a year ago, but she did not see Gabriel...

However, she never expected that the school board member who helped Gina was Gabriel

After all, Lily did not tell her clearly back then.

Gabriel looked at Ethan and Olivia with a fierce gaze. Ethan felt a shiver down his spine under the intense chill in Gabriel's eyes.

Olivia could not help but tremble all over. She was a little afraid and wanted to hide behind Ethan.

"I'm asking you," Gabriel said. "Who are the shameless lovebirds you're talking about?"

Gabriel's tone turned a few degrees colder, and the sense of oppression became stronger and stronger.

"It's a misunderstanding, Uncle Gabriel, Ethan said. "It's a misunderstanding. I thought... Beads of sweat appeared on Ethan's head. He was nervous, so much so that

he faltered when he talked.

He did not regret scolding C i n a. What he regretted was scolding his uncle along with Gina.

“Misunderstanding?” Gabriel said. ‘Aren’t you going to report it to the education bureau?”

“No, no!” Ethan replied as he gulped.

He gave Gina a glance with dissatisfaction, realizing previously that his uncle seemed rather close to her. He bit the bullet and said, “Uncle Gabriel, are you bewitched by her? She’s not a good woman. Don’t be fooled by her. Her private life is very messy. This country bumpkin looks honest, but she’s very s l u t t y.”

“She’s the one who seduced you, right?” Ethan added, immediately turning the tables.

“B s t r d!” Gabriel said.

His face was extremely gloomy. He punched Ethan’s face.

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Ethan immediately felt dizzy. He lost his balance and fell to the floor.

Olivia screamed in fear. She was afraid that Gabriel’s list would land on her in the next moment. After all, Gabriel had already hit Ethan, his own nephew, for the sake of an outsider like Gina.

In addition to fear, Olivia felt a hint of jealousy. She thought, “Why would Gabriel stand up for Gina?”

Ethan’s nose was bleeding due to the punch.

He wiped it, feeling a little dizzy. He turned to Gabriel and said, “Uncle Gabriel, why did you hit me...”

Although Ethan was about to explode from anger, he did not dare to vent it at Gabriel.

“You asked for it, Gabriel said coldly as he flexed his wrist.

“Show some respect to Gina,” he emphasized. “I’m the one pursuing her!”

Then, Gabriel glared at Olivia coldly. The coldness in his eyes seemed to be able to freeze people to death.

He did not lay a hand on Olivia because Olivia was a woman and there was a vast difference in strength between them. However, Olivia had already crossed the boundary and went beyond what was acceptable to him.

Olivia was so scared that she was about to cry. Gabriel’s incomparably handsome face now seemed like a demon from hell to

her.

Cold sweat broke out on her back. It was only then that she recovered from her fear.

She went to help Ethan, who was sitting on the floor, and said, “I’m sorry, Mr. Jackson. It’s all hearsay. We shouldn’t make wild guesses without evidence. My sister...”

“Who’s your sister?” Gina said. “Do you not always say that I have severed ties with the Miller family?”

Gina knew that when Olivia said this, there was a hint of bragging in her tone because Olivia finally got her wish and became the sole heiress of the Miller family.

Gabriel looked at Olivia coldly and said, “You only need to apologize to me, huh?”

“I’m sorry, Gina” Olivia said. “Miss Miller, I was wrong. I spoke without a filter. I hope you can forgive me and not hold it against me.”

‘Forgive!’ Gina thought

She laughed and said, "I won't forgive you"

The person she would never forgive was Olivia, who would never apologize sincerely and would continue to cause trouble. Olivia shuddered, truly fearing that Gabriel would hit her because of Gina's words.

She hurriedly continued to please Gina, saying, "So Miss Miller, what do you need me to do? I'll do whatever you say so that you can let off steam."

Gina was deep in thought. Although she did not intend to forgive Olivia, she found this suggestion acceptable. She said, 'Go outside and yelled three times, saying 'Th a bit c h. I'm shameless. I love slandering and framing others.'

Olivia's face turned pale. She did not expect Gina's request to be so twisted and out of line.

She thought, "Isn't she making me lose face by asking me to shout like this on the street? Gina is too vicious!"

Olivia gritted her teeth in anger.

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"What's wrong?" Gina said as she looked at Olivia calmly, "Not willing, huh?"

Olivia felt that she could not accept it. She looked at Ethan as if asking for help, hoping that this nephew of Gabriel could help her say a few words.

Ethan did want to plead for Olivia, but when he looked at Gabriel, who supported Gina, he could not bring himself to say it. He did not want to be punched again.

Moreover, Gabriel's gaze was too terrifying. It was as if he had seen through his intention to speak up for Olivia. His gaze seemed to be saying. "If you dare to speak up for Olivia, get out and shout together with her

He could not afford to lose face.

He and Olivia stared at each other for a long while.

In the end, Ethan could not help but say, "Hurry up and go!"

Olivia was dumbfounded, thinking. I didn't expect Ethan to say such words. Not only did he not speak up for me, but he also allied with Gina. I'm so disappointed in Ethan!"

Gina repeated Ethan's words with a faint smile, saying, "Yeah. Hurry up and go. What are you waiting for? Your Ethan is rushing you."

Olivia's heart felt like it had been stabbed with a knife. Her legs felt like they were filled with lead. She got up in humiliation, reluctantly walked out of the door, and stood in the street. She was trembling all over as shame overwhelmed her.

Her eyes quickly turned teary.

She said, Tm a bitc . I'm shameless..."

Gina walked to the doorway unhurriedly and reminded Olivia warmly, saying. "Your voice isn't loud enough."

Olivia gritted her teeth and raised her voice.

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Olivia numbly shouted three times and became the idiot who received the most attention on the entire street.

The passersby looked at the woman who was cursing herself at the entrance of a Hosten store with the gaze of someone seeing a m e n t l patient.

Some onlookers who weren't afraid of causing trouble were recording videos.

Olivia found out, and she shouted at those people at the top of her lungs, "What are you

recording? Delete it! Delete it!"

The passersby were shocked and quickly ran away.

Standing in the store. Ethan also felt embarrassed. For a moment, he didn't even want this girlfriend anymore.

Moreover, Olivia's look when she hysterically shouted at passersby just now really frightened him. He had never seen Olivia so shrewish.

After Olivia shouted, she ran away without looking back.

Gabriel's expression darkened. He wanted to order someone to stop Olivia, but he was refused by Gina. "It's okay," she said.

"Okay," Gabriel said. "I'll listen to you, Gina."

The expression on the sales assistant's face was varied. She thought, 'At first, I had a hard time suppressing my laughter when I saw the angelic bit** h's embarrassing moment, and now I see Mr. Jackson treating Miss Miller differently from others. Even the way he looks at Miss Miller carries a hint of tender affection. What an unparalleled sweet love story! So envious!"

Olivia ran away without looking back, leaving Ethan alone in the store. Ethan was now in a fluster.

He trembled and asked hesitantly, "Uncle Gabriel, can I leave now?"

Gabriel really treasured his "dating time with Gina.

He was already very displeased that Ethan and Olivia had come to cause trouble. He did not want to waste time with Ethan, so he said, "Get lost!"

Ethan felt like he had been granted a reprieve.

He quickly ran away.

"Okay, Gina, Gabriel said. "No one's bothering us now."

His lips curled into a faint smile. "I'll get them to deliver the handbags to your place. By the way, I also bought you a handbag shelf. Should come in handy, right?"

"Yes," Gina said as she nodded. She usually just carried her canvas handbag.

She just casually hung it on a hk. **There was indeed no suitable place to put her handbag at home. She did not expect Gabriel to be such a meticulous person.**

"There are too many handbags, so I've arranged for someone to place them for you," Gabriel said. No matter how serious or trivial a matter was, he would arrange things well.

13:32 Wed, 22 May Chapter 68 Gina was slightly stunned. She hesitated for a moment before saying, "I don't like outsiders entering my house."

"I wonder if I am considered an outsider," Gabriel said. "I'll help you put the handbags." Gina thought, "With so many handbags, it's indeed difficult for me to handle alone. She then replied, "Sure." A hint of smiling expression appeared on Gabriel's face. He thought, 'It seems like Gina has taken a further step in accepting the, allowing me into her home.' Gabriel was very happy. Meanwhile, after Olivia ran off for a while, she realized that Ethan did not catch up with her. He did not even send her a message. She immediately felt a bit angry and called Ethan, saying, "Where are you? Why aren't you coming to look for me?" Ethan covered the swelling on his face and replied, "You go to me first." "What's with your attitude?" Olivia said. "I've already been humiliated by Gina. You don't feel sorry for me and don't want to comfort me, huh? Plus, you didn't even manage to buy a handbag." "You still have the nerve to say that," Gabriel said. "If you hadn't made a fuss about buying a handbag, such a thing wouldn't have happened! I

was even beaten up by my uncle. Do you care about me? You only care about yourself!" Ethan vented all his anger on Olivia. "Stop f*g bothering me," Ethan said before hanging up the call without hesitation.

He was very frustrated. He even suspected that Olivia was not as gentle, obedient, and sensible as she appeared.

He thought, "But that's not the point. What did Uncle Gabriel just say? He's pursuing Gina? If Gina really marries into the Jackson family, things will turn messy. No way. I've got to stop all of this from happening!"

At Prover Hospital, Neil was chatting with Gabriel, keeping track of his progress with Gina in real-time.

Gabriel texted: [I'm organizing the handbags I bought for Gina.]

Neil smiled happily at the phone, thinking, 'Rascal. I was worried that he wouldn't wise up and wouldn't know how to pursue a girl. Turns out, he's quite good at it!'

There was a knock on the door of the ward.

"Grandpa."

Neil looked up and saw that Ethan had arrived. He then put down his phone.

He thought, "Wait a minute. Why does half of Ethan's face look so swollen?"

Neil squinted and said, "What happened to your face?"

"I was beaten up," Ethan said.

"Who beat you up? Neil asked. His expression became serious

"Grandpa, you will stand up for nie, right?" Ethan said.

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Neil was stunned. "What exactly happened?" he said. "Tell me."

Ethan said with a forced attitude, "Uncle Gabriel hit me!

'Gabriel?' Neil thought.

He was a little surprised. "Although Gabriel is usually strict with you younger ones, he wouldn't just hit you like that, would he?" he said. "Let me ask and find out."

Coincidentally, he was chatting with Gabriel.

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A call was made. It was so fast that Ethan could not stop him in time.

'Forget it,' Ethan thought. I've already chosen to complain to Grandpa. It's only a matter of time before Uncle Gabriel finds out. I believe Grandpa will surely not side with that outsider!

Gabriel picked up the phone. "Hello?"

"What happened?" Neil said. "Did you hit your nephew?"

I did, Gabriel said.

"Why?" Neil asked.

"He and his fiancée spoke rudely to Gina," Gabriel said succinctly.

Neil instantly looked displeased.

Ethan became nervous. "Grandpa, please listen to my explanation," he said.

"Shoot!" Neil said, trying his best to remain calm.

Ethan thought, I know clearly that Gina has used some ways to make Grandpa quite fond of her. That's because Grandpa hasn't seen Gina's true colors. Today, I'm going to expose all the ugly things Gina has done."

He gulped. He was a little afraid of Gabriel on the other end of the line. "Grandpa, hang

up first," he said.

"Let's hang up," Gabriel said. "I'm spending time with Gina." Gabriel did not want to waste time. He was not surprised that Ethan complained to Neil.

"Alright," Neil said. After hanging up, Neil's attention turned to Ethan. "Can you tell me now?"

Ethan looked at his grandfather's somewhat displeased expression and felt inexplicably nervous. "Grandpa, I know you like Gina," he said.

He thought, I've got no idea what he likes about her! Olivia is a well-bred young lady after all. Can she not compare to Gina, that country bumpkin?

Ethan could not figure it out. He always felt that his grandfather had been indifferent to Olivia for so many years.

He thought, 'Grandpa has just known Gina for a short period, yet he's so kind to her? That's absurd!'

"But you surely have no idea how vicious she is," Ethan said. "When she stayed in the Miller family's home, she put pesticide in her brother's food. After her father had a stroke, she even started to have her eye on the Miller family's property and forged a will herself."

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Ethan became more and more worked up as he spoke. He told Neil everything that Olivia had told him about the ugly things that Gina had done.

When he saw Gina at Neil's birthday party, he wanted to say it.

But he had promised Olivia that these were all the Miller family's skeleton in the closet and should not be aired publicly, so he did not tell his grandfather.

He thought, 'At that time, I thought even if this country bumpkin was scheming, she wouldn't be able to stir up much trouble. Who would have thought that Gina would be so

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u n n i n g, managing to win over my family members one after another."

Ethan listed Gina's wrongdoing in detail. His mouth was dry from talking.

He took a sip of water. Then, he continued, "Grandpa, she must have approached you because of the engagement. She's seducing Uncle Gabriel now because she thinks that there's no chance of seducing me. There's no way I'd marry her."

Before Ethan finished talking, Neil picked up the walking stick beside the bed and hit Ethan, saying, "You b a t a r d. What nonsense are you talking about?"

Ethan was dumbfounded. He said, "Grandpa. Grandpa, what are you doing?"

He kept dodging. Neil got off the bed and chased after Ethan to hit him.

"There's no need to explain," Neil said. "I can tell how disrespectful you are to Gina. You are slandering her with baseless accusations? You deserve to be beaten up. Gabriel did a good job!"

Neil panted as he chased after him. He stopped, his chest heaving intensely.

"Grandpa, these are not baseless accusations," Ethan said, looking aggrieved. "They are all true. If you don't believe me, you can ask Olivia and members of the Miller family."

“Why the f**k should I ask?” Neil said. “If Gina is as despicable as you claim, committing so many wrongdoings, why didn’t the Miller family report her to the police?”

He countered with a question.

Ethan was stunned for a moment. After a long while, he said, “Because Gina is too c u n n i n g, whic h leads to insufficient evidence. So they can’t do anything to her. Grandpa, she’s a scheming woman. By the way, her current target may be the Jackson family’s assets. Grandpa, you mustn’t let Uncle Gabriel get together with her!”

Neil was thoroughly angry. He threw his walking stick at Ethan and said, “Say another word, and I’ll call Gabriel back now to beat you up!

Ethan was scared. “Grandpa, please don’t do that,” he said.

“Is it insufficient evidence or is someone deliberately trying to slander Gina?” Neil said.

“With your dumbness, I don’t think you can understand!”

Neil had lived for so long and had always been good at judging people. He believed that Gina was definitely not the heinous child they said she was. On the contrary, he could tell that Olivia was very scheming. However, the engagement between Ethan and a member of the Miller family had been agreed upon long ago. If the engagement was broken off, it would affect Olivia’s reputation. Moreover, Ethan was very fond of Olivia, Neil was old, and Gabriel alone brought him much worry..

He no longer had the energy to deal with the affairs of the younger generation anymore.

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Hence, Neil had no intention of breaking off the engagement.

Fortunately, Ethan’s marriage partner isn’t switched to Gina, Neil thought. ‘Ethan is not worthy of Gina at allr

Crazy,’ Ethan thought. My grandpa and uncle must have gone crazy!”

Ethan was about to break down. He had nowhere to turn for help and ended up getting another beating.

Neil was so angry that he clutched his chest and frowned.

Ethan became nervous. ‘Grandpa, are you alright?’ he asked.

“Get out!” Neil said, feeling annoyed now at the sight of Ethan.

Ethan had long wanted to run off. “Grandpa, rest well,” he said. “Don’t be angry. Take care of yourself.”

With that said, Ethan quickly ran off

Neil returned to the edge of his bed and sat there. After relating for a while, he summoned Isaac and had Issac pour him a glass of the medicine Gina had made for him. After drinking it, he felt much better.

Ethan retu rned home with a swollen face.

When A b b i e saw him, she widened her eyes and asked, “What happened to you?”

“Uncle Gabriel hit me,” Ethan said grumpily.

A b b i e was initially angry, but upon hearing that Gabriel was the one who hit him, she calmed down considerably. She listened as Ethan recounted the details of what had happened.

“You went to buy Olivia a Hosxen handbag?” A b b i e said, her expression changing.

“Why? Are we suddenly flush with cash?”

Ethan’s heart s k i p p d a beat, thinking, ‘Oh no. Why is Mom’s focus on this?’

“No, Mom,” he said. “The point is that Uncle Gabriel hit me.”

A b i e scolded Ethan, saying, "Let's not talk about this first. Why did you spend so much money on Olivia? She hasn't even married into the family, yet you are already so willing to spend money on her. Once she marries into the family, won't you then wish you could give her the family assets?" She thought, "This little vixen is too much. As for the reason she avoided addressing the incident of Gabriel beating her son, it was because she had no choice. Their family relied on Gabriel's care to live the way they did today.

your fiancée?"

A b b i e's eyes darted around, and she said, "Why don't you change your Ethan widened his eyes, seriously suspecting that his mother had gone mad as she actually spouted such nonsense.

"Mom, the engagement party is the day after tomorrow," he said. "What are you talking about?"

I've found you a more suitable partner, A b b i e said.

Ethan was left speechless.

"She's your grandfather's savior," A i e said. "She's also very beautiful and graceful. One look and you can tell that she's a good girl who knows how to manage a household frugally"

She also looked very obedient, she thought. "That's because I saw that girl wearing simple clothes the other day, unlike

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Olivia, who is always dressed in designer clothes. One glance and I can tell that Olivia is a gold digger.

ferry her if you want," Ethan said.

than did not know whom her grandfather's savior was. He simply felt that her mother was outrageous.

bbie was angry.

She said, "You b a s a r d. What are you talking about? You like that vixen Olivia that much?"

than fell silent. He did not really like her that much. Besides, he also felt that Olivia was not as gentle and pleasant as before. But changing my fiancée now will just make me a laughingstock, won't it?" he thought.

dom, stop bothering me," he said. "Leave me alone!" He retreated into his room.

Olivia returned to the Miller family's home in tears.

loah was at home. When he saw Olivia's tear-stained face, his heart ached.

What's wrong?" he said. "Were you mistreated?"

Upon hearing Noah's inquiry, Olivia felt even more aggrieved.

she threw herself into Noah's arms and burst into tears.

Noah was a little stunned. He hugged Olivia tightly and comforted her, saying, "It's okay. If you have any grievances, tell me."

Olivia said. "Noah. I ran into Gina at a Hosxen store..."

Noah did not need to hear Olivia continue talking. He already knew what had happened.

That bitch Gina must have bullied my precious sister again! he thought.

However, this time, Olivia's focus was on Ethan, deliberately ignoring Gabriel's presence.

She did not want members of the Miller family to know that Gina had gotten involved with Gabriel, who was the most influential and outstanding man in the Jackson family. Thinking of this, Olivia felt both jealousy and resentment.

Noah was furious. "Ethan just watched you suffer grievance without doing anything?" he said. "What's his intention?"

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"Noah, I truly feel that Ethan doesn't love me anymore," Olivia said.

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"Don't be sad, Noah said. "Don't you still have your brothers? Don't worry. If Ethan dares to mistreat you after you marry into the Jackson family, your brothers will definitely help you teach him a lesson! We will always be your support."

Olivia nodded obediently and said, "Noah, you're so kind. If we weren't siblings, I'd really want to marry you!"

Noah's eyes widened, thinking. It turns out that I hold a special place in Olivia's heart...

Gabriel helped Olivia organize her handbags but did not count them carefully. There were probably a few hundred handbags.

Thank you for your hard work," Gina said..

She handed Gabriel a glass of water.

Gabriel took it and said, "It's not tiring."

"I heard you talking to Neil on the phone just now," Gina said.

She thought, It seems like Ethan went to Neil to complain."

Actually, she didn't really care. It was just that there were some things she wanted to clarify with Gabriel.

"Some of your family members seem to hate me," she said.

She thought, 'Besides Ethan, Harry hates me too.'

Gina couldn't shake off the feeling that Harry was very displeased with her saving Neil at Prover Hospital the other day. "That's their business, Gabriel said. "Gina, you don't have to care if they hate you. They hate you because they have no taste." "No," Gina said as she shook her head. "It's not that I mind that they hate me. It's just that if they insist on offending me, even if they're your family members, I won't show mercy. I won't refrain from teaching them a lesson for your sake."

Cabriel could not help but laugh. "Alright," he said. "Feel free to teach them a lesson. If you need help, just let me know anytime, Gina, I will always side with you."

Gina's cold expression underwent a subtle change. She felt a strange sensation, and she couldn't describe it clearly.

Thank you for your understanding," she said indifferently.

Gabriel smiled again, thinking, "My Gina is great in every way, but sometimes she's too straightforward.

Ethan applied an ice pack for a long while before the swelling on his face subsided. His uncle's punch had caused his molars to loosen.

Looking at the obviously asymmetrical face in the mirror, Ethan cursed, "Cabriel, you f**g...

His phone rang. It was a call from Olivia.

Ethan was in a bad mood, so his tone was harsh. "What's the matter?" he said. "Don't

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handbag. I'm not in the mood for that right now."

"Ethan, I'm sorry," Olivia said. "I was wrong before. Indeed, I shouldn't have insisted on you buying me a handbag. I know I was wrong. Can you forgive me? I miss you so much now. I'm at the hotel where we always meet. Can you come over and spend some time with me?"

Ethan was left speechless. Olivia's gentle words immediately caused his anger to dissipate.

"Alright," he said. "I'll come right away."

After Olivia hung up, she rolled her eyes, thinking, "Every time I ask Ethan to buy me something, I have to beg him for a long while. But when I say I want to do that kind of thing, he is willing to do it without hesitation. He can't wait to rush over immediately. His d a m n brain gets hijacked by his little soldier:

But now that the engagement party was coming up soon, she did not want to give Ethan the silent treatment. We can't just give each other the cold shoulder and ignore each other on the day of the engagement party, right?' she thought.

She had no choice but to take the initiative to get intimate with him.

Gina came to visit Ruby at Prover Hospital.

"Gina, I feel that there's nothing wrong with my body right now," Ruby said. "I want to leave the hospital and go home."

Gina checked Ruby's body and confirmed that there were no major issues. She nodded and said, "Alright. I'll send you back in two days."

Ruby was overjoyed. "You have time?" she said. "Sure. Great."

Gina wanted to go back and pick some herbs from her herb garden to make medicine for Neil. A bottle was broken by Hazel the other day. The quantity was not enough, but Gina had been busy recently and had not had the chance to return.

She thought, "I can't delay any longer. Otherwise, Neil's remaining bottle should be almost finished by now!

"I'll buy a handbag and pack my things," Ruby said. "We'll go home another day."

She happily held Gina's hand.

'Buy a handbag? Gina thought.

It then occurred to her that Gabriel had bought her many handbags.

Gina said, "You don't have to buy it. I have plenty of handbags at home. Let's use mine."

Thinking that using what was already available instead of buying would save money, Ruby nodded and said, "Alright."

Two days later, Ethan and Olivia's engagement party was held at a five-star hotel.

Olivia finished her makeup and put on her gown. She felt like everything had finally settled.

She thought, 'From now on, I'll be the daughter-in-law of a top-notch wealthy family.

Gina that bit h still wants to seduce Gabriel. I'll never ever allow that to happen! The first thing I'll do after marrying into the Jackson family is to rope in the other members of the Jackson family and make them hate Gina to the core, just like how I did with the Miller family. I believe I can do it. It's just a matter of repeating my old tricks

Olivia's close friends came into the dressing room to congratulate her.

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"Olivia, you're so beautiful today. You're absolutely stunning. Oh wait. I should call you Mrs. Jackson now."

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I really envy you for marrying into such a good family, Mrs. Jackson. We'll have to rely on you to take care of us in the future!"

Olivia smiled arrogantly and said, "You all look beautiful with the makeup you put on today. Each of you put in so much effort. I think the real stars today may just be all of you."

Her close friends could sense that there was implication in Olivia's words. She was afraid that they would steal her limelight.

They still hoped that Olivia would introduce some suitors from wealthy families to them in the future, so they were tactful at this moment. They curried favor with her.

"No matter how well we do our makeup, we can't compare to your natural beauty,

Olivia. Actually, my makeup is already smudged. I might as well remove it

After one person took the lead, the others also followed suit and removed their makeup, all turning into girls with no makeup on their faces.

Olivia looked at their plain and ordinary faces after their makeup was removed. A sense of superiority welled up within her, and she cheered up considerably.

She smiled and said to her friends, "Oh come on. I was just joking. Why did you guys remove your makeup?"

Her friends were left speechless, thinking, "Isn't it because you were being sarcastic first?"

They decided to change the subject of their conversation.

"By the way, why do we not see Hazel?"

"Don't you know? Hazel went to jail"

"Huh? When did that happen?"

Just recently. Not sure whom she offended. Even the Baker family doesn't dare to bail her out."

Olivia's heart skipped a beat.

Someone asked Olivia, "Olivia, do you know the inside story? After all, you and Hazel are very close, right?"

"I don't know," Olivia said, feigning calmness. "No wonder I haven't been able to contact her lately. I'll go and see her another day."

"Okay."

Olivia only remembered that Hazel had broken a bottle of black medicine that belonged to Gina. With Neil's support, Hazel was then driven out amidst the crowd's watchful eyes.

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