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In the middle of Nora's thoughts, Henry suddenly swept the cups on the coffee table onto the ground! The cups broke into pieces with a loud bang.

Henry, whose veins on his forehead were bulging, stood where he was and yelled, "Nora, I'm your father! This is something that'll never change! You can forget about abandoning me and getting rich on your own! You'll go to jail if you don't take care of me!"

Then, he looked back at Simon and said, "The Andersons have to give me an explanation regarding this today! Either you draft a contract for the Carefree Pills' dividends and give me the money immediately, or get my daughter's mentor change done first. Pick one!"

He sat back down on the sofa.

Simon frowned.

Henry flying into a rage all of a sudden, and his actions of slamming the coffee table and breaking the cups shocked Miranda and Rachel.

However, Melissa and Mrs. Anderson remained as calm and steady as ever, seemingly used to such scenes.

Simon was about to say something when Nora's frosty voice rang out.

“I’d advise you to calm down a little. Otherwise, not only will you not get any money, but you’ll also have to pay for these cups!”

Henry sneered, “Why? Are you planning to become deadbeats and not give me any money? If so, I don’t mind making this matter known to the public! I’ll show everyone outside how the Andersons are hogging the Smiths’ Carefree Pill!”

Nora asked lazily, “Who says the Carefree Pill belongs to my mother?”

As soon as she said that, everyone looked at her in shock.

Simon wanted to ask something, but Melissa held his hand and shook her head lightly.

Henry turned and glared at her menacingly.

“What did you say?”

Nora looked at the cups on the floor and said, “The Carefree Pill belongs to the Andersons. What does it have to do with the Smiths?”

Henry jumped onto his feet.

“How can that be? It obviously belongs to your mother—”

“If my mother was the one who developed it, then why didn’t you open a pharmaceutical factory all these years? Wouldn’t you have made a fortune a long time ago?” Nora spoke slowly and coolly, but her argument was a convincing one.

Both Simon and Melissa also looked at Henry hesitantly.

She was right.

Why did Yvette hold on to the pill formula and keep it a secret from Henry? Henry's expression changed a few times.

How would he know anything about Carefree Pills or whatever it was called? The books in the study upstairs were all Yvette's.

She had a lot of writings and drawings to do with a lot of different topics in there.

After she had died, he couldn't be bothered to take care of them at all, let alone know what they were.

Besides, even though he and Yvette were husband and wife in name, nobody knew that they had never consummated their marriage before.

He was more like a nominal father that Yvette had given her daughter! He didn't understand why Yvette had taken a fancy to him, either...

Later, Yvette died.

It should already be considered a blessing that he hadn't taken all those things as rubbish and thrown them away.

How would he possibly know that they were actually so valuable...

In the middle of Henry's thoughts, Nora said, "I obviously found the formula at the Andersons'"

Henry understood now—Nora was planning to push him away! He immediately shouted, "Nora! You unfilial daughter! How dare you lie!"

Nora looked as calm as ever.

She said, "I'm the one who took out the formula, so naturally, I have the final say as to where I took it from. You claim that the formula belongs to the Smiths. In that case, do you have any evidence to substantiate your claim?"

Henry"???"

He had immediately gone upstairs and entered Yvette's study when he learned about the Carefree Pill.

It was only then that he realized that it had long been cleaned out.

All the books had been burned.

Thus, he didn't have any evidence at all! If he had the Carefree Pill's formula, he would've sold it to the Andersons' competitors a long time ago.

Why would he still have to come all the way here to beg others for money?! Henry said angrily, "That's just pure sophistry!"

"Really?"

Nora took out her cell phone.

"In that case, we can only call the police. Also, allow me to remind you that the cups you just broke are antiques from the 1600s worth hundreds of thousands of dollars. You have to pay for them."

What she said daunted Henry.

He frowned and said viciously, "Nora! You're blackmailing me!"

Nora raised her phone.

“So, shall I call the police?”

Henry/!!”He felt exactly as aggrieved and frustrated in this instant as how smug he had been just now! Simon and Melissa had also recovered and caught on.

Simon stood and said, “The Carefree Pill is said to have been developed by Yvette, but we, the Andersons, actually developed it ourselves. Mr. Smith, you have to provide evidence when you come straight here to snatch things from others. Do you have any evidence? If not, what you’re doing is tantamount to slander!”

Melissa’s voice was gentle but stern.

She said, “If you continue to pester us, we’ll call the police, Mr. Smith.”

At the sight of them becoming aggressive, Henry found himself at a loss at once.

He exchanged a look with Wendy.

The wealthy families in New York were ultimately still a lot classier.

Henry was scared.

He coughed and said, “No matter who the Carefree Pill belongs to, we’re ultimately still family. What’s wrong with helping my second daughter to change a mentor?”

He looked at Nora again and said, “You’d rather help your cousin than your younger sister? Nora, how can you be so narrow-minded?”

Nora yawned as if she didn't hear him.

She pointed at the door.

"Are you going to leave by yourself? Or do you want me to send you away?"

Upon seeing that being aggressive and unreasonable wasn't going to work anymore, Wendy decided to take a soft approach.

She grabbed Nora's hand and said, "Nora, I know there are issues between us, but Mom treated you very well too. You can't just ignore your sister! Blood is thicker than water, Nora. The two of you are family!"

Nora, however, didn't bother listening to what she said at all.

Instead, she held her wrist with a backhand and then, with a forceful pull, threw her out the door! Then, Nora dusted off her hands and looked at Henry.

There were a few gigantic words clearly written in her cat-like eyes: 'It's your turn now'

Henry, In order to avoid being thrown out in such an embarrassing manner, Henry snorted and walked out himself.

When he was passing by Nora, he stopped and said angrily, "I have legs; I can go by myself! Don't be too smug about this though, Nora! I'm your father. Just by this relationship alone, you'll never be able to get rid of me!"

The look in Nora's eyes was icy-cold.

She didn't say anything.

Instead, she popped her wrist joints loudly, causing a frightened Henry to quicken his footsteps.

Before he exited, he nevertheless couldn't stop himself from saying, "I won't give up so easily!"

After the two detestable people finally left, Nora went upstairs.

As soon as she entered her bedroom, her cell phone rang.

She looked down and saw that it was Lily.

When she answered, Lily said, "Anti, the ONA test results are out!"

Nora looked up.

Lily laughed and asked, "Is it you who's not your father's biological daughter, or is it your younger sister who isn't?"

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Nora was taken aback by Lily's words.

She was already mentally prepared prior to the DNA test that she might not be Henry's daughter, but...

When the truth was truly presented to her, apart from feeling a little surprised, she was actually more relieved than anything else.

Nora cast her eyes down and looked out the window.

She suddenly felt rather relieved.

It was human nature to want to be close to your parents.

Her mother had died early, so her father was her only kin in the world.

In spite of that, her father had never hugged or kissed her even once in her entire life.

There were times where she found herself very envious when she looked at Henry carrying Angela dotingly.

In fact, she would even become very depressed and shut herself off from the world for a while during that time.

The little Nora couldn't help but wonder at that time if it was because she was too unlikeable.

Was that why her father disliked her? Later, she had closed off her heart and never opened it to outsiders ever again.

Everyone who knew her said that she was callous, but that was because no one had ever taught her what love was.

In her world, she had always been alone.

But as it turned out, it had never been her fault.

It wasn't because she was not likable enough that Henry didn't like her; rather, it was because he wasn't her father.

Nora raised her eyes.

Suddenly, she lowered her head and looked at the strands of hair that she had tugged off Henry's head when she was kicking him and Wendy out just now.

The corners of her lips suddenly curled into a smile.

"In that case, let's check them all."

Although it was already confirmed, it was still better to have her DNA compared with Henry's, just in case.

Perhaps because she knew that she was eager to know the result, Lily replied, "Okay. I'll arrange for someone to pick it up right away"

Even the fastest express courier wouldn't be as fast as someone actually doing it themselves.

She had always had all her DNA tests done outside of the States.

Ten minutes later, someone came and collected the hair samples.

They took the earliest flight overnight and went straight to where Lily was.

Ten hours later, the samples reached Lily.

She forwent sleep to do the DNA test.

Another four hours later, she had gotten the DNA test results! Henry and Wendy stood outside the Andersons' villa after they were kicked out.

They glared furiously at the villa and stamped their feet.

Wendy couldn't stop herself from provoking Henry.

She said, "Honestly, Nora is so...How can she do such an about-face the moment she made it big?"

Henry, who was red in the face with anger, gnashed his teeth in fury.

The veins on his forehead were bulging as he said, "That unfilial daughter! I...I'm going to sue her!"

Wendy frowned.

"Will the authorities really do anything about it, though? Also, do we still have the money to hire the best lawyer?"

Henry was irritated by her questions.

At this point, Miranda and Rachel also left the Andersons.

The Woods' car was parked outside the villa, but Miranda and Rachel didn't get in the car after they exited the villa.

Instead, they went over to Henry and Wendy.

Miranda sighed and said, "That younger sister of mine is just so cruel! The Andersons are indeed too unkind about this!"

Rachel pursed her lips and said, "Exactly. Does Nora really think she's a daughter of the Andersons? A woman who has no shame and became pregnant before marriage is even abandoning her father now? That's unforgivable!"

Henry and Wendy, who weren't expecting them to say that, were momentarily dumbfounded.

Wendy was the first to recover.

She stepped forward, took Miranda's arm, and said, "The two of us are really pitiful. Not only did we painstakingly raise her into an adult, but Nora was in poor health when she was a child, so we even frequently sent her to the hospital...I didn't expect her to be so rebellious. We only reprimanded her a little after she made us sad, but she's become so distant and alienated! Sigh!"

Miranda immediately replied, "That won't do"

Next to her, Rachel also chimed in.

"Look at how pitiful the two of them are, Mom. Why don't you help them out?"

Miranda hesitated when she heard her suggestion.

She said, "But that's your aunt, after all..."

Rachel straightened her back and said, "It's only right to be on the side of justice rather than one's family, Mom. You know that, right? C'mon, help them out!"

Miranda sighed.

“Oh, alright.I happen to have a friend here...”

The night passed peacefully for everyone.

Melissa was still worried before she went to bed.

She said “Your father seems like a real piece of work to me, Nora.Will they kick up another fuss?”

Nora, however, replied openly, “There’s always a solution to a problem, Aunt Melissa.Don’t worry”
Melissa nodded and went downstairs.

She complained to Mrs.Anderson, “Yvette was such a proud woman back then.Why did she have to pick such a shameless scoundrel like him?”

Mrs.Anderson heaved a huge sigh.

“Everything is predestined in one’s life!”

Simon also heaved a deep sigh.

The three of them looked at each other and then, they raised their heads and looked at Nora’s bedroom upstairs in the end.

Melissa sighed.

“Not only did her mother die when she was young, but her father doesn’t love her, either.The most pitiful one here is actually Nora.Her father embarrassed her so badly today and even ranted at others.Nora must be very sad!” Simon nodded.

“Yeah.How was she when you talked to her just now?”

Melissa replied, "Nora is a sensible girl. She has always been one who's afraid to report anything but good news. Even when you ask her how she's doing at home, all she says is that everything is fine. How would she possibly show us her pain? She's probably crying upstairs now"

Simon and Mrs. Anderson's hearts ached for her at once.

However, Nora, whom the trio had mistaken to be secretly crying, had already taken a shower and was asleep in the bed with her son in her arms.

The night passed peacefully.

It was the weekend the next day, so Pete didn't have to go to school.

Nora was also finally able to sleep in.

However, she was awakened by the noise downstairs.

She frowned and got up.

As soon as she stepped out of her room, she heard Simon's angry shout from downstairs "We're not accepting any interviews!"

Melissa was reprimanding the other party.

She threatened, "I'm calling the security guards if all of you don't leave!"

A female stranger was talking to them.

“Hello, good day. An attitude like that won’t solve anything at all. I’m Roxanne, a reporter. Ms. Smith’s father called me and told me that she’s refusing to acknowledge them as family after a wealthy family took her in. We’re here to mediate!”

Simon shouted, “Turn off the camera first!”

Roxanne said, “Don’t be so agitated, sir. This is a live broadcast; the more agitated you are, the more people will feel that you’re in the wrong! Let’s calm down. Why don’t you tell me what has really happened first? All of you are family. There’s no grudge or feud among family that cannot be mediated.”

Melissa frowned.

“We don’t need mediation.” Roxanne spoke calmly and unhurriedly.

“You’re not Ms. Smith, so you cannot represent her. May I know where Ms. Smith is?”

Henry’s voice came over at this point.

He said, “She must be still sleeping! That daughter of mine has been fat and lazy since she was a child. She never gets out of bed until the sun is shining brightly in the sky!”

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Roxanne asked, “What’s going on, Mr. Smith? Doesn’t she have to work?”

Henry stood in front of the camera to the live-stream.

With a frown and a plaintive look on his face, he replied, “No, she’s unemployed. When she was with us, she mooched off her aunt and me. I heard that she also hasn’t been working ever since the Andersons took her back with them. It’s already ten in the morning, yet she’s still asleep. Neither does she take care of her child, but leaves them to survive on their own instead. Sigh!”

Melissa said, "Nora sleeps in because she's in poor health ! She lost a lot of blood during labor back then, so she doesn't have much energy and has to sleep more than what ordinary people do! Also, ever since she moved to the Andersons, Nora has never asked us for living expenses! She has a source of income!"

Wendy sighed.

"That's because you don't know that her income comes from the small company that her mother owned before she died, Melissa. There are thousands of dollars in dividends every month from the company..."

Melissa was about to speak when Henry held his hands behind his back and said fiercely, "I'm just here for my child today. I'm not trying to take her from you! It's just that I'm ultimately still her father. How can the Andersons just take her here after they found her, and forbid her from contacting me? We're family! Blood is thicker than water!"

His eyes reddened as he spoke.

Henry was actually decent-looking.

He had a squarish face, thick eyebrows, and big eyes, making him look like an upright man.

His behavior instantly sparked intense discussion among netizens.

People were leaving comments at high speed in Roxanne's live-stream: 'She's refusing to acknowledge her father? What kind of reasoning is that?'

"That Cinderella must find her father too tacky after she became a princess!"

“The Andersons are too much. They look like decent human beings, but how can they stop them from acknowledging each other?! They’re father and daughter, after all!”

“Ms. Smith is still asleep even at this time? She sounds like such an unreliable person... What’s the point of bringing such a woman back home?”

“Wow, is this what the wealthy look like? That house looks so high-end!”

All sorts of discussions filled the live-stream.

No one knew who it was, but someone had put money into the live-stream and increased the traffic, causing Roxanne’s live-stream to instantly have more than a million viewers.

Everyone loved gossip.

Moreover, this was about the secrets of the rich.

Once one entered the live-stream, they would want to know what exactly was going on.

In the university.

Tina, who was surfing the Internet on her cell phone, accidentally saw a post on Angela’s social media.

She immediately broke into a smile and entered the live-stream. Tina raised her eyebrows when she saw the exciting content inside.

Tsk.

How lively.

She had originally kept Angela with her just to give Nora trouble, but she didn't expect to receive such a surprise! Abandoning one's father now, that was an awful offense to be known for among the wealthy.

After all, one was indebted to their parents for raising them, no matter what.

Besides, most of the general public sympathized with the underdog, causing the comments to be filled with condemning voices directed at Ms. Smith! Tina smiled.

Suddenly, she picked up her cell phone and paid to promote the live-stream on social media so that it would trend.

At the same time, she also got a group of trolls to leave comments in the live-stream.

"The Andersons? Aren't they the family behind Harmonia Pharmacy?"

"Harmonia Pharmacy? The one selling traditional medicine? Their medicines are pretty good. I've always thought that people in the field of medicine are kind-hearted, but unexpectedly, they're actually involved in gossip like this?"

"Ms. Smith's aunt, too. She speaks in a nice way, but why does she feel so annoying? Why does she keep stopping them from getting Ms. Smith to come downstairs? It's as if she's deliberately stopping the father and daughter from being reunited"

"That's why I say that the richer one is, the stingier they are. 'Boycott Harmonia Pharmacy! I'm never buying medicines from them ever again!'"

The comments were full of condemnation.

In the live-stream, Henry was still accusing Nora of various unfilial behaviors.

His words made most of the parents watching the live-stream tear up.

"I just want to acknowledge my daughter again and ensure that she's doing well. You can't just spoil her like that and let her stay at home all day! She needs to be self-reliant! I didn't painstakingly raise her to let her sink into such depravity..."

Melissa found Henry shameless to the extreme.

She yelled angrily, "Nora has been locked up at home by you ever since she was a child, and has never been out of the house. Which part of that was painstaking for you?!"

Henry sighed.

"Yes, that's right. She's not in good health, so schools didn't want to accept her. On top of that, she has low self-esteem because she's so fat, so she also refuses to go to school. I was the one who taught her and raised her into an adult at home."

Melissa retorted, "You raised her into an adult? It's a blessing that you didn't starve her to death!"

Henry's eyes flickered the moment she said that.

Wendy, however, started to cry.

She said, "That's too much, Melissa! Nora has been fat ever since she was a child. We fed her as much as she wanted, so why would she go hungry? If she had gone hungry, would she have become that fat?"

"Melissa!"

Her obesity was because of hormonal injections, of course! After being injected with hormones, even plain water would make one gain weight.

How could these two people distort the truth like that?! Wendy lowered her head again and held her hand over her mouth as she sobbed.

“The only time I didn’t keep an eye on Nora was when she went out and fooled around, causing her to become pregnant before marriage. She even insisted on giving birth to the child after that. Her father and I didn’t want her to, so she fell out with us..”

Roxanne asked, “Why didn’t the two of you want her to?”

A fake Wendy replied, “The child’s father is a ruffian. He didn’t even dare to come to us to ask for her hand in marriage. Moreover, Nora was only 19 years old at that time, so of course, we did everything with her interests in mind! It’s also because of this that she distanced herself from us. She insisted on giving birth and moving abroad. We continued to support her financially. It’s because we know that she doesn’t like living with us that we even sent her money for her living expenses every month. But Mrs. Anderson, anyone who has family, and anyone who has a daughter, would know that we made the right decision! How can you use that to sow discord between the father and daughter?”

Another intense discussion broke out in the comments: ‘What the f*ck! So, it’s because of this that they fell out!’

“A ruffian? Getting pregnant when you aren’t even married”

“I yet? Seems that Ms. Smith is a real piece of work. She I hasn’t even appeared yet, but I already dislike her!’ ‘If I were her parents, I would definitely want to beat her to death! Her father and stepmother have done well enough. Not only did they send her abroad, but they even raised her child for her!’

‘Gosh, how can such an insensible daughter exist?’ Melissa held her chest in fury.

The elderly Mrs. Anderson, who was sitting on the sofa in the room, was livid when she heard the arguing outside.

Wealthy families were very particular about handling matters in a low-key manner.

Yet, Henry had actually brought such a huge crowd with him and set up a live-stream? He was trying to thoroughly embarrass the Andersons! How was this a reconciliatory live-stream? They were obviously

trying to force them to give in again! Mrs.Anderson slammed her walking stick against the floor a few times in anger.

It was at this point that Nora came downstairs from the upper floor.

She yawned and said lazily, "Don't be angry, Grandma.'

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Mrs.Anderson's irritation calmed down when she saw how calm and collected Nora was.

She asked, "Do you have a way of dealing with them, Nora ? Nora nodded.

She sat calmly beside her, picked up her cell phone, and checked the time.

Lily should have already received the hair samples by now and was likely doing the DNA comparisons at the moment.

She sent a text message to Lily and told her to send the results immediately after they were out.

After sending the message, she exited the chat app and opened Roxanne's live-stream.

The corners of her lips curled upward at once and she started to read the comments in the live-stream with relish, She laughed as she read.

It was as if she wasn't the one being called shameless, materialistic, and a leech.

Mrs.Anderson,'?"

The elderly lady watched the girl sitting in front of her.

She was ridiculously calm and collected as if she didn't take the hurtful words on the Internet seriously at all! Or perhaps it was because that family had hurt her so much since she was a child that she didn't care anymore? While Mrs.Anderson was thinking about it, she suddenly heard Nora's cell phone ring— Lily had called.

"Anti, the DNA test results are out! The results are pretty surprising!"

Surprising? Could it be that she was Henry's daughter while Angela wasn't? Nora raised her eyebrows.

Lily said, "I've emailed you the results."

"Okay"

Nora opened her email inbox after she hung up.

She raised her brows when she saw the two DNA paternity test reports.

Tsk.

They were in for a good show later! She waved her phone at Mrs.Anderson and said leisurely, "I'll go over for a sec, Grandma"

Afraid that she would be attacked, Mrs. Anderson also got up shakily with her walking stick as support and followed behind Nora.

As soon as the two of them went out, they saw Henry and Wendy holding each other's hands like a pair of star-crossed lovers.

There were tears in their eyes.

Wendy said, "Back then, Nora's mother never mentioned anything about your family, so we didn't know. After she died, Nora needed someone to take care of her. That's why I married Henry..."

Henry, who had a look of resignation on his face, looked at Wendy and said to Simon, "Simon, I know all of you are treating me this way because you're unhappy that I remarried, but a man like me really can't take care of a baby well by himself... Especially when Nora is so frail and sickly. We still remember that one time when Nora fell ill. Late at night, I piggybacked her and walked for so long in the rain before I finally managed to stop a car and take her to the hospital. Wendy also put aside her own child and went to the hospital. In the end, my second daughter was so hungry at home that she tried to cook something to eat and ended up scalding her thigh..."

Wendy started to cry again.

"Yes, I felt especially sad and guilty at that time that I cried for a really long while." Nora paused in her footsteps.

She let out an icy scoff.

Henry's lies simply came so easily.

He had gotten the protagonists the other way round, though? Back then, it was obviously that family of three who went out on a holiday trip and locked her up at home.

Although she was only five at that time, she had already become very calm and steady.

When she went to the kitchen to cook some noodles, as the pot was too heavy, her grip was too unsteady and she had dropped it on the floor.

She had scalded herself all over that time, and there was still a scar on her inner thigh even now.

That couple sure had a rapport.

Would they still be so loving once they knew the ONA test results, though? She curled her lips and walked out the door.

Roxanne spotted her the instant she came out.

She shoved the microphone in her face and said, "Ms.Smith? Are you Ms.Smith? Did you just wake up? Do you have anything to say to your father and stepmother?"

In the study on the second floor of the Andersons' villa.

Pete leaned against the window and looked at the commotion downstairs anxiously.

They were bullying Mommy! It was a shame that he couldn't reveal his face.

How he wished he could go downstairs and kick that couple right on their faces! For the very first time, Pete wished avidly that he could grow up.

Once he grew up, he would be able to protect the people he wanted to protect.

He took a video of the commotion downstairs and sent it to Cherry.

In the Hunts' family home.Cherry, who was playing with her Barbies with Justin, heard her cell phone beep.

When she picked it up and took a look, she immediately became furious.

After bullying her elder brother, that grandpa of hers was now bullying Mommy! He was too much! The little girl went to the bedroom with her cell phone and sent Pete a voice message: "That's the grandpa who threw you away, Pete! Open the window and pour a cup of hot water on him! Pour it all over his face!"

Pete: "???"

At the door, Justin, who was constantly paying attention to her, frowned upon hearing what she said.

He sent a text message to Lawrence and told him to check what was happening to Nora.

Soon, Lawrence sent him the link to a live-stream.

Justin tapped on the link and entered the live-stream.

When he saw the contents, he flew into a rage and ordered, "Investigate this! Find out how that live-stream became so popular! Who paid to make it trend?!"

Lawrence replied, "Yes, sir!"

At the same time in the hospital.

Ian had already regained consciousness.

However, for safety purposes, the doctor had recommended that he be hospitalized, so he had been staying in the VIP ward all this time.

There were a few pillows behind Ian.

He leaned against them comfortably as he held his cell phone and waited quietly for Cherry's live-stream in the evening.

As he had slept too much while he was in a coma, he couldn't get to sleep at the moment and was very bored.

As Cherry hadn't started any live-streams, he kept opening the live-streaming app.

In the end, he randomly entered a live-streamer's outdoors live-stream, intending to watch it casually.

There were already more than a million viewers watching the hottest live-stream at the moment.

As soon as he entered the live-stream, he saw Simon and Melissa.

Ian's grip on the phone instantly tightened.

Ever since Yvette had abandoned him, he had never met any of the Andersons again.

Simon looked a lot older after so many years.

He was no longer the ignorant boy who had run rampant and only knew how to hide behind his eldest sister.

Ian looked at the comments while thinking about it.

There were constantly new viewers entering the live-stream and asking in the comments what was happening.

Some kind viewers helped to explain the situation, so Ian quickly understood what was happening.

As it turned out, Yvette's husband had gone over to take his daughter back? Ian was an astute and farsighted man who understood human nature very well.

Through the comments, he had already understood the ins and outs of what was happening a long time ago.

His jaw tensed when he saw Henry.

So, he was the man whom Yvette had married in the end? He really wasn't very impressive at all! For the sake of money, he had actually come all the way to his daughter's doorstep and was driving her into a corner like this...

If Yvette knew, she would turn in her grave! The light in Ian's eyes dimmed when he thought of that.

He felt a sharp pain in his heart again.

If...If he had a daughter with Yvette, he would definitely love and cherish her more than life itself, and would never allow anyone to hurt her...

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Ian lowered his gaze and looked at the comments again.

When he was young, Yvette's betrayal had caused his entire world to collapse.

Later, when Yvette gave birth, he had decided not to ever meet her again for the rest of his life.

He had ignored and paid the matter no heed even when he heard that the Andersons had brought her daughter back home.

He didn't expect to actually see in the live-stream the person whom he had been deliberately avoiding.

He was originally planning to just exit the live-stream after taking a look, but he could no longer do so anymore.

Someone was bullying Yvette's daughter.

How could he just sit back and ignore it? His brows drew together tightly.

At the entrance to the Andersons' villa.

Roxanne and the cameraman were staring at Nora in astonishment.

When Henry was talking about his daughter, he had described her as fat, lazy, and someone who got herself pregnant before marriage.

Therefore, they had thought that Ms. Smith must be either a hideous fatty or someone who looked mean and vicious.

Unexpectedly, she was instead such a clean-looking young woman.

The girl was tall and slender.

Her almond-shaped eyes originally should have made her look docile and well-behaved, but on her, they instead made her look a little cold and distant.

For a while, the cameraman neglected to shift the camera to her.

As soon as Roxanne spoke, a large number of negative comments bombarded the live-stream.

'The woman in question has 'finally appeared? Quick, show us what she looks like!'

"I'm curious, too! What exactly does the woman who abandoned her father look like?"

"She must be really ugly! I can already imagine how she looks—messy hair, dark circles, and weird clothes! Although you can't judge a book by its cover, sometimes the inside is so bad that their appearance can't get any much better!"

Amid the crowd's persecuting voices, the cameraman finally seemed to realize something, and he raised the camera and aimed it right at Nora's face! The next moment, a stunning little face, even more beautiful than a celebrity's, appeared in front of over a million viewers watching the live-stream! For a while, the comments quietened somewhat.

Everyone let out sighs of admiration: "Has a goddess herself descended into the mortal realm?"

"What the f*ck? Isn't her makeup-less face too gorgeous? Her complexion must be fake, right? If it weren't because the skin condition of the person standing next to her is so obvious, I would really have suspected that she has turned on a max-level filter!"

'Is that Ms.Smith? Oh my god! If I had a daughter like her, I would definitely spoil her to bits!'

'Aaaaahhh, I've been conquered by the little missy's looks!' Amid the sighs of admiration were also malicious comments"

'What's the use of being so pretty? She's still a callous and heartless person despite her beauty!'
'Exactly! Can you live on just looks? No, you can't!'

'How can that little missy be so vicious? How can she fall out with her father just because he didn't allow her to give birth to a ruffian's kid...Besides, she's so good-looking.Why can't she just find some kind of job? Any would do! Why must she leech off her parents and refuse to work?'

In the hospital, Ian was shocked into a daze.

He stared at the screen in astonishment, at the clear and vivid visage that he could hardly remember even in his dreams...

In the past, he had heard people say that time could heal all wounds.

He hadn't believed it at that time.

But later, he did.

After a separation of more than twenty years, he really had nearly already forgotten how Yvette looked.

However, in this instant, that young woman was as if Yvette had come back to life.

He felt as if he had been brought back twenty years in time, and was looking at how she had looked back when they had gone their separate ways! Even the strong and tenacious spirit she carried was somewhat similar to the one that Yvette had.

It was just that hers felt colder as if she didn't possess any emotions , whereas Yvette's felt mostly bold and sassy.

Ian stared at the video avidly.

He didn't even dare to blink, lest the person in front of him disappeared while he wasn't paying attention.

As expected, her daughter...

really looked like her! There was no hint of that man at all...

For some reason, Ian actually suddenly felt a little comforted.

At the Andersons.

Nora wasn't aware of the changes in the comments.

She was currently looking at Roxanne.

Seemingly because she saw that she wasn't saying anything, Roxanne asked again, "Ms. Smith, you look very cultured and well-educated. Now that things have reached this point, do you really have nothing you'd like to say to your father and stepmother?"

Nora raised her eyebrows.

The next moment, the audience watched as she replied detachedly, "I do have one thing I want to say." Roxanne breathed a sigh of relief.

She said, "I just knew you'd still have feelings for your parents. After all, one musn't just ignore their parents' kindness for bringing them up. May I know what you'd like to say to your father?"

Nora's lips curled into a smile as she said, "Stay the hell away from me."

The six words made Roxanne choke, and the ranting and raving in the comments worsened even further.

Roxanne's lip corners spasmed as she said, "There's no greater kindness than the love and care that one receives from their parents when they're growing up, Ms. Smith. You also have a child yourself. Do you also want your child to abandon you when you're old?"

Nora thought about it carefully.

Then, she answered, "They can do whatever they want."

Roxanne: "???"

Nora seemed half-amused.

She hadn't washed up yet, and she looked a little dopey from having just woken up.

Her hair was also a little messy.

She didn't look sufficiently exquisite, but it made her give off even more of a careless and sloppy feeling.

She added unhurriedly, "I'm not relying on them to provide for me in old age"

Upstairs, Pete, Far away in the Hunts' family home, Cherry, Sob! They had been rejected by Mommy!
Roxanne frowned and said, "It's not about the money. It's about spiritual companionship!"

Nora: "???"

She looked at Henry and Wendy.

"Oh? So, what you're lacking is just your spiritual needs?"

Henry hurriedly said, "Of course...but the children are still young, so they should try and strive for success now. I can't always take up the children's time, either. Also, your stepmother and I are getting old, so we aren't in good health anymore. We're thinking of having health checkups done, but you and your sister have used up all the money."

Nora laughed.

"In the end, aren't you still just demanding money anyway?"

Henry immediately retorted, "This isn't a demand for money! This is something you should be giving me in the first place!"

Practically right after he said that, they heard activity at the entrance again.

A moment later, a few policemen walked in.

The policeman at the forefront wore a police uniform.

His posture was straight, and he looked tough and handsome.

His eyes were as sharp as an eagle's.

He fixed his gaze on Nora when he entered, his eyes full of scrutiny.

Then, he asked unhurriedly, "Did someone make a police report?"

"Yes! I did!"

Melissa said as she stepped forward.

She pointed at Roxanne and Henry, and said, "These people are trespassing on private property without consent. Please drive them out, sir!"

The policeman leading the team took a look at the situation.

After it seemed like he had understood what was going on, he said, "Please leave! If not, we will have to make use of the police's authority!"

Roxanne's brows knitted together she hadn't expected the Andersons to take such an aggressive approach.

She looked at Henry and suggested, "Why don't we come again next time instead...?"

Henry, however, knew that if it would probably still go nowhere the next time if he didn't settle it once and for all today.

Thus, he immediately shouted, "Sir, I'd like to make a police report, too! That unfilial daughter of mine refuses to provide for the two of us!"

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The police were taken aback when they heard him.

They asked, "Who exactly was the one who called the police just now?"

Before Melissa could speak, Wendy started to cry.

She said, "Now that you're here, sir, you have to help us! Henry and I are her parents, but she refuses to acknowledge us! The Andersons have robbed us of our daughter!"

The police frowned and looked at the Andersons again.

They asked, "What's going on?"

Nora, however, didn't answer them in a timely manner.

She was staring at the policeman heading the team.

Dressed in a police uniform, his posture was tall and straight like an upright spear.

Nora felt that he was no simple person.

Although the policemen behind him also conducted themselves very professionally, they felt a lot more laid-back compared to him.

The difference was like that of soldiers who had gone through life and death on the battlefield, and soldiers who had been kept in privileged conditions.

The policeman heading the team had a tight jaw and looked exceptionally resolute and determined.

The people behind him followed his lead.

Someone said, "Captain Ford, I think these are family affairs. A bit of persuasion should suffice... Before he could finish, however, the man addressed as Captain Ford broke into a frown, causing the other policeman to immediately shut up in fright."

At the sight of this, Henry immediately shouted, "Sir, are one's children obligated to provide for their elderly parents?!"

Ford pressed his lips together tightly.

He spoke very little, but he nevertheless answered calmly, "Yes, they are."

Henry went on.

"In that case, if the children do not carry out their obligation to provide for their elderly parents, am I allowed to make a police report?!"

Ford looked at Nora again.

He lowered his gaze and answered, "Yes, you are."

Henry pointed at Nora and said, "She's my daughter, but she refuses to acknowledge us anymore. What should we do about this, sir? Shouldn't she be brought in and ordered to undergo counseling?!"

Ford's lips were pressed tightly together and his tough visage was full of uprightness.

He didn't just listen to his one-sided claims and instead looked at Nora.

"What do you have to say?"

Nora couldn't help but find the so-called 'Captain Ford' a little strange.

She lowered her gaze dispassionately and replied unhurriedly, "It is only right for children to provide for their parents!"

Henry breathed a sigh of relief when she said that.

From the look of it, she must have finally become scared when she saw the police, right? Henry let out a contemptuous laugh inwardly.

Wendy also breathed a sigh of relief.

This was New York, after all; they had no contacts here.

To be honest, she was actually also afraid that the Andersons would use their power to bully them.

Thus, she smiled and said, "It's for the best that you see it like that, Nora"

Roxanne also breathed a sigh of relief.

She said, "In that case, why don't we have a seat and talk about how Ms. Smith, as their daughter, should provide for her parents? Let's make everything clear today, so that things can be done more conveniently after that. Melissa and Simon didn't expect Nora to suddenly give in. They exchanged a look. However, they felt that since this was Nora's choice, they should respect her decision.

After all, when it came to things like family ties, those who weren't the actual people involved would never be able to really know for sure how they felt.

Henry was still Nora's father, after all.

If she truly couldn't let go of their blood ties, then it couldn't be helped.

Everyone had different ways of thinking.

Even though they didn't agree with Nora's decision, they couldn't make the decision on her behalf, either.

After thinking through it, Melissa simply said, "If that's the case, then let's talk about it inside."

Since even Nora had given in, then they must also change their attitude accordingly.

Henry and Wendy exchanged a look.

Then, they started to walk toward the door.

When they reached the door, they couldn't help but look at Melissa and say, "If you'd known this was coming, then why bother being so aggressive and driving us away yesterday?"

The couple's eyes were full of triumph.

However, Nora blocked them at the door the next moment.

The corners of her lips curled upward and she said, "The two of you can't go inside."

Henry and Wendy:"???"

Even Roxanne was dumbfounded, she asked, "What is the meaning of this, Ms.Smith? Didn't you just say that it's only right that children provide for their parents? Are you going back on your word so quickly?"

Nora cast her eyes down.

She replied, "Children should indeed provide for their parents.However, why should I provide for someone who has no blood ties with me whatsoever?"

As soon as she said that, Henry's eyes abruptly widened in shock.Wendy was also stunned.

She, who obviously didn't know about this, looked at Henry incredulously.

“What is Nora talking about, Henry?”

Henry swallowed.

He said, “Y-you no-good daughter! How could you tell such a lie just so you can escape providing for us? You really are my daughter!”

Nora kept her gaze down.

She didn’t waste her breath on him any further.

Instead, she opened the electronic DNA test report file on her cell phone and held it up in Henry’s face!
Henry!

He stared at the report in shock.

Suddenly, he thought back to the sharp pain he had felt on his scalp when he was leaving the Andersons the previous night...

Could it be that...

How could it be, though?! Why would she have doubts about it?! Yet if she hadn’t, was there any normal person who would have a DNA test done? He absolutely mustn’t admit to it, though.

He hastily yelled, “The report is fake! It’s definitely fake!”

Fake? Nora’s lips curled into a smile, and she ignored him.

Instead, she looked at Roxanne and said, "Roxanne, you're a reporter, so you must be very knowledgeable and know a lot. You should know of this DNA testing lab, right?"

Z&S was the most well-known DNA testing lab abroad.

Its qualifications were beyond doubt because it was Anti's property! Roxanne looked at Henry immediately when she saw the lab's logo.

In the hospital.

Ian had been watching the live-stream closely the whole time.

When the girl said 'It is only right for children to provide for their parents!' he couldn't help but curl his lip with distaste.

In the end, she was just a daughter that Yvette had with someone else.

Even though she looked like her, she wasn't her.

She ultimately still had her father's cowardly nature in her and had actually compromised at a time like this.

Ian broke into a frown and decided to exit the live-stream.

However, it was at this moment that Nora said 'Why should I provide for someone who has no blood ties with me whatsoever?'

Thinking that this was Nora's way of dodging the topic, he even admired her cleverness.

After all, by saying that, the focus of the incident would change from a daughter refusing to provide for her elderly parents, to whether she really was their daughter or not.

Like Yvette, she was very sly and crafty.

Ian lowered his gaze.

The thought had only just formed in his mind when Nora brandished a DNA test report! The cameraman aimed the camera right at the cell phone, allowing everyone to see the screen clearly! Nora Smith...

indeed wasn't Henry's daughter! Ian suddenly sat up straight.

His eyes looked as if they were glowing in this instant as he stared hard at the live-stream on his cell phone! If...If she wasn't Henry's daughter...

Then who did Yvette have her with?! Could she be...

Ian suddenly flipped open the quilt covering him and made a move to get out of bed.

However, the nurse outside the door rushed in and pressed his shoulders down.

"What are you doing, Mr.Smith?"

Ian was so agitated that his eyes were turning red and moist.

He said, "Joel! Get Joell!"

The nurse immediately nodded.

"Okay, we'll look for him right away.

Can you lie back down first, please?”

Ian lay back down.

He stared at the ceiling.

There was only one thought in his mind at the moment: Might she be his daughter?!

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The comments in the live-stream had already gone nuts: ‘Oh my god! I actually just saw a plot twist online! She isn’t his biological daughter! My goodness!’

‘No wonder she isn’t close to her father! As it turned out, she isn’t his biological daughter! It’s no wonder, then!’

“That’s too biased an opinion. The way I see it, the kindness one shows by raising a child outweighs that of giving birth to the child. Just because she isn’t his biological child, does that mean she can just forget how painstakingly he had raised her?”

“I agree. If you can be a total ingrate just because you aren’t your parents’ biological child, then what kind of position do you put the families in who so kindly adopt children in the orphanage?”

‘I Am an adopted child myself. My biological parents abandoned me at birth, but my adoptive parents treated me very well. Our relationship now is no different from that of blood-related parents and children. Does it matter whether we are blood-related or not?’

At the Andersons.

Roxanne, who was astounded by the turn of events, was actually feeling a little embarrassed.

She had come here solely to hype it up for her live-stream, as well as to persuade them to reconcile.

She hadn't expected such twists and turns at all.

She couldn't help but secretly blame and resent Henry for not telling her the truth.

Besides, from the way he was reacting, he obviously knew about it.

He just didn't want to admit to it, that was all.

She frowned and glanced at the comments in the live-stream.

Then, the quick-witted reporter said, "There's no greater kindness than the love and care that one receives from their parents when they're growing up, Ms. Smith. DNA test report doesn't explain anything. Since you grew up in the Smiths, then that makes them your parents. Do you really want to sever ties with your parents who had so painstakingly brought you up?"

The moment she said that, Wendy reacted very quickly.

She took out a handkerchief from who-knows-where and held it over her eyes as she cried.

She said, "I see. Did you distance yourself from us because of that? But think about it—when have we ever treated you badly during all these years?"

Henry's expression had also darkened.

Having a fact like this exposed put him in an embarrassing situation.

However, now that things had come to this, it wasn't just a matter of whether it was embarrassing or not anymore.

He clenched his jaw and said, “Yes, you are indeed not my biological daughter, but on account of my relationship with your mother, I’ve treated you like my own all these years. I worked so hard to make money so that I could provide for you. Are you going to just negate our kindness in bringing you up just because you’re not my biological daughter?”

Roxanne heaved a sigh and said, “They’re your parents, Ms. Smith. It’s all thanks to them that you’ve grown from a helpless baby to the beautiful young woman you are now. As far as I know, you were home until you were at least 19 years old. You…”

The trio joined forces to denounce her.

Nora cast her eyes down.

She didn’t like exposing her affairs to others, and letting them know that she had never been loved since she was a child; or that she had always hidden herself in a pitch-dark room since she was a child; or that when she was still a child without any means of retaliation, she could only eat food that had gone bad and drink cold water.

She disliked even more letting others know how miserable her life had been when she was a child.

Someone as strong and powerful as she had never needed anyone’s sympathy.

Besides, she wasn’t eloquent enough to talk about those things.

However, it wasn’t her style to allow those three people to twist and distort the truth, either.

Nora lowered her head, held up her cell phone, and tapped a few times on it with her long and slender fingers.

As a result, all the viewers in the live-stream could see was the sight of her completely ignoring the three people’s words and playing with her cell phone with her head down, which made her look very rude.

The negative comments in the live-stream became even worse.

‘That little missy is really pretty, but why doesn’t she know how to conduct herself properly?’ ‘No matter what, your parents did raise you into an adult.

You can’t just do that!’ ‘Those are the Andersons.

Looks like I really can’t patronize Harmonia Pharmacy’s medicines anymore.

How can their medicines be any good when the people making them are so heartless?’ ‘I heard that her aunt—that is, Mrs.Anderson over there —isn’t any decent human being, either: All sorts of verbal abuse bombarded the comments in the live-stream.

Melissa was livid.

She said, “Why don’t you ask yourselves whether or not you really treated Nora well?! If you had, why would you stop her from ever going to school?!”

Wendy let out a sigh.

“That’s because she has in poor health.We’ve spent a lot on her over the years because of her health! In fact, we used to have quite a lot of income, but because of her condition, we’ve depleted all our savings...I know you must think that we’re doing this for money, and to tell the truth, we are indeed doing this for money; but that’s because we’ve been driven into a corner and are at our wits end!”

Wendy held her hand over her eyes and wept as she said, “Even though our elder daughter has spent all our savings, by right, since the money was for her medical fees, it shouldn’t matter.Our younger daughter is now in graduate school and isn’t working, the family is out of money.At this point, our elder daughter is found by her wealthy relatives.I heard that Nora’s mother owns some of the Andersons’ company’s shares, so she’s very rich now...

We're not asking for riches and honor, we're just hoping that she can take out some money—even just a few thousand dollars would do—to help the family out.

I have my own selfish motives too! I really feel so terrible seeing my younger daughter live from hand to mouth! Nora, as an elder sister, can't you even spare your sister a bit of what you have when you're doing well? Your father and I are old, so we can do without it.

We're willing to even live off scraps! But your younger sister is such an outstanding girl."

Her acting could really make anyone listening to her weep in sadness.

Melissa had always been a very eloquent woman, but even she was astounded by Wendy's shamelessness.

Simon took an even more straightforward approach.

To him, if spending a small amount of money could resolve the issue, then he would just do it and have them drop the issue altogether.

He wouldn't hold it against them anymore, either.

Thus, he asked, "How much are you planning to ask Nora for?"

His question made Wendy's eyes light up.

She replied, "How about this? Not only is Nora rich now, but we also only sent her to the doctors last time because she was supposedly Henry's biological daughter. In that case, we'll have her return us all the money we spent on her medical treatment during all these years. If she doesn't want to be involved with us in the future, we won't come anymore, either. We're not asking for too much, right?"

The live-stream was filled with comments such as: 'Their request isn't too much at all!' 'Exactly. I don't find Ms. Smith a good person, either. In that case, they might as well have her pay them a lump sum and cut her off after that!'

'Since she wants to cut them off so much, they should properly settle all the accounts from the past. Why stick to just medical expenses? They should also include everything else like living expenses and so on!' While such comments were being passed in the live-stream, Nora finally raised her icy-cold eyes and spoke.

She said, "Sure. In that case, let's settle the accounts properly. Let's take the meals I ate ever since I was a child as five dollars each. That makes fifteen dollars a day. In total, that's—"

Wendy smiled and interrupted her.

She said, "Is there a need to go into such detail, Nora? All of this happened twenty years ago. Who would remember them that clearly? Why don't we do this instead? Let's just calculate the few big expenses instead. The first is your medical expenses. Next, during those few years you were abroad..."

Henry nodded and said, "Yes, that's right. We'll forget about the daily food expenses and so on. I'll just take it that I was feeding a dog. Let's just calculate the few big expenses instead..."

"No, that won't do."

Nora stood tall and straight, and a sharp glint flashed in her drowsy-looking eyes in this instant.

Her lips curled upward into a smile and she said unhurriedly in a low voice, "I've always been one who distinguishes clearly between gratitude and grudges, so I mustn't leave out even a single cent. I have a detailed breakdown of your bank records here..."

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His bank records? Henry was stunned.

So was Wendy.

The next moment, Henry sneered, “Do you think you’re a bank teller? How would you possibly have our bank records?”

Nora, however, ignored them and looked at Melissa instead.

She said, “Aunt Melissa, the printer at home has already printed them out. Please get someone to retrieve them. The printer? She hadn’t noticed Nora going to the computer and doing anything, though- However, she kept quiet about it and went upstairs with the nanny instead.

Within a minute, the two of them came back down with a stack of papers.

Nora took out a few sheets from the stack and passed them to Roxanne.

She said, “These are the family’s income details”

Roxanne was taken aback, but she still took the papers from Nora.

Printed on them were details of income that their bank accounts had received over the years.

Every month, Idealian Pharmaceuticals would transfer a sum of money into one of the bank accounts.

They amounted to roughly five million dollars a year.

This had gone on for 25 years without any interruption at all.

Most importantly, it was the only source of income for all bank cards under the Smiths! Roxanne was stunned.

“What does this mean?”

Nora’s lips curled into a smile as she answered, “Idealian Pharmaceuticals is a company under my mother’s name before she got married”

A furious Henry retorted, “It became our joint property after we got married!”

Roxanne was dumbfounded.

She said, “In other words, your entire family’s income comes from the company that your mother left behind? In that case, what positions do the two of you hold in the company, Mr.and Mrs.Smith?”

The whole family’s income came from Nora’s mother’s company.

Therefore, Roxanne had subconsciously assumed that the two of them worked in the company.

But unexpectedly, Henry and Wendy’s expressions changed as soon as she uttered the question, and both of them became rather embarrassed.

Nora’s lips curled into a smile as she said, “Oh, them? ...They don’t hold any positions in there because my mother has handed the company over to a professional manager to handle its affairs.”

Roxanne: “???”

Nora looked at Henry and Wendy, and asked, “The two of you claim that you worked really hard to make money to provide for me, right? May I ask how much, if any, did the two of you make during all these years?”

Her words made Henry flush.

Wendy hemmed and hawed, unable to say anything.

Henry, however, became angry and said, "I told you, those dividends are our joint property after your mother and I got married, so that makes them mine!"

"Tsk Nora smiled and said, "If I recall correctly, my mother left the company to me. Before I come of age, the company was to be managed by a manager, and the dividends entrusted to my guardian—in other words, you. The company is mine now, though."

These were all agreed on beforehand.

The manager had already shown her the prenuptial agreement a long time ago.

Even though Nora still looked half-asleep, her argument was reasonable and well-founded.

She looked straight at Roxanne and said, "Therefore, their claim that they worked hard to make money is completely invalid!"

The viewers in the live-stream were also dumbfounded.

'Damn. So, after all this time, it turns out that they have been living off Ms. Smith's mother all these years?'

'What is this? Did he marry into his ex-wife's family instead of the other way round?'

'So, after so many years of spending money meant to provide for Ms. Smith, Mr. Smith, a man who sponged off his ex-wife, has found his way over because he doesn't have any more money to spend?'

'What is it like to count money at home every day without going to work for more than twenty years? That's an annual income of over five million dollars and a monthly income of \$40,000 to \$50,000! Oh my god! How do you even spend that much money?'

'This plot twist is seriously making me lost for words!'

Back at the Andersons', Henry clenched his jaw.

Wendy straightened her neck stiffly and said, "Even so, we did bring you up! The dividends were all spent on you! Money and whatnot aren't what matters; what matters the most when a child is growing up is companionship! It's the fact that we gave you a home!"

A home? For Nora, that word was a ludicrous mockery in itself.

She scoffed and handed another thick stack of bills detailing the Smiths' expenditures to Roxanne.

She said, "You can check the bills and see for yourselves just how much of the money was spent on me."

Henry swallowed.

Wendy couldn't help but smile hastily and say, "How can anyone possibly remember every single expense that took place over a period of more than twenty years, Nora? No matter what, we're still a family!"

Nora ignored her.

She merely looked at Roxanne and asked, "Can you do accounting?"

Roxanne replied '...Yes, I can.'

For some inexplicable reason, she was now at a disadvantage.

She was obviously a reporter who came to mitigate a family dispute.

Why had she suddenly become someone's assistant instead? Before one even realized, that woman had already taken control of the situation.

The corners of her lips spasmed as she took out the bills and started going through them.

It would probably take a really long time if she were to really calculate the expenses like that.

Thus, Nora kindly said, "Just now, they claimed that they spent all their savings on my medical expenses. Why don't you calculate how much they've spent on that?"

People were required to register with their actual names when they went to the doctors.

If they brought her to the doctors, there would definitely be records of it.

Roxanne nodded and started to look through the bills starting from 25 years ago.

At the same time, she also got the cameraman to take out his cell phone and calculate the numbers.

After going through a few pages of the Smiths' expenditure records, she was stunned.

It wasn't until it reached the point where Nora was five that she finally found a medical record from a hospital.

She said, "...30 dollars."

The cameraman, "?"

Nora cast her eyes down.

That one was because she was too hungry, so she had eaten expired food and ended up suffering from food poisoning.

Henry ultimately couldn't let her die.

After all, if she were to die before she came of age, then the family's dividends would be cut off.

Yet, he couldn't bear to send her to a hospital, so he had sent her to a clinic for an IV drip instead, which had saved her life.

While looking through their expenses in the bills, Roxanne also saw expenses amounting to large sums of money.

They were either for expensive handbags and jewelry—Ms. Smith was only a few years old at that time, so they couldn't have been bought for her—or for stocks or other kinds of investment, which, needless to say, had all ended in losses.

The family's food expenses were indistinguishable because they were all mixed together.

Another large expense was school fees for an international school, which required almost a hundred thousand dollars in tuition fees every year.

However, everyone knew that Ms. Smith didn't attend school due to poor health, so it went without saying who the tuition fees were for! The more she saw, the more shocked Roxanne became.

At the same time, she also couldn't help but secretly call Henry a shameless man.

Nora cast her eyes down.

To be honest, there was no way of telling from the bills who the children's food and clothes were bought for, but she couldn't be bothered to explain, either.

The clothes were all Angela's.

She was fat back then, so she had worn pajamas instead, and even so, the pajamas were things that Angela had rejected...

However, one could also say that the things that she had experienced in her childhood were a kind of training for her.

Through the camera, Roxanne's changes in her facial expression and her embarrassment reached everyone who was watching the live-stream.

Although she hadn't said a word, everyone was great at filling in the blanks, so they immediately understood something. Henry and his family must have mistreated their elder daughter! Wasn't this a classic example of a man marrying into his wife's family and sponging off her, and then hogging her assets after he successfully waited until she died?! The general opinion of the comments in the live-stream changed, and they began to attack Henry.

Henry himself also realized something.

He immediately removed all his pretenses, stared at Nora, and yelled furiously, "Do you know why I didn't treat you well? It's because your mother cheated me into a wedding scam! She got herself pregnant before marriage and lied to me!"

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An agitated Henry looked extremely furious.

He said, "I only realized that the child wasn't mine after we were married! You're just like your mother! Like what they say, a crooked stick will have a crooked shadow! You're both cheap women who got themselves pregnant before marriage!"

Nora's eyes abruptly widened.

She clenched her fists, losing control of her emotions for the first time during this incident.

She hadn't expected Henry to actually refute her using this Henry, however, seemed ready to risk everything as if he had nothing to lose anymore.

The grown man's eyes had even reddened, and he looked as if he was finally revealing to the public a secret that he'd kept hidden deep down in his heart.

He spoke as if he had been forced into it.

"Do you think I wanted to marry your mother? She was good-looking, beautiful, and gentle. When she was courting me back then, how was she even anything like a dignified daughter of a wealthy family? Although she owned a pharmaceutical company, I, too, had a great future ahead of me at that time. I graduated from a prestigious university and also had my own career at that time!"

"She liked me, while I also felt budding feelings for her. After that, we fell in love. I thought I was welcoming the most blissful married life in the world, but I didn't expect all of this to change after we got married!"

"On the first day of our marriage, she told me that she was pregnant, but the child wasn't mine! I was very sad and angry at that time and wanted a divorce, but she begged me not to and simply refused to agree to it."

Henry heaved a heavy sigh.

He stood with his hands behind his back, forming a sorrowful and dispirited sight.

In the hospital.

Ian, who was watching the live-stream, was so furious that he flung the cell phone away.

"There's no way Yvette would beg anyone! Lies! Utter lies! He's lying through his teeth!"

Yvette was such a strong woman.

Back then, when she was leading the Andersons' pharmaceutical company, she had once met with a problem in her academics.

Someone told her that they would help her if she yielded and asked them for help, but she instead sneered at them and put in a month of hard work to overcome the problem instead.

She had worked so hard that she even coughed up blood in the end! She was exactly someone like that.

She'd rather grit her teeth, endure everything by herself, and work hard on her own than ask for help! What's more, when it came to love, she had always been the one who had the upper hand.

Ian, however, picked the cell phone up again after he flung it away, and continued to watch.

The look in his eyes was very cold.

What kind of death should he give that man, so that it would defuse his anger? Regardless of the reason for it, Yvette had ultimately provided for that piece of trash for so many years.

She wasn't even around anymore, yet he was still insulting her ! He must be sick of living! Ian clenched his fists tightly.

He hated his body for being so useless in this instant.

For the first time, he regretted having formed thoughts of dying.

Had his physical condition permitted, he would definitely have charged over to the Andersons' to sew that man's mouth shut! At the Andersons.

Henry was still airing his grievances.

He said, "I really loved her. I couldn't bear to see her on her knees, so I decided to wait until she gave birth before we divorce. I won't ask for even a cent from her.."

"But humans are emotional creatures. We spent a year and a half together. She was gentle, caring, and thoughtful toward me. When she gave birth and the time for our divorce came, how could I possibly bear to part with her?"

"She knew that I would be softhearted, so she cried and told me that she was terminally ill and didn't have long to live. She wanted me to raise her daughter and even said that she had fallen out with her family, so I was her only king left in the world."

"She was dying and was so thin as she lay on the bed. I ended up relenting again."

"I really both love and hate her..."

"She also personally chose a second wife, Wendy, for me. She told her to treat me well and wanted the two of us, husband and wife, to take care of her child together."

"Later, she left the world. I missed her so badly that I fell ill. After being seriously ill for a while, I left my job. After that, I ultimately still couldn't recover from the pain of her departure."

"I really hate her. I hate her for deceiving me and betraying me by sleeping with another man. We only got married after dating for a year, yet at the time of our wedding, she was instead pregnant with another man's child..."

"But she's already dead, so what can I do?"

Henry wiped away the non-existent tears in his eyes before he looked at Nora again.

He said, "Nora, I know you hate me for not showing you enough care and concern, but if you were me, would you have been able to calmly embrace the illegitimate child that she had had with someone else?!"

Wendy cooperated with him very well.

She said, "After spending so many years in low spirits, your father has long since become out of touch with the times. Before your mother died, she said that the company was her way of compensating him. That's why we were unemployed."

The company was her way of compensating him? Nora lowered her gaze and let out an icy laugh.

Henry glared at Nora again.

"And you, too. It's because your mother was afraid that you would also pick up the wrong thing like her that she didn't allow you to go to school. That was what she said before she died. Sure enough, you turned out to be as loose a woman like her. Once again, you got yourself pregnant before marriage, and thoroughly embarrassed the Smiths! Your mother had let me down, and so did you! It's all your mother's fault that I'm in this state today! You should take responsibility for the consequences that you and your mother caused!"

Nora narrowed her eyes.

Although she didn't really have much of an impression of that mother of hers who only existed in legends, her gentle but firm voice had kept her company for countless days and nights when she was a child.

She wasn't going to allow Henry to slander her mother like that.

She believed that just like herself, her mother definitely had her own reasons for getting pregnant before she was married! She took a step forward and clenched her fists.

Her voice was cold and crisp as she demanded angrily, "Take back your accusations against my mother, Henry Smith!"

Henry took a step back and hid behind the cameraman.

He said mockingly, "Are you stopping people from bringing it up because you don't have the guts to do it yourself? Besides, I wasn't planning to bring this up, either. You were the one who produced the ONA test results and brought humiliation upon yourself! Your mother is a promiscuous woman who slept around with other men while she was in a relationship with me! She didn't even know who the child's father was. She was used goods just like you are!"

Nora suddenly took a step forward.

No one saw how she managed to go around the cameraman, but she rushed up to Henry extremely quickly, grabbed him by the collar, and said, "I told you to shut up!"

The cameraman pointed the camera at them.

Henry yelled, "Look at her! Do you really dare to hit me when the police are still here?! Sir, help!" The other policemen were about to go forward when he shouted. However, when they looked at their team leader '

Captain Lord' and saw that he wasn't moving, the others stopped.

When Henry saw that no one was coming to rescue him, and the hatred in Nora's bloodshot eyes, with both new and old grudges stacking on top of one another, fury] overwhelmed his rationale and he shouted, "Nora, even if you collude with the police, and even if you hit me, it'll never change the fact that your mother was unfaithful and cheated on me!"

Bam! Nora punched him hard in the face.

In the live-stream, viewers were also attacking both mother and daughter in the comments for their immoral behavior.

On top of that, she was even being violent.

Public opinion once again went in Henry's favor.

However, a man's voice suddenly reached them at this point.

"That was not what happened back then."

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The gentle and mellow voice was mixed with some light panting as if the owner of the voice had run all the way here.

Everyone looked at the gates and saw Caleb Gray walking in.

Dressed in a gray suit, he gave off a comfortable feeling that felt just like a spring breeze.

His chest rose up and down slightly as he panted.

His deep, melancholic eyes shifted to Nora after he spoke.

He nodded politely and gently at her and said, "I rushed over immediately when I saw the live-stream. I almost messed things up for you."

Nora: "???"

Wasn't he her ex-fiance Anthony Gray's uncle? He had approached her to fulfill the marriage agreement between the Grays and her the other time.

What was he doing here? While she was wondering about it, Caleb turned to Henry.

The attitude he took with him was completely different from the one he adopted toward Nora.

He even sounded a little disgusted as he said, "Do you really think that no one knows the truth about what happened back then, Mr. Smith?"

Henry, who had been punched, was holding his nose.

Blood seeped from in between his fingers.

When he heard what Caleb said, he frowned.

"What truth are you talking about?"

Caleb replied, "The truth about your marriage to Ms. Anderson!"

Henry's eyes flickered.

"What I said just now is the truth itself. What nonsense are you spouting? Are you guys planning to twist the truth? Also, who are you? How dare you come over to help that unfilial girl!" Caleb sighed.

"I'm from the Grays." The Grays? An astounded Henry looked at him.

"What?"

Nora could clearly sense that there was something going on in here.

She thought of the marriage agreement, and how the Smiths were just a small family, whereas the Grays were a large and famous wealthy family in California.

She thought of how the Grays had never demanded to break off the engagement even when she became pregnant before marriage...

“What exactly happened back then, Mr.Gray?” asked Nora.

Caleb replied with a sigh, “I was only three years old back then, so I didn’t know the truth.It was my father who told me everything, but everything he said is completely different from what Mr.Smith said!”

Completely different...

Henry became terribly anxious.

“You”

He only managed to utter a word when Caleb looked at him, frightening him so badly that he suppressed the rest of what he had wanted to say.

He was relatively unfamiliar with the wealthy families in New York, but the Grays were influential locals of California! Besides, his daughter was currently engaged to the Grays! He stepped forward and said, “We’re in-laws, Mr.Gray.

You Caleb lowered his gaze, causing his long eyelashes to cast silhouettes on his cheeks.

He looked at Nora and slowly said, “It is true that your mother was pregnant before she was married, but this is something that everyone knew because her belly was already showing when she got married”

Her belly was already showing...

Then that meant that the wedding scam didn't exist at all! Nora narrowed her eyes.

"And then?"

"Your father was just a clerk at that time. For some reason, your mother took an interest in him, so she had a frank and sincere talk with him" Henry was still disputing his claim.

He said, "That didn't happen at all!"

However, Caleb took out a very old voice recorder pen and pressed the play button.

A conversation between the two started to play clearly from the recorder pen.

The voice that Nora found so familiar, yet also felt foreign at the same time, was speaking calmly without any emotion.

She asked, "Do you have a girlfriend, Henry?"

Henry's voice sounded a little younger than how it currently sounded. His voice shook in trepidation as he answered...

"N-no, I don't."

Yvette asked, "Are you willing to marry me, then?"

"What?"

Yvette let out a low chuckle and said, "This is a transaction. I'm pregnant and my child needs a father, whereas your mother is sick and you need money for her medical expenses."

The sound of Henry swallowing hard was very obvious.

He said, "Then...Then your assets..."

Yvette said, "I'm sick and in very serious condition. I can probably only live for a year after I give birth. After I die, the company will be left to my child. I've already found a dedicated manager for the company. As for you, you are to act as my child's guardian. The dividends you'll receive before she reaches adulthood will definitely be more than enough for you. I won't hold you back from marrying and having children, either. I want you to take good care of my child. In return, as thanks, I can transfer the villa, where I'm currently living, to you."

Henry seemed to be in disbelief.

He asked, "W-why did you pick me?"

However, Yvette merely chuckled and said nothing.

Henry spoke again.

He asked, "A-aren't you afraid that I'll mistreat your child?"

Yvette's answer this time was very casual.

She said, "It's fine as long as you make sure that she stays alive. As for the rest, you can do whatever you want."

"Oh, by the way, if she accidentally dies, then the villa will be taken back and the company's dividends cut off. Do you understand what I'm saying?"

"Yes, I understand."

“Okay.If you’re agreeable to it, then just sign this contract here.I’ll give you three days to consider”

Henry’s voice was tinged with excitement as he interrupted her and said, “No, it’s fine! I agree!”

The whole place was quiet.

No one had ever thought that the plot twist would come so quickly, or that Henry would have to eat his words so quickly.

One by one, the people lambasting Nora in the comments changed their target.

‘What the f*ck! Isn’t this too sensational? This is a story of aman, who was sponging off a woman, coming over to make trouble because he can’t freeload anymore, right?’

‘That’s a villa, y’know! It must be worth at least five million dollars in California, right? Moreover, there are also five million dollars worth of dividends every year.Her only demand is that her child stays alive..’

The mother is a little cold toward her child, but she feels so cool for some reason!

“Oh my god! Aren’t they too shameless?! Not only are they living off her and literally living in her house, but they even mistreated her child.

And now, they are even pestering her child to provide for them! There’s no justice in this world anymore!’ No one paid any attention to the comments in the live-stream.

Nora’s eyes were downcast at the moment.

As she listened to the conversation that her mother had left behind while she was still alive and one from more than twenty years ago at that she actually felt as if she had traveled through time and space.

As it turned out, being a mother was also hereditary.

She had inherited her irresponsibility from her mother.

It was fine as long as she was alive.

Although her words sounded cold, it was actually her mother's greatest wish for her, right? Her mother had been sure that as long as she was alive, she would never be ordinary, and would become strong and confident.

That was why she had left her a voice recording telling her to stay low-key...

While Nora was in a daze, Melissa had already recovered from her shock.

She rebuked, "Henry, you're worse than an animal! How did you even have the cheek to bring people to our place and make a scene here?!"

Simon looked even more furious.

He said, "The Andersons were originally planning to let you off, Henry Smith.

But judging from how things are now, this feud between us is irreconcilable!"

Henry and Wendy were just like hunted rats being persecuted by everyone now.

The two of them supported each other.

Henry, who knew that he was finished, yelled furiously, "What are all of you so triumphant for, Nora? Someone like you who has inherited your mother's cold-heartedness doesn't understand what kinship is at all! Even if you become rich and powerful, you'll still be all alone unlike us! We're at least still a family of three!"

A family of three? The corners of Nora's lips suddenly curled upward.

She took a step forward and said, "Henry, after calling you my father for nineteen years, why don't I give you a parting gift too?"