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The doctor shook his head. "She's very old and suffering from multiple organ failure. Any form of treatment would only cause her more pain. She'll pass away in these two days."

Genevieve could not help but feel upset upon hearing that

She found a caregiver to take care of the old woman and reminded the caregiver to contact her if anything came up. Then, she took a cab to the resort.

Genevieve took a shower in the hotel room and slept for a short while. When she woke up, night had fallen.

At that moment, Jane texted Genevieve, informing the latter she was at the door.

Genevieve hurriedly went to open the door, spotting Jane carrying a makeup kit. "Aren't you helping Rachel with her makeup and styling? How come you're so fast?"

Aside from Bruce, the company had also invited two other celebrities to participate in Fantasy Film Festival.

One of the celebrities was Rachel Henderson. The styling team the company hired for her had done a terrible job of preening Rachel during her previous red carpet event. Outrageously, the styling company even requested an increase in salary this time.

styling company suddenly went on a strike that morning after James rejected them. They told James to contact another styling company

panic. She asked for Jane's help as the

reached Baykeep in the afternoon and spent three hours on her styling. I just completed the task." Jane smiled

interacting with others. She was not coughing

Mr. Dixon said you'll be starring in the opening performance of

out a set of suits from her luggage.

female celebrities are fighting to be the highlight of the event. They wanted so badly for the camera to focus only on them. Even Rachel's gown is a customized design by MM, scheduled to be launched during next

I didn't want to bring a gown mainly because it's very

"Why don't-

about to suggest

door, Genevieve saw Cooper standing outside, holding a transparent clothes cover in his

I'm lacking an evening

lived together for over ten years. If I couldn't figure that much about you, those times we stayed together would be in vain," Cooper smiled with a weak smile. "Then, he shifted his

was there to protect Genevieve for

the restaurant first. You can come over after you're

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"I know someone is targeting Bruce" Genevieve munched on the salad. "Still, does Coco's boss hold a deep grudge against Bruce?"

Jane, sitting next to Genevieve, said, "Coco is Bruce's ex-girlfriend."

Upon hearing that, Genevieve was momentarily dazed. Soon, clarity washed over her. It was not Coco's boss who was targeting Bruce. Instead, it was Coco herself.

Even if Bruce had switched to work under a prominent entertainment company. Coco still did not wish for Bruce to progress well in the entertainment field.

Cooper tapped the tabletop with his fingers while gazing at Genevieve. "Genev, why are you helping Bruce?"

"I owe him a favor," she said in resignation before pausing briefly. "You should know that I went to Imperial Club to look for Mrs. Hossler, right? I wanted to make a trade with her using the oil painting you gave me. However, Mrs. Hossler thought that wasn't a fair trade since Sylvie has the Zeigler family's support. Mrs. Hossler was acquainted with a film director who fancied Bruce and wished to invite Bruce to be the male lead in her new movie, so Mrs. Hossler requested me to liaise with Bruce."

Upon hearing that, Cooper frowned and uttered in displeasure, "He's getting paid for his role in the movie. Why is there a need for you, the company's boss, to beg him?"

"The theme of the movie is a little special, and the scenes involved are rather sensitive," Genevieve explained euphemistically.

and did not

waiter served a plate of steak on the table. Cooper ordered the food for Jane since the latter did not have to

her cravings as she sneakily ate a piece of the steak

went to the event venue first while Genevieve and Jane went

turn according to the assigned time

in the entertainment industry attended the event. A large group of reporters crowded in front of the

an evening gown stood on one side of the red carpet, introducing the celebrities who went up the

be some time before her name was

lights quickly focused on a man amidst the

standing in front of a fountain adorned with angel sculptures not far away from the event venue, seemingly isolated in a different world. When seen from behind, his physique was broad and

Genevieve also felt a sense of familiarity as she stared at

of her gown, she walked up to his side. "Why are you standing here? Are

just looking

pale green evening gown. To his relief, she

breathhtaking tonight, Ms.

performing onstage later." Genevieve beamed, noting him wearing a set

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Turning her head around, Genevieve saw a young woman trudging toward them while dragging the heavy hem of her gown.

She was wearing a pink strapless petal embroidered gown from ES Fashion House. Her skin was not considered fair, but she was nice and chic. Her petal blush makeup matched her outfit. Hanging around her neck was a Teardrop-shaped pink sapphire necklace.

The woman straightened her back, trying very hard to make herself look more elegant. However, her deliberate attempt gave her a comical appearance,

"Bruce, it's been long since we last met." The woman blinked her glistening eyes at Bruce like a pure, innocent lawn.

Genevieve suddenly felt nauseous.

Although she knew there were all kinds of female celebrities in the entertainment industry, that was the first time she had encountered one who disgusted her.

Bruce merely glanced at the woman and proceeded to ignore her.

At the sight of his response, that woman pouted her pink lips and said in a childish voice, "I've been filming on the set for the past two months, and I finally have the time to spare now to attend Fantasy Film Festival. Bruce, we haven't seen each other for so long. Why are you giving me the cold shoulder?"

she seemed to notice Genevieve standing beside Bruce.

was the CEO of Genevieve

heard that, her large,

looked vaguely familiar. After Genevieve introduced herself, Coco recalled

past, for Genevieve and Sylvie looked entirely

her connections to try forcing Bruce to be dropped out of his acting parts. Unexpectedly, Specter Corporation generously invested thirty million in that movie.

Corporation's person in charge seems

"I see. It's nice to meet you, Ms. Rachford. I'm...." Coco glanced at Bruce before casually

of speech when the latter arrived earlier. She

slid a quick look at Bruce. She wore a contemptuous expression that suggested Bruce should get his

I wish to speak in private with Bruce." After saying that,

was to stay there and listen to Coco's squaky

because it was almost her turn to walk the

to

leave as well, but Coco halted him and

back to avoid her perfume from sticking

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After the recording ended, Bruce said coolly. "Stay away from me from now on. If you dare to say another word, this audio clip will appear on Twitter imminently."

Coco suppressed her anxiety and chirped, "hostil, then. Those fans will only think that you are still in love with me!"

Bruce did not hesitate as he uploaded the audio clip so 'Twiller instantaneously

Coco did not expect him to be so merciful and true to his words. Moreover, Bruce had posted using his own Twitter account.

On the verge of losing his mind out of anger, Coco attempted to snatch Bruce's phone.

Putting the device in his pocket, the man gazed down at her indifferently. "If you do not get lost right now, I still have some other things I can send to your boss's email."

She did not know what other information he possessed.

However, after the incident a few moments ago, Coco had had a taste of his ruthlessness, so she did not dare to provoke him further. Coco left and hastily contacted her agency to handle Bruce's latest Twitter update.

The time was already half-past seven when Genevieve was done walking the red carpet.

She would be the first to perform onstage, so she headed straight backstage.

"Ms. Rachford."

of the time for her to go up on the stage and handed her a violin case containing

organizer had borrowed that violin from a

the chords, she asked

can perform whichever piece you

reply, she nodded. Then, she took out her phone and browsed a music application, managing to find a suitable piece in

speaking, Genevieve exited backstage and walked toward the staircase on the side of

At that moment, all the lights were dimmed, with only a single spotlight left

walked up the stage calmly. Holding the violin, she stood before

carpiece. Genevieve's fingers moved across the violin with perfect speed and precision

instrument amidst

dice down which the pleasant music produced by the violin reverberated

the minds of all the spectators below the

shepherd's sheep look his place and lice instead. Therefore, the icenarer to longer believe

scenes Nevertheless, the iconage shepherd exacted revenge for all the unfair

stage had furthered their studies in music academics, but none of

Genevieve succeeded in

the piccc of music she played as their hearts ached for

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Realizing what was happening, Coco's assistant immediately rushed to the rescue.

However, Genevieve's hold on Coco was firm. The former forcefully pressed Coco's head into the sink.

Genevieve only pulled Coco's face out from the water which the latter struggled less.

Genevieve saw Coco's pale face and fear-stricken eyes through the mirror.

"Bruce is now one of my artists! His losses are the same as my company's. If you dare to use any underhanded means to stop him from filming or appearing in magazines again, I'll make you

pay!"

Coco's heart broke when she saw how the water from her hair had gotten onto her haute couture outfit and ruined it.

Coco was shaking out of anger. "You dare to mess with me, Genevieve?"

Genevieve displayed a half-smile. "Why not? You're just a little celebrity! I can easily end your acting career! On the contrary, you are the one who should now mess with me!"

With that, she shoved Coco away and left the restroom in big strides.

to the venue, she recalled her warning to

she wanted to choose a classical piece, but when she  
him to become a better version of himself and stand under the spotlight by becoming the best actor  
again. She wanted everyone to call out his name when he  
breakthrough even after being in the entertainment industry for more than ten years, so why do  
not figure out why she felt  
that time,  
and saw a WhatsApp message. It wrote: Ms. Rachford, your violin playing  
wanted to reply to turn him down, but in the  
performance, the other performances after hers seemed  
as she walked, so Jane helped hold her  
two left from the aisle at the side, but  
and her movements were charming. She was exquisitely beautiful,  
to the news in the entertainment industry. Looking at Sylvic, Jane thought the latter tried to look like  
Sylvic, she wanted to apologize. However, before she had the chance,  
side. "Sylvic! She didn't bump into you on purpose!  
hand as it was numb from the slap and smiled. "I didn't want

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Jane touched her face and said nothing. Therefore, Rachel spoke up. "Jane accidentally bumped into Sylvic when she was helping me with my dress, and Sylvie slapped her."

Sylvie thought almost everyone had left the venue, so she did not expect Cooper to be there,  
She was somewhat afraid of Cooper, so she lost the arrogant look in her eyes. "I rented this  
haute couture dress, and I was afraid it would be ruined after she stepped on it, so I slapped her without  
thinking

Right after she finished saying that, she tried to walk away with her assistant,

However, Cooper grabbed her, and she staggered back a few steps, she bumped into Jane, resulting in  
the latter dropping the hem of Rachel's gown onto the ground, which caused Sylvie to step on it.

Cooper glanced at the ground. "This haute couture gown is pretty expensive as well. Now that you've  
made it dirty, what should we do about it?"

The next moment, he asked Jane to get closer to him as he locked both of Sylvie's hands. "Slap her the  
way she slapped you."

When Sylvie heard him, the color drained from her face. "Mr. Sutton, my granddad is General Zeigler!"

what?" He chuckled coldly before looking at Jane. "Come here and  
grudge against Sylvie because she feared causing trouble for the company  
back anymore. Walking forward,

if Armand is dead, no one is allowed to bully her! If you dare to touch her again, it won't be as simple as  
her slapping you back. What are you still standing around for? Do you want to get another slap?" he  
asked in

was dark. However, when she thought about Cooper and Genevieve's relationship, she had no choice  
Couching, Jane mumbled, "Thanks."

Slapping her back was the right thing to do since she slapped you first." Cooper put his  
pale face, he said to Rachel, "She's not your assistant,

called her assistant

it was luan for her to breathe. Since she did not want anyone to pily lier when they saw how much pain  
she

and roughed so heavily as

into an elevator,

I lowever, the more she was in ally, the more chaotic it turned out. The moment she opened the bottle,  
it dropped to the ground and let

pill from the bottle before she picked up the rest of

her heart and hier pills on

can't go anywhere because of my frail body, and I have to take my medicine every day and endure the  
otherwhelming pain nood and then. Syluic's right.

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Jane was wiping her cars at that time. The monicul Shichicard what lie said she froze and stared at him.

Cooper looked at the buttons on the elevator and continued, "It was considered latc whicul realized I  
had stage three lung cancer since I had to undergo chemoterapy, and there was no guarantee that my  
disease could be cured. I wasn't afraid of lying, but lowed Gency too much. I will wonic no one could  
take care oflicr and manage the company if I died. That was why I decided to try it, 110 matter how  
small my chances of recovery were. After that, I lied to lier by telling her that I was going on a business  
trip abroad. During that time, for more than a montli, I Wils undergoing chemotherapy at the liospital. It  
was really tough, but I survived it. However, recently fainted and went for a checkup at the liospital. The  
doctor told me there were signs of relapse of my lung cancer."

Janc used to think that Cooper was ruthless, decisive, and omnipotent as Armand in thc business world.

She did not expect him to be as pitiful as her.

Cooper said gently, "When you were forced to have a marriage of convenience with the Wood family last time, you didn't give up on living, and you've worked hard to live your own life, didn't you? You should do the same now. I've been looking for a doctor who can treat your heart disease. I'll let you know once I find him."

"Mm." Jane felt better in an instant, and the despair she felt eased up eventually.

When the elevator arrived on the first floor, she walked out with him.

"I only told you about my illness to comfort you, but don't tell Genev about it," Cooper chirped.

She nodded.

film festival's opening ceremony was on the west section of the entertainment center

already over eleven o'clock at night. The air was damp

dress. Since he knew she

warmth and smelled the subtle scent of cedar from

she trotted toward him, getting closer to

"Coop."

his tracks, he turned around.

her courage, she gazed at him intently. "I like you. Romantically," she

displayed a

and mumbled, "No. I've fallen for you a long

the hospital. Jane's mother used to say to her, "Why is your body so frail when you're

Jadeborough, Cooper was the one who took her abroad to visit the doctor

can even build rockets, so why can't we overcome a

Cooper then, but she kept it hidden in her heart

she learned that he understood her, and his words consoled her again,

and heartless tone, "I'll only love Genev for as long as I live,

but she could not help

a very

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Fantasy Film Festival lasted for three days. Besides having to perform in the film festival's opening ceremony. Genevieve was also the guest of honor during the awards ceremony. Other than that, since the housekeeper only had two days left to live, she decided to stay for a few more days in Baykeep.



For the past two days, she avoided any interaction with Bruce and explored Baykeep with Jane.

However, Jane was feeling down the entire time,

The opening ceremony of most film festivals was grander, so Genevieve dressed in a black suit on the night of the awards ceremony.

She was even invited to present the award for Best Supporting Actress, and coincidentally, Coco was the one who won it.

Upon seeing Genevieve, Coco recalled how the latter pressed her head into the sink that night, causing her to grit her teeth out of fear and anger.

However, she was an actress. Her vengeful glare toward Genevieve lasted only a second before she beamed as she turned to the audience and gave her speech.

After the awards ceremony, Genevieve left with the others.

Right after she walked out of the venue, she received a call from the hospital, learning that her housekeeper was dying. She walked over to the elevator in a hurry and bumped into Bruce.

At that time, Bruce was talking to Joash. When the former saw her, he froze and quickly turned his head.

She remembered that she had not replied to his message on WhatsApp that night. Since then,

she felt guilty. She felt that she had

asked him, "Aren't you filming here? Did you rent a car? I have to go to the hospital for

when he smelled wine off her body. "You drank earlier, so you can't drive now. I'll

She nodded. "Thanks."

As the elevator opened, they walked

to the resort, Joash hastily went to drive the minivan over. Meanwhile, Genevieve asked Bruce to follow him to the hospital, saying she

"I've been

sending you

two

messages on WhatsApp. I hope she can feel at ease as she takes her last few breaths, so later,

"Okay."

As they reached the hospital, Genevieve hurriedly brought Bruce

to the room where Genevieve visited her two days ago. She lay on the bed quietly as she

approached the sickbed and held the elder's hand as she bent over to talk to the latter. "Perla," she called

that, Perla opened her eyes

Bruce over

him, her eyes

Genevieve said to Bruce, "She looks like she wishes to

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When Genevieve went back into the ward with a doctor and a nurse, Perla had already passed away.

The doctor asked the nurse to note Perla's time of death and said to Genevieve, "She left in peace. You should plan her funeral now."

After a minute, the doctor and the nurse left.

Genevieve noticed Perla's faint smile, so she guessed that Perla had a good chat with Bruce earlier, and she secretly let out a breath of relief.

If Perla left without any regrets, a little lie is nothing:

After they left the ward, Genevieve thanked Bruce, "Thank you for what you did earlier. You should go back to the resort first. I'll deal with the rest."

"I took a look at the nurse's report earlier. She seemed to be hospitalized for a few days now. Ms. Rachford, is this what you were talking about when you said you had things to take care of in Baykeep?" Bruce asked in a hoarse and low voice.

"Yeah," Genevieve replied, "She didn't have children, so she asked me to help her with her matters after she passed."

Bruce felt a lump in his throat. After a while, he said, "Let Joash handle it. He's a local in Baykeep. I think he has relatives who are engaged in funeral work."

With that, he dialed Joash's number and called the latter to go upstairs.

Joash was engaged in funeral work. When he learned that Bruce was calling him about

that Bruce had gotten everything in order in an instant, Genevieve

was too late, and the body needed to be cremated and buried the following

his room was not on the same

about to get out of the elevator, she suddenly thought of something. Turning around, she said to Joash, arrangements had been made, she did not need to

partnership with a cemetery, so it doesn't cost much. Please go and get some

his help and smiled. "Okay. I'll triple

you,

of the year. However, when he pressed the button to close the elevator door, he realized that it turned frosty in the elevator because

that way, so he was terrified.

to like so intimately in the

only did that

three words to her in a sentence, I'll

"What!" Joash was dumbfounded.

blabber. If I talk more with Ms. Rachford, doesn't it mean my monthly salary is

something was off with Bruce. "Mr. Gable, are you guarding Ms. Rachford? Why don't you let

so

Bruce ignored Joash.

elevator reached their floor, Bruce kicked Joash out. "Go back first.

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When Genevieve arrived at Jadeborough the next day, she received a text from Joash. He informed her Perla was already buried.

Genevieve thanked him and transferred a monetary gift to him.

On the way to the office, she passed by a dessert shop named "Uniquic."

It brought back memories of the cake Steven gave her, which suddenly made her crave it. She told the driver to stop the car and walked into the dessert shop. Unfortunately, she could not find the two-layered chocolate cake she had eaten that day.

Hence, Genevieve asked a staff, "Doesn't your shop sell a type of two-layered chocolate cake?"

The staff smiled in understanding after hearing Genevieve's description. "That dessert was made by our boss. He only comes here once in a while. Why don't you try the others? They're quite good, too."

Genevieve was disappointed when she heard that.

In the end, she chose a red velvet cake. Upon reaching her office, she opened the packaging and tasted it.

Indeed, it was delicious. Still, it was not the same as the one she had eaten that day.

really lucky to be able to buy the cake personally

strong, so she wanted to get a drink of

picked up her mug and prepared to head off to the pantry. As she opened the door, she saw Jane standing

Is there something you want

she led

the table. It took her a long time to muster her courage and informed Genevieve, “I

Genevieve

Coop is single, and I just think that it’s pretty suffocating for me to keep

“He’s just like a brother to me. I know Coop’s an excellent man,

brows, Genevieve said with difficulty. “Jane, Coop has

“I like him. I’ve been surviving on medications since young. All I do is stay at home. I can’t even leave the house. Spending time with him makes me

you told him about

hummed in response and added dejectedly, “But he rejected me and told me to stop seeing

was at a loss for

much better now that I’ve told you all this. I’ll get back to work now, Genevieve. I won’t bother

surged in Genevieve’s heart as she watched Jane leave

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