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“Mind your own business.” He said coldly and left the room. He didn’t even greet his own parents on the way out of the house. The two photos were clearly taken today. Ava, Selden, and Jean were all at the event in the park. It seemed that they had a good time. As he looked at their smiles and how they stood so close to each other, it seemed that they were the real family! No wonder Ava did not want him to follow them this morning. It turned out that she had already found a companion! Damien’s fists had already tightened unconsciously and his eyes were so dark at this point as if it was a bottomless dark abyss.

At night. After Ava left the park with Jean, they went to have a delicious meal and it was already late when they got home.

The two of them walked into the house talking and laughing all the way but they did not see Damien anywhere. The butler told her, “Mr. Radbury said that he needed to meet some clients and he’ll be back a little later tonight.” Ava thought to herself, what kind of clients did he need to meet on a weekend? However, she had no right to fuss about Damien’s schedule at all. She continued to chat with Jean until late at night, but Damien had still not come home. “Mommy, why hasn’t daddy come back yet?” Jean asked.

“Let’s not care about that and get you ready for bed okay? You have class tomorrow!” After coaxing her son to bed, Ava went back to her own bed and fell asleep.

The next morning when she got up, there was still no sign of Damien. It seemed that he didn’t even come back last night. Then, she glanced at the door of the guest room, but she said nothing. During breakfast, the butler said, “It’s been a long time since Mr. Radbury left home all night like this without a phone call. Something must be wrong.” However, Ava lowered her head and finished the porridge in her bowl as she needed to go to work soon. Just as she was about to leave the house, she bumped into Damien. She wanted to say hello to him, but he acted as if he didn’t see her and entered the house right away. Damien reeked of alcohol and Ava could clearly smell that! “Damien, you...” She wanted to ask him where he went last night, but she held herself back in the end.

He was gone the whole night and came back with such a huge stench of alcohol, plus even his coat was missing. Wasn’t it clear enough where he went? She had no right to ask where he went. As she thought of this, she put on her shoes and left for work. That day, Damien didn’t show up for work. When Ava returned home, Damien put aside the magazine he was reading and entered the study as soon as he saw her.

Things remained this way for a couple of days. Damien behaved like usual and he didn’t go to the nightclub or bar anymore. Yet, he didn’t talk to her.

He didn’t even eat with them on the same table!

A perplexing cold war had started and Ava didn’t know what happened to Damien at all. However, she didn’t ask him any questions either. At work, he was still the almighty CEO of the group and she was just a normal employee. At home, he treated her as if she was completely invisible. The atmosphere was so tense that it was really uncomfortable. She really couldn’t figure out why Damien was suddenly mad at her.

They were fine a few days ago, weren’t they? One day, when she was on the way down to the lobby of the building to collect some parcels, Damien walked into the elevator just

as it was about to close.

She was stunned. He had his own personal elevator. Why did he suddenly get into the staff elevator? At that moment, there were only the two of them in the elevator. Ava subconsciously moved further away to the other side. However, Damien did not say a word to her, and he had his back facing her. The elevator stopped on the 17th floor, but she did not get off. The door of the elevator slid closed again. "What are you doing?" Damien asked her.

Then, she took a deep breath and stood in front of him. "Damien, what's wrong with you?" "My elevator broke down." Ava felt that this conversation was a little pointless and forced. He deliberately used the same elevator with her yet he didn't even want to talk to her! During the tense conversation, the elevator had risen from the 17th to the 18th floor. After that, Damien walked across her and went straight out of the elevator.

Ava quickly followed him out and then she saw that there was a sign saying "Under Repair" in front of the CEO's personal elevator next to her. It turned out that he was not lying at all! Hence, her face suddenly turned red and she blushed furiously out of embarrassment. Seeing that Damien did not pay attention to her at all and went straight into the office, she hurriedly followed him. "Damien, we need to talk."

"Weren't you the one who refused to expose our relationship in the company?"

"..."

Then, Damien sat down on the chair, and looked up at her. He said coldly, "Ava, you want everyone in the world to do what you want, but there isn't such an easy thing in this world, you know?"

His words left her speechless. She couldn't help but feel wronged. How often had she been taken advantage of by others? Clearly, it was he who forced her to live in the Radbury home and it was also him who prevented her from resigning. But now, it was also him who started a cold war with her and he had been giving her the cold shoulder! She didn't even understand why he was angry. "Well, since you don't want to have anything to do with me, then we have nothing to talk about anymore. When you want me to move out, just let me know and I'll leave."

After that, Ava turned and left the office. When she was on her way out, she bumped into Dempsey. The envelope in Dempsey's hand was knocked to the ground. Ava quickly squatted down to help pick it up. A few things in the envelope peeked out, all of which were photos they took when they went to the camp last time. A colleague of another department had already sent the photos to their mailboxes and Ava had already seen it. They were some group photos of everyone. There were many employees and she could only see a very small photo of herself in those pictures. However, all the pictures that Dempsey had were of Ava!

"This..."

"The CEO asked me to print it out," Dempsey replied. She then turned her head to look at the man sitting in the office.

However, he ignored her and switched on his laptop to start working.

"Give me those photos." She took the photos directly from Dempsey's hand and turned to leave. By the time she returned to her own office, Luella was searching for her everywhere. "Miss Nagel, why did you come back so late? I have been looking for you everywhere."

"What's wrong?"

“Look at this!”

Luella came up to her mysteriously and showed Ava her phone. This was a gossip group chat of several female colleagues in the company. Hence, Luella had successfully entered the group and was able to scope out a lot of gossips every day. This time, those in the group were saying that someone saw Dempsey with a young man at the cinema. “What’s there to gossip about?” Ava asked. “A few days ago, the rumors between Dempsey and the CEO spread like wildfire, remember? Now that it’s proven Dempsey has a boyfriend, so the rumors have come to an end!”

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Ava nodded. The staff here might not know, but she very well did! Of course, Dempsey and Damien had nothing to do with each other! Dempsey was a grown woman, so it was completely normal for her to have a boyfriend! “The most important thing isn’t the gossip itself, but the person who is spreading the gossip!” Luella explained when she noticed that Ava didn’t understand what she was trying to say.

“What do you mean?” “The one who leaked the news first was an employee in the Secretarial Department, who also happens to be the CEO’s confidant. In other words, it’s the boss’s order to clear up the scandal for Dempsey!”

“Of course, because it was getting out of hand and he wanted to clear his own name. Isn’t that normal, though?” Ava was still confused.

“Miss Nagel, don’t you get it? With our boss’s status, how many rumors have circulated around him throughout these years? When have you ever seen him deal with them? This time, he dismissed not only the people in our department, but also personally avenged Dempsey. Can’t you see that Dempsey’s position in his heart is different?”

“Well... Dempsey is his confidant, so of course he would treat her differently!” Then, Luella poked Ava in the forehead and said, “Miss Nagel, should I say that you’re dumb or just too kind? The CEO is so kind to Dempsey... but aren’t you jealous at all?”

“What’s there to be jealous of? ...have nothing to do with him.” Ava opened up the files on her table with a nonchalant face and pretended to work. Luella was rendered speechless before she sighed and said, “Keep on being stubborn then! Don’t come crying to me when something happens!” Ava didn’t say a word and pretended not to hear anything. As she stared at the words in the documents, nothing seemed to be entering her mind at all.

Dempsey... She tried her best not to let her imagination run wild. However, even if she was rational enough to control herself, it was still hard for her to calm down. Who knew if there really was something happening that she didn’t know about? As soon as she thought of Damien’s cold attitude over the past few days, she felt uncomfortable. Did Dempsey ever receive such cold treatment from him over the years? To be able to work so long under Damien’s strange temper, Dempsey must be really capable indeed.

Then, she took out the envelope she had picked up from Dempsey and opened it quietly when no one was watching her. There were about a dozen pictures, all of which were secretly taken. There were photos of when she and Luella were setting up tents, pictures of her sitting beside the barbecue stand and eating the food. There was also one candid photo of her smiling at the camera!

Why would Damien have these photos? Could it be that he was the one who secretly took these? Ava shook her head quickly. How could it be? Damien was most definitely not that kind of man! However, what was with these photos? He even asked Dempsey to print them out... The more she thought, the more chaotic her mind became. Ava really couldn't figure out what that man was really thinking! When they left work that day, Damien still didn't come with her. Hence, she could only take a taxi back by herself. When she returned home, Damien had not come back yet and there was no sign of Jean too. Only the butler stood at the gate of the villa and he was pacing around anxiously. "Miss, you're finally back! Where's Mr. Radbury?" The butler hurriedly went up to her and asked. "I don't know where he is." Ava answered coldly. The butler became increasingly anxious. "What do I do? Miss, Madam Adaly came over just now and as soon as Jean came home from school, she took him away!" "What?" "She said...that she would take the boy to live in their family house for a few days! But from what I saw..."

The butler was so frightened that it was obvious enough she didn't plan for Jean to stay for just a few days!

Ava was anxious when she heard this. Jean had been taken away by Karen, plus her relationship with Damien was so stiff now. It was only a matter of time before she was driven out of the Radbury family. Wouldn't that mean that she would never see her child again?

Perhaps this was what Damien planned all along!

No, she would never allow such a thing to happen!

Hence, Ava did not have time to think and she rushed outside immediately.

She quickly made her way to the Radbury family's residence. At this moment, Jean was in a nursery specially decorated by Karen herself. He was currently playing toys with her. "Grandma, mommy and daddy don't know I'm here, so they might be worried. I'd better go home quickly." Jean said to Karen.

"Don't worry, dear. This is also your home! Your father wouldn't possibly stop you from coming!" However, Jean was still a little anxious. Although the toys that his grandmother bought for him were very interesting, he still couldn't calm down and enjoy himself completely.

At that moment, a servant rushed to Karen's side and whispered in her ear, "Madam, Miss is here."

"Well, she's fast." Karen snorted. "What about Damien?" "He didn't come with her. She's here for Jean."

"Hmph!"

Karen scoffed coldly and told Jean to play alone for a while. After that, she got up to meet her

daughter-in-law. Meanwhile, Ava was waiting at the door of the house. She was panicked and anxious! As soon as she saw Karen, she immediately rushed inside.

"Where is Jean? What have you done to him?" "Ava, are you out of your mind? Who are you to barge in and raise your voice at me?" Karen sneered. Ava quickly softened her tone and asked respectfully, "Mom, I am here to pick up Jean." "Jean will be staying with me for a few days. Don't worry, he's my dear grandson, so I won't harm him. You don't have to rush here like I kidnapped him."

"But..." "Okay, I have better things to do. If there's nothing else, go home then." Karen

did not give Ava a chance to refute her words, and she asked the servants to send Ava off. However, Ava stood at the door, unwilling to leave.

The house was so big, and she didn't know where Karen had hidden her child. Thus, she had no choice but to plead.

"Mom, Jean is still young and he can't leave me. Please... please let me take him back for Damien's sake!"

"Don't try to use Damien as an excuse this time. He's my son! Do you think he would really listen to whatever you say?" Ava bit her lower lip tightly. Of course, Damien wouldn't be doing what she wanted! That was why she came in such a hurry to bring back her son! Seeing that she was not willing to leave, Karen said angrily, "What's wrong? Are you not going to leave? Are you waiting for an invitation to stay for dinner or what?" "I just want my son back." "Ava Nagel, cut the crap. Don't cross the line." Karen's dislike for her was clearly felt by Ava the first time she ever met this old lady. Although Ava couldn't remember what happened between her and Karen, she knew their relationship must have never been pleasant.

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At this point, it seemed impossible for Karen to hand over Jean. Gritting her teeth, Ava knelt on the floor. "Mom, regardless of whether you're unhappy with me, please come at me and not my son. He's still very young and doesn't know anything! Please don't separate me from him!" For Jean's sake, she would really do anything. She would put down her ego and pride just to get her son back!

Karen was obviously shocked by her behaviour and she quickly asked the servant to pull her up off the floor. However, Ava shook off the servant's hand and continued, "You can visit my child whenever you want, but please, just please don't separate us! I will do anything you say, but please don't bring Jean into this!" Karen scoffed coldly. "Ava, you should know that I look down on you. You are an illegitimate daughter of the Nagel family and you used despicable means to marry into our family." Her tone was so cold and mean that Ava could only grip the corner of her shirt in silence. In order to see Jean, she had to endure the humiliation no matter what. Karen continued, "At first, I wanted to let everything go and forget about the beef between us since you have given me such a cute grandson and my son was so in love with you. But you? You humiliated my family out there. You did something so shameless, so how could you still possibly ask for the right to raise a child of the Radburys?" "How did I humiliate your family?" Ava was shocked and raised her head. She was very sure that she never did anything wrong nor humiliated the Radbury family at all! Karen said coldly, "You have the nerve to ask me? You had a relationship with the son of the Oakley family! I don't know how blind my son has to be to love you and marry you! You're a wh\*re!" The words were extremely unbearable and harsh, but Ava was utterly confused at this point. There was no relationship between her and Selden! Where did Karen hear about these stupid rumours? However, Karen's tone showed that she was sure of it. No matter how Ava tried to defend herself, there was nothing she could do. In the end, she did not get to see Jean. The servants in the house carried her and threw her out of the residence. She

knocked on the door for as long as she could, but there was no response at all. When she finally dragged herself back home, it was already dark. The living room was dimly lit with a single lamp. Ava pulled herself in and walked towards the stairs with a splitting headache.

“Where have you been?”

The man was sitting on the sofa in the living room and asked in a low voice.

Under the dim light, she didn't see Damien sitting there. She turned her head and saw his calm yet

gloomy expression. She stood frozen in her tracks for a moment before she replied, “I went to...” Before she could finish her sentence, Damien suddenly cut her off and asked, “Did you go and see him again?”

“Huh?”

“Come here.”

Damien's voice was so cold that it made Ava tremble in fear.

This was the first time he had taken the initiative to talk to her over the past few days.

However, she was really not in the mood to talk to him right now. “I'm tired. Let's talk about it tomorrow,” she said lazily. “I told you to come here!” Damien suddenly shouted. She was so startled that she had no choice but to walk over towards him. Then, he stood up in a blink of an eye and grabbed her collar.

“Tell me, did you meet Selden again?”

“What nonsense are you talking about? I obviously went to...” She suddenly stopped. As she recalled Karen's mockery at the residence, she immediately understood what had happened. She finally understood why Damien had treated her so coldly over the past few days. Even when Jean was taken away by her mother, he didn't even ask about it. “It turns out that you're the same as your mother. Both of you think of me the same way.” She sneered.

Damien was stunned and asked, “My mother? What did she say to you?” He didn't know that his mother had come to the house today. Therefore, he also had no idea that Ava went to the family residence just now.

It was until the point that he didn't even notice where Jean had gone because he was too angry! Ava broke away from his grasp and said in a cold tone, “She didn't say anything. It's just that I'm not suitable for you.” She said while walking towards the stairs again. At this moment, she only wanted to lie on the bed and have a good night's sleep. Then, Damien stepped forward to stop her. “You don't even want to talk to me now?”

“Will you listen to me if I did? Will you even believe what I say?” Ava let out a cold sneer. Damien's eyes grew darker and gloomier. The atmosphere was undeniably frigid at this point. “You don't care about me at all because you don't remember me. If I hadn't forced you to do so many things, I would be nothing more than a stranger to you, wouldn't I?” “Yes, we should have remained strangers. Your mother was right. I am just an illegitimate daughter of the Nagel family. Now, nobody even remembers me. Everything was a mistake from the beginning!”

Then, she bypassed him and continued to walk into the room. “Ava Nagel, you stop right there.” Nevertheless, she did not stop but instead walked into the room at an unhurried pace. Every step she took was determined and steady. When she was about to close the door, Damien suddenly rushed in. She did not even have the time to cry out when he picked her up and firmly pinned her down on the bed. “What are you doing?”

Let me go!" Damien's touch was so warm that even through a shirt, Ava could feel the heat. He was extremely mad at this point. She finally understood why he had been so mad. But she was furious too, so she didn't even bother to explain anything at this point. The clothes on her body were quickly stripped off, and she trembled as she tried her best to pull the blanket over herself to cover her body. However, Damien had already stripped naked at this point. He kissed her lips frantically and moved all the way down to her collarbone and shoulders. Almost every inch of her skin was traced by his lips. Ava couldn't even make a sound as all her screams were muffled by his kisses. Damien that she knew was always in control. The only times when he lost control were when he was drunk!

The callousness that she was experiencing now made her feel humiliated. "If you don't stop, ... I'll call the police!"

His body froze for a moment and then his movements became even more frantic.

Last time, he had lost control just like this too. After that, Ava had the audacity to call the cops and he was sent to the lockup for a while. However, in the photo that Enrico had shown him, she and Jean were smiling happily with Selden! She actually brought another man to a parent-child event... This made it impossible for him to forgive her at all! She could accept other men with a welcoming smile but when it came to him, was all she could to offer coldness and distance?

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The more Ava resisted, the more furious he became. Every cell in his body was urging him to devour her, and he was burning for her.

"What's so great about Selden Oakley? Which part of him is in any way better than me?" He pressed her shoulder into the bed and asked with gritted teeth.

Indeed, it was because of Selden that he was so mad.

Ava sneered and said, "He will never treat me like you are now." His violent actions came to a halt after hearing her words. The corners of her eyes were still brimming with tears from the pain. With a forced smile, she said, "Four years ago, when I lost my memories, he said that he was my husband. At that time, I believed everything he said and even thought that I loved him very much." "Enough!" Damien's face darkened. He didn't want to hear the details at all. However, Ava continued, "I thought that he loved me deeply, so I must love him back. But even so, he never forced me to do anything. Damien, you couldn't even be compared with him based on this point alone." This was probably the first and only time that Damien had heard someone criticize him in his thirty years of life. Then, he finally let go of Ava. He reached out and tried to help her remove the messy hair that was stuck to her face. Alas, she turned her head away stiffly and wrapped herself up in the blanket.

She turned her back on him and clearly didn't want to talk to him anymore.

Damien stood in a daze for a while before he finally turned around to leave. He didn't know that at this moment, Ava had tears covering her face under the blanket.

In the bar.

Damien sat at the counter as he gulped glasses of wine down his throat. Suddenly, he saw a very familiar face.

Dempsey was walking out from a private room while a young man chased after her and grabbed her hand. He seemed to be begging for something and she shrugged him off. However, the man didn't give up, and he wanted to hug her tightly. Although Dempsey looked strong, she was a woman after all, and the man trapped her. "Let go of her." Damien's voice sounded stiff from behind the two of them. "Who are you?" The young man asked unsteadily, as if he had already drunk too much at this point. "Boss, what are you doing here?" Dempsey was very surprised. She looked pale, and obviously she was not in a good mood. It was a little embarrassing for her to bump into her boss in such a situation. Then, she immediately turned her face away.

Obviously, the man did not know who Damien was and scoffed, "I'm warning you, don't stick your nose into our business. Or else!"

Then, Then Damien asked Dempsey, "Who is this?" Before she could answer, the man immediately said, "I'm her boyfriend! Who the hell are you? Is she your sugar mommy or something?" Dempsey glared at him. "Shut the f\*ck up! F\*ck off!" Damien looked into the open door of the private room and saw two drunken ladies sitting inside with their outfits all messed up. He immediately understood what had happened and sneered, "He is your ex-boyfriend now."

Under the influence of alcohol, the man had a bad temper. He picked up a beer bottle beside him and hurled it at Damien.

Dempsey cried out in shock. However, Damien was able to catch the bottle in time and gave the man a hard kick.

The man got up and tried to fight again, but after receiving multiple punches and kicks from Damien; he groaned in pain and remained collapsed on the floor. Dempsey's ex-boyfriend was unlucky today as he ran into Damien just when he was in a really bad mood. Honestly, he should thank God that he wasn't beaten to death by Damien.

After beating him up, Damien shook his sleeves and turned around to leave.

Dempsey hurried behind him and said, "Sir, um... Thank you." After that, Damien returned to his seat and handed her an empty glass, "Have a few drinks with me then?"

"... Okay." He had known Dempsey for a long time. Apart from business, they had never eaten or had a drink together. At first, Dempsey was a little reserved. But after a few drinks, she began to open up and spoke more. 2

Damien watched as she drank glass after glass of wine and he suddenly let out a chuckle. She was stunned and asked, "Why are you looking at me like that?"

"I didn't expect you to be the type who drinks to get rid of your feelings. It's eye-opening indeed." Dempsey put on a bitter smile. "You're here to drown your sorrows in alcohol too, aren't you? You saved a foolish girl by the way." "He's not worth your sadness."

"What about Ms. Nagel then?" Damien was surprised for a moment, then he picked up his glass and drank it all.

Dempsey said, "You've been having a hard time with her. The rest of them might not see it, but I do! Boss, you shouldn't be so hard on her, you know? She's lost all her memories."

"How am I supposed to be more considerate when she's the one who is acting like I'm some sort of plague that she needs to avoid?" D

Dempsey smiled faintly and said, "Roses have thorns and so do humans. But the ones who embrace us are usually the people who don't care about being hurt by the spikes that we put up." 2



For the first time, Damien noticed that his secretary was very capable of being like an elder sister too.

However, it was always those not involved in the matter that could clearly see what was going on. She shook the glass gracefully and said softly, "Love is everywhere, but... It's complicated indeed." No matter how calm and composed Dempsey usually was, it was hard for even her to remain calm after drinking so much alcohol. She was the type of woman who was able to break up with her own boyfriend moments after catching him red-handed cheating on her. "I've known him for nine years... nine freaking years! He's one year younger than me and his salary is not as high as mine. When we're together, I'm like a mother to him! I've never done anything wrong to him!" Damien rubbed his temples as he felt a headache coming on. He had never seen Dempsey behaving this way. "He wasn't like this in the past when we were still studying. He was very kind to me... But now, he thinks that I don't have time for him! I give all my free time after work to him and he still has the audacity to judge me!" "He may not dislike you, per se. It's just that a man like him needs an excuse to fool around." Damien comforted her.

However, his comforting words didn't work. "Nine years! He wasted nine years of my youth! I don't care what the people in the company say about me, but he... How could he do this to me?" After Damien led her out of the bar, she remained in her drunken stupor. The more he watched her, the more distressed he got. "Dempsey, wake up. Tell me your address." However, Dempsey couldn't hear him at all! She was heartbroken and couldn't think of anything else. She sat down on the ground and burst into tears. Damien on the other hand watched in embarrassment.

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The driver quickly arrived and shoved Dempsey into the car. "Do you know where she lives? Let's send her home first." Damien said to the driver. The driver replied, "Yes, I do. She lives in the Guernsey District." "No! I won't go back! I would rather die than to go back there!" Dempsey suddenly shouted, "That's the house I bought for him. I won't go back there!" "Boss, what should we do?" The driver asked awkwardly. Damien thought for a moment. "I can't really just leave her here in the streets. Her ex-boyfriend lives in the same area as her and it might not be suitable to send her back now."

"Send her to a hotel. I'll take a taxi back," He said to the driver.

When the driver was about to drive off, Damien took a look at his watch and said suddenly, "Wait, send her back to my house." There were a lot of empty rooms in the house, so it was not a problem to let Dempsey stay for a night.

Furthermore...

At the Radbury family home. Ava was not sleepy at all. She stood on the balcony enjoying the cold breeze when she suddenly saw Damien's car arriving home. Just now when he stormed out of the door, she thought that he would not come back tonight. When the car stopped in the yard, Ava watched the driver bring someone out from the back seat of the car. Then, Damien looked up and saw her standing on the second-floor balcony. He immediately turned around and took Dempsey from the driver. He then carried Dempsey into the house.

The servants in the house all knew about the fight between their boss and his wife

hours ago, and none of them were asleep at this time. Almost all of them saw Damien coming in with a woman in his arms.

“Clean up the guest room and get a pair of pajamas from Madam’s room.” Damien ordered his butler.

Dempsey mumbled in her drunken stupor. After a while more, she was finally exhausted and fell asleep in Damien’s arms.

Meanwhile, Ava had restricted herself to staying inside the room, but the housekeeper came over to knock on the door and asked her to bring out a set of pajamas. “Who is that woman?” She finally couldn’t help but ask. “It’s Dempsey Bradley.” She took a step back.

Not only did he bring another woman into the house, he had brought his secretary back? Was he trying to trigger her? “Madam, the pajama...”

“No! He’s rich, so why can’t he buy a new set for her? Why do I have to lend her mine?” Ava then slammed the door shut. A few seconds later, she opened the door again and took out a brand new set of pajamas. Then, she handed it to the butler.

After that, she walked out of the room. In the guest room, Damien dumped Dempsey on the bed and left her alone. The butler sent the pajamas over and Damien immediately asked, “What did Ava say?”

“She said...”

“What are you stuttering for? What did she say?” “She said that she was hungry, so she asked the kitchen to make a bowl of dumplings for her.”

Damien immediately frowned and said, “That’s it?”

“She also said that she wanted shallots. But there is none at the moment, and she got a little upset. She is now in the garden trying to get some for herself.” Damien walked back to the room and saw Ava looking for something in the garden with a torchlight in her hands.

“The hell is she doing? Does she only know how to eat? Her own husband brought another woman into a room and she cares only about supper now?”

He was even angrier than before. He glanced at Dempsey, who was sleeping soundly at this moment, and then he slammed the door.

Meanwhile, Ava finally found the shallots, and she happily handed it to the chef in the kitchen. Damien came out of the guest room and entered the room where he usually slept. Then Ava heard the door slamming shut. On the other hand, she held the bowl of the dumplings and stuffed them into her mouth regardless of how hot they were. It was so hot that it burned her mouth and brought tears to her eyes. She ate three bowls of dumplings that night. She was so full that she couldn’t sleep well!

The next day.

Dempsey finally woke up. When she got up, she found herself lying in a totally foreign room and the clothes on her body had been changed. She was startled and looked around in horror. A terrible headache came over her. Memories of last night came flooding into her mind. She remembered that she ran into her boyfriend who cheated on her and then met her CEO. Then, she got drunk with her own boss...

So, this was her boss’s house! She jumped out of the bed in a panic and opened the door. Because of work, she often went to the president’s house, so most of the servants in the house knew her. She was greeted by them politely. “Um... Where is Mr. Radbury?” She asked someone passing by. “He went out early in the morning.

However, Madam is having breakfast in the dining room at this time. She told us to inform you to have breakfast when you're up." Dempsey hurried into the dining room after hearing this. Meanwhile, Ava was eating a bowl of dumplings again. Although she had eaten three bowls last night, she still craved for it. "Oh, you're up. Have a seat!" she said to Dempsey. Dempsey sat down at once and said carefully, "I'm sorry if I have disturbed you and Mr. Radbury last night."

"Oh, don't worry, you didn't." "Miss Nagel, I'm sorry. I didn't know that Mr. Radbury would bring me back here. I was drunk, I..." "You don't have to explain. I understand." Ava acted as if nothing had happened. She even personally filled Dempsey's bowl with soup and dumplings. Dempsey was shocked and flattered. However, she still keenly felt that the atmosphere of the Radbury home was off. Ava looked as if nothing had happened, and she was not angry at all. But her expression was so cold that it was scary. Then, Ava told her, "Damien has already left. Let's go to the work after breakfast." "Okay," She quickly explained, "Madam, last night I...Mr. Radbury and I didn't..." "I understand, he probably brought you home on purpose to make me angry." "Thank you for your trust, Madam." Dempsey let out a secret sigh of relief. Ava smiled sweetly and said, "Although I don't trust Damien very much, I trust you." "Huh?" Ava chuckled and said, "To be honest, you have spent much more time with him than me. Even if you really liked him, I won't say a thing." Her words scared Dempsey so much that she jumped up, "Madam, don't get me wrong! There's nothing between me and the CEO! I have no improper thoughts about him! I just..." "Why are you so nervous? I didn't say anything!" Ava's smile was so casual and gentle as if nothing had occurred. However, Dempsey's heart was in a mess. "What are you doing? Hurry up and eat. After drinking so much wine last night, your stomach must be very uncomfortable. You have to eat something so that you won't have stomach problems later on." Ava smiled gently. "Oh...okay." Dempsey held the bowl in her hands and felt extremely flattered.

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Although Ava didn't discuss anything with Dempsey, she couldn't help but ask Luella some questions when she reached the office. Luella smiled and said, "Humph, some time ago you didn't seem to be bothered about this, but you can't stand it any longer, right? After everything, you do care!" "Cut the crap and tell me! I know that you're the most well-informed about this sort of gossip!"

Luella pondered for a moment and told her, "Dempsey joined the company the moment she graduated from university. At the time, our boss had just taken over as CEO and he needed a confidante as soon as possible. So, Dempsey was his first secretary."

"Then she..."

"She graduated from a famous university and is very capable at her job. She has been working in the company for many years! She could even easily be a branch manager but our boss here really needed her help. She has to handle every detail of the tasks given to her. Let's just say that Mr. Radbury could let go of the board of directors but not her. That's how important she is here in the company." "So, are they very close to each other?" Luella nodded, but quickly added, "Even though they're close to each other, I don't believe it that they have any romantic feelings involved. It's strictly professional, I

would say.”

“Why so?” “Because Dempsey has a boyfriend! And the CEO is such a reserved person. He even put you in the Administrative Department to deliberately keep your relationship with him a secret, so how could he possibly have a secret lover? Do you think this is a TV drama?” Well, Damien and she were like strangers in the company and yet he didn’t mind being seen so close with Dempsey... After hearing this, the discomfort in Ava’s heart got worse.

Also, she heard from Dempsey about what happened in the bar last night while they were on the way to the company that morning.

Even if the relationship between her and Damien was pure, hadn’t she broken up with her boyfriend last night?

Right at this moment, their manager came over and said, “Ava, go and send some documents to the supervisor of the Marketing Department and ask him to sign here.”

Ava nodded quickly and agreed. Then she took the document and headed to the Marketing Department. The workload here was very complicated and hectic, but Ava was already used to it. Unfortunately, the supervisor was meeting a client, so she had to wait outside for a while.

While waiting, Ava spoke with several colleagues in the Marketing Department. She learned that the client which the supervisor was meeting was a representative of a pharmaceutical company, and they were discussing a multimillion-dollar project!

Because of this, all the staff in the Marketing Department were nervous and extremely busy.

“Ava, can you ask your manager if your department can lend us a helping hand?” One of her colleagues said. “Okay, I’ll go back and speak to the manager.”

Just as they were chatting, the supervisor and his client walked out. Then, she quickly went up and handed the documents over for him to sign. When the client saw Ava, his jaw almost dropped. He said with a smile, “Oh well, the Radbury Group is indeed a wonderful company! You guys even managed to hire such a gorgeous lady! Which department are you from? I’ve never seen you around during my previous visits.” “I am from the Administrative Department and I seldom come to the Marketing Department. So of course you’ve never seen me before, Mr. Hemsworth.” Remembering that this person was related to the project worth hundreds of millions of dollars, Ava answered politely.

Then, Mr. Hemsworth handed over his business card and Ava reached out to take it. However, he touched her fingers intentionally.

This client was truly unlikeable! After the supervisor signed the documents, Ava quickly left. However, the next day when she went to the Marketing Department to send some documents over, she ran into Mr. Hemsworth again.

He was sitting in the conference room. At the time, the supervisor and the others had not arrived yet so he was the only one in the spacious conference room. “Oh hey, Miss Nagel, what a coincidence. We meet again today!” Mr. Hemsworth immediately smiled. He had already done some digging and found out that her surname was Nagel.

Presumably, he must have asked around after she left the Marketing Department yesterday.

Then, Ava smiled and said, “Since our supervisor and the others are not here yet, I will wait outside for a while.”

She wanted to leave the conference room very badly! However, Mr. Hemsworth immediately stood up and blocked the door. "If you like, you can wait here. You don't have to stand out there and wait." "It's a little...cooler outside." She said with an awkward smile. "The air conditioner here is on and it's nice and cool as well." Mr. Hemsworth then approached her slowly. He lowered his head and sniffed her before he said, "You smell so good! What brand of perfume are you using?" By then, Ava had already cursed this man many times in her heart, but she still answered politely, "Ah, you flatter me." "If it's not perfume, then is it your natural scent?" Mr. Hemsworth's finger slightly stroked her hair, and he leaned towards her. Then, she quickly stepped aside and was about to warn him off when the door of the conference room was pushed open. After that, the supervisor and other senior executives of the Marketing Department walked in. Thank God they came in time or else it would have turned ugly. The company might have lost a multimillion-dollar project! Next, Ava quickly lowered her head and left. She even forgot to hand the documents over to them! She hurried back to the Administrative Department. "Miss Nagel, what's wrong with you? Why are you in such a hurry?" Luella asked with concern. "Nothing, I just met a pervert." She blurted out. Then, she quickly smiled and said, "It's okay, I'm fine. Don't worry, let's continue our work." Mr. Hemsworth was here to discuss a very important project, so she really couldn't risk doing anything reckless to blow the opportunity! Otherwise, if the project failed, she wouldn't even be able to repay the amount of money lost even if she were to sell herself! Thus, she thought that it would be better not for her to head to the department again. Her male colleagues could do it for her. However, Ava never expected her luck to be so bad! On Friday, the Marketing Department was so busy with this project that they got some employees from the Administrative Department. Unfortunately, Ava's name was on the list. "Humph, these cunning senior staff would do anything to bully us newbies, wouldn't they? Why would they send us to a car workshop?" Luella was also on the list of transferees, and she was definitely not happy about it. The staff that was all transferred temporarily were unfamiliar with the project. They just needed more people to fill up the list, but honestly, the workload wasn't so hard. However, the factory was located in the suburbs. It would take two hours to reach the workshop, and by then it would be very late before they could get off work. After the job was done, the company liaison proposed that everyone have a meal together, and they all agreed happily. Ava hesitated on whether to send a text message to Damien telling him that she would be home late, but after thinking about it, she decided against it.

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At that moment, Damien was in a tense situation with his mother. It had been three days since Karen took Jean back to the residence, and yet she still refused to return the kid to Ava and Damien!

Ava never mentioned this to Damien, but he knew her well enough to know that she must be in a state of panic. Even he was very anxious himself.

"Mom, give Jean back to me."

“He is my grandson! What’s wrong with me being close to him? Is Ava the one who asked you to come for my dear grandson?” Damien tried very hard to talk some sense into his mother, but to no avail. Meanwhile, Karen had locked Jean in the toy room. Damien walked around the house many times and didn’t even see him! Her attitude this time was particularly unyielding! “What do you want me to do for you to give him back?” Damien asked. “As long as Ava still stays with you, I will not let her have the chance to harm my dear grandson!” 11 “Mom!” Karen was extremely angry. “Ava is such a sl\*tty woman. Why are you always defending her? Damien, when will you wake up from her seduction?” “What rumour did you hear this time?” “You still want to hide it from me? Your brother Enrico has already told me! She and Selden Oakley have never completely separated! She even brought Jean to meet him! There is no way I’m going to let her ruin my grandson!” “Enrico?” Damien’s heart sank.

No wonder!

So he was the troublemaker all this time! Previously, his mother’s attitude towards Ava had obviously eased a lot and she didn’t say anything about Ava when she came back. But recently, her attitude had changed drastically and Karen didn’t even want to let Jean come near his own mother!

It turned out that it was all because of this matter!

“What, you already know about it?” Karen noticed the strange expression on his face. “You clearly know, yet you’re still allowing her to stay in your house? Damien, what are you thinking?” “Mom, do you really not know how Enrico has photos of Ava and Selden together?” “That’s naturally because Enrico is concerned about you. He is afraid that you will be deceived!” Damien sneered and said, “Is that so?” “Then what do you think Enrico wants to do? He’s your brother! Also, the photo was clearly real. Ava really has something fishy going on with that Oakley guy!”

Damien did not say a word and his face turned gloomy. Her mother’s attitude was so tough that even if he wanted to forcefully take his son away, she might not let him go. He thought for a while. If it went on like this, the only thing he could do was bring a group of bodyguards over tomorrow and take Jean away by force.

On the other side, Ava and her colleagues had finished their work and received a dinner invitation from the other company. Since they were still in the suburbs at the time, they found a restaurant at the edge of the highway. Although the decorations were not very pretty, the dishes were all local delicacies and they tasted good! Cheers were exchanged at the dining table. Although Ava had been telling them that she didn’t drink, Mr. Hemsworth was still able to make her drink a lot. Most of them here were all experienced and had good alcohol tolerance. Seeing that Ava and the few other girls were still new to this, they became the center of all the jokes. Then, Ava went to the bathroom to hide since her excuses were not working back there. However, Mr. Hemsworth caught up with her. “Miss Nagel, you were a champ back there! Why are you hiding here?” Mr. Hemsworth was a little tipsy. He stood at the door of the washroom and grinned. She smiled and said, “Mr. Hemsworth, I really can’t drink so much. Please let me be.”

“Okay, I’ll drink for you later then.”

“Thank you very much!” Then, he revealed an evil smile. “It’s physically tiring to drink so much wine. Miss Nagel, if you don’t repay me in other ways, I won’t just help you for

nothing." As he spoke, he inched closer to her, completely ignoring the fact that this was the ladies' room. "Mr. Hemsworth, please be more respectful of my boundaries!" Ava hurriedly pushed him away.

"Fiery girl, aren't you? Why not try being with me? I'm pretty sure that it would be better than earning a few thousand dollars only every month in the company." Under the influence of alcohol, Mr. Hemsworth became more impudent and rude. He nearly put all his weight on Ava and leaned on her! Because of the business project the Radbury Group had with this man, she tried to resist doing anything that might ruin their business relations. Hence, she could only push him away from her while trying to move towards the door. Fortunately, this man seemed to have drunk too much. He staggered and was unable to grab her. After that, she ran out quickly. In fact, she wanted to run outside to ask for help but after a moment of hesitation, she decided to silently return to the private dining room. If she left just like this and provoked Mr. Hemsworth, it could be her fault for ruining the project. But for her to swallow her annoyance and anger like this... When she returned to the room, she did not see Luella Cox. It seemed like she had gone to the

washroom as well. Ava calmed down and pretended that nothing happened. A few minutes later, Luella stumbled back with reddened eyes. She quickly asked, "Luella, what's wrong with you?" However, Luella bit her lower lip and didn't say a word.

The executives at the dinner table were still cheering and chit-chatting with each other. No one was keeping an eye on them at all. The person who came in after Luella was Mr. Hemsworth. He smiled and gave Ava and Luella an ambiguous look.

Luella's body was obviously shaking as if she was very scared and she even retreated a little. Thus, Ava immediately understood what had just happened. "Did he harass you?" she asked.

Luella shook her head and tears started to roll down her cheeks.

However, she didn't even dare to cry out under the circumstances. "That b\*stard!" Ava was so angry that she couldn't calm down. If she allowed this pervert to continue taking advantage of the girls, bad things might happen! She was about to stand up in a rage when Luella held her back. "Miss Nagel, don't mess around. This is a a million-dollar project!" She said in a very aggrieved tone. "Moreover... he just said a few disgusting words to me. He didn't do anything." At this time, Mr. Hemsworth suddenly sat down beside Ava and Luella with a glass of wine.

"Miss Nagel and Miss Cox, come on, I'd like to propose a toast to you both."

It was obvious he was trying to tease them. A man with such a high position proposed a toast to them, who were nobodies in the company in front of a large crowd.

Hence, Luella didn't dare offend him so she quickly picked up her glass and drank it. Mr. Hemsworth smiled and looked at Ava. "Huh, is Miss Nagel not willing to save me from some embarrassment?"

"Of course not, cheers, Mr. Hemsworth." She smiled. He was really a wretched man. He really had the audacity to touch her thighs in front of so many people! She dodged but he sat a little closer towards her.

Finally, she couldn't bear it anymore. She picked up the glass and stood up. Then, she poured the whole glass of wine onto his head.

"Ava!" Luella exclaimed. Everyone's eyes were instantly focused on this corner of the

room. Mr. Hemsworth got angry on the spot. “Miss Nagel, what the hell do you think you are doing?!”

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“Oh my god! I’m so sorry Mr. Hemsworth! My hand slipped!” Ava smiled coldly and tossed the wine glass on the floor. It then broke into pieces. She then took Luella’s hand and turned to leave. Luella was so shocked by what just happened that she couldn’t even utter a single word. “Hey, Ava Nagel! How dare you!”

Mr. Hemsworth flew into a rage and reached out to grab Ava. However, she shook him off with all her strength. Mr. Hemsworth was so drunken at this point, and he staggered. When Ava shook him off, he fell to the ground instantly.

The place he fell on was scattered with broken glass, and he ended up with a bloody head after falling on the floor. Manager Lexis and the rest from the Marketing Department were taken aback. In a panic, they hurried over to help him up.

Mr. Hemsworth seemed to become soberer after hitting his head. He pointed at Ava and shouted, “You! I won’t forget about this! Just wait!” Then, Ava snorted and turned to leave.

The next day, Ava went to work as usual and received a dismissal letter from the department. Luella on the other hand had been crying since morning as she packed her stuff. Obviously, she had been dismissed as well! “Mr. Hemsworth was sent to the hospital yesterday and needed around 6 stitches for the wounds on his face. Manager Lexis and the rest already apologized to him in the hospital. He agreed to forgive them on one condition, which was to fire us.”

Luella said with a sad face. Well, that was expected. However, she was the one who did everything and now Luella was dragged into it. Thus, Ava felt really bad. “Luella, I’m sorry.” Ava apologized. “You did that for my sake! If it weren’t for you yesterday, I... I wouldn’t know what to do!” Luella started sobbing again at this point. Ava patted her on the shoulder to comfort her, but she started crying even more. “Ava, this is my first job after graduation. I haven’t even paid my rent! ... you still have Mr. Radbury to support you even if you have lost your job, but ... what should I do?” Ava felt even worse after seeing her cry so hard. She wanted to appeal to the HR department, but it was Mr. Hemsworth’s condition! Thus, it was impossible to change anything now.

Ava really had no idea what to do and could only say to Luella, “Luella, please don’t cry, I’ll think of something!” “Do you have any ideas at all?” After Ava made sure Luella was alright, she headed to the hospital. She found out that the pervert was still in the hospital. “Mr. Hemsworth, I’m Ava.” She then walked into the ward. Honestly, Mr. Hemsworth’s injuries were not serious at all. They were just external wounds and it kind of ruined his appearance, but that was it! He insisted on staying in the hospital longer just to wait for the Radbury Group to give him an explanation and he wanted to use this chance to negotiate the price of the project. As soon as he saw Ava coming in, his cold face turned cheeky immediately, “Yo, Miss Nagel.” He thought that Ava was here to apologize and immediately smiled wickedly. Ava stood at the door far away from him and said coldly, “Mr. Hemsworth, you drank too much wine last night and accidentally fell on the floor with the broken glass pieces. As a member of staff at the Radbury



Group, of course, I'm here to visit you." "What did you say? I fell by myself?" Mr. Hemsworth was furious again. "If you don't want to admit that you fell on your own, do you expect me to tell the world that this is karma for harassing us?"

"You..." He was furious, but he immediately smiled and said, "Miss Nagel, I believe you came to me today not to provoke me. So, if you just apologize now and plead for mercy, perhaps I can forgive you and revoke your letter of dismissal." "Oh, really? What if I don't want to?" Ava said coldly. Mr. Hemsworth's gaze suddenly became dark. "If you don't obey me today, you won't be able to find a job at all the companies in City A!" The man's face was still bandaged, and with a dark expression like this, he looked really terrifying indeed.

However, Ava wasn't frightened at all and she smiled flatly instead, "Are you sure? All the companies? Do you think you are that capable?" "Humph, Miss Nagel, you can try me if you dare!" Although this man was a perverted scumbag, he was still considered somewhat influential in the pharmaceutical industry in City A. Of course, he would be able to do something about this. Hence, small companies might not really take Luella or her in anymore. After all, no company was willing to hire two trouble-making employees! Then Ava clenched her fists in silence. She came here today not to quarrel with anyone, but to negotiate with him for Luella's job. "Mr. Hemsworth, it's fine that you hate me but my colleague Luella has done nothing wrong. I hope that you can spare her." Ava softened her tone. "Oh? Seems like you do know how to beg after all."

with uni, "I'm not begging you, instead I'm negotiating with you." "A negotiation?" "Mr. Hemsworth, you are considered a big deal in the industry. You surely don't want to be known for harassing girls from another company, right? If your wife knew about it..."

"B\*tch, are you threatening me?" Mr. Hemsworth became furious. Then, he threw a glass on the bedside table at her and it rolled up to her feet. At this moment, several executives of the Radbury Group's Marketing Department came in. They brought flower and fruit baskets. It seemed like they were here to visit Mr. Hemsworth. As soon as they saw Ava inside with Mr. Hemsworth, who was angry, Manager Lexis quickly raised his voice, "Ava, what is this! Why is Mr. Hemsworth angry again?" "It's fine. She is just not being sensible, so I won't argue with her." At this time, Mr. Hemsworth put on a fake kind face and said to them that as long as Luella and Ava were fired, he would forget anything that happened. Obviously, he was not willing to give up the joint project with the Radbury Group. Hence, both sides were willing to compromise. They left Ava at the side and no one else paid any attention to her. Seeing that the supervisor of the HR department was also here, Ava immediately said, "Manager Jones, I hope that the issue with Luella." "Haven't you done enough? You're lucky the company didn't ask for compensation from you! You'd better apologize to Mr. Hemsworth!" "I did nothing wrong! Why should I apologize?" Seeing that Ava's attitude was still so brazen, the executives were not happy. She came here to fight for Luella's job. But now, because of her bad temper, things seemed to be even worse!

Manager Jones and Lexis were so angry that they forced her head down in apology. Hence, she was so embarrassed and angry that she could not say a word at all!

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Even when she had already gotten a dismissal letter from the HR department, they were still forcing Ava to apologize. Of course, she wasn't willing to! Then, Mr. Hemsworth waved his hand and made a generous gesture, "Hey, forget it, I don't want to complicate things with a lady." "Since you don't want to argue with her, Mr. Hemsworth, then I shall do it my way." Outside of the ward, a familiar voice came through.

Ava turned around and she was surprised to see Damien's face!

"Why are you here?" Damien walked into the ward silently and gave her a light squeeze on the shoulder. Then, he glanced at Mr. Hemsworth and said, "I heard that you've been injured and that you were sent to the hospital. So, I came to visit." Mr. Hemsworth smiled and said, "Ah... It's just a minor injury. You really flatter me by coming all the way here." "Oh really? A small injury? Then it seems that you are all right. Since everything is fine, then why are all of you here with gifts and flowers?" Damien glanced at the executives of the Radbury Group coldly. The managers gave each other sheepish looks. None of them knew why Damien was here. "Mr. Radbury, it's just a minor mistake done by your staff. Let's not make this a big deal. Once my injuries are healed, our contract..." Before Mr. Hemsworth could finish speaking, Damien said coldly, "You don't have to worry about the contract anymore." "Mr. Radbury, what do you mean by that?"

"The Radbury Group's contract with you has ended." As soon as he finished his words, a group of police officers entered the ward and surrounded Mr. Hemsworth

"Mr. Hemsworth, you have been reported for sexual harassment and assault of multiple women. Please come with us." The police officers did things quickly and efficiently. They didn't give him a chance to protest and resist at all. Ultimately, Mr. Hemsworth was handcuffed and dragged off the bed. Everything happened very suddenly. Although Mr. Hemsworth claimed that he was wronged, his shouts would only be to the empty jail walls. After he was dragged away, Damien's gaze swept over the company managers one by one. To be honest, they didn't know that it was Mr. Hemsworth's fault this time. In fact, they didn't want to mess up the million-dollar project and were willing to sacrifice two common staff. That was why they didn't really do anything about it. But now, the CEO was tearing the contract into pieces in front of them and he even sent Mr. Hemsworth to the police station! "Next time, be more thorough in your tasks." Damien pointed at them individually and spoke before he told them to leave.

Then Ava breathed a sigh of relief. Nevertheless, Damien then walked out without even sparing her a glance.

She quickly followed behind him.

"Damien! Hey, wait for me!" She ran slightly, but Damien was too quick and she couldn't catch up to him. She followed him all the way to the parking lot. When he opened the car door and was about to enter, she quickly ran over and blocked the door. "Why are you following me? Didn't you ask me to pretend that I didn't know you at work?"

"But this is a hospital, not the company! Besides, I've been dismissed!"

"Excuses."

He then opened the door and got in. Ava quickly went to the other side and sat in the front passenger seat. "Damien, for today..." She wanted to say thank you, but when she got in the car she found that his face was icy cold.

It seemed that he was still very angry with her. In fact, they had been giving each other

the cold shoulder for days and he had been unhappy ever since. Furthermore, Ava never took the initiative to say a word to him. Ava silently buckled up her seat belt and did not dare to speak again. After a moment of silence, Damien finally couldn't help but say coldly, "Ava, how dumb are you?"

"Huh?" "Why didn't you come to me after such an incident? Do you think that I can't handle this for you as CEO of the company?" "I'm just your employee. What right do I have to ask for your help?" "Ava, you wanted this. You're the one who told me to never reveal or expose our relationship at work."

Ava lowered her gaze.

Indeed, it was true that she requested this herself, so no matter what happened, she reaped what she had sown.

She hated herself for being so melodramatic and for being unable to do anything at all. However, she really didn't understand why Damien was angry at her. "I'm very grateful that you came to help me today. In fact, I didn't expect you to come at all. They said that this project is of great importance and we can't mess things up...". "If I don't come, what were you going to do then?" Damien asked coldly.

He sighed softly and turned to look at her. "Ava, I am the CEO of the Radbury Group. This is my turf. If I can't even protect you, I'd better sell the company to raise cows and pigs in the countryside!" "Honestly, you're the pig." He was frustrated, and he reluctantly knocked her forehead. Alas, he couldn't bring himself to knock her too hard though, but he wanted to bite her cheeks so badly!

Ava couldn't help but burst out laughing. Then tears rolled down her cheeks. Damien was taken aback and felt somewhat helpless.

"Why are you suddenly crying?" When she thought of being almost touched by Mr. Hemsworth, she felt aggrieved but she didn't want to show weakness in front of Damien. Then, she quickly wiped her tears away. "How were you just in time? How did you know I was there..." "The girl in your office told me that you were bullied."

"Luella?"

Damien nodded.

She suddenly understood and realized that Luella seemed to have been bought by Damien! How cunning!

Damien drove her home and as soon as she entered the house, Ava heard Jean's cheerful voice. "Mommy!"

Jean ran to her with his stubby legs and threw himself into her arms.

Then, she embraced her son tightly in surprise.

"How did you get back?"

"It was daddy who brought me back! Mommy, I miss you so much!" Jean's eyes were red and it was obvious that he had just cried.

Then, Ava's eyes became wet with tears.

She hadn't seen Jean for a long time. Since Karen took him away that day, she had gone to the residence many times but she never managed to see him.

As for Damien, he did not bring this issue up ever since their cold war started.

She thought that he didn't even care where his son was taken to.

Furthermore, she even thought that he was the one who had instructed Jean to be taken to his mother's place.

“Damien, what happened?” Without saying a word, he proudly walked through the door with arrogant air about him. Jean then explained to her, “Daddy went to Grandma’s house several times, but Grandma didn’t want me to see you! This morning, dad brought more than 20 men and broke into grandma’s house to bring me home!”

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“Oh? Then... are you hurt?” “Of course not! Although Grandma doesn’t want me to see you, she still treats me very well.” Ava took a look at her son. Fortunately, Jean looked fine and he seemed to have even gained some weight! Karen might not like her, but at least she still treated her only grandson well.

Then, Ava let out a sigh of relief. Ava grabbed her son’s little hands and started asking him questions about the past few days. Since Jean hadn’t seen his mother for many days, he had a lot to tell her. Both of them talked from noon until dinnertime without stopping. Even at night when Jean had already gone to bed, Ava still didn’t want to leave him. Jean held her arm as he fell asleep and his chubby face looked so adorable. She sat on the bed and looked at her son’s face, and her heart was filled with warmth. “Jean, mommy just wishes to always be by your side.” Ava mumbled. Meanwhile, Jean slept very comfortably. He turned over and faced the wall and unconsciously started biting his fingers. She took out his dirty fingers from his mouth, but in a short while, he gnawed at it again. This was probably a bad habit that all children had to go through. Even if her son was smarter than others, it seemed to be inevitable. Ava sighed slightly and tucked him in. Then, she walked out of the room. The lights in the study room were still on in the dead of night. She hesitated for a moment before walking to the door.

Meanwhile, Damien was checking at some documents. He raised his head and saw Ava entering the room. Then, he turned his eyes back to the documents without giving her any response.

She stood beside him for a while before he finally put aside his work. “What’s the matter?” His tone was lazy and emotionless. “Damien, thank you.”

“For what?” “Thank you for everything you’ve done.” She tried her best to make her voice sound as soft as possible, hoping that it would make her seem gentle.

However, the word ‘gentle’ was probably not suitable for her as she kind of feeling weird behaving that way.

Damien’s face twitched slightly. Nobody knew if he was trying to contain his laughter or if he was still angry. Nevertheless, he remained emotionless. She took a step closer and said, “Damien, let’s make up.”

There was a bit of deliberate flattery, as well as a bit of awkwardness in her tone.

Damien snorted and said, “Don’t you think it’s a little too late for that?”

“Nope.”

She suddenly squatted down and put her hands around his thighs.

Hence, Damien’s body shook slightly upon her touch.

He pinched her chin and her eyes were glossed over with tears. Furthermore, her shyness had possibly caused her to blush red.

This face of hers was no different from the face he remembered many years ago.

It was this face of hers that made him realize that he was a sucker for beauties. However, there was only one person who captivated him with her beauty. He pushed her head down and refused to look at her face.

“Are you trying to flatter me?” His tone was still cold and calm. Ava tilted her head and thought for a moment. “Uhm... Sort of. I don’t want to fight with you anymore. It’s meaningless.” “Well, I have conditions.” “What are they?”

“I get to move back into the master bedroom.”

The alarm clock must have rung countless times the next morning, yet Ava still found it difficult to wake up.

Her entire body’s muscles were sore and she felt uncomfortable all over! It took her a lot of effort to reach out to her phone and turn off the alarm. Then, her gaze fell on a pair of dark eyes. “Can I skip work today?” Damien chuckled and pulled her into his arms again. Ava felt that her brain was still enveloped in white noise. Last night’s steamy session still lingered in her mind, yet he had already started arousing her again.

“Please, I’m begging you...” All her begging and struggles for mercy were lost in his endless kisses. In short, she failed to get out of bed. Ava didn’t get enough sleep until three o’clock in the afternoon. Then, she finally made her way out of the room lazily. If she hadn’t been so hungry, she would still be able to sleep for another ten hours.

Damien had already left home long ago. Honestly, she really did not understand why he was still so energetic.

Sitting at the table, Ava yawned sleepily.

“Sir just called and said that he would deal with the aftermath of Mr. Hemsworth’s matter. I think that he won’t be able to come back early this evening. Please have a good rest.” The butler told her.

Ava was relieved to hear that. It would be best if he didn’t come back for the next few days. Otherwise, she would literally die of exertion.

Over at the Radbury Group. Damien sneezed twice while he was working. Was somebody talking about him behind his back? Then, Dempsey knocked on the door.

“Sir, the new representative... has arrived.” He nodded and immediately got up to go to the meeting room. After Mr. Hemsworth was taken to the police station, Damien successfully found out that he had harassed different female employees many times at his company. After the matter was ascertained, going to prison was inevitable for him. Furthermore, the partnering company had already sent a new representative so quickly. It seemed that they had no intention of protecting Mr. Hemsworth at all.. Damien walked into the conference room and everyone was already there. Dempsey introduced, “Sir, this is the new representative of the pharmaceutical company.” A man stood up from the chair in the conference room and stretched out his hand to Damien with a smile. “Hello, Mr. Radbury. I’m Selden Oakley, the new representative.”

So, it was Selden!

Damien let out a soft chuckle. It made sense. 30% of the company’s shares belonged to the Oakley Corporation, so it was natural for the Oakleys to come in as a representative. However, Selden was the second son of the Oakley Family. He had never handled the family’s company affairs as he was a doctor. It was unexpected for him to change his mind. “Mr. Radbury, I hope we can have a wonderful partnership.” Selden’s stretched-out hand was still there while he was smiling politely. Damien had to shake his hand and he said. “Sure, I’m looking forward to this partnership.”

After the meeting, Damien saw Selden in a completely different light. He had always thought that this guy was just a young man who studied medicine and did not have any business acumen. Unexpectedly, he was already quite good at it despite this was the first time he took over the company's affairs. Even though Damien had been in the business industry for many years, he might not be able to take advantage of Selden.

"I didn't know that you were so eloquent," Damien said casually after the meeting.

"There are many things about me that you don't know." Selden replied coldly.

Selden was officially declaring competition with Damien.

However, Damien may not even consider him a threat at all.