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Catherine's feelings were complicated. "Shaun, didn't my dad tell you yesterday? He doesn't wish for us to be together..."

"He did, but it's not your dad that I want to be with anyway. His words can't affect me at all. Moreover, he has already gone to the company. The negative news regarding the fire that broke out at the company has affected his company greatly. He has no time to care about me at all. I reckon he has to work extra hours until late at night these days."

Shaun was confident.

Catherine touched her forehead. He really did know how to take advantage of the situation. However, it was true that Joel might not have the time to care about Shaun now.

"But I already told you last time—"

"You indeed said it clearly enough. It's precisely because it's too clear that I've come to understand my thoughts." Shaun bent over and went near her ear. He whispered, "I've already approached other women but I realize that you're the only one that I

want to have s*x with. What is love if this isn't it?" Catherine's face

heated up from his flirtatious words.

She glared at Shaun. "You're overthinking. All men want to sleep with pretty women as soon as they see one."

"Cathy, not all men are like that. Those who are controlled by their lower body are sex maniacs. I'm not. It's only because I like you and I love you." Shaun's dark eyes were filled with affection. "You can reject me, but I have the right to pursue you. I didn't pursue you before because I thought I didn't have the right to do so. However, I think I'm qualified now."

“Why do you think so?” Catherine was puzzled.

“Firstly, I can protect you. Secondly, I won’t lose my memories again. I won’t let my memories be altered by anybody else too. Thirdly, I have ampletime now. I can slowly pursue you.”

He held three fingers up and said everything confidently.

Catherine was speechless. She could understand the first two reasons, but something was off with the

third one. “Shaun, you’re still young. You should have a job and a career. I think you should return to Hill Corporation. It’s the fruit of your efforts, after all.”

“No, I’m not interested in having a career right now. I just want to be a good husband who does the laundry and cooking at home.”

Shaun gazed at Catherine with his hands in his pockets. “By the way, do you have any clothes that I need to wash?”

“... Thank you, but I’ve already washed them.”

“You can just leave it in the future. Let me wash your clothes for you.” After Shaun spoke, he returned to the kitchen to cook lunch.

Catherine had a headache.

She called Aunty Cally over. “After this when Shaun sends Suzie and Lucast to preschool, can you get the security not to let him back in?”

After a moment of silence, Aunty Cally said, “Miss, the security guard didn’t let him in. He climbed over the wall himself. After he came in, he kept helping me with various chores. He’s such a huge person that I can’t chase him out.”

Catherine really had to hand it to Shaun.

The wall of her house that was three meters tall could not even block him out. What other ways could there possibly be?

“Forget it. I’ll just take it as there’s an extra helper in the house who’s providing his services for free. It’s a waste not to use him anyway.” Catherine sighed. She could only think of it that way.

After having the cake and fruit juice, Catherine rested for a while. Then, it was already lunchtime.

Shaun served the dishes—fish, chicken wings, and vegetable soup. The dishes had bright colors, and the taste was not bad as well.

After Catherine had her fill, she went upstairs and changed into a denim maxi skirt, pairing it with an almond-colored knitted sweater. She also put on makeup.

She had been in an irritable mood lately, so she had not dressed up in a long time.

She even wore a pair of earrings and a necklace that day. Her skin was fair, and her face was plump with

collagen. Her features were stunning as well. After dressing up, she was so pretty that her looks could surpass even those celebrities on television.

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When Catherine went downstairs with her handbag, a gleam of amazement flashed through Shaun’s eyes.

He had always known that she was beautiful, but she was as pretty as a fairy after dressing up.

He did not know that she would be so pretty with earrings and a necklace. They accentuated her slender neck and collarbone, making them look so delicate and seductive.

With just a glance, he felt his body burning up.

Shaun quickly took a deep breath. He put his hands in his pockets without changing his expression. He stepped forward, and there was a hint of hoarseness in his voice. "Where are you going?"

Catherine deliberately gave him an indifferent glance. "It's none of your business."

That sentence rendered Shaun speechless.

He quickly recalled that she said she was going to look for a new partner that morning.

'She didn't doll herself up to go on a date with another man, right?'

When that thought flashed across his mind, Shaun was so irritated that he wanted to spit blood.

He finally managed to eliminate Wesley with much difficulty. He did not do it just so she could start a new relationship with another man.

"I'm not trying to boss you around but where are you going? I'll drive you there," Shaun said gently as he restrained the jealousy roiling in his heart with all his might.

"No need. I can drive myself. Don't follow me." Catherine walked toward the garage as she said that.

Shaun narrowed his eyes. There was no way she could shake him off and go on a date with another man.

He followed after her in long strides.

Catherine did not notice him. She was thinking about which car she should drive that day.

It seemed that she had not been flashy for a long time. Wesley had been arrested, so the weight on her chest was gone. She did not have to worry anymore.

Therefore, she chose a very flashy red Lamborghini.

However, just as she got in the car, a man got in the passenger seat beside her.

Catherine's face darkened instantly. "Shaun, why are you following me? Get down."

"Cathy, you're so pretty today. I'm worried some rascals outside will be attracted by your beauty. I have to follow you and protect you." Shaun smiled as he took his phone out. "By the way, you might not know this yet, but many people already know that you're Sheryl's daughter. Some netizens analyzed that your net worth is at least 600 billion US dollars."

600 billion... US dollars.

How many zeroes were there behind the number? Catherine had never seen so much money in her whole life.

Catherine felt speechless by the netizens' claims. How bored must these netizens be?

Did they think they would not have to take responsibility after reporting a number?

Shaun continued saying, "Of course, I know that you definitely won't salvage your mother-daughter relationship with Sheryl. The claims going around on the internet are fake. However, other people aren't clear about this. They only know that your mom is rich. Maybe there'll be some reckless people who want to kidnap you. Even Matthew was kidnaped before. That's why it's so dangerous for you to go out alone. You need bodyguards."

After saying that, he took a pair of sunglasses out of nowhere. He was as handsome as those flirty playboys.

Catherine tilted her head and looked at him with a fake smile. "Why do I feel like you're more dangerous than those kidnapers? At least they're only aiming for the money. You're even sleazier, aiming for my body."

"Cathy, you're wrong there." Shaun smiled and gave an innocent

expression. “Only ugly people are sleazy. For handsome people like me, it’s called admiration.”

“Shaun, why have you become so talkative?” Catherine rolled her eyes at him.

“I can’t help it because I’m pursuing you now. If I were to act cold and distant when I’m pursuing you, you’d surely kick me to the crematorium.” Shaun told the truth.

Catherine thought about it. He was right. If Shaun still showed his cool, bossy president attitude while pursuing her, she would surely kick him until he died.

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After all, why would you be haughty when pursuing another person? Shaun had become quite tactful.

As Catherine was unable to chase him away, she had no choice but to start the car.

After driving for about half an hour, Catherine stopped by the roadside. She bought a bouquet of carnations and a basket of fruits.

Shaun immediately understood. He quickly bought a set of the same things as well.

Catherine glanced at him. “Why did you buy those things?” “I’ll do

whatever you do,” Shaun said with much experience. Catherine could only

let him be.

After that, she drove the car to the hospital.

When she arrived at the door of the VIP ward, she took a deep breath and pushed the door to enter.

There was only Matthew and a caregiver in the ward.

He was sitting on the bed, wearing a hospital gown. He was hooked up to an IV.

It was Catherine's first time seeing Matthew again after some time. The man of mixed race who used to be handsome and dazzling was just skin and bones at that moment. His hand was even wrapped in a thick layer of gauze.

Although Matthew had gone to Gavin's banquet last night, he was sent to the hospital right after leaving the banquet.

It was because Wesley had severely tortured Matthew during that period. He had only endured it for the whole day yesterday. After Gavin was arrested, he could not endure it anymore.

"Hi." Matthew raised his head and showed Catherine a bright smile.

Catherine was taken aback. She thought he would be overcome with trauma after being locked up for so long. She did not expect that he was still that bright young man after coming back.

However, her heart was in pain seeing Matthew in this state. Maybe it was because

he was her biological brother.

"Matthew, I'm very happy to see you safe and sound," Catherine walked to his side and said in a low voice, "But I still have to apologize to you, Matthew. I asked you to go to Melbourne to investigate Rebecca at that time, yet I forgot how evil humans can be..."

"It's not your fault. I was the one who was stupid and got manipulated."

Matthew grinned and revealed his white teeth. "My dad said this is a lesson for me. As the heir of the Costner family, I was so easily taken captive by someone else. This really serves as a lesson to me. I've been too at ease under the protection of my family."

He had a smile on his face, yet there was deep regret in his eyes.

Catherine suddenly felt that he looked like a pitiful little puppy. She couldnot resist patting his soft, short hair.

Matthew was stunned. She was the second person to pat his head like this besides Sheryl.

He did not hate it. Instead, he felt like he was being pampered. He felt like every

one of his organs was healed.

At the side, Shaun's handsome face darkened. He went over in big steps and yanked Catherine's hand away. He said while smiling, "Stop patting. He's not a dog."

Puppy Matthew, "..."

Did he just get criticized or what?

Catherine gazed at the jealousy swirling in the eyes of the man in front of her speechlessly. "It's none of your business. I can touch whoever I want."

"Cathy, a man's head can't be touched simply," Shaun said seriously. "Matthew is my brother,"

Catherine snapped. Although she did not acknowledge Sheryl, she still liked Matthew. Moreover, Matthew had not harmed her before. Shaun raised his eyebrows. "Is your brother not aman?"

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Catherine felt like her head was about to explode.

She secretly glared at Shaun. Shaun pretended like he did not see it and crossed his arms. "I'm not making personal attacks. If Cathy treats you as a brother, then you're my brother-in-law."

Matthew was taken aback. Thinking about the relationship between Shaun and Catherine, it seemed like that was really the case.

He did not know that Shaun and Catherine had broken up again recently.

“Who’s your brother-in-law?” Catherine was utterly defeated by Shaun’s shamelessness. “Don’t forget that I’ve already broken up with you.”

“You did that one –sidedly. ” A gloomy expression appeared on Shaun’s handsome face. “Cathy, your words are too much. In order to save your brother, I sacrificed myself to approach that woman Hannah just so Wesley would put his guard down. You don’t even know how badly I was humiliated by the Mead family. You’re just thinking of steering clear of me now. You forgot— ”

“Enough. Shut up.”

Catherine covered Shaun’s mouth.

She had a bad feeling that he would not say anything good if she let him continue speaking.

Shaun obediently shut his mouth. His pure, dark eyes blinked affectionately as he gazed at her.

Catherine suddenly felt that her hand on his face was getting hotter. She quickly pushed him away and glared at him with annoyance.

Shaun looked at her angry face. He showed a dotting smile.

Matthew rolled his eyes. “That’s enough. You both came to visit me, so stop having a lovers’ quarrel in front of someone who’s still single.”

“Don’t talk nonsense. How are we having ... a lovers ‘ quarrel.” Catherine could not accept this statement.

“Haha. ” Matthew grinned. Women often said one thing but meant another. Furthermore, from what he knew, Catherine and Shaun were very attached before. He could not even come between them no matter how much he tried. They were definitely just quarreling.

Although Matthew was young and had never dated before, he still knew about the things

between a man and a woman.

Shaun's lips curved. He did not allow Catherine to explain and changed the topic. "Where are your parents?"

Matthew's gaze dimmed. "My dad sent my mom to receive treatment. She's very sick. She fainted in the car not long after leaving the manor yesterday."

Catherine went silent upon hearing that. She was not a saint. She could not so easily forgive Sheryl after what she had done.

Matthew raised his head and looked at her indifferent expression. He felt helpless. "I heard about what my mom did from my dad. Please believe me when I say that she wasn't like that in the past. It's all my fault. I brought Rebecca to Mom with that DNA test report and made her think that she had found her biological daughter.

"Actually, when Rebecca just returned to the family, Mom only felt guilty toward her. She didn't approve of some of Rebecca's actions as well.

However, Rebecca kept saying that she was abducted when she was young. Mom felt that it was her responsibility. If she had taken care of her

daughter properly, Rebecca wouldn't have gotten kidnapped. She also thought she had failed to educate her well. You're a mother too. You should understand this feeling, right?"

Catherine remained silent.

If Suzie had gotten kidnapped when she was young and turned evil after she was found, Catherine would not blame the child but herself.

Matthew saw her keeping silent and quickly said, "I'm to blame as well. After coming to Melbourne, I didn't investigate the matter thoroughly. That made my family believe in Rebecca's identity without any doubts. Initially, after returning to Melbourne, my mom was about to recover her memories. That was when Rebecca drugged Mom and made her emotionally unstable. After that, she often fought with my dad at home as well. Perhaps things wouldn't have turned out as bad if my dad and I had noticed the change earlier.

However, everyone thought Rebecca was her biological daughter. Whoknew that Rebecca would harm my “If it weren’t because my mom was

under the drug's influence, she wouldn't have become like that at all. When she escaped from the ward, she thought you were the one who caused the death of her biological daughter, so she went insane. She lost all rationality at that time.

She believed in everything other people said. She just didn't expect her biological brother and sister-in-law to be that evil." "Therefore, you're saying that she's innocent and was affected by the drug, so I should forgive her?"

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Catherine suddenly spoke.

Matthew was stunned. He opened his mouth, and after a moment, he said resignedly, "After she found out that you're her biological daughter, she felt guilty and regretful. She saw Lucas yesterday and really wished to acknowledge him. However, she knows that you despise her, so she didn't dare to speak."

"Matthew, I can't just forget about everything just because she was under the influence of a drug. It's fine if she had only called me a b*tch in the restaurant. That only made me lose all expectations I had for a mother.

What I can't forgive is that she allowed Rebecca to harm Suzie. From that moment onward, I knew I couldn't acknowledge her as my mother anymore..."

Bang.

The sound of something dropping on the floor came from behind.

Catherine was taken aback. After sensing the weird silence in the ward, she turned around and saw

Sheryl and Titus standing at the door. There was a bag of medications on the floor beside Sheryl's feet.

Sheryl looked at Catherine mournfully. There was remorse and bitterness deep in her eyes. Her face was as pale as a sheet too.

Catherine pressed her lips together.

She had not seen Sheryl in a long time. She only saw her for the first time when she was meeting Titus in the restaurant. Sheryl was so beautiful at that time. However, after coming to Australia for only two months, she had suffered so much till she became skinny and frail.

Catherine knew that Sheryl was not okay.

However, the wound in her heart could not be erased.

“Mom...” Matthew was shocked. He did not expect his parents to come.

He did not know how much of their conversation his mom had heard. Would it not trigger her illness?

“Matt, I’m okay.”

Sheryl shook her head. Her heart was in pain, so much pain that she was about to faint. She wanted to throw a tantrum and smash things. However, she was conscious of her illness. She could not let the

drug control her anymore. She had made a mistake once, and she could not repeat it.

She looked at Catherine, who was in front of her, attentively.

As a mother, it was the first time she was looking at her daughter so closely. Catherine really

looked like her when she was young—charming and bright. Why was she so blind and muddle-headed back then?

Catherine was her biological daughter, yet she hurt and humiliated her time and again. She even suspected that Catherine was having an affair with her husband.

It was utterly ridiculous.

It was as if Sheryl was the only crazy one while everyone else was wideawake.

“Catherine, I’m sorry...” After Sheryl said that with much struggle, her eyes reddened. “I did you wrong. I’m a failure of a mother. I’m an evil grandmother.”

Catherine looked at Sheryl’s reddened eyes. Her throat felt bitter all of a sudden.

She thought she could be indifferent. It turned out that she was not that strong.

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It took her some time to calm her emotions. Sheryl then said with a hoarse throat, “You’re right. I can’t push away all the responsibilities just because I was drugged. The things I did were indeed very evil.

However, when I agreed to let Rebecca kidnap Suzie, I reminded her not to hurt Suzie and just put on an act to threaten you. I didn’t think she would

Sheryl had an expression of deep regret. To be honest, she was really too stupid at that time.

Luckily, Titus rescued Suzie. If not, she could only atone for her sins with death.

Catherine’s eyebrows twitched, but it was only for a moment. She became indifferent again. “So what? Can the trauma in Suzie’s heart be erased? Do you know that the first time I saw you in the restaurant, I had already guessed that you’re my mother?”

However, you didn’t recognize me. The despair I felt was as much as the expectations I had for a mother.”

“I’m sorry.” Tears streamed down Sheryl’s face.

She really did not want to recall what she had done to her own daughter in the restaurant back then.

Catherine let out a long breath. “There’s nothing to be sorry about. If you hadn’t mistaken someone else to be your daughter, you probably would’ve treated me very well. It was all a mistake. A lot of hurt has been caused, so all of you should stop saying that she only did those things because of the drug. I used to console myself with that reason as well.”

She started sniffing. She thought she would not feel sad anymore, but her throat still felt bitter when she said it all out loud.

“All of you will never understand how I was driven into a corner by Jeffery and his wife back then. I was locked in a dark house and only fed stale rice. I didn’t have a blanket when it was cold at night, and I didn’t even have water. I almost died. I’ll also never forget how much anger and despair I felt when they killed Granny. I finally managed to send them to jail, yet you all... What did you all do?”

Her fury—filled eyes swept across Sheryl, Matthew, and the others.

Although she had let go of some things, they would forever be a lump in her heart.

Matthew was utterly ashamed. “I... I’m sorry. I thought they were innocent back then...”

“Innocent?”

Catherine laughed. “Are the judges of Australia fools? If there was no concrete evidence, would they have sent Jeffery and Sally to jail? Yes, all of you were manipulated, but did I ever do anything wrong? I just wanted to have a peaceful life. Ever since you showed up, I’ve been treading on thin ice.

“Rebecca and her family have become a trauma that I can’t shake off my entire life. It’s as if there’s a huge rock pressing down on me. I didn’t even dare to fall into a deep sleep before this. I was living in fear every moment. I was afraid my children would be harmed by you people. I was so scared that I kept thinking about bringing my children and my dad to a new country to

start over.

“ It’s because Wesley and Rebecca are the scariest demons in my life. Theykilled my granny and my friend, yet my mom spared no effort to help them.How can I forgive all of this ?”

Her hoarse roar resounded in the ward. Everyone went silent.Sheryl closed

her eyes and simply let her tears flow.

She could not imagine how hard Catherine’s life had been.

As a mother, she did not protect Catherine and even kept giving her trouble.

After a long time, Sheryl said in a hoarse voice, “ You’re right. I don’t havethe right to ask you to forgive me, but can you let me make it up to you ?”

She looked at Catherine cautiously. “I initially wanted to return Hill Corporation to Shaun, but he doesn’t want it. I want to give it to you. Moreover, Shaun is your boyfriend. You both can manage it together.”

Catherine was taken aback.

If it were any other company, she could choose not to consider it at all.However, Hill Corporation was Shaun’s efforts.

She looked toward Shaun. “Why don’t you want it ?”

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“She spent money to acquire Hill Corporation. Why should I take it ? I haven’t even married you yet. ” Shaun gazed at Catherine’s reddened eyesdearly.

Catherine was speechless. What did he mean by that ? Did it mean that hewould have taken Hill Corporation back if they were married ?

However, she was furious as well. “Why didn’t you take it? Hill Corporation is the fruit of your painstaking efforts. It’s the hard work of the Hill family too.”

She knew how much effort Shaun had contributed to Hill Corporation. All of his ambition, vision, and dreams were in Hill Corporation.

“Cathy, my aunt and uncle sold their shares through legal procedures. The same goes for the other shareholders of the company. If I take over Hill Corporation, isn’t it equivalent to Sheryl giving me hundreds of billions of US dollars for nothing?”

After all, she’s not my mom. However, things will be different if I’m her son-in-law.”

Shaun smiled. “I can manage the company for my wife.”

Catherine could not take it anymore. This guy kept laying out traps for her. He was just saying that she should become his wife.

The atmosphere was quite serious at first, but it became very weird because of Shaun.

Titus cleared his throat. “You take it then, Cathy. We’re based overseas, and we don’t have time to manage Hill Corporation. Moreover, the Hill family still holds 30 percent of shares. It’ll be nice to have Shaun as the director.”

“No.” Shaun shook his head. “I’ve already been chased out of Hill Corporation twice. I really don’t want to go back there anymore. Furthermore, I don’t plan to be busy with work for now. I want to build a family before establishing my career.”

The corners of Titus’ mouth twitched. “Are you sure? I think you won’t be able to settle down in five or six years. Don’t wait until you’re in your middle age to start your career. By that time, the companies outside may not even want you.”

Catherine almost burst into laughter. She had to admit that Titus had a sharp mouth.

She raised her head and agreed with Titus. “That’s right. You’re not that young anymore, unlike me. I’m still very young.”

“It’s okay. The person I’m pursuing now is rich. Worse comes to worst, I’ll rely on her to provide for me in the future.” Shaun smiled ambiguously. “ Ifshe really doesn’t want me, never mind. I still have some savings. I can justkeep pursuing her until I get old.”

He looked straight at Catherine. Catherine was initially quite sad, but herface started heating up under everyone’s gazes.

The atmosphere mellowed all of a sudden. Sheryl had complicated feelings.

Titus circled Sheryl’s shoulder lightly and said, “ Cathy, your mom really doesn’t have the time to manage the company. The doctor said she has tofocus on recovering from her illness during this period. Why don’t we do itthis way ? Wasn’t Shaun’s mother the vice president of Hill Corporation before ? I think we can let Lea continue managing the company. As for the company’s shares, they’ll be transferred to Lucas and Suzie’s

names. Regardless of whether you agree or not, it’ll be done this way.”Sheryl’s eyes lit up.

Lucas and Suzie were Shaun and Catherine’s children. That was a great idea.Catherine frowned.

She really did not want to accept Sheryl’s things.

“You can refuse, but you can’t stop a grandmother from giving hergrandchildren assets, ” Titus added.

Catherine raised her head and gazed at Titus for a while. She could not helpbut feel that Sheryl had found a good man in her life. He was intelligent, wise, and big-hearted.

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