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When Madeline heard this, she could expect what Naomi was going to do next.

However, one of her hands was holding Eloise's hand and she did not want to push Eloise away. As such, when she was about to hide her face from Naomi, Naomi quickly pretended to get close to her to whisper in her ear when in reality, she did it to rip the mask from her face.

Her face was wet from the lake water. Aside from the liveliness and the beauty of her eyes, the hideous scars that were left on her face after she was burned entered everyone's vision.

"Damn! What's wrong with her face?"

"No wonder she's wearing a mask."

"My gosh, how sad. What happened to her face? It looks like she has been burned."

"Tsk, ts, how terrifying. Stop looking."

The passersby exclaimed from shock. Some even turned their heads to avoid looking at Madeline's face.

Others had been recording the entire time, so they captured this scene and uploaded it online.

When Naomi heard the reactions of the people around her, she was delighted. The corner of her lips even started to curl into a smirk.

"How is it? Are you devastated after seeing them laugh at you?" Naomi lowered her voice and mocked. "Hmph, Eveline, tell them you're Eveline Montgomery if you dare. Tell Jeremy and the rest of the world how shameful you look now. However, you'd best be prepared to feel even more devastated when he abandons you!"

Madeline clenched her fists and listened to Naomi's mockings. At the same time, she kept hearing people around her saying that she was ugly and her face was horrifying.

She stayed silent for two seconds. Then, she calmly turned around and walked behind Eloise to push her wheelchair.

Madeline started calmly walking forward despite the crowd's criticizing gaze.

Naomi was thrilled when she saw Madeline's straightened back.

'Eveline, I know you're forcing yourself.

'However, despite how strong you are, you won't be completely unaffected.

'Because you're a woman too. No woman can accept themselves turning ugly, and they also can't accept so many people criticizing their looks.'

On the way back to Whitman Manor, Madeline came across some people who were just passing by. Everyone who saw her would be shocked and they would move away from her.

Madeline had no choice. She could only push Eloise back to the manor.

When they entered the house, the maids were all shocked when they saw her face. Then, they started to display strange looks in their eyes.

Madeline was used to this. She walked in front of Eloise and smiled softly. "Mrs. Montgomery, I need to go back to my room to shower and change. I'll come back to you later."

Eloise grabbed Madeline's hand, her eyes looking extremely gentle. "You'll get better. You'll definitely get better."

She repeated this.

Madeline smiled. "Thank you, Mrs. Montgomery."

After she said that, Madeline handed Eloise to the other maid before going back to her room to take a shower.

She had the cold water on and lifted her face to let the water wash over her.

It was late autumn, and she did not feel a clear realization from the cold water splashing onto her skin. On the contrary, she felt a slight sting of pain from the cold.

However, Madeline could not notice it anymore. She needed to stay calm and wanted to use this way to temporarily numb her emotions.

After a long while, she felt a numbing pain on her face and realized she was being too rash.

She quickly dried herself and softly patted the water droplets on her face with a towel until dry.

After it was done, she put down her towel slowly. Under the bright lights, she saw the ugly scars on her face due to the burns. She clenched her fingers shakily.

She looked so horrifying now!

She could not even look at herself now!

'Why?'

Madeline felt exhausted. Why did disasters keep happening to her?

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Suddenly, she became very pessimistic, especially after she saw Naomi's arrogant, confident, and pleased face when she was sure that she did not have the guts to face Jeremy. Madeline could not accept this.

She clenched her fists and took a deep breath. She kept on telling herself to calm down.

However, when she looked at herself in the mirror, she could not keep calm.

She turned around and forced herself to not look.

She stood with her back to the mirror for a very long time. She endured the discomfort on her face when suddenly, she remembered something and there was a glint in her dull, lifeless eyes.

Perhaps she should try it.

Madeline thought about it and put on her clothes and mask.

When she was about to go out, she heard knockings on the door.

Madeline walked over to open the door. To her surprise, she saw Jeremy upon opening the door.

Their eyes met, and Madeline was slightly taken aback. However, she pretended to stay calm. "How can I help you, Mr. Whitman?"

Madeline was curious indeed. Should Jeremy not be at work after sending the children to school? Why did he come back?

Plus, she did not know if she was delusional but she felt that Jeremy's eyes were intentionally avoiding her face.

"Are you okay?" After a long while, Jeremy finally asked.

'Okay?'

Madeline shifted her eyes in puzzlement before remembering what happened in the park just now.

"You heard about it too, Mr. Whitman? About what happened just now?"

"Yeah." Jeremy nodded. "So, are you okay?"

"Thank you for your concern, Mr. Whitman. I'm fine." Madeline's answer was straight to the point. "I'm sorry, Mr. Whitman, I need to go out for a bit. Can I take a day off?"

"Are you going out? Let me drive you."

"..." Madeline had never seen Jeremy being so passionate and friendly before. She quickly declined. "No need, my boyfriend will pick me up."

Madeline had no choice, so she could only use Carter as an excuse to decline Jeremy.

She could notice the subtle changes on Jeremy's face. However, she did not have time to think too much about it.

After Madeline got out of the house, she called a cab from the side of the road.

When Jeremy saw Madeline getting into the car, he got into his own car and followed behind her.

Even though Madeline had only gone to Adam's place once, she still remembered where it was as clear as day.

After she arrived at Adam's home, Madeline stood at the door and hesitated.

When she was hesitating, the woman named Amy walked out of the house. However, to Madeline, Amy was Cathy from before.

Amy spotted Madeline and walked to the door curiously. She looked into Madeline's eyes and felt a sense of familiarity. "Are you—"

"I want to see Dr. Brown. Is he home?"

"Oh, you're looking for Adam." Amy looked into the house. "Come in, then. He's home."

"Thanks." Madeline let out a sigh of relief before following Amy into the house.

Adam was playing with the children in the living room. When he saw Amy bringing Madeline over, he looked at Madeline's eyes curiously for a moment.

"Eveline?" Adam asked probingly.

Madeline did not nod or shake her head. "Adam, I think you're the only person who can help me now."

After she said that, she lifted her hand and removed the mask from her face. Married by Mistake Mr. Whitman's Sinner Wife [Sixteenth Child] Chapter 1503 The moment Madeline removed her mask, Adam and Amy displayed shocked expressions at the same time.

Adam was confused. "What happened to your face and voice? No, but during the incident in the park near your house this morning, your face was..."

After Madeline heard this, she understood immediately.

Someone must have posted the video of that incident online and Naomi was probably in the video as well.

Naomi was currently using her identity.

Her face had been perfectly captured in the video.

Looking at Adam's confused face, Madeline did not beat around the bush anymore. "That's not me. The Eveline you saw is Naomi."

"Naomi?"

Adam immediately understood. He remembered how Naomi had also followed Ryan to Y Country when he was there and after that, Ryan secretly arranged for Naomi to do something.

As it turned out, he had arranged for Naomi to undergo plastic surgery.

However, Adam was still in shock. He looked at Madeline's face in disbelief.

Aside from her eyes, there was no place on her face that was intact. There were also a few wounds on her forehead that had not healed.

Especially the scars on her cheeks. They were so unsightly.

"How did you hurt your face? How did it get so serious? Your voice too. I can't even recognize your voice. Does Jeremy not know of your current condition?"

Madeline shook her head and lowered her head in sadness. "He doesn't."

"You didn't tell him? Are you scared that he'll abandon you after he knows that you've become like this?" Adam could guess Madeline's considerations. "I think you're overthinking. He won't abandon you."

Madeline smiled bitterly. "I can't even bear to look at myself. I don't dare to let my children see the way I look like now either."

After she said that, Adam fell silent for a few seconds. He could completely understand why Madeline would think this way.

"Is Ryan really dead?" Adam asked in disbelief.

Madeline nodded and told Adam what happened that day at sea in detail.

After Adam learned about it, he was in even more disbelief. "Ryan was imprisoning you on an island!"

No one expected this.

Madeline nodded, and she had no choice but to recall what happened that day. "When the yacht exploded, he was on the deck and I was some distance away from the yacht. My face became like this from a distance away, so he..."

Madeline wanted to say something but stopped herself. She believed Adam could understand her.

"The person who saved me seems to have a special identity. He keeps investigating Jeremy. I thought that it was pretty suspicious, but he did save me. As such, I can only hide my real identity for now."

"Who's the person who saved you?"

"Carter Gray."

"Carter Gray?" Adam frowned as if he was in deep thought.

"Have you heard of this name before?"

Adam thought about it for a while before shaking his head.

Madeline stayed quiet for a moment and then, the fire of expectations and hope ignited in her eyes again. "Adam, I know you'll have a way. You're the only person who can help me now."

Madeline said and looked at Amy who was playing with the children. "I believe you can save my face with your skills."

Adam slowly understood what Madeline meant.

Actually, he never thought of hiding this from everyone forever.

"Adam, Amy is the Cathy I know, right?"

Madeline asked in a very small voice. She was worried that Amy would hear her as well.

Adam only stayed silent after he heard that and did not say anything.

He was confirming this tacitly without a doubt.

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"The twins don't belong to you and Cathy, right?"

After Adam heard that, he unfurrowed his tightly knitted brows.

He looked at Cathy who was playing with the children before getting up. "Amy, I'm taking the patient to my office. If you feel bored, you can take the children out first. I've already made the reservation for the restaurant."

When Amy heard that, she turned around and looked at Madeline before nodding.

"Go on with your business. I'll wait for you."

"Okay." Adam smiled warmly and pointed to the office. "Come with me."

Madeline nodded and followed after him. She remembered the last time she came here was for Jeremy's treatment. She did not think that today would be her turn.

Adam did not answer the questions about the two children. On the other hand, he helped Madeline check the wounds on her face carefully and considerately.

After the check-up, he looked at two reports seriously.

"Adam, tell me the truth. Do I really have the chance to recover my face?" Madeline asked anxiously.

"Do you know what's the job of a doctor?"

"Saving people," Madeline answered without hesitating.

Adam smiled and said, "For me, it's not just saving people. I want to challenge the medical problems that people deem impossible to solve."

He said and looked at Madeline. There was an abnormally bright glint in his calm black eyes.

"Back then, you were able to give birth to your son under such horrendous circumstances and it was the most perfect problem that I solved in recent years. So, today, I'll help you as well. At the same time, I'll be able to help myself solve this seemingly difficult question."

When Madeline heard this, her eyes lit up like how they used to back then.

She was excited when she heard that. When she was about to ask if this was true, she thought that it was unnecessary.

If Adam could rebuild Cathy's face, then it meant that his hands were extremely skilled.

Plus, he was not an ordinary doctor. He knew and understood a lot of things.

"Did you have a doctor treating your wounds before?" Adam asked. He walked to his shelf to look for something.

"It's Carter's doctor. He's responsible for treating my face. According to him, my face is still salvageable, but it'll take a very long time."

Adam nodded. "This is indeed something that needs patience. I hope you can keep a calm state of mind. You don't have to pay attention to those people online with no propriety in speech and are attacking your looks."

Madeline smiled while feeling at ease. "I'm used to the way those people at the scene talk about me and look at me, let alone the ones online. Their reactions are normal. However, I feel even more scared because of this. I'm worried how terrified Jack and Lily will be if they see their mother like this."

There was a flash of pity in Adam's eyes but it quickly went away.

With Madeline's strong and resilient attitude, he felt that Madeline would not want pity and sympathy.

He grabbed the syringe with the reagent and turned around to walk to Madeline. "I'll give you a shot to get rid of the inflammation and swelling. When the wounds on your face start to form scabs, I'll have a way to get rid of the marks. As for the slightly worse areas, I'll use another way to treat them."

Adam smiled and promised.

"I can't promise you that I'll be able to restore your looks to the way they were before, but I'm confident to help you find back the courage to stand in front of Jeremy."

It would be enough to help her find her courage.

Madeline looked at the man in front of her. "Thank you, Adam. You've helped me a lot before and even now."

"It's my duty. You don't have to thank me." Adam's answer was as carefree and confident as usual.

After Madeline received the shot, the discomfort on her face started fading away.

This feeling calmed Madeline down as well.

She wanted to know more about the treatment with Adam when Carter called her.

Madeline had to leave, but before he left, Adam called out to her suddenly.

"You asked me just now if the twins don't belong to me and Cathy. I'm going to tell you now that you're right. Those aren't our children."

Madeline looked at Adam with curiosity after she heard that. A face then appeared in her head. "So the children's father is..."

"Yes, it's him."

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Adam gave her a firm answer. Even though he did not tell her who the man was, Madeline knew who it was in her heart.

"Cathy and I were from the same university," said Adam. When he said this, Madeline could see that his eyes were full of youthful energy from his younger days.

"We were in the same faculty. She was cheerful and gorgeous, so she was the most popular girl in the entire faculty while I was her senior. We always did experiments together and even went to the library to read together. I know the person she loved was Felipe, but that man did not love her."

Adam said calmly. There was no resentment nor repulsion toward Felipe in his words. On the other hand, there was a slight smile on his face.

"I was surprised when Cathy suddenly came to find me in Glendale that time. I didn't know you guys knew each other. I was happy to see her again because she left before she graduated from university. I didn't have her contact, so I finally had a chance to contact her that time.

"I knew she wasn't happy, but she was always so optimistic in front of me. The private doctor Felipe had in F Country was actually my teacher. When Cathy was on the brink of death, he notified me."

As it turned out, they knew each other.

Madeline's suspicions in her heart were gradually solved. However, there was still something she did not understand.

"If I'm not mistaken, Cathy was shot in the heart that time, so how did she avert the disaster?"

Adam laughed and sighed when he heard this.

"Cathy knew everything about Felipe, but Felipe didn't know anything about her. He also didn't know that her heart is on the right side.

"Cathy did lose a lot of blood back then, but the bullet did not hurt any of her vital organs and that's why she could safely make it out of peril."

When Madeline found out what happened, she felt that it was extremely fortunate.

"Thank God you were around." Madeline lamented and praised, "Adam, you're amazing."

However, Adam chuckled in regret. "If I'm amazing enough, then Cathy wouldn't be treating me as only her friend. Even though I'm lying to her and say that we're husband and wife, she still doesn't have any feelings for me."

Madeline could sense Adam's love for Cathy. However, one could not control feelings.

"Cathy is living a good life now. I won't let Felipe take her away."

"To be honest, Felipe is extremely remorseful. The person he had been keeping in his heart had always been Cathy but he had no idea."

Madeline explained on behalf of Felipe, but after she said that, she realized that she did not have the right to say this.

Cathy had suffered so much and it was all thanks to Felipe.

The emotional and physical hurt she suffered could not be wiped away with just remorse or apologies.

Madeline did not stay long. After she thanked Adam, she went back to Carter's manor.

On the way, Madeline did not notice a car following her.

After Madeline went into the manor, she felt that something was amiss.

When she got to the living room, Madeline knew what was going on.

The young woman who called herself the matriarch of this house was now sitting on the sofa. When she saw Madeline, she lifted her eyes that were covered with a layer of delicate makeup and arrogantly sized Madeline up with disdain.

However, she soon changed her attitude from that day and smiled before greeting Madeline, "Hello, I'm Carty's childhood sweetheart and best friend. My name's Ada. I was rude that day, but I hope you won't mind. I'm here to apologize to you today."

She said and got up to walk in front of Madeline. She extended her hand.

"Let's be friends."

To be frank, Madeline could sense something sinister behind the woman's smile. However, she hoped that she was just overthinking. As such, she reached out her hand to shake the woman's hand.

"Hello, I'm Eveline."

"Uh-huh." The woman smiled superficially.

Madeline smiled back at her, but before their hands could touch each other's, the woman lifted her hand suddenly and ripped the mask off her face when Madeline was caught off guard.

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"OMG!" Ada exclaimed. She acted as if she had just touched the God of Misfortune and threw the mask in her hand to the floor in disdain.

"I thought you were some out-of-the-world beauty and that's why Carty kept ignoring me. I didn't expect you to look like this! No wonder you're always wearing a mask. Oh gosh, you're so hideous! No, you're not hideous, you're horrifying!"

Ada did not keep any propriety in her speech at all. She kept on waving her hand.

"Somebody come here! Get me some disinfectant! I just touched this person's mask and I don't know if I might get infected!"

"I think so," Madeline uttered those three words slowly from her lips.

Ada was taken aback when she heard that. "What did you say?"

"I was answering your question," Madeline replied seriously, "My face is so horribly disfigured and there might still be a lot of toxic bacteria on it. You ripped my mask just now, so I think you must've touched the bacteria on the mask too. You must be careful."

"..." Ada's expression changed. "You're saying that I'll become like you?"

"Yeah, you'll become like this too."

"..." When Ada heard this, her face turned pale from panic. Then, she pointed at Madeline and screeched. "You framed me on purpose!"

After she said that, Carter appeared on the staircase.

Ada quickly ran to Carter to tell on Madeline. "Carty, that woman framed me! Her face is toxic and I touched her mask. My hand will rot too!"

Carter frowned and walked past Ada in displeasure to walk in front of Madeline.

"I saw the video of you falling into the lake online. How's your face?" Carter asked straightforwardly.

Madeline was surprised. "You called me back to ask me this?"

"What else?"

"..." Madeline was shocked. Then, she said, "Thanks for your concern, Mr. Carter. My face is fine."

"What Mr. Carter? You're my girlfriend. You can just call me Carter." Carter deliberately emphasized the word 'girlfriend'.

Madeline eventually remembered that they were pretending to be a couple. When she noticed the dissatisfaction on Ada's face, she said cooperatively, "Okay, Carter."

Carter nodded in satisfaction. "You should go back to your room. I'll get the doctor to take a look at you."

"No need." Madeline rejected. She did not tell Carter that she had gone to see Adam. She could not let him know about her true identity. "Don't worry, my face is fine now."

"You're fine, but I'm not!" Ada bit her pink lip angrily. "Carty, are you insane? How can you marry a freak and make her the daughter-in-law of the Louis family?"

"Shut up," Carter interrupted Ada angrily. Ada quickly shut her mouth and became as silent as a mouse. Even though she was displeased, she could only get angry in secret and did not dare to voice out her anger.

Carter turned around and grabbed Madeline's wrist without saying anything before leading her upstairs. When they were upstairs, Madeline removed her wrist from Carter's grip immediately.

Carter turned around in dissatisfaction. "Remember what I told you. You're my fiancée now."

He sounded like he was reminding her, but his tone sounded more like a warning.

At this moment, Carter's entourage rushed to him and whispered in his ear.

Madeline saw a mysterious smile on Carter's face.

He looked at Madeline and said lazily, "You said Jeremy let you down, abandoned you, and married another woman, right?"

"..." Madeline did not know why Carter was asking her this all of a sudden. However, she nodded without hesitation.

Carter smirked superficially. "Come with me. I'll let you see the actual situation now."

'What?'

Madeline did not understand what the man was saying. Now, she could only follow him to see what was going on.

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Madeline followed behind Carter and started to feel nervous.

This man was still a mystery to her. In addition to that, she had no idea why he wanted to investigate Jeremy.

Now, he had said something so weird and Madeline had no clue what was going on.

After walking for a bit, Madeline followed him to the French window on the second floor.

The window was huge, so one could get a nice view here.

When Madeline looked out, she saw a familiar car parked outside the front door of the manor.

'Jeremy!'

Madeline screamed out his name in her heart. However, she could only pretend to be confused on the surface.

"Mr. Carter, you said you're taking me to see the actual situation, so what's the actual situation?"

Carter looked at Madeline's confused face and lifted his dark eyes. Then, his gaze landed on Jeremy's car.

"Do you not see the car parked outside the door?" he asked, his voice sounding nonchalant. "He followed you all the way here. Did you not notice him?"

"..." Madeline shook her head. She truly had not noticed Jeremy following her.

If he really followed her all the way here, then did he know about her going to Adam's place?

"You said he let you down back then and even married another woman named Eveline Montgomery, so you want to get revenge on him. However, I can see that he's pretty concerned about you."

"..."

"He gave you an umbrella when he saw you in the rain. When you were in danger and almost got suffocated by the thug, he ran over to save you. Now, he secretly followed you to protect you."

Carter said, looking at Madeline with interest.

"I think he cares about you and didn't play with your feelings like you said."

After he said that, Madeline quickly reorganized her thoughts in her head. Then, she asked calmly and decisively, "Do you think this is protection and concern, Mr. Carter? I don't think so."

"Hmm?"

"He might already know who I am, so he's only probing me." Madeline purposely sighed in annoyance. She furrowed her eyebrows together. "I don't think I'm able to carry out my revenge plan now."

She said and looked at Carter as if she was asking for help.

"Mr. Carter, can you help me?"

Carter looked at Madeline's pure and innocent eyes. Then, the suspicions in his heart started disappearing for some reason.

"If you're fine, you should go back to Whitman Manor."

"Will he stop me if I go out now? What if he asks me why I'm in such a beautiful manor? What should I tell him?"

Madeline pretended to look worried.

Carter placed his hands in his pockets and looked at Madeline as if he was in deep thought. Then, he said to the entourage next to him, "Invite him inside."

"..." When Madeline heard this, she was stunned. 'Is this man seriously inviting Jeremy inside?'

"Mr. Carter, I don't think this is a good idea." Madeline stopped him immediately. "Why don't I leave?"

Carter stopped walking, and when he turned around to look at Madeline, she had already walked past him hurriedly.

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When he saw Madeline's bustling figure, he did not plan to stop her and instead turned around to stand in front of the window again to look at the front door of the manor. Then, he turned on his Bluetooth earphones to listen to what was happening at the door.

Madeline went out of the door after a while. She pretended to not see Jeremy but Jeremy stopped his car next to her.

She looked over in fake surprise and pretended to be shocked. "Mr. Whitman? Why are you here?"

Jeremy did not say anything. Instead, he got out of the car and opened the passenger seat for Madeline. "Get in."

"..." Madeline hesitated for a few seconds and did not know what to do. She looked at the French window where she was at just now with the corner of her eyes before getting into the car.

The more familiar she used to be with this passenger seat, the more touched she felt now.

She looked cautiously at the rear-view mirror. When she made sure no one was following her, she let out a sigh of relief in secret.

She kept feeling that Carter had asked someone to watch her every move.

He could always know immediately the moment something happened to her.

"Why did you go into the manor just now?" Jeremy asked curiously.

The man had indeed asked this question.

Madeline did not think much about the answer. She had already made up an answer before she came out.

"I don't think I can hide from you anymore, Mr. Whitman." She sighed apologetically.

Jeremy felt his heart skip a beat. Then, he looked at Madeline who had her head lowered sadly.

When he was about to ask, he heard Madeline answering, "Actually, I'm working part-time here as well. I want to make more money to treat my face. However, don't you worry, Mr. Whitman. I'll quit my job over here so I can concentrate my thoughts and efforts in taking care of Mrs. Montgomery."

After Jeremy heard that, he tightened his grip on the steering wheel. "If you need money, I can lend you some."

"Thank you for your kindness, Mr. Whitman. I don't need that for now." Madeline declined.

Jeremy curled the corners of his lips superficially. "I don't think you need it either."

"..."

"You can continue to work both jobs. I believe in your abilities," Jeremy said suddenly. His gaze lingered on Madeline's face for a few seconds. "Don't mind the rumors and gossip online. Even though appearance is important, a person's heart is more important."

"..."

Judging from what he said, she figured that Jeremy had read about the people attacking her online.

Madeline nodded and did not say anything. They returned to Whitman Manor in silence.

When Madeline went back to the living room, she spotted Naomi. She was grinning as she walked toward Jeremy. She even imitated her voice to call out to Jeremy softly, "Jeremy, you're back. Oh, why is Quinny back at the same time as you?"

Madeline did not hesitate before retorting, "Mr. Whitman is a nice man. He purposely went to where I did my business to fetch me back."

"..." Naomi's eyes fell. However, her expression still looked warm and friendly.

"Quinny, I'm so sorry that you fell into the lake while saving my mother. I saw someone taking a video of your face and they even put it online. I feel so sad for you."

Madeline never felt such an intense hatred for her own face. At the end of the day, the person she hated was the woman who was using her face while being pretentious.

When she thought about Naomi's conceited face, Madeline scoffed and mocked coldly. "If you're truly sorry, Mrs. Whitman, you wouldn't have intentionally pulled down my mask and embarrassed me in front of everyone."

After she said that, the living room fell silent.

Karen, who was holding Pudding, was also stunned.

Naomi did not expect Madeline to say that. When she noticed Jeremy judging her with a curious and probing gaze, Naomi started to feel anxious. "Quinny, how could you say that? When did I pull down your mask? You're the careless one—"

"Mrs. Whitman, stop quibbling. Do you want to see the proof?"

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'What?

'Proof?'

Naomi was stunned for two seconds, then she saw Madeline taking out her phone to open an app.

"Mrs. Whitman, you said a lot of people were filming at that time. Coincidentally, someone captured the moment you ripped my mask off of me. Will you only admit it if I show everyone the video?"

When she heard this, Naomi's face looked even more horrid.

She wanted to go up and take a look but then Jeremy took Madeline's phone and opened the video.

When she heard the sound coming from the video, Naomi was sure it was the video from the park that day.

She could hear a lot of people saying that Madeline's face looked terrifying.

Naomi started to feel guilty. She thought nobody saw her when she ripped Madeline's mask off. She did not expect someone to have captured the scene on video.

While she was feeling nervous, she saw Jeremy glancing over at her. This made Naomi even more nervous.

"Jeremy, I-I did mean to remove Quinny's mask. It's because she fell into the water and I was worried that her wounds might get infected, so that's why I did that." Naomi quickly found an excuse for herself.

When she heard that, Madeline burst out laughing.

"Mrs. Whitman, do you know what self-induced confession is? It's what you're doing now."

"..."

"Nobody captured the video of you ripping my mask off. I lied to you, but your confession is even more convincing than any evidence now."

"..."

Naomi's face turned one shade paler.

Karen was confused after hearing that. "W-What do you mean?"

Madeline said calmly, "It means that this Mrs. Whitman is not as gentle and kind as the rumors made her out to be. Sometimes, she's a little sinister too."

"..." Naomi was speechless for a moment. Her expression looked even more horrible now.

"Quinny, I think you've misunderstood Eveline. She was only worried that you'd get infected by the lake water so that's why she removed your mask to check. Eveline didn't have any bad intentions." Karen tried to explain on Naomi's behalf.

Madeline knew Karen wanted to defend her real daughter-in-law, but she did not know the daughter-in-law in front of her right now was just an imposter.

"Jeremy, do you want to believe me? I really bear no malice. We've been together for so many years, don't you know what kind of person I am?"

Naomi walked over to Jeremy and said in a soft tone to use this opportunity to show her softer side. She asked curiously with a look of grievance.

"Quinny, I'm grateful that you saved Lily and my mother, but why are you always targeting me?"

"Yeah, why am I always targeting you? It's because you disgust me," Madeline retorted, not showing any respect for Naomi at all.

Naomi was stunned, and the corners of her lips started twitching.

Madeline took back her phone from Jeremy and went upstairs.

Karen looked at Madeline's carefree back and stood up bewilderedly. "Jeremy, what's wrong with Quinny? It seems that she keeps targeting Eveline. We can't let this continue. Even though she saved Lily and Eloise, how can we continue to let her stay here with that attitude? Why don't we fire her?"

Jeremy nodded as if he was in deep thought. "I'll talk to her."

"Hurry, we can't wrong Eveline." Karen waved her hand. She was very protective of Madeline now.

Naomi frowned and had an aggrieved look on her face. As she cursed Madeline in her heart, she was also glad that Karen was siding with her.

However, she was a little anxious as well. Would anything happen when Jeremy went to talk to Madeline later? As such, she followed after him.

Married by Mistake Mr. Whitman's Sinner Wife [Sixteenth Child] Chapter 1510
Madeline had just walked to the door of the room. Out of the corner of her eye, she caught sight of Jeremy following closely behind her. As such, she stopped and turned her head.

Jeremy gave her a slight smile when he saw Madeline turning her head to look over.

He approached her gracefully. Then, he hesitated for two seconds before speaking, "I'm sorry you were wronged."

"..." Madeline was slightly stunned. She thought that Jeremy's tone and gaze were a little off when he said this to her.

"Mr. Whitman, aren't you going to blame me for fooling Mrs. Whitman just now?" Madeline asked.

"I don't think anyone is fooling my wife," Jeremy replied with a smile. He was in a pretty good mood.

This puzzled Madeline even more, and it also made her speculate.

Just as he was about to speak, she saw Naomi approaching Jeremy's back. As such, Madeline reached out and pushed open the door in front of her.

"Mrs. Whitman is here, so you should go to comfort her first, Mr. Whitman."

After Madeline finished speaking, she entered the room and locked the door.

She did not know if she was throwing a tantrum when she said that, but she was indeed infuriated when she looked at Naomi.

After Naomi saw Madeline entering her room, she walked to Jeremy to tell him about her grievances. "Jeremy, it's just a misunderstanding. I didn't mean to remove Quinny's mask. I just did it out of concern and good intentions."

Naomi said pitifully while looking at Jeremy's cold and handsome face.

"Jeremy, you know what kind of person I am in your heart. How could I do something that would embarrass others?"

Jeremy lifted his eyes to stare straight at the face in front of him. He said, "You're right. I know what kind of person Linnie is, so you don't have to explain anything to me."

After Naomi heard that, she let out a sigh of relief. "Jeremy, I knew you'd trust me."

She said before reaching out to hold Jeremy's hand. However, coincidentally, Jeremy placed his hand into his pocket. He took out his phone to make a call while walking away.

Naomi stood where she was and glared at the closed door in front of her in dissatisfaction.

"Eveline, I didn't think you'd be so steadfast. I'll make you pay."

She growled, but at the same time, she sensed that this was going to get troublesome.

She was worried that Madeline would expose everything if she was pressed.

Even though she was disfigured, she had something else to prove that she was Eveline.

Her DNA!

She would not allow Madeline to have the opportunity to expose her true identity!

After this kerfuffle ended, Madeline did not mention it again. She would take one hour of her time every day to go to Adam's place for treatment.

Madeline did not know if it was psychological or if it was because Adam was indeed a very skilled doctor. After half a month, Madeline felt that the color of the burnt area on her face had become lighter. Scabs started to form on her wounds and they were starting to peel off. The scar on her forehead had faded as well and was not visible anymore.

Today was the 30th day of treatment. Madeline lay on the recliner and felt the cool liquid flowing across her face. She felt that it was soothing. There was no longer the hot, dry, and itchy sensation on her face anymore.

"You can see the result half an hour after this cold compress." Adam's voice glided into her ears gently.

Madeline blinked nervously. Then, she saw Cathy coming in with some fruits and beverages from the corner of her eyes. She wanted to greet her but knew that Cathy did not recognize her now.

Madeline lay down quietly, this half-hour feeling like an eternity to her.

When the alarm clock rang, Madeline opened her eyes abruptly. She saw Adam smiling softly at her from one side.

"Don't be so nervous. Get up and wash your face before you look at your current face."

Married by Mistake Mr. Whitman's Sinner Wife [Sixteenth Child] Chapter 1511
Even though Adam told her not to worry, Madeline was still feeling anxious.

She washed her face in the toilet but did not dare to lift her head to look at herself in the mirror.

However, when she was washing her face, she could feel that her skin had gotten smoother. Although her face had progressively gotten better during the 30-day treatment, her skin was never this smooth before.

Madeline became excited, but she still washed her face gently. In the end, she used a towel to pat the water droplets on her face dry.

After a long while, she finally found the courage to lift her head.

The mirror in front of her was wide and the light on top of her head was bright. Madeline could clearly see the state of her face now.

She looked at herself in the mirror and lifted her hand to touch her face with some bewilderment.

At this moment, Adam appeared behind Madeline.

"I added a special ingredient to the gel just now. It helps to boost the rebuilding of your collagen and the tissues of your skin barrier, so that's why your face feels flatter and more delicate now."

After she heard what Adam said, Madeline's eyes lit up.

Adam saw the joy on Madeline's face, but he still had to tell her the truth.

"However, this is only temporary."

"Temporary?" The smile on Madeline's face faded. She turned around asked nervously, "Are you saying that I might revert to how I looked?"

"No, it just means that it'll take a long time before you can go back to the way you look. Your scabs only fell recently and the red marks on your face can't fade completely yet. However, if you put on some makeup, the red marks might not be visible."

Madeline stayed silent for a few seconds after hearing that. After a while, a smile appeared on her face again.

"Thank you, Adam. I'm grateful and happy that I can recover to this extent. I thought I'd have these hideous scars on my face forever."

"It'll recover even better if you give it some time." Adam encouraged her.
"Actually, you might not feel so stressed standing in front of Jeremy now. Plus, I believe he won't feel disgusted by you either."

"I know he won't." Madeline touched her face. After staying quiet for a while, she picked up her mask to put it on. "I'll be going back now. I'll come again tomorrow."

"Okay, I'll walk you out." Adam led the way.

Cathy was in the open kitchen preparing dinner. When she saw Madeline leaving, she walked over quickly.

"Are you leaving now? Don't you want some dinner?"

Madeline stopped and looked at the woman in front of her.

Cathy looked almost the same as when she first saw her. She looked so clean and gorgeous. There were no traces of plastic surgery on her face at all.

Madeline started to feel sorry for this woman. "Thank you, Amy, but I have some things I need to take care of so I'll get going now."

After she said that, Adam's phone rang. "Amy, I need to take this call. Help me walk Miss Montgomery out."

"Okay," Amy answered and walked to the outside of the house with Madeline.

The sky was not dark yet but the dusk in early winter was very cold.

Madeline walked out of the door and saw Cathy following behind her. "Amy, you should go in. I can just call a cab at the side of the road."

Cathy smiled and nodded. However, there was a hint of melancholy on her face.

Madeline had a lot of things to say to Cathy, but she remembered what Adam said. He hoped Cathy could have a quiet life and not be disturbed by Felipe. As such, Madeline did not say anything.

Married by Mistake Mr. Whitman's Sinner Wife [Sixteenth Child] Chapter 1512
"See you tomorrow, Amy." Madeline waved her hand and turned around.

However, after she took a few steps, she heard Cathy calling out from behind her, "Eveline."

She called her Eveline.

Madeline turned around in surprise to look at the woman in front of her in excitement.

"Adam always calls you Miss Montgomery, but I remember that your name is Eveline," Cathy furrowed her brows and said probingly.

"I keep feeling as if I know you from before, and I don't mean recently but a very long time ago."

She said and then went on to talk about what happened back then.

"There's a man named Felipe Whitman and he was always appearing in front of me. He kept calling me Cathy but I'm sure I'm not Cathy. Yet, he still kept appearing in front of me until I said I hated him and told him to stop bothering me. It was only then he finally stopped appearing."

When she said this, Madeline could see a flash of desolation in Cathy's eyes.

"For some reason, after he stopped bothering me, I started having dreams about him. In my dreams, he would call me Cathy and I would reply to him. Am I really Cathy? Why do I have no memories about this?"

After she heard Cathy say this, Madeline felt conflicted.

She wanted to tell Cathy but stopped herself. She smiled, saying, "I think it's because he always bothered you so that's why you keep having the same dreams."

Madeline finally said something that went against her heart. "You're not Cathy and I've never seen you before. I think you're just overthinking."

Cathy frowned while feeling awkward after she heard that. Soon after, she smiled in relief. "Perhaps I really am just overthinking. I won't hinder you from going back, then. Goodbye."

"Yeah, bye." Madeline turned around hurriedly after she said that. She was worried that she would tell Cathy everything the longer she stayed here.

However, what Adam did was right. This life right now might not be detrimental to Cathy.

Even if Felipe reunited with Cathy, he would not be able to give her happiness.

He had to pay for all of the crimes he did in the past and go to jail.

Madeline called a cab from the side of the road. She wanted to go back to Whitman Manor, but in the end, she got off at a mall nearby.

After she went into the mall, Madeline bought some basic makeup products. She hid in the restroom of the mall to put some makeup on her face using a small mirror.

After her skin completely absorbed the gel, the condition of her face was indeed not bad now. Even though its effects were only temporary and she might go back

to having an ugly face with red marks after she woke up the next day, Madeline was satisfied at this moment.

She put on a thin layer of foundation on her face. After she set her makeup, her face did not look too different from how she looked back then under the dim moonlight.

Madeline's heart was racing. She looked at herself in the mirror and could not believe that she was able to recover this fast.

At least, she could finally recognize this person as herself.

She put away her makeup and walked out of the cubicle to the vanity mirror. The lights on the mirror were bright but did not expose the flaws and red marks on her face.

The corners of Madeline's eyes were wet, but she did not allow herself to cry. After she left the mall, she wandered all the way to Whitman Corporation.

She wanted to go see Jeremy, but after she thought about it, she gave up on that idea.

When Madeline was about to leave, a male employee accidentally bumped into Madeline's shoulder when he hurried to get off work.

Madeline lost her balance all of a sudden. Before she could stable herself, she felt a familiar warmth on her shoulder.

She lowered her head to see a hand holding her shoulder firmly.

Married by Mistake Mr. Whitman's Sinner Wife [Sixteenth Child] Chapter 1513
Madeline's heartbeat started to become erratic, and she was more than familiar with this rhythm.

This was the man she loved and the man who loved her, so they should be able to get along naturally. At this moment, however, Madeline was abnormally nervous.

Yet, she was more worried that the red marks and scars after her scabs fell would appear once again.

She still did not have enough courage to face this man.

However, her voice...

While she was pondering about this nervously, Jeremy's hand grabbed her shoulder and he walked in front of her.

It was dusk, and the sunset shone silently on Madeline's face, creating a halo of light.

Jeremy looked at Madeline, and there was an excited glint flashing across his bottomless eyes. However, it faded away as fast as it came.

After a few seconds, Jeremy smiled and parted his lips. "Linnie, why are you here?"

His tone was gentle and sounded like the breeze in April or May as his voice glided past Madeline's ears.

Madeline was taken aback when she heard that.

'If Jeremy is calling me that, it means that I don't look much different from how I looked before.

'However, he's calling me 'Linnie'. Is he mistaking me as that imposter, Naomi?

'Or perhaps you're also this gentle when you're facing Naomi, Jeremy?'

Madeline could not help but overthink. When she was about to say something, she remembered the state of her voice and could only stay silent.

Even though her voice was not as coarse and rough as before, it still could not compare to her original voice.

Adam said he was not an expert in otorhinolaryngology, so he could only refer her to other professional doctors to treat her throat.

Jeremy lowered his head to get closer to Madeline when he sensed her discomfort. Then, he said softly, "Linnie, is your throat unwell? If it is, then you don't have to talk."

Madeline looked into Jeremy's smiling and gentle eyes before nodding lightly.

Jeremy smiled lightly and turned around to walk next to Madeline. Then, he retracted the hand that was on her shoulder to pull her into his arms naturally.

Madeline's heart started beating fast again. It had been so long since she felt this warm and affectionate hug.

This was also the embrace that she had longed for the most during this period.

"Linnie, it has been a long time since we ate in that restaurant. Why don't we have some time for ourselves tonight?"

Madeline lifted her head and nodded when she heard Jeremy asking her softly in her ear.

Jeremy's smile grew wider. He held Madeline as they walked to the restaurant.

On the way, Madeline saw Jeremy sending a message to someone on his phone.

There were some unhappy and happy memories in this restaurant. However, to Madeline, there were more happy memories here at the end of the day.

The last time she came here with Felipe, she had run into Jeremy.

Now that she thought about it, it seemed as if Jeremy was jealous last time.

It was dinner time and yet Madeline realized that the restaurant was almost empty.

When the manager saw Jeremy and Madeline, he smiled and brought them to the seat next to the window politely.

Jeremy took the menu and ordered some food. Since there was no one else, the food came pretty quickly.

Madeline felt at ease when she saw the food in front of her.

He knew her preferences clearly and all of the food on the table were her favorites.

He even ordered a bottle of red wine to pour for Madeline.

Married by Mistake Mr. Whitman's Sinner Wife [Sixteenth Child] Chapter 1514
Madeline lifted the wine glass. She wanted to down all of the troubles and unhappiness she experienced recently. However, Jeremy suddenly said something.

"Linnie, I think it has been a long time since we sat down and had a candlelight dinner with just the two of us."

Madeline was taken aback when she heard that. Her clear and bright eyes were looking into Jeremy's eyes.

It had indeed been a long time.

Madeline lamented silently. However, she thought about it after a while. If Jeremy said that, did it mean that he had not eaten with Naomi alone this whole time?

Madeline was glad. She smiled and lifted her wine glass at Jeremy.

Even though Madeline did not say anything, Jeremy understood what she meant.

He lifted his wine glass as well and clinked it with Madeline's. When he saw the faint dimples on Madeline's face, he smiled as well.

The stars were shining brightly outside and it was very romantic. At this moment, Madeline only had Jeremy in her eyes. He was her star. He would give her light and warmth when she was lost in the dark so that she would not be lost and give up.

After dinner ended, Madeline got up and Jeremy came over to hold her hand.

Madeline was glad when she felt their fingers intertwining.

She hoped this moment would last longer, just a little longer.

Jeremy seemed to see through her. He did not go home but instead, he held Madeline's hand and strolled down the street leisurely.

Under the stars and moonlight, they looked like a couple madly in love.

They held each other's hands and enjoyed this sweet time when there were only the two of them.

Even though Madeline did not say anything, it still did not affect them getting along with each other.

When they passed by a florist, Jeremy went in and bought a bunch of blue baby's breath for Madeline.

"Lily's favorite flower is blue baby's breath and I know Linnie likes it a lot as well," he said softly, holding Madeline's hand again.

Madeline held the bouquet in her hand and felt sweetness enveloping her heart.

She lifted her head quietly and looked at Jeremy's smiling side profile. She had the urge to tell him everything, but she stopped before she could say anything.

Boom!

Suddenly, huge fireworks blossomed in the sky not far away.

Madeline stopped to lift her head to look over. Then, she spotted bright fireworks blossoming in front of her eyes.

Madeline could not control herself and exclaimed, "How pretty!"

However, after she said that, Madeline felt anxious.

She remembered the state of her voice now and was worried Jeremy would see through her. However, after a while, she heard Jeremy exclaiming as well, "There are so many things in this world and none of them can compare to how good you look in my heart, Linnie."

"..."

Madeline was taken aback. Even though she was happy to receive Jeremy's praises, she was curious. Had Jeremy not heard her voice?

Was it because the fireworks were too loud so they covered her voice and that was why Jeremy did not hear it?

Madeline thought about it and felt that this was more reasonable.

She let out a sigh of relief. She lowered her voice and looked at Jeremy. "Really? Do you mean what you said just now, Jeremy?"

Jeremy looked over to meet her expecting eyes. "Linnie, I've always been true toward you." His eyes were filled with passion. "No matter how time changes or if your beauty fades, in my heart, you're always the most perfect and flawless woman."

Madeline felt tears stinging the corners of her eyes, and she was touched. "Even if I become so hideous..."

"No matter how you become, you'll always be the love of Jeremy Whitman's life." Married by Mistake Mr. Whitman's Sinner Wife [Sixteenth Child] Chapter 1515 After she heard that, Madeline did not feel aggrieved or sad anymore.

All of the hurt she felt had been healed by this man at this moment.

When she was about to cry, Jeremy spread his arms and pulled her into his embrace.

"Linnie, stop overthinking. I only have you in my life and you're the only woman I love." His warm promise flickered next to her ear.

Madeline nodded with tears in her eyes. Her voice shook as she said, "I know."

She knew. She always knew that he loved her, from the start all the way till now.

After the hug, Jeremy leaned down and pressed a soft kiss on Madeline's lips.

However, after this kiss, Madeline felt as if she was Cinderella after the clock struck 12. It was time to leave.

Coincidentally, Jeremy's phone rang.

He picked up the phone and said after listening for a while, "Tell Lily I'm coming home now. Tell her to stop crying."

'Is Lily crying?'

Madeline started to feel worried. She did not know why her child was crying.

Jeremy hung up the phone and Madeline immediately grabbed him to walk back. "Why is Lily crying? Let's go home now."

She said frantically, completely forgetting that the fireworks had ended a long time ago...

On the way back, Madeline did not say anything. She only had Lillian in her head now.

When they were back home, Madeline hurriedly ran into the house after she got out of the car.

When she was at the door, she suddenly remembered something.

Her identity had been stolen now and there was already another Eveline inside.

Madeline thought about this in her heart and took out her mask from her pocket to quickly put it on.

After she put it on, she strode into the house.

Lillian had stopped crying and was now sitting sulkily on the sofa. Madeline wanted to go over to comfort her, but to prevent exposing herself, she quickly went upstairs to change her clothes.

When she was coming downstairs, she saw Naomi walking out of the bedroom.

Naomi was looking carefree, and of course, she would not care about why Lillian was crying.

However, Naomi noticed Madeline. When she saw Madeline in a hurry, she could guess why she was so worried.

Naomi smirked sinisterly. Suddenly, she sped up and got in front of Madeline to stop her from going downstairs.

"Get out of the way," Madeline said coldly. She wanted to walk around Naomi but Naomi did not give up.

"Do you know why your daughter is crying?" Naomi asked this question sinisterly all of a sudden.

Madeline lifted her cold yet stunning eyes to look at her. Something clicked in her brain. "Did you bully Lily?"

"Yeah, I did. I hit her when no one was paying attention. She's mute anyway, so she doesn't have the ability to tell on me."

The fire in Madeline's heart started roaring after she heard Naomi's answer.

Madeline did not say anything before slapping Naomi heavily on the face.

Slap!

"Ah!"

Naomi did not expect Madeline to be so decisive and quick, so she did not have the chance to dodge. In the end, she received the slap firmly.

"How dare you slap me?" Naomi growled in a low voice.

"Naomi, do you really think I won't expose you? Do you really think you can be absolutely unrestrained? I'm warning you, you can come for me but no one's allowed to touch my children!"

Married by Mistake Mr. Whitman's Sinner Wife [Sixteenth Child] Chapter 1516
Naomi clutched her face. When she saw the sharp and piercing cold glint in Madeline's eyes, she was shocked.

After Madeline warned her, she pushed Naomi away to go downstairs.

Naomi was bitter about the unbearable grievances. When Madeline was not paying attention, she suddenly stuck her foot out to trip Madeline.

However, it was as if Madeline was prepared. When Naomi stuck her foot out, she retracted her foot and at the same time, she grabbed Naomi.

Naomi did not expect Madeline's reflexes to be so quick. She was caught off guard after she was pulled and missed her footing before falling down the stairs. With a loud and muffled thud, she rolled down the stairs.

"Ah!"

Naomi then rolled all the way to the first floor while accompanied by her pained screams.

When Jeremy saw this after he walked through the door, he stood motionless in surprise. However, he did not go over to help Naomi up even after a long while.

Karen was in the living room, completely stunned when she saw this. She quickly placed Pudding down and ran over to Naomi.

"Eveline, are you okay? How did you fall from the stairs?"

Karen asked in concern and quickly helped Naomi up.

Naomi clutched her waist and glared resentfully at Madeline from the corner of her eyes. However, she could only get angry without making any complaints.

It did not seem like something Madeline would do if she told on her.

However, after what happened last time, she did not know whether Madeline would have something else to get back at her again.

She did not want to make a fool of herself in front of Jeremy and the Whitmans again.

"Eveline, where did you hurt yourself? Do you need to go to the hospital?" Karen looked all over Naomi and was worried that Naomi might have gotten herself hurt.

Naomi was indeed in a lot of pain, especially her waist. However, she could only endure it.

"Mom, I'm fine. Don't worry, I'm just too worried about Lily and want to comfort her, so that's why I was in a hurry," Naomi explained and packaged herself as a good mother.

Now, Karen was even more heartbroken. When she spotted Jeremy walking over from the door, she called out hurriedly, "Jeremy, it's good that you're back. Eveline fell from the stairs. Come quickly to comfort your wife."

However, Jeremy looked indifferent when he heard this. "I heard. It's good that she's fine."

He said flatly and looked at Madeline who was making her way downstairs. Then, he looked at Lillian who was sitting silently on the sofa.

"Lily, why did you cry? Do you miss Daddy?" Jeremy hurried over to ask Lillian.

Lillian lifted her eyes that looked as beautiful as the stars. She glanced at Naomi before burying her face into Jeremy's chest like a scared deer.

"Daddy."

The little princess called out to Jeremy childishly.

Jeremy felt his heart melting at that instant. He picked up Lillian and ignored his youngest son before going upstairs.

Madeline was on her way downstairs when she saw Jeremy walking over with Lillian. She had a strong urge to hold the child and comfort her. At the same time, she wanted to know where Naomi hurt Lillian. However, she did not have a reason to hold Lillian.

At the same time, Lillian, who was in Jeremy's arms, lifted her head to look at Madeline.

When her eyes met Lillian's teary eyes that were full of grievances, Madeline felt her heart aching even more.

'Lily.'

"Mommy," Lillian called out to Madeline.

Jeremy stopped in his tracks. Madeline also looked absent-mindedly at Lillian who was reaching out her hands for her to hold her.

Her teary eyes were staring straight at Madeline.

"Mommy."

Married by Mistake Mr. Whitman's Sinner Wife [Sixteenth Child] Chapter 1517
The little princess called Madeline her mommy again.

Madeline could not express the excitement she was feeling right now with words. However, the overflowing joy in her eyes was evident.

Jeremy looked at Madeline's twinkling eyes and approached Madeline with Lillian in his arms.

"I think my daughter likes you a lot. Can you help me hold this child to comfort her?"

Madeline did not expect Jeremy to say that. Of course, Madeline would be more than happy to.

She nodded quickly and reached out her hands to hold Lillian.

When Naomi saw this from the living room, she felt agitated and nervous.

Was this because blood was thicker than water and Lillian was her flesh and blood?

Was that why the little thing could sense the woman holding her right now was her birth mother?

Naomi clenched her fists in silence when she saw Madeline carrying Lillian upstairs. Plus, she also gritted her teeth.

She could not let this continue. If the little girl had this feeling, it meant that Jeremy would know who was the real Eveline Montgomery sooner or later.

Naomi pondered silently and felt that she could not sit still and do nothing.

She did not have anyone left. She no longer had Ryan's orders and instructions, so she had to depend on herself.

Madeline carried Lillian to her room where Jackson was doing his homework.

"Miss Quinny," Jackson greeted politely as he blinked his lively wide eyes. "What's wrong with Lily? Why are her eyes red?"

After Lillian heard what Jackson said, she lowered her crystal clear wide eyes aggrievedly.

Madeline patted the child's back while feeling pitiful. She sat down on the sofa with Lillian.

"Good girl."

She caressed the little girl's head comfortingly. She wished that her voice would sound nicer now. At least, she did not want it so hoarse and grave because it did not sound gentle at all.

Lillian leaned against Madeline's chest without saying a word while she played with her fingers.

Madeline remembered what Naomi said just now. After staying silent for a while, she asked Lillian probingly, "Lily, tell me where does it hurt?"

Lillian understood what Madeline was saying. She reached out her adorable finger and pointed at both of her arms.

Madeline quickly rolled up Lillian's sleeves. It would be better if she had not looked. After she took a look, Madeline wanted so badly to rip Naomi into pieces.

She spotted the red and purple bruises on her daughter's arms and could tell how violently Naomi had treated her.

Naomi knew Lillian could not speak and she was a slow, adorable little girl, so she chose to take action against this child.

She would hesitate if it was Jackson.

"Why are there red spots on Lily's arms?" Jackson furrowed his brows in concern, looking worried.

Lillian leaned against Madeline's chest aggrievedly. "Mommy, Mommy."

Madeline felt her heart aching as she held the little princess in her arms tightly.

"Lily, Mommy won't allow you to get hurt for no reason."

Madeline finished saying that as calmly as she could. Then, she placed Lillian on the sofa, got up, and told Jackson, "Jack, watch your sister. I need to go out for a bit and I'll be back soon." Madeline turned around suddenly.

"Where are you going?" Jackson asked curiously behind Madeline.

Madeline suppressed her anger and turned back to smile gently at the child.
Married by Mistake Mr. Whitman's Sinner Wife [Sixteenth Child] Chapter 1518
"Jack, be a good boy and watch your sister."

She smiled and urged before striding to the door.

Naomi was eating some fruits alone in the living room. She was planning how to get back at Madeline when she saw Madeline bustling downstairs.

She was taken aback, and as she was wondering what Madeline was going to do, Madeline had already charged in front of her like a gust of wind.

Madeline grabbed Naomi's collar and did not hesitate before slapping her hard across the face.

Slap!

"Ah!"

Naomi wailed in pain. At the same time, her voice alarmed Karen and Jeremy who just went upstairs.

They came out of their rooms at the same time to go downstairs. Then, they saw Madeline holding Naomi's collar.

Karen's face turned pale from shock. She had no idea what was going on, so she quickly rushed over.

Naomi was startled by the sudden slap as well. When she came back to her senses, she glared at Madeline and warned in a low voice.

"Eveline, you psychopath! Would you cut it out? How dare you hit me again and again!"

"Yeah, you're right. I am Eveline, so you'd best stop bullying my children. If not, a psychopath like me will give you double of what you did to my children!"

Madeline's eyes turned sharp as she tightened her slender fingers around the flesh on Naomi's arm.

"Hiss!" Naomi was in so much pain she started having goosebumps. She wanted to push Madeline away angrily, but Madeline moved to pinch her on the other arm even faster.

Naomi was in so much pain and anger. She stared straight at Madeline with her venomous eyes. "Eveline, take off your mask if you dare. Use your hideously disfigured face to tell them that you're Eveline. If not, I'll continue torturing your children. This time it was your daughter, next time it'll be your son!"

Slap!

Madeline slapped Naomi directly and efficiently before grabbing Naomi by the collar again.

"Try me!"

"What's wrong with you? Let go of my daughter-in-law!" At this moment, Karen hurried over and used all of her might to pull away Madeline who was grabbing Naomi.

Madeline did not want to fight with Karen because she knew Karen was actually trying to defend her. As such, she could only exercise forbearance.

However, Karen did not know the truth. She barged over to Madeline to yell at her.

"What's wrong with you? We hired you to take care of my in-law but why are you always going against my daughter-in-law?"

"I can forgive you for being rude to the young madam, but now you're hitting her! You have such a horrible temper!"

Karen berated as her face turned green.

"Go now! I don't need you to take care of my in-law! I'll transfer your pay to you tomorrow morning. Get out of our house now!"

Karen chased her away angrily.

Naomi clutched her face aggrievedly. At the same time, she pretended to urge like she was being understanding toward others.

"Mom, it's fine. Quinny might just be in a bad mood so that's why she did that. If she doesn't have a job, she won't have money to treat her face. We should give her another chance."

"How is that possible? She slapped you!" Karen insisted on asking Madeline to leave. She kept on asking Madeline to leave, "Go! Go now! You even have the cheek to hit someone. I'm already being extremely kind for not calling the cops on you. Go now!"

Madeline clenched her fists and looked at Naomi as she lifted her eyebrows to provoke her. She almost could not stop herself from pulling down her mask.

Her face was almost the same as how Naomi looked now, so she could prove that she was the real Eveline.

'Naomi, are you so confident that my face will never recover?

'I want you to open your eyes and look closely now!'

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Madeline was infuriated and could not endure Naomi's behavior anymore. She lifted her hand to get ready to pull down her mask to fight head-on with Naomi.

When Naomi saw Madeline wanting to remove her mask, she was shocked.

Yet, she was not worried at all. She knew Madeline's face was so horrible it was unbearable for one to look straight at it. As such, no one would believe that a person with that face would be the real Madeline.

At this moment, Jeremy appeared behind Madeline.

"Quinny," he called out to Madeline softly.

Madeline stopped abruptly after removing one of the straps of her mask.

"Quinny, you don't have to leave. Go back to your room first." Jeremy walked to Madeline's side and looked into her eyes with his deep eyes. His gaze was extremely gentle.

"How can we do that, Jeremy? She slapped Eveline! She slapped your wife!" Karen emphasized.

In Naomi's heart, she wanted to use Karen to kick Madeline out, but on the surface, she had to pretend to be generous and magnanimous. She also had to pretend to make concessions in order to gain advantages.

"Mom, we should just forget it. I know Quinny must still be mad at me about what happened in the park last time, so I understand. Plus, I'm not hurt. I'll stop looking into this, so just let her stay."

Karen still could not accept this after she heard it. "No, she has to leave—"

"Since the person involved has already said it's fine, then we should stop talking about this," Jeremy interrupted Karen coldly.

Karen was infuriated, so she did not sense anything wrong with this statement.

However, Madeline and Naomi heard him. Jeremy had just described Naomi as the person involved.

Madeline felt that this was strange. Then, she heard Jeremy saying to her calmly, "Lily and Jack are still waiting for you in the room. You should go back now."

"Wait!" Karen stopped Madeline who was about to leave. "Jeremy, how can we just let this go? How can you let Eveline suffer such grievance? It's fine if you let her stay, but how can she not apologize to Eveline?"

"Mom, I don't need Quinny to apologize to me. I don't blame her." Naomi quickly put on a show because she wanted to bring out Madeline's understanding qualities.

When Karen heard that, her heart ached even more. "Eveline, you're too kind-hearted."

Naomi smiled softly before lifting her head to look at Madeline. "Quinny, I don't blame you. Since Lily and Jack like you so much, then please take care of these children more in the future."

Madeline scoffed when she saw Naomi's fake mask. "I'll definitely take good care of Lily and Jack, but don't expect me to be magnanimous with you."

"..." Naomi's smile froze.

Then, sarcasm started surfacing in Madeline's eyes. "I keep hearing that Mr. Whitman's wife, Eveline, is a generous, magnanimous, wise, charming, bold, well-mannered, and sharp woman. However, for some reason, in my opinion, you look like a fake with an over-compensating persona. Plus, you're just a goody-two-shoes pretending to be pure and noble."

"..."

Naomi was shocked. She did not expect Madeline to describe her like this.

Karen was utterly shocked. She thought something was wrong with her ears.

After Madeline said that, she turned around and went upstairs confidently. Her attitude was imposing and domineering.

"W-What kind of person is this?" Karen was shocked and stammering as she spoke. "Jeremy, do you really want someone like that staying in Whitman Manor? Are you not worried that Eveline will be infuriated by her?"

Jeremy lifted his head to look at Madeline's back. Then, he said profoundly, "Linnie won't."

"What?" Karen did not understand him. She did not know what Jeremy was talking about.

"I have some work to take care of, so I'll be at the study," said Jeremy before going upstairs.

Karen wanted to ask him but she knew what Jeremy was like. As such, she felt that it was not necessary to ask.

After that, she comforted Naomi for a while before going back to her room. Married by Mistake Mr. Whitman's Sinner Wife [Sixteenth Child] Chapter 1520 Naomi clutched her cheeks that were still hurting from the slaps. She felt that she could not continue this anymore.

Madeline was almost fighting head-on with her. What made her uncomfortable and feel strange the most was Jeremy's attitude.

It was obvious that he favored Madeline more now.

'Did he sense something?'

Naomi started to panic.

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Madeline went back to the children's room. After she got rid of all her displeasure, she smiled and accompanied Lillian and Jackson with benevolence and gentleness in her eyes. Finally, she left their rooms after she put them to bed.

She went to look for Eloise. After seeing that Eloise was sleeping soundly, she went back to her room feeling relieved.

After she took a shower, Madeline removed the makeup on her face. The red marks appeared once again in the mirror.

Indeed, it was just like Adam said. The red marks would not fade away so easily.

The effects of the gel were just like a mask with quick results. The effects after it was absorbed into the skin were just temporary.

Madeline sighed in disappointment and frustration. She put on her mask to walk back to her room and coincidentally, she saw Jeremy walking toward her.

"I have a lot of work to take care of today. You make a good cup of coffee, so can you make some coffee for me and rearrange my documents for me like last time?" Jeremy requested.

Madeline held her worn clothes and hesitated before nodding.

"Of course."

Jeremy smiled. "I'll be waiting for your arrival."

"Okay."

Madeline replied and looked at Jeremy's tall figure. She went back to her room to tidy up her clothes and hair before coming to Jeremy's study.

At this moment, he was sitting in front of his desk and his bony fingers were flipping the pages of the documents.

Madeline loved it when Jeremy was serious and focused. She did not disturb him. Instead, she quietly went over to the coffee machine and started making coffee.

After she was done, she took a cup and placed it on the desk. After that, she went to one side to help him organize his documents.

While she was doing that, Madeline's eyes could not help but look over at Jeremy.

She stared at his handsome face and started to fiddle with the ring on her ring finger absent-mindedly.

'Jeremy, I know you have some feelings for me. That's why you subconsciously choose to protect me and side with me.

'I'm more than thrilled to be able to have this kind of treatment.

'At least you're not ignoring me like I'm a stranger. You're even concerned about my emotions and protecting me from all angles.'

Madeline thought about this and showed a smile without her realizing it.

Time slipped away silently, and it was already the middle of the night unbeknownst to them.

Madeline opened her eyes to realize that she had fallen asleep on the sofa without her knowledge. There was even a blanket on her. She lifted her head and saw Jeremy sleeping while leaning against the chair.

She got up hurriedly and took the blanket to tiptoe over to where Jeremy was. She placed the blanket on him.

She thought she would be able to let him sleep like this, but while looking at the faint melancholy and exhaustion in between his eyebrows, Madeline could not help herself and lifted her finger to caress his eyebrows.

However, the man who was sleeping opened his eyes all of a sudden. Married by Mistake Mr. Whitman's Sinner Wife [Sixteenth Child] Chapter 1521 Madeline thought she was being very gentle, but she still woke Jeremy unexpectedly.

She did not want to disturb his rest, but Jeremy was indeed awake now.

Madeline was at a loss, so she tried to look for an excuse. "Mr. Whit—"

"Linnie."

"..."

Jeremy suddenly called out to Madeline with this name.

Madeline was stunned and lowered her eyes to look into Jeremy's eyes. Under the pale moonlight, his bottomless eyes that looked like the night appeared a little dazed.

"Linnie, it's great to have you here," Jeremy lamented. His thin and alluring lips were curled into a happy smile.

As he was smiling, he spread his arms to hold Madeline's waist. Then, he placed his head gently on her body.

Madeline was stunned. Was he dreaming? Was he groggy with sleep?

She could not understand this. However, she did not want to find out for herself at this moment.

Madeline held Jeremy's head gently, and her fingers glided across his cheek.

"I'll always stay with you and I won't leave you."

"Linnie."

"Yeah."

"I won't let anyone bully you," Jeremy suddenly promised Madeline.

Madeline smiled. "I know. You won't let anyone bully me, and you're doing just that. It's very late now, just go to sleep if you're tired."

"I want to sleep with Linnie." Jeremy lifted his head. At this moment, for some reason, he sounded as if he was simpering.

Madeline had never seen Jeremy acting so childishly before. When she was wondering how she would sleep with him, the man tightened his grip on her waist.

Madeline was caught off guard and fell into Jeremy's arms. They were looking into each other's eyes in such close proximity. Jeremy's eyes still looked deep and dazed.

However, Madeline was at a loss. She wanted to stand up, but not only was Jeremy trapping her limbs, he even ripped off her mask suddenly.

Madeline parted her lips in surprise. Before she could scream, Jeremy pressed his lips against hers.

It happened all too suddenly and Madeline lost the ability to think. At that moment, her brain turned blank.

She did not know whether Jeremy thought he was dreaming or what, but Madeline started to lose control and was being drawn to him.

While she was distracted, Jeremy turned around and pressed her against the sofa. His kisses caused ripples to form in her heart.

"Linnie, I miss you so much," Jeremy said softly in Madeline's ears.

Madeline felt her ears turning hot as heat started to rise in her cheeks as well. At the same time, her heartbeat started to speed up too.

Suddenly, she felt as if she was dreaming, but this might be a beautiful dream...

Then, night turned to day.

Madeline slowly opened her eyes from sleep and realized she was lying on the bed in the bedroom.

She sat up abruptly, and the blanket fell from her shoulder. Her naked shoulder reminded her of the confusion that happened in the middle of the night.

Madeline's face started to heat up and become red.

'What happened last night was not a dream, right?

'However, how did I end up in my bed in the bedroom?

'Did Jeremy carry me back here?

'He carried me?

'Who does he see me as?'

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Immediately, Madeline had a lot of questions in her head. However, she did not have answers to any of them.

After sitting on the bed silently for some time, she finally went to change and wash up.

When she was washing up, she saw her true face in the mirror. The light in her eyes became slightly duller.

She put back her mask and left her room to look for Eloise.

Coincidentally when she walked past the corridor, she saw Jeremy walking out of the study.

The man's tall and slender figure was walking over elegantly. His extraordinary aura and temperament went straight to Madeline's heart.

At this moment, Madeline's eyes met Jeremy's.

Madeline's heart started racing for some reason after recalling what happened in the study last night.

However, after looking into Jeremy's eyes, Madeline did not know how to avert her gaze any more.

Her heart was beating frantically, but the man seemed unmoved. His lively eyes were looking into hers calmly.

Madeline started to feel even more confused about what happened last night. Jeremy's calmness was causing her to wonder whether it was all a dream.

Perhaps she was too focused on looking at him, so Madeline did not notice the decorative frame on the wall.

When she was about to run into the frame, Jeremy reached out and grabbed her shoulder to pull her into his arms.

His familiar scent invaded her chest in an instant, and Madeline felt her cheeks heating up.

When she heard footsteps approaching them, Madeline finally came back to her senses and got away from Jeremy's embrace.

She looked at him, and his deep eyes swept across her eyes. He looked so calm, but it made Madeline super apprehensive.

"Daddy." She heard Jackson's bright voice soon after, and his tiny figure appeared while holding Lillian's hand. When he saw Madeline, he greeted politely, "Hello, miss."

Lillian furrowed her adorable brows when she heard that and shook her head. "Mommy."

The little princess looked at Madeline seriously. It was as if she was correcting Jackson for calling Madeline 'miss'.

Madeline was trying to ease the strange atmosphere between her and Jeremy. When she saw that, she walked over to say hello to the two children.

"Good morning, Jack and Lily. Go have breakfast now. Your daddy will take you to school later."

Jackson and Lillian nodded obediently. Then, the siblings walked to the stairs hand in hand.

Madeline let out a sigh of relief in secret. From the corner of her eyes, she saw Jeremy still looking at her, so she lowered her head.

"Mr. Whitman, you should bring Jack and Lily downstairs. I still need to take care of Mrs. Montgomery, so I'll see you later."

"Okay," Jeremy replied softly. His lazy voice fell into Madeline's ears, and it became a rhythm that played with her heartstrings.

She hurried over and did not notice a small smile blossoming on Jeremy's lips.

Madeline brought Eloise to the park for some fresh air as usual. In the afternoon, she watched as Eloise finished her lunch before chatting with her. After that, they went to the courtyard for some sun.

The way Eloise looked at Madeline was benevolent and gentle. Sometimes, Madeline would wonder if Eloise knew she was her precious daughter. However, Eloise still looked a little dumb at times.

When it was almost dusk, Madeline went to Adam's place for half an hour to do the gel treatment.

After it was done, the effects were as good as before and the red marks faded away temporarily.

Madeline was more than happy to have achieved this result.

She wanted to talk a little longer with Adam, but she received a call from Jeremy.

He said he had left an important document in his study at home, so he wanted to ask Madeline to help him get it and deliver it to Whitman Corporation.

Of course, Madeline would not decline this request. She quickly went back to Whitman Manor and took the document Jeremy asked for before heading to Whitman Corporation.

The employees were getting off work at this hour and the offices of different departments had their lights off. When Madeline went to Jeremy's office, she saw that the lights inside were on.

She took a deep breath, adjusted her mask, and strode over.

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Madeline walked to the door of the office. When she was about to lift her hand to knock, she could see that there was no one inside through the glass.

She pushed the glass door open curiously. After she went in, she placed the document on the desk.

She was curious about where Jeremy had gone to when the landline on the desk started ringing.

Madeline picked it up since she was there. Then, she heard a man's voice from the other end of the phone. "Mr. Whitman, the final proposal for ZS has been sent to your inbox this morning. The customer is urging us pretty urgently, so please reply to me as soon as possible. I'll be waiting here."

After Madeline heard this, she replied naturally, "I'll tell Mr. Whitman about this. Please hold on."

The person on the other end of the phone was taken aback when he heard the hoarse sound of a woman. After a few seconds, he replied, "Thanks."

"You're welcome." After Madeline said that, she hung up the phone.

She wanted to call Jeremy, but she noticed he had left his phone in the office.

Madeline walked to the front of the computer and turned it on after she entered the password while it was in sleeping mode.

She remembered that Jeremy's password was her birthday. He had not changed it this entire time.

When she thought about this, Madeline felt extremely sweet.

She clicked into Jeremy's private email inbox with ease, and after a while, she found the email the man mentioned just now.

After she opened it, she glanced through it and understood the contents of the email. She was sure that there was no problem with it.

After she read through the email, she sent the email back to the man on Jeremy's behalf.

When she was done with this, the door of the office was opened.

When she saw Jeremy walking in, she quickly shut down the computer.

"Mr. Whitman." Madeline walked over to him. "I brought over the document you asked for. If there's nothing else..."

"There is."

"..."

Jeremy replied bluntly and successfully stopped Madeline from leaving.

"I need to work overtime tonight. Stay here with me."

"..."

"I mean, I need you to stay and help me." Jeremy corrected himself.

Madeline looked at the man who had a serious expression on his face and did not say anything more.

He walked over to his desk and sat down. Then, he touched his computer with his fingers.

"Did you turn on my computer just now?" Jeremy's deep eyes met Madeline's.

Madeline nodded because she felt that it would not be appropriate to lie. "Yeah, there was an urgent call for you just now, so..."

"How do you know the password to my computer?"

"I don't." Madeline declined quickly. "I just randomly guessed. Usually, men would use their beloved woman's birthday as their password. So, I tried Mrs. Whitman's birthday."

After Jeremy heard Madeline's explanation, he nodded as if he was in deep thought.

Madeline saw a faint smile on Jeremy's lips, and her heart started racing. It seemed as if the man did not believe her.

While she was pondering, Madeline heard Jeremy asking with a small smile.

"You're pretty smart. So, does the man you love the most use your birthday as his password as well?"

"...Yes, that's why I had that idea," Madeline continued to explain while continuing the topic.

Jeremy nodded slightly. He turned on his computer and browsed around a little. "You're not just smart. You even unlocked my inbox and took care of my urgent email."

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"It feels like a waste if I don't hire you as my secretary," Jeremy said as if he was feeling rueful. Suddenly, he walked over to Madeline and said, "Do you want to be my secretary? The kind who's always around me no matter the time and place?"

"..."

Madeline felt as if she had never seen Jeremy like this before. He was saying this in such a serious manner and yet there was a frivolous smirk on his handsome face.

This should not be the expression he should have.

Madeline had nothing to say to that. However, Jeremy took one step closer to her.

His body towered over hers, and his aura that was like a shadow quickly enveloped Madeline.

Madeline sensed that something was amiss with Jeremy. She took a step back, but Jeremy suddenly grabbed her wrist.

"Are you declining my invitation?" There was a smile on his lips, and beneath his bottomless eyes, there was an unclear sense of sentiment.

Madeline tried to control herself and pretended to be calm. "Mr. Whitman, you're different from usual."

"You can even sense that I'm different from usual. You pay a lot of attention to me indeed."

"..."

Madeline felt as if she had fallen into some sort of trap after she heard that. However, Madeline's reaction was quick. She was lucky that she was wearing a mask right now, so at least Jeremy could not see the changes in her expression.

Madeline smiled softly, and her eyes looked calm.

"I'm not paying a lot of attention to you, Mr. Whitman. I mean, everyone out there knows you love your wife. In order to please your wife, you don't even have a lot of contact with the opposite gender. If that's the case, why would you want to hire a woman like me to stay by your side to be your secretary? Have you not considered Mrs. Whitman's feelings?"

"I have, so that's why I made this decision."

Jeremy said, suddenly grabbing Madeline's wrist to pull her in front of him."

"Including what happened between us last night, it's all done with the consideration of the woman I love the most."

"..."

Madeline widened her eyes in shock. She could feel that Jeremy was acting strangely when he said this.

Plus, what he said clearly proved that what happened last night was real and not a dream.

Madeline felt her face heating up horribly. She could not understand what Jeremy was talking about right now.

"Don't worry. No one else will know about what happened last night."

"..."

"No wonder you keep targeting my woman at home. It seems that you like me, Miss Quinny." Jeremy smirked.

"I guess that makes sense as well, considering that your so-called boyfriend is pretty much useless. At least I'm much better than him."

"..."

Madeline was speechless again. 'What's wrong with this man tonight?'

When she was trying to figure out what was going on, Jeremy continued in a mischievous tone.

"I want to keep this distance with Miss Quinny. Do you think this is doable? We can see each other and stay with each other all the time if you're my secretary. Don't you think this is ideal?"

When Madeline heard this, she felt a knot in her heart. 'Jeremy, are you insane?'

'Are you trying to keep a woman who's not your wife as a mistress?'

The more Madeline heard this, the more annoyed she felt. Madeline could not understand what Jeremy was saying and doing right now.

She knew she was not a stupid woman and she knew she understood Jeremy. However, at this moment, she was at a loss.

Jeremy's smirk looked even more righteous and sinister after seeing Madeline's hesitation and shock.

"You can't come to a decision, huh, Miss Quinny? Then I shall make one for you."
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'What?'

Madeline widened her crystal clear eyes, and for a moment, she could not understand what Jeremy just said.

However, while she was feeling confused, Jeremy suddenly grabbed her face. Through the thin layer of her mask, he leaned down and pressed his lips against Madeline's features.

"..."

Madeline widened her eyes in shock. She had no words to describe how she was feeling now.

'Jeremy, what's wrong with you?'

Madeline thought she was pretty quick-witted, but at this moment, she could not see through Jeremy at all.

When she came back to her senses to push Jeremy away, she could feel his fingers landing on her ear. He wanted to take off her mask.

Madeline lifted her hand abruptly and grabbed his hand.

"Jeremy Whitman."

She was calling him by his full name.

Jeremy lifted his alluring eyes and looked into Madeline's infuriated ones.

"Mr. Whitman, don't forget that you're someone with a family," Madeline reminded him.

"Of course, I know that." Jeremy smirked, his expression still looking nonchalant and indifferent.

Madeline was even more confused now. "Since you know that, why do you want to have this relationship with me? Do you think you're treating the woman you love fairly by doing this?"

She asked this, feeling offended. However, after she asked this, Madeline felt conflicted as well.

She was the person in his heart and also the person he was facing right now.

However, Jeremy had no idea about this. How could he flirt with her when he had no idea this was her?

Amidst the silence, Jeremy parted his lips slowly. "Of course, it's because of a feeling."

"Feeling?"

"Yeah."

Jeremy answered lazily, his alluring eyes staring straight at Madeline.

"My feelings right now are telling me to get close to you. Don't you feel the same too?"

"..."

Madeline was speechless.

Jeremy lifted his good-looking eyebrows helplessly when he saw Madeline stunned.

"Of course, if you don't have feelings for me and you were only lost and delirious last night, then you can pretend that nothing ever happened. You can reject me, but I won't treat it like it never happened and I won't let go of this feeling I'm feeling right now too."

"..."

Madeline could feel overbearingness and tyranny in his words.

When she had no idea how to reply to this man, his phone rang.

He picked up the phone on his desk while he was at it, and his charming eyes were looking into Madeline's eyes this entire time.

Madeline could feel her heart beating erratically, and she averted her gaze quickly. Then, she walked to the bar and pretended to busy herself making coffee.

'So what's going on now?

'Should I say yes to becoming his mistress?

'If I do that, won't I be cheating on myself?'

However, if she did not agree, he would keep on pestering her, though?

'Jeremy, at the end of the day, you're still trying to betray me by doing this, right?'

The more Madeline thought about this, the more she felt like her brain was going to explode.

When she was still thinking about this while feeling agitated, she felt a pair of arms around her waist all of a sudden. Then, a familiar warm wall of flesh was pressed up against her back. Jeremy's deep and alluring voice sounded next to her ear.

"Miss Quinny, you feel exactly like my wife when I hold her."

"..."

Madeline's heart was racing as she tightened her grip on the cup of coffee. Married by Mistake Mr. Whitman's Sinner Wife [Sixteenth Child] Chapter 1526
"Are you only treating me like this because my eyes look like your wife's, Mr. Whitman?"

"I told you, it's the feeling."

Jeremy emphasized seriously. He tilted his handsome face down and approached the space between Madeline's neck and shoulder. While she was not paying attention, he planted a soft kiss on her neck.

Madeline felt a surge of strong electricity across her heart, and she knew she had been successfully seduced by Jeremy.

"Don't you think you're letting your wife Eveline down by doing this, Mr. Whitman?"

"I don't think so."

"..."

Jeremy's direct answer caused Madeline to be speechless.

'Jeremy, you b*stard. How dare you say no when you didn't even stop to think about it.'

Bang!

Madeline slammed the coffee cup in her hand down and escaped from Jeremy's arms.

"I won't serve you and make you coffee anymore. I also won't stay with you the entire night to help you reorganize your documents!" After Madeline roared furiously, she pushed the man in front of her away and barged to the door.

On the other hand, Jeremy stood where he was while he watched Madeline storm away with a soft smile on his face. He chuckled lightly.

After leaving Jeremy, Madeline ran to the front door of Whitman Corporation.

She lifted her head to look at the night sky before sighing.

"Jeremy, what's wrong with you?"

Madeline thought about this while feeling troubled. She could not even begin to describe the dilemma she was feeling in her heart anymore.

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She thought she had told him how she felt pretty clearly. However, Madeline still found Jeremy trying to get close to her and even flirting with her either intentionally or unintentionally.

Madeline was getting more and more melancholic the more she thought about this. 'Jeremy, you b*stard. Have you already forgotten about me, your real wife?'

However, after she thought about it, he said he only wanted to get close to her because of the feeling.

Feeling.

'So, Jeremy, are you only trying to get close to me because you feel that I'm the person you love?'

Madeline did not know whether she should be happy or sad.

She could only maintain this state of mind to take care of Eloise in the morning and go to Adam's place for her treatment during dusk.

A few days later, Madeline could feel the red marks on her face fading gradually.

She also felt that the skin on her face was clear and clean, especially after doing the gel treatment. Her skin was now so fair and delicate that she did not even need makeup to look alluring and gorgeous.

Madeline was satisfied to be able to recover to this state.

She wanted to expose Naomi's true identity, but she hesitated because of Carter.

She had to know why Carter was investigating Jeremy before exposing her true identity.

Coincidentally, Carter called her.

Madeline took advantage of the situation for her benefit and agreed to meet him. After that, she went to the manor.

However, she unexpectedly felt an extreme aura repelling her when she entered the place.

She saw a woman who was dressed elegantly sitting upright and still on the sofa. The woman's features looked composed and stunning. Plus, it was making her look very imposing.

Madeline could see some of Carter's features on the woman's face.

Was this woman Carter's mother?

Madeline pondered and felt that she was right.

At this moment, the woman looked over at Madeline. However, her eyes looked extremely unfriendly and there were even sharp thorns in her gaze.

However, Madeline still gave her a friendly smile.

The woman averted her gaze in disdain. Coincidentally, the woman named Ada came out from another side. Another middle-aged woman was walking next to Ada and she was wearing a branded two-piece outfit.

Ada peered at Madeline and whispered something in the woman's ear. Then, she walked to Carter's mother and whispered something to her while staring at Madeline.

In the next second, Carter's mother stood up abruptly. There was displeasure on her elegant face as she glared furiously at Madeline.

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What else could Madeline not handle after experiencing so much?

She could even guess what Ada had said to Carter's mother. Indeed, Carter's mother then asked in an extremely displeased tone, "Are you the mistress Carter is hiding from the world after a meticulous selection process?"

Madeline was stunned when she heard this. She wanted to say she had nothing to do with being someone's mistress or the meticulous selection process the woman mentioned.

However, after some serious consideration about how Ada was deliberately targeting her with malicious intentions, Madeline could only smile and nod.

"Yes, Aunty. Carter said I'm his girlfriend."

"Who are you calling 'Aunty'? Don't you address people willy-nilly!" Carter's mother corrected. Even though she looked extremely pissed, one could still see that she was educated and refined from her every move.

Even though she was mad, she still looked poised.

"Miss, I don't care what stage you're at with Carter, but as his mother, I will never allow my son to marry you."

Indeed, she was Carter's mother.

After Madeline heard this calmly, she saw Ada smirking victoriously. On the other hand, the middle-aged woman next to Ada displayed a similar smirk as well. Hence, that woman was Ada's mother without a doubt.

"Did you hear me?" Carter's mother asked.

"I did."

Madeline looked into the woman's unhappy eyes calmly and displayed a small smile.

"Aunty, I think you're overthinking. Just because I'm with Carter now doesn't mean I'll marry him in the future. No one in any relationship can be sure that they'll stick with their partners to the end, right? So, you don't have to mobilize your troops to come all the way here just for me."

"..."

Perhaps she did not expect Madeline to say something so carefree and heartless.

Ada was shocked and stunned, let alone Carter's mother and Ada's mother.

'This woman doesn't want to marry Carty?

'Is she insane?'

Carter's mother spent some time before she understood what Madeline said.

"W-What did you say? You're dating Carter and you have this kind of mindset? How dare you play with Carter's feelings?"

Madeline smiled calmly. "I've never played with anyone's feelings. I just want to say that no one knows what's going to happen in the future."

"..."

Carter's mother did not have any comebacks for that.

"You're clearly playing with Carter's feelings. You're so gutsy!" the middle-aged woman next to Ada said suddenly.

Even though this woman was stunning, her temperament could never compare to Carter's mother.

Madeline could only see some similarities in Ada from her manner and behavior, and it was acrimony.

This woman walked to Madeline while she said that, an arrogant and imposing look on her face. "Do you know who Carter is? I've never seen such an unaware and shameless woman like you!"

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"Shameless?" Madeline snorted and asked, "I think the behavior of barging here and calling oneself the matriarch of the family with thick skin even when one knows the man doesn't like her is even more shameless, don't you think?"

"..."

"..."

Ada's stunning face was covered with dark clouds after she heard what Madeline said.

Of course, she knew Madeline was mocking her!

She immediately looked at her mother.

Ada's mother understood quickly and retorted Madeline angrily, "You freak! You don't even have the right to stand here and you have the audacity to talk big to me? Who are you? Do you know who we are?"

"Hmph! How dare a disfigured woman like you be so delusional to think that you'll have a chance to end up with Carter? You're having such an unrealistic dream!"

The woman rattled off, and everything she said lacked the most basic inner quality.

Madeline noticed Carter's mother frowning. It was as if she also could not stand Ada's mother acting like a shrew in front of her.

However, Madeline was calm the entire time. Then, she said confidently, "I don't look normal, but even if I'm hideous, I will never be more hideous than someone's heart."

"..." Ada's face fell even more after she heard this.

Madeline could see that Ada was pissed, but it seemed that in order to preserve her image in front of Carter's mother, she could only get angry and did not dare to fight back.

However, Ada's mother did not care about her image at all. She pointed at Madeline and started swearing, "You're just a freak who doesn't know your place! How did Carter get to know a woman like you?"

She said and walked to Carter's mother to egg her on. "Camille, you can't let a woman like her get into the Louis family. Plus, you heard the servants saying that this woman's face is so ugly that it's a sore sight. If you let a woman as ugly as she become the viscountess, people will die laughing."

Carter's mother furrowed her eyebrows and requested Madeline coldly, "Remove your mask. Let me see how you look."

After she said that, Madeline saw Ada and her mother smirking sinisterly. It was as if they were waiting to see Madeline make a fool of herself.

Madeline noticed that Ada had some delicate makeup on, and perhaps she did that for this moment so that she could defeat Madeline.

Madeline just had her gel treatment not long ago. As such, she looked good even if she was barefaced. However, she did not want to waste any time on this and did not want to expose what she looked like now.

She declined slowly. "I think we should just let this matter go. Miss Ada should have told you what I look like before this. I think I should keep my mask on so that I won't scare you."

"Camille asked you to remove your mask, so you should remove your mask. Who do you think you are? What right do you have to talk terms and decline?" Ada's mother urged and berated.

Madeline lifted her eyes that were glinting a silver light and looked into Ada's mother's eyes.

"I have the right to decide for myself. It doesn't matter who I am. I want to ask you now, who are you to criticize me here?"

"..." Ada's mother did not expect that Madeline was not a softie. She almost could not take this now that they were fighting head-on.

"Eveline, how dare to talk to my mother like this?" Ada finally could not take this anymore. "Do you think you can do anything now that Carty has your back? Let me tell you, Carty is a filial person. Don't you even think about entering the Louis family or even this door if you go against Aunty Cammy!"

Ada warned angrily. However, less than two seconds after she said that, Carter's cold voice sounded from the door.

"If Eveline doesn't have the right to step foot through this door, then you don't even have the right to get close to the front gates of the manor."

Ada and the other two turned their heads in shock after they heard that.

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Carter walked over from the door lazily. He was wearing a black suit and looked as if he was just back from finishing his business.

When he walked next to Camille Abbot, he stopped walking. There was finally a grin on his emotionless face.

Camille looked like she was satisfied when she saw her son. "Carter."

She called out to Carter and spread her arms to hug him for a while. They even placed their faces close to each other intimately.

Their style of greeting was pretty European.

After Carter let go, he said warmly, "Why didn't you tell me before you came over?"

Camille looked at Madeline. "Why? Are you worried that I'll scare your girlfriend by coming here unannounced?"

Carter looked at Madeline after he heard that. The smile on his face grew wider. "Eveline is tough, so she won't get shocked by just this."

"Oh? Really? You know your girlfriend pretty well, then," Camille said profoundly. Then, her gaze landed on Madeline again.

Madeline was still wearing her mask, but her beautiful and lively eyes were clear as day.

However, her beautiful eyes could not prove anything. Camille had seen a lot of people with one good-looking feature but the rest of their features did not live up to the standard.

Even so, she did hear the servants in the manor saying that Madeline became disfigured from an accident.

Even though she was pitiful because of her disfigurement, to be frank, a disfigured woman would never be able to enter their family.

Ada looked at her mother, and immediately, they put on a fake, hypocritical mask.

"Carter, you're back. Long time no see. Let me take a good look at you." Ada's mother walked over to him to try to worm her way into a relationship with him.

Ada walked over too. There was a sweet smile on her delicate face.

"Carty." She purposely made her voice sound nasal so that she would seem sweeter and her voice would sound more pleasant.

However, it was as if Carter did not hear their passionate greetings. On the contrary, he walked straight to Madeline and started introducing her gently.

"Eveline, this is my mother."

"I know. I met her just now."

"Really?" Carter grinned. "Since you know each other now, you should sit down and talk. Eveline, my mother is pretty easy-going, so you don't have to be too reserved."

Madeline smiled and nodded lightly.

Easy-going?

To be honest, aside from the servants, Madeline did not think anyone else in the manor was easy-going.

After they sat down, the servant delivered some beverages and snacks according to Carter's wishes.

Ada picked up her cup pretentiously to take a sip. When she saw Madeline sitting quietly next to Carter, she lifted her eyes to give her mother a look.

Ada's mother immediately understood what her daughter meant. Since Carter was here, she changed her imposing manner and pretended to say peacefully, "Miss Montgomery, the tea and snacks are made from the top dessert master. Don't you want to taste them?"

"You're too courteous. You can go ahead, I'm not hungry at all." Madeline smiled and rejected. Of course, she knew this woman only wanted her to remove her mask, but she would not expose her appearance like this.

If Carter saw her, he would know that she had been lying to him.

He would notice that she looked the same as the woman next to Jeremy right now.

When that happened, he would know she was the real Eveline Montgomery.

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Camille knew what this woman was trying to do because she was siding with Ada and her mother. "Carter, since you're dating Miss Montgomery, then shouldn't you let me see what she looks like? She's a little disrespectful for having the mask on this whole time, don't you think?"

Carter looked at Madeline after he heard that. Suddenly, he reached out his hand to grab Madeline's hand.

Madeline could not escape from him, and her hand was hurting from his grip.

"Eveline hurt her face in an accident and hasn't recovered yet. I hope you can understand, Mom."

"She hasn't recovered yet? How long has it been? Will she never recover?" Camille asked continuously, and her expression suddenly looked very solemn. "Carter, you should know the first rule for every daughter-in-law of the Louis family is that they have to have a dignified and fitting appearance."

Actually, Madeline did not mind their standards for their daughters-in-law. After all, she was just a person Carter was using. Besides, she was only cooperating because she wanted to know why Carter was investigating Jeremy.

"Eveline's face will recover. Dr. Lane is pretty confident," Carter said slowly and then he emphasized, "I won't change my mind, and I will never marry the woman I don't like. Since you're here, I want to find a time to get engaged to Eveline."

"..." When Ada heard this, her face turned green.

The woman Carter said he did not like was her!

Plus, he even wanted to get engaged to Madeline!

Camille did not expect Carter to talk about his engagement using this opportunity. She was stunned, and when she came back to her senses, she saw Carter pulling Madeline to her feet.

"I have something to talk to Eveline about. Mom, you should have some tea and rest."

"Carter." Camille wanted to stop him, but he walked away quickly.

Ada glared at Madeline's back and clenched her fists angrily. She could not stay calm anymore.

"Aunty Cammy, are you seriously agreeing to let this woman marry Carty? Not only does she look horrifying, but she's not sincere toward Carty. I really have no idea why Carty likes a woman like her."

Camille frowned as well. However, she was not worried. "Ada, don't you worry. We won't confirm Carter's marriage so sloppily."

"But..."

"You should know Carter. Don't provoke him. If not, you'll be the one suffering from the disadvantages," Camille reminded her.

Even though Ada was unconvinced, she could only do that for the time being.

Madeline followed Carter to the study before escaping from his grip.

Carter did not care about Madeline's act of disdain. He removed his suit jacket and tossed it on the sofa before going to his desk.

"I've booked the time. We'll have the engagement ceremony two days later in the garden of the manor."

Madeline was shocked. "Engagement? Me and you?"

"It's just a performance for those people. You don't have to say anything when the time comes. You just have to cooperate with me."

Madeline let out a sigh of relief when she heard Carter saying that.

It was just a performance, and she just needed to cooperate with him. It seemed like this was the only opportunity for her to find out more things about him.

Carter curled his lips and smirked in secret when he saw Madeline deep in thought.

"You come back less nowadays. How's your revenge on Jeremy Whitman coming along?" he asked.

"It's okay. It's going pretty well."

Madeline lied with a serious look on her face. She was worried that Carter would see through her, so she changed the topic quickly.

"Mr. Carter, since we're already at this step, can you tell me who you are and what kind of background you have? At least let me know what's going on so that I can better cooperate with you."

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After hearing Madeline's questions, Carter lifted his narrow eyes and looked into her eyes with a deep smile.

"Are you interested in my identity?"

Madeline was stunned for about two seconds before shaking her head. "I just want to know the person I'm working with."

She pretended nothing had happened and avoided Carter's gaze. "Before you came back, Ada's mother kept telling me and emphasizing that I'm not worthy of claiming connections with you, so I'm curious about who you really are, Mr. Carter."

Madeline tried to make the issue of her investigating him sound reasonable.

On the other hand, Carter did not suspect anything. He nodded before saying, "My identity is not worthy of mentioning. I'm just the same as those kids with rich parents who are born with a silver spoon."

Kids with rich parents?

Carter was describing his identity like this.

However, Madeline did not think so. She knew that this man was not just someone with rich parents.

Plus, she did hear Ada's mother mentioning the word 'viscountess' arrogantly just now.

Any woman who married Carter would become a viscountess, so if that was the case, Carter would be a viscount. However, what kind of status would a viscount have in the Louis family?

"What are you thinking about?" Carter's voice sounded indifferent.

Madeline came back to her senses. "I'm wondering if you called me back to talk about the engagement, Mr. Carter."

"Not entirely." Carter's answer was vague.

Madeline was confused. "Then, what is it?"

Carter's cold gaze landed on Madeline's face. "I wanted to see your impromptu reaction."

"..."

Madeline was shocked when she heard that.

"You knew your mother was coming and you knew that Ada and her mother would cause trouble for me?"

After she said that, Carter curled his lips into a smile. However, he did not agree or deny it.

He walked to his desk and sat down lazily. Then, he said slowly, "You can leave now if there's nothing else."

"..."

Madeline was feeling a little infuriated. However, she suppressed it.

Carter was even more unpredictable than Jeremy.

She did not say anything before turning around to leave.

However, when Madeline was almost at the door, Carter stopped her.

'Wait.'

"Anything else I can help you with, Mr. Carter?" Madeline maintained the smile on her face as she turned around to ask.

Carter looked at her inquisitively. "How's your face? It seems that it has been a while since Dr. Lane looked at your face."

Madeline shifted her gaze. "It's recovering, but it's not much different from how it used to be."

Of course, she would not tell Carter the truth about the progress on her face. Plus, she needed to prepare this man.

"Right, Mr. Carter, will there be a lot of guests during the engagement party? I'll still wear a mask during the party, so I have no choice even if your friends and family have any opinions about me. After all, my face is indeed pretty horrifying."

Carter heard what Madeline said and looked at if he was in deep thought. Then, he nodded.

"You don't have to worry about this. No one will dare to ask you to remove your mask."

"Thank you, Mr. Carter." Madeline thanked him before leaving the study. Married by Mistake Mr. Whitman's Sinner Wife [Sixteenth Child] Chapter 1532 After he saw the door close, Carter took out his phone and started looking through the information he received. While looking at the contents on his screen, he curled the corners of his lips in interest.

"Jeremy."

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Two days passed in a blink of an eye.

Madeline had received a call from Carter last night, asking her to come to the manor earlier.

In order to finish the task successfully, Madeline asked for leave. Luckily, Jeremy was on a business trip these two days, so it would be more convenient for her to go out.

Madeline arrived at the manor according to the time they agreed upon. However, the manor was still quiet at this hour and there were no guests at all.

On the other hand, the garden had been decorated beautifully for the engagement ceremony to take place.

Madeline did not have the mood to admire it, so she walked straight to the house. However, after she got into the door, she heard Ada grumbling furiously.

"Carty is insane! Insane, I tell you! He's seriously going to get engaged to that freak in the garden later!"

'Freak.'

Madeline smiled nonchalantly.

"No, Ada, if this woman is really engaged to Carter, then you'll have no chance of being the viscountess," Ada's mother reminded her with a nervous look on her face. "We can't let Carter get engaged to that woman!"

"Of course, I know that! However, how can we stop Carty? The engagement party will start in two hours!"

"Only Camille can stop Carter now!" Ada's mother said and immediately turned around to look for Camille. The moment she turned around, she saw Camille coming downstairs, so she walked over quickly. "Camille..."

"I heard everything you said. I've told him everything I could think of, but you should know how Carter is."

Camille frowned helplessly and comforted Ada.

"Ada, even though Carter is getting engaged to that woman, she's right. We don't know what'll happen in the future. Plus, everyone in the Louis family has their mindset on you being our daughter-in-law. So, even if Carter likes that woman, she won't be able to pass in regards to her appearance."

Ada's eyes lit up after Camille said that. She looked as if she had been enlightened with perfect wisdom as she simpered to Camille.

"Aunty Cammy, thank you for comforting me. Nothing's more important than your support! Actually, I'm not after the position of the viscountess. I truly like Carty. However, not only is that woman hideous, but she doesn't even care about Carty at all."

Camille smiled and patted Ada's hand. At this moment, they looked very harmonious.

Madeline initially wanted to go in, but now, she decided to turn around.

However, after she turned around, she saw Carter's entourage.

The man smiled at her politely and led Madeline from the side door into the dressing room on the second floor of the manor.

Madeline saw a galaxy blue custom-made gown hanging in front of her, and she subconsciously felt that Carter had prepared this for her.

Indeed, the maid who came in after her walked over to help her change.

Madeline was not used to people helping her dress, so she dismissed the maid.

She stood in front of the French window and spaced out while looking at the gown.

She did not want to wear a gown for another man who was not Jeremy. However, today was a special case.

'Jeremy, the only reason I'm wearing this gown is to investigate what Carter is doing. So, in some ways, I'm still wearing this for you.'

After Madeline thought about that, she felt more at ease.

She picked up the gown and walked to the full-length mirror to put it on. However, she could not reach the zip on her back.

When she was about to call the maid for help, she suddenly saw a figure wearing a suit appearing behind her.

"Let me help you."

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Madeline looked at the man who had suddenly appeared behind her in shock.

She quickly turned around and pressed the collar of the gown against her chest.

Her eyes widened in shock. She looked at the custom-made suit on the man, and his figure was accentuated perfectly by the suit.

Carter was good-looking. He was extraordinary, from his rare temperament to his appearance.

However, Madeline was uncomfortable with his sudden appearance.

"Why are you here?"

"I've always been here. You just didn't notice me." Carter's answer was natural.

"..." Madeline parted her lips and was speechless at that moment.

Carter had been here from the start!

Did that mean he saw her changing just now?

It was as if he sensed Madeline's discomfort, but Carter's eyes looked oddly calm.

"I don't have the habit of watching people change. I was sitting there the entire time, and I have no idea what was going on over here."

He explained.

Madeline let out a sigh of relief silently. She did not think that he was lying to her as well.

"So, can I zip you up now?" Carter continued asking.

"Thank you, Mr. Carter. I'll ask someone else to help me." Madeline still declined politely.

Carter did not force her as well. He turned around and opened the door of the dressing room to call a maid over to help Madeline.

After Madeline was dressed, the maid even considerately helped her with her short hair.

A few months had passed and Madeline's short hair was slightly longer now. The maid was skillful, so she braided Madeline's hair. At the same time, she put a scarf that was the same color as Madeline's gown on her hair.

Madeline did not remove her mask, but when the maid saw her eyes, she could not help but exclaim in surprise.

"Miss Montgomery, I think you must've looked super gorgeous before your accident. I hope your face will recover soon."

"Thank you." Madeline thanked her sincerely. Madeline felt that the friendliest people in this manor were the maids.

On the other hand, the person who was the most confusing and difficult to see through was Carter.

He did not show his emotions and neither did he smile a lot. Most of the time, he would be as cold as an iceberg.

He said he wanted Madeline to put on a show with him, but most of the time, he would behave disdainfully.

After Madeline was done, Carter came over to take a look.

He did not say anything, but after looking at Madeline's eyes, he said, "Do you have any pictures of you from before your accident? I suddenly want to know what a woman with eyes so beautiful as yours used to look like."

Madeline did not know whether Carter was praising her as the man had no expression on his face.

"I'm sorry, Mr. Carter. You saw what happened. I fell into the sea during the accident and had nothing on me. I don't have any old pictures as well. Plus, I looked pretty ordinary before I was disfigured. My eyes are the only decent things about me."

"It's enough to have these eyes," Carter said, handing the notebook in his hand to Madeline. "Look closely at the requests written here. Don't make any mistakes later."

Before Madeline had a chance to ask him what it was, Carter had already left after lifting his long legs.

This man was cold and arrogant most of the time. It was as if he was looking down on everyone. However, sometimes he would have a gentle and soft side as well.

Madeline did not think much about Carter's personality before opening the notebook in her hands. She would have no idea before she read it, but after she did, she was shocked.

Inside, there were so many rules and regulations about what she should say and do at the engagement party later.

Was it really just a show? There was even a script.

Madeline had no choice. In the next two hours, she stayed alone in the dressing room to memorize the requests written in the notebook.

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Madeline saw a lot of guests arriving one after another from the front door as she sat by the window.

Everyone who arrived was wearing expensive clothes and had luxury jewelry adorned on them.

Carter's friends were wealthy and respectable people, indeed.

She noticed it was almost time for the party, so Madeline planned to tidy herself up before going out. However, at this moment, the door of the dressing room opened.

Madeline thought Carter was here to get her, but she saw Ada smirking coldly at her arrogantly and disdainfully while strutting over to her.

She looked at what Madeline was wearing and scoffed.

"Hmph, Eveline, don't be so delusional and expect to have a Cinderella story happening to you. Even if you're engaged to Carty, it doesn't mean you'll marry him."

Madeline did not want to waste time bickering with Ada. As such, she smiled calmly and asked, "Who are you to think that I need a Cinderella story?"

"Tsk." Ada rolled her eyes. "Are you telling me that you're born a white swan? However, are there white swans as hideous as you? Hahaha..."

"That should be it. You won't be able to affect me no matter what you say," Madeline interrupted calmly.

Ada abruptly stopped laughing.

Madeline lifted her beautiful eyes to look at her frigidly. "You and your mother keep emphasizing and telling me to know my place and identity. I know my place, but I don't think you can mention my name and yours in the same breath."

"..." Ada was completely dazzled by what Madeline said.

'What is this freak talking about?

'Does this freak have a strong family background as well?

'Impossible!'

Ada spaced out for a while. When she came back to her senses, Madeline had left.

It was about time for the engagement party. After Carter met Madeline, he brought her to the garden.

When the guests saw Madeline, a lot of them started to whisper among themselves.

They had heard from Ada's mother that this woman was extremely hideous. Her face was covered with scars because she had been burned by fire.

"Her eyes are indeed stunning, but how can a woman who has no guts to show her true face be Carter's bride?"

"When did the Louis family allow such an indecent woman into their family?"

"Tsk, why does Carter like this woman?"

Madeline heard all the gossip about her, but she was not bothered. She was not really going to get engaged to Carter anyway.

According to Carter's wishes, Madeline completed the ceremony cooperatively. However, in the end, the emcee handed two sheets of paper over and it seemed that printed on them were the contents of the contract.

Madeline glanced at it and there were no special requests in the contents. They were just to prove their relationship as fiancé and fiancée. They needed to stamp their thumbprints on them.

"It's just the standard procedure. It's not legally binding," Carter reminded Madeline coldly.

Madeline finished reading it and felt that there was no problem with it before stamping her thumbprint on it.

When Ada saw this from a distance, her lungs were going to explode from anger.

Even though it was not confirmed that they would be married, this engagement ceremony was indeed happening right now.

How could she not be upset?

"Mom, how's your preparation? I don't want to see this woman walking next to Carty so arrogantly anymore." Ada gritted her teeth and urged her mother beside her.

Her mother comforted in a soft voice, saying, "I've arranged everything perfectly. In a short while, everyone will see how horrendous her face looks!"

While she was saying that, Ada's mother's eyes started to twinkle. "Here he comes. Ada, it's showtime. Don't miss such a good opportunity."

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After Ada heard that, she looked over to where her mother was looking and saw a brat.

She knew that boy. He was the son of one of the guests attending the party. His name was Luke and he was very mischievous.

Ada did not like this boy because he had lost one of her limited edition earrings before this.

She did not understand what her mother was trying to say, but soon, she heard her mother whispering in her ear.

After a few sentences, an evil grin appeared on Ada's face.

"Mom, only you can come up with such a scheme."

"Of course!" Ada's mother was feeling pleased with herself. "You should go and worm your way into a relationship with him using this opportunity."

Ada previously wanted nothing to do with this child, but now, she approached him happily.

Madeline wanted to go back immediately after the party, but suddenly, a crowd started gathering around her unbeknownst to her.

These people were all congratulating Carter. However, after they congratulated him, they started gossiping about Madeline's looks.

"Carter, when did you get a girlfriend? You're so mysterious."

"Yeah, you only told us when you were getting engaged. I'm guessing your girlfriend must be extremely beautiful and that's why you're hiding her because you're scared someone might steal her away, right?"

"We have to see the gorgeous woman today no matter what."

"We have to."

Some people started heckling Carter. Even though they were praising Madeline, in reality, Madeline knew they only wanted to see how hideous and horrendous she looked after getting disfigured.

Madeline gave them a fake smile cooperatively and looked at Carter.

Carter was very respectful of Madeline regarding this. He looked at the people who wanted to see Madeline's face and smiled softly like a gentleman.

"My fiancée's face was hurt in an accident and it's in the process of recovery. Her wounds will get infected if she removes the mask and I don't want her to risk it. However, I can tell you guys that my fiancée was a very gorgeous woman before she was hurt."

"..."

Carter was saying that seriously. He was so serious that Madeline had a feeling he had already prepared this speech beforehand.

"Oh, listen, Carter is so meticulous and protective of his fiancée." The guests mocked and turned around to look at Carter's mother who was not looking very happy. "Camille, as her future mother-in-law, you must've seen Carter's fiancée, right? Is she gorgeous?"

Camille tugged the corners of her lips after she heard that and forced a smile. "Yeah, she's pretty decent."

Madeline thought Camille would use this chance to mock and ridicule her. She did not expect Camille to be so respectful.

However, instead of Camille being respectful to Madeline, it was more likely that she just did not want to embarrass herself.

She probably felt that she would be utterly humiliated if people knew that her son was engaged to a disfigured woman.

During this process, Madeline maintained a smile on her face according to Carter's wishes. She thought that the social niceties should be finished any time soon, but when she turned around, she saw Ada holding a little boy who looked about four to five years old. In addition to that, the little boy was holding a glass of juice.

"Carty, Miss Montgomery, congratulations." Ada was smiling pretentiously as she walked over to greet them.

Carter obviously did not want to talk to Ada, so he grabbed Madeline's hand to walk away.

When Ada saw this, she pushed the little boy in her arms secretly.

The little boy started making a fuss. "Bride! I want to see the bride!"

Ada quickly displayed a troubled look. "Carty, look, Luke is being naughty again. I ran into him just now and he was making a fuss, wanting me to take him to see your future bride."

Ada pointed at Madeline. "Luke, see, that's Carty's bride. Do you think she looks pretty?"

The little boy saw the mask and looked at Madeline with a smile in his beautiful eyes. Then, he stretched his body to try to get closer to Madeline.

Ada pretended to not have a choice as she carried the little boy to Madeline.

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"Bride! You're a bride?" The little boy looked at Madeline and doubted.

Madeline nodded and smiled. "Hello, buddy."

However, after Madeline greeted him, the little boy showed a look of contempt. "The bride's voice is so unpleasant!"

When the guests around him heard this, their faces changed. However, they did feel that Madeline's voice sounded hoarse.

However, Ada's heart was thrilled, and she did not notice the changes in Carter's expression. Then, she pushed the little boy's hand again.

The little boy received Ada's message and lifted his face to look at Madeline.

"I want to see the bride," the little boy requested with a pout. "They say the bride is very beautiful, so I want to see the beautiful bride. I want to see!"

Carter smiled superficially. "If you want to see a bride so badly, you can go look at them in bridal shops. There are a lot of them over there."

After he said that, he grabbed Madeline's hand and displayed a rare but gentle smile. "I'll go back to the room with you to rest."

Madeline pretended to be docile as she nodded cooperatively. "Okay."

How would Ada be fine with Madeline leaving just like this?

She glared at the little boy in her arms. "Do you still want the limited edition robot? If you want it, do what I told you to."

After Ada spoke to the boy in a low voice, she placed him on the floor.

Even though the little boy was still young, he was quick-witted. He knew what he should do to get what he wanted.

Plus, he was famous for being a menace, and his favorite thing to do was pranks and things along the line.

"Bride! Don't go, bride! Don't go!"

Madeline heard the sound of running behind her, and the child sounded very anxious as well.

Madeline was a mother, so when she heard a child calling out to her like that, her heart softened and she stopped in her tracks.

"Hey, buddy. Slow down, you might fall," Madeline reminded kindly.

When the child saw Madeline stopping, he beamed. At the same time, he ran even faster toward Madeline.

However, since he was in such a hurry, the bottom of the little boy's shoes slipped against the grass and he lost his center of gravity.

Madeline quickly ran over to help him when she saw this. "Watch out!"

Ada was watching this from afar and knew Madeline had taken the bait.

She knew this brat, and she knew that he was very quick-witted and cunning.

Indeed, when Madeline went over to help him up, he pretended to lose his grip on the juice, but in reality, he was pouring the juice on Madeline's mask.

Madeline only wanted to help the little boy, so she was not bothered by the juice all over her face. However, she heard exclamations coming from around her. "Oh no! Luke, how could you be so careless?"

Ada's mother appeared 'coincidentally.' "Oh boy, Carter's fiancée's face is already seriously wounded. It's going to get infected now that she's covered in juice! Miss Montgomery, don't quibble over this with a child. He's unthoughtful. You should go and see if your face is fine."

After she said that, people around her started to sigh loudly.

"Is this woman's face that badly hurt?"

"Is the Louis family seriously taking a disfigured freak as their daughter-in-law?"

"Tsk, I wonder how ugly she is."

Madeline smiled nonchalantly when she heard what was being said around her.

"Are you okay, buddy? I'm going to let go if you're fine," Madeline continued saying kindly to the little boy before letting go.

When the little boy saw her getting up to leave, a sudden sly smile appeared on his lips as he lifted his hand to grab Madeline's mask. Then, he ripped Madeline's mask away from her face in front of everyone!

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Madeline did not expect a child that young to be so sinister.

It seemed that not every child was as innocent, guilt-free, pure, and wonderful as Jack and Lily.

"Wow!" the little boy exclaimed when he saw Madeline's face. Everyone around her started to show looks of surprise on their faces too.

Ada and her mother stood somewhere not far away from Madeline. When they saw the little boy holding Madeline's face mask in his hand, they looked at each other and beamed happily.

Finally, they had attained their goal!

They finally removed Madeline's mask from her face!

They could finally let everyone see Madeline's face that was covered with scars!

When Ada and her mother saw the guests' shocked expressions, they quickly ran over to where she was. They could not wait to see Madeline's horrendous face and how she would embarrass herself in front of everyone!

Carter's mother also hurried over to see Madeline's true face.

When Carter saw this, he furrowed his brows in displeasure and chased after those people to go over to Madeline's side.

He grabbed the mask in the brat's hand after reaching out his hand. Then, he grabbed the child's hand and warned in an unhappy, stern voice, "Watch your hand. If your parents don't know how to educate you, then I will."

Luke's face turned white. He was so scared he did not even dare to utter a word.

Carter flung the little boy's hand away coldly and lifted his head to see the guests looking at Madeline with stunned expressions on their faces. Suddenly, Carter felt that something was not right.

Madeline sensed that Carter was going to turn around to look at her. She wanted to hide, but she knew in her heart that she could not hide anymore.

When she was having such considerations, Carter turned around.

The moment their eyes met, Madeline felt that she would be plagued with trouble despite seeing a hint of shock in Carter's eyes.

"Camille, I didn't think that your daughter-in-law would be so stunning!" One of the female guests came over to grab Camille who was coming over before praising Madeline continuously.

After Camille heard that, she was stunned abruptly. Then, Ada and her mother were also startled when they heard that.

What?

Were their ears deceiving them?

Stunning?

Eveline was stunning?

How was it possible?

Ada did not forget how Madeline's face was covered with wounds when she first saw her. She looked so disgusting that she did not even dare to touch the mask Madeline wore!

How would such a horrendous face have anything to do with the word 'stunning'?

Impossible!

Ada's mother and Camille had heard Ava describing Madeline's appearance before. In their minds, Madeline was extremely hideous.

However, the instant they looked over, there were glints of praises flashing across their eyes instinctively.

Even though it happened quickly, the look in their eyes could not hide the fact that they were indeed surprised by Madeline's features and beauty.

She was a beauty!

There were no scars on her face, let alone a single flaw.

Even though her face was soaked with juice, the droplets on her face looked like they were adorning her fair and glowing face instead. She looked exceedingly beautiful, pristine, and untainted.

Ada's eyes were staring straight at Madeline.

"H-How is this possible?" Ada was in disbelief. A month ago, she saw with her own eyes how Madeline's face looked hideous and horrendous like a rotten apple.

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How could she have recovered to this state in just one month?

Plus, Eveline's appearance was so delicate and beautiful!

She did not want to admit it, but she did think that Madeline's beauty was able to defeat hers.

No voices were mocking and ridiculing Madeline for being ugly anymore. Now, there were only compliments.

Since the start of the party, Camille's face had been dark. However, things were obviously different now.

Madeline did not care how people viewed her. Now, she was only worried about how to muddle through this.

She did not say anything, but she felt Carter's complicated gaze on her.

Carter looked at Madeline's face that was as beautiful as a painting, and his eyes darkened.

Suddenly, he grabbed Madeline's hand. "Let's go back to our room."

There was nothing wrong with his tone, but Madeline could feel his grip tightening on her hand.

Madeline could not escape from Carter's grip now, so she could only follow him back to the house.

Ada watched as Carter left while holding Madeline's hand. She was so angry that the flames in her body were burning brightly.

"Ada, what's going on? Didn't you say that the woman's so ugly that it's unbearable to look at her? However, you saw what happened just now. That woman's face..."

"Shut up!" Ada angrily interrupted her mother's sentence. She had already cursed Madeline a few times in her heart.

However, aside from scolding Madeline in her heart, she could not do anything else.

In the study.

Madeline tried to escape, but at this moment, Carter flung away Madeline's hand in displeasure.

He removed his suit jacket and tossed it on the sofa angrily. Then, he turned around suddenly. His eyes that were filled with dark and complicated currents were staring straight at Madeline's face.

Madeline did not hide. She looked into his eyes confidently.

"Are my eyes deceiving me?" Carter finally broke the intense atmosphere. "Not only has your face recovered, but your features are also almost the same as Jeremy's wife."

Carter frowned and scoffed. "The even more interesting thing is that not only do you look like his wife, but your names are also the same," he said and walked step by step in front of Madeline, his handsome face inching closer to hers.

His dark and heavy eyes were filled with a dangerous aura as they captured Madeline's features.

"Don't tell me there are two Eveline Montgomeries in this world who look exactly the same."

"Of course, there are no two people in the world who will look the same. Since it has come to this, I can only be honest with you." Madeline showed a helpless expression, but her eyes were looking into Carter's fearlessly.

"You know I love Jeremy, but he abandoned me for that Eveline. To get him back, not only did I get plastic surgery to look like her, but I even fantasized about being her and being the woman he loves the most."

After Carter heard this, he looked at Madeline suspiciously.

Madeline was calm in the face of danger. She was still looking calmly into Carter's suspicious gaze.

"Mr. Carter, why do you think I look the same as Jeremy's wife? There will be differences even if we're twins. Plus, Eveline doesn't have a sister."

After she said that, Carter suddenly curled the corners of his lips.

Madeline saw him lifting his hand to touch her face. When she wanted to dodge subconsciously, Carter grabbed her wrist one step ahead of her.

Madeline felt that something bad was about to happen, so she used all of her might to get out of his grip.

"Let go!"

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Despite Carter's aura being super oppressive, Madeline never showed any weakness.

He was strong, and she was on edge.

However, because of the power difference between them, Carter utterly defeated Madeline from this aspect.

Madeline saw a never-before-seen mischievous smirk on Carter's face that looked like an iceberg.

"I finally know what kind of face a woman with such beautiful eyes and calm grandeur has."

It seemed as if Carter was lamenting when he said the next two words in a thought-provoking manner, "Eveline Montgomery."

"..."

Madeline sensed as if Carter had confirmed something. She clenched her fists, and when she was about to fight back, someone knocked at the door.

Knock, knock, knock.

"Carter, it's me." Camille's voice sounded from outside.

Carter removed his hand that was trapping Madeline and lifted his narrow eyes indifferently.

"The door's not locked."

Click. Camille pushed the door open and came in quickly.

When she saw Madeline standing next to Carter, she walked in front of Madeline and started looking her up and down meticulously.

Since she knew she would not have the time to go over to Adam's place for treatment, Madeline had applied the gel beforehand, so her face looked pristine and fair now. One could not see any red marks on her face.

Madeline's features were already exquisite enough even without makeup.

Madeline felt like a puppet that was being watched. However, she could only allow Camille to look at her as much as she wanted.

"Your face is fine. Why did you lie and insist on wearing a mask?"

Camille asked in dissatisfaction. Then, she said in a tone that was laced with sarcasm, "Could it be that you think you're too beautiful and you're scared people will be jealous of your beauty?"

After Madeline heard that, she chuckled. "I guess there's jealousy involved, but it's not other people getting jealous of me that I'm worried about. It's me who gets jealous of other people."

"What? What do you mean?" Camille was confused.

Madeline wanted to say she got plastic surgery to look like Eveline Montgomery, but before she could say anything, Carter helped her explain.

"Eveline's face was indeed burned in a fire. Actually, she's still in recovery. I just didn't want anything to happen to her face again, so that's why I asked her to not take off her mask until now."

She did not expect Carter to defend her with such an explanation. Madeline was feeling more and more confused about this guy.

He saved her life and even asked someone to treat her wounds and face. Now, he was indeed siding with her, so he seemed like a good man.

However, sometimes, he was abnormally frigid and his attitude was arrogant and disdainful. Just like how he had flung her hand away just now when they entered the study. He did not go easy on her at all.

However, it was evident that Camille was not happy with this answer. Her eyebrows were still knitted together, and she was looking at Madeline with hostility and suspicion.

"Carter, you're so protective of your fiancée and in such a hurry to get engaged to her, but she has never even thought about marrying you."

Carter's smile widened after he heard that. "Eveline's right. No one can be certain of what's going to happen in the future. I'm happy as long as she's the one next to me."

"..." Madeline glanced at Carter while feeling impressed. She noticed that this man had the potential to be an actor.

Camille pressed her lips together and seemed to be speechless.

"Carter, I don't want to interfere with your business, but this is your marriage."

Camille advised earnestly. Then, she looked at Madeline. "She's pretty, but her beauty can only help her pass the first stage."

Camille left the room after she said that. However, it was evident that she was not happy with Madeline.

The moment Camille left the study, Ada and her mother hurried over to her.

"Aunty Cammy!"

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"What's wrong? Why are you in such a hurry?"

"Aunty Cammy, look at this. Look at this!" Ada handed her phone over and pointed to the people on the screen.

Camille lowered her head to look. On the screen, she saw the wedding pictures Madeline initially took with Jeremy. Plus, there were also some photos of them attending parties together.

"It seems that Eveline was married to the number one young master in Glendale, Jeremy Whitman!" Ada was almost roaring when she said that. Her voice was so loud that even Madeline and Carter could hear her in the study.

"What? Jeremy Whitman?" When Camille heard this, she stared at the pictures on the screen with her eyes so wide her eye sockets were about to crack.

"Eveline is someone with a family! This is way over the line!"

Camille turned back and barged into the study.

"Eveline, you..."

"I know everything about Eveline. I don't care who she was with before. I don't care if she's married or if she has children. She's my fiancée now."

Carter interrupted Camille immediately and walked in front of Madeline to defend her without hesitation.

However, when Madeline heard this, she felt her heart skipping a beat.

Was Carter sure that she was the real Eveline Montgomery?

On the other hand, Camille's head started to throb after she heard this. "Carter, you're insane! She's someone with a family and her husband is Jeremy—"

"I told you loud and clear. Even if she is, she's already my fiancée now. Plus, she's not Jeremy's wife."

Carter interrupted again, looking at Madeline before continuing.

"If you don't believe me, you can ask someone to check the location of Jeremy's wife now."

After Camille heard what Carter said, she looked into Ada's eyes and took her phone. Then, she pointed at Madeline sternly.

"The woman in these pictures looks the same as her! Plus, Jeremy Whitman's wife is also named Eveline Montgomery!"

"They just happen to have the same name," Carter explained. "As for why they look the same, it's because of plastic surgery."

"What? Plastic surgery?" Camille, Ada, and Ada's mother were shocked.

However, Carter replied calmly, "That's right, it's plastic surgery. It's because Eveline's face was hurt badly during the accident. You've seen it, no?"

He purposely glanced at Ada. She was dazed before nodding hurriedly.

Carter was satisfied. Then, he parted his lips again. "Since Eveline's face couldn't recover to the way it was before, she could only get plastic surgery."

"..."

When Camille heard this, she was speechless.

Ada stared at Madeline's face, unconvinced. 'What? This is a face after plastic surgery?'

'She used this plastic face to seduce Carty into this state?'

Ada gritted her teeth in secret. How could she have lost to a plastic face?

How could she resign herself to this?

Ada turned her attention to Camille. She knew Camille was the only one who could talk Carter out of this now. As such, she stuck around Camille. "Aunty Cammy—"

"What nonsense is this? I don't want to care about you anymore!" After Camille said that in agitation, she turned around to walk away.

"..." Ada was completely stunned. She could feel Carter's icy stare at her from the corner of her eyes. She shrank her neck and turned around to run away.

Madeline finally felt at peace when the people causing her trouble had left.

However, when she heard the footsteps behind her, her slightly relieved heart was once again suspended.

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