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Frederick sounded full of guilt and remorse. "It's my fault for being so useless! I couldn't protect you at all! In the end, I even failed to protect Kara!"

"No...! I have to go find her now!" Tina cried.

Samuel was a big fat liar! He promised her that she would be able to meet up with Frederick and Kara. Yet now, Kara had gone missing!

Kara was only a five—year—old child. Despite that, she was taken away forcefully from her uncle. Right now, she must be quivering in fear on her own.

With tears shining in her eyes, Tina scrambled up to her feet once again and latched onto a **nearby** servant.

"Where the hell is Samuel right now? I want to go see him!"

At first, the servants were very wary of Tina. Samuel was known for his aversion toward women, after all. He wasn't even interested in Mrs. Langford, who had given birth to Young Master Keith for him.

The moment he brought a woman home on his own accord for the first time ever, everyone automatically knew what it meant.

But not long ago, Samuel's **derogatory words and** actions toward Tina allowed the servants to know her current position in the family.

No matter how beautiful she was, at the end of the day, Tina was only a rich man's plaything. Hence, the servant shook Tina's hand away harshly with an impatient look on her face. **Already weakened from ev**erything that had happened to her, Tina almost collapsed to the floor as a result. The marks on her body that were revealed from under her clothes were suggestive enough to make people blush.

Jealousy flitted past the servant who witnessed the marks, who remarked snidely, "What are you pretending to be weak for? Didn't you only spend a night with Mr. Langford? You act like **you're a fragile and precious heiress f**rom a rich family!"

Tina couldn't be bothered with the servant's rudeness. Instead, she demanded once more, "I want to know where he is right now!"

"Mr. Langford is very busy right now. He's currently dealing with work—related matters in his study. I advise you to think twice about your current position. You're just a plaything brought home by Mr. Langford. He's just toying around with you, so don't go around getting into trouble!"

The servant sounded like she wanted to warn Tina about something, but the latter refused to listen to her. Instead, she bounded up the stairs.

As expected, she was stopped by Samuel's bodyguards outside the study. "You can't go in."

"I know!" Tina gritted her teeth before continuing angrily, "Make sure to pass on this **messa**ge to Samuel. He promised to let me see my family, but so far, I'm only able to contact one person! Where's my daughter? I want to see her right now!"

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"Mr. Langford is very busy right now, so he doesn't have time to deal with insignificant matters like this. Please wait downstairs." "This isn't insignificant at all!" Tina exclaimed emotionally. "Kara's my daughter! She's only five years old, for god's sake! What the hell did Samuel's men do to her?! How the hell can I just sit by and wait?!" Tina tried to barge into the study without caring about the consequences. Meanwhile, the bodyguards could only swap glances, not knowing what to do. Samuel seemed like he hated the woman's guts on the inside, but the bodyguards knew for a fact that he almost printed divorce agreements for her sake. Should they stop her or not? It didn't help that Tina was wearing incredibly thin clothes. The bodyguards didn't dare to touch her. In the end, she was able to reach the study's door. "Mr. Langford. Apparently, the CEO from last night was attacked by an unknown assailant in the washroom and fainted. He's being treated in the hospital right now, so the time set to sign the contract might be delayed..."

"Delayed?" Samuel's sarcastic tone was so icy that he might spout hail from his mouth at any given moment. "There's no need to sign the contract anymore. Cancel the collaboration this instant!"

The subordinate wasn't surprised to hear his declaration. "Understood, sir." "By the way, Mr. Langford," he continued. "That girl has been sent to Paris. What should we do with her?"

Chapter 312 Not long ago after discovering Tina's identity, Samuel quickly dispatched his men to capture Frederick and take away Kara by force.

As Samuel's underlings, the bodyguards were highly trained and had killed countless people who had provoked him in the past. However, this was their first time targeting a five—year—old girl. Furthermore, that girl's mother had a special identity. As such, they had no idea how to deal with Kara. Hence, they decided to ask Samuel about their next course of action.

Upon hearing his subordinate's question, Samuel frowned instinctively. The little girl's face subconsciously appeared in his mind.

Keith was five years old as well, but he didn't act like a typical child. Aside from the cold and aloof personality he had inherited from Samuel, he was also a genius with an extraordinarily high IQ, making him a miniature adult despite his young age. However, Kara was a normal five—year—old girl.

She was naïve and innocent, but she had also inherited Tina's stubbornness.

A short while ago, she had come looking for Samuel. Her eyes glared at him like wide saucers, and she behaved like a feral kitten that kept waving its tiny claws in the air. At the **same time, she was ada**mant on avenging her mommy...

Samuel may be a cold-hearted person, but even his heart melted in front of that little girl.

No matter how much he hated Tina and her ambiguous relationship with Frederick, he knew very well that Tina's daughter was innocent. Moreover, he could see that the little girl was innocent and kindhearted. Her pure heart had yet to be tainted by the filthy thoughts and intentions that the adults

harbored in this world. Samuel replied lightly, "Send her somewhere far away." He planned to send Kara to a place far, far away so that she could study with Keith in the future. That seemed like a decent choice to him. But before Samuel could finish his sentences, Tina barged into the study all after having heard everything from the outside. "No! Samuel, you can't do this to her!" Samuel's expression darkened significantly upon seeing Tina in his study. The subordinate was shocked to see her there as well. "Miss Lynd, how did you get in here?!"

The bodyguards chasing after her all looked very conflicted. "We.. We couldn't stop her at all!"

It wasn't as if they couldn't stop Tina from entering. Rather, they didn't dare to stop her at all. Samuel ordered in an icy tone, "Drag her out of here!" "I'm not leaving! I won't leave without seeing Kara!"

Tina stopped in front of Samuel.

"What are you planning to do to Kara? I only saw Frederick, but I still haven't been able to meet Kara! She's only a five—year—old little girl! She's already scared enough when she's forced to leave my side, so you mustn't send her to another place far away from home!" The sight of Tina looking so anxious made Samuel chuckle coldly. "Isn't it enough for you to meet up with your adulterous partner?" "I still want to meet Kara!" Tina retorted worriedly. "I heard you're planning to send her away! I won't allow you to..."

Samuel was currently wearing a white buttoned shirt. He looked like a noble and elegant prince.

He sat on his chair in a relaxed position like a resting leopard as he looked down at Tina, who looked very ragged. Then, he spoke up in a sarcastic tone.

"Tina Lynd, please understand your role in the current situation. You're at my hands right now, which means you're just a tool I can mess around with at all times. You have no right to object to my decisions." Tears trickled down Tina's cheeks before she suddenly sank onto the floor in a kneeling position. "Please... I'm begging you... I can't live without Kara! You can do whatever you want to me, but please don't touch my daughter!"

The sight of her begging for Kara's life annoyed Samuel even more. The bodyguards rushed over hurriedly and tried to drag her out of the study. When she struggled against them valiantly, her shirt accidentally slid down her shoulders.

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Before the bodyguards could react to what just happened, Samuel had already thrown the documents onto his desk angrily.

"All of you, get lost!"

The subordinates fled out of the study immediately and shut the door behind them.

All of them looked at each other, raw terror written all over their faces. "Did you see what happened just now?"

"No!"

"It's a good thing we didn't see anything! If we did, we'd be forced to gauge our own eyes out

The memory of Samuel's enraged expression and bloodthirsty gaze drilled fear into the subordinates' hearts.

Back in the study, the floor was scattered with documents Samuel had thrown in a fit of rage earlier.

He stared down at Tina, who kept shivering in fear, before spitting out in disgust, "You can't **even wear** your own clothes properly. You disgust me!" But Kara's disappearance hurt Tina's heart more than Samuel's scathing words. "I can't live without Kara! Samuel, I'm begging you! Please... Can you please not send her away?" Seeing as Tina was willing to go through so much humiliation for Frederick and Kara's sake, Samuel had the sudden urge to strangle the woman on the spot. In the end, he managed to hold in his m**urderous urge.** "Fine. I'll grant your wish," he relented. Instead of feeling reassured when she heard Samuel's reply, Tina became even more uneasy. As expected, Samuel continued speaking coldly. "However, what can you offer to me in return?"

Tina bit her bottom lip and lifted her head to look at him. She grabbed the hem of her shirt unconsciously out of nervousness.

Samuel looked down at the trembling woman on the floor before ordering, "Come here." He sounded so cold and nonchalant, as if he was summoning a dog rather than a human to his side.

Tina shook even more upon hearing the command. Samuel simply watched her reaction, a cold smirk playing on his lips.

A moment later, she finally approached him slowly.

Rip!

There wasn't an ounce of sympathy in his eyes as he shredded the thin shirt covering her bare body

After an unknown period of time, Samuel left the study. The subordinates waiting outside had no idea what happened inside the study. They were all waiting for his next command. "Mr. Langford, about the woman inside the study..." "Ignore her," he replied dryly. "Yes, sir."

"Also, keep that girl in Paris for now," Samuel continued coldly. "Whether the woman meets the girl depends on her performance."

"Yes, sir."

Samuel returned to the bathroom connected to his bedroom, and the servants brought him a set of fresh clothes. They seemed to have made different discoveries while checking his worn clothes.

"Where did the suit jacket go? Is it still in the study?" "Also, why is the shirt this wrinkled?"

"It's covered with lipstick. The material of this shirt dictates that it can't be washed nilly willy. What should we do now? This shirt must be spoiled, right?"

The sight of those clothes in that sorry **state was more t**han enough to make people imagine what exactly happened in the study earlier. The servants all blushed brightly at the revelation. At the same time, they were terribly jealous of Tina.

"That woman has absolutely no self–respect! This must be the reason why she went to look for Mr. Langford earlier!" "She's such a despicable homewrecker! How disgusting!" The servants gathered together to gossip with each other. Their impression of Tina was already negative enough as it was. All the servants and subordinates busied themselves in serving Samuel later on, so no one cared about Tina, who slipped out of the study and returned to her room at a certain time. Fortunately, a suit jacket was left in the study for Tina. Otherwise, she wouldn't know how she could slip back to her room.

Chapter 314 Tina hid in the bathroom and scrubbed her body ferociously.

The memory of what transpired earlier made her stomach churn in discomfort. All she felt at that time was the urge to puke.

However, she knew better than anyone that Samuel's torment for her wouldn't stop anytime soon.

After he left the study earlier, she could hear his conversation with his subordinate clearly. Kara wouldn't be sent away for now, but her chances of meeting Kara all depended on her future performance, which meant she would have to continue enduring Samuel's inhumane **torment.**

Everything left Tina feeling so exhausted. She didn't eat or drink at all since the start of that night's banquet.

After soaking in the hot water for a short while, she stumbled her way out of the bathroom. Spots of darkness eventually covered her vision to the point that she almost fell unconscious on the spot.

Tina wanted nothing more than to lie down and rest, but a servant barged into her room the moment she let her guard down.

"I knew Mr. Langford's suit jacket was with you! What the hell is wrong with you?! Are you trying to become a thief too?"

Tina didn't feel like replying to the servant at all. However, the latter clearly refused to let Tina rest. She continued urging, "Do you seriously think you're hired by Mr. Langford to sit and look pretty? You've already dirtied the clothes — clothes that are so expensive that you can't even afford them even if you sold yourself! Hurry up and take these clothes to the laundromat for a dry—wash cycle!" "I'm required to do that?" Tina asked in surprise. "Who else but you? Aren't you the one responsible for causing this mess?" The servant rolled her eyes in response. "Am I allowed to go out?" Tina doubted the servant's words. Would Samuel really let her leave this easily? "Why wouldn't you be allowed to go out? I've already asked the others about your position here! Right now, you're serving as Mr. Langford's private secretary. Other than your primary function, which is to sleep with him, you're also in charge of his private affairs. What else do you think you're here for?"

The servant's tone came off as aggressive and crass. She threw a huge bag of clothes in Tina's direction before leaving immediately.

Tina took a deep breath. She had always thought she would be imprisoned by Samuel, but now, she became his secretary instead.

However, she could never be happy about it. The memories of what happened in the private room last night flashed through her mind, The businessmen who were there to discuss their work all brought secretaries with them. However, those women were no ordinary secretaries.

To put it bluntly, the women were just tools that could be traded and abandoned at will...

Tina felt a mixture of discomfort and disgust plaguing her senses.

Samuel had so many means under his belt to torment and break one's mind. She didn't dare to remain lying down any longer. After a brief respite, she changed into new clothes and went down the stairs. The bodyguards in the manor simultaneously shot Tina a look, but showed no signs of stopping her. It seemed Samuel was convinced she would never escape. Then again, he was right. There was nowhere for Tina to run to now that he had hostages under his control.

Tina limped a few steps forward and saw a subordinate heading her way. He asked, "Miss Lynd, where are you going?".

"The laundromat," she replied. The subordinate took one look at the bag of clothes and chose not to say anything. "This is the car key. You can drive this car and run errands for Mr. Langford in the future." "Okay." After Tina sent the clothes to the laundromat, she ate something to appease her stomach before rushing to the hospital and registered for an appointment with a gynecologist in the Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics. Right now, she already felt extremely uncomfortable just by walking a few steps at a time.

It was obvious Samuel wanted to torture her.

Tina didn't want to continue suffering, so she could only go to the hospital and seek medical **treatment** on her own.

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Tina waited anxiously for her turn.

After a long wait, her turn finally arrived.

The doctor was visibly stunned the moment he saw her condition. He initially thought that **she was being abused**, **which was indeed the case**.

However, Tina could never tell him the truth due to complicated reasons.

After checking her over, the doctor issued some medicine that could treat her injuries and **gave her some advice.**

"Treat yourself with this medicine once you get home. You have to take note that you shouldn't... Ahem! You shouldn't go overboard in the next few days... Ahem! Tell your husband to be more considerate of your health and ask him to cooperate with you."

A bitter smile graced Tina's face. Unfortunately, Samuel was never her husband to begin with. How could he ever care about her? The reason she was still alive right now was because he intended to continue torturing her. Otherwise, she would've been dead by now.

After applying the medicine to her injuries, Tina finally felt slightly better. Just as she was about to leave the hospital, a figure bumped into her coincidentally. **Tina's knees buckled together. As a result, she almost f**ell to the floor.

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But before she could speak up, the figure who bumped into her began chiding her out loud.

"Oh my god! Are you blind? What the ... "

The one who cursed was a tall and slender blonde woman with sparkling blue eyes. She was about to continue cursing at Tina when she suddenly noticed her. "It's you!"

Tina, however, was stunned. She found the blonde woman to be somewhat familiar, but she couldn't recall where exactly she had seen this woman.

Thus, Tina asked with a slight frown, "Do I know you?" "You don't recognize me?" The blonde woman harrumphed coldly. "Didn't we just meet last night? What are you pretending for? Just because you wore extra clothes today doesn't mean you get to pretend nothing happened!" Tina's expression changed drastically when she recalled the events that happened in the private room last night. The fat old man had brought two beautiful secretaries with him that night.

The one who stood in front of Tina right now was one of the secretaries. She was chased out of the private room together with Tina, due to her flirtatious actions that angered Samuel greatly.

Tina wasn't even acquainted with that blonde woman to begin with. She tried to leave, but the latter quickly blocked her way.

For some reason, the blonde woman was very interested in Tina.

To be more accurate, she was very interested in Samuel. "Are you Mr. Langford's woman now?" she demanded. Tina pursed her lips immediately. "That has nothing to do with you." "How the hell are you a match for Mr. Langford? This is so weird! Why would he have his eye on you?"

The blonde woman eyed Tina up and down spitefully before continuing, "During the time Mr. Langford came to Paris, many bosses offered countless beautiful women to him, only to be rejected coldly. I don't know where the hell you came from, but you aren't pretty at all..." Her tone was dripping with obvious jealousy. Tina was frustrated at the woman. She retorted, "Fine. I'm super ugly in front of a natural beauty like you. However, he's the blind one for choosing me over you!"

The blonde woman was infuriated when she heard Tina's words. She pointed at Tina furiously and snarled, "You... You..."

"Stop repeating that word like an idiot. You should go get yourself treated if you're mentally ill!"

The moment Tina was done speaking, she turned on her heel and left.

Fuming to herself, the beautiful secretary spun on her heel and walked into a ward.

The fat old man from last night was the patient of that ward.

Before she could open the door, she could already hear slurs and curses coming from inside the ward.

"What?! Mr. Langford no longer wants to work with me?! That's impossible! That's... f*cking impossible! It's all that f*cking b*tch's fault last night! If it wasn't for her, my collaborative project with Mr. Langford wouldn't have been canceled!"

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Under normal circumstances, the secretary wouldn't dare to enter when she heard the old man losing his temper.

Upon hearing his grumbles, however, an idea suddenly popped into her mind. She flung the door open and strode into the ward.

"Sir, I just saw that woman! The one who was with Mr. Langford last night!"

That old man looked very haggard in the ward. Last night, he had his eye on the woman next to Mr. Langford. She was dressed like a slut, so it was obvious that she had no self–respect. However, her temperament was calm and innocent. She was different than the usual wh*res **that were offered to him.**

Thus, he stalked that woman immediately after Mr. Langford chased her out of the private room. He wanted to have his way with that woman before requesting Mr. Langford to give her to him.

Unexpectedly, someone kicked him at that critical moment. Before he could figure out the identity of the mysterious assailant, he passed out on the floor. Once he regained consciousness, he discovered that he was lying on a hospital bed. The deal he managed to snag with the Langford Group was now voided. The moment he heard the secretary's words, surprise and delight replaced the warped **expression on his face.** "What? You saw that woman? Where is she now?"

"She just left not long ago!"

Upon hearing the news, the old man replied immediately, "Great! This is great news! Men, bring her here by force! This filthy b*tch has cost me my deal with the Langford Group! That deal is worth hundreds of millions, for god's sake! I need to skin her alive in order to release my anger! Hehe... Then again, I shouldn't be so hasty when it comes to punishing her. Since I didn't get to have fun with her last night, I'll f*cking use her like my personal toy until I'm sick of her! Then, I can kill her! Hurry and capture her, all of you! Just go already!".

The old man issued the command to his bodyguards, hoping that Tina would be captured and presented to him soon.

His assistant, who stood next to him, looked apprehensive. He asked, "That woman is Mr. Langford's woman, right? If he found out about this, wouldn't he be di**spleased with** us?"

Slap!

Before the assistant could finish speaking, someone slapped him heavily on the face.

The beautiful secretary was the culprit. She **looked very unhappy as sh**e chided him, "Who the hell is the boss here? As his subordinates, all we have to do is to listen to his orders! Why are you questioning

him? Besides, isn't she just a woman? If Mr. Langford brought her to the gathering last night in that slutty apparel, that means she's just a lowly woman to him! Why would he be mindful of a common b*tch like her?"

The assistant was so scared that he bowed his head immediately. "I'm sorry! I'm so sorry, sir

The old man retorted arrogantly, "You're fired! Get the f*ck out of my sight! Alice, you did a great job. I'll have a Hermes representative come over and present you with all of their limited –edition bags. Feel free to choose anything you like." The beautiful secretary, Alice, was instantly pleased by the reward. Not only did she deal with that lowly b*tch that she was insanely jealous of, but she also obtained new bags as a reward. It was like killing two birds with one stone.

"Thank you, sir!" She leaned toward him happily.

Despite being bedridden, the old man's hands began roaming up and down Alice's body without shame.

The bodyguards were already used to that display. After they chased the former assistant out of the ward, they closed the door behind them and started tracking down Tina.

At that time, she happened to be limping back to her car. Before she could reach the car, her phone started ringing inside her pocket.

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For a moment, Tina was surprised.

This phone was given to her by Samuel just this morning.

Even her SIM card was brand new. Who would be calling her number at a time like this?

Tina glanced at the screen, quickly realizing that Frederick wasn't the one calling her. Instead, it was an unknown number.

But before she could pick up the call, two tall figures suddenly appeared behind her and covered her mouth.

Tina never realized that someone would still dare to make a move on her under broad daylight.

She passed out, not having the strength to struggle against them. As she collapsed to the floor in a dead heap, the phone that she was carrying slid out of her hand.

The bodyguards that were dispatched to capture her had already studied her face beforehand, so they were able to determine her identity immediately.

"She's the woman Mr. Langford brought with him last night, right?" "Yes. That's right. She's the one. Take her away!" After Tina was taken away, the unknown number called her a few times in a row.

Meanwhile, Samuel was throwing a hissy fit in the study.

His subordinates all had their heads lowered, not even daring to breathe around him.

"Where the hell did she go?!" he snarled.

"Miss Lynd was carrying a bag of clothes just now. She said she was sending them to the laundromat..."

"So she has time to go to the laundromat, but she doesn't have time to pick up my call? Good! This is wonderful!"

When Samuel heard the dead tone coming from the other end of the line, he threw the phone against the wall angrily, agitation becoming increasingly obvious on his face. At that moment, he looked beyond frightening. Having noticed his furious state, the subordinates all wiped cold sweat off their brows.

They all knew that Samuel was diagnosed with insomnia for many years, which made him incredibly bad—tempered. But no matter how busy or tiring work was for him in the past, he had never lost his temper in this manner. To think that he would be enraged by a woman's refusal to pick up his calls... The subordinates tried to appease Samuel by saying, "Perhaps Miss Lynd is busy with something at the moment. She couldn't have run away, right?"

"Run?"

Samuel picked up that term sharply. A dark expression appeared on his face immediately. Right now, he had two leverages over Tina's head. One was Frederick, while the other was Kara. Tina was willing to go through humiliation for the sake of those two. She made it seem as if she was unable to live without them.

Then again, Samuel didn't exclude the possibility of her putting on an elaborate act just to lower his guard.

After all, he had seen for himself just how ruthless that woman was. Samuel didn't hesitate to order, "Investigate where she is right now!" He strode out of the study right away after issuing that order. The remaining subordinates could only swap nervous glances after that. "Isn't Miss Lynd just an ordinary secretary? Why did Mr. Langford go to great lengths for her?"

"I think he wouldn't be this furious if Mrs. Langford was the one who got into trouble..." "Come on. Remember when Mr. Langford couldn't even be bothered to go look for Young Master Keith when he ran away from home last time?" "She's not a secretary, is she? She seems like the Langfords' ancestor or something!"

At that moment, everyone felt like bursting into tears.

At the same time, they quickly understood something about Samuel. The woman who seemed like a regular secretary must not be offended, no matter what. Otherwise, they would be in deep trouble! Meanwhile, Tina was thrown to the floor and was violently woken up by a pail of ice—cold **water.**

The moment she opened her eyes, she heard a smug **female voice.** "So, you're finally awake!" "It's you!" Tina recognized the beautiful secretary that she had met moments ago. Her expression changed drastically as she asked, "What are you trying to do?"

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Alice the secretary couldn't help but cover her mouth when she heard Tina's question, a smug smile curled on her lips.

"Oh, wow! Don't you know what we're planning to do even after things have progressed to this point?"

Tina's head felt terribly heavy. She was under extreme discomfort, as if her limbs were filled with lead.

She managed to lift her head to see not only the secretary, but also a figure lying on a hospital bed near her.

It was the same old man who tried to molest her in the bathroom last night, only to get knocked out by a kick from Samuel

Unexpectedly, that old man refused to give up. Instead, he had ordered his men to capture her.

Bandages were wrapped around the old man's head. He took in Tina's pale and weak appearance before saying arrogantly, "If it wasn't for you last night, my deal with the Langford Group would've gone through without a hitch! Thanks to you, I got injured and hospitalized! In the end, not only did I not get to sign the contract with Mr. Langford, but he also canceled the deal! This is all your fault!"

He then continued in a lecherous tone, "If you serve me now, I might spare your life. Otherwise... Hehe!"

The old man's flabby cheeks shivered like jelly with every laugh he emitted.

Tina was so disgusted by his words that she replied, "I'm Samuel's woman! If you dare to lay a finger on me, he won't ever let you go!" "Hahaha! Just keep lying! There aren't any women hanging around Mr. Langford at all! There's no way he'll even pay attention to you, what with your lowly identity and all! Do you seriously think you're the mistress of the Langford family?" the old man retorted spitefully.

Alice kept giggling as well. "Sir, I think she's still pretty drowsy. Maybe she's in too much of a daze to differentiate reality from fantasy. Why don't I dump more cold water on her to wake her up?"

Once her words fell, Alice poured a few glasses of cold water before dumping them on Tina.

Tina's wet clothes clung to her frail frame as a result.

The old man's **excitement grew when he not**iced Tina's wretched state. He said enthusiastically, "How can she sober up with just a few glasses of water? Take her to the bathroom and bathe her there! Make sure she's squeaky clean before bringing her back here!"

The beautiful secretary, Alice, nodded before calling in the bodyguards.

"Stop gawking there! Didn't you hear the boss's order? Get in here and help me out!"

"Understood, ma'am." The sight of 'Tina looking so limp and weak made them lower their guard.

Without warning, she suddenly sprung up ferociously and grabbed one of the bodyguards' arms when they least expected it. She grabbed the electric kettle on the bedside table and slammed it on the bodyguard's head.

"Argh!"

Bam!

Shards littered the floor immediately. The group never expected that Tina would retaliate.

Tina quickly rushed out of the ward, followed by the old man's bodyguards. "Hurry up and catch her! D*mn it! How dare she run at a time like this?! I wanted to give her a chance, but looks like tht there's no need to spare her now! Kill her straight away once you catch her!"

Tina was too exhausted to move. Every inch of her body screamed in agony. Her legs were especially weak and felt no different than limp noodles. Pain shot up her poor legs with every step she took The poor woman could only bite her bottom lip and did her best to endure the pain. Soon, cold sweat covered her forehead. But no matter how much she tried to run, her steps ended up becoming slower and slower.

Tina suddenly tripped over her own feet and started collapsing forward. She thought she was going to die at that moment due to the harsh fall that she would suffer from shortly afterward. Unexpectedly, a figure suddenly appeared from a corner in front of her. She found herself collapsing into the arms of that person. She also seemed to have smelt a familiar scent that made her feel safe amidst the awful haze.

Chapter 319 Seeing Tina collapsing out of exhaustion, the bodyguards who caught up with her exclaimed smugly, "We got her now!"

"Hahaha! Let's see where else can you run to this time!"

Just as the lead bodyguard tried to reach out to Tina in order and take her away by force...

"Argh!"

He immediately wailed in pain. Apparently, someone had kicked him away at that crucial moment.

As a result, he slammed into the other bodyguards that were behind him.

The men collapsed to the floor while screaming in pain, looking completely woebegone.

"Who dares to kick us? Do you know who our boss is?! Are you trying to become a knight in shining armor just to save the damsel in distress?! You insufferable b*stard..."

The leading bodyguard was so exasperated that he couldn't stop himself from lifting his head to look at the assailant, intent to curse the air blue. The moment his gaze met the man's icy one, though, his eyes widened in shock. "M–Mr. Langford! Why are you here?" The bodyguards were too shocked to realize what was going on. The sight of Tina collapsing in Samuel's arms in a dead faint made their hearts skip a beat simultaneously.

Didn't everyone say that Samuel wasn't interested in women at all? Wasn't she just a regular secretary? Why would he refuse to let go of her despite the differences in their statuses?! Having seen Tina's wretched state for himself, Samuel realized what she had just gone through.

Those despicable b*stards...

He issued a command in an icy tone. "Deal with them."

The moment his words fell, he whisked the unconscious Tina and left. The old man's bodyguards were so frightened that they started begging for their lives. "Mr. Langford, you've misunderstood us! We were just following our boss's orders! We had **no idea she's your woman! You're a generous man**, so

please let us go..." Samuel stopped in his tracks immediately before replying mockingly, "Your boss's orders?"

"Yeah! Our boss is Robert!" the bodyguards elaborated immediately.

There was a phrase saying that if you wanted to hit a dog, you would have to see who its **master was.**There was a chance that Samuel would spare their lives once he realized who their boss was.

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The subordinate next to Samuel added, "Mr. Langford, Robert is the one who got hospitalized because of an accident. You canceled the deal with him after that."

Samuel chuckled coldly instead. "So, he's the one?"

It seemed the kick he had delivered to that old man last night was much too light. But the bodyguards thought that they had a chance to live and tell the tale, so they continued, "That's right! Please spare our lives, Mr. Langford! Our boss almost became your business partner, after all!" "Our boss is still waiting for us to return to him..." Samuel watched the men beg for mercy from above for a while before commenting lightly, "Send them back."

The bodyguards didn't realize the hidden meaning behind his command. They all sighed in relief collectively. "Thank you, Mr. Langford!" "Actually, we can go back on our own..." Samuel's subordinates stared at the ignorant bodyguards, sympathy flashing through their **eyes**. Tina might look like an ordinary secretary, but in reality, her identity was special. Only Samuel was allowed to harass and torment her. Those men had laid their hands on her, yet they still intended to return to their boss without any interruptions? Unfortunately, their wishes would never be realized.

"Also, it seems like last night's lesson wasn't enough. Since Robert intends to **harm my** woman, I might as well nip everything in the bud."

The moment his words fell, Samuel left with Tina in his arms. After taking down all of the bodyguards, the subordinates soon approached Robert's ward.

Chapter 320 At that time, the beautiful secretary was busy taking care of Robert by feeding him peeled fruit **slices.**

Upon noticing the ward door being flung open, Robert immediately straightened up in excitement.

"Did you guys capture that b*tch?"

A group of armed men appeared at the doorway instead of his regular men. One glance at them told Robert that these people didn't come in peace. His expression changed drastically at the sight of the men. "Who sent you here? Do you know who I am? If you leave right now, I might spare your lives!" The subordinates had half—hearted smirks on their faces as they reported, "Mr. Langford **ordered us to come here."**

"Mr. Langford?"

Robert was surprised to hear Samuel's name. An elated expression soon appeared on his face.

"Mr. Langford is here?! Where is he right now? Good heavens, why didn't you tell me earlier?! I would've told my men to welcome him here! Hurry and come in! Let's sit and talk, shall we? Is Mr. Langford planning to resume the collaboration with us? I knew it! Mr. Langford isn't the type to break his promise..."

As soon as the subordinates entered the ward, the beautiful secretary suddenly let out a piercing shriek of fear.

"Aaaaah!"

Robert couldn't help but chide her. "What the hell are you doing?!" "They... They..." Alice's eyes were as wide as dinner plates as she pointed at the bodies that the subordinates were dragging behind them. "Those are our bodyguards!" The bodyguards that were being dragged behind Samuel's subordinates all looked like they were on the verge of death Robert's elation dissipated quickly. "What the hell is going on?" "What's going on, you ask?" The subordinates huffed coldly. "This is the consequence of harming Mr. Langford's woman!" "Mr. Langford's woman? You mean the woman just now?! That's impossible! Isn't she just a normal secretary?!" Alice screamed in bewilderment. Robert was also very terrified after hearing the subordinates' words. "Yeah! She's just an ordinary woman! Didn't Mr. Langford take her to the gathering last night? How could she be his woman?!"

The subordinates just chuckled dryly. "Well, now you know! Unfortunately, it's too late for you to repent!"

After that, the ward door was slammed behind the subordinates. Soon, bloodcurdling screams echoed throughout the ward. Meanwhile, Tina was also admitted into a ward. "Why hasn't she woken up yet?" Samuel sounded irritated as he gazed at the unconscious woman on the hospital bed.

The doctor that was sent to check on Tina was also the same doctor that had treated her earlier. He didn't expect to see her lying on the bed only moments after treating her, which angered him greatly.

When he heard Samuel's impatient question, he snapped back in a dissatisfied tone, "She's your wife, isn't she? Don't you know her condition?"

Wife?

For some reason, Samuel didn't deny the doctor's guess. He asked with a frown, "What's wrong with her?" "This lady came for a check—up just now. Her constitution is already weak to begin with, yet both of you kept going at it when it comes to your bedroom activities! Naturally, she fell ill and came down with a high fever." As he spoke, the doctor handed Tina's medical report over to Samuel. "I still have to tend to another patient, so you can read this on your own. Please be nicer and more considerate to your wife! Also, she must take and apply her medicine on time." After that, the doctor left the ward immediately, leaving Samuel and the report there. The subordinates didn't dare to breathe out loud for fear that the doctor's words had angered their boss. If that were to happen, everyone in the ward would suffer. However, Samuel could only frown. His dark and sharp eyes scanned through the report meticulously.

Immediately afterward, his expression became thunderous.

seemed a little too serious.			

He originally thought that Tina was putting on an act the whole time. **Unexpectedly, her condition**