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### Chapter 361

"She always wears a ponytail, follows me around and will share with me what she likes. When I do my homework, she will always be by my side. We were like a match made in heaven. I had deep feelings for her."

Gale said, "Your childhood sweetheart."

Just like she and Sam.

"Yes. However, she disappeared on her fourth birthday, and I haven't found her so far. But I haven't given up on looking for her," Aurum said with a nod.

"Mr. Lefting, you mean that I remind you of her?"

"No, you are not like her. She is chubby, and you are too thin. But... your temperament is very similar to her mother when she was young," Aurum replied.

Only then did Gale suddenly realize.

She reminded Aurum of a girl he used to love. Unfortunately, the little girl has never been heard from again, and her whereabouts are unknown. She was

Aurum's 'what if'.

So, after many years, Aurum would think of that little girl when he saw her.

"It turns out that you always wanted to give me what you couldn't give to that little girl. Speaking of which, I am clearly in her favor," Gale said.

"It's not just that. After getting to know you, I found that you are a very good girl. You should have a better and freer life instead of being bound by Shawn and breaking your wings."

Gale smiled bitterly.

Even Aurum knew the truth, but Shawn would never understand it.

To truly love someone was to let go, be free, be fulfilled, and not be caged.

Aurum said again, "I don't know how she is doing now. I hope she can be happy... The possibility is very small. I can't do anything for her, so I will just treat you well..."

this helps me be more at ease.

The little girl disappeared at the age of four, and just thinking about how miserable the future will be made her

heart tremble with fear.

How sad and distressed her relatives should be.

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Gale had no idea how to comfort others, so she could only say, "God will bless her."

"I hope so."

"But I heard, Mr. Lefting, you have a fiancée now? I don't mean anything else, not that you never want to marry anyone other than that little girl for life, but..." Gale asked.

"No need to explain. I understand. Ms. Warm, I can tell you that my current fiancée is her parents' adopted daughter."

She was taken aback for a while.

"After losing their beloved daughter, they were very sad. So, they adopted a little girl of the same age from the orphanage, and I fell in love with her and got engaged."

So it was such.

Fate was really strange.

Gale now fully understood Aurum's complicated feelings for her.

He placed all the warm memories of that four-year-old girl on her, so he wanted to do his best to help her.

"My fiancée is also a very good person. She is gentle and considerate, and we have a very good relationship,"

Aurum said.

However, the little girl will always be irreplaceable in his heart.

For Aurum, his fiancée was the shadow of the little girl.

Gale was also the shadow of the little girl.

"You should be fine too." Aurum looked at her. "Ms.

Warm, can you now accept my selfless help with peace of mind? I really have no malice toward you nor any other purpose."

"Thank you for sharing with me..."

"I'm afraid that you might have concerns and think I'm a bad person. So I think I'd better tell you everything so that you won't feel uneasy," Aurum replied. →

Gale looked at him. "Mr. Lefitng, you are a good person."

"I just wonder if the good deeds I have done can bless her.

He was so helpless and so superstitious.

After separating from Aurum, Gale sat alone on the bench in the park for a long, long time.

The first child was gone, and the second child was conceived shortly after that.

However, this had not meant she could forgive Shawn. The pain he had caused her... was irreparable.

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Just as she was thinking, a shadow suddenly fell in front of her. When Gale raised her head, she met Shawn's eyes.

He raised his hand and pulled off her mask. "The stitches are removed."

"Yes."

"It will be fine."

"I don't care. It's like, you don't care about your hands,"

Gale said.

"If I care about my hands, will you care about your face?"

Gale frowned and remained silent.

Shawn's tone sank. "You saw Aurum again. Gale, you know I'll be angry if you do this."

She was startled and stood up abruptly. "You sent someone to watch me?"

"It's for your protection."

"But..."

Gale's back felt cold. To what extent had this surveillance gone?

When she went to the obstetrics and gynecology department for a checkup... did someone follow her secretly?

She must not let Shawn know about her pregnancy again!

"Just to protect you. Don't think too much," Shawn emphasized again.

Looking at his expression, Gale slowly relaxed. It seems that he did not know. Otherwise, he would not be so calm.

"Gale, I just don't want Susan to kidnap you or Grandpa to send you away."

"Understood. Aurum and I were just chatting on the side of the road for a short while," Gale replied blankly.

"Stay away from them, both Aurum and Sam."

Shawn's eyes were full of possessiveness.

"They are both innocent, but it's between you and Susan..."

Before he could finish speaking, Shawn touched her lips. "I'll take you to see Susan."

Gale never thought that she would come back to the mental hospital again.

The two years in the mental hospital were the nightmare of her life!

Suddenly, a shrill scream sounded, which made people's hair stand on end.

Shawn held Gale's hand steadily and strode inside.

The bodyguards stood in a row with their hands behind their backs, opening a path.

At the end of the road was Susan, covered in blood.

Hearing the sound of footsteps, she raised her head with difficulty. There was no meat on her whole face. Only a pair of eyes looked over faintly.

"Wood... Mr. Wood..."

Susan slowly crawled on the ground like a bug, reaching out to grab Shawn's trousers.

However, as soon as she raised her hand, Shawn stepped on her foot hard.

"Crack..." the sound of bone breaking sounded.

Susan's voice was already hoarse, and she let out an ugly

hoarse scream.

This scene was too bloody and cruel.

Gale turned her head away, not daring to look any further.

“Afraid?” Shawn was keenly aware of her emotions. “Then close your eyes.” As he spoke, he took the initiative

to cover her eyes with his hands.

Gale asked, “Why did you bring me here?”

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“See what will happen to the person who hurts you.

Gale could not help but flinch.

She

had always known how ruthless Shawn’s methods but seeing Susan’s miserable state with her own eyes, frightened her.

were,

There was a faint smell of blood floating in the air, which

- made her feel like vomiting.

However, Gale was afraid that Shawn would think too much, so she tried his best to endure the discomfort in her stomach.

“I don’t want to watch. I want to go,” Gale said.

Shawn did not move.

“Gale... Gale...Just...just kill me, I...I don’t want to live anymore...” Susan said hoarsely.

Her hands were covered in blood, new wounds on top of old wounds, and even the skin on her little finger was barely there.

It can be seen how hellish the torture Susan had.

Suddenly, a mouse came out from nowhere, jumped on Susan’s body, and started to bite the rotten flesh on her body.

Gale took two steps back.

“Let me go. Shawn...I don’t want to see this,” Gale said.

“Don’t you feel happy seeing her like this?”

Shawn stroked her cheek with his fingers. There was a faint distress in his eyes.

Everyone who hurt her should die!

“Evil is rewarded with evil, and what is deserved. It’s so cold here, I don’t feel comfortable staying here.”

Gale

turned around.

Hearing what she said, Shawn led her out. “Okay, let’s leave.”

“No, no...” Susan’s voice slowly faded away.

The mice squeaked louder.

Gale felt that she had returned to the world, standing in the sun, with the warm sunlight shining on her body.

It was...really hell back there.

Shawn never relented when he punished people he hated.

Similarly, he could pamper the people he likes.

He once thought that Susan was the person he was looking for and was prepared to give her the stars and the moon.

What about Gale?

He harmed her.

Now... fate reversed.

Gale began to receive Shawn’s wholehearted love.

However, she did not enjoy it at all.

“Ouch...” Her stomach churned. Gale could not hold it back, bent over sideways, and vomited.

Shawn patted her on the back lightly.

In order not to let him think too much, Gale hurriedly said, “I thought of Susan’s bloody appearance and felt

sick...”

“I know.”

“Let’s go. I don’t like it here,” Gale urged.

The days in the mental hospital are all nightmares.

She never wanted to step in again in her life.

“Okay. I’ll take you to meet someone. He’s already waiting in Temperley Hall,” Shawn said.

“Who?”

“You’ll know when you see.

Gale was curious.

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The car was parked in the garden, and the housekeeper came to open the door. “Mr. Wood, Mrs. Wood.”

Behind the housekeeper was a black, thin, strong young man who looked well-trained.

Gale asked, “Is that the person you mentioned?”

Who is this?

She did not recognize him.

Judging from his uniform, he seemed to be a bodyguard .

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“Yes, his name is Pearton. From now on, he will be responsible for your personal safety and will be on call 24 hours a day. If you have anything, you can find him,”

Shawn said.

“What? Personal bodyguard?”

“Yes. He usually hides in the dark. Call him when you need to, and he will appear.

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Gale immediately refused, “I don’t need it.”

She had a bad feeling.

Shawn first

took her to see Susan, witnessed the tragedy with his own eyes, and then arranged for Pearton for her...

What was he trying to do?

“I can’t let you have any more accidents.” Shawn’s attitude was firm. “Pearton must stay.”

“Didn’t you arrange someone already to follow me?”

“Pearton has undergone special training and is very skilled. His skills surpass ordinary people.”

Gale thought to herself, 'He must be very loyal and will never betray Shawn and would be monitoring her closely.'

Just as she was thinking, Shawn said again, "From today on, Pearton will be your shadow every night. Wherever you are, he will be there. If you disappear, then he... will also disappear. No, he will end up like Susan."

Gale raised his head suddenly. "Shawn, how could you do this!"

He replied flatly, "I'm just talking about your accident, and Pearton will bear the greatest responsibility. As long as you are safe, he will be safe too."

Now, Gale finally understood Shawn's intention.

He was using Pearton to bind her!

Whenever something happened to her or she disappeared, Shawn would look for Pearton first!

Parton's life would be completely ruined!

Gale had always been kind-hearted and would not embarrass bodyguards or servants, let alone implicate others!

However, Shawn just wanted her to implicate others.

"Shawn, you are shameless." Gale gritted her teeth. "You used my conscience to force me to stay by your side!"

"Gale, as long as you don't leave and stay obediently, how could something happen to Pearton?"

She clenched her palms tightly.

Yes, that was right. She had always wanted to leave Sea City.

Unexpectedly, Shawn also guessed it and used this trick to restrain her!

The day she left was the day of Pearton's death!

"I don't need Pearton. You send him away," Gale said slowly and emphatically.

Unexpectedly, Shawn agreed, "Okay." Gale was stunned.

He only heard his thin lips slightly parted. "Parton, did you hear that?"

Parton nodded and said, "Yes. Mr. Wood, I am incompetent, so I'm going to receive the punishment."



After speaking, Pearton turned around decisively.

“Wait!” Gale called to stop him. “Punishment? What do you mean?”

“I am useless and cannot stay by your side to protect me, so I voluntarily accept the punishment.”

Gale was going to explode.

Shawn was kidnapping her morally!

She could not just watch Pearton be punished because of herself!

Gale said, “Shawn, you’re ruthless!”

He laughed slowly and poked her directly. “Gale, you are so afraid of Pearton being your bodyguard because you know that one day you will leave, so you don’t want to burden him.”

He saw through her.

Yes, she would leave sooner or later.

Take the baby in her belly, go to a place where no one knows her, and start again!

She must go before her belly bulge became too obvious!

Shawn could not be trusted with their child.

However, Gale was stubborn and refused to admit it. “I

just don’t want

to hurt Pearton. How can I guarantee that my life will be smooth and nothing will happen?”

“As long as you don’t run away, I guarantee you there will never be an accident,” Shawn said.

“No one in the whole Sea City will dare to touch you.”

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“The rest of the Wood family won’t dare?”

“Don’t dare.”

Gale asked, “Did you forget that Lucas sent me to Aneria?”

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“I negotiated with him, and he won’t touch you again.”

Her heart skipped a beat. “Because of me, you and your grandpa...”

Break up? Cut off the relationship?

“You don’t have to worry about it. Just leave it to me.” As soon as the words fell, the gate of Temperley Hall slowly opened, and a luxury car drove in.

The people who got out of the car turned out to be Paula  
and Zach!

Paula was full of smiles and beaming, and her back was straighter than usual.

Her son was finally back, this was her biggest bargaining chip, and she could feel proud in the  
Wood family!

Zach walked over carrying his things. "Shawn, Gale, last time we met at the airport in a hurry, today I ca  
me to visit.

Paula said, "Yes, yes, we are a family, and we need to  
meet more frequently. '

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It was clear that the mother and son were up to  
something.

'If you want to visit, you should come the next day after returning  
to Sea City. How can it be delayed until now?'

They came to ask for shares to occupy a place in Wood Group!

"No need. I don't want to see you," Shawn refused coldly,  
without showing any mercy. The housekeeper did not  
take Zach's things either.

The mother and son stood there awkwardly.

Paula could not help but say, "The old man is not here, so you treat  
us like this? Shawn, you know why Grandpa did not come! He was so angry with you that he was sick for  
several days. He has been lying in bed and drinking medicine every day!"

"Yeah, I've also heard what happened. You shouldn't be

so mad at Grandpa because of a woman. It's thanks to Grandpa, who raised you up  
and gave you your position. Is this how you repay him?" Zach echoed.

"I thought my sister-in-  
law was a good wife and mother, but I did not expect her to be the daughter of the murderer who killed  
your father... You should get rid of such a scourge. You did not torture her severely, and you still let her  
marry into the family! Your father's spirit in heaven must be angered by you doing this! If he knew, how  
regretful he must be!"

They knew about Gale and Shawn's feud.

They all knew.

It was not Zach's turn to point fingers!

Shawn's eyes narrowed, and a flash of coldness flashed across his face. "You dare implicate my wife too, pointing fingers?"

His aura was cold, and Zach had always been afraid of him, so he did not dare to speak for a while.

"Be respectful. She is not someone you can offend!"

Shawn warned.

"I just..."

"Just what?"

Zach did not dare to say anything.

Seeing this, Paula yelled, "Shawn, we are right! Gale was originally the daughter of the enemy, and the person the Wood family hates the most. Now you are married to her! You defend her and bring shame to the ancestors of the Wood family!"

"Even the old man is so angry that he is bedridden. Do you want to be the unworthy descendant of the Wood family? How can you sit firmly and comfortably as the head of the Wood family? How do you sleep at night?"

"Anyway, Zach is your younger brother, with the blood of the Wood family... You, why do you not let him have a seat at the table?"

"Now that Zach has returned from his studies, he can take over the Wood Group. Yes, this is the right he deserves!"

Zach nodded and said, "Mom is right."

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He did not expect such a wise and powerful elder brother to be a smitten lover and to burn bridges with Grandpa

because of Gale!

Zach thought this was his chance!

Unexpectedly, it was his 'sister-in-law' who appeared that had given him a leg up.

As long as Shawn insisted on not wanting to divorce, then

he would be able to join the Wood Group!

Shawn did not speak, and there was dead silence all around.

"Shawn, do you agree?" Zach could not hold back and

› asked.

Shawn repeated slowly, "I understand what you mean."

"That's good. I'm all for the Wood family too... ah!"

Before he could finish speaking, Shawn kicked Zach's chest!

Shawn raised his foot and kicked him, causing him to back up a few steps and fell to the ground.

"Zach!" Seeing this, Paula quickly went to help him. ' Shawn, how could you do this!"

Zach clutched his chest and coughed several times.

Shawn stood proudly in front of him. "What qualifications and bargaining chips do you two have to negotiate with me?"

What divorce, what efforts?

Oh, ridiculous!

"Listen well. I will not divorce and never will. Zach, you should never meddle in the work of the Wood Group!"

Shawn said.

"Why!"

"Because I am the Wood family!"

Zach stood up, enduring the pain in his chest. "You married her. You are not worthy of being the head of the family, let alone face my father's spirit in heaven! I

persuaded you to divorce for the sake of the Wood family. It is the right thing to do!"

The act was so convincing.

It was a pity that this mother and son did not join the theater.

They had calculated that Shawn would not agree to the divorce, so they came to make a fuss, and took the opportunity to make Shawn compromise so that Zach could enter the Wood family.

Shawn parted his thin lips and said, "Get out."

He glanced at the bodyguard, who immediately understood and stepped forward to drive the two of them away.

"Wait a minute! Look carefully at what this is!" Paula yelled.

With a 'snap', Paula took out a rectangular box from his bag and put it on the ground.

Looking carefully, he found that it turned out to be... his father's ashes!

Gale gasped and looked sideways at Shawn beside him.

Shawn's complexion also changed instantly.

It was because that was Alex's ashes!

Paula actually brought this thing to the home and put it on display!

"Shawn, you look at your father's ashes. Are you worthy of his death?" Paula pointed and said, "You married the daughter of the enemy who killed him. How can he rest in peace?"

As she spoke, Paula began to cry.

It's time to play tricks by crying.

Shawn's face darkened.

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No wonder Paula and Zach dared to come to his home to look for him when their grandfather was bedridden and sick. They had already prepared for it!

Alex's ashes had been kept in the ancestral hall behind the old house, and no one had touched it.

Paula actually...

Shawn was livid. "Presumptuous! You dare to move his ashes at will!"

"Isn't it because you are too unfilial! Shawn, do you dare to say that you won't divorce Gale in front of your father's ashes? Will you be with her forever?"

"Her father killed your father. You are sworn enemies. How can you be husband and wife?"

"Your father valued you the most before he was alive. Are you worthy of him?"

Paula cried and complained, and Zach also said beside him, "Yes, if father knew, how sad he would be? His death was so easily dismissed. People forget..."

Shawn's forehead was bulging with veins. He clenched his palms tightly, and his face darkened terribly.

He never thought they would do this, and there was no way to break it!

Of course, he remembered his father's death and would never forget it.

However, he also loved Gale.

Dr. Warm made atonement and repented in prison; Gale's mother was still awake in a nursing home; Gale also spent two years in a mental hospital and was tortured...

However, these will not be repeated.

Paula and her son would bring it up repeatedly until their needs were met.

"Alex is really pitiful. He is dead, and there will be no peace after death." Gale, who had been quiet all along, spoke out at this time, "You keep saying that it is for him, but you won't let him rest in peace."

Before them, Gale picked up the ashes and held them upright.

Facing Alex's death, she regretted it, but she was never afraid, guilty, or fearful.

She believed that her father did not kill Alex but that there was a huge conspiracy behind it.

Gale held the tablet and walked up to Paula "Look carefully. What is written on it?"

She held the tablet in front of Paula and forced her to read it out.

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Paula trembled. Her throat was dry, and she could not speak.

After a while, she said, "Gale, put it down quickly. Who allowed you to take it? You are the last person who should touch the tablet. Get your dirty hands off it!"

"Paula, are you feeling guilty when you look at his ashes? Are you a little scared? Who should be the most afraid? Is it me? Or you and Zach?" Gale asked slowly.

Right above the table was a black-and-white photo of Alex.

Gale kept approaching with the ashes, Paula looked at the photo, and her heart began to tremble.

"Don't come closer... Put it down, put it down quickly!"

"Oh, you moved his ashes. You are disrespectful! For your own benefit, you went to the ancestral hall to steal it. If Lucas finds out, he will be really mad at you both!"

Gale got closer to Paula.

Paula screamed in fright and scrambled away to hide.

Zach's face was also a little pale. No one knew what was on his mind. His eyes were a little dodgy, and he did not dare to look at the ashes.

Gale continued, "If Alex knew that you used his ashes to force his most admired son to divorce, how would you feel?"

"What did you do to the dead Alex?"

"You don't have the ability to support the Wood Group! Do you know how many people are staring at the company, waiting to kill it? Do you know how many people will jump at Wood Group if it is not strong enough?"

“At that point, the entire Wood family will be over! Do you think Shawn is enjoying his power? No, he is using his own shoulders to shoulder the burden of the entire family!”

Gale’s words are so sonorous and powerful.

She straightened up, covered the box of ashes carefully, and handed it to the housekeeper,

“Send it back to the Wood Mansion, don’t let the old man know. Remember to place some offerings for it.”

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Anyway, the door was locked, and Shawn could not get in. He would have to use an electric drill to unlock it.

The feeling of having a room to herself was relaxing.

Gale slept till dawn.

She turned over and smelled a familiar faint male fragrance.

Why did her quilt pillow have this smell?

Wait, this was clearly Shawn’s smell!

Gale was jolted awake and sat up suddenly from the bed.

Looking at the surrounding environment, she was sure that she was in the master bedroom!

What? She obviously slept in the guest room last night!

“Shawn! Give me an explanation!” Gale gritted her teeth.

The door of the cloakroom opened, and Shawn walked out while putting on his tie. “Huh?”

“Don’t play dumb! How could I be here with you here?”

“This is your room too,”

“Don’t beat around the bush and answer my question quickly!”

Shawn’s face remained unchanged. “I don’t know why you came to the master bedroom.”

What did he mean?

“You don’t know? Did I come here by myself?”

Unexpectedly, Shawn nodded. “Yes.”

Gale was speechless.

Shawn replied lightly, “You want to sleep in the guest room, I respected your decision. But who knew you would suddenly run over by yourself in the middle of the night, lift the quilt, and lay down beside me.”

Gale was dumbfounded.

She pointed to her nose. "Me? Come to the master bedroom in the middle of the night?"

"Yes, don't you remember?"

"No!"

Gale did not remember this at all!

"Oh, it seems... Gale, you could be sleepwalking," Shawn said.

"Sleepwalking?"

"Yes. Everyone says that dreams most reflect a person's true wants. Every night, you can only sleep peacefully if you sleep with me." He smiled slightly.

Damn!

She refused to believe it!

She was definitely not sleepwalking!

Shawn looked indifferent. "I want to take you back to the master bedroom, but you locked the door so tightly. How could I have this chance?"

Gale scratched her hair.

After a while, she said, "Turn on the surveillance. I want to watch the surveillance!"

This matter had to be clarified. Otherwise, what should she do if she kept sleepwalking into Shawn's room?

Shawn agreed very readily, "Okay. I'll let the housekeeper do that."

Soon, the housekeeper came.

"Ma'am...The surveillance on the second floor was broken last night, and it's still being repaired," the housekeeper apologized.

Gale asked, "Broken?"

'Wasn't this too coincidental?"

She could not accept the fact. "It broke last night?"

"Yes. It may be because of the sudden trip of the switch last night," the housekeeper replied.

Shawn said, "You see, this is God's will." He had a helpless expression.

The housekeeper quietly looked at Shawn, wondering if what he said was okay.

He did not reveal anything, did he?

Gale was speechless.



She could only hold her belly and go wash up.

While brushing her teeth, she thought, when had she ever sleepwalked?