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At this moment, not to mention Paige's classmates who were unable to survive in this small city, even Paige herself was stunned. Just now, she also heard Polly's words, so she was aware of how extraordinary the people behind Joseph were. In a daze, she asked Joseph, "Why... Why are you here?" Joseph glanced at Lara before turning back to Paige and answered, "Miss Bennett is my friend. She heard that I'm back, so she called me over for a get-together..." At this time, Lara quickly walked to Paige and said with a smile, "Please be rest assured, miss. We are only friends..." Hearing that, Paige quickly waved to Lara. "No, no, no, you've misunderstood me, Miss Bennett. I was just asking. Actually, we are having a class gathering too." "Oh, haha! If I had known you were coming, I could've arranged the best room for you. Your gathering is still ongoing, am I right? Why don't all of you move to Fabled on the top floor instead? Not only is the environment good, but you can also catch a huge part of Oplen's night view there. Also, feel free to order whatever you want to eat. We're close, after all..." Lara suggested with a self-blame expression. "Well..." After Lara finished, Paige's classmates were perplexed once again. It was Fabled—the best private room in Mirage Hotel! Not to mention commoners, even some rich bosses in Oplen didn't have a chance to go there. Furthermore, only the top figures in Oplen could have a meal there. Nonetheless, for the sake of Paige, or to be more specific, for the sake of her husband, Lara not only allowed Paige's classmates to go there, but she also didn't charge anything... In that case, what was Paige's husband's identity? Not a wastrel for sure. Even the dignified president of Mirage Hotel and the top woman entrepreneur-Lara Bennett-was carefully escorting him. So, what was his background then? For a split second, everyone in the room broke out in cold sweat, especially those women who ridiculed Paige... (This novel will be daily updated at)When Lara saw Paige was still in a trance, she deliberately uttered with a straight face, "Are you disrespecting me? Since you're here, how can I let you eat such low grade food with your own money? If words spread out, people would think badly of me, don't you think so?" "No. Of course not." It was Paige's first time facing such a powerful woman like Lara. Hence, she got more nervous, not knowing what to say. With that, she turned to look at Joseph for help. With a smile, Joseph nodded to her. "Well, since Miss Bennett is sincere, we should not turn her down. Go ahead with your classmates and have a nice meal. I have

something to discuss with Miss Bennett too..." When he finished, he seemed to recall something and quickly took out the Mercedes-Benz S-class's car key from his pocket. Then, he put it on Paige's palm and added, "By the way, you're starting work tomorrow, so I bought you a new Mercedes-Benz S-class. It's parked downstairs, and you can drive it home first. My meeting might end late." Upon hearing that, Paige's classmates gawked at the car key while Joseph's words echoed in their ears. Mercedes-Benz S-class. The one-million-dollar car which not all of them could afford despite working for their whole lives. Even so, Joseph had bought it without a second thought and gave it to his wife. With that, they continued to guess his identity while admiring Paige's life. Since he could have Lara and Brian escorting him, his status must be at least on par with theirs... Staring blankly at the car keys, Paige asked, "You bought this for me?" Joseph

nodded. "Yes, this car is yours, for now. If you're not used to it, we'll change it. Now that you're starting to work again, I feel it's better to drive a Mercedes Benz. It's more professional-looking..." Hearing that, Paige was at a loss. Just then, the hotel manager went to Lara and said, "Miss Bannett, we've completed the arrangements in Fabled. Shall I bring the honorable guests up?" Lara nodded and looked at Paige. "Well, I'm sure you've heard that too. You may go ahead and take your classmates there. Also, I've asked them to prepare the best wine and dishes. So, you don't have to worry about that." After Lara finished, Joseph also nodded smilingly to Paige like a handsome gentleman. Moreover, there was endless love in his eyes. Hence, Paige finally nodded in agreement. As for her classmates, they were breathing rapidly with surprise. To have a meal in Fabled, one must at least have tens of thousands of dollars. If they ordered some good wine, the bill would increase to more than 100,000 dollars. In addition, even if they had the money, they may not be able to eat the meal. Therefore, those male classmates and several female students who did not mock Paige were very excited. However, just as Paige was about to go upstairs, Bronson looked at Joseph and asked, "You are Paige's husband, am I right? When you weren't here just now, many people were humiliating your wife. How can you not ask anything about it and invite them to dinner? I am poor, but if you act this way, you're no greater than me!" "Boom..." As soon as Bronson finished speaking, the whole room fell silent, and Joseph's face turned cold. Then, staring at Bronson, Joseph questioned, "Who bullied my wife? Tell me!" Bronson directly pointed to Leila and Polly, as well as two other women who

ridiculed Paige. "The four of them, especially Polly and Leila. Their words are so unpleasant that I don't even want to talk about them! Ask them yourself!" When Polly heard Bronson's words, saw Joseph's ice-cold expression, and spotted the bosses' livid faces, she was scared stiff. Not to mention Joseph, even those bosses behind him were not the kind of people a nightclub dancer like her could afford to provoke. Hence, without waiting for Joseph to speak, she gritted her teeth and slapped herself a few times. Then, she pointed at Leila and revealed, "I'm sorry, sir. I am in the wrong, but Leila instructed me to say all those sarcastic remarks. Ever since we were in college, she has looked down on your wife. Besides, she is the one who organized this gathering to humiliate your wife. Not only that, but she also incited them..." Once Polly finished her words, the other two female classmates also came forward in trepidation. (This novel will be daily updated at) "We're sorry, sir. She is right. Leila is the one behind all this. Otherwise, why would we mock Paige? She's such a nice woman..." "Polly! Karen! Mya! Don't push the blame on me! I didn't..." Leila's face changed dramatically. In fact, her superior, Brian, was still here. "Hmph! Liar! Look at our chat history! You asked me to delete it, but thankfully I forgot..." Polly took out her phone and showed Joseph the chat history. Instantaneously, his gaze became colder. The next moment, he slapped Leila. With a scream, Leila flew backward and fell to the ground. Half of her face swelled up, and she spat out a mouthful of blood with two broken teeth. Glowering at her with cold eyes, Joseph raged, "I don't hit women, but people like you don't even deserve to be a human. Get out! And remember, I'm Joseph Dawson. If you want revenge, come to me at any time. I'll be waiting for you!" Despite being slapped, Leila didn't dare to retort. She had no idea who he was, but she knew that she couldn't afford to offend him. After that, she staggered to Paige. "Paige, I'm sorry. Very, very sorry..." after apologizing, she hurried toward the exit. Nevertheless, things didn't end here. "Wait! Aren't you Leila White, who works in my hotel? Answer me!" Brian finally spoke. However, no one knew his clothes were already soaked with cold sweat. Inwardly, he thought that fortunately, he came. Or else, he would be done for. Paige's

classmates might not know Joseph's identity, but he and Lara knew enough about Joseph to be terrified. Because before he came here, Lara told him that Joseph was the man behind Ernie and Dennis, and also the well-known domineering big shot in Oplen. Moreover, Lara also mentioned that Joseph was the bigshot who spent billions of dollars to hold a grand wedding next month. So, how could small bosses like them compare

themselves with him? Although Brian knew this was already the end of Leila, he still had to play his part. Was she expecting a good future after making fun of Joseph's wife? Not a chance. When Leila heard Brian's question, her body trembled, and she turned to him, looking ashen, "... I'm sorry, Mr. Mccarty. I will leave..." To that, Brian snorted, "Humph! Did I say you can go? Huh? Leila White, Mr. Dawson is a man that I don't even dare to offend, and yet, you have plotted to humiliate his wife! How daring! From now on, you are fired! Don't even think of landing a foothold in this industry! No one is going to help you!" "I second that! I've never seen such a vicious woman like you! Get out of here!" Lara also roared at Leila. On the other hand, Leila was completely scared silly, because it never crossed her mind that she would be fired and boycotted by the industry. If that was the case, what would happen to her future? (This novel will be daily updtaed at) Having the urge to explain herself, she stayed. However, Lara called the security guards to take her away. And before the guard threw her out, she saw a scene that she would never forget. That was, Brian suddenly lowered his head in front of Joseph, fiercely slapped himself a few times, and kept apologizing... "Who on earth is Paige Mooney's husband?" Leila muttered inwardly. By this time, she was perplexed and regretful to the extreme. She shouldn't have mocked Paige, but there was no turning back... And what she didn't know was that from today onward, her life would be filled with endless despair...

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While profusely slapping his face, Brian apologized, "I'm sorry, Miss Mooney. I'm so sorry for not disciplining my staff well. I hope you don't take it to heart..." When he saw that Joseph's face was still grim, he trembled. Obviously, Joseph wasn't satisfied with the way he dealt with Leila. Thinking about that, his fear intensified. Even Ernie would treat Joseph as an emperor, so a mere hotel owner like him definitely couldn't afford to offend Joseph. On the other hand, Joseph's cold face also sent chills to Lara's spine. Immediately, Lara let go of Paige's hand, bowed to Paige, and apologized, "Miss Mooney, I'm so sorry for letting you face this situation here! I offer you my honest and genuine regrets..." "Umm.." Paige was stunned. After all, Lara was the chairman of Mirage Hotel and the most powerful woman entrepreneur in Oplen. Besides, Lara had nothing to do with this. "No, it's okay, Miss Bennett. Please... Please don't do this. I'm fine..." Paige quickly pulled Lara up before she looked at Brian and said, "Mr. Mccarty... You don't have to do this too. I'm really fine..." Nevertheless, no matter what she said, Lara and Brian still dared not lift their heads. Sure enough, that was because Joseph hadn't said anything. At this moment, the temperature within a radius of dozens of meters around the room was rapidly decreasing. Supposedly, there

would be some warmth on a summer night, but now, it felt as if everyone was in an ice cave. "Paige, what kind of husband did you married to..." Paige's classmates thought (This novel will be daily updaed at) to themselves after seeing how Lara and Brian acted based on Joseph's reaction. Not long after, Paige also realized the problem. She wasn't the reason why Lara and Brian kept their heads down. Joseph was!!! At once, she looked at Joseph and found out that although he seemed calm on the outside, his eyes were filled with fury and coldness. Moreover, he was also emanating a raging aura. Shocked, Paige couldn't help pulling Joseph's arm and assured, "Joseph, I... I'm really fine..." Only then, Joseph looked up at her before nodding at Lara and Brian, followed by letting out a cold snort. Right away, Lara and Brian lifted their heads, but cold sweat had covered their faces. Looking at Bronson, Joseph asked, "How is it? Am I qualified enough to be Paige's husband?" In fear, Bronson swallowed his saliva and quickly nodded, "Yes, yes!"

"Cool..." Joseph nodded and continued, "You are a great man. Thank you..." Hearing this, Bronson quickly waved his hand and chuckled, "No... Don't be. I'm your wife's classmate, after all. As classmates, we should be helping each other instead of comparing. I was only speaking out of anger too. Haha! Actually, I'm nothing but a humble mechanic. Instead of expecting to be rich, I just hope that I can stick to my conscience..." Although he knew Joseph wouldn't do anything to him, he was frightened by Joseph's scary momentum. Despite not being an elite, he could tell that Joseph was absolutely a big shot. Upon hearing Bronson's words, Joseph looked deeply at him and nodded. "Great, you are a person with virtue. Also, I believe good things will come to nice and hardworking people..."

To that, Bronson smiled with awkwardness. He did not take Joseph's words seriously. As a mechanic, his only wish in this lifetime was to earn more money to buy a house for his wife and invest in his children's education.

Then, Joseph looked at Paige apologetically. "I'm sorry, Paige. I was a little impulsive just now. Well, you should go ahead and eat with them. I'll have a meeting with Lara and Brian. The car is downstairs. After you finish, you may go

first..." Even though Paige had tons of questions to ask him, there were too many people around. Thus, she suppressed her doubts and uttered, "Alright, don't be too late and tire yourself out..." I With a smile, Joseph nodded and walked out of the room. After he left, Lara and Brian quickly followed him with great respect. "Miss Mooney, please come with me. We've made the arrangements in Fabled and served the desserts. If you need anything else, please do let me know. I'll be waiting outside the private room." Now, even the lobby manager was preparing to serve Paige and the others personally. How professional. Later, Paige and her classmates were taken to Fabled. Not only was Fabled four times larger, but the decoration there was also more luxurious than the ordinary private room. As floor-to-ceiling windows were everywhere, they could also admire a huge part of Oplen's night view during their meals. Furthermore, on the huge round wooden table, there were nearly 100 types of exquisite dishes. At the sight of Fabled, Paige's classmates were astonished. Once they regained their wits, they shot an envious look at Paige and thanked her in all sorts of ways. Among them, Polly—who had helped Leila mock Paige—began to butter up Paige. As if she were Paige's henchman, she kept addressing Paige respectfully. In addition, Paige also became the center of the crowd. Instead of criticizing her, everyone started to say all kinds of flattering words to her.

Meanwhile, in Mirage Hotel's conference room, Joseph was sitting on the chair. On the other hand, Lara and Brian were standing respectfully in front of him, and they didn't even dare to sit down. Just now, when they were outside, they dared to stand beside Joseph. However, now that there was no one else, they didn't even have the guts to let out a breath. In fact, with the identities they had, they were not qualified to sit in Joseph's presence. Moreover, Brian was inferior to Lara, so he totally had no right to speak. Looking at Joseph-who was sitting calmly-Lara said carefully, "S... Sir, I'm sorry for the bad arrangements tonight. Please accept my apology..." Listening to Lara, Brian was silently quaking in his boots. With his fingers, Joseph tapped the table, remaining silent. After a while, he stared at them and uttered, "You two should've known something by now, but I'm sure both of you know what to say and what not to, right?" Lara and Brian quickly bowed. (This novel will be daily updated at) "Please be rest assured, sir. We are well aware..." To that, Joseph nodded. "Great. You guys may go ahead. I'll be staying here for a while and leave after my wife leaves..." "Sure, no problem..." With their heads lowered, Lara and Brian gingerly left the room, leaving Joseph alone. Then, Joseph walked to the window and looked at the scenery below wordlessly. It had been days since he came back. From now on, he must stay by Paige's side, gradually make her feel comfortable around him, and heal the scars in her heart... "Paige, the designers in Fofluidor have started to work on your wedding dress. I believe, on our wedding day, you will be the most beautiful bride..." Joseph murmured in his heart.

Time passed, and it was soon 10:15 p.m. Paige's gathering was over, and she walked out of the hotel, surrounded by a group of envious classmates. In the blessings of everyone, she came to her brand new Mercedes-Benz and opened the door. In fact, at first sight of this car, she loved it. Then, she looked back at the hotel, but Joseph wasn't there. After hesitating for a while, she drove away... Having complicated feelings, her classmates stared at the retreating car for a while. Perhaps this was their last gathering with her. With the identities they had, it wouldn't be easy to meet her again. "Sigh, humans are unexpected. She's rich, but she deliberately keeps a low profile to meet us. And yet, some ignorant fools make fun of her. Most probably, she won't want to come to such gatherings anymore..." a male classmate sighed emotionally. Upon hearing this, Polly and a few female classmates lowered their heads with the utmost regret. If they had known that Paige had such a powerful husband, they would've treated her well no matter what. Who knew? Perhaps she could help

them in the future, but now, all that was left was regret... Just as Paige's classmates were feeling emotional, Bronson's phone rang. It was his wife who called him. After answering the call and listening to his wife's words, he was puzzled. "What? Are you saying that Mysticorps Group just bought our small repair shop with three million dollars?" Bronson asked his wife in disbelief. Soon, his wife's excited voice came over the phone. "Yes, it's true! They even transferred the money. I tried calling you just now, but you didn't pick up, so I signed the agreement. Also, they said they will rebuild your shop into a bigger one and appoint you as the manager. Oh my god! This is awesome! I'm sorry for always infuriating you and looking down on you. I promise I'll be a good wife from now on and take care of you with all my heart. Thank you, darling. You are always the best! I love you! Come back early! I've made your favorite brownies..." Following that, his wife hung up the phone, and he spaced out. "Hey, what's wrong? Did somebody acquire your shabby repair shop?" a male classmate asked him. He nodded blankly, swallowed his saliva hard, and responded, "Yeah, it's a kind person who bought it with three million dollars. He also wants to

rebuild it into a bigger one and appoint me as their manager." "Wait, a kind person?" (This novel will be daily updated at) While he was talking, he suddenly turned around and looked at the hotel. Then, Joseph's words came into his mind, "Good things will come to nice and hard-working people..." For a split second, his heart trembled. He had no money nor influence, so he was very sure that no one would help him. Nevertheless, starting from tonight, he and his family's life would face a total change because of what he did for Paige at the dinner table. At the same time, those classmates around him also came to a realization and regretted not standing up for Paige... For a while, everyone was feeling complicated...

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At 11:30 p.m., after Paige and her classmates left Mirage Hotel, Joseph went downstairs and took a taxi back home. When he arrived home downstairs, he saw Paige waiting for him by the car. He knew that she must have tons of questions to ask him, and he was also ready to reveal his identity to her, little by little. Smilingly, he walked to her and asked, "It's cold outside. Why didn't you go up? Or maybe you could've waited in the car." With complicated eyes, Paige gazed at Joseph. His sudden appearance tonight and his slap on Leila to protect her made her heart flutter. In the past, she once hated him. However, after a few years, she only felt complex about his reappearance. Gazing at Joseph, she took a deep breath and uttered, "Thank you for what you did tonight..." Upon hearing that, Joseph was stunned. He looked at Paige with an extra intricate look and confessed, "If I tell you that I fell in love with you the moment you saved me five years ago, would you believe me?" Paige was puzzled. Then, after a long silence, she responded, "That's not important anymore. What matters the most now is taking care of Chloe. You don't have to do anything for me. (This novel will be daily updated at) I don't need it. We are Chloe's parents, but we don't need to be in love with each other. Before that, I also told you that you don't have to be responsible for me. You have your life, and I promise I won't intervene." Following that, she turned around and left. While staring at her back, Joseph felt that she was a woman with a tough heart. No matter how much pain she felt, she would choose to bear it herself. However, in his eyes, she was so weak that she evoked his urge to protect her...

The next moment, Joseph no longer spoke. Instead, without warning, he grabbed Paige's wrist, pulled her into his arms, and held her tightly. "Joseph! What are you doing? Let me go! Let me go!" In his arms, Paige was pushing him away desperately, trying to break free. But obviously, her strength was weaker than his. Hugging her tightly, Joseph whispered sadly, "I'm sorry. I can't imagine how much you've suffered these years, but please believe me. I truly love you, and I will form a complete, happy family with you..." As soon as he finished, Paige stopped struggling. Then, her tears rolled down her cheeks uncontrollably before she leaned against him and sobbed. For these five years, she had held on all by herself. However, no one knew that she was exhausted long ago, living through her life like a walking corpse, soulless and strengthless.

After crying for a while, she broke free from Joseph's embrace and sniffled. With a stern tone, she insisted, "I'll tell you one last time. You don't have to take responsibility. My life is ruined, but you don't have to ruin yours! Go ahead and pursue your love. I am telling you this because this is how I feel. Do you believe

me?"

Upon hearing that, Joseph also nodded seriously and replied, "Yes, I believe you, but what I told you is what I truly feel too. I like you. Ever since you saved me five years ago, I have always liked you. If I wasn't fighting in foreign regions, I would've come to you. Paige, I really want to take good care of you and Chloe. Five years have passed, and we are adults now. So, whatever I said to you is not out of impulsiveness, but out of sincerity..." Paige's eyes turned red, and she stared blankly at him. (This novel will be daily updated) Actually, when she gave birth to Chloe, she had wanted to call him many times. However, she was also well aware that he had his difficulties too. When she first met him, he was not only seriously injured, but his enemies were also hunting him down to kill him. Therefore, she did not dare to call him and asked him to come back. With that, she hung on by herself for five years. Having tears in her eyes, she looked at Joseph. "Do you know what you're saying? I have nothing now, and you know how dense I am. If you truly mean that, I will take your words seriously. I really will." At once, Joseph also burst into tears. When he saw how Paige reacted, his heart ached tremendously. Right away, he nodded hard and vowed, "I am serious. I swear. We will hold a wedding next month. In this lifetime, I will only take you as my wife!" Upon listening to what he said, Paige also nodded vigorously. "Well, I believe you, and I promise you, I will also work hard to be your good wife for the rest of my life..." After that, both of them fell silent. A flush crept on Paige's face because, at this moment, she finally admitted Joseph as her husband. On the other hand, Joseph also knew that she was shy, so he didn't say anything. Now that he was back, he had plenty of time to accompany her in the future. On that silent night, Joseph and Paige were still sleeping with their backs against each other. Chloe was between them as well. Nevertheless, whether it was Joseph or Paige, they stayed awake for a long time and only fell asleep when drowsiness consumed them. The moment they got up the next day, their eyes met, and Paige couldn't help blushing again. Although she had admitted herself as his wife last night, she still needed some time to overcome her awkwardness. Later, during breakfast, Paige took the initiative to scoop some chowder for Joseph and handed it to him, "Have more..." As Joseph's lips curled up, he nodded. "Okay, you too. You have to work later, so eat more. Don't forget to have some nice food during lunch as well..." "Okay..." Paige lowered her head and drank the chowder. Her face slightly blushed. Serena—who was sitting at one side—looked at the two of them strangely. Then, she laughed and said nothing. With that, Paige's face became redder, and she pinched Serena's hand. "Stop laughing and eat your breakfast!" "Alright, my dear sister. I am just envious at how affectionate you and Joseph are, hee hee..." Serena giggled. Hearing that, Chloe also clapped happily. "Yay! Daddy loves Mommy. Mommy loves Daddy. Daddy and Mommy love Chloe. We are a happy family, hehe..." When Paige and Joseph saw how overjoyed Chloe was, they smiled. After breakfast, Paige was going to work. Serena held Chloe while Joseph sent Paige to the front of her car and reluctantly cooed, "Actually, I don't want you to go to work..." At once, Paige blushed, bit her lip, and muttered, "Well, I'll be back tonight anyway..." Upon saying this, she suddenly realized how affectionate she sounded, and her face became redder. Immediately, she hurried into the car to hide her embarrassment.

Seeing that, Joseph laughed. However, just as he was about to say goodbye to her, Estella and Yahir suddenly emerged from a distance. At that moment, Estella looked pissed off. Walking at the speed of lightning, she soon dashed to the front of him. Facing Estella, Joseph frowned gently and greeted her, (This novel will be daily updated at) "Hi, Mom." Deep down, he was not fond of her, but he knew if he wanted to marry Paige, he eventually had to face her. This time, Estella did not scold Joseph. On the contrary, she harrumphed coldly and walked to Paige's car door. "Didn't you see I'm here? Get off the car now!" "Mom, what brings you here?" Paige quickly got off the car and looked at Estella in confusion. Enraged, Estella pointed to Paige's car and scolded, "Excuse me? Why can't I when you and Joseph are hiding such a big thing from me? If Lily hadn't told me last night, I wouldn't have known that both of you bought a Mercedes-Benz..." "Um... No, Mom, listen to me. The car... um, its..." As Paige spoke, she snapped back to reality. Wait, the car! This Mercedes-Benz S-class was worth more than a million dollars! Didn't the military expel Joseph? Where did he get so much money? Originally, she wanted to ask him last night, but this had completely slipped her mind when she talked to him. As she had no concept about cars, she didn't care

much about this car. Instead, her family was the top priority in her heart. Even so, Estella was different. With her hands on her waist, she raged with a black face, "Explain this, Paige! How could you! Do you still treat me as your mother? This Mercedes S cost a million dollars, and yet, you bought it without a second thought. Do you know that your father and I are still driving that old car? How can you use a better car than us?" "Mom, things are not like what you think, we." Paige didn't know how to explain. Fortunately, Estella ignored her and turned to Joseph. "You're Joseph, am I right? I have no idea how did you bewitch her. I introduced her to a man who is better than you, but she insists on marrying you! Well, if both of you want to be together, fine! But Yahir and I will take this car! Any problem with that?!" When Joseph was about to speak, Yahir—who finally caught up with Estella quickly pulled her aside and reprimanded, "Are you insane? Why the hell did you come here and snatch Paige's car the first thing in the morning?" Hearing Yahir's words, Estella immediately sat on the ground and started to freak out. While wailing, she pointed at Paige and Joseph and yelled, "You ungrateful girl! How can you abandon your mother and run away with a man?! You even drive a nice car while letting me drive an old one, you unfilial woman! Why is my life so bitter..." "Everyone, look at this ungrateful woman! She abandons her mother..." The more Estella spoke, the angrier she became. Seeing that she had no intention of stopping, Joseph quickly took the car key from Paige and gave it to Estella. "Mom, I'm sorry. I didn't think it through. Please take this car..." "You nasty man! I have raised her for more than 20 years! How can you... Wait!" When Estella was about to continue making a scene, a realization hit her. Grasping the car key, she asked Joseph on high alert, "What? Did you say this car is mine? This Mercedes S, which costs more than a million dollars?" Joseph nodded. "Yes, Mom. This car is yours. You may drive it, but please don't blame Paige. It's all because I didn't think it through. I'm sorry..." As Estella still couldn't believe it, she quickly stood up. (This novel will be daily updated at) "Are you serious? You can't go back on your words!" she said while putting the car key into her pocket. Once again, Joseph nodded and reassured, "Yes, I'm serious. This car is yours, and it will be yours forever..." "Well, well, that's good.." Instantaneously, Estella stopped crying and guffawed. Then, she took out the car key, got into the car, quickly stepped on the accelerator, and drove away. It was as if she was afraid that Joseph would change his mind... After she left, Yahir—who was left

behind-got so mad that his face turned livid. He felt so embarrassed in front of Joseph.

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“How could she?! What a scandal!!!” Watching Estella drive away, Yahir stamped his feet with fury, and the muscles on his face were trembling. Then, he took a deep breath and looked at Joseph. “Don’t worry. We won’t take the car. Later, I will ask Estella to return it to you...” Hearing this, Joseph stayed silent for a while before he looked up at Yahir. “Mr. Mooney, can’t you give us your blessings?” Upon listening to Joseph’s question, Paige quivered and looked at Yahir cautiously. Yahir snorted coldly and responded, “Joseph, you are also a father now, and you have a daughter! So, let me ask you in return. How will you feel if Chloe faces the same fate as Paige in the future?” With that, Joseph fell silent, bowed deeply, and apologized sincerely, (This novel will be daily updaed at) “I’m sorry.” Just then, Paige knelt in front of Yahir with tears and pleaded bitterly, “Dad, it’s not Joseph’s fault. He was seriously injured and was out of consciousness at that time. What’s more, he was battling in the foreign region throughout these years. So, he

didn’t know anything. Chloe needs a father, and I believe he will take good care of Chloe and me for the rest of his life. If you are angry, you can reproach me. It’s all my fault. Sorry...”

At this time, Chloe also ran over, grabbed Yahir’s thigh, and anxiously apologized to him, “Grandpa, Grandpa! Please don’t blame Mom and Dad, okay? It’s all my fault. I am the one who called Dad and asked him to come back. I’m sorry, Grandpa...” When Chloe hugged Yahir, he was surprised, and his heart instantly softened. Right away, he squatted down, carried her, and said gently, “It’s alright, Chloe. Go ahead and play with Aunt Serena. I promise you I won’t blame them, alright? Go...” Following that, Serena ran to Yahir anxiously and explained with a complicated expression, “Dad, no matter what, Joseph is now back, and because he saved Paige in Aglela, the military expelled him. It’s true! So, Dad, can you please believe in him? I can guarantee you that he will be able to take care of Paige and Chloe. You have my words...” Without a word, Yahir handed Chloe to Serena. When Serena and Chloe went far, Yahir sighed deeply. He knew his daughter well, (This novel will be daily updaed at) and he also believed that Joseph didn’t know anything. In fact, the moment Serena mentioned that the military expelled Joseph because he returned on his own accord, Yahir started to have trust in him. After a long while, Yahir sighed deeply again and looked at Joseph. “Even if you don’t know anything, Paige’s life was destroyed because of you. So, don’t you think

I deserve to be mad at you?” Earnestly, Joseph nodded and acknowledged, “You’re right. It’s my mistake indeed. But I promise you that I will take good care of Paige and Chloe for the rest of my life! Also, on the 15th of next month, I will hold a wedding for Paige, and I will never let her suffer again. Please give me a

few more days to fulfill that." Hearing this, Yahir let out another heavy sigh. The next moment, he stared at Joseph and replied, "I know Paige well. You can never imagine how she lived these five years. If you lie to me, I won't mind. But if you lie to her, she might lose the will to live. Do you understand?"

To Joseph, Yahir's words were like a bolt from the blue. With that, he promised in a more earnest tone, "I won't. Even if it cost my life, I won't!" "Alright. Since things have turned out this way, I will say no more. But listen carefully. If you dare to bully her in the future and let her suffer, I will fight you till my death!" Yahir warned sternly. Joseph nodded heavily. Then, Yahir looked at Paige with a complicated expression and sighed deeply, "Paige, please don't blame your mother. She has high hopes for you. And actually, she doesn't hate Chloe too. You have no idea how many toys she has kept in her bedroom. She told me that she picked them somewhere or got them from a shopping mall event, but I know she bought them for Chloe. It's just that she is stubborn. For the past few years, people kept talking behind her back and looked down on her. So, she somewhat resents you, Chloe, and Joseph. Alas. Let's give her some time..." "I know." Paige said as she weeped. Following that, Yahir left while Joseph wiped Paige's tears and comforted, "Don't worry, Paige. Please give me some time. I will prove to you that I will fulfill all of my promises and never let you down for the rest of my life..." With a nod, Paige gazed at Joseph. "Joseph, I told you my choice last night. Since I have made my decision, I will never regret it. You will be a good father and husband for sure. I believe in you..." "Of course. Thank you." There was a hint of pain in Joseph's eyes. Paige shook her head and took a few deep breaths. After she recovered, she uttered, "I'm sorry. My mom took the car you've just bought, and I don't think she will return it..." Upon hearing that, Joseph chuckled, "It's okay. This is just a small matter. Since today is your first day returning to work, don't be late. Besides, if a car can reduce your mother's anger, then it's worth it..." "Okay..." Paige bit her lip and glanced apologetically at Joseph. Then, she hailed a taxi and went to work.

After she left, Serena came to Joseph with Chloe in her arms and consoled, "Don't be angry, Joseph. My mom always blurts out harsh words, but actually, she has a soft heart. Throughout these years, the Mooneys have ill-treated her. So, at first, she was quite happy when Paige defeated Lily. But later, when she knew Paige chose you over Brooks, her temper became worse. Alas..." Joseph laughed, "It's okay. I'm happy that your mom drove the car away. At least this will appease some of her anger. Well, I think you should also go home, check things out, and help me to persuade your father. As for the car, I will give it to her as a form of compensation. Also, can you help me to find out if your mom has any other wishes? (This novel will be daily updated at) Paige accepted me last night, so I need to find some ways to win your mom's heart... But for now, don't reveal my identity..." Gleefully, Serena nodded. "Sure, leave this to me..." After Serena left, Joseph said to Chloe, "Chloe, Grandma had driven away Mom's car, so Mom will have to take the public transport to work again. Why don't we buy another car for her?" Actually, Chloe didn't know what a Mercedes-Benz was. She only knew that Paige had to go for a tiring public transport ride again, so she nodded excitedly. "Okay, let's go, Dad! Let's buy Mom another car so that Grandma won't have to return the car..." Upon hearing that, Joseph smiled and kissed Chloe's cheek. Following that, they took a taxi to the Mercedes-Benz 4S outlet that they went yesterday. However, when Joseph and Chloe entered the outlet this time, the two saleswomen

—who satirized Joseph yesterday—quickly came forward with shimmering eyes and asked obsequiously, “Mr... Mr. Dawson, are you here to purchase a car again?” “Oh, you’re here to serve me, but so sorry, I came here by taxi. So, don’t even bother wasting your time,” Joseph sneered. After he finished speaking, the two saleswomen flushed with embarrassment. Although they knew he was mocking them, they didn’t care. Compared with the huge commission they might earn, this kind of humiliation was nothing. Therefore, they spoke in a more flattering tone, “Haha, you must be joking, Mr. Dawson. What car do you wish to buy today?” “None. I am just passing by, and my daughter wants to come in and play. You have any problem with that?” Joseph answered coldly. When the two saleswomen heard his words, their smiles immediately dissipated. Well, that made sense. He had spent more than a million to purchase a new car yesterday, so why would he buy another one today? Since Joseph wasn’t here to buy a new car, the two saleswomen instantly lost interest in him. With that, their attitude took a 180-degree turn. “Oh, I see. Feel free to look around then. We have matters to attend to, so we shall leave you alone...” After speaking,

they left without even wanting to pour him a glass of water. “Heh...” Joseph was speechless as he laughed. These saleswomen were not only materialistic, but they were also short-sighted. Just then, Halle—the beautiful saleswoman who served him yesterday—came from the back and happened to see him. Right away, she walked up to him while beaming, “Hi, Mr. Dawson. What brings you here? Come in and have a seat. What would you like to drink? Coffee or tea? I’ll get it for you...” With a smile, Joseph replied, “A glass of water will do...” Halle nodded and asked Chloe, “How about you, little beauty?” “Can you give me some of the candies from yesterday? It’s so sweet and yummy...” Chloe blinked her big cute eyes and replied. Cheerfully, Halle nodded. “Of course. I’ll get you more...” “Thank you, pretty lady.” Chloe nodded with joy. After a while, Halle brought Joseph’s water and some candies. While Joseph was drinking the water, she questioned with concern, “Mr. Dawson, what brings you here today? Is there anything wrong with the car?” Puzzled by the question, Joseph put down the glass and responded, “No. Everything is good. I’m satisfied...” After heaving a sigh of relief, Halle said, “Oh, I see. Why brings you here then?” “Well, I happened to pass by, so I come in and have a look. Why? Don’t you welcome me?(This novel will be daily updated at) Haha...” Right away, Halle shook her head. “Of course not. It’s our honor to have you here. Since I’m free now, why don’t I show you some other cars? We can kill some time too...” Suddenly, those snobby saleswomen scorned, “What a waste of time. He’s not even here to buy a car...” Hearing this, Halle trembled. Nevertheless, she still put on a friendly smile and assured Joseph, “It’s okay. I have time in my hands anyway. Let’s go.”

To that, Joseph nodded before he inquired, “Sure. By the way, do you still have any more of yesterday’s car here?” Halle nodded and responded, “Yes, yes, there is. What’s wrong?” Once again, Joseph took out his black bank card and handed it to her. “My mother-in-law also likes yesterday’s car, so I gave it to her. Now, I would like to buy another car of the same model for my wife. Would you mind getting me the contract? I’ll drive the car back later...” “What? This is...” As soon as he finished his words, the two pretentious saleswomen were dumbfounded...

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At this moment, Halle was also shocked. Her sexy lips opened wide, and she asked Joseph again in disbelief, "Mr. Dawson, is... is this for real?" Right away, Chloe took the black bank card from Joseph and handed it to Halle. "Daddy is telling the truth. This morning, Grandma drove away Mommy's car. So, you should go and bring the contract now..." Even so, Halle still stared at the black bank card with doubts. Seeing that, Joseph smiled, "It's true. You may go and prepare the contract. After this, I can take Chloe out on a fun trip too..." "Alright. Thank you, Mr. Dawson." Halle immediately thanked him and excitedly went to prepare the contract with his bank card. Following that, the two snobbish saleswomen hurried over and looked at Joseph with a complicated look. "Mr. Dawson... Didn't you say you didn't want to buy a

car?"

Hearing that, Joseph sneered, "Yep, that's true, but I've changed my mind. Any problem with that?" "Are you kidding us? We served you first!" another snobbish saleswoman complained. At the sight of Halle swiping the card over there, the saleswoman began to feel blue. With a nod, Joseph replied, (This novel will be daily updated at) "I know both of you served me first, but did you pour me a glass of water? Haha... When I said I was not going to buy a car, both of you

ignored me. But when I bought a car, both of you approached me again. How ridiculous! Who do you think customers are? A bunch of fools? Your cash machine? Get out of my sight!" In the end, he cursed. Initially, he had no intention to deal with this kind of snobbish behavior. But sometimes, the more he ignored these snobbish people, the more they would try to get close to him. Hence, even though he had a good temper, he flipped out... Moreover, the more he didn't want something to happen, the more likely it would occur. Just as he went to the car with the car key in a bad mood, he unexpectedly ran into Lily again. The moment he saw her, he was dumbfounded. After all, he saw her in this 4S outlet yesterday. Oh my god, was she a virus or something? Having no interest in talking to her, he walked past her and was about to leave. However, Lily stood in front of him, looked at him, and sneered, "What's wrong, rich kid? Are you here to buy a car? I thought you bought it yesterday. Why are you here again?" When Joseph heard this, he looked at her as if he was looking at a fool. The next second, Lily pretended to realize something and insulted, "Oh... I forgot. I heard that this morning Aunt Estella took the car you bought yesterday. Hehe, so I assume you are here to return the car. Well, don't even think about it. It's impossible... Haha... Come on, drop the act. Where is the car? Huh?" "Are you a moron?" Joseph was pissed off, so despite his self-restraint, he cursed. Upon hearing his words, Lily got bent out of shape and pointed at him. "How dare you call me a moron? You..." Just then, the outlet manager personally drove Joseph's new car—a brand-new Mercedes-Benz S-class—to the front of Joseph and said respectfully to him, "Mr. Dawson, your new car is ready. Please check it out. Also, since you've bought cars in our outlet for the consecutive two days, you have become our most honorable customer. If you need anything in the future, please don't hesitate to approach us..." Joseph looked at Lily and sneered. Then, he pointed at her and responded to the manager, "I don't need anything else, but Aunt Lily wants to buy a car. (This novel will be daily updated at) So, I will leave her to you..." Upon saying that, he snorted coldly and got in the car with Chloe.

After fastening their seatbelts, he stepped on the accelerator and sped off. When Lily—who remained where she was—saw him drive away on another new car and recalled him calling her Aunt Lily, she immediately flew off the handle. In a fit of anger, she picked up a small flower pot next to her and threw it at his car. Nevertheless, she missed as he drove fast. “Madam, please don’t make a scene here, or I will call the security!” when the manager saw Lily go ballistic, he got anxious and shouted. However, this intensified Lily’s anger, and she yelled at the manager, “Call the security? Go ahead then! I’m here to buy a car, so that makes me a customer too! Is this how your outlet treats your customers? Believe it or not, I’ll sit on your car bonnet, protest for my rights, and ask the reporters to expose your bad doings!!” “Security! Security! Throw this crazy woman out!” the manager directly instructed. When Lily and Joseph came yesterday, the manager also saw them, and he knew that Lily was nothing but a fool who relied on her rich boyfriend. As he couldn’t be bothered to deal with this kind of silly woman, he turned and walked into the shop after calling the security guards. In disbelief, Lily watched as the two security guards walked toward her and chased her out fiercely. At that moment, she was about to go crazy from fury. Meanwhile, in Yahir’s house, Yahir was quarreling with Estella—who had returned after taking Paige’s car. On the other hand, Serena was sitting in a corner. In the face of her furious father, she dared not interrupt. “Estella, don’t you feel ashamed? How can you snatch Paige’s car?! Huh?!” Yahir roared at Estella. At this moment, Estella also got enraged and retorted, “How dare you yell at me? That’s my daughter’s car, so why can’t I drive it? Even that wastrel said it’s mine, so why the hell are you fussing?” When Yahir heard Estella’s words, he trembled with rage and slapped her hard on the face, making her stunned. Seeing this, Serena rushed over to stop him. It took a while for Estella to come to her senses, and she stared at Yahir in disbelief. “Yahir Mooney... Did you just hit me? How dare you! I’ve been working hard all my life, giving birth to your children and raising them, and yet, you hit me because of that d*mn car?” “For more than 20 years, I’ve always wanted a house in Paragon Villa. You also promised me you would buy it, but where is it? Huh? I guess I was blind enough to believe in you, to let you cheat me for more than 20 years! 20 years! Now that you’ve slapped me, what’s next? A divorce? I’m so going to kill you...” Instantaneously, Estella rolled up her sleeves and fought with Yahir. Panicked, Serena hurried to them and tried to stop the fight. However, in the end, Estella fought with Yahir for more than an hour. After that, Yahir went to the balcony for a smoke while Estella ran out in tears... “Dad! Why did you hit Mom? I know she was in the wrong, and her temper was getting worse over the years, but why did you hit her? Why aren’t you chasing her back? Hurry up and get her! Are you really planning on divorcing her? Huh, Dad?!” Serena stomped her feet in fury as she looked at Yahir. When Yahir heard this, his eyes trembled, and his expression became complicated. After a long time, he let out a deep sigh. “It’s all because I am useless. Estella has always liked the houses in Paragon Villa. Even if there are better villas out there, her heart never changes. I know I’ve promised her for years, but I have no money to buy it for her. As for the car incident, I’m afraid that Joseph will ill-treat Paige in the future because of this. After all the suffering Paige has gone through, her life is finally becoming better. So, I’m afraid Estella would cause her trouble. Alas, in the end, it’s all because I’m useless...” At this moment, Serena also felt helpless, so she could only stamp her feet anxiously. After pondering for a while, she quickly went out to find Estella. Later, while looking for Estella, she called Joseph and told him what had happened at home. On the other side, as soon as Joseph hung up Serena’s call, he looked at Chloe and asked, “Do you think Grandma is a bad person?”

Looking back at Joseph with her big eyes, Chloe responded, "Why did you ask this? Grandma is not a bad person. She also likes me very much. Last night, she even visited me and gave me a toy she found on the road. But Daddy, that toy looks very new. Why did Grandma insist that she picked that up?" "What?" When Joseph heard this, he subconsciously frowned. Estella came to their house last night! And she even gave Chloe a toy! Here was the thing. When Chloe was born, Joseph was not there. Besides, Paige didn't tell her family who Chloe's father was, so Chloe took the surname Mooney. In addition, Chloe was also used to treat Estella and Yahir as her paternal grandparents. As the Dawson family had long kicked Joseph out, he didn't mind. To him, as long as Chloe could grow up happily, he would be satisfied. "What's wrong, Daddy? What did Aunt Serena say just now?" Chloe saw Joseph frown in silence, (This novel will be daily updaed at) so she raised her little head and asked. With a smile, Joseph spoke, "Chloe, since you think that Grandma is good to you, shall we buy her a house? Aunt Serena just told me that Grandma has always wanted a big house." Excitedly, Chloe nodded. "Yes, yes, yes! If Grandma has a big house, she won't be mad again. So, let's go to buy her a house! A big one..." "Sure." Joseph agreed joyfully. Then, he drove Chloe to Paragon Villa that Serena inadvertently mentioned. Paragon Villa was a ten-year-old estate. In fact, there were more high-end villas and housing areas out there. Even so, ten years ago, Paragon Villa was the most famous estate in Oplen. As it was built on the edge of the river, the scenery there was breathtaking, and the air was fresh. So, in those days, prominent local families and figures would compete for the houses there. Now, although Oplen was more developed, many elderly people with high social status were still living there. Besides, they never thought of moving somewhere else. In short, having a house here was Estella's obsession. At 3 p.m. in Paragon Villa, Estella was sitting alone in the pavilion, staring blankly at her dream houses. On her face, there were traces of tears. Now, the house price here had increased significantly to millions of dollars, which was more expensive than some other villas. Knowing about that, Estella thought she might not be able to live here in her whole life, and her wish would probably become a lifelong regret... And yes, she came here alone after fighting with Yahir this morning. It seemed that only here could give her peace of mind... Just as she was in a daze, a woman in her 40s with heavy makeup suddenly came to her side and exclaimed, "Hey, you're here again! What's the matter? Are you here to see the house?"

Hearing this, Estella glanced at that woman, and a trace of disgust emanated from the depth of her eyes. Estella knew this woman. Her name was Willow Palmer, and she used to live in the same old neighborhood as Estella. However, after Willow's son-in-law took out a loan to buy a house here—which was also the cheapest house in D Zone—Willow moved here. Moreover, she kept boasting around for the past two years, especially in front of Estella after knowing her thoughts. Every time, Willow would say, "Oh, it's nice to stay in Paragon Villa, but it is too quiet here. After all, the people who live here are people with high status, and I usually don't have anyone to talk to..." And so on, which was annoying. At this moment, even though Estella didn't want to talk to Willow, Willow took the initiative to start a conversation, "Oh, by the way, I heard your daughter came back with her husband and their child. What does your son-in-law do? Where are they planning to buy a house? Have they bought a house? Listen to me. You should ask them to buy a bigger house. The house I'm living in is so small that it suffocates me. You see, my son-in-law..." As Estella was already in a bad mood, her blood boiled upon hearing Willow showing off. At once, she turned to Willow and snapped, "Why would you care whether my daughter buys a house or not? If you think your son-in-law's house is small, you can just leave. No one will stop you."

Why bother to show off every day?" Hearing that, Willow also got infuriated and sneered, "How about you? You can't even afford a house here, and yet you keep coming. Why don't you ask your son-in-law to buy you one instead? It's annoying to see you here every day, pretending to be rich. People who have no idea might think you live in our community. Pooh..." Furious, Estella's face went ashen, and her entire body quivered. Pointing at Willow with a trembling finger, she wanted to retort, but she was wordless with rage. Looking at Estella, Willow scoffed. Just as she wanted to continue mocking Estella and reached out her hand to put Estella's finger down, a figure with a child appeared. They were Joseph and Chloe. (This novel will be daily updated at) With a faint smile, Joseph said, "Well, sorry to say this, Madam, but I bought her a house in A Zone, which is the house in front of you. It's 130 square feet with three rooms and two halls. Do you want to go and have a look?" Before this, Joseph and Chloe viewed around the neighborhood for a long time before they finally chose the best house with the most high-end renovation. Fortunately, the house was urgently on sale too. Upon seeing Joseph and Chloe, Estella was also surprised. Then, Chloe waved the property ownership certificate in her hand and chirped, "Grandma, grandma! We've bought you a big house. Take a look at it!" Following that, she handed the certificate to Estella. In a trance, Estella stared at the property ownership certificate with her name written on it. Instantly, her eyes widened in wonder.