Everyone in her surroundings was intrigued, but Sonia turned a blind eye to it all.

With an enigmatic smile, she glanced at Toby, who was down on one knee. Then, she looked at Julia and said listlessly, "First of all, I'm sorry that I came here uninvited. Secondly, who can confirm that the video that's trending is real? You want to settle the score from six years ago with me? I've truly been wrongly accused."

As she spoke, her gaze landed on Tina.

Tina's face paled, and she quickly hid behind Toby.

When everyone saw this, they began berating Sonia.

"This woman has a lot of guts. She ran into her car six years ago, yet she still has the audacity to come to the banquet!"

"Exactly. Look. Miss Gray is so frightened. She's really overstepping."

Julia noticed how scared her beloved daughter was, but she wasn't in the mood to have nonsensical banter with Sonia. "What a sharp-tongued girl. Since you said

you were wrongly accused, then go and explain to the police."

Julia was about to make a phone call when Toby stopped her.

The man, who had been silent for a long time, finally spoke. "Sonia, you shouldn't be here."

Is he trying to intimidate me?

Sonia grinned without caring what others thought. Raising her eyebrows, she said somewhat sarcastically, "Then, where should I go? President Fuller, at any rate, we'd been married for six years. Although you weren't very good to me, I never did anything to betray you, so how could you post a fake video on the Internet to slander me? Do you so desperately want me to die?"

Toby's eyelids twitched, and his grip on the brocade box tightened slightly.

Tom was about to explain on behalf of his boss when Toby cut in.

Fixing her with a profound gaze, he answered, "Tina won't look into the matter, so you should stop acting like this."

Sonia felt as if she had just heard the biggest joke. "Are you kidding me?"

She glanced at all of them, then took her time taking a seat. "Carl, show them the gift I'm giving to Miss Gray."

As everyone watched in surprise, Carl played the video on the projector on the wall screen.

The crowd was seeing a different scene from the one in the trending video.

At this moment, Titus spoke, and his eyes turned a little gloomy. "Miss Reed, how can you prove this is real? Now that technology is so advanced, everything can be faked."

Sonia already expected him to say that, so she shot Carl a glance.

He made a call, and in no time, a person got out of the car at the entrance.

Most of the people knew the person who just came out. He was a well-known computer technologist in Seafield.

His words were more reliable than anyone else's.

"I can testify that Miss Reed's video is genuine, and that the video circulating on the Internet has been edited."

As soon as he made this remark, everyone's expressions changed. Toby, in particular, was simply dumbfounded.

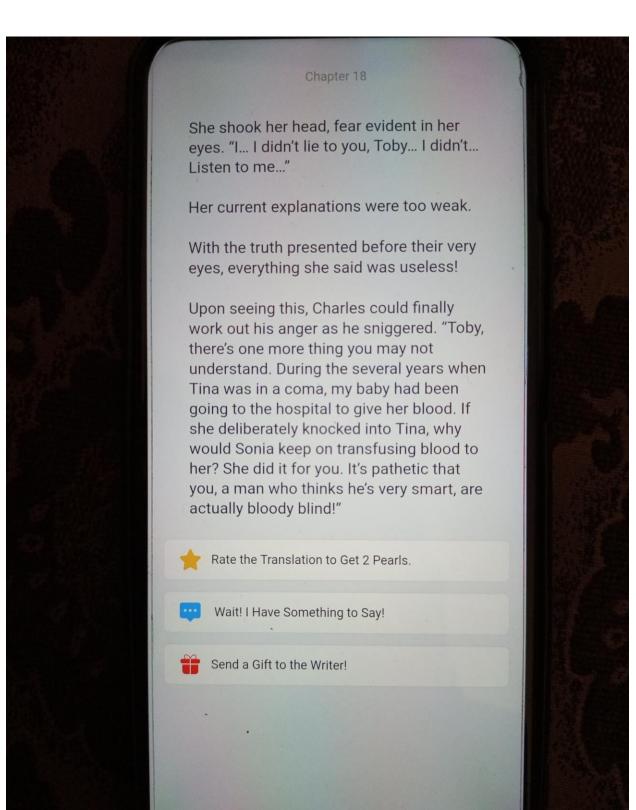
Still gloomy, he asked, "Sonia, are you done making a scene?"

Crossing his arms across his chest, Charles sneered, "I'll say, Toby, you're really quite pitiful. Someone took you as a fool and deceived you! Let's not talk about the video. About the car accident that year, you just needed to be more dedicated and look for the initial case officer to check, then you would've been able to know the truth."

Toby's expression was extremely cold, and he fixed his pair of emotionless eyes on Tina. Something strange was raging behind his eyes, making him look extremely dangerous.

Tina panicked.

She didn't expect that Sonia would come up with evidence!





As soon as Charles spoke, the sound of the guests taking in sharp breaths could be heard. Everyone was shocked as their gaze fell on Tina, then Sonia.

The expert has confirmed that the video is real, so if Charles is telling the truth...

Toby was caught by surprise as well.

He looked at the woman standing in front of him, then his eyes darkened, and he asked, "Sonia, why didn't you tell me?"

"Would you have believed me if I told you?" Sonia retorted in a slightly sarcastic tone. "President Fuller, we were married for six years, yet I can count with one hand the number of times we conversed every day. All you see is Miss Gray, and no one else."

She used to go to the hospital daily to take care of Tina. She knew how her marriage to Toby came about, and she knew who Toby truly wanted, so she wanted to use the excuse of looking after Tina to make him see more of her.

Nevertheless, for the past six years, all she got from Toby was indifference.

Hearing this, Toby re-examined the red-

lipped Sonia, who was dressed in a black dress and exuding a slightly cold demeanor. He found that this version of her and the virtuous woman who used to wait for him to come home seemed like two different people.

He then remembered that before the two of them got divorced, he and Sonia rarely talked. He never asked about her day or about her friends.

It seems like I never really got to know her...

The two of them only exchanged a couple of remarks, then Toby said nothing else. Beside him, Tina was keenly aware that the man's heart had softened, and he seemed to want to defend Sonia.

Tina quickly swept her gaze across the guests, then she fiercely gritted her teeth and took a step forward before bowing to Sonia.

"Miss Reed, I didn't expect that all these years, you'd been constantly going to the hospital to donate blood to me. You've been so kind to me..." Tina choked, her eyes gradually turning red as she bowed to Sonia once more. "I'm sorry..."

When she looked up, she cast a meaningful glance at the crowd, then continued apologizing to Sonia. "I'm sorry about the video. My father loves me too much, and a mistake was made during the investigation that caused us to think that you were the one who crashed into me."

"Miss Gray, you don't have to be so courteous. I'm two months younger than you." Sonia didn't appreciate her apology, and she even calmly shot Toby a look.

It turned out that Tina's father was the one who leaked the video. At first, Sonia thought Toby was the one brutally attacking her.

Tina lowered her head and pursed her pale red lips.

In no time, Tina saw the jewelry box the servant brought over. After retrieving it, she handed it to Sonia. "Miss Reed, thank you for taking care of me for the past few years. This is a gift my father gave me last time. Now, I'm giving it to you as a thank-you gift."

When the jewelry box was opened, a crown embedded with diamonds on the black velvet shimmered under the light.



"I-Isn't this the crown Princess Lilith wore during her wedding?"

"President Gray really spoils his daughter!"

Among the guests, those who were fond of jewelry recognized the crown, and they all exclaimed that although it was incomparable to the Ocean's Heart, it was extremely luxurious, and they lamented how much Titus loved his daughter.

When Titus saw the crown, his expression changed.

But, he knew why his daughter was giving this piece of jewelry to Sonia. Stepping forward with a cold expression, he said to Sonia in a considerably pleasant tone, "Regarding the video, I'd wrongly accused you, Miss Reed. Thank you for taking care of my daughter. Please accept this piece of jewelry!"

Sonia stood with her legs slightly parted, and she took one sweeping glance at the crown full of diamonds, but she showed no intention of taking it from Tina's hands.

Seeing that she wasn't accepting it, Tina stated, "When Princess Lilith got married, she asked a designer from Van Cleef &

Arpels to design it. Many years ago, my father got it at the Sotheby's auction house for 60 million..."

As she continued, her voice dropped. "This is also my favorite piece of jewelry. I really want to thank you, Miss Reed. That's why I'm giving it to you."

The guests could hear how bad Tina felt, and they could see that Sonia wasn't accepting the jewelry. Her posture was arrogant, as if she was waging a war.

"Sonia, don't be unreasonable. Miss Gray has already apologized."

"That's right. Mr. Gray was just eager to protect his daughter, which was why he made such a careless mistake. And hasn't he apologized to you?"

"Miss Gray is giving you her precious jewelry as a thank-you gift, yet you're not accepting it. What else do you want?"

When the guests spoke, their remarks were harsher than the next. It was as if Sonia was the one in the wrong, causing Toby to frown when he heard them.

"Toby," Tina looked back at Toby and

whispered. "I really didn't know about Miss Reed donating blood to me at the hospital. Believe me. Help me persuade Miss Reed and get her to accept my thank-you gift."

Looking at her frail frame and pale lips, Toby felt mildly distressed.

"Sonia, both Tina and Mr. Gray have apologized to you," Toby said in his deep voice. "The thank-you gift that Tina is giving you is worth a lot, so just take it."

Sonia knew that no matter how innocent she was, Toby would still stand by Tina's side.

But, when she heard him say that, her hand around her arm tightened fiercely, and her heart was in such immense pain that it felt like it was being pierced by needles.

It was simply ridiculous that she loved a man like him for eight years!

When Charles, who was watching the scene unfold from the sidelines, saw that Toby was bullying Sonia, he became furious and wanted to rush toward him. "Toby, you f\*cking—"

"Charles." Sonia stretched out her hand to



stop him.

After spending the entire night out, she was a little tired. Just as she was about to tell Charles that they should leave, she caught sight of the smug smile on Tina's face from the corner of her eye.

That's right. I'm here today to get revenge, not to save them from humiliation.

After swallowing her words, Sonia pressed Charles's hand, and her eyes grew slightly cold. "I'll handle this."

In her high heels, she turned around to face Tina.

Caught off guard by Sonia's actions, Tina put away the smile on her face in a panic, then she handed over the jewelry box again.

"Miss Gray, for the past few years, I'd been going to the hospital to donate blood to you, so my body is very weak now," Sonia said while brushing her fingers over the crown full of diamonds. "Thanking me with this crown isn't really enough, is it?"

Sonia looked toward Toby, then asked with a smile, "President Fuller, what do you

think?"

After passing his gaze over her bright face, he asked in a deep voice, "What else do you want?"

"I want the thing in your hand—the Ocean's Heart." Sonia pointed to the jewelry box he was holding in his hand, looking completely serious.

"No," Tina interrupted Sonia. In a dejected and aggrieved manner, she said, "Miss Reed, I know you're upset with me because of the video. You can have the jewelry in my collection, but not the Ocean's Heart. This is the necklace Toby proposed to me with..."

The guests were angry and dissatisfied as well. "That's right! Sonia, you're crossing a line. Miss Gray is giving you such an expensive crown, yet you still want the Ocean's Heart!"

"Are you dissatisfied because President Fuller divorced you, so you're deliberately retaliating against him?"

Turning a deaf ear to the insults they were throwing at her, Sonia looked at Toby. "President Fuller, don't you love Miss Gray

"Miss Reed, don't go too far." Tina was frustrated, but she had to endure it. "My father already apologized to you about the video. Why are you still reluctant to give up? You even want to snatch the marriage proposal necklace my boyfriend gave me?"

Sonia raised an eyebrow and laughed. "You got together with President Fuller a few days after I divorced him. I wonder if you'd been coveting him because you couldn't wait to be Mrs. Fuller!"

"What nonsense are you talking about? You're obviously the one—"

"And Miss Gray, I have no intentions of snatching anything from you," Sonia interrupted before Tina could say much. "You're the one who wants to give me a thank-you gift. I only have eyes for the Ocean's Heart."

Tina was rendered speechless. Biting her lips, she stood there as her face grew increasingly pale, like a white flower about to wither.

As he watched on, Charles felt particularly good, and he almost applauded Sonia.

"President Fuller, you have to say



something. Don't be silent," Charles called out. "Is it possible that you're not a man of your word?"

Toby's gaze darkened.

After a moment of silence, he handed the jewelry box containing the Ocean's Heart to Sonia.

Tina panicked when she saw this, and she pulled on his sleeve. "Toby, this is the necklace you proposed to me with. Don't —"

"Your father specially organized today's banquet to celebrate your recovery and discharge. It won't be good to ruin the atmosphere." Toby calmed her down. "It's just a necklace. After this, I'll ask Tom to find a better one and propose to you with that."

When the guests heard this, they all became envious. "You're so blessed, Miss Gray. No matter how rare the piece of jewelry is, President Fuller would have a way to buy it for you!"

After complimenting Tina, they satirized Sonia once more.

Tina's expression improved when Toby said this, and she nodded obediently. "I'll listen to you."

As Sonia listened to their conversation, all she felt was the irony of the situation.

She had been married to Tony for six years. Forget jewelry; he had never even bought her a piece of clothing. Even their wedding ring was bought by her.

Now, looking at how he was treating Tina, Sonia felt like her life was a joke.

Sonia suppressed the sadness in her heart and accepted the jewelry box with a bright smile on her face. "This is such a rare piece of jewelry, yet you're giving it to me just like that. President Fuller, it seems like you love Miss Gray so much that you can't bear to let her suffer any grievances at all."

The woman spoke so enigmatically that it made Toby uncomfortable, so he replied lightly, "I've given you the Ocean's Heart, and President Gray has apologized to you. Sonia, don't pursue the matter of the video anymore."

"Okay!" Sonia readily agreed.

She picked up a glass of red wine from the table, then tipped it toward Toby.
"President Fuller, Miss Gray, may you live a long and happy life together, and I hope you have plenty of babies."

With that, she cocked her head back and drank the wine. After setting down the glass, she turned and left.

"President Fuller, I have to thank you too."
Charles grinned. "If it weren't for your indifference, my baby wouldn't have come to her senses. Thank you for being so kind as to let my baby go. She deserves the best."

Charles picked up the butterfly handbag on the table, which Sonia forgot to take, then said warmly, "Let's go."

"Let's go!" Charles held Carl's shoulders and they left together, all the while complaining, "The air here is too filthy. I'd feel sick if I stayed here for one more second!"

As Toby watched them leave, his brows furrowed, and there was an indescribable feeling of irritability in his heart that wouldn't go away.

Sonia was a low-key person; it was a surprise that she had such an outstanding suitor.

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As soon as Sonia got into the car, she closed her eyes and rested for less than a minute before Charles and Carl got in.

"Baby, you did a great job just now. Tsk, did you see the look on Tina's face? She looked like she wanted nothing more than to eat you up." Charles got into the driver's seat, fastened his seat belt, and burst out laughing. "It felt so good watching you that I wanted to applaud you!"

Carl entered the back seat and handed the butterfly handbag to Sonia. "You left it on the table and forgot to take it."

"I left in a rush and didn't notice." Sonia spoke as she retrieved her handbag.

Carl glanced at the jewelry box placed next to the seat, then asked Sonia, "Sonia, do you... still care about Toby? Did you want the Ocean's Heart because you didn't want to see him and Tina together?"

Charles was driving as he looked at Sonia

in the rearview mirror, waiting for her answer.

"We've gotten a divorce, so why should I still care about him?" Sonia smiled. "I didn't expect that Tina's mind would work so fast. She diverted everyone's attention from the video by trying to give me a thank-you gift."

As she spoke, she opened the jewelry box and showed it to Carl. "I've checked, and the jewelry industry's famous 'k' is the one who designed the Ocean's Heart. The value is estimated to exceed 100 million. How can I not want such easy money? Don't you agree?"

Charles snorted. "A necklace worth 100 million? Baby, you're awesome. You took a huge chunk out of Toby!"

"Of course I know that I'm awesome,"
Sonia hummed, then covered the jewelry
box and threw it to him. "Find a good
channel and sell it for me. 100 million.
Keep the extra money as my payment to
you for your hard work."

"Okay!"

When Carl saw Sonia's capricious

expression, his brows eased, because it didn't seem like she was lying. "Sonia, seeing you like this, I'm relieved."

"Baby, why don't I find you another boyfriend?" Charles smiled, then he glanced at Sonia in the rearview mirror.
"Tell me about your requests, or you and I can get together too. After all, my mom quite likes you—"

"No way!" Before he could continue, he was interrupted by Carl.

"Why not?" Charles rolled his eyes, then bragged, "Not only am I handsome, I'm also multi-talented. I grew up with Sonia, so I'm the best candidate to be her husband!"

Carl pursed his lips together, and the aura he exuded was a little cold. "You don't care about family."

"Huh? How would you know if I care about family? You've never lived with me!"
Charles looked at Carl's expression in the rearview mirror, then suddenly smiled.
"Hey, do you fancy Sonia too?"

Sonia was taken aback. When she recovered, she immediately reached out

and punched Charles. "Shut up. He's only twenty-two! He's a child!"

"He's a twenty-two-year-old man. He has nothing to do with the word 'child' anymore." Charles proceeded with a smirk. "Carl, tell me: Are you a virgin?"

No matter how gentle Carl was, he was still a little embarrassed by Charles' question. He coughed. "Yes..."

"Do you have any intentions toward Tina?"

Seeing as Charles was getting bolder with his questions with no sign of shutting up, Sonia caught sight of the chocolate bar in the middle row's armrest compartment, then she immediately tore it open and stuffed it into his mouth.

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After hesitating for a moment, he was



about to say something to Sonia when the phone in his pocket suddenly vibrated.

Carl glanced at his phone after taking it out, and his expression changed slightly.

Then, he moved to the other side of the car and lowered his voice. "What's the matter?"

After the phone call ended, Carl told Charles, "I have something to deal with. Just drop me at the intersection up ahead."

"Was it your agent?" Sonia asked. "How about you let Charles take you there?"

Carl gave a faint smile, then in a warm and soft voice, he said, "That's okay. My car is on the way. Charles should send you home early so that you can have a good rest."

Upon hearing the young man's statement, Sonia nodded reluctantly.

Soon, Carl was out of the car.

When the car drove away, Sonia poked her head out slightly and saw Carl standing tall and straight by the roadside with a well-defined profile...

As she studied him, the person in her eyes

seemed to turn into Toby from eight years ago.



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