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Over the years, every mishap at Collins Corporation, every peril Kenneth and Louisa faced on their travels—they were all orchestrated by Lucas and Beverly. Especially during the early years when Kenneth took over the company, Lucas and Beverly had a number of schemes against him, leading to widespread doubt in his abilities, nearly costing him the position Bernard had entrusted to him. Frederica and Alma were in disbelief. The idea that their own parents had been secretly sabotaging their uncle and aunt for over a decade was unimaginable. Additionally, Erik's will revealed even more shocking details. Eighteen years ago, during the clinic fire, Martha, in her last moments of consciousness, saw Louisa carry away her daughter. But weakened from childbirth and smoke inhalation, she was powerless to stop it, and ultimately, it was Erik who rescued her from the clinic. It was only after reading the next day's newspaper, which announced that the Collins family matriarch had safely given birth to a daughter, that Erik and Martha realized that their child had been taken by a wealthy family. At the time, Louisa had given birth to five sons and now had a daughter, but she was unable to nurse. The baby girl refused milk formula and cried incessantly, leaving Louisa no choice but to hire a nanny. Torn between the need for money and the longing for her daughter, Martha applied for the job. To everyone's surprise, Serena stopped crying at the sight of Martha and even reached out to be held by her. After being nourished by Martha's milk, Serena became unusually calm, prompting Louisa to keep Martha on to care for her. Once Martha's position was secure, she brought Erik in. Erik gradually worked his way up to the position of butler, earning Kenneth and Louisa's trust. After being bought off by Lucas and Beverly, Erik spent years feeding them information about Kenneth and Louisa's whereabouts, including their daily lives and social circles. Lucas and Beverly could never have imagined that Erik had secretly amassed such a comprehensive trove of evidence. "You knew all along that Serena wasn't my own flesh and blood, yet you hid it from me for eighteen years, forcing Bella to suffer on the outside." Louisa's voice choked with emotion, her eyes bloodshot with fury. Kenneth's voice was hoarse with grief as he faced his younger brother. "Did you really wish your own brother dead? Do you even consider me your brother anymore?" Lucas kept his head down, and Beverly didn't lift her eyelids either. But it was Alma, clutching her mother's hand in disbelief, asked, "Mom, is this really true? Why would you do this? Haven't our families always been close?" Serena had indeed been annoying, but her uncle and aunt had always been particularly kind to her and her sister Frederica. She couldn't understand why her parents would do such things. The evidence continued to play on the TV. Erik mentioned in his will that he once overheard Lucas telling Beverly that he regretted not being able to end Kenneth and Louisa's lives in the fire eighteen years ago. Hearing this, Kenneth could no longer hold back his tears, which flowed down in an instant.

He shook his brother's shoulders, weeping as he questioned, " | been goo Io JOUIhEER ars? What HedE [4 ne to deserve your longing for your elder brother's death, tell me, what did | do wrong?" Please read the original content at .

Louisa's tears also fell. From her first day in the Collins family, she trea Lucas and Bev, iy aschEou © spying) Veh more so than her two brothers who lived abroad; she had never guarded

against them. Please read the original content at . The betrayal by Serena had hurt her, but now Lucas and Beverly had also wounded her. Her heart was riddled with pain, struggling to breathe. "I was pregnant at the time; no matter how much you hated me, the child was innocent."

Louisa sobbed, "How could you bear to harm her. You were her uncle aunt. If it hadn! hesndor Bella ilck, Be) igaakerhn y the Murphy family, if our people hadn't arrived in time, three lives would have been lost that night." Please read the original content at .

Louisa was crying so hard it seemed she might run out of breath. Three lives at stake. "How could you. Why would you do this? Why?" Louisa cried out in anguish, "What's so wrong with me as your sister-in-law? Tell me today, clear, and plain, what did | do, what did | say to make you wish me, my husband, and my children to be damned, speak up!" This was the first time Arabella had ever seen her mother so utterly undone. All her grievances, anger, and sorrow. were vented out in this moment. At this moment, all Arabella could do was to wipe her tears, gently pat her on the shoulder, and then quietly step back. Her brothers, too, passed tissues to their father, their silence speaking volumes. "When | married into this family, you received your wedding gift a year later than | did, but yours was significantly more substantial. Even the house you got was more expensive, more luxurious," Beverly looked up with a touch of sadness and a sense of loss, "That was the first time | felt the unfairness from our parents." Before Beverly could respond, Cornelia, clearly upset, interjected, "How can you say that? The year you got married, gold was priced at \$10 per gram. | got you 999 grams, hoping your love with Lucas would last forever. The following year, when Louisa married into the family, the price of gold had risen to \$13 per gram, but | still got her 999 grams—the amount was the same!" "No, it's not the same. The total value was much more in her case!" Beverly's eyes shimmered with hurt, "You gave me gold worth \$99,900; you should've given her gold at the same price to be fair! And at her wedding, she had twenty more tables of guests than | did." "That's because during Louisa's year, your father and | had made many new business acquaintances. Those friends had looked out for our business, and it would have been rude not to invite them." Cornelia hadn't expected such a trivial matter to be held against her for so long. "You say Louisa's villa is nicer and more expensive. | already explained that to you. Before either of the brothers settled down, Lucas firstly picked out the villa, stating he wanted to live there after marriage. It was only two years after Lucas bought his villa that Kenneth chose the Lakeview Villa. By then, property prices had gone up, and Lakeview Villa was a new development in a prime location." "But the area he picked was a full 200 square meters larger than ours." Beverly said through tears. "That's because that villa came with a larger yard, with extra space included." Cornelia never imagined that even the size of the house would be a sore point for so many years. Later, Kenneth and Louisa, through their own hard work, moved to the Reflections Villa. They hadn't lived in the Lakeview Villa for more than a few years.novelbin

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Over the years, Kenneth and Louisa led a life that was the envy of the town, hailed as the town's wealthiest couple and showered with respect wherever they went. Lucas and Beverly, on the other hand, seemed forever doomed to languish in their shadows. To the world, it was always Kenneth's family that shone the brightest, with Lucas and Beverly as mere afterthoughts. Some even looked down on them, feeling they were not as capable as their elder brother and his wife. "Is it because of this, you two wanted to take down Kenneth and Louisa—is that it?" Cornelia asked with heartache. "Yes." Beverly lifted her gaze. "Whose fault is it that you never gave us a fair chance from the start?" Cornelia was furious; she never thought this dearly-bought daughter-in-law could be so vicious in heart and dare to talk back, anger driving her to fiercely slap her. A crisp slap resounded in the room, leaving a vivid handprint on Beverly's cheek. "Do you think we decide let Kenneth run the family business randomly? If he lacked the talent, or if he was a profligate, do you honestly think we would entrust him with the family business?" Cornelia trembled with anger, "Since they were little, many great teachers and mentors posed challenges to them, and Kenneth's responses were always superior to Lucas's." "That's because Kenneth is

older than Lucas, and you've been grooming him since he was very young, so naturally he knows more." Beverly's voice was heart-wrenching. "Kenneth is only two years older than Lucas. Besides, when we handed over the business to Kenneth, we gave Lucas assets of equal value. If you two were as talented and business-savvy as you claim, then over the years, your ventures should have outshone Kenneth's." Cornelia retorted, her chest heaving with indignation. "But the truth is, you've thrown countless obstacles in Kenneth's way behind the scenes, and yet, they've risen to the top through their own merit. What about you two?" The fact proved that entrusting the business to Kenneth had been the right decision. Even if Lucas and Beverly had the business acumen, their narrow-mindedness was detrimental to the long-term development of the family business. "Is it because the corporation wasn't handed over for you to manage that you felt wronged and thus harbored thoughts of murder?" Kenneth looked at his younger brother with a heart full of sorrow, "Do you remember when we were kids, how our parents would come home late from managing the business, and you told me how nice it would be if they didn't have to work so hard."

Tears welled up in Kenneth's eyes as his voice grew hoarse, "I tho pl that by takin on the @3pnSRIly of the Eat could enjoy a more relaxed life with the dividends." Please read the original content at . At that time, Lucas seemed indifferent to taking over the business. Furthermore, when their parents had divided the inheritance, they had given him the business and Lucas the assets of equivalent value.

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"You had the gall to trip up your own brother and sister-in-law, to hire killers and set fires. You even dared to take the lives of my wife and daughter—why couldn't you just come to us and say you wanted this company." Kenneth's face was streaked with tears, his voice choked with sorrow, "As long as you speak up, tell me what you want, and | would be willing to step down. I'd rather give you the company than to see what you have become, than to be separated from Bella for all these years. | didn't want her to suffer outside, don't you understand?? Do you understand how important family means to me." His tears were pouring down like rain, he asked angrily, "Do you understand?" To him, family was everything. Lucas's eyes brimmed with tears too. This was the first time he had seen his elder brother break down like this, pouring his heart

out to him. But it was all too late. They had boarded the wrong ship, and there was no turning back. "Oh Beverly," Louisa cried, her heart felt like it was being sliced open, "What else is there, that we don't know? | don't believe that you'd hate us so deeply over something so trivial." Now that everything was out in the open, they might as well clear everything up at once. There were tears in Beverly's eyes too, "There are something I've held in my heart for so long." For years, she had been trying hard to be a good daughter-in-law, a perfect sister-in-law. There were words that she couldn't say, feelings she had to suppress; and now, after so many years, they were finally seeing the light of day. "We both gave birth for the family, but the parents' attitude towards us two daughters-in-law was completely different, one might say it's worlds apart. Every child you bore was a son, and mom and dad spent more time with them than with Frederica or Alma." Beverly couldn't hold back any longer, and tears swelled in her eyes, "I will never forget the night | gave birth to Frederica. When my parents found out | had given birth to a daughter, they didn't even bother to visit. They just sent the butler with a card and some cash, and didn't come to see us until after | had fully recovered from the ordeal of childbirth." "You misunderstood!!" Cornelia was so anxious that she was in tears, "It was because." She stopped herself, unable to continue, and instead wiped the tears from her face. "Beverly, you've really got it wrong!" Bernard also started to tear up, "That year, Cornelia and | were at a banquet when we got a call saying you were going into labor. We were so happy that we put down our glasses and rushed to the hospital, but then we received a call on the way." He glanced at Cornelia, and hesitated whether to reveal the truth of that night.

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"Let me say it." With teary red eyes, Cornelia looking as if s ¢hachaod) Fyre mk Nigh you had your cesarean, did your brother call you several times?" Please read the original content at . Beverly was stunned. How did she know about that?

"And not just that night, in the days before you gave birth t rederiod porn y call you, asking to borrow money?" Please read the original content at . Beverly never thought that her mother-in-law would know about this.

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When she was a child, her parents ran a modest garment factory in their hometown. They weren't as wealthy as the Collinses, nor were they born into a well-known family like Louisa, but they lived comfortably, enjoying the simple pleasures of life. But everything changed after her younger brother came of age. From some point, her brother started making friends with the rough crowd and running wild—partying, starting brawls, and racking up debts. More and more debtors came to their door, she then found out that her younger brother had racked up a lot of gambling debts outside, the amount was enormous. He had impregnated a girl and beaten

someone he did not even know into the hospital. Despite her resentment towards his recklessness, her parents settled his debts to save his life. She had hoped that he would change, but in no time, he was back to his old ways, running up another pile of gambling debts. At that time, she and Lucas were seriously discussing marriage. One night, she was abducted by a group of thugs, who stripped her and took compromising photos. They demanded she pay off her brother's debts within a week—or they would publicize the photos. Terrified that the Collins family would reject her, she kept the incident to herself. After receiving the Collins family's betrothal gift, she used it to clear all her brother's debts. But even after her marriage, her brother was still frequently calling for her to lend him money. Perhaps thinking that being part of the Collins family meant she had deep pockets, his debts spiraled out of control, soon reaching tens of millions. Twenty years ago, a million could buy a spacious home outright. When she learned her brother had accrued debts of twenty million, such a massive astronomical figure, she was furious. After scolding him, the stress caused her to go into premature labor, giving birth to Frederica three weeks early. While she was giving birth, her brother bombarded her with calls and messages, claiming he and their parents had been kidnapped, and she needed to pay up immediately to save their lives. Seeing these messages after giving birth, she was so upset that she couldn't even produce milk. She had seen similar messages countless times. Yet, save for her hatred toward his brother, she never mentioned this matter to anyone. Cornelia recounted the past with a heavy heart, "The night you had your C-section, someone called me with your mother's phone, claiming they had your parents and brother. They demanded twenty million delivered to ransom them from you family's garment factory—not to make any noise, or they'd chop off your brother's fingers." Beverly was stunned. She had no idea about any of this.

"At the time, we urgently called people to take out all the cash from the safe and the banks, but twenty million was a omy @lthe {Ere Wh wee only eBleltb get ten million through various connections, and they instructed me to deliver the money alone. But Carson was worried about my safety and the sheer weight of the cash, so he insisted on accompanying me." Please read the original content at .

"Once we arrived at the factory with only half the money, those thugs grew Ee us, add Us ang doused te place with gasoline. They locked the doors, intent on burning us, your parents, and your brother alive inside." Please read the original content at . Beverly was completely shocked; she had been completely unaware of these events.

Due to the large amount of fabric stored in the garment factory, once it came into contact Vis fee aM psoline Buried rapidly Fortunately, Bernard and Cornelia were only tied up, they were not fixed to any fixed posts or chairs. Please read the original content at .

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They struggled to move their bodies, and under the guidance of Beverly's mother, they found a pair of scissors and cut off the ropes binding them. They saved everyone and escaped the garment factory. "You were in labor at the time, undergoing a C-section. And with your strong sense of pride, you didn't want us to know about your family's business. So after discussing it with your family, we decided not to tell you about this, to let you recover in peace," Cornelia explained. "It wasn't that we didn't visit you and little Frederica, it's just that we were injured too and were in the hospital ourselves." During the time Beverly and Lucas were discussing marriage, she was afraid that the Collins family might look down upon her, so she kept her family's true state a secret. To outsiders, her family appeared to manage a garment factory with dozens of employees. In reality, to pay off her brother's debts, they had mortgaged everything the house, the cars, even the factory. "Before you married Lucas, we already knew about your family's financial condition." Cornelia's words made Beverly's eyes snap open, shocked that after all her painstaking efforts at concealment, her in-laws had known all along. "We also knew that you used all of your betrothal gift to pay off your brother's debts, and those photos." Cornelia initially didn't want to mention this, fearing it would hurt Beverly's pride. "After your marriage, those people came to you a few times for money, threatening with those photos. Your father-in-law and | stepped in to settle it, and those pictures were destroyed." Beverly had no idea that her in-laws had quietly dealt this for her. She remembered the last time she had paid off those people, she had made a fierce threat, saying she would go down with them if they asked for money again. She had thought it was her tough stance that they stopped, little did she know. "After the factory burned down, it was our financial support that helped your parents start over. Your brother also turned over a new leaf because of the incident; he began learning how to manage the factory, and we quietly provided resources and connections to help him out." To Cornelia, these were all trivial matters. She didn't feel the need to bring them up, for she saw Beverly as her own child. If Beverly's family was doing well, Beverly would be happy, it made her, as a mother-in-law, happy as well. Because of this, Beverly's parents were indebted to Cornelia and Bernard, and the two families had always remained close. Beverly's brother cleaned up his act, and for them, helping Beverly's family was the same as helping Beverly, and in turn, helping themselves. "If Louisa was as calculating as you, then wouldn't she think it's unfair that we helped you this way without informing her? Would she also hold a grudge?" Cornelia's question left Beverly speechless. Her family never told Beverly all this things. Beverly only knew that after her parents and brother were kidnapped and the arson incident escalated, the perpetrators were caught by the police. Since usury wasn't protected by law, her brother's debts were subsequently written off. She had never imagined that both families had woven a kind lie just to cover up the one she had initially told. Alie related to her pride.

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"That's because we were injured that day. After seeing you and Alma, we went to get our wounds treated om Cornelia recalled the da\Fshé-and Hepat Were tending to their garden,

thrilled to hear Beverly was giving birth. In their rush to the hospital, they both fell in the garden, Bernard fracturing his hand and Cornelia bruising and bleeding. Please read the original content at . But they didn't want to be absent during Beverly's most vulnerable postpartum moments as the previous time, so they made it to the hospital first to see Beverly and Alma. Despite the bone-crushing pain and fresh wounds. They still endured the pain to see her and the baby, before getting their own wounds treated.

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They might have been in too much pain then, and their expressions showed it. It was then that Beverly realized the misunderstanding was massive. "You said we spent more time with Hans and the others than with Frederica and Alma. That's because their kids were born before yours, and after handing over the company, we had all the time and energy to play with the grandkids. But by the time you had Frederica, we were getting on in years. And our homes are far apart." It used to be just a ten-minute drive to Reflections Villa. But to get to Beverly's, it was about forty minutes. They couldn't make that trip every day, their bodies just couldn't handle it. "But you can ask Frederica and Alma. Do they really feel that Grandma and Grandpa play favorites?" Cornelia said, exhausted as she looked towards Frederica and Alma. Beverly too, with tears in her eyes, looked at her daughters. Alma shook her head, tears spilling over, "Grandma and Grandpa treat me just the same as my five brothers. never have | felt they were biased, nor have | ever felt neglected by them." This was her heartfelt truth. Grandma and Grandpa doted on her; they didn't treat her differently because she is a girl. On the contrary, she was a bit of a scamp as a child, and whenever she got in trouble and was scolded by her parents, Grandma and Grandpa would still defend her. "Grandma and Grandpa are really good to me," Alma answered honestly, "I've never felt that they love my brothers more than they love me." Beverly couldn't hold back her emotions any longer, and her tears burst forth. She had always thought her in-laws were biased, and when Lucas heard what she had to say, he also felt their parents' actions were unfair. Further compounding that, he always felt that he was not valued. That's why they kept making one mistake after another. "Oh, the tragedy." Cornelia was devastated, and Beverly was in tears as well.

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"| really regret loving you all these years. You two went fogdar, gave dispppointed the thd much." Please read the original content at . She hadn't struck many times before she collapsed from the severe emotional shock she suffered.

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"Cornelia." Bernard reached out to steady her, but he himself could barely stand and almost collapsed. Luckily, their grandsons were quick, catching Cornelia just in time and steadying Bernard as well. Such betrayal within the family was too cruel for the two elders to bear. "You two monsters." Bernard was in tears, a mix of anger and pain evident in his voice, "Cornelia has been driven to this by you. Are you satisfied now? You two, don't you dare say you're my son and daughter-in-law. | don't want to see you again in my life again." His emotions were overwhelming, and as soon as the words left his mouth, he struggled to breathe and had to be helped away to rest. Louisa looked at Lucas and Beverly with a cold heart and asked, "The people who broke into Reflections Villa tonight, who set fire to the basement, and the mysterious figure who has been threatening Martin all this time—are they your accomplices?" "Yes," Beverly and Lucas admitted in unison. "Erik was also forced by you to take the poison?" REST Louisa decided to reveal the truth, "Actually, Erik died not long after taking the poison and arriving at Reflections Villa, but Bella wanted to draw out the person behind the scenes, so she spread the rumor that Erik was still alive. She even had the servants throw blood-stained gauze into the trash can, and sure enough, you couldn't sit still and kept coming out to probe." Hearing Louisa's words, Beverly was shocked that the blood-stained gauze was a deliberate ploy by Arabella. At the time, she even had someone take these gauze back for testing, and the results matched the poison Erik had ingested. "When did you start suspecting us?" Beverly looked at her niece on the couch, genuinely surprised by her niece's sharp mind. "I had suspicions even before Serena left the family," Arabella replied truthfully. Beverly was even more surprised; during their few encounters, they had been nothing but kind. Why would her niece suspect them without any reason? "But | didn't investigate deeply until around the New Year, when you tried to use a new driver to clear your name, and that's when | started digging deeper." Back then, in order not to have them follow the lead of the film company, Beverly deliberately led them to investigate her new driver. Once they found nothing amiss with the driver, they would think they had suspected the wrong person, thus relaxing their vigilance toward her. "It was mainly the incident with the driver, your reaction was too deliberate. Since the day | met you, | have never seen you show a nervous expression." It was only then that Beverly realized that she had left one crucial mistake, she had been too deliberate back then, and this had given herself away. But now it was too late for explanations.

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As if resigned herself to fate, she closed her eyes and after a lon pause, she co cosedrkorsarly "Fipdeich\shd Alma never knew about any of this. | implore you to forgive them, as for us, dispose of us as you see fit." Please read the original content at . Even if it meant making public all the things they have done, their reputations ruined. Even if it meant going to jail for the rest of their lives, or being executed.

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Let them fall from heaven to hell, left with nothing. It was all their own doing. They admitted it. "When you set out to ruin Bella, did you ever stop to think that she was your niece? Did it ever cross your mind to spare her? Now you beg me because you've been exposed. If we had all been burned to death in that fire back then, you two would've inherited the corporation, gained both fame and fortune, would you still be as regretful as you are now?" Louisa's voice cracked with emotion, her eyes rimmed red with the force of her feelings. At this moment, Beverly didn't dare to expect anything else. Silently she shed tears, and not uttering a word. "It's all our fault. Our hubris blinded us, our jealousy clouded our judgment, leading us to commit these indefensible actions. | know nothing we say now will make any difference, you can deal with us however you please. Please, accept our deepest apologies." Lucas bowed deeply, his voice breaking, "I'm sorry." He bowed again, his face wet with tears, "We have wronged you, we have wronged the child." "I'm sorry." Beverly joined her husband, bowing deeply toward Arabella, her voice sincere and filled with guilt, "Bella, I'm so sorry." For eighteen years, they made their niece suffer, allowing Serena, the imposter, to live the high life in the Collins family home. They knew Serena wasn't their brother's biological daughter, but out of spite, they kept silent. "Get out." Kenneth sobbed, "I can't bear to see you anymore. From now on, we each go our separate ways. | no longer have a brother, and don't you dare call me 'brother' again." Frederica tried to comfort her father, but Lucas felt a deep ache and couldn't bring himself to stand. Was his brother truly cutting ties? "Get out!" Kenneth roared, his body trembling with emotions, his eyes bloodshot with anger. "We'll leave, right now. We will reflect on our actions. I'm sorry, please, calm your anger." Alma hurriedly helped her mother up, bowing in Arabella's direction, "I'm sorry, Bella." She knew it was her parents' fault, and that nothing they said could make amends. The two sisters helped their parents leave, no longer in the mood to pick up the jewels scattered on the floor. But Lucas and Beverly walked away with tears in their eyes, continuously looking back with each step they took.

In the past, they had once fantasized about how their brother and m sister-in-law w. aq if t new TARRY would definitely be very angry and upset. Just by thinking of them being upset, they felt satisfied. Please read the original content at . Yet now, at this moment, they deeply regretted their past deeds. They even felt themselves less than beasts.

"Bella." Beverly stopped, her eyes full of dig tears as sh looked sit! bellg words Taling her. Finally, shé simply said, "Take care." Please read the original content at .

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The moment they turned around, the light that seemed to suffuse their very beings dimmed. Not until the family of four had left Reflections Villa did Kenneth and Louisa burst into tears. The trust they had built bit by bit with their younger brother's family over the years, the affection interwoven in their lives, the time they spent together—like a huge mountain collapsing suddenly, leaving them reeling, wounded and bleeding from the unexpected blow. Their sons approached to console them. Only Sean approached Arabella, gently patting her head in a comforting gesture, as if to tell her that it was over and that everything was over and they would start a new life. Arabella carried a heaviness in her heart. Even with the truth laid bare, there was not a trace of joy to be found within her. Perhaps it was because too much had happened recently. Kenneth and Louisa, restless and sleepless throughout the night, didn't come down for breakfast the next morning. By noon, however, Bernard and Cornelia mustered their spirits and called everyone down for lunch. Arabella saw the swollen eyes and the weary faces of her grandparents and her parents at the dining table. Kenneth's mood calmed down a bit. With a husky voice, he asked, "Before Bella's homecoming banquet, there was a raffle. Someone won a car and then there was a crash. That car—was it tampered with by those two?" "Yes," Arabella answered truthfully. "At first, everyone thought it was Martin's doing, to avenge Serena against the Collins family." At that time, one of Martin's subordinates called the deputy manager of the film company, who then called a person named Esther. Shortly thereafter, Esther ordered someone to tamper with the car. The news that followed painted a picture of Martin coercing his subordinate into suicide, describing him as the prime suspect. "But all of this was deliberately

misguidance by Uncle and Aunt," Arabella continued. She had investigated Martin's subordinate and discovered that he had been threatened and coerced by her uncle and aunt's people, and he had no choice but to betray Martin. In other words, Martin was innocent. Her uncle and aunt didn't let their people sabotage the prize cars to distance their own involvement. They had forced Martin's subordinate into the act to let Martin take the blame.

"Some of their income was dirty, and they needed the film company to launder it. | found spe COM lp named. Ghost o had ladndered money for them more than once and had even gone after Stinger. He's the 'Mystery Man' Martin spoke of, and now he's in our custody." Please read the original content at . Kenneth's feelings were a complex tangle, and it took him a while to speak again. "I wonder if there are any of their informants still inside the group."

His daughter had once mentioned that not only had his brother sister-in-| w planet EK Eeicity in RFR LS spy on them, but they had also secretly planted confidants in the group. Please read the original content at . With countless subsidiaries, rooting these individuals out seemed like finding needles in a haystack.

As he pondered this, Hans received a message from the head of human resources: several (aspger hts from various subsidiaries, and even a few board members, had abruptly tendered their resignations that very morning. Please read the original content at . It was so baffling that the HR chief had urgently relayed the matter to Hans.