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Xavier balled up his fists, but in the end, he had no choice but to reluctantly let it go.

If he really beat Christopher up, the three best friends would return to being distant and strained around each other after having recently overcome many obstacles to reunite.

"Fine, fine! The three of you have been dragging it out for so many years now that it's all a big freaking mess! I'm so tired of it and want nothing to do with it anymore. Just do whatever you like!"

Xavier quickly turned and stomped away. He still had a lot on his plate. In fact, even his dad declared that this week was his last stint of freedom! If he lost that criminal case, he'd be locked up behind bars and face a harsh sentence for a long time.

What mattered most to him was finding a good lawyer to help him win the case right now. But no matter where he looked, he still found that the only person suited for the job was Zack Rosenwell, yet Zack was Renee Everheart's employee, and he had unfortunately been in a battle royale with her today. It really looked like he was in deep s**t now!

"Mr. Smith," Christopher called out after Xavier was gone. "Mrs. Smith, I am deeply sorry for all the trouble I've caused. I will do my best to make amends. For now, let's focus on calming Cecy and helping her to recover. If there's nothing else, please allow me to excuse myself."

He then bowed humbly at them. Although his words were sincere and polite, he was unmistakably defiant and unyielding.

Seeing this, Cecilia's mother could no longer hold it in and immediately burst into tears. She grabbed Christopher's arm and begged him, "Don't do this, Chris! You've been with Cecy for so many years now! How can you just give her up so easily? Both of your families have gotten along so well, and you're both at an age when you should get married, so please don't give it all up just because you've stumbled onto a small obstacle! You can always begin again with a clean slate. Even if the passion between you two has died down, you can still get along in harmony... After all, love isn't the most important thing in marriage. What's more important is how suitable you are for each other. You know how those couples who love each other to death don't always end well!"

"What you said made a lot of sense," Christopher smiled, "but I've had enough of being a good son in the eyes of my parents, a good friend in the eyes of my friends, and a good boyfriend in the eyes of my lover. I've had enough of following all the rules I'm expected to follow. Please understand me, and please understand Cecy too. I truly believe... that this is what she wants as well."

Christopher paused for a while, then added, "You know that Stefan is now single again, and so is Cecy. Nothing would be in their way if they wanted to rekindle their relationship. If that happens one day, then I'll be the happiest person for them!"

"So you really are jealous!" said Cecilia's mother. "You must really believe that she still has feelings for Stefan, but that's really not true! Cecy is just..."

Cecilia's mother desperately tried to explain everything, but the door behind her suddenly opened. Cecilia stood there with a face as pale as a sheet.

"Mom!!!" she yelled. "Stop it! I respect his decision, and I wish him nothing but happiness. Please just let him go and stop embarrassing me and making things awkward for him, okay?"

The truth was that she had long sensed that Christopher no longer loved her. She knew that this day would come sooner or later, though she wished it had happened before her wedding so at least she would not have to bear the label of a divorcee.

She chose to jump off the cliff partly because of the pain Stefan inflicted on her, but perhaps, more significantly, Christopher's cold difference.

These men no longer loved her, and the realization came as a huge blow. She felt like a failure. She felt hopeless. That was why she momentarily lost her mind and did such a stupid thing.

Christopher looked at Cecily apologetically and told her, "I know you still love Stefan. To be precise, you've never stopped loving him. He's free now, so pluck up your courage and fight for him!"

It was then that Stefan stepped out of the elevator

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His arrival left everybody stunned.

Cecilia's mother was the first to react. Seeing that her son-in-law Christopher really was going to slip through their fingers, she quickly latched onto Stefan instead.

"So you've come, Stefan! Cecy here has been talking about you just now. There's been a misunderstanding between you two. I think it's high time you clear it all up!"

"The truth is," she continued, "Cecy was inexperienced and very naive emotionally through those years. That's why she..." "Mom!" Cecilia interrupted her, feeling humiliated. "Didn't I tell you to stop talking about that?"

Both of these men once loved her deeply, but right now, neither of them wanted her. This came as, without a doubt, a huge blow to a woman like her. If her mother kept on fawning over these men, trying to please them so they'd take her back, she would soon be left without a shred of dignity!

Christopher, on the other hand, seemed unperturbed. He even casually patted Stefan's shoulder and half-joked, "I'll leave everything here to you now. I trust that you'll handle everything well."

His calm and nonchalant attitude made Stefan seem like the groom who had wrongfully left his bride at the altar, not him. Stefan wasted no time and asked Cecilia, "Would it be convenient for you if we spoke in private?"

Cecilia bit her lips and nodded almost flirtily. "How could it be inconvenient when it comes to you?"

Stefan then followed Cecilia into the private ward. Once they were both inside, Stefan closed the door.

They were initially standing very close to each other, but when Stefan noticed that Cecilia was trying to get nearer to him, he took a huge step back away from her.

"You fell into the sea and almost drowned," he said. "I think you'd better lie down and rest."

This made it awkward for Cecilia, but she then quietly stepped away from him and returned to her bed. Yet when she looked into Stefan's eyes, she saw that they were gentle and filled with affection.

"So you're not as cold and heartless as you look!" she observed. "I still mean something to you, and you still care about me, right?"

"Of course I do," Stefan replied honestly, not trying to deny anything. 'You're still the woman I used to love very much, and you're one of my few confidantes. I'm not a robot made of steel and iron, so of course, you mean a lot to me, and I definitely do care about you.'

"Used to?" Cecilia smiled bitterly. There was such a painful expression on her face that it was obvious how

heartbroken she was. "I'd rather you never loved me at all. That way, I'd never have to endure this agonizing pain of losing you."

That feeling of being loved was so blissful and perfect that it made it that much more excruciating when she realized that she had lost the love he used to feel for her!

'Not this again!' Stefan thought, helplessly massaging his temples.

He had no idea when the Cecilia Smith he knew, who used to be so levelheaded, independent, and optimistic, would become so difficult, a person whose mind was filled with nothing but love and romance!

"Let's not talk about this anymore," he replied coldly. "Let's just let go of the past and move on. The more you bring it up, the more you'll make it

awkward between us. We might end up not even able to be friends with each other."

"So you're saying there really is no chance for us?" Cecilia asked, unable to take it anymore. With tears in her eyes and having lost most of her selfcontrol, she began to raise her voice. "Even if both you and I are not married, even if we're both single right now, there's no chance we'd be together again?"

"That's right!" Stefan answered without any hesitation. Looking straight into Cecilia's eyes, he attested, "There's no chance we'd get back together. I don't love you anymore, and it doesn't matter if you'll marry Christopher. Do you understand?"

Cecilia felt as if her heart was slashed into a thousand pieces. Because of the extreme agony she felt, her face was drained of all color, and she looked frail and weak.

But this time, she no longer had any stupid notion of ending her life.

'Men are just dumb pigs!' she thought. 'They're just not worth it!'

Cecilia took a deep breath and wiped away her tears. Then, with a stony face, she asked, "Since you have no feelings left for me, why pretend you cared and took the trouble to come all the way here?"

"There's only you and me here now,' said Stefan, getting straight to the point. "Can you tell me if Renee actually pushed you into the sea?"

"Hahahaha!"

Cecilia, who had been weeping bitterly just moments ago, suddenly burst into laughter as if she had just heard a hilarious joke. In fact, she kept laughing uncontrollably for a while.

Stefan frowned, visibly displeased. He asked her, "What so bloody funny?"

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"Hahahaha!"

Cecilia continued to laugh. She had to take a long time to catch her breath again, before she finally told Stefan in a mocking tone, "It's you, Stefan! I think you're really funny!"

"I had assumed," she added, "that the love between you and Renee Everheart was as strong and unbendable as steel! But surprisingly, you couldn't even stand this minor test! Compared to your feelings for me back then, your feelings for her are simply different... Are you sure that you love her more than you love me?"

Stefan's cold and chiseled face displayed even more

displeasure. "I never said I loved her," he denied.

"I see!" Cecilia raised her brows and chirped, suddenly feeling a lot better. With a faint smile, she continued, "If you really did love her, you'd never even think about asking this question. But since you did ask, it proves that you don't really love her that much at all, or perhaps... you just don't understand her yet."

"The truth is," she added, "it doesn't matter whether she pushed me or not. What's important is whether you believe she would do such a thing."

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Stefan fell silent. Cecilia's words made him think and reflect on himself. He was so lost in his thoughts that he unconsciously clenched his long fingers.

"I thought I'd really lost," said Cecilia meaningfully, "but it seems that I still have a chance of turning the tide in my favor." After making such a suggestive statement, she quickly lay down in her bed and closed her eyes.

"I'm exhausted now. I need some rest. I won't give you the answer that you want. You'll have to figure that out yourself."

Seeing Cecilia's resolution and determination, Stefan said nothing more and left the room. He did not get the answer that he had come to seek, though Cecilia had managed to bring some clarity into his mind.

Perhaps he did not really love Renee after all. Perhaps this feeling was just a momentary possessiveness. If it was true love, then he would trust her unconditionally, right? How could he even doubt her?

'Stefan Hunt,' he thought to himself, 'you really need to sort yourself out and control your emotions!'

The next day, Renee woke up after a fairly good sleep. Her emotions were completely unscathed by the fight with Stefan last night.

The man who once dictated her mood, who could make her gloomy or happy at the drop of a hat, who could make her lose a whole night's sleep, now had no influence on her at all. Renee had to admit that this newfound freedom from her once-inescapable emotional vulnerability felt

exhilarating! "So you're up, Miss Renee!"

Margaret came in and brought her a sumptuous breakfast. She then gently asked her, "How was your sleep last night?" "I slept soundly!" Renee replied. "I even dreamt!"

She then went on to recount her dream with childlike enthusiasm, saying, "Last night, I dreamt that my two little babies turned into butterflies, one black and one white. They fluttered happily around me and even talked to me! I think they're really excited to come out and see the world!"

That dream last night was so sweet that it left a distinct impression on her mind. She could not wait to finally meet them and welcome them into this world.

But Margaret suddenly turned downcast.

"Did you say you dreamt that they were

butterflies?" "Yeah. What's wrong? Is it a bad

sign?"

"Well, butterflies represent the souls of dead people, so if the babies were..."

Margaret paused and sighed, "But let's not overthink it. Pah! It's fine. We'll just knock on wood, and the bad luck will go away!"

But Renee could not help but get a little concerned after hearing what Margaret said. She thought of how she had eaten the toadstool soup and even swam in the sea. Would those things affect the health of her babies?

"No, no. I can't just brush this off. I won't rest easy till I get a proper checkup at the hospital.

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And so, Renee and Margaret came to the private maternity hospital where Renee often got her prenatal checkups. As

they were waiting for Renee's turn, Margaret kept holding Renee's arm and carefully checked her pulse.

"Your pulse is normal, Miss Renee. Your babies should be fine. You shouldn't allow a dream to scare you sick. Let's just knock on wood, and everything will be fine."

Renee nodded but was still full of concern.

'I know my precious little cubs are fine since I've been strong and fit all the while. But I just can't stop myself from worrying. I can't shake off the feeling that something might happen.'

"Shush! Don't speak of such inauspicious things, Miss Renee! You might not believe anyone, but you must believe the traditional medical

knowledge that I learned from my family. You know that I can treat any illness under the sun by prescribing a few herbs! I'm telling you, there's nothing to worry about."

"You're right. With a medical genius like you by my side, I've simply got nothing to worry about!"

Renee finally felt slightly more at ease as she walked into the doctor's office. Her report came out in no time, and it was found that both of her babies were healthy and were developing well. They appeared to have been completely unaffected by her activities. It also seemed that her unborn children had become quite resilient.

"Ms. Everheart,' said the doctor, "in one week, the fetuses will be three months old, which means that you'll be entering the second trimester, the most comfortable stage of the pregnancy. Your morning sickness will gradually disappear, your appetite and your energy will improve, and your babies will be stronger and more resilient. You'll also start to have a visible belly, so you should change into more comfortable clothes. Do remember to take your calcium supplements, and make sure you get a good sleep every night."

After speaking, the doctor simply prescribed some calcium tablets and vitamin supplements and called for the next patient.

With the checkup report in her hand, Renee cheerfully waved at Margaret, who had been waiting for her outside the doctor's office, and told her, "It's just as you said! They're perfectly fine! I've been worried sick for nothing!"

"I'm glad to hear it, Miss Renee! I'm glad to hear it!"

Margaret was smiling from ear to ear. She was glad to see that the Everheart family, after having fallen from grace, was starting to slowly return to its former glory, not to mention they were about to welcome the sprouting of two new branches! She was happy for the late Mr. and Mrs. Everheart, who had died with regrets, and even happier for the late General Everheart!

The two then left the hospital and waited for a cab beside the road.

Renee, however, ever perceptive, could sense that something didn't seem right. She kept feeling the urge to turn around her. "What's wrong, Miss Renee?"

"I think we're being followed!"

Renee maintained a calm and cheerful demeanor as she chatted with Margaret, but she lowered her voice as a warning of vigilance.

"What?" Margaret instantly got nervous. She stretched her neck and looked around her, asking, "We... We're being followed?!" "Don't turn around!" Renee reminded Margaret. "Let's just pretend that it's all fine and just walk ahead."

Margaret swallowed her saliva, fearing the worst. She wrapped her arms around Renee and told her, "Could it be your enemy trying to take revenge on you? I'll protect you, Miss Renee, but you must find an escape route immediately!"

"Don't panic," Renee calmly told Margaret. "I don't think it's my enemy, because they wouldn't follow us this far without doing anything."

"Then who could it be?" Margaret wondered aloud.

As they were about to turn a corner, Renee suddenly stopped, and with her back towards that shadowy figure who had been hiding from her, she yelled, "Stop hiding! I know you've been following me, so just show yourself! ■

As expected, a tall well-built man clad in black clothes and with a peaked cap on his head slowly walked out from behind a standing sign.

Never would Renee have expected that her stalker turned out to be Stefan Hunt's best friend, Cecilia Smith's loyal defender, and the eldest son of the Stuart family-Xavier Stuart.

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Xavier was humiliated when he found out that Renee had discovered him. He started cursing irritably, "Sh*! How the f*ck did you find out?! I tried to be as covert as humanly possible—I even held my breath!"

Renee folded her arms and looked Xavier up and down, then gave him a look that suggested he was a complete moron before explaining, "It's broad daylight, and you're wearing all black. You've also been following me too closely, not to mention how you chose such a stupid and obvious hiding place, and you ask me how I found out?"

Xavier realized that Renee's analysis was flawlessly logical, so he scratched his nose in embarrassment and grumbled, "Didn't they say pregnant women are absent-minded? Your mind seems pretty sharp to me! You reacted pretty quickly."

It was then Renee's turn to panic.

"Who's pregnant?" she hastily asked, acting dumb. "Was it you? Ha! I didn't know you were that crazy!"

Xavier rolled his eyes. In normal circumstances, he would have exploded in rage, but he reminded himself of the reason why he followed Renee and considered the fact that Renee was pregnant, so he kept his temper under control.

"Stop pretending," he told her. "I've been following you since you came to the hospital and went into the obstetrics department. I know you're pregnant..."

"You!"

Renee did not know what else to say. Her breathing quickened, and she started to get anxious. Now that Xavier had found out she was pregnant, he might inform his best friend Stefan, and then it would all be an ugly mess!

"Don't worry," Xavier assured her in a firm voice. "I'm no tattletale. I won't tell Stefan about your pregnancy."

This took Renee by surprise. As far as she knew, Xavier was obviously prone to prattling. How did he turn into such a reasonable person all of a sudden? Something very fishy must be going on here!

"After all," Xavier continued, "Stefan just got a divorce from you not too long ago, and you've already gone on and got pregnant with that Osborne dude's child. This will be a huge blow to my friend's ego, and I don't want to see him suffer like that."

This concern of his was borne out of the series of events that happened after Stefan got his heart broken many years ago. Back then, after Cecilia dumped him, not only did Stefan torment himself, he even dragged his best friend Xavier along to suffer with him.

And now that Stefan had fallen for his ex-wife Renee, Xavier could not imagine what would happen if Stefan found out she was pregnant with another man's child, so quickly after their divorce! It would surely be catastrophic! That was precisely why he did not need Renee to ask him not to reveal this-because Xavier himself would take this secret to his grave!

"I see!" Renee could not help but smile. It was clear what Xavier thought of her. Immediately after finding out that she was pregnant, he took it for granted that the babies in her belly were another man's, not Stefan's.

But that was fine with her since she could rest easy now. She wondered what Stefan would do when he learned the truth about their children one day. Would he thank this best friend of his for keeping the secret?

She cleared her throat and said, "I wanted to keep my pregnancy with Liam Osborne's child a secret all along because I'm planning to leave this place, with my baby and Liam in tow, and live elsewhere. After all, I was Stefan Hunt's wife for four years. If I start building a perfect family with a house full of children while he is still single and lonely, then it would really hurt his feelings, wouldn't it?"

"Damn right it would!" yelled Xavier. He then sternly warned Renee, "If you're smart, you'd do well not to reveal your pregnancy before my friend finds a new woman! Otherwise, I'll never leave you in peace!"

Renee stifled a smile and maintained a serious expression on her face as she nodded and assured Xavier, "Don't worry, I won't let anyone know about it. Boasting is not my habit anyway."

She started to realize that although this idiot tended to have a potty mouth, he was actually quite an earnest guy and a loyal friend, which Renee found adorable. Still... Why was this guy following her around like a weirdo?

"Tell me the truth," she began to ask bluntly. "Why did you follow me like that? If you don't give me a reason, I'll make sure to start a habit of boasting around your friend Stefan!"

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Xavier briefly touched his nose in awkwardness. He was not so insolent now, and he acted rather uneasily and awkwardly.

Humph! After all, he had a favor to ask, and he had to beg the woman he looked down the most. Of course, he felt like he had lost face.

"Are you free now? I'll buy you coffee."

Xavier hesitated for a long while before he asked her that.

Renee smiled and said, "Mr. Stuart, am I not your friend? Do you want to poison my coffee?"

She was well aware of Xavier's attitude toward her. He never regarded her seriously, and he always found her an eyesore. However, he offered a symbol of peace by taking the novelxo initiative to invite her for coffee. That was indeed strange.

Consequently, Xavier's handsome face soon fell, and he said angrily, "Am I such a mean and vulgar man to you?" Renee raised her brows and asked, "Aren't you?"

"Why, you!"

Xavier was greatly infuriated, and he flew into a rage. He exclaimed violently, "I'm a righteous man. I'm not despicable enough to use such dirty tricks. I've long regarded you as an eyesore, and I hope you'll leave Stefan. But at most, I just curse you quietly. I'll never use such a mean trick as to drug you!"

He was very angry but tried his best to suppress his wrath and explain it to her seriously. Hence, Renee was rather amused. She decided to stop teasing him and said generously, "Well, sure. I'll force myself to give you a chance."

They decided to go to Starfee next door. "Miss

Ren!"

Margaret frowned and became vigilant as she glared at Xavier.

Smiling, Renee assured her. "Margaret, just go home. He's my friend. It's okay." Friend?

That word sounded casual, but it felt like a great surprise to Xavier. Powerful emotions engulfed him in that instant.

He stole a glance at her with his slender and pretty eyes. When he noticed her gaze, he quickly averted his gaze as if he was caught red-handed. His heartbeat inexplicably quickened.

Renee... addressed him as her friend.

He was so rude to her, and he always raised sarcastic remarks. However, she did not hold a grudge against him and treated him as her friend.

For a moment, he felt very embarrassed about himself.

"You've got to be careful even if he's your friend!"

Margaret stared at Xavier with hostility. She stated, "People always frame their friends nowadays. What's more, this person looks like a frivolous man. I'm sure he's not some kind of good person."

Xavier's handsome face was distorted out of fury, but he could not vent his anger on an elder. Hence, he clenched his fists and hurriedly defended himself. "Madam, that's not very nice. Why aren't I a good man? Check out the charity donation lists these years. I'm always at the top of the list. I even helped old ladies to cross the road, saved the kids who were drowned, and helped stray cats find their homes. Of course. I'm a good guy. ■

"Umm..."

For a moment, Margaret did not know how to react to that.

She never saw anyone who was so serious like that. She wondered why he behaved like a child.

Renee noticed him rolling up his sleeves to try and convince Margaret. She immediately held his arm and said, "Let's go. I know that you're a good guy!"

He was struck speechless.

He was rambling, but even that soon stopped.

He looked at Renee's fair and slim hand on his arm. He was lost in a daze, and he was rooted to the ground

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Umm... What did Renee mean? Why did she hold his arm for no reason?

Besides, her fingers were so slender, and her palm was so soft that it instantly softened his heart. Xavier's mind ran wild, and his thoughts went slightly out of control.

He quickly shook his head and forcefully withdrew his arm. He said rather unfriendly, "What are you doing? Men and women are different.

Although I'm very charming, you'd better behave yourself and don't touch me."

Renee became quite helpless, but she saw that as a joke. So, she hurriedly agreed, "Okay, I'll behave myself. Mr. Stuart, please stop being so charming! ■

In the past, all she was aware of were his mean remarks. It was only now that she realized that he was actually rather amusing. It seemed pretty beneficial to befriend such a person.

They went to Starfee and sat at a table by the window. Xavier ordered an iced Americano, while Renee got herself a warm Cappuccino.

Renee sipped her coffee and found that it was still the taste she liked. It instantly uplifted her spirits. "Spill it.

What favor do you need from me?"

She did not beat around the bush and questioned.

Xavier was shocked, and he almost spat out his coffee. He asked, "How... How did you know that I needed a favor?"

"I know you. Why would you be so polite if you didn't have a favor to ask? You would have mocked me and never bought me coffee."

Xavier soon had a new impression of her, given her analysis.

He narrowed his eyes slightly and sized Renee up for a long time, scrutinizing her. He then said, "I didn't have a good insight before and failed to notice how smart you are. I thought that you were just a mindless, pretty face who survived solely by clinging to the Hunt family... No wonder! Stefan is such a picky person, but he took such a fancy to you."

She raised her brows and felt that he was just teasing her.

Humph! How would Stefan take a fancy to her? He would just be angry.

"Stop flattering me. Just tell me what it is. As for whether I'll help you or not, it'll depend on my mood," Renee replied straightforwardly.

Xavier heaved a long sigh before he elaborated, "I'm in a very troublesome lawsuit. There's only one person who can win this case in Beach City, and that's Zack from Hunts & Co. Law Firm."

"Got it."

Renee snapped her finger. "You committed a crime, and you want Mr. Rosenwell to help you of it. Am I right?" "No!"

Xavier roared, infuriated by Renee. "It has nothing to do with me, but that woman died at my place. As the person in charge of that place, that woman's family members sued me and requested I be held responsible.

"Someone framed me. They weren't willing to resolve it in private, no matter how much I spent, and they even asked for protection from the police officers. Even if I want to use special means, I don't have such a chance... I got into such a mess!"

While talking, he ruffled his hair in frustration. He almost collapsed from all the mess.

Renee lowered her eyes and ruminated on it for a while before she asked, "What's the reason for her death?"

"The police investigation found out that she had injected too much of that substance into her body, so her body couldn't take it, and she died suddenly n

He then added furiously, "Damn! She indulged in herself too much and died. It has nothing to do with me. Why did they ask me to be responsible for it? I'm so unlucky!"

"Of course, you have to be held responsible because she died at your place. You'll even have to assume criminal responsibility if you were found to be the ones who provided the substance, or if she took it under your encouragement..."

"Okay, stop it!"

Xavier became increasingly anxious. He uttered angrily, "So, that's why I came to beg for your help cheekily. Based on the previous cases, there's only one chance of victory in this kind of situation, and Zack was the lawyer. So... Just tell him to help me!"

If he were not left with no options, he would not have used that method. It was too humiliating. Renee

answered with a faint smile, "Sure, I can help you, but I have one condition.

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When Xavier found that there was hope after all, his eyes lit up. He immediately said, "What's your condition? Just tell me whatever you want as long as you can help me win this lawsuit!"

Renee did not beat around the bush either, and she said directly, "I want to rent the piece of land belonging to your family in the southern suburbs for thirty years."

Considered one of the eight major families, the Stuarts mainly dabbled in real estate. Although they focused on only one industry, their financial resources were particularly strong.

The Stuart family gained a lot of land in the earlier years because of their great connections, which resulted in them constructing numerous famous luxury neighborhoods and commercial centers. However, although the piece of land situated in the southern suburbs of Beach City was as large as 1500 square feet, its development value was low because it was located in a very remote place, and it had been left vacant. Tall grass now overgrew the empty plot.

During those years, the Stuart family kept that piece of land due to a depression in the real estate industry as well as the fact that no one could take over it. If one did, it would be a certain waste of money, and they would only suffer losses.

Renee's request... was rather strange.

"Why do you want that piece? It's trouble, so no one dares to take it." Xavier took a sip of coffee and asked curiously.

Renee smiled. She thought, 'He's pretty honest because he doesn't hesitate to talk bad about his family.' "That's not your concern. So, is that yes or no?"

Renee replied mysteriously.

"I can't wait to pass it to you if you want it. Anyone who invests in that place will suffer a great loss. I sincerely suggest that you do not take over that piece of land. If you want to invest in real estate, my family has some better lots for you to consider.'

Xavier added loyally.

He subconsciously regarded her as his friend after she claimed that he was her friend, and one wasn't about to shortchange one's friend.

Renee shook her head and said firmly, "I don't need anything else but that piece of land. If you promise me, I'll immediately ask Zack to sign a contract with you and become your defense attorney."

"Deal!"

When he noticed how straightforward she was, he behaved in the same way too, and said, 'Til rent it to you at the lowest price. You're bold, but don't blame me if you can't develop it."

"Deal!"

She raised her coffee cup to him.

Unexpectedly, everything had gone so smoothly. She thought Xavier was the hardest to persuade, but it turned out that he was the easiest to talk to.

As expected, one could never judge a book by its cover.

Xavier only grew more curious about Renee. He stared at her as if it was the first time he had met her. He sighed with sentimental feelings, "Why do I feel that you're nicer to look at after your divorce? Do you know how annoying you were when you acted like an obedient rich wife in the past?" Renee raised her brows and replied, "Yeah, I felt that my world became wonderful after the divorce. All the people I met were nice. In the past... I was just everyone's punching bag. I was never liked; it was as if the identity as Stefan's wife was some kind of sin.'

During these years when she was married to Stefan, she led a careful and humble life. She carefully and meticulously tried to please everyone, but everyone treated her with disdain.

On the contrary, the servants who bullied her in the past started respecting her after the divorce. Even her mother-in-law and sister-in-law, who used to scold her, did not dare to offend her now. Xavier, who always rolled his eyes at her and mocked her, also began to chat with her happily.

"I feel that my bad luck is the result of no one else but Stefan. As long as I leave him, my good energy will return to me, and my life will become normal."

With a bitter smile, Renee elaborated sincerely.

'Humph! If Stefan heard that, he would be greatly infuriated...'

Xavier added, "He's taken a fancy to you now, but you ceased to like him. You guys have different tempos, so you're destined to be an unhappy couple."

However, Renee sneered and said, "You're kidding! He doesn't take a fancy to me. It's just his temporary possessiveness." "Perhaps..."

Xavier sighed and said, "Stefan doesn't have much experience in love. He doesn't even know if he's taken a fancy to you, though there's one thing we can be sure of. He's been paying much attention to you these days and even asked me for the techniques for pursuing women. He even jotted them down. He claims he wants to acquire your heart."

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"Pfft!"

Renee spat out her coffee and immediately wiped her lips. She said in disbelief, "He's Mr. Iceberg, but he asked you for advice regarding these dishonest practices? Are you guys comedians? You must be kidding!"

'I'm not. I taught him my special skills of pursuing women. He's probably gained a lot of insights...'

He enthusiastically described his women-chasing techniques to her when he reached that point.

After comparing them, she found that it was indeed similar to Stefan's recent odd behavior. For a moment, she was quite helpless.

"Ha! Ha! How hilarious! No wonder he applied for another account and chatted with me every day. He even promised to give me money. As for the other women, he... It turns out that there's a set of techniques behind it!"

At first, she was angry at Stefan. But when she found that he was doing exactly what Xavier had taught him, she suddenly felt that this insensitive man was just too adorable. It couldn't help but abate her anger.

"No one knows. Although he claimed he's pursuing you because he hopes you can withdraw your lawsuit against Briar, I feel he more or less cares about you. If not, he won't do such a humble and shameful thing given his tough character."

So, it was because of Briar...

Renee soon regained her wits and replied faintly, "Whatever... After all, it's all over now..."

"I think so too."

Xavia nodded and made a guess. "Cecy has broken up with Chris, so I think Stefan will get back together with her. After all, they loved each other very much previously."

Renee was in a slight daze before she said, "Then I wish them happiness."

Xavier said, "We're friends from today onward. Let bygones be bygones. I also wish you and Liam happiness. After all, you guys have a baby now. You guys are faster."

Renee made no reply.

She smiled and said nothing else.

Yeah, that might be the best ending.

As expected, Zack was as capable as he came, successfully winning that lawsuit for Xavier.

He found a piece of key evidence to prove that the woman was suffering from heart disease. The main reason for her death was because of her illness, and the minor reason was that she had consumed a special drug. As the person in charge of that place, Xavier's place had to be suspended for half a month for rectification purposes. He also needed to pay a fine.

However, Xavier still gave a great sum of compensation to that woman's family out of pity.

"Murderer! You guys are murderers!"

"Ruthless judge and lawyer! You guys will be punished. You'll be haunted by my daughter!"

After the victim's parents gained the result of the judgment, they immediately made scene in court, collapsing and wailing.

Renee was free, so she attended the trial. Stefan happened to be there too.

However, she did not greet him at all. It was as if she did not know him. After the trial was over, she went to Zack and was about to return to the law firm with him when someone stopped them in their tracks.

'Let's eat together. I haven't thanked you guys properly for helping me out, keeping me out of jail.'

Xavier stood before them and invited them enthusiastically.

At first, Renee wanted to refuse him, but Xavier answered enthusiastically. "Sure, this case wasn't easy. You should treat us to a feast."

Hence, the four of them left.

Their figures were reflected in the eyes of the dead girl, who was full of hatred...

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They went to a western restaurant that featured a very refreshing and elegant environment.

At first, both Xavier and Zack did not get along well with each other, but after that lawsuit, they became good buddies and had a very close relationship.

' Mr. Rosenwell, let me raise a toast to you. I would've been ruined if it weren't for your eloquent speech that helped me win this case. My father would've had a field day, beating me to death!'

Xavier held his glass of wine up to Zack.

However, Zack never forgot about Renee, his boss. He hurriedly said, "You don't have to thank me. I'm just my boss's employee. I wouldn't have fought in your case without her permission.'

"That's right! Let's toast to Renee!"

Zack raised his glass of wine to Renee and said half-jokingly, "I won't see you as a young married woman who doesn't know anything. I'll call you... Ren. What do you think?"

While talking, he sang casually. "Ren, you're my darling... You're the moon high up in the sky..."

Hearing that, Renee was overjoyed, and she smiled broadly. Even her eyes turned smiley.

"Sure, Xavier. I didn't expect you to sing so well. I was moved."

' Now you know!'

When he mentioned that topic, he became eager and started rambling. "Back then, in our circle, I was famous for being the singer of romantic songs. I was good at singing and writing tunes. Women went crazy for me, and I nearly made a debut. I even wrote songs for a famous singer. If you don't believe me, you can ask Stefan..."

Xavier turned to Stefan, who was sitting beside him. "Isn't that right, Stefan? You've got to testify for me."

Stefan lowered his head to cut the steak elegantly. However, he wore a cold expression, giving off a sense of distant nobility.

He seemed to be slightly unhappy as he cut the steak forcefully. He then snorted and said, "You talk so much. Why didn't you

join a talk show?"

"Stefan, do you have to..."

Xavier became slightly awkward. "I'm always so talkative. You know that. When did I offend you? Why are you angry for no reason?"

"I'm not angry!"

Stefan was munching the steak and replied coldly.

The steak that day was quite hard. He was very annoyed while eating it.

"You have such a bad temper. You're just angry. Are you jealous because I talked to Ren more?"

Xavier asked seriously, but in exchange, Stefan shot him a cold glare.

He was giving Xavier a warning. 'If you say any more nonsense, I'll throw my knife at you instead.'

Renee felt slightly awkward, so she immediately gulped some orange juice to hide her awkwardness.

At the same time, she muttered inwardly, 'Stefan is jealous because of me? That won't be!'

Stefan put down the knife and fork before he picked up a napkin to wipe his lips. He glared at Xavier fiercely and coldly, "Didn't you always find her an eyesore? Why are you showing off now?"

Xavier quickly answered, "Stefan, that's not right. I'm not showing off. Ren and I are good friends that care for each other. She admitted to it too... Isn't that right, Ren?"

"Yeah, that's right."

Renee did him the honor and nodded. She said, "We became friends for life after you bought me coffee. After that cup of coffee, you and I are friends forever."

The most important thing was that Xavier was very straightforward. He leased that 1500 square-foot piece of land to her just like that. Besides, the rent was so cheap. Indeed, it was a rare occurrence in a world where greed got the better of everyone.