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“Sorry to keep you all waiting.” Stefan wore a faint smile as he sat down beside Renee, as if they hadn’t just argued.

Renee glared at him, but could not do anything else since they were both guests there. Finally, she just sighed in annoyance. and started eating.

The atmosphere at the dining table was surprisingly warm and pleasant.

Jane was nibbling a chicken drumstick, and both her hands and mouth were stained with sauce. She looked adorable.

Renee’s heart softened when she looked at her. She was about to take a tissue paper to wipe Jane’s hands and mouth for her. but Stefan beat her to it. He gently wiped her mouth and said affectionately. “Greedy girl. Your mouth is dirty.”

Renee was slightly stunned as she looked at him, a strange emotion stirring in her. She had never seen him so gentle and patient before. He didn’t look like the superior and aloof Stefan – he seemed quite caring now.

Her anger towards him instantly faded.

Jane broke into a smile as she looked up at Stefan and said childishly. “Uncle Stefan, you’re more handsome than a celebrity. I’d better call you Brother Stefan instead so you’ll be a better match for Sister Renee!”

“Hah! She definitely got that right!” Anthony and his wife burst into laughter, amused at how clever their daughter was.

“Mr. Hunt, it seems like you love kids too. Would you rather have sons or daughters?” Anthony took a sip of his wine and asked Stefan warmly.

Surprisingly, Stefan seemed quite relaxed, and his Mr. Iceberg persona was nowhere to be seen. He replied honestly.”

Daughters are cuter and more considerate. If I had a daughter as cute as Jane. I’d spoil her terribly. But sons are good too... They can hike, ski, play basketball, and do business with me, but most importantly I can beat them up!” There was now a faint smile on his face, as if he was imagining himself with his future children.

Sophia said brightly. “If that’s the case, you’ve got to have two children. Women need a few years to get pregnant and give birth, so you guys need to hurry up!”

Anthony chimed in. “Technically, they can try to get a pair of twins of mixed genders, so they’ll have both a son and a daughter at the same time.”

Sophia rolled her eyes at Anthony. “Do you think people can get twins if they wish for it? It’s such a small probability, and you’ve got to have the genes for that...”

She then looked at Stefan and asked, “Mr. Hunt, does that kind of gene run in your family?” Stefan shook his head.

“No, not that I know of.”

Suddenly, Anthony smiled, his eyes lighting up. “Ah, what a coincidence! I remember that gene runs in Ren’s family!”

Sophia also nodded immediately. “That’s right, Ren had a twin elder brother, but he died from strangulation of the umbilical cord around his neck right after he was born. Poor thing...”

Stefan was slightly surprised, and he looked at Renee and asked, “You had a twin brother?”

“Yes, but it’s not something my family tells outsiders.” Renee could not help but sigh. That incident had hurt her parents very much, so her family pretended that her brother never existed. They never mentioned him ever since then.

Renee only ever talked about it with Sophia, who was a former lecturer of Biology, for the purpose of academic research.

“Well, it’s a high possibility for Ren to have a pair of mixed–gender twins. Mr. Hunt, maybe you could give it a shot with Ren if you want both a son and a daughter?” Sophia suggested, eagerly trying to set them up.

“Ahem!” Renee felt extremely awkward, so she quickly ducked her head and focused on eating. However, Stefan

appeared unaffected and said lightly, “I’ll take it into consideration.”

‘What the hell?!’ Renee silently cursed him. “Who do you think you are? Are you a king trying to pick your queen? Did you even ask for my consent?’

Anthony subconsciously glanced at Ren’s slightly swollen belly and asked cheekily, “Ren, I feel like your belly is getting bigger. Are you perhaps already pregnant with a pair of twins?”

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“Piff!” Renee spat out the soup in her mouth, face flushed and eyes wide. “Professor Wood, what are you saying?! It’s not that easy to get pregnant! People will surely get the wrong idea if they heard that!”

Sophia tilted her head and observed Renee’s belly. She then frowned and said. “I get where he’s coming from. Your belly does. look a bit bigger now...”

“Mrs. Wood, don’t side with your husband!” Renee groaned, then said calmly. “I’m just too happy after getting the divorce, so I’ve let myself go a little. I’m not watching my weight like I did when I was still married. I never ate enough back then, and that’s why I was slim!”

Mr. and Mrs. Wood found her explanation reasonable. Mrs. Wood nodded and said, “That’s right. If women don’t watch what they eat, they can put on weight very easily.”

Stefan, however, was staring at her intently. Renee seemed composed now, but he had noticed her initial panic that she had quickly stifled. People always said that when one tried very hard to explain the situation, they were usually attempting to cover something up. Was there really something unusual with her belly?

However, he did not ask anything further. He just grabbed a tissue paper and handed it to her. “Wipe your mouth.”

It was still early after the meal. Stefan planned to leave, but Jane didn’t want him to. She insisted on going out with him and Renee.

“Brother Stefan, Sister Renee, let’s go out and have fun! Dad and Mom get tired easily, so they can’t take me out. I’m so bored at home!” The little girl whined.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood nodded in agreement, looking at their daughter sympathetically. “She’s right. We’re old, and usually busy doing research. She always stays alone at home to read. She’s not like other kids whose young parents take them out to experience all kinds of new things...”

Both Stefan and Renee were left with no options; they could only agree and take Jane out.

They drove to a nearby shopping mall, and once they entered the building. Jane rushed towards the arcade.

“Brother Stefan, Sister Renee, I want to shoot zombies!” The little girl said excitedly, and ran to a machine with a zombie game.

Stefan strode over, but Renee was standing outside uncomfortably. There were many people in the arcade, and it was quite noisy. She was pregnant now, so it seemed quite unsuitable for her to enter the place.

“Why are you just standing there?” Stefan turned around to look at Renee.

“I...” Renee thought hard, then eventually said, “I didn’t sleep well last night, and it’s stuffy in there. I’ll get dizzy if I go in.” Stefan stared at her for a while, but didn’t say anything, and eventually made his way into the arcade.

After a while, it was clear that the two of them were having fun or more accurately, Jane was having fun.

“Sister Renee, Brother Stefan is great at these games! He won many gift coupons for me, so I got a lot of gifts in exchange!” Carrying a pile of gifts, Jane handed a toy panda to Renee. “This is Mama Panda, and it’s for you. This is Papa Panda, and it’s for Brother Stefan. As for this Baby Panda...”

She paused for a while before she pointed at Renee's belly and said, "I'll take care of the baby first, and give it to the baby in your belly in the future!"

"Umm..." Renee felt awkward again as she patted Jane's head and said, "Hate to break it to you, but I'm not pregnant." "It's fine. You'll get pregnant sooner or later," the little girl said cheerfully.

Renee was speechless. She glanced at Stefan anxiously, and breathed a sigh of relief when she found that he wasn't listening to them.

The three of them headed somewhere else, not noticing that someone was following them from afar...

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"Brother Stefan, Sister Renee, it's been a long time since I watched a movie. Let's go see one!" Jane chirped energetically, and held their hands as they walked towards the cinema.

"Umm..." Renee stole a glance at Stefan. She figured that watching a movie would be a boring activity for Stefan given his status and position surely he would refuse Jane's request.

However, he said indifferently, "I haven't watched a movie in a long time too. The new animation called Soul Travel should be nice."

"You know about Soul Travel?" Renee asked immediately, her eyes lighting up. "I've been wanting to watch that movie! I heard it's good, but not many wanted to watch it, so they don't play it much. If we don't watch it now, it'll soon be out of theatres."

Stefan nodded. "True. It's about saving one's soul. My Grandma Coco, which is produced by the same company, is pretty good too."

"Yeah, I liked that one. I watched it when it was first released, and cried like a baby in the cinema..."

Before they realised it, they were chatting with each other like old friends. They found that they were both film enthusiasts, and had watched almost the same movies as the other. Their comments and understanding of the movies were oddly similar too. Both of them felt that they had finally found someone else with the same taste, and they regretted not finding out sooner.

In the end, Renee chuckled and said, "Stefan, I always thought that you were just an emotionless capitalist who only cares about money, but it turns out that you've got a soul too!"

Stefan raised his brows and scoffed, "Likewise. I always thought that you were just a dumb and gullible pretty girl."

The movie was about to start. They held their tickets and went to line up to enter the hall. The line was long, and Stefan stood behind Renee in the line. They were both quite eager to watch the movie.

As they were lining up, Renee suddenly felt like something was amiss. "Stefan, do you feel like something's missing?" He tilted his head slightly and inquired. "What's missing?"

Renee's eyes widened and she gasped, Jane! She's gone!"

Stefan looked around, his eyebrows raised in surprise. They looked at each other anxiously, realising how serious the situation was.

"Jane! Jane!" Renee panicked and shouted Jane's name. She was so nervous that her voice was shaky.

Jane was Mr. and Mrs. Wood's beloved daughter, and even Renee loved her like she was her own child. Jane was missing due to their own carelessness. What if she had been kidnapped by a human trafficker? It was too horrible to even contemplate, and Renee prayed it wasn't the case.

"Jane, where are you? Come back now! Don't scare me, Jane!" Renee scurried around the crowded cinema, panicked and desperate. Her eyes soon became red and watery as she held back tears.

Seeing her like that made Stefan's heart ache, and he rested his large palms on her shoulders reassuringly. Stefan's voice was calm and steady as he told her, "Don't worry, she's probably still in the mall. I'll ask people to block all the exits here. We'll find her!"

Renee was at a loss for words. She nibbled her lip unsurely, her eyes full of tears as she looked up at him. Even though she hated Stefan, she felt like as long as he was here, the issue would be solved. Even if things got out of hand, he would definitely figure a way out.

They looked at each other intently, emotions whirling in their eyes. Suddenly, they

heard a chilling scream from nearby.

"Ah! He's going to kill her! Run!"

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Renee knitted her brows tightly and grabbed a woman who was running away. "What's going on?" "A—A crazy man kidnapped a girl in the hall on the first floor. He's a suicide bomber!"

"A girl?" Renee felt sick to her stomach, and quickly asked the lady, "Is that girl around five to six years old and wearing a yellow dress?"

The lady looked bewildered, but nodded slowly. "I think so! You both should leave... Everyone in this mall will die if that bomb goes off!"

After that, she hurried away, along with many others from the first floor.

Renee immediately wanted to go downstairs, but Stefan stopped her. "What are you doing?"

Renee looked at him desperately. "Isn't it obvious? I'm trying to save her! A madman kidnapped Jane. If I don't save her, she'll die!"

Stefan pointed at the emergency exit that everyone was rushing to, then said urgently, "It's too dangerous here. Go to the emergency exit with the others and leave this place."

After that, he pushed past the panicked people, running towards the scene without turning around.

Renee watched his tall and resolute frame move through the crowd, slightly stunned. She hated that scumbag so much, but right now, his selflessness was oddly moving.

Almost all the civilians had evacuated the first floor, leaving only the armed police officers.

A middle-aged man was standing in the centre of the mall with a large knife in his hand. He held it against Jane's neck and barked at the negotiator, "Don't try to persuade me. I've made up my mind! I don't want to live, and I want all of you to die with me!"

He wore a series of string bombs around his waist. If he even yanked at the string slightly, the explosion would be enough to destroy the entire mall. It was a critical situation, and everyone there was scared.

The negotiator tried to reason with him. "Sir, please calm down. You can't resolve anything this way. Just tell us if you're facing any problems, and we'll help you."

"No, you can't help me. All of you are crooks!" The man yelled, then added piteously, "My house was forcefully snatched away to build a mall. Both my wife and child were reluctant to leave, so they were buried in the ruins. I couldn't even find their bodies..."

The man's eyes turned wild with rage. "You all love this mall very much, don't you? Blood for blood!" The middle-aged man nearly cut Jane's skin with his knife because he was so worked up.

Jane was terrified, and she sobbed helplessly, "Sir, please don't hurt me. Just let me go, okay? Please..."

The man looked down at Jane, sadness clouding his gaze. "This world is so unfair... My daughter was around your age when she died. She had a difficult life from a young age, but you're very different from her. You have an easy life, and your parents are honourable and rich. You grew up in a nice environment..."

His eyes turned steely as he sneered, "I saw you and your parents just now. I truly understood how pitiful my family was when I saw your family so happy together... My poor daughter was buried alive, so you can go join her soon. You can serve her and let her enjoy a good life."

Suddenly, Stefan approached the man and said coldly, "You pretend to be righteous, but you actually just want money, don't you? Such a thing can be easily resolved."

"Money?" The man was infuriated by Stefan's words, and scoffed, "Back then, I did want money to give my family a better life but there's no point now. They're all dead, so there's no need for money. I just want all of you to suffer the same fate as them!"

"You can kill us..." Renee's soft voice came from another corner as she slowly walked towards the man and Jane. Seeing her, Stefan knitted his brows tightly and uttered icily, "I asked you to go. Didn't you hear me?"

However, she ignored Stefan and said to the man seriously. "But do you know what kind of consequences you'll face if you hurt that girl?"

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The man's eyes were fierce as he snarled, "Everyone will die with me. I don't care about the consequences!"

"I know you don't care about the consequences, but what about your wife and daughter? Did you ever consider what might happen to them?" Renee asked him calmly.

"Didn't you hear me?! They're dead, so I want all of you to die with them!" The man shouted at her.

"Heh! You're too naive. Death is not the end..." Renee shook her head, smiling as she approached him slowly.

Everyone there was shocked to see her approach him. The man's body was covered with bombs, so going closer would only mean courting death!

Stefan clenched his fists so tightly they turned white. He desperately wanted to carry the fearless Renee away, but he was afraid of agitating the madman in front of them. His handsome face turned frighteningly cold.

However, Renee appeared very relaxed as she slowly approached the man, talking to him as if they had been friends for many years. "People go to hell after they pass away, and they'll need to go through a cycle to make up for their past sins. Those who are sinful can't be reborn forever, and will have to endure endless torture..."

"You're aware that this girl is from a wealthy family, and has a very good life and fate, but you're trying to hurt her for your wife and daughter's sake. So, basically, you're just adding more sins to their name. They might be reborn into a better life, but they'll never be free because of you. Do you think that's what they want?"

Some of the people there felt that Renee's mysterious words were nothing but old-fashioned superstitions, but the man seemed to be affected by her words. His lips trembled as he whimpered, "But what can I do? My wife and daughter are dead because of those selfish people, and I couldn't even find their bodies to give them a burial. Do you want me to do nothing about it and let their deaths go just like that? I'm not that merciful. In the end, good people only suffer while bad people live comfortably. If that's the case. I don't want to be a

good man anymore!"

Renee replied, "I didn't ask you to be a good man, but you should never involve innocent people in your disputes. Instead, fight the law and sue those who caused your wife and daughter's death. You can't resolve anything by killing innocent people!"

The man shook his head in despair and chuckled bitterly, "Hah! If the law was useful, my wife and daughter wouldn't have been killed. Stop trying to change my mind. If they can't be reborn, then my family can be with me forever..."

When Renee noticed that he had become agitated again, she knew that she could not dissuade him. "Alright, but just know that this girl's life is special so you can't harm her. Why don't you take me instead? I've been researching philosophy and beliefs for many years, so I know a bit about the underworld. I can even lead the way for you and your family later..."

Her statement made him waver, and he eventually said to Renee firmly, "Fine. Come to me with your hands behind your back."

"Okay!" She nodded obediently. This was her original plan. If she could not change his mind, she would become the hostage instead. After all, she could react faster than Jane, so Jane would survive.

Suddenly, Stefan roared, "Stop!" His eyes were blazing as he growled, "Renee, don't be stupid. Get back here!"

However, she ignored him and successfully exchanged her position with Jane's. She was now the hostage, and the man was holding a knife to her neck.

Meanwhile, a news station had made their way to the place, and everything was being broadcasted on TV. Everyone watching was moved by Renee's selfless sacrifice.

Stefan strode towards the man, his body tense. He glared at the man and threatened him menacingly. "I'll count to three. Let her go now, or your head will be blown off!"

He had communicated with the snipers outside through subtle hand gestures earlier, and they were prepared to fire on his command. However, he had been thrown off by Renee's actions, and his mind just shut down. Thoughts of the crazy man losing control and slashing Renee's neck flooded his mind, and he couldn't think rationally.

Only now did Stefan realise how much he cared about Renee; he could not bear to see her harmed.

"Hah! You want to shoot me? Why don't I cut your woman's head off first?!" The man sounded hysterical and was about to slash Renee's neck.

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However, Renee was much faster. She lifted her hand and forcefully hit the man's chest. The man doubled over in pain and stumbled back, and Renee managed to free herself.

Everyone couldn't believe what they'd just seen.

"How dare you? This is your fault, girl! Now, you'll all die!" The man screamed and yanked the bomb's safety string. Everybody screamed in fear.

"Watch out!"

Renee was pulled aside, and was soon buried in a warm chest. Confused, she looked up and found herself in Stefan's strong arms. It was strangely comforting, like an impenetrable wall against the dangers outside. It felt like they were in an apocalypse drama. The two of

them had never been so close to each other before!

However, the explosion they expected never happened.

A white puff of smoke appeared, signaling that the bomb had failed to explode.

"W-What's going on? Why didn't it explode?" The man looked at the bomb strapped to his waist in confusion. The people around him looked at each other, equally perplexed.

Renee calmly pulled away from Stefan and looked at the man with a victorious smile on her face. "Your bomb was well-designed, but the

safety string wasn't firm enough. When you caught me earlier, I only needed to gently touch it to remove it. The gunpowder already

leaked through the gap, so of course it didn't explode!"

“H—How do you know how to defuse a bomb?” The man asked in disbelief.

“I know enough for me to deal with simple toys like yours,” Renee said with a smirk on her face. The bomb was clearly homemade and of

the lowest quality; she could’ve defused it with her eyes closed.

“You really are impressive, young lady.” The man was quickly subdued, but he sincerely admitted his defeat.

The people around them were also full of praise for Renee. Nobody expected a girl who seemed so vulnerable to actually know how to defuse a bomb!

Renee lifted her chin in Stefan’s direction, a cheeky smile on her face. “What do you think? I rescued you again!” Stefan didn’t speak. He just turned around and left, a somewhat weary look on his face.

“Hey, you’re not very grateful, are you? How can you treat your savior like this?” Renee didn’t know what she’d done to offend the man, and

was about to go after him and find out.

Suddenly, a woman charged through the crowd and hugged Jane. “Jane! Oh, my dear Jane!”

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The woman was none other than Jane’s biological mother, Sandra. “Jane, are you alright? I think your neck is bleeding! Does it hurt? I’ll take you to the hospital right away!”

Sandra picked Jane up and looked her over anxiously, tears streaming down her cheeks. She had been reading a dossier when she saw the live broadcast on TV, and was shocked when she realized that her precious daughter had been kidnapped. She immediately dropped whatever she was doing and drove as fast as she could to get to the mall. Fortunately, her daughter had only suffered some minor external injuries, thanks to Renee’s selfless act.

Initially, Sandra couldn’t even be bothered to look Renee in the eye, but now, she felt nothing but gratitude towards her. “Thank you so much. If it weren’t for you, I can’t imagine what would’ve happened. You saved Jane’s life, and that makes you my savior too. I owe you my life!”

Renee waved her off awkwardly. “It’s nothing, I would’ve done the same for anyone. Thank you for the compliment, though!” Sandra chuckled. “Don’t think too much of it. I still don’t like you, but if you want anything in return, I won’t say no.”

“Fine Renee couldn’t help but sigh. Sandra was really a tough nut to crack!

However, Jane suddenly pushed Sandra away and ran behind Renee. “Who are you? I don’t know you! My parents told me not to let strangers touch me. You’re a bad person... I’ll ask the police to arrest you!”

“Jane, you.” Sandra’s face crumpled. It was hurtful that her own daughter thought she was a bad person and wanted the police to arrest her.

Renee held Jane’s hand and said gently, “Jane, this woman isn’t a bad person. Look, she’s so worried about you that she’s almost in tears. She clearly loves you!”

Only then did Jane relax. She curiously studied the tall, imposing woman before her. “Who is she? I don’t recognize her, but she feels familiar. I think I’ve seen her in my dreams...”

“Jane, she’s actually your...” Renee wanted to tell Jane the truth.

Jane knew that Professor Wood and his wife weren’t her biological parents, and she’d always wanted to know who her real parents were. In fact, her wish for her sixth birthday was to meet her biological parents.

If Renee told Jane that Sandra was her biological mother, she’d at least have half of her birthday wish granted.

However, Sandra cut Renee off. She looked coldly at Jane and said softly. “You’re right for hating me. I’m not a good person, so you’d better stay away from me. Otherwise, I can’t promise I won’t hurt you.”

She then turned to face Renee. “Take her to the hospital, and don’t tell anyone what happened here. I won’t forget what you did today. I always return the favor!”

With a final glance at Jane, Sandra strode away coolly.

Renee watched her leave. The woman probably had many secrets she didn’t want other people to find out...

Jane tugged at Renee’s hand. “Renee, you haven’t told me who that woman was. I want to be her friend. Why did she suddenly leave?”

“Umm...” In the end, Renee didn’t tell Jane that Sandra was her biological mother. “That woman is very capable and selfless. Jane, don’t

forget – whatever happens in the future, you cannot blame her. You have to forgive her, okay?” Jane wasn’t sure what Renee meant, but she nodded obediently. “Alright, I understand.”

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The crowd gradually dispersed, and the mall became peaceful again.

Renee looked at Jane’s neck worriedly. “Although the wound isn’t deep, it still needs to be looked at. I’ll take you to the hospital.” Renee looked around for Stefan, but he was nowhere to be found. She felt very upset. The man was so selfish and heartless! They had barely survived a dangerous situation, but he had just upped and left!

Renee brought Jane to the shopping mall’s entrance to hail a taxi. Immediately. Stefan’s silver car slowly moved towards them and stopped in front of them.

Renee’s tense expression relaxed slightly. Looks like he still had a shred of humanity in him! She opened the door to the backseat and got in after Jane.

Stefan sat in the driver’s seat, wearing sunglasses. “Jane can stay. You, get out,” he said to Renee coldly.

“Huh?!” Renee was in shock. Was the man serious?

“The weather is scorching hot, and I narrowly escaped death earlier. How could you ask me to get out? Are you trying to kill me?” Renee asked incredulously, her hand still on the car door.

“Kill you?” Stefan sneered. “I don’t need to, you seemed eager enough to end your life yourself earlier. Clearly, you don’t care much about your life anyway.”

“You!” Renee clenched her jaw in anger. What did Stefan mean? She’d risked her life to save so many people, and he didn’t even thank

her for it. Instead, he was being mean and cruel!

“Stefan, are you jealous of me?” Renee

demanded.

“Jealous of you?” Stefan frowned a little. He didn’t understand her.

“I single-handedly rescued everyone in the shopping mall, and in contrast, you seemed like a useless idiot. You’re probably jealous I stole

the limelight, right?” Renee said, bristling.

Stefan was speechless. He tried to hold it in, but couldn’t stop the amused smile that bloomed on his face. He had to admit that Renee’s train of thought was rather unusual. It wasn’t necessarily a bad thing, though. It was better for her to think he was angry because he was jealous rather than because he was worried about her.

Stefan found it hard to admit to himself that he was worried about Renee earlier. He knew, without a doubt, that he would have laid down his life to protect her, and it was a terrifying thought. For once, Stefan had lost his control and composure, and it was all because of how deeply Renee affected him.

That was why he got angry and took it out on Renee. He felt like he might be sick at the thought of it!

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Soon, they arrived at a nearby hospital.

After the doctor tended to Jane’s wound, he turned to face Stefan and Renee. “The wound is just on the surface, so it’s nothing serious. She just has to make sure the wound doesn’t get wet, and she’ll have to apply ointment on it once in the morning and once at night.”

“That’s good to know.” Renee finally felt relaxed. She held Jane’s hand and told her regretfully, “Jane, I’m sorry. It’s all my fault for not looking after you well enough. Can you ever forgive me?”

Jane blinked at her and patted Renee’s head like Renee was the child. “Renee, don’t be silly. You’re so cute and brave. You saved all of us.

so of course I’ll forgive you!”

Jane then turned to look at Stefan. “Stefan, don’t you think Renee is extremely cute and brave?”

Stefan harrumphed and muttered darkly. “I don’t know about that, but I do know that there’s something very wrong with her brain.”

He still hadn’t fully recovered from the fear he experienced at the shopping mall. If that man had been quicker with his knife, or if she had failed to defuse the bomb, the consequences would’ve been unimaginable!

“Since we’re at the hospital, why don’t we let the doctor check if there’s something wrong with your brain?” Stefan then turned to look at the doctor in a serious manner. “Get a checkup done for her.”

Renee scowled angrily and snapped, “Stefan, don’t push it. I saved your life! Not only did you not thank me, you’re saying such mean things to me too! Do you even have a shred of emotional intelligence? You’re worse than a six-year-old!”

Stefan pretended not to hear her. His expression was blank as he continued speaking to the doctor. “Make sure you check her thoroughly. I think there are issues with her from head to toe.”

Renee might have escaped the bomber unscathed in the shopping mall, but Stefan was still worried. He felt it was better if she received a thorough check-up.

“That won’t be necessary!” Renee crossed her arms and looked at the doctor stubbornly. “Doctor, don’t listen to that crazy man – I’m perfectly fine. He’s just jealous that I saved the day while he did nothing... Thanks for tending to Jane’s wound. We’ll be leaving.”

With that, she pulled Jane along.

To her surprise, Stefan walked even faster than them and growled at her, “Clueless. Extremely idiotic.”

“Huh?” Renee was confused. Had the man lost his mind? Shouldn’t she be the one saying that to him? He was the one who’d insulted her for no reason.

Stefan made it to the elevator before them. He walked in, turned around and said to Renee icily. “From now on, don’t appear in front of me.

I don’t ever want to see you again.” He then pressed the button to close the elevator doors.

Renee was stunned. Had he actually left? She didn’t know how to react.

“Jane, don’t you think there’s something wrong with him? I didn’t do anything to piss him off. Why was he throwing a tantrum? Are all men so egotistical?” Renee asked incredulously.

Jane looked up at her and thought for a moment. “I think Brother Stefan asked the doctor to check you because he was worried about you, but you refused to cooperate, and that’s why he got mad!”

“When I got sick in the past, my parents would always take me to the hospital for checkups. I’d always cry and refuse, and that’s when they got mad. She added wisely.

“Worried about me?” Renee murmured absently. Jane’s innocent observation had given Renee an epiphany.

Stefan had indeed been acting strangely towards her these past few days. However, he probably wasn’t worried about her. There had to be an ulterior motive!

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Yes, that had to be it!

The next day, at Hunts & Co. Law Firm.

Zack rubbed his eyes in disbelief. Renee had actually managed to handle Sandra, the most difficult lawyer in the firm, within three days

Not only did Sandra not cancel her contract, she’d also begun accepting cases for the law firm.

“Boss, you’re amazing!” Zack slipped into Renee’s office and gave her a thumbs up.

Renee, however, was focused on the document in her hand. She didn’t even look up as she said, “Mr. Rosenwell, do you have too much free time on your hands? If you don’t have any cases to work on, I can assign some to you.”

“No, thanks.” Zack waved his hands quickly. He walked around Renee with a look of admiration in his eyes. “Boss, everyone saw how you defused the bomb... You’re amazing! Who taught you that? Do you have a secret identity? Or do you work for the special forces maybe?”

Renee rolled her eyes at Zack. “My grandfather was Maurice Everheart, a famous general back then. I learned how to defuse a bomb when I was in kindergarten.”

“Whoa! That’s amazing!” Zack seemed impressed. “I can’t believe my boss is actually a great general’s granddaughter. Does that mean you have many other skills apart from knowing how to defuse bombs? What about martial arts and dismantling guns?”

“Those are easy – I could probably do them with my eyes closed.” Renee grinned proudly. “If you want to learn, I can teach you when I’m free.”

“Yes, please!” Suddenly, a group of employees who were eavesdropping outside barged in. Everyone was waiting eagerly to see her. They looked up to her like she was a deity.

If these employees hadn’t respected Renee in the beginning, it was only because of her relationship with Stefan. However, they now respected her from the bottom of their hearts, and would willingly sell their souls for her.

Their boss was a general’s daughter, and knew how to defuse bombs, dismantle guns, and do martial arts... It was way too cool!

“I can teach you all, but let me prepare the equipment first. I’ll spend one day a week teaching you all these skills,” Renee offered generously.

“Equipment?” Nobody understood what Renee meant, but they were still very excited about it. They began to talk among themselves, and it became very lively.

Suddenly, the room fell silent as Sandra walked into Renee’s office with a large pile of documents. Apart from Zack, all the other lawyers quickly left. Nobody dared to say a word. It was evident that Sandra was very powerful as one of the three main partners of the law firm.

“I found a way to tackle that case you brought in. Do you have a minute?” Sandra asked directly. She was dressed very professionally. “Of course. Come in, I’ve been waiting for you!” Renee had finally succeeded in getting Sandra on board, and she was overjoyed.