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"Xavier, you're here..." Shirley pretended to be shocked and then glanced at Leia. "I don't know why Miss Osborne is so angry. I greeted her politely, but she just started insulting me... But it's fine. As a public figure, I can't make everyone like me."

Leia rolled her eyes exaggeratedly and mocked, "Yeah, obviously you're the most innocent person here. I was the unreasonable one for targeting a star like you; I'm nothing but a narrow-minded madwoman."

"Miss Osborne, don't say that. I didn't mean that..." Shirley looked at Xavier pitifully. "Xavier, you've been with me for years, so you know me best... Am I a troublemaker?"

Xavier glanced at her coldly and said, "If you had acted this well in your movies, we would have profited ages ago."

"Xavier, you..." Shirley's face turned livid and she quickly lowered her head, gritting her teeth in anger. Xavier always praised and adored her, so she never expected that he would embarrass her in front of another woman. She could not accept it!

"Pfft!" Leia couldn't hold her laughter back when she heard what Xavier said. It seemed that Shirley's sponsor wasn't blind—he knew exactly what kind of person she was.

Xavier's gloom dissipated when he saw Leia laugh, and he fought to control the affectionate smile on his lips. He cleared his throat and said to Shirley curtly, "You came just in time. I have something I want to talk to you about."

Shirley looked up with brightened eyes and said happily, "Xavier, what do you want to tell me? Actually, I want to discuss something with you too. Can I go to your office?"

During the time she was away, Shirley realized that Xavier's feelings for her had changed. Scared of losing her current fame and lifestyle, she had tried to win him over again, but Xavier had instantly seen through her childish means. He had refused to meet her until today, so she saw this as a great opportunity to win him back.

"Let's go." Xavier inadvertently glanced at Leia before he turned and left. Since he wasn't talking to Leia, he was curious to see how long she could hold on.

Xavier, Shirley, and her team walked toward the president's office. Leia pretended to be indifferent as she walked into the elevator. 'Hmph! He can talk to anyone he wants! It has nothing to do with me. I don't care at all!'

Xavier watched the elevator door close and realized that Leia didn't want to fix things. He clenched his fists unhappily. 'Fine, Leia, if that's how you want it. Your man is about to be snatched away by another woman but you couldn't care less. Am I not important to you?'

"Wait here. Xavier wants to talk to me alone," Shirley said to her agent and assistant. "It's fine, let them come in. They should know about this too," Xavier said cryptically.

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Xavier put one hand in his pocket, his posture cold as he walked into his office. He then casually dropped onto the sofa, uncaring about his image now.

"Umm... It's fine. Mr. Stuart, you can talk to Shirley alone and she can brief us later. If we go in, we'll only be in your way," the agent explained quickly. Of course, she hoped that Shirley could win Xavier's heart back. After all, Shirley would fall from grace in less than half a year without a sponsor given her lack of skills. She would lose both her net worth and her huge fanbase, and it would be tough for her to make a comeback again.

"Just come in. As her team, you should be involved in her future plans, right?" Xavier frowned impatiently, burning with anger. Leia's indifference earlier had annoyed him, and now, these women were trying to scheme against him.

"Well... This..." Both the agent and assistant glanced at Shirley, waiting for her order. They were loyal to Shirley, so they always obeyed her.

"It's fine, just come in since he asked you to. I guess the company has come up with a new plan for my development, so we should all hear about it together,' Shirley said finally, a strained smile on her face.

They all walked into the president's office and closed the door behind them.

Xavier put his elbows on the table, his fingers crossed under his chin. He appeared relaxed, but exuded the power and confidence typical of a successful man. His calculative gaze seemed like it could see through any hidden intentions.

"I won't beat around the bush. The current market likes tough women, so Shirley's image isn't compatible with it. The board of directors suggested withdrawing some of Shirley's resources, so we've decided to send Shirley to Korshach to study for a year. We won't accept any new jobs for her," Xavier said bluntly, revealing the company's plan.

"What?!" The agent was shocked. After a while, she asked hesitantly, "Is the company going to suspend Shirley?"

"No, she's going to study abroad."

"But Shirley is a star who gains her fame through exposure, so it's practically suspension if she doesn't have jobs for a year! Please reconsider ... It was hard for her to get this far after so many years. If she goes off the grid, it'll be a gigantic loss for both Shirley and the company," the agent begged shamelessly. They thought that the company might cut down on her resources, but unexpectedly, the company had decided to suspend Shirley.

It was unacceptable!

"Just stop. This isn't a discussion, I'm merely informing you of what will happen next." Xavier's blank expression told them that everything had already been decided.

"Xavier, why are you being so cruel?" Shirley finally broke her silence, clenching her fists as she asked shakily.

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"Cruel?" Xavier sneered and glared at Shirley. "Letting you live after everything you've done is already generous!"

Shirley's eyes instantly turned watery, and she grabbed his arm and sobbed. "I know that you're still mad at me because of the affair, and that's why you're behaving like this, but don't you still love me? Give me another chance, we can start over!"

"No way." Xavier brushed her hand off in disgust. "My intentions back then were sincere, and I really did want to spend the rest of my life with you, but you disappointed me. You're devious and greedy, and I hate that kind of person the most. The only thing I feel for you now is disdain, and if you leave now, maybe I won't think so badly of you."

Shirley collapsed on the floor in despair and helplessness. "I didn't do that because I was greedy... I just hoped I could be the perfect match for you. I didn't know things would turn out that way. Your father and I...'

"Shut up!" Xavier interrupted her and clenched his fists. "Don't bring him up in front of me. You both are disgusting!"

"I'm really sorry, Xavier. I never wanted to hurt you. I've always loved you, you know that. Please give me another chance and not suspend me. I can take up secondary female roles or join variety shows. I can start over, I..."

"Even until now, the only thing you're worried about is yourself. Now I know for sure that I made the right decision," Xavier scoffed with disappointment. 'Universal Entertainment isn't doing charity and has no interest in making losses. The board of directors has made a decision, and it's non-negotiable."

"Fine, but don't forget that it was you who asked for this!" Shirley realized that he had made up his mind, so there was no point in her pretending to be weak or pitiful. The only thing she could do right now was ask for help from a person more powerful than Xavier...

And she most certainly could do that.

"You're not the sole owner of Universal Entertainment, you know. If you want to suspend me and promote someone else, you have to ask for his permission.' Shirley slowly stood up, the tears in her eyes now replaced with a cunning gleam.

Meanwhile, Leia was hunched over and leaning against the door of Xavier's office, trying her best to eavesdrop on their conversation. "Damn it! What are they talking about? What happened that made Xavier fall out with his first love?"

She could only hear their conversation vaguely from this distance. It seemed that the company had decided to suspend Shirley and promoted another celebrity because she had done something to disappoint Xavier...

'Hah! I knew there was something fishy going on. This is going to shock the whole entertainment circle!' Leia thought triumphantly, her fangirl past resurfacing as she smelled gossip. Although she had entered the elevator, she did not go downstairs. She casually went to another floor and then secretly returned to this floor.

She was still Xavier's girlfriend. Even if she wanted to ignore him, she couldn't pretend to not care if another woman was trying to snatch him away. However, she still had pride, so she didn't want Xavier to find out. If not, he would always bring it up in the future.

At first, Leia planned to leave after getting sufficient info, but her curiosity made her linger on. As a result... Clang! The door opened suddenly, and Leia went tumbling into Xavier's office.

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Shirley was about to leave in a fit of anger with her agent and assistant, but froze when Leia crashed to the ground in front of them. Everyone was dumbstruck as they stared at her.

"Ugh, how embarrassing...!' Leia mumbled, keeping her head low. She wished the ground would just open up and swallow her... Maybe she could migrate to another country tomorrow.

Knowing she couldn't hide from them any longer, Leia looked up and smiled at them widely. "Umm... hi. What a coincidence, I just happened to be passing by!"

Shirley sized Leia up condescendingly, then scoffed, "Yeah, what a coincidence! Miss Osborne, weren't you eavesdropping on us?"

"Of course not! Why would I do something like that? I told you I was just passing by." Leia stood up and dusted off her clothes, stubbornly refusing to admit it.

"I thought you were a virtuous person given your noble background, but it looks like the two clearly aren't connected. Although I grew up in an ordinary family, I never did such an immoral thing," Shirley sneered. Xavier didn't want anything to do with her anymore, so she wasn't afraid of showing her true colours.

"What?! How could you say something like that? I... I wasn't immoral. I..." Leia stammered, trying to think of something. "Was I wrong? Can you swear you didn't eavesdrop on us just now?"

"I, I..." Leia pursed her lips guiltily.

Xavier had been watching everything indifferently, but instinctively stepped forward when he saw Leia's dilemma. He stated coldly, "So what if she

did? I'm her boyfriend, so she has the right to know what her boyfriend talks about with another woman. In fact, any other woman would have barged in and insisted on being included."

"Boy... Boyfriend?" Shirley's expression became nasty, and she glared at Xavier icily. "Are you seriously in love with her? You once said that all these other women are just playthings, and that you'll find someone new the second you get bored. How can you call yourself her boyfriend? Isn't it ridiculous?"

"She's different." Xavier's sharp gaze was dangerous. "And you have no right to judge me."

"Of course I do! I'm the only woman you ever loved. Just admit it- everyone could see how much you sacrificed for me, which is so different from the way you treat her," Shirley boasted arrogantly.

Leia's cheeks burned in humiliation, and she scoffed, "Hmph, you make it sound like he's the most popular man around. He said he can get another woman if he's bored? Well, I should be the one saying that.'

Leia walked up to Xavier and pinched his cheeks. "Look at him. You don't have to worry, I'm already bored of him. If you want, I can give him back to you."

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Leia's words infuriated Xavier, and he growled at her, "Really? Is that what you think?" "As if you didn't say the same about me!" Leia protested.

"We've been a couple for a while now, so don't you know how I feel about you? Are you just going to believe whatever people say when they try to sow discord between us?" Xavier's words were sharp. He felt that his relationship with Leia was different from what he had with Shirley. He and Leia were soul mates who loved each other; their love was simple and fervent, and couldn't be shaken by others... But now, Shirley had so easily created a rift between them.

Maybe the relationship wasn't as deep as he thought... Maybe he was just a nobody to Leia. Though he was hoping for reassurance, Leia's next words disappointed him even more.

"Yeah, I think Shirley is more rational than me. She was right, you know- you did sacrifice everything for her. She was your first

love that you adored greatly, and I... Well, I'm just another one of your flings. This is only temporary. I can accept it, so I hope you can do the same.' Leia refused to admit defeat, especially when it came to love. The reason she had dived into her work after she started dating Xavier was because of her insecurity. After all, he was a famous playboy who had dated all kinds of women. If she wanted to keep him around, she had to make herself irreplaceable.

At first, she thought she could have the upper hand in the relationship as long as she worked hard enough, but now, she felt she was just deceiving herself. He was nice to whoever he loved, even if that person was useless. Shirley was the perfect example of that.

"I can't say anything since you're so stubborn." Xavier's gaze was aloof, and his tone was emotionless. "Yeah... I'm a heartless playboy. I only dated you because I wanted to kill time and retrieve the dignity I lost with Shirley.

You're just the same as all those other women. I'll dump you after I'm done with you!"

"Xavier, you scumbag! You'll never get the love you want!" Leia angrily slapped him and stormed out of the office.

Xavier tilted his head, and an unruly lock of hair fell over his handsome face. His gaze was cold, and nobody could tell what he was thinking.

Shirley was shocked at how much Leia had affected him. "Xavier, you..." She tried to go over to check on him.

"Don't touch me!" Xavier scowled and turned away in disgust. Although Leia frustrated him, he would not let any woman badmouth her and manipulate him.

Shirley clenched her fists in humiliation, then sneered, 'She humiliated you, but you're mad at me. I thought you both were loyal to each other, but it seems like your relationship is a house of cards. I don't know what you're holding onto.'

"Someone like you could never understand," Xavier said condescendingly.

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Xavier's lip curled in anger as he growled, "You've done enough damage already. Can you get lost now?"

"Why, you!" Shirley stamped her feet and walked out of the office furiously, her agent and assistant quickly following her.

As soon as they left the office, her agent said anxiously, "It looks like Master Xavier is serious about Miss Osborne. No wonder he agreed with the board of directors to suspend you. It'll be very troublesome if things went on like this."

"Enough talking... You know what to do," Shirley said cryptically as she calmly touched up her makeup.

"You're saying..." The agent trailed off when Shirley glanced at her meaningfully, and she soon realised what she meant. The agent sighed, her heart sinking.

When she first made her debut, Shirley was a naive and gullible young woman. At that time, she never complained even if things were hard because she wanted to earn money for her mother's illness and her brother's gambling debt. She worked hard to get to where she was now, and her journey had been very inspiring. Unfortunately, she had lost herself in the pursuit of fame and fortune in the entertainment circle, and had now become a vain and cunning person. She did a lot of bad things for the sake of her own image and popularity, and this time wasn't going to be any different.

Renee held the business card Xavier had given her as she stood in front of Quinton's room. After a long time, she finally knocked on the door.

"Come in." Quinton was playing chess with Haze to try to forget about his fight with Renee. He seemed calm whenever they met, but he was having a harder time than her. Though he'd never admit it, he felt like he was going crazy from all this.

Quinton never gave up hope that Renee would come to make peace with him, so he played chess with Haze until late every night for fear so he'd be awake if Renee came. When he heard her knock on the door, he was overjoyed, but pretended to not care. He kept his head low and pretended to be focusing on the chess match as he said calmly, "Why are you coming to me instead of your ex-husband? I can't entertain you."

"Ahem, ahem!" Haze suddenly coughed and said, "You can't take back your pawn once you've put it down, so... think carefully." Quinton collected himself after he heard that, and his attitude became better. "There's a gift box on the table. See if you like it."

Haze groaned inwardly. Although he still sounded bad, it would have to do.

Renee's eyes lit up. "Are you giving me a gift?"

"No, I didn't say that... It's just that we have too many treasures in Carmine Pawnshop, so I've got no place to keep it," Quinton lied smoothly. This gift was very valuable and could be regarded as the signature treasure of Carmine Pawnshop.

Renee opened the gift box carefully, and became confused when she saw what was inside. "This is..."

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Renee saw a dark red jelly-like thing in the box that resembled a mushroom. Although Renee didn't know what it was, she couldn't tear her gaze away from it.

"That item is an ancient mushroom. Generally, it's very rare to find a thousand-year-old mushroom, and even if you do, most of them are white. But this is a ten-thousand-year-old mushroom, so it's dark red. It's said to be able to bring people back to life, so many noble families around the world would pay any price to get it to live longer. I didn't expect it to be here in Carmine Pawnshop though... Well, it's certainly the most valuable treasure in this shop," Haze elaborated enthusiastically. He liked studying codes and reading books about treasures, so he was happy he managed to see such a rare item today.

"Wow, Quinton, you're pretty generous. You spent a fortune because of your sister. I'm afraid all men will come in pursuit of Phoenix if you announce this as her dowry... I must get her for this mushroom alone!" Haze said jokingly.

"Very funny!" Renee shot Haze a fierce look then stared down at the mushroom in awe.

"Quinton, it's too much. You should keep it if it's the most valuable treasure here. It's a waste if you give it to me," she said hesitantly. A valuable item like that should be kept in the right place. Carmine Pawnshop was equipped with great security and exceptional skills in storing things; it was the best place to store such a treasure.

Quinton waved his hand dismissively. "I told you already that Carmine Pawnshop owns a lot of treasures, so giving you one of them is fine. Keep it safe. If anyone gets sick in the future, it may be of use."

"But Quinton, I..."

"Just take it. You're my sister-you'll have all my belongings in the end anyway. I just chose to give this to you in advance. I... want to apologize for the harsh words I said to you before. If you don't take it, I'll assume you haven't forgiven me, and we're still going to be arguing," Quinton said seriously. He was a male chauvinist who would never admit to his mistakes, and Renee was the first person he had apologized to. He had even given her a gift to make it up to her; he truly valued their sibling relationship.

"Oh, okay. I'll take it then. Thank you, Quinton." Renee was greatly moved, and tears filled her eyes. "I'm sorry, Quinton. You're so nice to me, but I ignored you and angered you for the past few days... I'm so bad!"

"No, I was the bad guy here! I'm a man and your brother, but I acted like a child and argued with you. I was wrong. Whoever you favor is your choice- I shouldn't have forced my opinions on you and scolded you," Quinton admitted.

Haze was moved by their sincerity, but couldn't help but day cheekily, "Both of you made a mistake, so you should just slap each other once and move on."

Both Renee and Quinton turned to glare at him at the same time. "I think it would be better to slap you instead." "Err... forget what I said."

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Haze immediately kept his mouth shut and stared at the chessboard intently.

Both Renee and Quinton had a heart-to-heart talk with each other for a long time. After that, Renee recalled why she went to him in the first place. She asked tentatively, "Quinton, is it uncomfortable for you to wear this mask for long?"

"It's fine. I found it heavy in the past, but now I've gotten used to wearing it."

"I saw your photo before your face was ruined on the Internet, and you're so handsome! Your eyes resemble Mom's and your features look just like Dad's. Your aura is like Grandpa's. You're indeed my brother... You're so perfect!"

"Of course. I'm not bragging, but if my face hadn't been ruined, I could've made a great living in Beach City. I established my business by relying on my charms back then." Quinton was very confident in his charisma. In the past, he could kill anyone and do anything he wanted without any obstacles because of his charm. It was also the reason why he hated Stefan so much. He wanted nothing but to hack Stefan into pieces everytime he took off his mask and saw his ugly face.

If Renee was not stuck in between them, he would have risked everything to fight Stefan and get his revenge.

"Umm... Actually, I can help you regain your past look... Well, maybe not a hundred percent. But at least, we can get back ninety percent of it. What do you think?" Renee asked carefully.

Unexpectedly, the amiable Quinton immediately turned hostile, and he growled, "You want me to have plastic surgery, don't you?"

"Err... It's not plastic surgery, it's just recovery... It's because you had a perfect face that became slightly less perfect because of an accident. We're just trying to minimize imperfections. Isn't that reasonable?"

"I don't want to!" Quinton firmly refused. "I have avenge myself."

Renee swallowed, her body tense. She had thought of the possibility of his refusal and stubbornness before she went there, but she didn't expect it to be this bad. "Why not? You can lead a better life. Why would you refuse?"

Renee couldn't understand.

"The scar is a reminder of my pain and suffering. If it's healed, I might let my guard down. I need this scar to always remind me of the humiliation I suffered," Quinton said seriously.

"But I think you shouldn't let a scar affect you if it can be healed. Maybe that humiliation isn't as serious as you think. You just bury yourself in it and refuse to come out. You're the one who's suffering," Renee said gently, trying to persuade him.

"You're not me. You don't know what humiliation is to a man!"

"I don't care. You must sign up for this recovery surgery. If not... I'll keep ignoring you!" When that didn't work, Renee had no choice but to provoke him using extreme means. "I don't want to have a monster as my brother... Even if you're not doing it for

me, you should do it for Adie and Abby's sake!"

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Naturally, Quinton couldn't refuse after Renee mentioned Adie and Abby." Well... just do whatever you want then," he said awkwardly.

Renee's eyes lit up, and she asked excitedly, "Quinton, do you mean it?"

"Of course. I just don't want you, Abie, and Addy to leave. I love the kids very much, and I don't want them to be afraid of me, so... I'll give in, even if it hurts my pride." Although he sounded pitiful, his face was full of happiness. To him, the children represented hope and a new beginning. He considered Adie and Abby his descendants, so he was willing to sacrifice anything for them; a minor face recovery surgery was nothing.

"Great! Don't worry, Quinton, I know you'll lead an exciting new life after the surgery," Renee said as she quickly took the business card out and called the doctor. "We'd better not waste time. I'll set the surgery for tomorrow to make sure nothing goes wrong. What do you think?"

"Whatever." Quinton waved his hand dismissively. He didn't bother protesting now. He

would do anything as long as Renee and the two children were happy.

Renee successfully set the surgery for ten o'clock the next morning, and both she and Leia accompanied Quinton to the clinic. When Haze learned about it, he shamelessly insisted on tagging along.

"It's just a small surgery, so I don't know why you all insisted on coming along. I'm fine on my own." Quinton had changed into a surgical gown, and looked much more amiable than he usually did.

Anyone looking at him wouldn't guess that he was the infamous Night Demon.

The doctor who was performing the surgery wore a pair of gold-rimmed glasses, and his demeanour was gentle as he came forward to explain the surgery. "This surgery isn't a major one, but the patient may suffer fatal complications or be left in a coma if they're not used to the anesthetic. For this reason, I need you to sign a consent form. Is that okay?"

After his explanation, a nurse handed the consent form to them, which was usually signed by a family member.

When Renee read the terms and conditions, she became scared. She turned to Leia and asked anxiously, "So many things could go wrong. What do we do if these things happen?"

Leia sighed, knowing Renee was feeling conflicted. "It is pretty scary, but we won't know unless we try. If we don't do this, Quinton's face may never recover."

"There's no need to worry so much. This doctor worked on so many celebrities with no issues, so I'm sure Quinton will be fine too.' Haze glanced at Quinton and said casually, "It's just a small surgery to heal his scar. Those celebrities did osteotomy and rhinoplasty, and everything went well."

"You don't have to worry because he's not your brother," Renee mumbled unhappily as she clenched her fists, unable to relax.

Haze smiled at Renee and said, "I disagree. I already told you that I want to win your heart, didn't I? You'll be my wife sooner or later, so I consider Quinton my brother. I am worried that something may happen to him, but... there's no reward without risk."

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"But...' Renee didn't know what to say to that.

Quinton didn't want to make things difficult for Renee, so he snatched the consent form from her and signed it swiftly. "I'll bear the risk. Hurry up and do the surgery, I've got things to do after this."

"Okay, please come to the surgery room with us." The doctor nodded and led Quinton to the surgery room, while Renee, Leia, and Haze waited in the corridor.

"Lei, did we make the right decision? Why do I feel so worried?" Renee paced back and forth in the corridor, nibbling her lip anxiously.

"Stop overthinking; trust the doctor's skills and Quinton's luck. Even if you don't, you should trust Xavier's character. He recommended the doctor to us, so I'm sure everything will be fine," Leia said comfortingly as she rested her hand on Renee's shoulder. Although Xavier was a scumbag in love affairs, he was a loyal friend. Leia trusted that nothing would go wrong given that he was the one who recommended the plastic surgeon.

Half an hour passed by, and Renee gradually relaxed. "Maybe I worried too much. Haze is right-it's just a small surgery. It'll be okay."

Another hour passed by, and the surgery was coming to its end.

"I can't wait to see if he's as handsome as he was before," Renee said eagerly. "He should have had this surgery ages ago... Maybe he would've gone back to his old self, and he wouldn't have had to suffer for so many years."

"The surgery is easy, but it's hard to get a good doctor. If everything goes well, I'll curse Xavier less," Leia scoffed, narrowing her eyes. They'd started ignoring each other after they parted on bad terms yesterday, but she couldn't stop herself from constantly glancing at her phone. Unfortunately, there were no calls or texts from him. 'Ugh, that wretched man! Mark my words, Xavier, I'll never stop cursing you!'

Renee turned to Leia, sensing that her friend was upset about something. "What's the matter? You both were being so lovey-dovey yesterday, so why do you want to curse him today?"

"I broke up with him," Leia declared angrily.

"Again?! You guys have broken up at least four times this month. This isn't a joke, is it?" Renee asked doubtfully.

"I'm not lying, we really did break up with each other!" Leia shook her head. "I finally realized that I'll always be less important to him than his first love. He cares so much more about his first love... In short, he's unworthy."

Renee was about to ask Leia about it when a nurse suddenly rushed out of the operating room, her hands covered in blood. Renee's face went pale, and her eyes grew wide in horror. "No... Something's wrong!"