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"What? She killed herself?"

Renee received the call on the way to the court. She was shocked.

Zack was sitting next to her. Seeing her reaction, he immediately asked, "What's wrong?"

"The court said Briar committed suicide early this morning. Her remains have been sent to

the crematorium." "That's impossible!"

Zack said confidently, "Briar is a suspect in a court case and the case hasn't reached a verdict yet. Even if she really did kill herself, according to the law, her corpse can only be dealt with after the legal investigation period is over. There's no way the corpse would be cremated this quickly, unless..."

"Unless someone wants to destroy the corpse to hide evidence or to substitute it with

another person!" "That's right!"

Zack had handled a lot of criminal cases and had encountered all kinds of bizarre situations before. It was not the first time he had encountered a situation where the suspect suddenly "committed suicide" right before a trial.

Renee thought hard about it and instantly understood everything.

"Hah, I knew it! So that's why Stefan was willing to let Margaret go yesterday. This is what he had planned."

"Honestly, this kind of trick is so lame. Instead of looking for a good lawyer to defend her in court, he chose to use his power to put himself above the law instead. What a coward!"

For the first time, Renee was looking down on Stefan.

She could not believe he would actually come up with an idea like faking death in order to protect that bitch, Briar Desrosiers. He had abandoned all dignity. Renee felt ashamed for him!

"Don't be mad, boss. The old boss' power and background are simply too strong. From the judge to the police, everyone have to show him some respect."

Zack shrugged helplessly and said: "However, if you want to continue pressing charges, I can still get you the win. Do you still need it?"

Renee thought for a moment, then shook her head, "No,

there's no need!" She had only made such a big deal out of the

situation to make Briar suffer.

Now, Briar had been forced to fake her death to get out of her predicament. From now on, she could only use another identity to live in disgrace. It was enough payback.

As long as she behaved herself from now on and stop messing with Renee, Renee would not drive her into a dead end.

After all, they were both mothers. Even if the mother was guilty, the child was innocent. Renee was not

so ruthless that she would let the child suffer too!

"Understood. You have such a big heart, boss. You're like Mother Teresa born again. Working for a kind boss like you, our law firm's employees will surely have an easy life until our retirement!"

Zack took the chance to lick Renee's boots.

Although he hated Renee in the beginning. Renee had made him her underling now. He absolutely admired her! "In your dreams!"

retirement? I'm not the H Group. I'm the evil demoness Renee Everheart, and I'm gonna squeeze all your value out of you!"

Renee glared at Zack and said, "You haven't done any work yet and you're already thinking of

Zack laughed helplessly. "Yeah, I noticed. Boss, you're even more difficult to deal with than the old boss. We might not even help the old boss do things if he paid us money, but we would do things for you even if you don't pay us! That's charisma!"

Renee felt like throwing up.

Zack's boot–licking was really something else!

"Anyway, back to business. The matter I discussed with you before, can

it be done?" Renee asked Zack with a serious expression.

Zack instantly became serious too. "Boss, you have such a big appetite. A case that involves a

multinational enterprise like that is usually really tough."

"Of course I know it's tough. That's why all I asked for in my divorce was the Hunts and Co. Law Firm.

More precisely, I wanted you three gold-standard lawyers."

"You said it yourself, THREE gold-standard lawyers. John and I might be willing to give it a try for your

Zack continued. "I'm good at criminal cases while John is good at administrative cases. As for civil and commercial cases... Sandra's one of the best in the world. But you haven't even met with her yet. Are

Renee raised her eyebrows. "Sandra and I are both women. I'm sure she'll support me." "I wouldn't be so sure!"

Zack told her a piece of gossip, "I heard Sandra and the old boss are abnormally close. Sandra has

sake, but Sandra hasn't said anything yet."

you sure you can convince her?"

helped the H Group settle a lot of business disputes over the years. Now that the Hunts and Co. Law Firm has changed hands, she'll very likely leave the law firm to become the H Group's legal advisor. If that happens... who knows, maybe you'll end up getting devoured alive by the H Group instead!"

the H Group instead!"

Renee declared confidently.

"She won't do that!"

Zack did not understand why Renee felt so confident, but a confident woman was so charismatic!

"Actually... I received a text from Sandra last night. She'll be arriving in Beach City from Calley today.

totaling... Trooprod a tox nom canala last night. Che ii 20 amving iii 25ash Chy nom Canoy today

Why don't you meet up with her?"

Renee's eyes instantly brightened. "Good idea!"

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Since she learned that Sandra would arrive back at Beach City at eight o'clock that

evening. Renee had been very excited. She had been waiting to meet Sandra for a long

time.

As Zack said, when it came to handling corporate lawsuits, even on a global scale, Sandra was at least in the top five, perhaps even top three.

Renee happened to need Sandra's help in a lawsuit involving the change of management rights.

It would be no exaggeration to say that, if Renee won this case, her children and her would have nothing to worry about financially for the rest of their lives....

That was why she asked for nothing but a tiny law firm during the divorce.

According to Zack, Sandra had been in Calley for the last six months, dealing with a family

business inheritance case. Coincidentally, it happened to be somewhat similar Renee's case.

Now, Sandra had finally returned after winning the case, and Renee

also saw the light of victory.... Of course, this was assuming that

Sandra would help her like Zack did!

"Zack, I'm going to pick up Miss Lee this evening. What flower does she like? I'll prepare a bouquet for her as a gift." Renee asked Zack excitedly. There was no longer any trace of unhappiness caused by Briar Desrosiers on her face. "I seem to recall that she likes carnations, especially purple carnations."

Zack sighed and tried to persuade Renee again. "Boss, I advise you to give up, Sandra's a tough nut to crack. You can win me over with just a couple of video game matches, but not her... The reason she's returning is most likely to terminate her contract

with the Hunts and Co. Law Firm. You're just gonna get rejected."

"Besides, even if she's willing to help you with that case, according to my analysis, the chances of winning are still very slim."

Zack was not trying to pour cold water on Renee's enthusiasm to do business, but Renee's plan was simply too ambitious. What she wanted to do was really hard to achieve.

"I have to try no matter how slim the chances are. Remember when I ran for president of the Electronic Technology Association before? None of you guys were optimistic about my chances either, but... I still managed to do it!"

Renee felt proud saying that. At the same time, she

became even more determined. She would not give up

easily on the decisions she had made!

"That's true!"

Zack looked at Renee with even more admiration. "Our boss has

unlimited potential! Go for it!" Renee was already waiting at the airport

by six o'clock in the evening.

conspicuous spot at the exit, holding a sign that said "Sandra Lee". She looked full of sincerity, like a fangirl waiting for her idol at the airport.

Holding a beautiful bouquet of fresh purple carnations in her hand, she stood at the most

After waiting for two hours, Sandra's flight finally landed.

A short–haired woman in khaki silk shirt, white suit pants, and black sunglasses walked

out of the VIP lane with confident steps.

Renee had no doubt that this eye-catching woman was definitely

the famous Sandra Lee. "Miss Lee, Miss Lee, over here!"

She waved her bouquet and shouted, paying no heed to the people around her.

The woman in sunglasses looked towards Renee. She emanated coldness, and it was a

coldness that was very familiar to Renee.

It was almost exactly like the

coldness Stefan exuded! Were

incredible people all ice cubes in

nature?

If that was the case, Renee wanted to melt them even more!

"I finally get to meet you, Miss Lee! I've been waiting for this moment for a long

time. This bouquet is for you!" Renee enthusiastically handed the flowers to Sandra.

"Renee Everheart?"

Tence Everneart:

asked coldly. "That's

The woman stopped and

right. I'm your new boss."

Sandra pulled her sunglasses down a bit, looked Renee up and down, and said disdainfully, "I hate carnations!"

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"You don't like them?"

Renee's hand froze in mid-air. She looked slightly embarrassed. "Zack said purple carnations are your favorite. Looks like that guy doesn't know you at all. I'll punish him when I get back!"

"Then what flower do you like? I'll get a new bouquet for you immediately..."

Sandra pushed her sunglasses up, lifted her chin, and said in a condescending tone. "No, he's right, I

used to like purple carnations, but when I saw you holding them, I started to hate them."

" "

It was like a slap to Renee's face.

Renee felt so embarrassed that her curling toes could make

holes in the ground. If it was anyone else being so rude,

Renee would have long retaliated.

But the person was the elite beauty of the legal industry, Sandra Lee. Renee only felt that she was so cool, so arrogant, so dashing! She loved it!

"It's okay, you can hate me, but the flowers are innocent, so please don't hate the flowers. These beautiful carnations will cry if you hate them..."

Renee shamelessly continued to hand the large bouquet of carnations to Sandra.

The pair of beautiful eyes hidden under the sunglasses currently had a complicated emotion in them.

After a long time, she disdainfully pursed her lips. "I can't believe Stefan's ex-wife has such thick

skin. Do you not understand rejection? Can you not see when someone hates you?"

"Let me make things clear. I don't like flowers, and I sure as hell don't like you. Your behavior can already be considered harassment. I'll pursue legal action if necessary."

After saying that. Sandra walked past Renee with her chin up like a proud peacock.

Seeing the woman walk away, Renee was not mad at all. She merely shrugged helplessly. The look on her face could only be described as... "loving"!

"What about Jane?"

Renee suddenly raised her voice and asked.

Sandra's tall figure paused for a while before turning back to Renee.

"What did you say?" "Do you hate Jane too?"

Renee asked again.

Sandra took off her sunglasses and glared at Renee with hostile eyes. She asked coldly,

"You investigated me?" "Of course."

Renee admitted honestly. "You're my lawyer. Of course I investigated you."

"I'm not your lawyer. I came back to cancel my contract. From now on, I no longer have any relationship with the Hunts and Co. Law Firm, and I definitely won't be working for you."

Sandra's attitude was firm.

She only joined the Hunts and Co. Law Firm because of Stefan Hunt in the first place. Otherwise, there was no way a person of her talents would work in a place like that.

Now that the firm had changed hands, she naturally would not stay.

Although she had to pay a huge contract termination fee, the amount was a piece of cake for her.

Renee nodded calmly. "We all have our ambitions, so I respect your choice. But before you terminate your contract, I, as your current boss, would still like to do something for you..."

As she said that, she took out her phone, played a video and handed the phone to Sandra.

"What's this...?"

Upon seeing the video's content. Sandra's cold eyes actually softened..

long time since you last saw her. I heard she's very talented. She's good at all sorts of things the piano, chess, calligraphy, painting... She's also inherited your talent as a lawyer. She's read various law books at a young age and is something of a little legal specialist at her school. She..."

"Stop!"

Renee said, slowly, "This video was taken on your daughter's sixth birthday. It should have been a

Sandra looked away, her eyes regaining their former indifference. She looked forward

expressionlessly. "I gave her up for adoption, so she has nothing to do with me anymore. How talented she is doesn't concern me."

"But you're surprisingly resourceful. To think that you managed to find out about my personal secret... You can expect a legal letter from me soon!"

Renee ignored Sandra's fierce threat.

She was also about to become a mother herself, so she knew better than anyone that there was no

mother in the world who did not love her child.

The more indifferent and heartless Sandra Lee appeared to be, the more it showed that the child had

a soft spot in her heart... Renee's lips curled into a smile absentmindedly. She could definitely win over Sandra Lee!

She slowly walked closer to Sandra and asked, "Miss Lee, aren't you curious what Jane's birthday

wish was?"

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Sandra's expression changed slightly, but it was quickly replaced by cold indifference.

"The birthday wish of a person who has nothing to do with me naturally has nothing to do with me too.

Don't think you can get. me to work for you by using these petty tricks."

"No, no, no."

Renee said with a meaningful smile, "I just have a better understanding of how a mother

thinks, that's all..." "It's fine if you're not curious about Jane right now. Feel free to ask me anytime you're curious."

Renee raised an eyebrow and said, "Jane and I are practically besties. We get

along really well!" "Besties?"

Envy flashed across Sandra's eyes for a split second.

But it was soon gone, like she had woken up from a dream. She said disdainfully.

"How childish!" Renee was not angry. On the contrary, she could understand

Sandra's feelings.

Because she had used some special means to find out private information about Sandra that no one

Six years ago, Sandra Lee was just a small time lawyer. No one was willing to entrust her with a case. She was often too poor to even pay for food.

But at such a difficult time, she suddenly got pregnant. No one knew who the father was.

Sandra quietly gave birth to the baby and took on the role of both the father and the mother. She did her best to raise her daughter until the age of one, but in the end, she steeled her heart and gave the child to a family of intellectuals to raise. After that, she vanished...

When she reappeared years later, she was already a famous lawyer. She worked in the Hunts and Co. Law Firm and her main job was to handle commercial lawsuits for the H Group, and she was incredibly good at it!

There were rumors that Stefan and her had an unusual relationship. Some even said Stefan established the Hunts and Co. Law Firm just for Sandra.

If that was true, it could be said that Sandra rose to prominence thanks to Stefan's backing.

If Sandra wanted to further her relationship with Stefan, she naturally could not expose the fact that she had a child, so she ruthlessly pretended that the child had never existed...

Of course, all of this was just Renee's speculation.

She hoped the outstanding Sandra Lee was not someone who would be blinded

by love like that. Even if she was, she should switch target because Stefan Hunt

was not worth it!

The next day.

BC University's specialist residential area.

The sophora trees here bloomed more densely every year. Whenever a breeze blew past, the white sophora flowers would fall like snow, filling the air with a fresh aroma.

This area was made popular by Tik Tok and had become a hotspot for taking pictures. Lots of people would come here to take pictures every day, many of them not even from the University.

Today, Renee wore a yellow dress and tied her shoulder-length hair back with a black-and-white checkered hairband. When

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she walked across the Sophora Road, her dress and her hair fluttered, adding to the

beautiful scenery. Many college students there marveled at her beauty and secretly

took photos of her...

Renee walked up to a house and gently knocked on the door.

The door soon opened. The owner warmly welcomed her into the house.

"You came so early today, Renee. Anthony is out doing grocery because you're coming!

He's not back yet!" The person who spoke was a middle-aged woman who looked very

kind and elegant.

eat more anyway.'

She was Sophia Zimmer, the wife of Renee's former doctoral supervisor, Anthony Wood.

Renee said, "Aww, he shouldn't have. I come here for free meals all the time, so you guys should just

feed me leftovers. There's no need to buy extra food just because I'm coming." "No way. Anthony talks about you a lot, saying that of all the students he's taught, you're the one with the most talent in

physics. Of course he has to give you special

treatment." "Besides, Jane is growing, so she needs to

she heard that you're coming, she got up early today and said she wanted to go do grocery with Anthony so that she could buy your favorite food for you!"

Sophia's face lit up at the mention of Jane. She continued to ramble on. "Jane is really fond of you. When

"Mm-hmm, I like Jane too. That kid is

clever!" That's right. It's a small world.

The intellectual couple that adopted Jane from Sandra Lee years ago was none other than Renee's

college mentor Anthony. Wood and his wife Sophia Zimmer. After the divorce, Renee gradually resumed contact with her mentor and ended up growing close to Jane

too. It was not an exaggeration to say that they were besties. "Oh, Anthony also said we'll have another special guest today, so he asked me to

make more food." Sophia added.

"A special guest?"

Renee could not help being curious. "Who could it be?"

As she said that, Anthony Wood led a bouncing Jane and the special guest into the house...

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"Stefan Hunt!" exclaimed Renee in surprise.

kisses.

When Renee saw the tall figure standing behind Professor Wood and Jane, she was so shocked

that her eyes almost fell out. Stefan Hunt was a businessman through and through. What did he

have to talk about with Professor Wood, a famous scholar? Was he also here for Jane?

Jane, who was wearing a yellow skirt and had her hair tied into twin braids, fluttered like a butterfly

"Big Sis Renee, you're here! Jane missed you so much!"

"I missed you too, Jane. It's only been a few days but you've grown even prettier.

to Renee's side. She smiled sweetly at Renee, her face as smooth and as fair as ceramic.

Let me kiss you!" Renee held Jane's face in her hands and gave her a few big

This warm sight pleased Anthony and his wife greatly.

"They get along so well. Makes me wonder if they were actually sisters

in their past lives..." Sophia said with a smile.

Anthony explained to Stefan, "Sophia and I don't have children of our own. Before this, we treated Renee as our daughter, and we later adopted Jane. They haven't known each other for long, but they're really close. They're like real sisters!"

Stefan gave Renee a glance and, as usual, said without any expression, "Sisters? The

age gap is too big." Renee: "..."

Her fists hardened. She wanted to hit him!

Was this guy implying that she was old?

But he himself was a few years older than her. If she's old, then he's old too!

Renee was about to get back at him when Jane said sweetly. "Uncle Stefan, this is the Big Sis

Renee that I told you about. Isn't she beautiful?"

Stefan's face was cold. He did not respond, obviously very unhappy.

Anthony quickly said, "No, no, you can't call him uncle if you call Renee big sis. Jane, you must remember, if you call Renee big sis, you should call Stefan big bro..."

"Why?"

"Because Big Sis Renee and Uncle Stefan used to be..."

Professor Wood was a little embarrassed. He did not know how to explain to Jane that Stefan and Renee used to be husband and wife.

generation. Do you understand?"

lane blinked. She looked at Renee, then at Stefan, and then said with a confused expression, "But Ri

Sophia chimed in. "The two of them used to be like mommy and daddy, so they should be in the same

Jane blinked. She looked at Renee, then at Stefan, and then said with a confused expression, "But Big Sis Renee looks so much kinder than Uncle Stefan. Uncle Stefan looks really scary... Jane has never seen a big brother this scary!"

"Pfft hahahaha!"

Jane's words made Renee burst out with laughter.

"You hear that, Stefan Hunt? Kids don't lie. She's saying that you look old. You'll be thirty soon. It's about time you start doing. some skin care. You're almost in Professor Wood's age group now. Aren't you worried?"

Stefan looked at the laughing Renee like he was looking at an idiot, and then said to Anthony,

"Professor Wood, let's talk in the study."

Anthony nodded, his expression serious. "Okay,

come with me." When the two went into the study,

Renee was still laughing.

When she finally managed to stop laughing, she finally realized that

something was wrong. What did Stefan have to talk about with

Professor Wood?

"Sophia, do you know why Stefan Hunt came to see Professor Wood?"

Sophia shook her head. "I don't know these things. Ask Anthony yourself after this."

what they were discussing. Just as she was putting her ear to the door, it opened.

Renee played with Jane for a while before she sneaked over to the study to try listening to

She instantly lost her balance and fell into a

man's arms. Stefan's chest was really broad.

Lying in it felt super safe. "Don't you know that

it's bad manners to eavesdrop?"

Stefan asked coldly as his eyes lowered onto the woman who was lying in arms without moving.

Renee awkwardly stood back up and said, "Yes, it's bad manners to eavesdrop, so I'm not gonna

eavesdrop, I'm just gonna sit in and listen. Can I?"

Stefan continued to look at Renee like he was looking at an idiot. "What

do you think?" Renee glared at him and said. "I wasn't asking you. I

was asking Professor Wood!" "Professor Wood, can I come in and

She was like a daughter trying to charm her father.

listen to what you're discussing?"

Professor Wood had always been fond of her. Surely he would agree, right?