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Jeremy checked the time on his wristwatch. "Yes."

Lucas lifted Anya off him, stood up gracefully, and put on his suit jacket. "That settles it then. The three of us will go over the details of the engagement over lunch."

"Okay," said Jeremy.

Corinne

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who was still hiding behind the bookshelf and two months pregnant touched her belly subconsciously. Her eyes were filled with coldness and irony.

'So they're going to talk about Jeremy's and Anya's engagement eh? I'm sure their parents would not object to them being together since they already have a kid together. Maybe this will be the start of them putting away their differences and coming together as a real family,' thought Corinne.

Lucas put his arm around Anya's shoulders and the three of them walked over to the door when suddenly Lucas paused in his tracks and said, "Jeremy, might I trouble you to bring Anya to the restaurant first? I just remember I have urgent matters to attend to. I'll ask Edmund to make a reservation for the restaurant. You two go ahead first and start without me. I promise I won't take long and will go there as soon as I've finished my work."

"Okay," said Jeremy emotionlessly. He did not care one way or another.

"Okay, Lucas. We'll make a move first. Please come to the restaurant as soon as you're done with your work," said Anya sweetly.

Lucas beamed a smile back at her. "You got

it!"

Corinne heaved a sigh of relief when she heard Jeremy and Anya walking out of the office.' Phew, I'm safe.'

Suddenly, she felt a wave of nausea. She instinctively covered her mouth with her hand and forced the vomit back down. 'Don't make a sound, Corinne. Don't make a sound,' she told

herself.

Her morning sickness got worse lately, which she attributed to the stress and not getting enough rest. 'Gah! No! I can't keep it in any longer.'

Corinne took a step back as the bile rose in her throat, causing her to cough uncontrollably.

Cough! Cough!

Jeremy was just about to walk out of the door when he heard Corinne's coughing. His eyes immediately shrank to pinpoint size and his hand froze in mid-air. He then turned around and looked sharply at the bookshelf.

'That voice! It sounded like hers!' he thought.

Anya heard Corinne coughing as well. She, too, stopped walking and turned around. "Lucas, who was coughing just now? Is there someone else in your office?" she asked curiously.

Lucas averted his gaze from hers. He scanned the bookshelf nonchalantly and lied with a straight face, "I didn't hear anything. You must have heard wrong, Anya."

"No! I'm sure I heard it just now. It sounded like a woman's coughing. Lucas, are you hiding a woman in here? Oooh, I'm going to look for her!"

She could not wait to get revenge on Lucas for embarrassing her just now. This time, it would be Lucas blushing. All she had to do was find out where he hid the woman.

A frown appeared on Lucas' face when he saw Anya making a beeline for the bookshelf. However, he chose to remain silent. He was not trying to hide Corinne from Anya just now; it was just that it would be hard for him to explain what she was doing behind the bookshelf if Anya were to find out.

Now, it did not matter. There was no outsider here anyway.

'Sh*t!' said Corinne inwardly when she heard Anya's footsteps nearing. There was nowhere to hide anymore. Her face was pale from all that retching and she started to hyperventilate.

Anya stuck her head behind the bookshelf and her cheeky smile immediately froze on her face. She remained like that for one whole minute as her innocent doe eyes went from shock to

hatred.

'What the h*ll is she doing here?'

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Anya looked at Corinne with pure hatred in her eyes. 'What the h*ll is Corinne doing in Lucas' office? What is she trying to pull this time?'

Corinne did not back down from her

gaze.

At the same time, they could hear the sound of steady footsteps getting closer to them.

Anya knew Jeremy was walking over to see what was going on and she did not want him to see

Corinne.

After thinking it over, she smiled cunningly and said loudly for everyone in the room to hear, Oh Lucas, why didn't you tell me that you've gotten yourself a cat for the office? It was choking on some dried fish. Good thing it spat the dried fish out now. If not, it would have gone to cat heaven. You gotta be more careful next time. You shouldn't feed a kitten this small snack like that."

Lucas narrowed his eyes. He immediately understood what she was trying to do so he said nonchalantly, "You're right. This is my first time having a pet so I'm still not quite sure how to take care of it. I'll make sure to be more careful next time."

Anya was glad Lucas caught her meaning. She shot Corinne a warning look before turning around and walking over to Jeremy to stop him from going to the bookshelf.

“Jeremy, the kitten is still small and seems to be very afraid of people so it’s best not to go over there and frighten it,” she said kindly.

Jeremy looked down at her then at the bookshelf with doubt in his eyes. Corinne could sense him looking over there so she took a deep breath to force down the wave of nausea that was bubbling up again.

She was worried that Jeremy would insist on taking a look behind the bookshelf so she opened her mouth to meow softly to make Anya’s story seem more believable.

“Meow! Meow...”

“I’m starving. Lucas, Jeremy, and I will head on over to the restaurant first. Remember to meet us there when you’re done with your work,” said Anya. She then pulled Jeremy’s sleeves. “Jeremy, let’s go.”

The light in Jeremy’s faded when he heard the meowing sound. He looked away from the bookshelf and walked out with Anya, leaving Lucas alone in his office.

Lucas walked slowly to his chair and sat down lazily. “You can come out now, pussy cat,” he said absent-mindedly.

Corinne came out from behind the bookshelf; she returned to her previous calm.

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Lucas cocked his head at her and asked, “Why did you hide yourself just now?”

“I was trying to avoid seeing a certain someone,” Corinne answered lightly.

Lucas looked at her thoughtfully. “You didn’t want to see Jeremy? Why?”

Corinne did not want to explain herself. “No reason. I just didn’t want to see him. There’s no use in you asking. Besides, your sister didn’t want him to see me either.”

Lucas leaned comfortably against his chair. The way he was sitting looked as though he was a king looking down on those who served him and yet one could not help but find him elegant and cool.

“Miss Carew, I believe you can tell that Anya and Jeremy are getting along very well with each other so I hope you’ll continue to use that brain of yours to stay away from him. It’ll be stupid of you to ever come in between them again.”

Corinne frowned. ‘When did I ever come in between them? Jeremy was the one who forced me into marrying him. I indeed fell for him a little during the three months but that’s because he lied to me! He told me he doesn’t have any feelings for Anya and that he only sees her as someone who saved his life before. I know I was a fool to believe him but-’

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Corinne was too lazy to explain herself. Instead, she asked, “So you’re okay with Anya getting engaged with someone from the Holden family?”

A look of resignation flashed across Lucas’ face, “Considering my family’s stance on this, I, for one, don’t wish to see them getting married because my elders will rain down their disapproval on me. But, my sister is too stubborn to ever let Jeremy go. It’s as if she’ll die if she’s not with him, and as her brother, it’s my job to protect her and make sure she lives happily ever after with the man she loves. I’ll never forgive those who wish her harm so I hope you can understand where I’m coming from, Miss Carew.”

Corinne looked quietly at Lucas. Suddenly, she smiled. “Yes, I do understand where you’re coming from. She’s lucky to have a brother like you.”

Lucas could not tell whether she was being sincere in her praise but he did not care one way or another. He did his job in warning her so that if she knew what was good for her, she would stay away from Jeremy. He would not stand by and do nothing if she ever came between Jeremy and Anya again.

The affection he had for Anya was two-fold since the love he had for Luna had nowhere else to go. He would forever regret not being able to protect his mother and Luna fifteen years ago. and thus, he swore to himself that he would protect Anya at all costs.

He especially did not like Corinne for hurting Anya over and over again.

After Corinne came out from behind the bookshelf, she stood in a different spot than when she first came in. At that moment, she was standing beside Lucas' desk and from that angle, she could see all the things on top of the desk.

She did not mean to spy on other people's things but as she passed her eyes over the desk, she saw something that made her stop. There was a photo of a woman with bright eyes and a kind smile holding a little girl who looked to be about three or four years old in her arms and standing beside her was a boy who looked to be ten years old. The three of them were smiling happily at the camera.

'That pretty lady looks so familiar. Could she be my mom? It is her! She has the same eyes, nose, and lips as the woman in my memory.' She could finally put a face to her mother. No more blurry memories and vague dreams!

Corinne's heart suddenly tightened and her eyes started to brim with tears.

Lucas noticed something was off with her. He looked at her in alarm before following her gaze to the picture frame on his desk. He then frowned and turned the picture frame around, not wanting Corinne to keep staring at it.

"Miss Carew, you may leave now. Edmund, please see her off."

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"Yes, Mister Lucas." Edmund came into the office and glanced at Corinne. Something came up that took precedence over seeing Corinne off. "Mister Lucas, we've encountered a problem with the client from Abura."

Lucas looked up at him and asked, "What problem?"

“The client wasn’t happy with the translation our translation did for him. It seemed like the translator was not proficient enough in the language and made many mistakes in translating the more technical terms so the client told the translator to pack up his things and never show his face around them again.”

Edmund racked his head trying to come up with a solution. “We’ve already looked for a replacement in our pool of translators but those who can report to duty immediately are not

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to the client’s standard while those who can do what the client requires are not in New Capital City so it would take them some time to get here. The situation got from bad to worse and the client was kicking up a fuss, saying that he will return to his country immediately if no solution is found.”

Lucas frowned. Judging by the hint of rarely-seen anxiety on his face, this was indeed a difficult problem.

Corinne raised an eyebrow and said lightly, “If you still can’t find a translator, I don’t mind giving it a try.”

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Hearing this, both Lucas and Edmund looked her up and down in unison.

After two seconds of silence, Lucas narrowed his eyes and asked suspiciously, “You know Aburian?”

Corinne smiled. “A little.”

Edmund snorted. ‘Why, this woman would lie through her teeth to achieve her goals,’ he thought. His impression of her took a nosedive as compared to when he was interviewing her just now.

“Miss Carew, you do know this job requires you to be fluent in the language, right? Knowing hello or goodbye doesn’t count so please don’t butt in while I’m speaking with Mister Lucas.” Corinne’s resume did not say that she knew any foreign languages so it was understandable Edmund did not believe her

when she said she knows a little Aburian. ‘Why wouldn’t she list that down in her resume if she knows Aburian?’

Corinne remained calm. “I might not be at the native level but I’m pretty confident that I can be of help to the client.

Edmund scoffed. This time, he chose to say anything to her and instead, turned around to face Lucas. “Mister Lucas, what should we do?”

Lucas already turned away from Corinne and was looking at the computer screen, wondering if there was any other way to quickly find a professional Aburian translator. Like Edmund, he also thought Corinne was just butting her nose to cause even more trouble for them.

Corinne knew they did not believe her so she took a few steps forward and said, “Mister Lucas, the problem your company is facing right now is that you’ll lose this client if you can’t find a suitable Aburian translator. Rather than just sit here and fret your time away, why don’t you give me a chance?”

Lucas threw an icy glance at her. “Miss Carew, this is not a game.”

Corinne smiled. “Do I look like I’m joking? How about we make a deal then? If I successfully keep this client’s business for the company, you’re to hire me as your executive secretary and if I fail, I promise I’ll never show my face around here again. You, Anya, and Jeremy will be free of me forever. How does that sound?”

To be honest, she did not like Lucas, not even one bit. Even if they shared the same DNA, she still could not find it in her heart to like someone who looked down his nose at those who did not come from the same background as he did.

However, after seeing the photo of her mother on Lucas’ desk, Corinne became even more determined to stay in Rivera Group because only by getting close to Lucas could she get closer

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to the truth of what happened to her mother.

Lucas looked at her silently for more than ten seconds. Suddenly he smiled and said, “Very well then. Edmund, bring her to the client.”

Edmund was shocked. "What? Mister Lucas, I don't-"

'Think that's a good idea. This chick doesn't look like she knows Aburian. Is Mister Lucas seriously going to gamble away the business like this?' thought Edmund.

Lucas was not joking; he was dead serious. His thinking was, what was the worst that could happen? It was not like the company would go under just because they lost this business. Besides, it was impossible to find a suitable Aburian translator on such short notice and if he was honest with himself, he found Corinne's proposition very attractive.

Corinne gave him her words that she would never bother Anya and Jeremy ever again should she fail to retain the client. In this way, it could be regarded as him helping to clear one of Anya's biggest relationship obstacles. It was a win-win solution for him so he might as well let Corinne try.

Lucas picked up the warm coffee from his desk and took a sip. "Edmund, you don't need to bring Miss Carew back if she fails to make the client happy. This company will never hire someone arrogant enough to think she can solve a problem with pure bravado alone.

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"Yes, Mister Lucas."

Edmund had no choice but to do what Lucas said. He turned around, threw Corinne a disgusted glance, and said huffily, "Miss Carew, please follow me."

Corinne nodded, yawned lazily, and followed him out of the office.

At the hotel, the Aburian clients are staying.

Three men dressed in exotic clothes were dining in the restaurant downstairs of the hotel. They were talking in a foreign language, and their tone and expressions were very serious and unhappy as if they were complaining about something that made them angry.

Not far from the restaurant, Edmund passed Corinne the details about the project. “The three men there are the clients. Do you need me to take you there?” he asked coldly.

Corinne waved her hand. “No. I can go by myself.”

That was just fine with Edmund since he did not have the intention to take her there anyway. He did not want to experience second-hand embarrassment in case Corinne did something unexpected to embarrass herself.

In his mind, he already gave up on ever salvaging the relationship with the Aburian clients for he knew Lucas was only using this opportunity to get rid of Corinne.

Corinne quickly flipped through the information in her hand to get a rough idea of what she needed to do. Then, without hesitation, she strode to where the Aburian clients were sitting and introduced herself to them.

Since Edmund did not know a lick of Aburian, he sat down at a table not far from where the

clients were to monitor the situation.

In the beginning, the three Aburian men were still sullen, probably because of what happened with the useless translator. However, that quickly changed after Corinne said something to them in fluent Aburian.

Edmund saw the three Aburian men beam a smile at Corinne and warmly invited her to sit down and have lunch with them. Corinne gracefully sat down and the four of them had a pleasant conversation together.

Seeing this nearly made Edmund’s jaw drop to the ground. He blinked in disbelief, wondering if he was hallucinating. After observing for a while, he concluded that Corinne was the real thing and this changed his impression of her for the better.

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Meanwhile, at the French restaurant called Kairos Flower.

The restaurant manager immediately greeted Lucas enthusiastically as soon as he gracefully waltzed into the restaurant.

“Welcome, Mister Lucas. Mister Jeremy and Miss Anya are waiting for you at the VIP table. Please allow me to lead you to their table.”

Lucas nodded and followed the restaurant manager to the VIP table.

Anya was talking incessantly to Jeremy but stopped when she saw Lucas walking over to them. She smiled and waved him over. “Finally, you’re here, Lucas!”

The waiter respectfully pulled out a chair for him and he sat down next to Anya.

After ordering, Lucas gave the menu back to the waiter and signaled to him to give them some privacy.

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Lucas looked at Jeremy who was sitting opposite him and cutting his steak slowly and said, “Sorry for making you wait, Jeremy.”

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Jeremy said calmly, “No, the food was just served not too long ago.”

Lucas smiled. Everybody started to dig in and did nothing else.

Anya was in a good mood. She cut a slice of foie gras on her plate, affectionately brought it to Jeremy’s mouth, and said with a sweet smile, “Jeremy, hurry up and try the foie gras here. I feel it’s much tastier than the one we had in Kecharia. The texture is smooth and it melts in your mouth!”

“No need, thanks. Have it yourself.”

Jeremy did not look at her. He did not even bat an eyelid. He just put the piece of steak that he cut into his mouth indifferently, then chewed it slowly to savor it with all great focus.

After he rejected the food she fed him, Anya's smile stiffened and she froze in place.

She felt it would be very awkward if she took the foie gras back angrily. After giving it a thought, she used her knife to forcefully and carefully get the piece of foie gras off her fork. Then, she put it on the edge of Jeremy's plate before saying, "Just give it a try. Trust me. It's very good!"

Jeremy hummed in response, but he still did not touch the foie gras. He just continued eating his bloody steak.

Seeing how extremely humble his sister was for love, Lucas was a little unhappy and his gaze darkened.

He felt sorry that his sister was aggrieved, but he could not do anything either. Because Anya was simply fond of this unromantic man in front of them!

Suppressing his unhappiness, Lucas saved his sister from embarrassment by saying to her gently, "What's so tasty about that foie gras? Let me try it!"

Only then did Anya's embarrassed expression fade, and she smiled sweetly again. She cut a new piece of foie gras and put it on Lucas' plate. "Here you go! Try it, Lucas. See if it's very good."

Lucas smiled. He picked up his cutlery and finished all the foie gras his sister shared with him. Nodding his head, he said, "Mm-hmm. It's quite tasty! Jeremy, are you sure you're not going to try it?"

His tone sounded very polite, but he was pressuring Jeremy.

Anya was kind enough to share her foie gras with him, so why could he not just try a bite?

However, Jeremy still did not touch that bit of foie gras on the edge of his plate, and he did not respond to him either. He went straight to the point as soon as he opened his mouth.

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"Lucas, what did you want to discuss with me? Just be straightforward with me."

Seeing that Jeremy did not appreciate his kindness, Lucas frowned a little inconspicuously. He was slightly angry, but he could not say anything in front of his sister.

He did not respond to Jeremy, and he turned to the side to look at his sister instead. "Anya, I bought your favorite cheesecake on my way here, but I forgot to bring it in just now. Go to my car to get it now and try it with Jeremy."

While saying that, he handed her his car keys.

Anya was a clever person. She knew her brother was deliberately making her leave as he wanted to talk to Jeremy alone.

Her brother was the person who was the most protective of her in this world. He doted on her more than their parents since her childhood.

In the past, her brother had an in-depth conversation with her once and learned that she would never marry anybody but Jeremy in this life. He also finally promised her that he would not object to her relationship with Jeremy anymore.

At that moment, her brother wanted to talk to Jeremy. He must be thinking of a way to help her get married to Jeremy.

Thinking of that, Anya obediently accepted the car key, then said, "Alright. I'll go get it now! Jeremy, let's have cake together when I come back. The cheesecake from that place is really good!"

Jeremy only hummed indifferently in response. His face looked calm and cold.

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Anya left her seat to get the cake.

Lucas watched her sister walk off before he looked at Jeremy, who was sitting across from him, and his gaze became dignified.

"Jeremy, don't you think you're too cold to Anya?"

Jeremy looked up at him. "Is this your first day knowing me?"

Lucas was speechless.

Jeremy was right. They knew each other since childhood and were in the same social circle.

Jeremy indeed was always indifferent growing up. He was never too friendly to anybody.

However, at the thought of his sister, whom he doted on since childhood, would be marrying a man who had no clue how to care for a girl at all in the future, Lucas could not help but sigh. He had no idea what Anya saw in him!

Lucas did not hold Jeremy responsible for his attitude toward Anya earlier anymore. He got down to business with him.

“Jeremy, I already know that you and Anya adopted a child abroad behind both your parents’ backs.”

Jeremy stopped cutting his steak a little, then he continued.

Lucas continued, “Anya left home early and came home late recently because she was taking care of that child. Am I right?”

Jeremy’s expression remained the same. It was after he slowly swallowed the steak in his mouth that he said, “I’m sorry for doing this without getting the Riveras’ permission.”

Lucas looked at him harshly and sneered, “Jeremy, I’m here to talk to you today, not to criticize you. Since the child has been adopted, we will treat him as Anya’s child and raise him well. However, it’s time for you to define your relationship with my sister. She can’t keep being in a vague relationship with you!”

Hearing that, Jeremy looked up at him and raised an eyebrow. “Lucas, you seem to have some misunderstanding. There’s nothing vague going on between me and your sister.”

Lucas frowned. “Nothing going on? Then, what does it mean for the two of you to adopt a child together?”

Jeremy calmly put his cutlery down and picked up the napkin to wipe the corners of his lips slowly. Then, he straightened his back, looking coldly and

firmly at Lucas, and said seriously, To me, Anya will forever be a very important person who saved my life. I will respect her, help her, repay her, and treat her like a close friend. Other than that, we won't have any other

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relationships.”

Lucas laughed sarcastically. “Close friend? So you will adopt a child with your so-called close friend?”

Jeremy picked up the glass of water with his long and broad hand, then calmly took a sip.” Lucas, to be honest with you, I also feel this is very inappropriate. But your sister kept asking me to help, saying that she wanted to experience being a mother very badly and begging me to go abroad with her to adopt a child. It was after careful consideration that I said yes to her.”

Lucas's expression darkened. “It sounds to me like you're telling me this as if this has nothing to do with you. Don't you know the reason Anya wanted to adopt a child at such a young age? Jeremy, don't you forget that it's for your sake that my sister lost her ability to be a mother by bearing her child!”

Jeremy frowned and looked sullen at the mention of the reason.

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Lucas said, “It's because Anya saved you back then that her body was damaged by the snake's venom and lost the ability to bear children forever! You should know without me telling you how much it would hurt physically and psychologically for a girl to lose the chance to be a mother from a young age! Besides, it's Anya's dream to be a mother since childhood! It's because of you that she could never fulfill her dream! How could you be so indifferent to her now?”

Jeremy's eyebrows were tightly furrowed and he said nothing.

What Lucas said was indeed the truth.

When he got injured 15 years ago, he was bitten by a venomous snake while he hid in a bush in a village to flee from danger. As the venom spread, he was on the brink of death, and he lost his vision; so he could not save himself.

He was saved by a girl who passed by. It was because she sucked the venom out of his wound that he managed to live!

Later, the girl found him with the keepsake he left for her. It was only then he learn she was the Riveras' second daughter, Anya, who happened to be staying at the summer resort in the

countryside.

He also learned that because Anya did not manage to spit out all the venom in her mouth in time after saving him that day, her body was damaged by the venom, and she lost the ability to bear children.

There was no way for him to make it up to Anya for the regret he caused her. Therefore, he was fulfilling all of her requests and being at her beck and call all these years.

A month ago, Anya suddenly came to him in tears one day. She told him she saw one of her classmates was married and pregnant when they met at the class reunion. She envied her very much, and she also wanted to be a mother.

She said as long as she had a child, she would feel her life was very happy and complete, and she would not bother him that often anymore in the future to avoid causing misunderstandings between him and Corinne.

Of course, Jeremy knew it was inappropriate, but he felt guilty. Because of that, he said yes to Anya after carefully thinking over it for a few days.

Anya suggested that they go to Kecharia to adopt an orphan. Because only a poor country like Kecharia would not need a marriage certificate and other complicated verifications for a couple to adopt a child.

She did not wish to tell her family as she was afraid they would stop her. She also did not trust

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any other man. Therefore, she begged him to go with her as her boyfriend and help her adopt a child. She would not trouble him with whatever came after that anymore.

It took them half a month from the time they departed to Kecharia to return after getting all the adoption procedures done.

The child came down with a fever on the day they brought him back, so they took him to the hospital as soon as their plane landed. Fortunately, it was no big deal.

That was also the day Corrine called him one last time when he was at the hospital before she ran off.

Thinking of the little rascal who went missing, Jeremy's eyes became more and more bloodshot.

After Lucas said so many things, he saw that Jeremy still did not react at all. Feeling helpless, he sighed again. "Anya has lost the ability to have children. This is not something you can fully make it up to her by helping her adopt a child. Jeremy, Anya's only wish in this life was to be with you. Only you can bring her happiness! Even though our families have some residual animosity from generations ago, I'm willing to do my best to reconcile for Anya; so I hope it's the same for you as well!"

Jeremy regained his senses and looked at Lucas with an unfathomable gaze.

"Lucas, are you forgetting that I'm already a married man? I can't marry again. Bigamy is illegal."

Lucas was stunned, then he sneered.

"Married? You can't mean your marriage to Corinne, right? To my knowledge, both of you have never been married. The reason you brought her into your family initially was just to console your grandfather so he would go through with the transplantation procedure.

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Lucas was right, but Jeremy was still calm.

“We didn’t get registered in time, but we had a wedding. It’s an actual marriage in the eyes of the law. Lucas, I understand that you’re worried about your sister. I will use the rest of my life to compensate your sister for what she lost for me. However, the only thing I can’t give her is marriage and your so-called happiness. I’m sorry.”

Having said that, Jeremy raised his wrist and glanced at this watch. “I’m done with my lunch. I have a meeting later in the afternoon, so I’ll first be taking my leave.”

He stood up, turned around, and left, leaving no room for argument.

Seeing how unwaveringly cold he was, Lucas could not hold himself back anymore. He stood up angrily and said, “Jeremy! Do you even have a conscience?”

At that time, Anya happened to return with the cake. She saw that Jeremy was about to leave and her brother was angry, but she had no idea what happened. Looking confused, she asked, “What’s the matter? Where are you going, Jeremy? I’ve brought the cake. Let’s try it together!”

“No need. I have something to take care of.” Jeremy waved calmly before putting his hand in his pocket. He walked past Anya without any expression on his face and left with big strides.

“Jeremy!” Anya called out, feeling reluctant to see him leave. However, Jeremy did not look back or stop in his tracks at all because of that.

In the end, she could only watch his back with great disappointment as he walked out of the restaurant. Then, she angrily turned her face and looked at her brother with some resentment in her eyes. “Lucas, what exactly did you say to Jeremy? Why did he leave?”

Lucas stopped frowning and suppressed the anger he felt toward Jeremy. Because he was worried he would scare his sister, he calmed down as soon as possible and said gently, “It’s nothing. Jeremy left because he has an urgent matter to attend to at his company. Anya, come and have a seat. Try the cake with me!”

How could he have the heart to tell his sister that the man she loved deeply was not willing to marry her at all?

After the man she loved left, Anya became dispirited. She sat down looking dejected. Even her favorite cake tasted like nothing in her mouth.

Suddenly, she recalled something important. She turned to look at her brother and asked while pretending to be casual about it, "Oh yes, Lucas! Why was Corinne in your office today? She was even hiding behind your bookshelf. She looked like she was up to something fishy no matter how I saw it! I saw that she didn't want to be found, so I just pretended that there was a cat there!"

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Lucas did not plan to hide the matter about Corinne from his sister. While having his food, he said calmly, "She came to my company to apply to be my secretary today."

Anya was taken aback. Her doe-like eyes widened because of how surprised she was. "What? Corinne applied to be your secretary. Did you hire her?"

Just as Lucas was about to answer her, his phone rang. It was Edmund who called.

Looking at the caller ID, Lucas squinted knowingly. He guessed that the client from Abura completely rejected the collaboration and boarded the plane home.

Abura was a country with the most mineral resources. Losing such a major collaboration would not bring any harm to the company, but it was more or less still a pity.

Lucas frowned and answered the call. Before he even had the time to say hello, Edmund could not hold back his excitement and said, "It's done, sir! Corinne and the client from Abura have reached a deal. They will go to the company tomorrow morning to sign the contract for collaborating with you for the next ten years!"

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Ten years?

Abura's mineral resources were highly sought after by both domestic and foreign companies, and plenty of corporations from powerful countries were eyeing this collaboration. That was why the person in charge from Abura was always been fearless and arrogant. He was also famously difficult to manage.

At first, the Rivera Group only wanted to get a deal with Abura to collaborate for the next five years. However, the crown prince of Abura did not agree. He said he would only agree to sign for three years at most, and the terms of collaboration would be renegotiated after three years.

Even if it was just a three-year collaboration, it was a deal that was hard to finalize. Corinne was gone over for an hour, yet she got a deal for a ten-year collaboration. Lucas was slightly dazed, and he looked a little surprised. "She could speak Aburian?" Edmund answered with great certainty, "Yes, she's very fluent, and she seems to be humorous. The person in charge from Abura was so amused that he kept bursting into laughter! Sir, Miss Corinne wants me to ask you what time she can report to work tomorrow."

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Lucas gave it a thought while squinting. "Tell her to come to the company tomorrow morning. Once the ten-year contract for us to collaborate with Abura is officially signed, she can then officially come on board."

"Yes, sir!" replied Edmund.

At first, Edmund had the least faith in Corinne, but he seemed to have no opinions about her joining the company anymore.

After he hung up the call, Lucas-who always looked unfazed-still had a sense of disbelief on his face.

Seeing that, Anya had a faint sense of foreboding. She asked, "Lucas, who did you say is coming onboard? You're not hiring Corinne as your secretary, right?"

Regaining his senses, Lucas nodded calmly and said, "She seemed to be quite capable. If she's competent, then I can indeed hire her."

Since Corinne closed the deal with Abura, then once the contract was signed, it would be the safest for her to manage the follow-ups; only then would there be no concern on Abura's end.

Anya did not expect that Corinne would be hired by Lucas. She secretly started to have her guard up, but she smiled very understandingly instead. "Lucas, Corinne is indeed a very clever girl. With her as your secretary, she certainly would be of great help to you! But, I know I shouldn't get involved with the company's affairs, but I still want to give you a little reminder. Corinne's great, but she has a bad temper. In terms of her character, she's not suitable to be a

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secretary, who needs to be highly compliant. You should consider it carefully!"

Lucas rubbed Anya's head dotingly. "Mm-hmm. I know what I'm doing. Thank you for worrying about me!"

He knew what his precious sister was concerned about. Corinne's appearance made Anya- who was unable to capture Jeremy's heart, to begin with-feel insecure.

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Even if Lucas hired Corinne, it would be because of her competence. However, putting Corinne under his nose would make it convenient for him to keep an eye on her for Anya and not let her go wandering in front of Jeremy again!

Seeing that Lucas had no intention to change his mind, Anya had no choice but to continue faking a smile. "Alright, then."

Lucas sat up straight and took a sip of water. "Anya, how's the child doing?"

Anya was stunned and feeling sheepish. "W-what child?"

Lucas glared at her while pretending to be serious. "The child you and Jeremy adopted abroad! What's the matter? How much longer do you plan on hiding it from me?"

Knowing that she could not hide it anymore, Anya said pitifully, “You already know about it?”

Lucas sneered. “You’ve been going out early and coming home late every day for the past month, being occupied by something. How could I not be worried? I found out after asking Edmund to look into your tracks for the past month.”

Anya was afraid Lucas would reprimand her, so she explained pitifully with tears in her eyes, Lucas, you know my biggest wish since childhood was to marry the man I love, have lots of children with him, and live happily together as a family.”