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Louisa was about to leave when Serena grabbed her in a tight embrace, her voice breaking through tears, "Mom, is that no matter what I say, you won't believe me? Lindsay was a close friend of mine a long time ago, but then she went abroad, and we lost touch for years. It was only at tonight's birthday party that we ran into each other again."

Through her sobs, Serena explained, "The engagement between my brother-in-law and me was called off ages ago, but only our families knew about it. When Lindsay asked, I couldn't say the marriage was still on, but I also couldn't tell her it was over. What was I supposed to say?"

With tears streaming down her face, Serena continued, "All I could do was subtly hint to her that it's my sister who is with Romeo now, and I dared not reveal anything else. But Lindsay misunderstood, thinking my sister stole my love and secretly told Madeline."

Serena was utterly distraught, "It's because they gossiped and twisted the story that it reached my sister. That's why I turned so upset and came to confront Lindsay. And can you believe it? Lindsay slapped me right there in front of everyone. You can ask around; I'm not lying to you."

Louisa paused, and her body tensed as she looked at her daughter, who was struggling to speak through her tears. Half skeptical, half sympathetic, she said, "But what I heard was that you were impersonating a student of Queena."

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her voice filled with a hurt so raw, "Mom, do you think if I'm not your biological daughter, nothing I say matters? Was all the love you showed me over the past eighteen years just for show? Sometimes I'm so jealous of my sister. She's got the Collins

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didn't, I really didn't.." Serena wept as if her heart was breaking, "Do you think I'm not aware of my position as an adopted daughter? If I slander my sister and do anything against her, you would throw me

that Serena was posing as Queena's student and had told her friend Lindsay that Bella had destroyed her engagement with Romeo, which was

she and I know the truth. Everyone else is

Perhaps fearing that her parents would confront Lindsay for the truth, Serena added, "Like I said earlier, Lindsay knows I'm not with Romeo, so she's been sucking up to Grandpa Phillip—that's something everyone has seen. She's just trying to become Grandpa Phillip's granddaughter-in-law, right?"

Serena analyzed further, "If she really considered me a good friend and if I had really said my sister ruined my engagement with Romeo, then as my friend, Lindsay should have been the first to defend me. How could she turn around and try to get close to Romeo? Considering her character, how reliable can anything coming from her be?"

Kenneth started to see some logic in her words. If Lindsay truly valued her friendship with Serena, she wouldn't rush to get close to Romeo after hearing Serena wasn't with him.

"You can ask my sister about what happened at the party; I have no objections. But my sister isn't omniscient. How could she know what I said to Lindsay? She only knows what Lindsay told her, and Lindsay's intentions are not pure. She wants to drive a wedge between my sister and me so she can benefit from the fallout."

At this point, Serena sobbed softly, wiping away the tears from her cheeks, "So, it's not that I'm being evasive. I'm just trying to lay out the facts for you."