

## Chapter 1596

Being called out by Alex had Ivy falling on her knees in fear. She started bowing her head over and over again. "Please spare me, Master Alex!" She never would have imagined that the pregnant woman would have the capability to turn the tables.

Alex did not bother with Ivy's pleading and shouted at the driver ahead, "Garrett, where are those people that you buried from last time?"

"Master Alex, they are buried at the field in the West--"

"Alex!" Suddenly, Jane interrupted him.

"What is it, Jane?" he asked gently.

"Alex, back in those two nights and one day that I spent at Huron's, it's true that when everyone was bullying me, this young lady gave me a piece of bread so that I didn't starve. But when she asked for my help, I didn't save her. It's okay. I don't hold grudges against her. There's no need to kill for my sake." Jane paused for a moment before adding, "That

for a moment before adding, "That woman who got mad at me back in the restaurant as well. I don't want to care about her. It's fine. I just want to see my mom as soon as possible, okay?"

"Okay, whatever you say," Alex agreed and turned to look at the people trembling in fear outside the car before saying lazily, "You should all be thankful to my wife. It's her who is kind enough to spare you."

He then turned and said to Garrett, "Garrett, start the car."

"Yes!"

Inside the car, Garrett started the engine. Black smoke oozed from the pipe under the car as it took off.

Outside the restaurant, Ivy was paralyzed with fear, and the woman who scolded Jane earlier burst out crying. She kneeled on the ground and bowed her head repeatedly. "Thank you. Thank you, Mrs. Poole for forgiving me. Thank you. Thank you."

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Naturally, Jane did not hear a word they said. She was exhausted. She had received a confirmation from Alex that he would save her mother. Her mother would be fine, and he had it all arranged. Her mother's heart condition would also be looked after once Alex brought her back to Kidon. He would admit her mother into the military hospital for the best medical care and she no longer had to worry about a thing. Feeling relieved, Jane suddenly felt exhausted and drained. Alex's arms remained around her as she slowly closed her eyes and fell asleep leaning against his shoulder.

She seemed so sweet when she was sleeping, almost like a child. Alex finally got the chance to take a good look at her after she had fallen asleep. Her entire body had slimmed down to almost nothing, which made her pregnant belly look even bigger. She had suffered so much in the past four months, and yet the child in her belly was perfectly healthy. How fortunate.

"Noah, I'm sorry... Noah," Jane cried out in her dreams for Noah. "I didn't take



n her dreams for Noah. "I didn't take good care of Mom, and she almost died in the ocean. I can't be with you in this life, Noah, so let's be together in our next lives. Noah..."

She cried helplessly and leaned even closer against Alex.

"..." Alex held her and gently patted her back. "It's okay, everything is okay now, Jane. It's going to be okay; be a good girl and sleep well. I'll watch over you."

"Mm." She moved a bit closer to him before slowly and steadily falling deep asleep.

Garrett, who was driving from the front seat, did not feel all that happy seeing this and could not help but whisper, "Master, Mrs. Poole is too weak. Why don't we get to the closest airport and take a flight back to Kidon City. That way she won't have to suffer."

Alex sighed. "We are going to circle around to Bay County first."

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Alex did not say another word and simply held onto Jane with one arm. His emotions could not be read underneath the sunglasses he wore, but Garrett could distinctly tell the sorrow that loomed over his master. He wanted to ask but did not dare to. He still treasured his own life, and so Garrett did not ask anything. Wherever his master told him to go, a temporary driver like him could only obey. From White Ocean City to Bay County, the two small cities did not have flights that connected them, and it took about eight hours of driving for them to approach the borders of Bay County.

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Alex glanced over at the great mountains on both sides and suddenly commanded Garrett, "Stop!"

The sky had just begun to turn bright. Throughout the night they drove, Jane had been asleep, sinking deeper and deeper into her dreams. At first, she leaned into Alex's arms. After that, Alex went ahead and lowered the seat so that she could sleep comfortably. Even the driver in the front seat could not help but feel his heart ache as he glanced over to Jane a couple of times.

'How long has it been since Mrs. Poole had a good night's sleep? As expected of the Master, he really has it all planned out. We can't allow her to stray out there any longer. Any longer, she would die out there. Even if this is all plotted by the Master, at least he is doing it for her own good,' he thought.

At the time, the car had stopped inside the mountains, but Jane had not woken up, nor did Alex wake her. He leaned on his side with half of his body bent, and he let



side with half of his body bent, and he let her sleep on his arm as he watched her.

It was not until the sky was completely bright when Jane finally woke up. She felt as though she had slept for a really, really long time. She even had a dream. A sweet dream. She dreamed that she was ten years younger than she was then, and that she was with Alex when she was around twenty-four or so. The Alex she saw in her dream was young, as well, a year younger than she was. He wore an olive-green military uniform and looked incredibly handsome in it. In Jane's dream, the Jane in her twenties was getting married to Alex, who was also in his twenties. The two were sweet together, and it was great. The dream was long and wonderful, and after that, she even dreamed of being pregnant. She saw their child distinctly. It was a beautiful dream, so much so that she was reluctant to wake up, until the light that grew stronger from the outside pulled her out from her dream forcefully.

When she first woke up, she was not sure as to where she was. She closed her eyes

as to where she was. She closed her eyes for a moment and thought to herself, "Where am I? Is this the maid's room at Lenny's home? The small room in Huron's? Where is this?"

Jane remained dazed for a few minutes before finally coming to realize that she was in Alex's car. She turned around to find Alex holding his arm and massaging it.

"Alex, what's wrong with your arm?" she asked.

"You were using it as a pillow. It's numb now."

"..." She paused for a moment before asking, "Wh--why did the car stop? Where are we?"

Alex did not respond. He simply opened the car door to get out before extending his arms to carry Jane out of the car as well.

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Jane looked around at the unfamiliar environment around her, and looked at Alex in confusion. "Where are we, Alex? Where did you bring me here? Did something happen?"

Almost immediately, her mind went toward all bad possibilities. Could it be that her mother's condition was too severe for her to make it to Kidon City, and ended up dying halfway there? No! Tears began to gather in her eyes as she bit her lips and asked, "Alex, did...did something happen to my mom?"

Alex let out a quiet sigh. "That mountain is where Noah Hill died."

"..."

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Never had Jane imagined that she would wake up to arrive at the place where her lover Noah had died. Noah passed away merely a month ago, just before his body completely decayed.

'No, is his body still here?' she thought, as she stumbled toward the spot where Noah had fallen.

Before she could take off, Alex grabbed onto her arms and said, "Slow down. Don't injure yourself."

He supported her weight from behind gingerly, like he was offering his arms for a queen. She did not pay attention to a word he said and hurried over to the other side. The sound of someone wailing was heard even before they arrived and Jane noticed that it was her mother's voice.

The old lady's voice was getting closer and closer. "What could an old hag like me do to deserve this?? My grandson died, and now my son. My son... Mommy has

and now my son. My son... Mommy has arrived late. Why couldn't I have died in your place?"

The wailing was getting closer and, after making a turn, Jane saw a group of workers in jumpsuits working. If she was not wrong, it was an ice coffin that was in front of those workers and the old lady was leaning on the ice coffin, wailing.

"Mom!" Jane darted toward her in tears.

Seeing that Jane had arrived, the old woman immediately opened her arms and wrapped them around her. "Jane, I thought I was never going to see you ever again."

"It's alright, Mom. We are saved. You are okay. I will take care of you for the rest of your life and the child in my belly will be your grandchild. Mom, please don't go and commit suicide again. What am I to do if you die? How am I supposed to live on by myself?" Jane looked at her mother in tears. ①

The old lady suddenly smiled despite the tears on her face. "Jane, Noah... He..."



tears on her face. "Jane, Noah... He..."

Jane glanced over at the ice coffin and saw that the person in it was still in one piece. She could not believe it.

Just then, the people who were in charge of searching for Noah's body reported to Alex and said, "Master Alex, the temperature in this area on the mountain could drop to twenty to thirty degrees below. Most of the smaller animals have all gone into hibernation. There were once wolves in this mountain a couple of decades ago but now they are all gone. The body is perfectly fine, except for the fact that it's frozen into a statue of ice."

A stern expression appeared on Alex's face. This is the man that was his love love rival, but deep in his heart, he respected Noah for the man he was. If Noah was still alive and if not for Jane loving him so deeply, Alex might have recruited the man as his subordinate. But he was dead, and he came close to taking Jane's heart with him. Bitterness and jealousy filled Alex's heart, but for Jane's sake and to pay his respect to the dead,

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Alex came here to collect the body of his love rival in the end.

Garrett, who followed closely behind them, was so shocked that his jaw dropped. He finally realized the reason why his master chose to drive here instead of taking the plane; Alex was here to collect his love rival's body. Instantly, Garrett respected Alex even more than he did before.

The ice coffin that Noah was in was soon transported to a vehicle, while Jane, her mother, and Alex went into the minivan. Along the way, Jane and her mother leaned against one another for warmth and Jane did not spare Alex another look from that point onward.

Alex felt aggrieved. Before Jane saw her mother, she acted like she loved him deeply; now that she saw her mother, she could not be bothered to look at him.

"Jane," the old mother decided to speak justly about this. "I didn't get to meet your ex before, and now I have. He is a good man, and being with him is much better than staying with men like Huron

your ex before, and now I have. He is a good man, and being with him is much better than staying with men like Huron and Lenny. Jane, I don't want to say too much, but couples fight. All you need to do is to resolve it when there's a misunderstanding. You need to be understanding with your man." 1

The old mother even smiled at Alex once she was done, and Alex was more than grateful.

"Mom, I will take care of you from now on. You can stay in Kidon City if you want to, or you can stay in South City if you want to stay there as well," he claimed.

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The old lady froze as soon as she heard the top elite of Kidon City called her 'Mom'. She had not expected Alex to be someone so approachable, and in that moment, Alex's presence managed to wash away most of the despair she felt from losing her son.

Jane could not help but cast a glance over at Alex and he took the opportunity to grin at her in a flattering manner.

"..." Jane did not say a word.

"Sleep, child. You've gone through hardships in the past few months. You couldn't really sleep all that time and the car just now probably isn't comfortable to sleep in as well. There's a bed in this car. Go to sleep. Mom will watch over you," the old woman said with concern.

Jane nodded. She felt grounded with her mother next to her, and laid down obediently, but then, she sat back up again right away putting on the blanket.

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She looked at Alex and bit her lip. "Thank you, Alex. Um... My mom..."

"Once we get to Kidon City, we will bring her to the best hospital to fix her heart condition. You need to rest properly now so that your mom's heart won't suffer any further stimulation!" he replied impatiently. ①

"Oh..."

"Go to sleep!"

"Okay," she said. And soon, she was asleep again.

Kidon City was not too far from Bay County. It took another day of driving for the car to arrive back at Kidon City. Alex did not head home immediately, but instead took Noah's ice coffin directly to the cremation field and found him the best spot for his grave.

After a month of having his body exposed in the wild, Noah could finally rest in a graveyard. Jane and the old mother sobbed before his grave, but at the same

sobbed before his grave, but at the same time, felt reassured.

After giving Noah a proper burial, Alex took Jane with him and drove all the way back to the Poole residence.

It had been four months, and Jane felt strange revisiting the place. She never felt that she belonged. She never had a sense of belonging for the past seven years or so. Back then, she cared about nothing but Alex and so home was simply wherever Alex was, but now things were different. Her heart had been emptied out. She knew what Alex had done for her and she believed that Alex had been searching for her in the past few months. However, her heart could no longer be restored to how it was before. Having Noah's death in between them cast aside, she knew better than anyone that the only reason she chose to go back to Alex was to save her mother. She intended on focusing on her mother and the unborn child in her belly for the rest of her life, and as for Alex, she could not be less interested. Hence, even after she had rested well and felt great physically from Alex's attentive care, she



physically from Alex's attentive care, she still appeared ill and distant from everyone. She knew everyone in the Poole residence. None of them thought much of her four months ago and after she had come back, everyone, including the head of the family, Old Master Poole, and every servant in the household did not dare to neglect Jane. They all knew how much effort it took for Alex to find Jane. On top of that, Alex brought Jane back in the most dramatic manner possible with the intention to show Jane how much she meant to him, to the point that even his second uncle heard about it.

When Alex approached the Poole residence with his arm around Jane, who was pregnant, a shadow darted toward them from their side.

"Sister-in-law, you are finally back?" that person said in a flattering manner.

Once she saw who that person was, Jane's expression instantly darkened. "Go away! You disgust me!"

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"Wh--What did you just say?" Emma could not believe that those were the words coming from Jane. Though her father and uncle were in a feud, Emma was still a member of the Poole family.

'I am still Alex's cousin. His cousin! I was polite enough to say hi to her and she's asking me to get away?' she thought.

In the past seven to eight years, Emma had never spared a moment looking at Jane properly. No one knew better than Emma in the Poole family and all of Kidon City that Alex would never marry Jane. Jane was just nothing but a tool to him. Merely a tool.

Emma had mentioned to countless ladies of wealthy families in the elite community of Kidon City, saying, "Just wait and see! Someday my second cousin is going to dump that woman Jane. If my cousin and Lily can't make things work, I will introduce him to you."

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Those words were the reason why Emma managed to become the most powerful woman in Kidon City for a time. However, her cousin Alex had overpowered her father Axel's position in Kidon City, who had to back down to the point that he had to form an alliance with the Payne family from Star Island by supplying them with weapons. In the end, they could not even fend off Sebastian Ford from South City for three days.

Sebastian and Alex were blood brothers; if the two joined hands, the second branch of the Poole family would not survive.

Axel desperately wanted to gain the support of Old Master Shaw, his teacher who retired in South City, but ever since Old Master Shaw found his daughter, he had really grown much older and no longer wanted to be involved in things that happened out there in the world.

Axel and his descendants were withering away. Emma had gotten Lily to come back from overseas with every possible method she had, in hopes that she could get closer to Alex with Lily's help and attempt to resolve the differences they



attempt to resolve the differences they had with the Poole family, but never had she imagined that Alex's love for Lily would fade.

'That b\*tch Lily! She is just too dramatic! Ever since she came back into the country, she wouldn't even refrain at all and has crossed so many lines. She probably thinks that she is still under Alex's protection, but Lily is nothing without Alex! If it wasn't for my father, who protected her by sending her to Holden Payne, Lily might just be dead at the hands of Alex by now. In the end, this woman, Jane, is just lucky. Who knew that after four months, Alex could still manage to find her. Not to mention that the child in her belly is still there and her belly has already grown so much; it seems like she is going to turn the tables with her child!' she thought.

Emma could tell how Alex felt about Jane from his expression, which was why she caught on to the opportunity to suck up to Jane. She had thought that Jane would be grateful that Alex took her back and would see this as an opportunity to form

would see this as an opportunity to form connections with the Pooles, but she had not anticipated for Jane to speak to her in such a manner.

"You...!" Emma was furious, but did not dare to speak. What she had wanted to say was, 'You are acting all high and mighty now, but be careful, Alex might just kick you out again once you give birth to that child in your belly!'

She mumbled to herself for a short while, before whining, "My sister-in-law, I am going to be your cousin-in-law. I never would have imagined that you would hate me so much. Did I do anything wrong?"

Jane stared at Emma with a cold and stern expression. "Do you really think I wouldn't know?"

"Know what?"

"You saw that I was getting close with Sabrina and her friends. You are already jealous of her to begin with, and so you are scared that Alex might actually marry me, leaving you and your sister in the Poole family no place to survive once I

"You saw that I was getting close with Sabrina and her friends. You are already jealous of her to begin with, and so you are scared that Alex might actually marry me, leaving you and your sister in the Poole family no place to survive once I team up with Sabrina. That's why you called Lily back from overseas in a hurry overnight, didn't you?"

"..." Emma did not respond. She did not know that Jane had figured her intentions out.

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"Emma Poole, I've already died once. I don't care about anything anymore in this world; I don't even intend on keeping the child in my belly, so do you really think that I would be afraid of you?" Jane sneered as she stared at Emma coldly. "Scram! Don't let me see you again! I feel like throwing up every time I see you! If I get upset, I might just take my man's gun out of his nightstand and shoot you in the head one day!"

"..."

Jane sneered again. "If you think that I won't dare to, why don't you try me?"

"Ah..." Emma immediately turned to flee.

Jane snickered grimly in contempt.

'Emma is nothing but a fool, but she still managed to almost get me killed and even cost Noah his life. Now that I am back with Alex, I will not be scared of anyone. I used to treat everyone with respect and tolerance because I loved Alex. But now? I don't have a heart anymore, so I won't back down. I'm going

anymore, so I won't back down. I'm going to ignore them all,' she thought as she continued to walk toward the Poole residence proudly.

Behind her, Emma could barely contain her anger. "Cousin Alex!"

"?" Alex turned around to look at her.

"Does she get to be this arrogant simply because she is pregnant with your child? Women like her think that they are above everything whenever someone cares for them. Are you not going to do anything about this??"

"Emma, I've never restricted you from doing anything before because you didn't affect Jane directly, but according to what she said, you played a huge part in keeping her out there for four months." He looked at her casually.

"What do you mean, cousin?"

"Jane asked you to leave; didn't you hear her?"

"..."

"..."

"There's a child in her belly now that she doesn't intend on keeping, so she would like nothing better than having you piss her off so much that she loses the baby, but Emma, it's my child she is bearing, if-  
-"

Before Alex could finish, Emma immediately changed her mind and said, "I'm sorry, cousin, I'm sorry. It's my fault ..."

Emma could finally tell that Jane was not getting this treatment because of her child. She did not even want the child to begin with, but Alex still went and got her back, which meant that he truly loved her. The thought of that sent chills down her spine. She immediately changed her initial tone and said, "I... I will leave now!"

Emma went back to her own house with resignation. Her father Axel was sitting in the living room and asked her as soon as he saw her coming back, "You didn't manage to suck up to them, did you?"



manage to suck up to them, did you?"

Frustrated, Emma took a vase and threw it to the ground. "Dad, are we just going to let our branch of the Poole family fade into the background just like this? My sister and brother-in-law have already been hunted down by Sebastian Ford, and they don't even have control over the Smith group anymore! On our side, Jane Sheen has come back and she resents me right off the bat! Dad, we can't just sit on our thumbs," she gritted out viciously.

Axel sneered. "Of course I know that we can't just sit on our thumbs; why else do you think I decided to send Lily overseas? She is pregnant with Holden's child, and Holden is the biological brother of Sebastian!"

Emma beamed. "Dad?"

"Even if I can't beat them with those two teaming up, I won't let them have it easy. Especially that man, Holden. He tends to live on the edge," Axel said with a sneer.

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The same evil smile appeared on Emma's face as well. That night, she secretly called Lily, who was supposed to be hiding overseas with Holden. The phone rang for a long while and no one picked up. Just as the call was about to get disconnected, someone picked up and a voice as hoarse as a vengeful spirit came through. 1

"Hello... H--help me."

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Startled, Emma sat up from her bed. "Who are you?"

The hoarse voice on the other end was still asking for help, "H--help me..."

"Lily?"

"Mm..." Lily struggled to respond.

"Aren't you with Holden Payne? Aren't you pregnant with his child? What happened to you?"

Meanwhile, Lily was locked inside a cell and her lips were so dry that the skin was peeling. Had she known that she would end up like this, Lily would have never gone to Holden for help. She had thought that he would keep her around for the sake of the child in her belly, but she had underestimated his viciousness.

Holden had gone from South City to Kidon City before Axel sent him overseas by ship merely three months ago with Sean and Rose's retirement fund. Sean had wanted to send Holden to Europe so that he could extend his career with his



that he could extend his career with his sharp mind, but Holden changed his path halfway. He did not go to Europe, but instead went to the Middle East.

The Middle East was plagued with wars and no one with an ordinary mindset would decide to go there, but for someone as bold and fearless over losing his life as Holden, the war zone provided him the perfect opportunity to utilize his talents.

Holden had great judgment and had chosen to settle down on one of the islands near the borders that was closest to the country. Because of the constant warring, it had only cost Holden a small fortune to purchase the ownership of the island. With the island as foundation and the ocean behind him, all he needed to do was to train his team to a certain strength and he would be able to realize his ambition in the future.

Holden was incredibly experienced in managing islands from a young age. Back on Star Island, his eldest brother, Harry, was not capable at all and all operational matters had been managed by Holden. All

matters had been managed by Holden. All that had changed was that he was on a different island, but his management skills were still there.

With his extraordinary wit and vicious personality, Holden managed to complete a few enormous trades and recruited a team of mercenaries in the midst of war, consisting of people that were experienced in combat and were reluctant to suffer any longer in the war. They all agreed as soon as they heard about the great benefits that Holden offered. Within two months, Holden had become a king of his own kind, and that was when Sean and Rose sent Lily over to him out of the blue.

Sean and Rose were the only two who knew where he was and Holden did not have a clue as to why those two would send Lily over. Was she here to be his punching bag during training? Did they not know that he disliked this woman?

What surprised him most was when Rose told him, "Holden, Lily is pregnant with your child."

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Holden's eyes widened. "She? She is pregnant with my child?"

Rose deadpanned. "Holden, you have been wandering overseas and it's already considered not bad for you to even have a wife. Not to mention the fact that Lily's father comes from generations of medical experts. Their pharmaceutical factories and clinics are all over Kidon City, and their business has grown in incredible scale, so marrying Lily--"

Holden interrupted her and asked, "What I am asking is how did she get pregnant with my child?"

"My son, how could you not know that you had a one-night stand with Lily?" she responded earnestly. "I counted the days; it's about that time."

"..." Holden was at a loss for words. After hanging up, he sneered. It was from that time? Both of them had been acting on impulse. That woman, Lily, had been too aggressive and he had drunk two to three bottles of liquor that night because of his



time? Both of them had been acting on impulse. That woman, Lily, had been too aggressive and he had drunk two to three bottles of liquor that night because of his background. He had been drunk to the point that he wasn't even conscious.

Wouldn't they worry about the baby having Fetal alcohol syndrome over a pregnancy that occurred under the influence of alcohol? That aside, he had no feelings towards Lily at all to begin with. On top of that, they even had a grudge! Why would Lily come to look for him and ask for him to take responsibility under such circumstances? Was she some locked-away conservative country girl?

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If that was the case, then Holden truly had to treat this woman well for the rest of his life. This was because Holden had never let women down! He was a feminist!

However, this was clearly not the case.

Lily was a woman who had traveled the world. It had already been a long while since she was first involved with someone, so would she still care about this?

Since she had an unexpected pregnancy, then should she not have cut her losses at the earliest possible time so that the child would not suffer and her body would not be severely damaged?

However, she traveled such a long distance and went through fire to come to him just to make him take responsibility?

Was that even logical?

This woman! She had always been full of sinister schemes. She had tried to frame Sabrina many times in South City!

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Thinking of that, Holden then dreadfully coldly came to the front of Lily, who had just temporarily settled down. "Pregnant with my child?"

Lily already had no way out in the country and she could only seek refuge with Holden within at that moment. She was as lowly as the servants from the olden days. She knelt in front of Holden while hugging his ankle. "Holden, the child that I am carrying is yours. I did not want to keep it, but when I was admitted to the hospital, I had thought of the first time we met. Don't you think we are destined to be together? We would not have gotten to know each other if we hadn't fought. We had an enemies-to-lovers relationship."

Holden sneered. "Hmph! An enemies-to-lovers relationship? We wouldn't have gotten to know each other if we hadn't fought with each other?"

"You speak of how we met so beautifully. Why do I recall that my encounter with you was a violent one? You were cursing me to death, and I was beating you to death."



e to death, and I was beating you to death.

“Even that time when we fornicated, we treated each other like animals. You were standing the whole time, right?”

Lily was speechless.

To Lily, the time they spent together was actually both humiliating and happy. She simply liked having such a domineering man. However, at that moment when those words came out of Holden’s mouth, all that was left was just humiliation.

Lily was utterly embarrassed. She raised her head and looked humbly at Holden. Holden had no sense of sentiment on his face at all. All he had was viciousness. At a glance, that vicious expression of his reminded Lily of Sebastian.

As expected of twin brothers, they were both as vicious as one another. It seemed that both the brothers loved Sabrina very much. This made Lily even more envious.

Holden suddenly asked, “My child?”

Lily immediately nodded desperately as if she had seen a sense of hope. “Mm-

she had seen a sense of hope. "Mm-hmm, your child."

"By the looks of it, it's been four months, right?" Holden stared at Lily's belly and it indeed was bulging. However, Holden was more and more disgusted by this unrestrainedly indecent woman when he looked at her.

"Yes, it's been four months," said Lily.

"I'm taking you to the hospital now!" said Holden.

Lily immediately fell backwards in shock.

"You-you want me to get rid of my child?"

Holden looked askance at Lily. "That's my child. Of course, the child should be kept!"

Lily instantly felt relieved.

Sitting in Holden's car, her head was filled with images of her future life with Holden as her husband. Perhaps she would be the queen of the island! Perhaps someday, her man, Holden, would take her along and charge back to South City t

Holden as her husband. Perhaps she would be the queen of the island! Perhaps someday, her man, Holden, would take her along and charge back to South City to capture both Sebastian and Sabrina alive.

However, Holden brought her to the hospital and directly told the doctor, "I want to have an amniocentesis and a paternity test done." 1

Lily was instantly bewildered.

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The doctor was so frightened by Holden's imposing manner that she dared not speak for quite a while. It was a long while before she stuttered, "Has it already been four months? To do an amniocentesis for a paternity test, you'll have to wait until the fetus is four months old. Then only..."

Holden said calmly, "It's been exactly four months."

"Good... Good."

Lily looked tearfully at Holden. "Holden, you don't believe me?"

"Do you think I take you for a person with integrity?"

Lily was speechless.

Holden's tone was unwaveringly calm. "I don't care about a woman's chastity. As long as the paternity test results show that the child is mine, no matter how many men you've fooled around with, I will still keep you by my side! If that child is not mine, but you want to make a fool o

is not mine, but you want to make a fool of me...”

There was a pause before Holden said incomparably coldly, “If you make a fool of me...”

“No, Holden, no. I don’t want to do it anymore. I’ll leave your island immediately, alright?” Lily pleaded with Holden in an incomparably pitiful manner.

The fact was that she truly did not know whose child she was carrying in her belly.

When she was abroad in the past, as debauched as she had been, she had always handled it very well. Ever since she returned to the country and to Alex’s side, and after Alex dumped her, she fooled around with men like mad for the sake of seeking revenge.

During that period, she had a different man every night, so much so that she could not even remember how many different men she had been with.

However, among those men, Holden was the one whose attractiveness in

the one whose attractiveness in appearance could be compared to Alex. Holden was also the only one who could compare to Holden in terms of power and nobility. Therefore, Lily firmly maintained that the child in her belly was Holden's. That night, Holden was the most passionate and the timing was also right.

However, Lily had never expected that Holden wanted to have an amniocentesis for a paternity test. Lily was dumbfounded.

Holden grabbed Lily's arm and smiled very calmly. "Be good. Both you and I can only be at ease after doing the paternity test. Perhaps you will be the First Lady on this island in the future."

After saying that, he then forcibly sent Lily in for the procedure.

Amniocentesis was very painful.

Lily was as white as a sheet after she came out. She was alone on the hospital bed and praying abundantly that the child absolutely was Holden's!



child absolutely was Holden's!

The three days of waiting felt as long as a year.

Just as Lily sat on the hospital bed and prayed continuously, Holden came in.

"Darling," said Holden with a smile.

"Is it... Is the child yours?" Lily asked impatiently.

The two nurses behind them could not help but cover their faces and laugh.

There was actually such a shameless woman in this world. She did not even know whose child she was pregnant with? She could still randomly identify a man to be the father to the child in her belly? It would have been fine if she found an extremely honest man that could be fooled by her, but she found such a man that was not easy to mess with instead.

How foolish! She truly deserved it!

This kind of woman truly did not know what it meant to be shameful!

Holden's temper was extraordinarily

Holden's temper was extraordinarily nice. "Darling, we have to have surgery now."

Lily was instantly shocked. "Why... What's the matter? What surgery?"

Holden's temper was still very nice. "Since you liked fooling around with men so much, to the extent that you don't even remember whose child you were carrying in your belly, then why don't I give you what you've wished for. I'll let them do surgery for you for your permanent convenience."

He then nonchalantly said to the doctor, "It doesn't affect her life in the future if the thing that produces estrogen is taken out, right?"

The doctor nodded. "No, it won't affect her."

"Good. For the sake of her convenience in the future and the betterment of her body, it's been delightfully decided for it to be taken off her. Oh, that's right. Do her a favor and get rid of that ball of flesh in her belly as well," said Holden

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## Chapter 1605

Lily helplessly shouted tearfully, "No... Don't, no..."

However, this was not Kidon City, and it was not South City either. Alex no longer protected her in South City or Kidon City, let alone here in Holden's territory?

No matter how much Lily wailed, she was still pushed into the operating room.

Holden, who was outside of the operating room, could hear how miserably Lily was wailing.

It took a long while and Lily fainted a few times.

When she woke up again, her belly was already flat.

The doctor's icy cold voice could be heard. "You will never menstruate again in the future."

Lily asked, "Doctor, I...am I still alive?"

The doctor nodded. "Of course! Not only are you alive, but you can still get intimate with men like normal."

intimate with men like normal.”

“Then, will I...still have children in the future?”

The doctor laughed. “You cannot menstruate anymore, so how will you have children? What a joke!”

Lily was speechless.

She was going insane!

“Ah... Holden, you son of a b\*tch!” Just as she finished saying that, Holden entered the ward.

Holden carried her straight out of the ward and then tossed her onto a four-wheeled tractor that was filled with trash. He then drove Lily to a place, which was a small pitch-black room.

Right before he locked her into the small pitch-black room, Holden returned Lily’s phone to her.

“Lily Parker! I, Holden Payne, have always kept my business and private matters separate! It was you who took the initiative to curse at me when I first met you! That time when we fornicated, you

you! That time when we fornicated, you were also the one who seduced me. I was drunk as a skunk back then! These things are all water under the bridge, but I have never thought that you would be pregnant with a b\*stard. Also, you could even travel such a distance to blame it on me.

“Since you insist on striking up a relationship with me, it’s also fine. If you don’t want to die, then call your father, who is far away in Kidon City, and have him transfer all of the Parker family’s assets to my bank account in Raskye!

“I will let you go once I have gotten the money.”

Hearing Holden blackmailing her like that, Lily’s voice became hoarse and she questioned, “Then what about you making me neither a man nor a woman, and neither human nor ghost?”

Holden said calmly. “Weren’t you the one who came to me yourself?”

After saying that, he turned around and walked away.



walked away.

When he arrived at the door, he said again, "If your family doesn't use all of the family assets to pay your ransom, then you have to work harder here. There are more men than women here on this island, especially now that I'm supporting so many mercenaries."

"No..." Lily cried miserably.

Holden locked the door and left. He would not listen to Lily bawling.

Lily also did not have much spare time to bawl. The first thing she did was to call home. However, she did not know that her father was so angered by her that he was hospitalized; he could not answer the call at all.

In the next few days, Lily kept calling home at different times, but still, nobody answered.

Nobody gave her any food to eat in those few days. She was very thirsty and was very much in despair.

She was utterly regretful. She regretted

She was utterly regretful. She regretted that she willfully went abroad for so many years and left Alex alone at home.

She had thought that no matter how debauched she was out there, Alex would be there at home waiting to marry her. Therefore, she just willfully and recklessly enjoyed herself out there. However, she never would have expected that when she returned, Alex had already fallen for Jane.

Everything in Lily's life was ruined.

It was all ruined!

Just when Lily was extremely desperate and terrified, her phone suddenly rang.

She thought that it was her father calling, but she saw that it was a rather unfamiliar yet familiar number when she looked at it. She immediately answered the call; only then did she find out that it was Emma on the other end of the call.

"Emma, save me. As long as you're willing to save me, I will offer all of my Parker family's properties as a gift to you and help you overthrow your uncle and

was Emma on the other end of the call.

“Emma, save me. As long as you’re willing to save me, I will offer all of my Parker family’s properties as a gift to you and help you overthrow your uncle and South City’s Sebastian,” Lily eagerly pleaded with sincerity.

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## Chapter 1606

Emma was speechless.

What a loser! Lily truly had been unlucky ever since she returned to the country. No wonder she was called Lily. The 'L' in her name was meant for 'Loser'.

Emma stayed silent on the other end of the line for a long while.

In the past ten years, Lily had been condescending and indifferent to Emma. Although Emma was a member of the Poole family from Kidon City, Lily had never treated her as a human. That was because Lily had Alex backing her up.

However, things were different at that moment! Alex no longer wanted Lily! Lily had gone to seek refuge with Holden and had been made to become neither human nor ghost by him.

'Ha! How unlucky of her!' Emma actually felt a sense of pleasure in her heart.

At that moment, she did not talk about the matter of rescuing Lily no matter

what. She just sneered and said to Lily: "

the matter of rescuing Lily no matter what. She just sneered and said to Lily, "Lily! You truly are pretentious! Back then when you were staying at my uncle's house when you were a teenager, my uncle truly loved you more than me, his own niece.

"You can only blame yourself for being so pretentious when you already have such a good man like my cousin.

"Seeing that we've grown up together, there is something I must tell you. My cousin finally got his wife back after spending four months searching for her.

"Yes, she is already my cousin-in-law now. You should be familiar with her name. She is called Jane Sheen."

Lily felt as if her heart had been stabbed. "What? Jane... Jane Sheen is back? She... Shouldn't she hate your cousin to her bones?" When Lily murdered Noah, she did it in the name of Alex. Her goal was to make Jane hate Alex.

"She does," said Emma truthfully.

"Because she hates my cousin, she

“Because she hates my cousin, she doesn’t tolerate anyone anymore now. In the past when she loved my cousin, she was tolerant toward every one of my cousin’s family, including my dad, myself, and my sister. She respected us all. Now, she’s no longer afraid of anyone anymore. 1

“She would directly kick me out when she saw me. Lily, this is all because of you! However, I’m not bothered by it. After all, my immediate family has fallen anyway, so we deserve to suffer in silence.

“The main thing is that my cousin is even nicer to his wife now. Now, my cousin is Jane’s servant.”

“Save me! rescue me from this place! I want to personally kill Jane. I want to kill her myself!” said Lily viciously.

“Sure.” Emma smiled very naturally. “From today onward, your family, the Parkers, and my immediate family are going to properly collaborate. I will take the funds that my family needs from you, the Parker family.”



the Parker family.”

“Alright, no problem; as long as you can rescue me from the hands of the devil that is Holden!” said Lily.

“Let me think of a way,” said Emma nonchalantly.

Without any hesitation, she hung up Lily’s call for help. After that, Emma happily went to sleep.

Early in the morning of the following day, Emma went to her uncle’s house.

Her uncle had just come home from the hospital, and her eldest cousin and his wife were taking care of her uncle and aunt.

Emma’s uncle was still angry. “What nonsense is this? She was just a maid, but now she’s actually become the matriarch of the Poole family!”

Old Madam Poole was consoling Old Master Poole. “Just stop it! Do you really want to kick your youngest son out?”

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of the Poole family!”

Old Madam Poole was consoling Old Master Poole. “Just stop it! Do you really want to kick your youngest son out?”

“He brought us such a daughter-in-law. It would be nothing if I just kicked him out of the house. I want to sever all ties with him!” Old Master Poole was so angered that he started coughing violently.

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## Chapter 1607

Austin, who was the eldest of his family, said to his father, "Dad! I'm not trying to nag you!"

Old Master Poole looked at his eldest son and was stunned.

"You also know that I have no interest in terms of power. Our family originally had been so oppressed by Uncle Axel that we barely were able to breathe anymore! You were so furious back then. Later on, wasn't Alex the one who made a comeback with his own power after he was grown up?"

"Our family only got to enjoy incomparable nobility in Kidon City because we have Alex. If you were to sever all ties with Alex, then aren't you just pushing him to outsiders?"

"Besides, I find that my sister-in-law is quite good! She hasn't done anything wrong, and she is gentle and well-mannered. She had put in a lot of effort serving Alex for eight years! I think she is



serving Alex for eight years! I think she is a hundred times better than Lily!

“That, what’s her name...Lily? She had changed so many partners when she was abroad for so many years. Does she really take Alex as a fool?”

“Jane is pregnant with Alex’s child now. She had been innocent and pure and only had Alex in her life. What’s bad about her? It’s just that her family background is not that great, right? No matter how bad her family background is, it’s fine as long as Alex likes her!”

Austin’s words came from the bottom of his heart. He said for the sake of the Poole family, but it was even more for the sake of his son, Ryan.

Ryan has already grown up, and he also did not like to play with power. He liked to do business, and his business in Kidon City and South City was thriving. To put it bluntly, the reason why Ryan could do as he pleased in Kidon City and South City was that he had his Uncle Alex protecting him.



him.

Austin's wife also echoed, "Yes, Mister Poole, Alex is the pillar of our family. He just wanted to marry Jane, so don't stop him anymore."

Old Madam Poole also followed along and punched Old Master Poole. "You old d\*mned thing! I'll be seeing another grandchild of mine soon! Jane is already six months pregnant! Don't you create any trouble at this juncture!" 2

Old Master Poole sighed continuously.

Right at that time, Emma came and she shouted from afar, "Uncle Patrick, look what I've brought you? It's your favorite cinnamon tea."

When Old Master Poole was younger, he cared for his brother, Axel, very much. However, he was tricked by Axel in the end, so he had been distant from Axel since then. However, Old Master Poole still cared for his brother's children very much.

Seeing his niece's arrival, Old Master Poole temporarily suppressed his anger. "

Poole temporarily suppressed his anger. “Emma, have you had breakfast?”

Emma said while acting cute, “Not yet! Uncle Patrick, I’ll have breakfast with you today.”

“Mm-hmm. You brat. You must have argued with your dad, so you came to my house.” Old Master Poole disliked his brother very much at that moment. “It’s fine. The more you argue with your dad, the happier I am. Just stay for breakfast and pissed your dad off!”

Old Master Poole turned his head around and instructed Old Madam Poole, “Go to the kitchen and see if breakfast is ready. Let them add another serving. Emma is having breakfast here today.” 1

Seeing the Old Master Poole happy, Old Madam Poole was also happy. Together with her son and his wife, as well as Emma, Old Madam Poole then pushed Old Master Poole inside for breakfast.

After breakfast, Emma had inquired about all the information she wanted to know, so she left her uncle’s home

know, so she left her uncle's home happily. After walking a distance away from the house, Emma turned her head around and spat in the direction of her uncle's house. "Pfft! Sooner or later, my family will replace you! Just wait and see."

She did not feel relieved after she spat at the house, so she cursed viciously again, "Also, Jane Sheen! Get the hell out! D\*mn you. You're just a maid by my cousin's side! You're pregnant, right? Watch how I'm going to piss you off so much that you can't give birth to the baby! I'll see if my cousin would still want you if you no longer have the child! Hmph!"

Just as she turned around after she finished saying that, she suddenly received a heavy slap on her face.

That slap made Emma's ears ring.

After she clearly saw the person who came, she was instantly infuriated. "You ... How dare you hit me?"

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## Chapter 1608

Standing opposite Emma, Ruth fearlessly put her hands on her hips and looked at Emma in a shrewish manner. "I am the one who slapped you!"

The person who was standing at the side was Ryan.

"You..." Emma had never expected it. Never in a million years did Emma expect it! Even such a little b\*tch like Ruth dared to slap her. Who did she take Emma for? Was Emma a person that could be slapped whenever someone wanted to?

"Ryan! I am your aunt!" Emma roared at Ryan.

Ryan shrugged. "Aunt Emma, I am obsessed with this chick now. She has a lot of flaws. She is uncultured, doesn't dress up, is vulgar, and looks like a shrew. You are much more elegant than her, but I have seen enough elegant chicks. I just prefer the kind like Ruth right now. I can't control her. Once I controlled her, she would cry and run away. I won't be able to get her around even if I tried for a



month.”

Emma stuttered in anger. “You...”

Ruth still had her hands on her waist. That way Ruth glared at her was as if once Emma dared to move a little, she would go up and pull Emma’s hair. Ruth’s eyes were radiating with provoking glints, and she arrogantly threatened Emma. “B\*tch, listen up! Master Alex had found Jane and gotten her back with great difficulty. If you dare to lay a single finger on her, I will...strip all the hairs off your body!”

Ryan instantly burst out laughing as he could not hold it back. This little shrew! She truly was quite nasty with her words.

When he hated Ruth in the past, he felt that she truly was annoying. Later on, Ruth had been trained by Sabrina, and she corrected her mistakes. He then unexpectedly fell for this woman. She was still quite well behaved at first. However, at that moment, because she had Sabrina backing her up and also became best friends with Sabrina and Yvonne, who had Kingston and Marcus backing her up, she had become more and more forceful

she had become more and more forceful. That shrewish temper of hers started to come out bit by bit.

However, Ryan did not like Ruth any less at all. In fact, the young lady was very kindhearted and tenderhearted. She also was a little simple. She was much more interesting than those young ladies from eminent families that Ryan had seen in Kidon City.

Ruth was indeed shrewish, but she treated Ryan very well. She had never spent his money carelessly. Every time he gave her money, she would cautiously say, "Ryan, I...I'm dating you because I truly love you. I don't want your money. I want to do my job well and learn from Sabrina. Sabrina had never graduated from college, but she worked very hard in studying architecture. I can work hard too. Although I'm not as smart as Sabrina, I am willing to spend even more time than her. I just want to learn a skill that would benefit me for life properly so that I can survive for the rest of my life."

Hearing Ruth saying that, Ryan could not help but say gallantly, "Young lady,

help but say gallantly, "Young lady, you're already my wife and you still want to be self-reliant? Could it be that such a large Poole family is not enough to support my little wife?"

Ruth smiled bashfully. "The Poole family could support me even if there were hundreds of me, let alone just me. However, what if you don't want me anymore one day? Could it be that I still have to desperately and endlessly pester you?"

Ryan was speechless.

"I will absolutely never pester you. If one day you don't love me and don't want me anymore, that means our love has come to an end. When there is no love anymore, I will take the initiative to leave you. I will never annoy you and let you feel that I am difficult to get rid of. I want to be a self-reliant woman who has pride. Just like Sabrina.

"No matter how rich the Poole family got, that's still the Poole family's money. I, on the other hand, will want to rely on myself for the rest of my life. So that one



Sabrina.

“No matter how rich the Poole family got, that’s still the Poole family’s money. I, on the other hand, will want to rely on myself for the rest of my life. So that one day...if there truly was such a day, then only will I not be that helpless like a pitiful soul. I...I have learned all this from Sabrina. She had been through so many moments that were dangerous, humiliating, and out of her control, but she had never made others feel pity for her.”

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## Chapter 1609

“That’s what I find most admirable about Sabrina. In the future, I want to be a woman just like her! Therefore, Ryan, just keep your money. I will never spend your money.”

Perhaps it started from that moment onwards, Alex cherished this little girl, Ruth, even more. Although she was shrewish and seemed bad-mannered at a glance, she was actually very proud and unyielding at the bottom of her heart. She was hardworking as well. Why did it matter that she was a little shrew hail from a messy place like the markets? Ryan just liked her! Not only did he like her, but he also felt that his little wife was very cute. ①

Ryan coughed a little. “Ruth! You’ve been a little reckless. This is my aunt and my father’s cousin. She is our elder. How can you call her a b\*tch?”

Ruth had an innocent expression. “Oh, I had already forgotten that she is a generation elder.”

generation elder.”

Emma was speechless. Oh! Are they trying to piss her off to death? Why would she meet this pair of d\*mned things outside of her uncle's residence?

“Why...why are both of you here?” Emma asked in anger.

Ryan shrugged his shoulders again. “Aunt Emma, this...is the door to my house.”

Emma was speechless again.

“Still hasn't scrambled? Are you waiting for me to hit you a second time?” Ruth raised her fist.

Emma was filled with anger, but she could not reason with a shrew. She could only walk away furiously, touching her extremely swollen cheek. Ruth, who was behind Emma, was still shouting. “Emma Poole, listen up! If you dared to disrespect Jane again in the future, then I will pull out your teeth!”

Emma was extremely furious. Ruth, on the other hand, was laughing happily.

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“This tactic that I’ve learned from Aino was truly useful. When meeting an unreasonable woman, there was no use reasoning with her at all. Just directly hit her hard!” said Ruth, as she smiled at Ryan.

Ryan resignedly pinched Ruth’s little nose and muttered softly, “What kind of spell have me and Uncle Alex been under?”

“What?” asked Ruth.

“No, nothing!” Ryan was afraid that he would get beaten up. He wrapped a hand around Ruth and got in the car to continue driving. The two of them did not enter the Poole residence. Instead, they passed it by and drove forward for a few more minutes. They then arrived at the mansion that has a garden, and then they stopped the car. 1

“Is this the place your Uncle Alex is staying?” asked Ruth.

“Mm-hmm. Uncle Alex has a lot of official matters to handle, so he moved



official matters to handle, so he moved out and stayed alone. Let's go, I'll take you to meet Aunt Jane. I heard on the phone yesterday that she is about six months pregnant, so her pregnant belly should be quite big now," said Ryan happily. He was going to have a younger cousin soon.

When they entered the courtyard, Ryan shouted at the top of his lungs. "Uncle Alex, Uncle Alex! Where is my Aunt Jane? Ruth is here. Ruth is here on Sabrina's orders to visit my Aunt Jane."

Ruth, also called out, "Jane, Jane, where are you? Jane, I'm Ruth. I miss you very much!"

Hearing their shouts outside, Jane, who was originally seated at the dining room for breakfast, immediately got up.

"Take it slowly!" Alex hugged Jane's waist from behind. Right at that moment as Jane was about to walk outside, her phone rang. She thought it would be Sabrina calling, so she answered the call without even thinking about it. "Is it... Sabrina? I heard that Ruth came over."



“Take it slowly!” Alex hugged Jane’s waist from behind. Right at that moment as Jane was about to walk outside, her phone rang. She thought it would be Sabrina calling, so she answered the call without even thinking about it. “Is it... Sabrina? I heard that Ruth came over.”

An eerily sharp voice that sounded like a female ghost came from the other end of the line instead. “Jane Sheen! You’re actually alive!”

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## Chapter 1610

Jane could already tell who the other party was. Even though the other party sounded like something that came crawling out of hell, Jane was not unfamiliar with this voice at all. It was the owner of this voice that almost beat her to death. The owner of this voice also killed Noah.

Jane hated Lily the most in her life. If Lily was in front of her, Jane would not hesitate to take a gun and put multiple bullets through Lily!

“Why does your voice sound so miserable?” asked Jane calmly.

“You...” Lily had just gotten Jane’s contact number, and she called Jane immediately as she could not wait any longer. She was not willing to admit defeat! She should have been the one who became Alex’s wife and become a woman whose position was second to none in Kidon City. The Parker family and the Poole family were obviously well-matched. How could it become like this?



matched. How could it become like this?

Everything was out of place. She should have been Alex's girlfriend. However, she had been locked in the small room by Holden for so long, and she was only given half a piece of bread and half a bowl of cold water. Her wound was very painful, and she felt that it was already suppurating. Why would she turn to be in this neither human nor ghost, neither man nor woman state? She had a chip on her shoulder! Even if she became a ghost, she also wanted to bite Jane to death!

Everything that was originally supposed to be hers was snatched away by Jane. Lily just thought so!

"Why are you still alive? You have been wandering out there for so long and you have been used by so many men. How would it be possible for Alex to take you back again? Give me Alex's contact. I have to tell him to bring you for a paternity test! Let him know that the child in your belly was not his at all! B\*tch! How come you're still not dead yet? You were actually found by Alex again! You filthy thing, I forbid you from touching Alex, I



thing, I forbid you from touching Alex, I forbid you from being in front of him!”

Lily had simply gone mad! Jane, on the other hand, was very calm. She had an open mind to everything at that moment. Missus Hill was sent into the best military hospital in Kidon City for treatment, so that her life could be saved. Jane no longer had to worry about basic living necessities, and the most important thing was that Alex treated her truly very well.

She had just returned with Alex yesterday, and he had personally made dinner for her at night. After dinner, he had even accompanied her for a stroll in the garden. Later that night, without waiting for her to serve him, he had already taken the initiative to bring the bucket over and personally help her soak her feet. At that moment, Jane was touched. However, she already felt dead inside.

When Alex was doing all that for her last night, Jane could not get used to it. “Alex, I followed you back to serve you, not to let you serve me. It’s not convenient for me t

you serve me. It's not convenient for me to move around now, but after I have given birth to the child, I will still serve you as I used to. This was what I agreed with you when I came with you."

Hearing the woman say this, Alex's heart felt so painful as if it was cut by a knife. However, he said with a gentle expression, "Do you think I'm serving you? I'm serving my son! If I serve you better, then my son will be more comfortable in your belly."

Jane had a faintly discernible smile on her face that was more like a miserable smile. "Is it definitely going to be a son?"

"Daughter is good as well!" Alex immediately picked up the conversation. He already felt overwhelmed by the sudden treatment when she was willing to speak to him. "I like a daughter, just like Aino. Jane, if you have given me a daughter, then I will not cherish Aino as much anymore in the future. I could be spared from being scolded by Aino all day long. The way she lectured me was as if she was lecturing a fool."

## Chapter 1611

“Let’s not have a son, let’s just have a daughter. A girl is great!”

The more Alex thought about it, the more excited he got. He thought to himself, Jane and his attractiveness in appearance would not lose out to Sebastian and Sabrina even slightly. When his daughter was born, she may be even prettier than Aino.

However, he never would have expected that Jane, who was washing her feet, would immediately pull her feet back at once. She had a painful expression and was muttering to herself, “No! No! I don’t want a daughter. I don’t want to have a daughter. I don’t want to. I don’t want my daughter to be like that in the future. It’s too miserable. Too miserable...I don’t want to have a daughter!” Her tears dripped down into the bucket. Every teardrop created a huge ripple.

Alex was speechless. He stood up and hugged Jane. “I’m sorry. I’m sorry, Jane. I’m sorry! I should be d\*mned! Everything was my fault! It was my fault!”



Everything was my fault! It was my fault! I can promise you with my life that I will not let it happen again! Our daughter certainly would be the noblest princess in the entire Kidon City. Her mother would be the happiest woman in Kidon City. I promise you!”

He felt heartbroken as he leaned his chin against Jane's. ①

“Go to bed, Jane. Go to sleep. I'll watch over you. Sleep tight. Listen to me.” He coaxed her, and bit by bit, he calmed her fears. It took him more than an hour of coaxing to get her to sleep. She fell asleep in his arms.

When Jane woke up at some point in the middle of the night, she saw that the man was still lying on his side, and her head was resting on his arm. He had not had a little shut-eye. That big hand of his was still inconsistently patting her.

Jane's slender wrist covered his hand. “Alex, go to sleep.”

Alex smiled. “It's fine. I'll watch over you.”

you.”

They were like that for the entire night, and she did not even know if he had slept later on. She only knew that when she got up in the morning, he had already finished making breakfast with the staff in the kitchen, then only he woke her up. After that, he just sat by her and watched her eat.

Jane knew that everything Alex did for her was sincere. If there were other surprises in this life, then this man would do his utmost best to take care of her for the rest of their lives. However, her heart had already been broken into smithereens. A major part of these smithereens was wrecked up by the woman named Lily Parker, who was on the other end of the line.

Therefore, when Jane heard Lily's neither human- nor-ghost-like voice that was filled with jealousy and irritation, Jane also became incomparably cold. She was no longer that Jane from five months ago. She had already hardened her heart at that moment.

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Jane said in a cold and calm tone. "Lily, you're very childish. Would Alex stop being in front of me just because you forbid him to do so? I'm telling you that Alex had spent the whole night yesterday coaxing me to sleep, and he had not even had a shut-eye. Not only that, he even washed my feet for me yesterday. He also woke up early this morning today to make breakfast for me. Lily Parker! Alex is mine! He would always be mine in this life! I don't know where you are right now, and I also don't know why your voice became like this. Perhaps it was because you were destroyed by many men? However, what does this have anything to do with me? Don't appear in front of me! If you dare to do so, I will whip out my man's gun from the drawer and blow you up into pieces! I'll let you rot in hell! Because you have to pay for Noah's life!"

Lily was still hysterically roaring on the other end. "You don't like Alex. Noah is the one you liked!"

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"It doesn't matter. As long as Alex cherishes me!" Jane said and smiled innocently.

Lily replied, "You...do you dare to let Alex listen to what you just said? Be careful of Alex blowing your head off!"

"I heard it! Jane is right. No matter if Jane likes me or not, I like her!" It was unclear when the voice at this end had changed to Alex's. His voice was ice cold. "Lily Parker, you'd better show yourself and die!"

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not his, right?"

Lily asked with a dry voice. "How...how did you know?"

Alex sneered. "Lily Parker! You're already in such a filthy state! Yet you still want to repeatedly come and harm Jane? Do you think I, Alex Poole, will marry such a b\*tch like you?"

"But, you had once loved me," Lily insisted.

"That love had already been buried by yourself! You truly deserved it now!"

Alex's tone suddenly became innocent. "Do you think that all the men in the world should be revolving around you? Do you think Holden was that easy to mess with? If he truly was that easy to mess with and that easy to fool, then he never could have escaped when Sebastian conquered Star Island! It's a deserving end for you to have fallen into the hands of the devil that is Holden. Didn't you like to toy with me? Then that's just right."

"No...no, Alex, No!" Lily pleaded in despair. "Holden truly would make me

## Chapter 1612

Alex had just returned, so he still had no idea that Lily had already escaped the country. That was the reason why he was so fierce to Lily on the phone.

Hearing Alex saying that, Lily felt even more miserable. She had already forgotten that Alex had hit her. She just could not wait to ask for credit from Alex at that moment. "Alex, that Jane woman had left you for about five months. Do you know how many men she has been with during that period? The first night she had just left you, I sent a few strong men to beat her up. Later on, I sent another few men to send her up to the mountain tops. Those were six tough and strong men! Alex, Jane, who was able to live until now, had actually been rotten a long time ago! Also, you should take her for an amniocentesis to do a paternity test. The child in her belly certainly is not yours. You will know it once you've done the test. If the child wasn't yours, then you can take the child out of her belly in passing as well. Didn't she like to fool around with men? You can then make her



## Chapter 1613

People were like this sometimes. When she was suffering in pain, the first thing she would think of was not how to escape from the suffering, but rather, she would be thinking if the woman she hated the most was suffering even more gruesome torture. If the woman did not, then she would be even more hateful and jealous. Lily did not hate Holden, the man who tortured her, that man. At that moment, the person she was jealous of and hated was Jane, who had gotten all of Alex's love.

"Alex, you truly should take Jane to do a paternity test. The child in her belly is not yours. She also has had many men..."

Before she could finish her sentence, she was intercepted by Alex. "No matter if the child Jane was carrying was mine or not and no matter what had she done before, I don't care at all."

Alex's words were meant for Lily to hear, but it was also meant for Jane to hear. He wanted to let Jane know that he only loved Jane in this life, and that would

loved Jane in this life, and that would never change until his dying day.

Lily, on the other end of the line, was speechless. She was simply stunned. Before she could recover, Alex had already hung up the call and handed the phone to Jane.

Jane said calmly, "Thank you."

"Jane..." Just when Alex was about to say something, Ryan and Ruth, came in from outside, so Alex did not continue.

"Aunt Jane, you've changed drastically in the few months. Am I going to have a younger cousin soon?" Ryan called out happily. He was not the slightest bit unfamiliar with Jane at all. It was as if Jane had not been kicked out by Alex.

Jane smiled slightly and gently. "Ryan..."

"Jane..." Ruth was also extremely happy. "Should I call you Jane or Aunt Jane like Ryan? Jane, you've lost weight. Look at how pale your face is. Your belly has grown very much. You're going to have a little baby in about another four months, right?"

right?"

"Jane, you've been away for about five months after you left, and we all miss you very much. Aino missed you so much that she cried a few times. She even got angry at Mister Poole because of this. Jane, have you been well in the past few months?"

Ruth was like a barrel of a gun and she just continuously shot a string of questions at Jane.

Jane suddenly cried. She was gentle by nature, and she just smiled and looked at Ruth at that moment. "Ruth, I'm sorry to have made all of you worried about me."

Ruth shook her head. "Actually, the person who was most worried about you was Sabrina. However, Sabrina is also pregnant now, and she has some risks for complications, so she could not travel such a long distance. She had asked Ryan and me to visit you. Jane, have you had a very hard time in the past few months?"

Ruth was tearing up.

Jane shook her head. "It's fine. I...am quite well. Quickly come in. Both of you



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Ruth nodded casually. "Mm-hmm, Ryan and I drove here together after getting off the plane, so we have even had breakfast yet."

"Quickly have a sit and eat." Jane looked at Ruth and Ryan with a very gentle and loving gaze. She was slightly older than them, so she always had the warmth of a big sister in her gaze when she looked at them. Alex was so envious of such an expression when he saw it the way she looked at them.

Both Ryan and Ruth sat at the dining table, and one was more in a hurry than the other as they wolved down their food.

As they were eating, Jane's phone rang again. She picked her phone up to have a look and it was still Lily calling. Jane sneered and was about to ignore the call, when Ruth snatched her phone over instead.

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around with men? You can then make her do a permanent contraceptive procedure, then it would be more convenient for her that way!

No wonder why Jane said that Lily on the other end of the line was neither human nor ghost. Her voice truly sounded as if she had just come crawling out of hell when Alex had heard it, and Alex was stunned by what he heard. He had already forgotten to scold Lily. He just asked coldly, "What happened to you?"

Perhaps it was that voice that made Lily see a sense of hope, she immediately said miserably, "Alex, Alex! You still have feelings for me, don't you? Save me, please save me! I was...that devil had gotten rid of my child, and I was forced to have a permanent contraceptive procedure. He even locked me up in a small pitch-black room. If- If my family doesn't take out all of our family properties and give it to him as a gift, then he will make me accompany a hundred men every night. Alex..."

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Alex was startled. "Who?"

"Payne...Holden Payne."

In the past few months, he had only cared about searching for Jane everywhere, he had actually forgotten all about Holden. Alex also had heard Sebastian mentioned in passing that Holden had already been sent abroad by Sean. Alex had often heard Sebastian talk about all the things Holden had done in South City during that period. After all, the two of them were twin brothers. Holden was as vicious as Sebastian.

Even though Lily had not told Alex about the situation in detail, he had already guessed it. He then said with an emotionless tone, "You and I have never been living under the same roof before, but you got pregnant. The child in your belly was actually Holden's, so you joyfully went to seek refuge with Holden? In the end, Holden was not that easy to fool, wasn't he? He took you to have an amniocentesis for a paternity test, then he learned that the child in your belly was not his, right?"

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"No...no, Alex, No!" Lily pleaded in despair. "Holden truly would make me accompany up to a hundred men every day..."

"Even if he didn't make you accompany then, wouldn't you continuously seek for men to fool around with yourself? Isn't that just your cup of tea?" Alex asked sarcastically.

Lily was speechless.

## Chapter 1614

Lily did not expect that Ruth would also be present. She hated Jane, and also hated Ruth.

Lily could still remember at that moment that her first time being beaten up in her life was by Ruth and another b\*tch, as well as Sabrina's daughter. The three of them had beaten her up together. That was in Alex's home, and the person among them who was most vicious in beating Lily up was this woman named Ruth. Ruth was simply like a female wolf.

"You...why would you be in Alex's house?" Lily asked without much energy.

"Hmph!" Ruth snorted contemptuously. "This is the Poole family's place! It's my man's uncle's home. In the near future, I am going to be married into the Poole family! Of course, I can be here! Lily Parker, I'm telling you this! As long as I am in the Poole family for a day, if you dared to come looking for Master Alex and dared to seek trouble with Jane, then I will smash your filthy leg up! Listen carefully, I'll smash it! Not just break!"



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Lily stammered. "You-you...why don't you just go to hell!"

She was so angered that a mouthful of blood gushed out from her throat. The reason why Lily could get Jane's number when Jane had just returned was that she asked Emma to think of her way to ask for it. The goal was to piss Jane off to death when Jane had just returned. It would be best for Lily if Jane could have a miscarriage from being pissed off. Of course, Lily's greatest wish was still hoping for Alex to treat Jane the same way Holden treated her, and violently torture Jane. However, she never would have expected that not only did she fail to achieve her goal, but she was so infuriated by the little b\*tch, Ruth, that she vomited blood.

At this end, Ruth did not care about that much. She just hung up the call and said to Jane, "Jane, if there is anyone bullying you in the future, I will always protect you. Don't be afraid! Did you know that Lily Parker had been beaten up about

Lily Parker had been beaten up about three times by us in the few months you went missing?”

The young lady spoke very smugly. Actually, she usually would not dare to let herself go like this in front of Alex. She was slightly afraid of Alex. However, when she came to Kidon City from South City that time, Sabrina had given Ruth the most important task.

It was inconvenient for Sabrina to move about, so she asked Ruth to come to Kidon City. Before Ruth left, Sabrina had told her, “Ruth, by the looks of how stable you and Ryan are going, you must certainly be marrying him. That also meant that you would become a daughter-in-law to the Poole family. What kind of family are the Pooles like? In Kidon City, the Poole family’s standards were not the slightest bit lower than the Ford family’s standards, and it may even be much higher. Therefore, Ruth, you have to be careful of every step you take, but you can’t be too cautious that you lose your sense of self. You are you, and nobody has the right to change you. You have to be

the right to change you. You have to be bold, confident, honest, and you must certainly be united with Jane. Because in the Poole family, only you and Jane could not rely on your own parents. Jane is now pregnant and it's not convenient for her to move about, so you must protect her at every turn, do you understand?

Protecting her would be protecting yourself.” 1

Ruth had always trusted and obeyed Sabrina's words. She knew that it was out of protection that Sabrina said all that to her. Ruth had always admired Sabrina's meticulous thoughts and cool-headedness. Besides, Ruth actually also quite liked Jane herself.

She nodded very seriously. “I got it. I will certainly use my life to protect Jane.”

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At that moment, Jane suddenly felt touched. She smiled broadly as she looked at Ruth. "Ruth, thank you for helping me teach my arch-enemy a lesson. You look particularly cute like this."

## Chapter 1615

Ruth smiled even broader. “Hahaha, actually...I have been a very annoying woman in the past. It was...Sabrina who taught me how to conduct myself.

Sabrina even saved my life. It's fine, Jane.

You, me, Sabrina, as well as Yvonne.

Hmmm, and also that little child, Aino, we are all friends. You are not alone.”

Jane felt gratified and nodded. “That's right. I still have all of you as my friends. I'm very glad to have known all of you. It's just such a pity that all of you are in South City, but only I am in Kidon City...”

Those were just some sentimental words. She had never thought of requesting for Alex to go to South City. After all, the main focus of Alex's career was still in Kidon City. Alex's parents and his brother were also in Kidon City. Most importantly, Missus Hill was still being treated in the military hospital in Kidon City, so Jane was just saying in passing. However, Jane never would have expected that Alex would take what she said casually to his heart.

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That night, Alex washed her feet as usual. As he was drying off her feet, he said, “Missus Hill’s condition is actually very stable, and the treatment in South City is the same as Kidon City. I already bought tickets to fly to South City tomorrow. We can be in South City by tomorrow afternoon.”

Jane was speechless and very surprised. He had never taken her needs as the main matter for consideration in the past. However, at that moment...

“I’ve mainly considered that you have no friends in Kidon City. Each of those socialites and members of the high society wanted to befriend you to social climb. Who asked that your man is the most powerful person in Kidon City? But I have turned all of them away. I’m afraid that they would affect you. But I can tell that you really like Ruth, and you like Sabrina even more. Also, I’m guessing you also miss Aino, right?” asked Alex.

Jane immediately lowered her head and asked softly, “Is that alright?”



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"The tickets have already been bought, so what's not to be alright?" Alex said with a smile.

"Thank you." Jane bit her lips.

That night, Alex wanted to hug her to sleep, but Jane did not agree. She had never been a pretentious woman. In the past eight years that she had been with Alex, she was always the one to satisfy Alex's needs, and they would sleep in separate rooms after they were done with that business. At that moment, he hugged her every day, but Jane did not feel touched. His love came late after things and times have changed, but she was no longer in that state of mind as before. However, she still felt slightly touched.

Jane turned towards the back of Alex and said calmly, "Alex, your neck is not good. You've been to so many places but they just couldn't find where the source was. I have always been the one who massaged it for you in the past, so I can find that knot. Your neck has been in pain again in the past few months, right?"

the past few months, right?”

Alex was speechless. He had been looking for her day and night, so how could she even think of massaging his neck?

“Lie on my lap. I will have my body half tilted and see if I can massage your neck for you,” said Jane, as she strained to sit on the bed. Alex did not know what to think. It was as if she saw the woman who once loved him like her own life. It was as if they had returned to the past once again. She spoke softly and gently, and she was very understanding. She had thought of him.

Alex’s eyes were filled with starry glints. “Jane?”

“Lie down. I’ll give you a massage,” she said with a light smile.

There was a pause before she said again, “My body has been feeling tired these past few months, so I don’t know if I have the strength in my hands. I’ll first massage a little to test my strength.”

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However, Alex did not lie down. He suddenly turned around and then hugged the pregnant woman in his arms. He leaned onto her shoulder and said with a deep and hoarse voice, “Jane, we've not been intimate for about five months. I'll be gentle and I'll stop when I should, is that alright?”

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