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“I’m here to give you money,” Avery said, “I need you to help me do something. If you do what I say, I’ll pay you. You can name your price.”

Cole never thought that he would be useful to her.

“Money is a small matter. Actually, Nora and I are not even acquaintances. I only flirted with her back then because I thought she was you...”

Although he did not explicitly say if he would help her or not, his intentions were clear.

“How much money did your company make last year?” Avery asked nonchalantly.

Cole scratched his head awkwardly. “A few hundred thousand! I know I’m not capable. What I earn in a year is less than what my uncle earns in a day.”

“Cole, I’ll give you one and a half million.” Avery interrupted him, “If you can accept this price, we’ll continue our discussion.”

“Avery, with how well we know each other, even if you don’t pay me, I’ll still help you!” Cole adjusted his glasses, hiding the delight in his eyes. One and a half million, of course, he would take it.

“I still haven’t forgotten the time when you helped Zoe to hurt me,”

Avery warned him, “If you dare to betray me this time...”

“Avery, it was hard for me too! Back then, Zoe was pregnant with my uncle’s child. How could I dare to disobey her?”

The moment Cole mentioned this, memories came flooding Avery’s mind again.

“Cole, do you think that since Zoe is dead, no one will know about the secrets between you two?” Avery changed her mind. “Don’t think about the one and a half million dollars anymore. If you help me to do it, I’ll help you keep your secret. If not, I’ll tell your uncle about how you had an affair with Zoe. Do you believe me that he’ll send you to hell to be

with Zoe ?”

Cole’s face turned pale.

“Don’t be too pessimistic about it. If you do things well, I’ll consider rewarding you too. If you ruin it, you won’t get anything.” Avery’s tone calmed down a little.

“Avery, you have changed.” Cole’s expressions darkened. He said heavily, “You are no longer the innocent woman I once knew. You have become like Chelsea. In front of you, I feel like a small ant.”

Avery said, “Have you ever thought that everything is changing, only you are remaining in the same spot?”

Cole sweated profusely upon hearing what Avery said.

In the afternoon, Eric brought Layla to attend their entertainment program’s live stream.

The episode that night was the final episode, so the live stream was considered a bonus.

Once the live stream started, it soon climbed up the charts to be the number one live streamed program.

The live stream was based on their entertainment program. Halfway through, the host produced a card. “Layla, we gathered the three most-asked questions on the internet. I’ll ask you right now. Are you ready?”

Layla smiled and nodded. “I’m ready.”

The host asked, “Have your mother and father ever considered letting you continue in the entertainment industry? Everyone likes you very much. They hope that you can be a big star.”

Layla blinked her big eyes and said, “I don’t have a father!”

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The host was stunned for a while.

The screen was instantly filled with comments.

[Poor Layla! Her father died at such a young age!]

[I want to be her father! It’s too bad I’m a woman!]

(Thank goodness her father has died, if not some idiot would start saying that Eric is her father!)

Layla could not see the screen, so she continued saying, “My mother loves me a lot. As long as I want to stay in the entertainment industry, she would agree to it.”

The host smiled and said, “Your mother must be very pretty, right?”

“I’ll let Uncle Eric answer this question,” Layla said cheekily, “It doesn’t count if I answer it.”

The staff there burst out in laughter.

Eric’s handsome face had a shade of blush. “Layla’s mother is indeed very pretty. I have once said that she is my goddess.”

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The screen exploded with comments once again.

(Goddess? Avery Tate? Layla’s mother is Avery Tate?)

[F*ck me! What right does Avery Tate have! She does not deserve to be Layla’s mother!]

(When I see Avery Tate’s name, I think of that video! It’s 46 nauseating!]

(Am I the only one who wonders whether Eric still thinks of her as his goddess?)

The host did not expect that Eric would suddenly bring Avery up. The host panicked and was in a daze.

“Eric, are you announcing a new goddess?”

Eric shook his head a little. His tone was firm. “I only have one goddess. She is Layla’s mother.”

He only did not explicitly say that Layla’s mother was Avery!

Once Avery was brought up, Eric did not think of burying it down. On the other hand, he took the initiative to talk to them about her.

“All this while, my fans have been concerned about my love life. I can share with you all,” Eric smiled at the camera. His smile was gentle and

dazzling. “I have confessed to Layla’s mother before, but I was rejected. If you all have seen the video not long ago, I’m sure you can see what type of body the man has. Layla’s mother would never have such a weird kink of liking ugly bodies.”

Eric brought Layla to the live stream mainly to help Avery clear her name. Ever since this thing happened, he had tried to think of a way to help share Avery’s burden. However, after thinking for a long time, without any concrete evidence, it was hard to help²³ her.

In the end, he could only use his fame once again. At least his fans would believe her.

(My dream hunk has been rejected! Woo! Big hugs! You still have us!)
[Does Avery not have an ugly fetish? If not, I don’t understand why she would reject Eric.] [Eric is trying to help Avery! Although Avery rejected him, they are still good friends! Those who diss Avery again, leave this chat room!]

(Actually, I think that Avery has been tricked because the video is so blurry! It looked like it was taken with an old phone! If the woman in the video is really Avery, why would the culprit not put an HD version?)

In the chat, everyone was in heated discussions.

In front of the camera, Layla tugged on Eric’s hand and asked softly, “Uncle Eric, what video? Let me have a look!”

Eric’s eyes sparkled troublingly. “It’s not suitable for small children.”

“I’m not a small child, I’m a big one! Just let me secretly have a look!”

“I don’t have it on my phone.”

“Then, look on the internet and show me! If you don’t show me, I’ll go home right now and ask Hayden to look for me,” Layla pouted and threatened him.

Eric could not win over Layla, so he could only take his phone from his assistant and show Layla the video.

He knew it was not good to do so, but he did not dare to make Layla angry.

Layla looked a lot like Avery. Sometimes, when he saw Layla, he saw

Avery in her too.

Layla took his phone over and watched the video from beginning to end over and over again.

In the end, she furrowed her brows and returned it to Eric. "This woman is not my mother! My mother's belly button does not look like that!"

Layla's words were like a revelation because no one has ever seen Avery's belly button before, so they had no way to prove it.

At Sterling Group. Chad hurriedly knocked on Elliot's office door and entered. He told Elliot what Layla said in the live stream.

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"Sir, I watched the video again. I zoomed into the woman's belly button and printed it out!" Chad pulled out a photo and handed it to Elliot. "You must know what Avery's belly button looks like, right? Take a look and compare them."

When they first watched the video, they only focused on the woman's looks, voice and pregnant belly. None of them noticed the shape of her belly button.

They overlooked this point. Everyone's belly button was shaped differently.

Whoever was impersonating Avery may be able to copy her looks, voice and appearance, but since Avery had never exposed her body in public, that person had no way of copying her belly button.

Chad especially admired Layla.

A child was able to observe certain things that adults would easily overlook.

Elliot glanced at the photo Chad handed to him, then put it down.

"What do you think, Sir?" Chad thought that Elliot had figured it out.

However, Elliot's brows furrowed as he asked, "Why do you think I would remember what her belly button looks like?"

He might have slept with Avery, but who would go out of their way to

notice someone's belly button ?

"Are you telling me you remember what Mike's belly button looks like ?"

he asked as he stared at Chad.

Chad let out an embarrassed cough, then said, "I remember, because his belly button is pretty²³ sexy..."

Elliot was speechless.

The atmosphere in the room instantly turned a little delicate.

"She has a C-section scar on her abdomen," Elliot said after a moment of silence. "My attention is always drawn to that scar, so I never noticed her belly button."

Chad nodded in understanding, then said, "It's too bad that the woman in the video had the area below her belly button covered in cash... Sir, if you go see Avery right now and take a look for yourself, then wouldn't you have your answer ?"

Elliot clenched his fists as a chill washed over his eyes.

"Do you think she'd let me see it ? Do you have too much faith in me, or do you not know her that well ?"

Chad's lips pursed into a thin line.

He knew that Elliot and Avery had a fight over the video, but now that they have a clue, Avery could use this to prove her innocence. Why wouldn't they want to quickly solve this mystery ?

"I don't need to verify it," Elliot said in a low, hoarse voice moments later. "I believe Layla."

If Layla said that the woman in the video was not her mother, then it was not her mother.

Layla would not lie.

Over at the Starry River Villa, Avery was watching the live stream the entire time.

When Eric mentioned her, she felt slightly dizzy.

If the matter with the video had not happened, she would not mind people finding out that she was Layla's mother.

She was not mentally prepared to let the children know about this right

now.

However, Eric had brought up the matter during the live stream without discussing it with her. Not only that, he even showed Layla that kind of video!

Avery was so furious that her blood pressure was rising. She turned off the live stream on her phone, then dialed Eric's number.

The moment Eric saw that Avery was calling, he immediately moved out of the camera shot.

Avery took a deep breath, then could not hold back and snapped loudly, "Eric Santos! What are you doing?!"

Eric glanced over at Layla, then whispered softly, "I'm sorry I didn't talk about this with you first..."

"That's not it. Why did you show Layla that kind of video? She's still a child! You've been getting more and more insolent these days! You've been using the fact that Layla likes you to do things before any type of discussion!" Avery complained.

She was right.

Eric was relying on Layla's fondness of him, so he stopped discussing everything with Avery beforehand.

This was because the result of any discussion with her would likely end up limiting his opinions.

He wanted to help her. If he discussed it with her, she would definitely refuse his help.

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Avery held onto her phone and sat on the couch.

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Ever since Avery's belly grew, Layla liked lying on it to listen to what was going on inside. She also liked talking to her little brother who was inside of Avery. So, Layla would know very well what Avery's belly button looked like.

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"I am!" Tammy said. "I watched your live stream earlier, so I came to see your Mommy's belly button! She's still sleeping, though."

"Oh, I'm tired, too! I feel like sleeping," Layla said as she yawned.

Eric immediately carried her upstairs.

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Avery took a bite of the banana, then turned to Mike and said, "Don't tell me you came back because of this, too?"

Mike's pale blue eyes blinked.

"That's right! This is way too interesting! It's more important than work, so I came home to take a look."

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Tammy pushed Mike toward the front door and said, "This should tell you who Avery's true best friend is, right?"

Mike was disgruntled as he said, "You're breaking my heart, Avery!"

"I'm not an exhibitionist," Avery said.

Once Mike left, Tammy returned to the living room.

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Tammy hugged Avery in excitement and said, "Avery! You can finally prove your innocence now!"

"Do you expect me to hold a press conference and reveal my belly to the world?" Avery's voice was cool and calm. "I won't do that."

Tammy released her and said, "They won't believe you if you don't do that."

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This was the decision that Avery made after careful consideration.

Tammy very quickly accepted her decision.

“I support you, Avery. If it were me, I don’t think I’d be able to open up my clothes in front of a bunch of strangers either. You didn’t do anything

wrong, so why do you need to prove anything?" she said. "You can make a police report, though. Let the police prove your innocence for you."

Avery accepted Tammy's suggestion.

That evening, the police issued a statement online. The post stated that police investigations revealed that the woman in the explicit video that went viral recently was not Avery Tate, and that the case was under further investigation at the moment.

Once the statement was released, Eric immediately reposted it on his own social media page with the caption: (The internet is not beyond the law. The truth needs to be known!)

His fans quickly reposted his post and spread the news.

The mountain of public opinion that was pressing down on Avery instantly collapsed.

As Chelsea scrolled through social media and saw many of the users that cursed at Avery before issuing apologies to her, she was filled with a mess of feelings.

D*mnge it!

All it took was one word from that little brat, Layla, for her carefully orchestrated plan to be shattered!

This feeling was worse than being punched in the face!

When her phone suddenly rang, she thought it was Nora and did not want to answer, but the relentless ringtone was so noisy that it gave her a headache.

Chelsea picked up her phone, saw Wanda's name and immediately answered the call.

"You were too soft on her, Chelsea." Wanda imparted her own experience as she said, "After I got her mother killed, she still can't touch me. You have to be ruthless when it's called for! Of course, you can't do it yourself."

Chelsea took a cold breath and said, "Of course I won't do it myself. I'm not an idiot."

"I know you're not. You managed to stay by Elliot Foster's side all these

years, so I'm sure you're smarter than me," Wanda snickered. "Spend a bit more money and hire people who don't care about their lives to work for you."

"Recommend some to me!" Chelsea said. "I don't have many people I can rely on by my side."

"Sure," Wanda responded. "I'll look into it for you."

At seven in the evening, the lights in the president's office at Sterling Group were bright as day.

Elliot stood by the window and watched as the sky gradually turned dark while the lights in the city began to sparkle.

His eyes were covered by a layer of frost and emanating coldness.

"Ben went to see Avery, Sir," Chad said when he walked in and stood behind Elliot. "He went to apologize to her."

Elliot's Adam's apple bobbed in his throat. He turned around, and obsidian black eyes were cold as ice.

"This is why Avery hates me," he said.

Chad lowered his head and said, "Sir, Avery might have been wronged this time, but I don't think you're guilty of anything."

"Eric Santos spoke up for Avery during a live stream this afternoon. Even he could do something like that for her, but I didn't do anything." Elliot said as he reflected. "It's not Avery's fault she doesn't love me. It's my own fault."

"You believed Avery at the beginning, Sir. Ben was the one who got too worked up and kept forcing you..." Chad comforted him. "Otherwise, he wouldn't be blaming himself so much right now."

"That's all just excuses. If I truly trusted Avery, I wouldn't waver no matter who forced me."

"You didn't completely listen to Ben, though. He even complained to me because of this. He said you gave your soul to Avery and that you were a lost cause... When Ben gets back, you should go and see Avery to talk things out!" Chad suggested.

"If I went to see her, it'd be like putting my face on a silver platter for her to slap."

“Once she slaps you and gets it out of her system, it’ll be fine. You’d be suffering more if you didn’t go and see her.”

Chad’s words made Elliot feel even more depressed. Meanwhile, at the Starry River Villa.

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Tammy was upset with him before, so the way she was looking at him now was especially furious.

“What are you doing here? Did you come to celebrate with us?” Tammy asked in an enigmatic tone.

Seeing this, Jun immediately pulled her away and said, “I’m sure Ben’s here to see Avery, Tammy. Don’t get in the way.”

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Ben coughed awkwardly, then walked over to Avery.

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“He doesn’t know I came.” Ben’s cheeks flushed a crimson red. “This entire thing is pretty embarrassing. I don’t know how to face him yet, so I came to apologize to you first.”

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He was on the way home at that moment.

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"Isn't that Elliot's car?" Tammy said when she saw the luxury car outside the front gates." Looks like your intel was wrong, Mike!"
Mike sighed and said, "This man sure is elusive! He's so unpredictable!"
"Don't see him, Avery. You should leave him hanging. Let him be restless and stay up all night. Let him have a taste of pain!" Tammy said excitedly.
Mike completely agreed with her, so he walked to the front door and was about to shut it.
Avery grabbed his arm and said, "Let him in."
The baby was going to be born soon.
There were still things that she needed to discuss with Elliot.
She wanted to take this opportunity to settle things once and for all.

“Have you forgotten how you were wronged, Avery?” Mike was furious. “If you forgive him this easily, then he won’t learn his lesson. He’ll just be even more ruthless in the future!”

“I know what I’m doing, Mike.” Avery gazed at Mike with clear eyes. “Don’t worry. I won’t lose.”

Jun quickly tried to smooth things over and said, “Since Avery’s decided, let’s not worry about it! When it comes to relationships, it’s better for outsiders not to step in.”

Tammy glared at him and snapped, “Whose side are you on? Look at Mike. He might be dating Chad, but he’s always on Avery’s side.”

“You’ve got it wrong!” Jun said. “I’m just respecting Avery’s decision. I’ll agree if she wants to see Elliot, and I’ll agree if she doesn’t, too!”

“Then, you’re just spineless and don’t have an opinion of your own,” said Tammy.

Jun smiled warmly and said, “You’re the only one who needs to be opinionated in our home... Ah, Eric made some tea. Let’s go have some!”

They sat on the couch and began to have tea.

When Hayden saw Elliot enter the front yard, he immediately dragged Layla upstairs to their room.

Moments later, Elliot arrived at the villa’s front door.

His deep set eyes glanced over at the living room.

Avery handed him a pair of clean house slippers.

“Thank you,” he said, then took the slippers and changed into them, The group sipping tea in the living room had their eyes fixed on the two of them.

Avery led Elliot past the living room and up the stairs.

“Holy crap! Avery’s taking him to her room! What’s she trying to do?”

Mike did not understand and was greatly shocked.

Mike had thought that, with Avery’s temper, she would definitely humiliate Elliot both mentally and physically.

Did he guess wrongly?

“If I remember correctly, I don’t think Elliot did anything wrong, right? It’s not like he chastised Avery over the video,” Jun said thinking he was being fair and just.

“He didn’t do that, but he didn’t help her either,” Tammy mocked. “Why would any woman want to have a child with a man like that?”

Jun instantly shut his mouth.

Upstairs, Elliot followed Avery into the bedroom.

He did not expect her to be this calm.

It felt like the calm before the storm.

The moment the door to the room was closed, He could no longer hold back. He grabbed onto her arm and croaked, “Do you have something to say to me, Avery?”

Avery indeed had something to say, but she did not plan to be the one to speak first.

“You came to me. Shouldn’t you talk first?” She raised her brows and looked at him.

Elliot’s Adam’s apple bobbed in his throat as his breathing turned hot.

“I’m sorry about the video.”

“What’s the use of being sorry?” She rejected his apology. “We’re not children. If you truly want to apologize to me, then give me something practical.”

Her words piqued Elliot’s curiosity.

“What do you want?”

“I want custody of the baby I’m carrying.”

The moment she said those words, Elliot suddenly released his grip on her arm.