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It seemed heartless to cast her out due to her severe injury.

"We'll have her move into the guest house next door for these days, to reflect on her actions." Louisa nodded in agreement, "It's a fair punishment."

"In a few days, both our families will be gathering here. They've grown quite fond of Serena over the years. If they knew about her behavior, they'd be so disappointed. We'll have to find the right moment to break it to them, and not like last time when mom got so worked up she nearly fell ill again."

Kenneth had hoped for a joyful season, never anticipating it would come to this.

He nodded in resignation, "We'll do as you say."

emboldened her. Let's have her reflect for now, but if she doesn't turn over a new leaf, she'll have no place in the Collins

allow their adopted daughter to continue causing turmoil in

we should have a talk with her. She's been through a lot this past year, and we haven't been as attentive

under their roof dampened Louisa's appetite for

he himself had lost his appetite. After eighteen years, the bond with Serena was not easily severed. They had put their energy into doting on her for eighteen years, and

plea the night before, Kenneth

had wronged her." Kenneth was taken aback by her convincing act, "If it weren't for Bella's

sensible; it's hard to imagine her doing any of this. She cried, and we

the child they

In their presence, Serena had always seemed perfect, too perfect for them to suspect anything.

And whenever a shred of doubt surfaced, Serena's tears and feigned innocence would soften their hearts, and they'd push aside their suspicions.

"Let's have breakfast first; then we'll deal with this," Kenneth said, offering Louisa a bite of her sandwich, encouraging her to eat something.

The disappointment was real, but they had to focus on Bella's situation.

"In a way, we're also to blame. If we had announced Bella's identity and her engagement to Romeo sooner, perhaps Serena wouldn't have been so scheming. At least she wouldn't have lied about the engagement."