

"Being the center of attention is not what matters. What matters is that Mr. Beckett likes it."

Since Alyssa was not too far away, she could distinctly hear Renee's words. She raised her eyebrows slightly.

Julien looked at Renee's pretentious look, and the nausea he had just suppressed seemed to rise again.

"Renee, do your best. Be considerate to Mr. Beckett, and he'll gradually be moved by you."

Dominic didn't forget to belittle Alyssa. He sneered. "You're my daughter. No matter what, you're better than that

divorced Alyssa. Renee, be confident. You're not inferior to Alyssa at all.

"It's just that you and Mr. Beckett lack a bit of fate, but that's not important. Fate can be created. Alyssa and Mr.

Beckett embody the essence of a complete lack of fate. Otherwise, why would they be divorced?"

As Alyssa listened silently to the father and daughter's big words, her cool face showed no emotion.

and his daughter leaving

... is

I should have told you earlier. Anyway, it's not a secret."

anything serious.

such a model ex-wife."

you still try to

him, or do you have something

just want to be accountable, that's all. Let's

took steps toward the

she was just a girl in her early 20s, she seemed like

He couldn't help but smirk. "Alyssa, you're becoming more and more interesting."

Dominic met an acquaintance on his way to the hall and started a conversation, leaving Renee to arrive at the banquet hall entrance first.

She arrogantly took out her invitation and handed it to the staff at the door.

"This way, Ms. Renee."

"Thank you."

As Renee smoothed her long hair and was about to enter, the resonant click of high heels echoed from behind.

She turned in surprise, and her pupils suddenly contracted.

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Renee remarked, "Look at the way you're putting it. Lyse, aren't you always low-key? You never attend such public

events."

"Oh? Then you'll have to get used to it," Alyssa retorted.

Alyssa narrowed her eyes at Renee with an intriguing expression.

"From now on, I'll frequently appear in public. I

think we should meet often to catch up."

Renee's face showed an awkward smile, but she was exploding with anger on the inside.

"Miss, please show your invitation," the staff politely asked Alyssa.

"I don't have an invitation," Alyssa said openly.

Renee covered her mouth and laughed sardonically. She finally found a chance to turn the tables.

"Lyse, has it been a long time since you attended such high-end events? Don't you know you need an invitation to

causing trouble for the staff like

staff also looked awkward. "I'm sorry, miss. You can't enter without an

Alyssa Taylor," Alyssa

was like a

said, "My father is Winston Taylor," to make things

now, after causing several city-wide shocks in Solana City, her name alone was

to bring out her

it's Ms. Alyssa. I

and want to see Mr. Beckett. It's my

became humble, giving a slight smile. "Since I

staff members were

attitude toward Renee.

"Thank you. Mr. Lovelace here is my friend. Can he join me?" Alyssa asked, smiling.

"Of course, of course. This way."

Alyssa and Julien were led into the banquet hall with great respect.

Meanwhile, Renee stood alone in place, stomping her foot. Her face was flushed with anger.

Throughout her life, no matter how hard she tried and how well she did, every time Alyssa appeared, the latter

would steal all the attention.

On the other hand, Jasper and Landon were heading toward the banquet hall together.

"How's Lauren doing recently?" Despite his expressionless face, Jasper was concerned about his sister's well-being.

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Jasper responded, "I'm just curious."

"I didn't do much. I just disfigured her," Landon revealed.

When Landon recalled the pitiful state Betty was in when she was tortured in the warehouse that day, he couldn't

help but laugh.

"Oh, no wonder. I was wondering why I hadn't seen her lately. She's probably too embarrassed to show her face in

public anymore."

Jasper nodded thoughtfully, then suddenly looked at Landon seriously. "During this time when you've been staying

with Lauren, you didn't do anything to her, did you?"

At this question, Landon's heart skipped a beat.

He suddenly recalled the scene from last night where he and Lauren were entangled in the bathroom, kissing as if

he felt a rush of heat from

as he was unsure how to answer, Xavier urgently

Beckett, Ms. Alyssa

that, Landon widened his

was here, Jasper seemed to be in a daze and

Alyssa. Alyssa Taylor. She's in the banquet hall right now." Xavier was

his boss' wife for quite

know whether Jasper missed her, but Xavier missed

you? Damn, your patience

in Solana City will be at the cocktail

"She might just be here

the Taylor family

"My goodness. Why don't you think positively for once? You're really something else."

Landon turned to Xavier and asked, "Did Lyse come alone, or did she come with Jonah?"

Xavier replied, "Neither. She came with a stranger."

"Is it that bastard, Schmidt?" Landon thought of Jameson and couldn't help but get angry.

"No, it's not him. It's a guy who looks ... exceptionally beautiful, somewhat androgynous."

Although Xavier only glanced at Julien from a distance, the latter left a deep impression because of his extraordinary appearance.

Upon hearing this, Jasper had a surge of emotions.

It wasn't one of Alyssa's brothers, not Jameson, and not even someone that Xavier knew.

He thought he had completely given up on Alyssa. However, whenever there was something related to her, he couldn't ignore it.

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There were many people around.

But the moment when Jasper and Alyssa made eye contact, it seemed as if everything fell silent, and all the noise

around them disappeared.

Seeing her crush, Renee was so excited that her eyes lit up.

She quickly took out her powder compact and touched up her makeup. Then she walked toward Jasper excitedly.

However, she had only walked halfway when several socialites crowded around, pushing her to the outermost

circle.

Renee anxiously clutched her dress.

Why was it so difficult to get close to Jasper?

But Alyssa had secretly married this outstanding man. Why was God so unfair? Why did Alyssa get all the good things?

and unfair she felt. She angrily squeezed her way to After thinking briefly, she pretended to be unsteady. With a threw herself at Jasper.

once, Jasper frowned. He had wanted to dodge, but with Renee crashed into him, making him dizzy. He felt a moment. "I'm really sorry." Renee coquettish, but she was took the initiative to throw herself into his arms, especially woman.

lifted her eyes to meet Jasper's gaze, over her charming eyes showed no emotion as they coldly stared at her. She felt as though she an icy abyss.

At this moment, Sophia and Betty happened to walk down the stairs, witnessing the scene.

Betty had just fixed her face. However, she hadn't fully recovered, so she had to conceal the scars on her face with

thick makeup.

"Who's that woman who threw herself at Jasper?" Sophia yawned.

Just last night, she had a date with the handsome young doctor while Javier was overseas. They played "poker" all night, and her waist still hurt a bit.

She felt that young people were indeed the best.

Sophia even thought that meeting the doctor had rejuvenated her.

"Let me see."

Betty squinted and carefully observed before recalling, "Oh, her name is Renee. She's from the Taylor family."

"The Taylor family? Why do they keep producing these vixens?" Sophia felt annoyed as soon as she heard the Taylor family's name and quickly classified Renee.

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On second thought, Zoe could help Betty get revenge against Lauren and Landon. She found some solace in this thought.

However, as Betty's eyes wandered absentmindedly, they fell upon Landon sitting on a sofa in the corner.

She felt traumatized. Instantly, her legs went weak, and she ended up sitting on the stairs.

The people around all turned to look at Betty. Seeing her embarrassed look, they burst into quiet laughter.

"What are you doing?"

Sophia looked at Betty with disdain. "There are so many people watching. Get up quickly."

However, Betty's legs were trembling, and she found it difficult to stand up.

For the first time in her life, she experienced the taste of being threatened, suppressed, and tormented by trauma.

As Betty contemplated Landon, her thoughts swirled with anger, painting him in her mind as an embodiment of malevolence.

watched as Renee threw herself at Jasper, and he didn't immediately push her

her, a chilling sensation, as if piercing her heart, icy composure.

sip from his champagne flute and propped his the lively crowd

and said, "Alyssa, I now understand why you two divorced. He's too means trouble every day. You won't feel safe has probably forgotten

much nonsense?" Alyssa coldly shot him a

the truth. It's also because you're my cousin that I'm saying all this. Otherwise, I wouldn't even bother talking." Julien smirked

said

"What? Ah!"

Before Renee could react, Jasper forcefully pushed her away, sending her tumbling backward.

With unstable footing and high heels, she tilted backward and fell.

Seeing that, the two women behind her quickly dodged, letting Renee awkwardly fall to the ground.

At this moment, Dominic happened to walk in from outside with other guests and witnessed his daughter's embarrassment.

"Mr. Dominic, I heard that your daughter is here tonight as well, right?" a nearby guest asked.

Dominic wished he could dig a hole and bury himself.

He regretted bringing Renee here. He had been humiliated before the battle had even begun.

The scene suddenly became somewhat chaotic.

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It was as though Renee was nothing more than a pile of garbage at his feet.

Renee was completely disoriented, kneeling on the ground and forgetting to stand up.

No compare, no despair.

This comparison had made her experience extreme despair.

"Ms. Alyssa, is there something you want to talk about?" Jasper approached Alyssa. His gaze was profound, and his voice was husky.

"Yes. Can we talk privately?" Alyssa's eyes were calm. Though she was not loud, it was enough for everyone around

to hear.

Without hesitation, Jasper replied, "Sure."

two left together under the

were only sounds of surprised

a perfect couple. They were so well-matched that

arrived at the

cool night breeze scattered her luscious black hair into the air,

two fell into silence. It seemed like there were many things to unspoken.

the silence

didn't expect you to come tonight with

silence with his usual harsh words. "I thought you

"Why? Are you disappointed that I didn't come with Jimmy?"

Alyssa's eyes narrowed slightly, and she didn't mince her words. "I also didn't expect you to have some acquaintance with my cousin. You seemed quite close just now. Did I ruin something by calling you out here so abruptly?"

She truly was sharp-tongued.

Hearing that, Jasper was so angry that he was unable to catch his breath. His face alternated between red and pale.

"Is this why you called me out here? To say this?"

He coldly smirked. "We've been divorced for a long time. Why are you still so concerned about whom I interact with?"

Smiling, Alyssa wagged her finger. "Jasper, you think too highly of yourself. Whoever you interact with has nothing to do with me.

"If you're interested in Renee, I can even help you set things up. After all, she's my cousin. We might end up as relatives."

Chapter 857

Even without profanities, Jasper's words were akin to a sharp blade, leaving Alyssa feeling wounded. "Jasper, I've

never trampled on your dignity. Wasn't it you who came to me every time after the divorce?"

Alyssa's eyes turned slightly red, but she defiantly wore a smirk that could infuriate anyone. She looked beautiful,

yet her demeanor only made hearts ache for her.

"Your dignity is something you didn't want yourself. Now you blame me? Do you have no shame?"

She shouldn't have come. She shouldn't have cared about him.

If only she had known this would happen.

Alyssa thought that Jasper was a scumbag and he deserved whatever that came his way.

Suddenly, Jasper's breathing halted, and he felt a strong dizziness rush to his head. His figure swayed slightly.

What are

settle, a stone hit

pain, and his brows

already walked over briskly, reaching out

as lightning. He sidestepped in a flash,
forward. With his long limbs,
couldn't

He tilted his head slightly, radiating
presence.

attack from behind, and that's all you've
better than you

Julien dusted himself and got up from the ground. He was still a bit
shaken by Jasper's reaction earlier. "You're

divorced, but you're still touching her. Is this what the mighty Beckett
Group's president does?" "What relationship

do you have with her?" Jasper glared at Julien.

This weak man dared to lay hands on him for Alyssa. It was evident
that he held Alyssa in high regard.

Julien parted his lips but was unsure of how to introduce himself. Just
then, Alyssa spoke in a calm voice. "He's Julien

Lovelace, a neurologist I brought from Mosgravia."

Neurologist?

Jasper instantly realized something and fell silent.

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"Dr. Lovelace is a renowned neurologist in Mosgravia. I specifically
brought him to Solana City to treat the

aftereffects for you."

"Go back. I don't need it," Jasper replied, looking down. He refused outright.

"Jasper, do you think I'm negotiating with you?" Alyssa's eyes widened.

"Do you think I'm negotiating with you, Alyssa?"

Jasper locked eyes with Alyssa. His gaze appeared chillingly indifferent, as if veiled by a layer of ice. "My affairs have

nothing to do with you. You don't need to care."

"You ... !"

"If you want to continue attending the party, move to the banquet hall. If you only came to talk to me about this,

leave with your people."

turned and left

acted as if he

shouted

Stop right there!

walked away, his figure disappearing

there dumbfounded, letting the cold wind hit her body. She

permeating her entire

tremendous sense of loss crawled up her calves. It was intricate

and I didn't agree. Now, I've presented

and he didn't even spare me

Julien leaned against a tree trunk, laughing mockingly. "Should I say he's a tough guy or a dumbass?"

"Dumbass," Alyssa said, her eyes reddening.

"Yeah, that's what I thought. I just didn't want to say it."

Julien quietly watched her trembling figure. Suddenly, he asked, "Hey, do you still love him?"

Alyssa's heart felt like it had been pricked with a needle. She clenched her fingers and asked, "What are you talking

about?"

"I'm asking if you still love Jasper."

"What is it to you?"

Chapter 859

Renee hid in the car, sobbing. Her eyeliner and mascara were smudged. She looked utterly pitiful.

"Enough! What are you crying for? Look at you, so pathetic!" Dominic was furious.

"I made such a fool of myself in front of so many people. What's wrong with shedding a few tears?"

Renee miserably wiped her tears. "Mr. Beckett is really too much. I fell right in front of him. Shouldn't he help me?

How could he turn a blind eye?

"He can only see that bitch, Alyssa! His soul is with her!"

When Dominic recalled Jasper's intense gaze and brazen stare at Alyssa, he was infuriated.

"Dad, Mr. Beckett still has feelings for Alyssa. What should I do?"
Renee asked tearfully.

"What feelings? They wouldn't have gotten divorced if he truly had feelings for her. If they're divorced, it means he couldn't go on being married to her even for a day."

Dominic sighed, his gaze dark. "Right now, if you want to get close to Jasper, Alyssa isn't the only obstacle. There's

from

of Zoe and found it quite

recent hotel rendezvous caused quite a stir. Now, rumors

Beckett families were rampant.

immature Zoe wasn't worth worrying

looming threat, giving her a scalp-tingling sense

from the Harper family

I can understand that he

inferior

you become so confused when it comes

clicked his tongue. "Jasper is not interested in

marry Jasper and become the

why

doubt this alliance will go through."

Renee was enlightened by these words.

She had always listened to her father and knew that he was full of ideas. Otherwise, in the face of Winston's

dominance, he would have had no place to stand long ago.

"If the Harper family can use schemes, why can't we? Right now, it's better to seize the opportunity when it's

available."

Dominic narrowed his eyes in deep thought.

Renee hurriedly asked, "Dad, what do you mean?"

"Renee, as the saying goes, 'No pain, no gain.' You have to be shameless to get a wealthy husband."

Chapter 860

"There wasn't much to talk about in the first place." Jasper sat heavily on the sofa. He picked up a glass and downed

the champagne in one gulp.

Thoughts of Alyssa left him feeling irritated. He felt suffocated. Jasper's eyes then turned red from the strain.

"You really can't say anything nice. Lyse came to see you, meaning she's not angry anymore. Why didn't you seize

the opportunity to win back her favor?

"Do you really want to be my brother-in-law? I represent the Harper family as the first to oppose you marrying into

the family." Landon widened his eyes, acting all anxious.

"Landon, do you think I'm the only one who has made mistakes?" Jasper's hand clenching the glass revealed taut

veins, as if he were suppressing some tormenting emotion.

"What do you mean? Should Lyse be the one to be blamed?"

"I don't know."

sacrifices Lyse has made for you, you have no right to blame her or be mad at

she does is right. Don't try to reason with women. That's just being stupid," Landon

bluntly.

lost in thought,

Mr. Harper, nice to

raised their eyes. Standing before them were

at the sight of the

word but exuded an icy

had cried so miserably in the parking lot just moments

her eye makeup with a touch of pink to look pitiful

and was

discerning scion of a wealthy family, he knew how to maintain proper

smiling. "Forgive my ignorance. May I ask who you

"I'm Dominic Taylor, the executive director of KS Group."

Dominic added with a smile, "Oh, by the way, Mr. Beckett has a closer relationship with our Taylor family. After all, he has quite a relationship with my eldest niece."

"Eldest ... niece?" Landon was slightly taken aback.

"My elder brother's daughter, Alyssa. Lyse is my niece," Dominic explained with a smile. "She's a cousin to my

daughter, Renee. The two of them grew up together, so they're very close."

Landon was greatly surprised.

It turned out that Dominic was Winston's younger brother.

That was entirely unexpected, and it made Landon look at him with newfound respect.

Seeing Landon's expression soften, Renee felt a sense of accomplishment.