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“Miss Seymour. I know Elliot has mistreated you before, but he also compensated you in every way he could. You should know where the line is drawn.” Brenda stepped forward, not wishing for her mother to be troubled and intending to protect her own nephew.

Hayley looked at the well-dressed lady, whose eyes glared in warning toward her. She had done and said everything she planned to do and say today, and she didn't want it to spiral into chaos either. She pitifully nodded. “I understand. I'm sorry, Grandma. I shouldn't have disturbed your banquet. I'm so sorry, and I'll be leaving now.”

The housekeeper immediately sent for someone to take Hayley home. Hayley kept looking back at Elliot as she left, her love and adoration obvious to all.

However, under the sunlight, Elliot's entire body emanated a chill. No matter how loving Hayley's gaze was, it could not remove the coldness in him.

While no one was looking, Anastasia quietly left the crowd. She walked toward a deserted garden, her thoughts occupied with the notion that Hayley had undergone abortion for Elliot's sake.

This was further proof of the incident between Elliot and Hayley that night. It reminded her again of this, and she felt unbearably sad.

Brenda helped her mother back inside to rest. The other relatives and friends also understood the Presgraves' situation, so they didn't make any comments on it. The Presgrave Family was powerful exactly because its members were united.

Just then, Harriet felt some discomfort in her chest. She told the housekeeper, “Jodie, fetch my medicine.”

“Please calm down, Old Madam Presgrave. Do not heed to Miss Seymour’s words.”

“She miscarried a child for Elliot’s sake! A child of the Presgraves!” Harriet said regretfully.

“Mom, don’t think like that. It’d be real trouble if Elliot had a child with that girl.” Brenda was aware. After all, someone with a personality like Hayley’s did not deserve to marry into the Presgrave Family.

Just then, the housekeeper brought the medicine. She also gave Harriet some water to take the pills with. After Harriet had taken the medicine, she sighed. “No matter

what, the right wife for Elliot can only be Anastasia.”

“Yes! I also hope Miss Tillman will marry Elliot.” Brenda actually preferred Anastasia too. Anastasia had saved her son’s life, after all.

When Elliot found Anastasia, she was sitting on a swing in the garden. She was in a daze as she sat on the swing, and when the wind lifted her hair, it was as if her hair was also glowing under the sunlight. She looked like a princess heavy with worry.

Elliot strode over in light steps and walked up to her. Then, he began pushing the swing into motion.

Anastasia let him continue pushing before she asked, “When did you find out that Hayley miscarried for you before?”

“Last time, when she sent you a photo,” Elliot answered truthfully.

He hadn’t declined when Hayley clung onto him and asked him for a photo!

“Why didn’t you let her into the main hall to eat today?” Anastasia asked.

‘I didn’t want you to see her and upset your mood,” he replied.

“I’ve shamed you in front of your family, though,” Anastasia said bitterly. After all, she was assuming the role of his girlfriend today.

Elliot let the swing stop, then bent down and looked at her in all earnestness. “Anastasia, I don’t care what other people think of you. I only know that in my heart, you have always been perfect.”

Anastasia looked at him, her heart aching for him,

“Do you regret that incident with Hayley five years ago?” Anastasia asked.

Elliot nodded. He couldn’t find any words to express the regret in his heart.

Just then, a servant came rushing along the garden path. “Young Master Elliot, come quick. Old Madam Pregrave has fainted.” Elliot and Anastasia instantly got to their feet in shock. They exchanged glances and strode hurriedly toward the main hall.

Nigel had carried Harriet back to her room and placed her down. Harriet’s face was pale, and her eyes were tightly closed. She was barely conscious.

“Why did Grandma faint all of a sudden?” Elliot hastily walked into the room.

“She said she was feeling uncomfortable in her chest, and she asked for some medicine to ease the discomfort. Within ten minutes of her taking the pills, she suddenly fainted on the floor.” The housekeeper was extremely anxious as well.