

Come back to me

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Who Gave It To You

Nina had always been straightforward. "I have come with..."

"Nina, you're here." Vivian suddenly appeared out of nowhere and stopped Nina from saying what she was about to say.

She was wearing a simple slip dress and a pair of flat shoes, which did not match her delicate makeup and coiled hair.

There was some dust on her shoes. It seemed that she came out here in too much of a hurry that she did not have the time to change into her evening dress and shoes. Her voice was calm, albeit a little strained like she was catching her own breath. Nina's eyes darted to the small fallen leaf stuck to Vivian's hair.

After looking Vivian up and down, Nina looked at the direction whence she came. It was a corner below a ledge with potted green plants on it. Fallen leaves were scattered on that corner's ground.

Nina surmised that Vivian had been hiding there and eavesdropping. She just waited for the right time to emerge like she just happened to walk by.

Nina smiled from ear to ear. It seemed that Vivian did not want anyone to know that she came here as John's date.

Maybe it was Vivian's plan all along that tonight's banquet was not only a birthday party but also an engagement party.

Maybe Nina was right about the reason behind Jessica wanting to speak to John so urgently.

Maybe she wanted to discuss the details of his and

oose trousers with a white lining on top. Instead of leather shoes, he was wearing sneakers. He looked casual yet handsome and stylish.

Hearing his voice, Nina answered in surprise, "Albert?" There was somebody she knew at this party after all.

She could not help smiling brightly, making her look more beautiful. She actually turned a few male heads upon entering the hall.

"I wasn't expecting to see you here. Have you come here with James? Or..." Albert wanted to say John's name. He heard that John and Nina were already living together.

This was good news for him. It meant that the Shi and Ye families would not be able to unite through John and Vivian's marriage.

"I..."

"Wait!" Nina's words were interrupted again. It was Kristina who just spoke.

Kristina's eyes were fixed on the lollipop stick in Nina's hand. When she took a closer look, she recognized that it was a lollipop customized by Noah.

"Why do you have this lollipop? Who gave it to you?" Kristina was an able woman with a heroic face. Her words were full of energy, and she operated under a cold aggressiveness that got her whatever she wanted.

Looking into Kristina's eyes, Nina said calmly, "I bought it from my senior."

"Senior? You mean Noah?" Kristina took the wooden stick from Nina's hand and examined it. There was indeed a familiar logo on it.

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Call Me Aunt

Nina realized that Noah was a member of the Ye family. Her judgment of Noah when she first met him was not very accurate.

He was not only rich but also had an eminent family background. His family was one of the three giants of Lexingport City.

He was as low key as her.

"Yes, I mean Noah. He's my senior." Nina nodded, took out another lollipop from her pocket, and handed it to Kristina. She pursed her lips and said, "You must be his aunt that he mentioned. Nice to meet you. My name is Nina Lu."

In the field of criminal psychology, Nina worshiped Noah. He was a god in the field. Even through the phone, they could discuss a case to the point of forgetting to eat and sleep.

Noah guided Nina and often praised her grit, which encouraged her. At present, her goal was to become better if not as good as him.

When it came to friends, Nina treated hers well. She also cherished the families of her friends as if they were her own.

Although Kristina had been a little aggressive just now, Nina did not mind it. She was too busy smiling to herself think

arts of those around him.

This was the first time that Nina felt that Albert was really smiling. He had always seemed cold and reserved.

"It seems that you also like Nina, Albert." Kristina smiled meaningfully. A hint of sadness flashed in her eyes. It was gone the next second.

"Ms. Ye, you misunderstand. Albert is just my senior," Nina explained immediately. She was afraid that there would be another misunderstanding.

Everyone already thought that she had had an affair with James. She could not afford to let them think that she was romantically involved with Albert as well. That would be very difficult to explain, and it would really piss off someone she did not want to anger.

"Yes, Albert and Nina are just friends." Isabella interjected and looked at Albert affectionately.

Albert could only be hers. She walked on the red carpet on his arm this evening.

As a response, Albert just smiled and said in a gentle voice, "I have a girlfriend. She is a woman of both beauty and talent."

Albert thought about the woman he was talking about.

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Friendship

Albert did not set his gaze upon anyone, so no one knew who he was talking about.

Nina had a vague idea that Albert loved a girl who liked the Pink Panther because every time he saw the Pink Panther, he sweetly smiled.

"You are obviously hiding the identity of the one you love. There's no way anyone can find out who she is," Nina teased.

"Who I love should remain my secret," Albert said calmly, looking at Nina like he was pushing her away with his stare.

In Isabella's eyes, such an eye contact could already be considered as flirting. She clenched her fists and felt her nails dig into her palms. Hatred surged in her chest.

'The woman Albert loves is really Nina!

Why Nina? I don't understand.

Nina isn't that good. She may be more beautiful than I am, but I'm much better in terms of family background and character,' she thought bitterly.

She tugged on Adela's dress, winked at her, and whispered, "Police station."

Adela once told her that she saw Nina being handcuffed and pushed into a police car.

Isabella did not know what Nina had done, but there was no denying that Nina had a criminal record.

What had she done that wa

kes me feel like you're my daughter." Kristina's father, who had passed away, was a soldier and had a close relationship with Director Shen. Kristina's father had only started his own business on a whim. He did not expect that the Ye Group would grow to be so successful and prosperous.

"Uncle Shen," Kristina said with a smile.

"That's more like it," Director Shen smiled back. Then, he noticed the beautiful girl standing next to Kristina. He grew curious about her because Kristina was holding her hand.

Except for Jessica of the Shi family, Kristina had never been close to any other girl, Vivian included.

"Kristina, who is this pretty lady?"

"It's an honor to meet you, Director Shen. That pretty lady's name is Nina Lu. You two have somewhat of a connection. She had been in jail," Adela interjected sardonically.

"You're Nina?" Director Shen was a little surprised. He did not know what Nina looked like, but he had a deep impression of her because of the serial murder case she had helped solve.

At this moment, he was wondering if the girl in front of him was the Nina who solved the case or just another girl who had the same name.

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Kristina Likes Nina

Because of Noah, Kristina had decided to treat Nina in a different way. She now wanted to protect Nina. Kristina glared at Adela in disgust. She really did not understand why Vivian had to make friends with such awful women.

Noticing the disgust in Kristina's eyes, Isabella shook her head. She quickly pulled Adela away and told her to stop talking.

Adela, like most people, was afraid of the three families of Lexingport City. Only then did she realize that she was too imprudent, so she shut up and stood beside Isabella.

Adela threw a cold glance at Nina's direction. How could Nina be afraid of her? She could easily take her down if she ever stepped up to her. Isabella met Nina's icy stare. Under the light, her eyes looked like the eyes of a wolf that was stalking its prey in the night. Isabella trembled so much on her high heels that she almost fell down.

Nina's lips curled up. Was Isabella scared?

"Pleasure to meet you, Director Shen. My name is Nina Lu, a student from L University." Nina stretched out her hand elegantly and gracefully. Tonight, she had come as John's date. She could not let John lose face, so she had to try her best to be as prim and proper as possible.

"You are from L University?" Director Shen raised his eyebrows. Was the girl in front of him the Nina t  
lollipops of different flavors were designed to effect something different. Some were refreshing, some were for healthcare, some were good for blood circulation, and some were good for blood glucose.

The lollipops usually took half a month to be produced, and they were made by a team of professionals. She paid the team tens of thousands of dollars every month.

And then Noah sold them to the girl for only twelve dollars a box. That was just not right.

"Kristina, Noah must have a thing for Nina," Director Shen whispered in Kristina's ear, patted her shoulder with a smile and then walked away.

Albert also gave her a meaningful look.

Kristina's face lit up. Yes, that made sense now.

Nina was Professor Gu's disciple and Noah's junior. Her status was high because of that. She was beautiful and smart, and could handle cases with Noah.

They were well matched in profession and status.

Was Nina not the perfect wife for Noah?

Kristina was overjoyed. She looked at Nina as if Nina were already Noah's wife.

"What are you thinking about, Aunt?" Kristina snapped back to her senses at Nina's question. Hearing her call her Aunt for the first time felt like a splash of milk and honey on her tongue.

Well, it was done!

Nina called her Aunt. She would be perfect for Noah.

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A Slap

"Nina, could you call me Aunt one more time?" Kristina said with a kind face.

Nina was confused. Kristina was Noah's aunt, right? So it was okay for her to call Kristina Aunt, too.

"Aunt."

"There we go!" Kristina replied happily. Nina called her in the exact same way that Noah did.

"Nina, do you have a boyfriend?"

"No." She wasn't lying. She didn't have a boyfriend, but she did have a husband. Nina didn't know who or where he was though.

Kristina happily asked, "Do you like anyone in particular?"

Nina hesitated. John's elegantly handsome face flashed through her mind. She looked around anxiously trying to find him again. She was so wrapped up in John that he consumed her mind.

"Well, it seems that you like someone." Kristina noticed Nina's hesitance and saw her looking around. She thought that she was possibly looking for her lover which saddened Kristina.

It wasn't easy to find someone that was so similar to Noah. Unfortunately, Nina was with someone else already.

The most important thing though was that Noah liked Nina. He didn't just give anyone his lollipops and since he gave them to Nina, h

like Nina at all, and actually liked her strong personality. Kristina thought that Nina would never let anyone take advantage of her so Noah didn't need to worry about her.

Dora, who had been standing aside and watching the whole altercation, stood dumbfounded with her mouth wide open. She couldn't take her eyes off Nina.

"Who is this dashing lady? I want her to teach me." Dora nudged Chester. "Her overcoat is so familiar. The dress she's wearing is so similar to mine. I saw it when I was choosing a dress to buy. Vivian also has a dress in the same series. Look at the high-heeled shoes on her feet. They are the summer items from FG. They haven't been placed in the store for sale yet."

Dora had a keen sense of fashion. With a glance, she knew which brand it was of and how much it cost.

'Her ensemble is worth millions.'

Chester narrowed his eyes and said, "Yes." 'It turns out that she's Uncle John's girlfriend.

The overcoat has been customized by Uncle John and the shoes are indeed from FG. She looks much younger than Uncle John so it must be the girl that James has mentioned.

But where is Uncle John?'

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Harrison Is Someone Else's Fiance

Everything returned to normal. Everyone continued to drink, talk, and laugh.

When Kristina saw Chester and Dora, she called to them. "Dora, Chester, you're here. I'm so happy to see both of you," she exclaimed.

"Hello, Aunt Kristina." Chester and Dora came to Kristina and greeted her with the inherent dignity and elegance.

"Such good kids." Kristina and Jessica were close friends. Kristina often came over to the Shi family villa. She liked them very much.

They were both smart and quick-witted, and they were fun to be around.

Still wanting to know Nina's identity, Dora asked Kristina, "Aunt Kristina, who is that dashing lady?"

"That dashing lady?" Kristina glanced Albert and wondered who Dora was talking about.

"Nina," Albert answered with a smile. "She's a student in L University."

Chester nodded slightly. It turned out that the aunt James would not stop talking about was named Nina.

"Do you know her, Albert? Can you introduce her to me?" This was the first time that Dora saw Nina, but Dora already wanted to take Nina as her teacher. Nina's quick and smooth movement and commanding aura captivated her. Those were traits that she lacked, and she wanted to lea

Isabella was her first friend in her life, the first one that meant a lot to her.

What happened on the campus forum left a huge crack in Nina's heart, and she would break the bones of anyone who dared poke that painful crack with a stick.

"Nina, please. You can't hurt me. My uncle and Harrison will hunt you down and make you pay." At this time, Adela could only tell Nina about all her backers, the Zhu family and the He family, in an attempt to scare her. Then, she began shouting, "Harrison! Harrison! Where are you? Help me! Help me, please!"

"Harrison?" Frowning, Nina added, "Harrison He?"

Adela was still crying. "How do you know him?" Adela stared at Nina bitterly, her red and swollen eyes full of resentment.

"What's your relationship with Harrison?" Nina asked, remembering what Michelle said in her letter.

"Why should I tell you?" Adela slowly stood up, her palms scratched and bleeding.

"Tell me!"

Nina clenched her fists. Frightened, Adela said with a pale face, "Harrison is my fiance."

"Fiance?" Nina remembered that day at the hospital, Haley said that Emma was Harrison's girlfriend. If that were true, then how could Adela be Harrison's fiancée?

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Beat Him Until He Agrees To Divorce

Michelle had gotten her hands on Harrison's check-in records with another woman and told Nina in the letter. After thinking for a moment, Nina asked Adela bluntly, "Have you slept with Harrison?"

Color suddenly blossomed on Adela's pale face. She lowered her eyes. How could she answer such an embarrassing question?

"Why should I tell you?" She attempted to sound nonchalant.

"I'll take that as a yes." Nina found it a little too obvious judging from Adela's nonverbal response. Guilt was all over her face like makeup.

Thinking of Harrison's gentle demeanor, Nina could not help feeling disgusted. What refined scum that man was!

Nina had promised Michelle that she would help Emma, so she ordered Adela, "Call Harrison and ask him to take you to the hospital."

"What? Why?" Adela asked. She still did not look at Nina.

"Call him! Call him right now!" Nina bellowed impatiently.

She could not wrap her brain around men. How could they propose marriage to one woman and then date another at the same time? That was just incredibly greedy, not to mention stupid.

"Okay, okay, I'll call him right now." Afraid that Nina would start bludgeoning her, Adela took out her mobile phone with trembling hands and dialed Harrison's number. As soon as she heard his gentle voice on the other end of the line, she said in between sobs, "Harris

n's father would choose an ugly photo of his son to be edited into a fake wedding photo. It seemed like a waste of time and effort.

John had always been a perfectionist. He wanted everything to be pristine, especially the marriage licenses that would allow him to keep Nina forever. There was no room for mistakes, and Henry knew that all too well.

Henry could not help smiling as he folded the copy neatly. Nina happened to be looking at him at the moment.

She stopped walking and asked him, "What are you smiling about, Henry? Care to share it with me?"

Henry was usually serious. His smile was as rare as a blue moon.

"Well..." Henry paused for a moment and then asked, "Mrs. Shi, what will you do if you know who your husband is?"

After a brief pause, Nina answered firmly, "I would divorce him."

'Divorce?' Henry thought, a little taken aback.

'No wonder Mr. Shi doesn't want her to know the truth.'

"What if he doesn't want a divorce?" he asked. Of course John would not want a divorce. He was desperate to keep Nina by his side.

Nina smiled humorlessly and said, "There are two options. Either he lets me go peacefully, or I beat him senseless until he agrees to sign the divorce papers."

Henry could not find the right words to say. He was so surprised by Nina's answer that he tripped and almost fell on his face.

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You Have Bad Taste

It was seven o'clock in the evening.

The party had officially begun. The melodious music from the string quartet playing at the corner gradually quieted down as the head of the Ye family entered the banquet hall with his wife on his arm. As the spotlight followed the esteemed couple across the hall that smelled like fresh roses and champagne, everyone applauded. Cameras flashed everywhere like striking lightning. Howard took a sidelong glance at his lovely wife, thinking that he was right where he wanted to be.

Gently ushering his Julie, Howard ascended the steps up on the high platform set up on one side of the banquet hall. From where he stood, he could see the entire hall and the garden beyond. At the moment, he was looking at everybody who was anybody in the city. The rich, the famous, and the powerful filled up the room nicely, and Howard was standing over all of them.

He began his opening remarks before the party went full swing. At last, he said, "Thank you for attending my daughter's twenty-fourth birthday party. I hope you all enjoy yourselves tonight. Here's to all of you and my lovely daughter." Howard raised the glass of champagne that Julie handed him and proposed a toast.

The guests raised their glasses in turn, glancing and smiling at one another, and took a sip of their champagne.

Stepping

part. She was so happy that she jumped right to naming her and Noah's unborn children.

At the party, Dora smiled and told Chester, "Vivian is going to be our aunt. Isn't that exciting?"

"She won't," Chester answered flatly.

"Why not? There are so many people here tonight because Uncle John will propose to Vivian." The engagement was not exactly advertised in the invites, but everyone thought something more was going to happen tonight.

The party was too grand to be just a birthday party. It had to be something more, and everyone expected it to be a spectacle of John's marriage proposal to Vivian.

Without saying another word, Chester looked around but did not find John. Instead, he saw Nina who was being followed around by a snow-white Tibetan Mastiff. She looked like she was looking for someone.

"Are you cold?" Chester asked out of the blue. The sudden question confused Dora.

"No, I'm not. I mean, I don't mind the cold. I just want to look beautiful," she answered. Before Chester could speak again, Dora did a twirl in her pretty little dress and said, "There are three dresses in this series, and I saw a lady earlier wearing one of them. I wonder where she has gone."

"I know where she is." Chester walked through the crowd to the door where Nina was standing.

"Aunt Nina," he called naturally.

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The Marriage License

Nina was stunned. She looked around to see where the voice was coming from. Only two people would have called her Aunt Nina and since James was outside, it had to be Haley.

"Aunt Nina, lower your head," Chester said.

Nina looked down to see a boy standing in front of her. The boy was wearing a dashing suit and looked eerily similar to John. He even had a similar cold aura.

"Are you calling me?" Nina looked into Chester's black eyes and bent down. She guessed that this boy must be from John's family somehow.

Whenever she had to deal with John's family, Nina always adopted a more amiable approach.

When he saw the smile on Nina's face, Chester blushed. No wonder John liked Nina. She looked so regal when she was being serious and she transformed into a goddess when she smiled.

He couldn't help being admiring her and he could only imagine what John felt.

"Aunt Nina, my sister is a little cold. Can you give her your coat?" With an eager sincerity in his black eyes, Chester pointed at a girl in the crowd that was dressed in lavender.

Nina looked in that direction and noticed that the girl's dress was part of the same series as hers.

The girl's back

ou are?"

It happened again!

Nina felt so annoyed. Jessica could praise Vivian all she wanted but she shouldn't be slandering Nina.

"Really? How good a match are they? A perfect match? A top match? A match made in heaven?" Nina asked indifferently. But deep inside, she was jealous.

Before Jessica could speak, there was a deep and powerful bellow from the door. "I already have my wife."

John walked towards Nina. His steely cold face was more handsome than usual. The man was like an emperor, pulling everyone's attention.

"Your wife?" Nina looked at him in confusion. He was married?

Everyone else was as equally befuddled. They began to gossip in hushed whispers.

"John, what are you talking about?" Jessica intervened quickly as if she was disappointed in his behavior.

"I have a wife," John reaffirmed, taking a copy of his marriage license out of his pocket.

Perhaps he just wanted everyone to know that Nina was his wife, so he was eager to show everyone the copy.

While he was pulling the copy out,

the licenses slipped all the way out of his pocket.

They fell to the floor with a crisp crack. The contents of one of them were revealed.

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Official Announcement

The contents of the marriage license were exposed in front of everyone. The warm yellow light from the luxurious and gorgeous crystal chandelier hanging from the ceiling bounced off them beautifully. The light was so dazzling that it blinded everyone in the hall.

Nina was standing in front of John who was less than half a meter away. At this time, her eyes were fixed on the two licenses on the floor. One was open while the other was closed.

The big, bold letters at the top said "Marriage License."

The open one had John's name on it as its holder.

The marriage license had a wedding photo attached to it. In the photo, there was a messy-looking man with an unfathomable expression on his face and a beautiful, brightly smiling woman.

Nina frowned. She found the photo a bit strange, especially the woman in it. Why did she feel like the woman in the photo looked like her?

But she could not be sure.

Nina kept calm, but she was beginning to be a little suspicious. Maybe she was just imagining it. How could she be in a wedding photo with John anyway? Just because she had owned up to her feelings for him did not mean they were actually married.

It was impossible and, truth be told, downright crazy.

'This is just an illusion,

e.

"So, you're my husband?" Nina asked, raising her head and looking at John.

Everyone around was stunned. Several ladies from rich and noble families looked Nina up and down with a revolted expression on their faces.

"This woman is so desperate to establish connections with people in high places. Everyone in Lexingport City knows that Mr. Shi has been single all this time."

"Yes, she is shameless."

"Wait. Didn't you hear what Ms. Shi said just now? That woman must be Mr. Shi's admirer who came here to make trouble. After all, tonight is Mr. Shi and Miss Ye's night. What a perfect time to mess things up, right?"

"She dares to enrage Mr. Shi. She will suffer."

Nina could hear all the whispers. She frowned slightly and waited for John's answer to her question. She was a little scared to hear it, but she had to.

On the other hand, John tuned out all the noise around him and focused on Nina's face. He had been quietly observing her since she opened the marriage licenses.

It seemed that she did not pay that much attention to the photo. She focused on the legal relationship between them.

'That's good,' John told himself.

With a slight smile on his face, he announced loudly and proudly, "Nina is my legal wife."