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I replied, "I don't have that much..."

"You'll figure out a way."

Anna hung up as soon as she finished saying that.

I gave a sigh and checked the online banking app on my phone.

I'll have less than 500 thousand dollars left in my bank account if I pay her three million dollars.

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Just then, someone knocked on the door and entered the room. It was Auntie Sidney.

She appeared anxious as she came up to me. "Madam, did you have a quarrel with Mr. Mendez again?"

"What's the matter?" I asked.

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"Mr. Mendez instructed me to get the car ready to send you back to the apartment." Auntie Sidney answered, "He said that you're not allowed to bring anything with you. Also, he wanted you to leave the safe open before leaving

so that Ms. Olsen could browse the jewelry stored in it later on."

"Are you coming with me?"

"I tried asking for Mr. Mendez's permission, but he wouldn't allow it." Auntie

Sidney had a downcast expression. "How could he do something like this?

You're in such poor health! What if there's no one there to help look after you

at the apartment?"

"Don't worry. I have several servants working for me at the apartment."

I guess he'll agree to divorce me this time. It's a bit sudden. Still, it's a good thing.

I flashed a smile at Auntie Sidney. "Most of them have been working for my family since I was still a child. They are all very kind to me."

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Despite Liam's instructions, I took one thing out of the sofs before leaving the house.

It was an old watch that belonged to my mother. The watch had stopped working at eighteen seconds past 3.22 am. It was the exact moment when my mother's heart had stopped beating.

My parents and Uncle George had worked together to start the Nyra

Corporation back in the day. Sadly, Mother had nothing much left in her

possession at her death except for her wedding ring and this watch.

Anna took Mother's ring, and she gave me the watch back then.

Funnily enough, I just noticed the items we received were almost like bad omens for our future. Anna is in an unhappy marriage now, whereas I am running out of time.

When the Nyra Corporation was facing financial difficulties, Father had sold off nearly all of his properties, including the Nyra Manor where I grew up living.

The only place I could return to is a 3000-square-foot apartment in the city

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center. The apartment was located on the topmost floor of a tall building.

and it boasted an impressive view of the sea.

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By the time Mrs. Crawford and I arrived at the apartment, Mrs. Sullivan and the other servants had prepared a delicious spread to welcome us. I invited all of them to join me at lunch. These people were like family to me, and I enjoyed a leisurely meal while catching up with them.

After lunch, I decided to visit Father at the hospital. However, Mrs. Sullivan stopped me when I was getting ready to leave. "Ms. Vivienne, why don't you stay at home for today?"

After what happened with Auntie Sidney last time, I caught on almost immediately. "Is that an order from Liam?"

"Yes. Mr. Mendez said that you came down with a fever yesterday and that you should rest at home for the next couple of days." Mrs. Sullivan avoided my gaze. "Also, you should probably wait until things have died down a little before going out."

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I couldn't even believe my ears. "Why are you taking orders from him too?"

"Mr. Mendez is paying for all the expenses required for the maintenance of this place, after all." Mrs. Sullivan continued, "Moreover, I think he means you well."

I returned to my room and gave Liam a call.

After some time, he answered the phone. "What is it?"

"I'm already at my apartment, but why are you still keeping me confined?"

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There was a long silence as I waited for Liam's reply. However, I only heard a soft thud over the line.

I can guess what he's thinking about.

I said, "Thank you for paying the hospital bills and the bills required for the

apartment's maintenance. However, I don't have any money to pay you back at the moment."

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"What happened to your money?" Liam asked.

"I spent almost all of them on stuff." I responded, "I've heard about the scandal. I'm willing to do whatever it is you want me to do, but before that, I need you to sign the divorce papers... As I've mentioned, I won't ask for any compensation."

Liam fell silent again.

I became increasingly agitated as the silence lengthened. "I believe you've sent me here because you've also come to the same conclusion. You have nothing to worry about. I won't use the divorce to ask for favors from you."

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Liam's voice came down the line. "I've heard that lotus roots go well with fish."

The sudden change of topic completely threw me off balance.

Why is he talking about that?

Liam asked, "Does it take long to make roast fish with lotus roots?"

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I answered instinctively, "It does."

"Make it, then." Liam said in a flat tone, "You must have had too much free time for you to come up with all that nonsense."

"What do you mean?" I was baffled by his response.

Once again, Liam lapsed into a sullen silence.

Why is he bringing up roast fish out of nowhere?

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I couldn't stop myself from raising my voice. "Do you want to bring her to my apartment to have a meal as well?!"

There was still no response from him.

I knew it! His silence confirms it!

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I was overcome with indignation despite my efforts to suppress it. "This is too much! I've given everything I have to her! Why are you still putting me through something so horrendous?!"

Liam finally responded, "I'll give you ten percent."

"What?"

"The shares." Liam replied, "Just turn off your phone and stay put for now. I'll

make time to take you to visit your father at the hospital in a few days.”

I fumed, “I don’t need your shares! I just want us to get a divorce! I won’t ask for...”

“Vivienne, I won’t take *no* for an answer. Those ghostwriters would cost you around 500 thousand dollars at most. It’s imprudent to ask for more.”

I was rendered speechless by his words.

“I don’t want to hear another word about having a divorce from you ever

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again.” Before he ended the call, Liam said, “I want roast fish for dinner.”

After that, I tried to check how much it would cost to hire a ghostwriter, but I couldn’t find any relevant information on the internet.

Nevertheless, I wired three million dollars to Anna. I didn’t want to risk.

displeasing her and jeopardizing Father’s treatment.

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Though I know Anna is probably asking for much more than what’s needed to pay the ghostwriters, I know she means well. After all, Liam has been fooling around with other women all this time.

In the afternoon, I tried to make roast fish with Mrs. Crawford’s help.

She passed a knife to me. “Mr. Mendez had us take the day off on Christmas

day. Then, he came to me asking for a few tips since he wanted to cook for himself that day. He mentioned how he could recognize the dishes you prepared because of your cutting skills, Madam.”

I remember that day... There were short, pleasant moments while I had

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dinner with him that night.

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After dinner was ready, I felt a bit unwell, so I took some medicine and rested on the bed for a bit.

When I had finally woken up, I opened my eyes and spotted the person.

holding me in a tight embrace. I quickly closed my eyes, but a voice rang

next to my ear, “Open your eyes.”

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I pretended not to hear him. However, I felt a tight grip around my chin the next instant.

“Open your eyes.” His voice was cold and commanding.

I did as he said, albeit reluctantly.

“Look at me.”

I refused to meet his gaze. "Just *do* whatever it is that you want..."

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Liam tightened his grip on my chin so hard that it made me grimace in pain. I cast a glare in his direction.

"You should be looking at me. That way, you wouldn't be thinking about some other men."

I snapped at him, "Were all of your women thinking about other men while they were in bed with you?"

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My question prompted Liam as the man got on top of me and stripped me off.

Finally, when he was done, Liam carried me into the bathroom and washed me himself.

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He's being strangely gentle today. It's probably because the company stocks plunged when news of the scandal came out.

I was still feeling wary even after Liam had put me back in bed. He said, "Get dressed and come out for dinner."

It was almost eight at night when I entered the dining room. On the balcony,

Liam was having a smoke as he spoke on the phone.

Before I knew it, I had tiptoed over and stood next to the balcony entrance to eavesdrop on him.

"I'm staying over at the company for the night... No. I don't even want to hear her name. It's all because of her that the stocks are dropping... You should

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rest early. Good night."

I treaded quickly and quietly toward the dining table and took a seat. Then, I took out my phone to check the news.

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"L.M shares dropped more than 5 percent at the close of today's session. The company lost a market cap of nearly 80 billion dollars!"

Apart from the news about Liam's company, I could also find more and more news about the scandal on the internet.

Is Anna still trying to circulate the news online? She would usually stop by now...

Suddenly, someone yanked the phone out of my hands.

Liam sat in the chair next to mine. He turned off my phone and put it down on the table. "Don't use your phone for the time being."

"I haven't agreed to your conditions."

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"I'll have to force you then." He gave me a sidelong glance and scooped some fish onto my plate.

I took a piece of lotus root and had a bite. "I don't want any of your shares.

However, if you insist on giving me money, I prefer that you give it in cash."

Liam remained silent as he focused on picking out tiny bones from the fish.

I continued, "I just need two million dollars in cash."

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Liam lifted his gaze from his plate. "I gave you that much money before, didn't I?"

"I tore the check back then."

He probably never thought that I would really tear the check. It's

understandable. Who in their right mind would tear a check that was worth two million dollars?

"What do you need the money for?"

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"I'll use it to buy stuff."

"What kind of stuff?" Liam's eyes seemed to bore into me as he fixed a

piercing gaze on me.

"I'll buy stuff like bags, jewelry, clothes..."

"You're in charge of a project that the Nyra Corporation is working on, right?"

Liam said, "A project that uses AR technology to create holographic images of the deceased. The project is not too difficult, and you can even present it as your graduation project."

I did not expect him to bring up this topic.

He kept his gaze on me. "The minimum budget required to run the project is estimated at five million dollars. Yet, you're going to spend two million dollars on bags now?"

I replied, "That project is canceled."

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I learned about my condition three months ago, and I was told that I had at most two years left to live. Eventually, I decided to use the little time I had to realize my dream.

I've always wished to have a chance to meet with my mother once more. I want to talk to her and feel her hugging me one more time.

I figured the only way I could achieve that is through the use of technology.

While bionic robots were clearly the better choice, that particular technology required a stupendous amount of time and money to be completed. In the end, I chose AR technology instead.

Back then, I had enough money to conduct the project. However, when the Nyra Corporation was facing another financial crisis and I was informed that I only had six months to live, I gave up on the project eventually.

Just then, Liam reached out and grabbed my wrist. Then, he gently pulled me toward him and made me sit on his lap.

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Liam picked up his spoon and tried to feed me some fish. However, I was reminded of how he had fed Rina in the morning, and I immediately pushed his hand away.

I could hear Liam chuckling quietly behind me. Still, I dropped my gaze and ignored him in defiance.

Liam put his hand under my chin and lifted my face to his.

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‘Sometimes, I can’t tell if you’re just this cute and naive, or if you’re that good at seducing men.’ There was a trace of delight in Liam’s eyes. “Why don’t you

tell me which of that is true?"

I tried to squirm free from his embrace. "Let me go first!"

"No." Liam had both hands circled around my waist now. "Finish your dinner if you're still hungry. If you're feeling full already, we'll go back to your room then. I find your bed very comfy."

Upon hearing those words, I could feel my face burning up and my heart

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racing.

Inwardly, I was repulsed by the fact that Liam was doing the same things he had done for Rina to me now. Yet, I couldn't seem to stop myself from reacting like that to his words.

Just then, Liam leaned next to my ear and whispered in a sweet voice, "My sweet Vivi."

His hot breath tickled the skin on my neck.

"You look so adorable when you blush like that."

I was too stunned to speak.

Is he doing all this because he's worried that I won't help explain to the public about the photos and prove his innocence?

I already told him that I would do whatever that's necessary.

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While I was lost in thought, I heard Liam speak in a calm voice, "How many men have you allowed in your bed before this?"

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I snapped to my senses after hearing his question. Then, I turned my eyes toward Liam.

"Hm?" A faint smile played across Liam's lips. However, there was a dark, icy look in his eyes. "Or am I the first one sleeping on it?"

Liam pressed his palm against the spot where his name was tattooed **on** my body. The warmth seeping through the cloth seemed to make that part of my skin burn and ache a little.

I tried to avoid his touch but to no avail. "You're the first."

Liam flashed a smile at me upon hearing my response. Then, he planted a soft kiss on my cheek.

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"I hope you're telling me the truth."

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Liam picked up his spoon and said, "You should continue with the project. I'm curious about the end product."

"I don't have the time to do it," I said.

Liam paused briefly. "What's keeping you busy? Your plans to go shopping?

Or are you meeting with some strange men?" Liam continued in a threatening voice, "Do you seriously think I'll allow that?"

"I'm not feeling well."

Liam snickered, "Is it about cancer again? Or do you have leukemia this time?"

It seemed like he wouldn't believe me no matter what I said.

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"I saw the email from your school. They said you skipped classes for more than two months now. Your teacher was also asking for your progress."

I remained silent even after hearing all that.

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With my time running out soon, I knew there was no point in me attending my

classes now. Still, I couldn't bring myself to drop out of the university.

In the end, I decided to keep everyone in the dark. I did not notify my lecturer that I had stopped working on my project, nor did I reply to any of his emails.

Liam went on, "I'll get in touch with the school. You should sort out your plans and progress so far tomorrow and show it to me in the evening."

I replied stubbornly, "I don't want to work on it anymore."

There was a loud thud as Liam slammed the spoon onto the table. I was completely taken aback by the noise, and I trembled slightly as I stared in his direction.

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"You're doing it regardless! I seem to recall you telling me that you love computer science a lot and that you dream of becoming a scientist!

Whatever happened to all those dreams? Are you going to throw away your chance to get your graduation certificate too?" Liam glared fiercely at me.

"Vivienne Nyra, you should be spending your time on the right things instead of trying to blacken my name with such a cheap trick!"

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I was momentarily stunned. Then, I hurriedly responded, "It wasn't my doing!"

Liam picked up his fork silently.

I opened my mouth and was about to say something when a thought struck

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I have no idea who's taken those photos, but I do know that Anna is

responsible for spreading those rumors. I can't let Liam find out about that.

Liam turned his gaze on me at that moment. "Go on."

I stared back at him with my mouth shut.

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"Shouldn't you try to explain yourself if it wasn't your doing?" It almost felt like

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Liam was carefully scrutinizing my face. "If it wasn't you, was it

your sister

then?"

I was shocked at how quickly he could reach such a sharp deduction. Still, I

asked cautiously, "You knew about it this whole time?"

"Open your mouth."

"What?"

I did as he told me to and Liam stuffed my mouth with some fish meat.

I chewed carefully and gulped the food down after making sure that there were no bones in it.

Liam's lips curled. "You look just like a small bunny."

He continued, "It appears that your sister is only good at pulling these cheap tricks. How much did she tell you to ask from me?"

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"Can I not answer that?" I asked.

"Sure. Anyhow, I'll abandon you sooner or later. A fool like you should just spend the rest of your life next to your sister."

I muttered in a small voice, "You can abandon me right now. I won't try to stop you."

Liam's face hardened almost instantaneously. I could see him tightening his grip around the fork. I swallowed nervously and said, "If I released a statement to the press and explained the photos, would it help bring your company shares back to their original price?"

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Liam made me take another piece of fish. His expression seemed to have softened a little. "Just stay at home and don't use the phone. You should rest

and get better so that we can have a baby soon."

I averted my gaze upon hearing his words.

It's the second time he's brought this up. Sadly, it's something that I couldn't

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even hope for now.

Liam made me look into his eyes. Then, he asked earnestly, "You've not gotten pregnant before, right?"

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Perhaps it was because of the hint of gentleness and seriousness in Liarn's eyes, I couldn't help but wonder if he had some misunderstanding about me.

After a moment's hesitation, I began, "Do you really want to know the answer to that?"

"If you do, I'll let you know that..."

At that moment, the sound of a phone vibrating could be heard.

Liam picked up his phone and said, "Go on."

However, the man's expression changed as soon as he saw the name on the screen. He answered the phone right away.

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Since I was sitting on his lap, I could hear the soothing voice of a young

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woman coming from Liam's phone pretty clearly. "Liam, I saw the news. Didn't you promise that you wouldn't see her anymore?"

Liam gently nudged me back to my seat and got to his feet. "Those are all fake news. I just gained control over the Nyra Corporation. Those people probably spread the rumors because they were unhappy about it..."

Then, he went out to the balcony and slid the door shut.

I looked at the food on the table, but I couldn't find any appetite to stomach them anymore. I rose to my feet and went back to my room.

At first, it was the lady with the green *peacock* tattoo. Then, it was Rina Olsen.

Who is this lady that's speaking to him on the phone now?

Was my gut feeling right? Did he give up on the woman he loved just so he could marry me and gain control of the Nyra Corporation?

I felt a lump in my throat as those thoughts filled my head.

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I even considered explaining myself to him just now. What a joke! Why should I explain myself to him? Did he ever bother trying to explain anything to me? I'm not going to offer him any explanation. I should be delighted that he's having some sort of misunderstanding in that regard. I'm sure it hurts his pride a lot. I want to make him suffer with envy and detestation.

I repeated those words to myself inwardly and wiped my tears dry. Then, I washed myself, took my medicine, and went to bed.

I don't care whether he's still at home or not. I'm going to sleep.

As I drifted into a restless sleep that night, I could feel my body temperature fluctuating from time to time. At times, it almost felt like I was sleeping outside in a snowstorm. Yet, in the next moment, I would feel like my body was burning up all over.

At some point, I felt so unwell that I gradually woke up. As I opened my eyes, I noticed the bedside light was on.

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Then, I spotted the person lying next to me. Liam was lying on his side, holding me in his embrace again.

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My body was covered in a blanket, and I could also feel the body heat coming from Liam. However, I was still shivering a little as I felt cold all over. I subconsciously moved closer to Liam to get warm.

Liam had his eyes closed as he lightly put his forehead against mine. A brief while later, he slowly sat up and took an ear thermometer from the bedside table.

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He noticed that I was awake, and he placed the thermometer next to my ear.

"You're having a fever again."

After he had gotten the reading, Liam reached for the medicine and water placed on the bedside table and handed them to me.

As I swallowed the medicine, Liam looked at me and said, "You're running a fever for two days now. Did you enjoy catching a cold? Are you going to run off on a whim like that again?"

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He's talking about that night during Christmas.

It was very cold that night. However, cancer patients often suffer from recurrent bouts of fever. It's a sign that their condition is deteriorating.

After that, I lay down and tried to go back to sleep. Liam stuck his body next to mine and pulled me into his embrace yet again. Eventually, I fell into a deep sleep.

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It was well past eight when I woke up later in the morning. My fever had subsided, and Liam was no longer in bed. I vaguely remembered him waking me up briefly before he left for work.

I think he was telling me to stay at home.

While I tried to remember if Liam had said anything more, I caught a faint whiff of a familiar scent. Liam's body scent was still lingering on my skin.

Just then, I spotted a document placed on the bedside table. It was an agreement to transfer the ownership of some shares to me with Liam's

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signature on it.

I kept my gaze on the document for a while. Then, I picked it up and tore it in

half. I opened the drawer and stuffed the shredded paper into it.

I went to the bathroom to take a shower next. I was feeling slightly light-headed, and the smell of shampoo made me nauseous. I quickly washed and headed out to take my medication.

As I didn't feel like eating that morning, I decided to skip breakfast and went into the study. I turned on the computer and started going through the information I had gathered for the project.

Soon afterward, I found myself craving something sour, so I asked Mrs. Sullivan to cut up some oranges.

When Mrs. Sullivan came into the study and placed a plate of fruits on the table, she did not leave right away. Instead, she stared at me intently for quite some time.

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I felt the intensity of her gaze and asked curiously, "is something the matter?" "Ms. Vivienne, is it possible that you're pregnant?" She said, "I noticed *that* you were feeling nauseous earlier. Now, you're asking for something like oranges as well."

I shook my head. "No. I'm not pregnant."

Though I'm not that fond of eating oranges, I would still have them from time to time.

Also, even though I haven't had my period this month, it's probably due to the effect of the medication that I'm on at the moment. One of the medicine's side effects was that it prevents pregnancy.

I skipped lunch that day and managed to prepare everything that Liam asked for by three in the afternoon.

Sigh... Even if Liam were interested in investing in this project, would I be able to stay around and complete the project in time? I have at most five months

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now. Who knows when I might suddenly pass out and join my mother in the afterlife?

Liam did not return home for dinner that night, so I had dinner with the servants and went to bed early.

While I was deep asleep, I felt something heavy pressing down on me, and I detected the strong stench of alcohol. I struggled to open my eyes and found Liam's face dangerously close to mine.

I pushed against his shoulders to put some distance between us. "You can't do it today.

"I'm still very tired because of the fever yesterday. What time is it now?"

"It's 3.00 am now," he muttered in a low voice. Then, he pushed his face closer to mine and kissed me.

It was simply impossible for me to shove Liam away due to the differences in our strength and size. I gave up eventually. Fortunately, Liam just kissed me

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for a long time. Soon afterward, I fell asleep again since I was feeling very tired.

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After having breakfast the next morning, I entered the study and noticed that the documents I prepared regarding the project were missing.

I checked the surveillance footage and found the person who took it. Liam was seen arriving home at midnight. Then, he left the apartment before 6.00

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Sigh... He's not asking me to explain the photos to the public. Instead, he wants me to stay out of everyone's sight for the time being. What is he trying to do?

Just then, the sound of the doorbell ringing could be heard.

I exited the study and saw Mrs. Sullivan speaking on the intercom, "I'm sorry, but Ms. Vivienne is resting at the moment."

I could see Anna's face on the screen of the intercom. She seemed agitated.

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"Wake her up, then! I have something urgent to tell her, Mrs. Sullivan!"

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"Ms. Vivienne came down with a fever for the past two days. Mr. Mendez said that the doctor had specifically instructed her to stay at home and rest. She can't stand the cold weather outside right now." Mrs. Sullivan continued, "Mr. Mendez also said that I should contact him if you were to show up here. He doesn't want you to disturb Ms. Vivienne's rest."

"My father's condition has worsened, though! You've been working for us for a long time, Mrs. Sullivan. Don't you think the issue is important enough to notify

Vivienne?" Anna asked in a shrill voice.

"I..."

As Mrs. Sullivan hesitated about what to do, I hurried over to the door and pressed the button to give Anna access to the building. "Let her come up here!"

Soon enough, Anna arrived at our floor. As soon as I opened the door for her, she said, "You shouldn't stay here anymore, Vivi. Go and get dressed. You're

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leaving with me."

I asked, "Why? What happened?"

Mrs. Crawford and the other servants had gathered near the front door. She said in a gentle voice, "Ms. Anna, Mr. Mendez said that we should follow his arrangements."

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"Follow his arrangements?! He's going to marry someone else soon!" Anna shouted furiously at Mrs. Crawford. Then, she looked at me. "Come with me! Put on your scarf and sunglasses. There are a bunch of reporters downstairs.

Hurry! More of them are gonna show up here the longer you take!"

Mrs. Sullivan held up her phone. "Ms. Anna, you can't take Ms. Vivienne with you. I'll call Mr. Mendez and you can talk to him..."

Anna threw her arm back and slapped Mrs. Sullivan across the face. "Don't you dare call him! Did we *not* treat the lot of you well back when you were working for our family? Why are you helping that man keep my sister here?!"

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Mrs. Sullivan fell silent as she covered her red, swollen cheek. She had a torn expression on her face.

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Anna turned her eyes to me. "Hurry up, Vivi! We don't have much time left."

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"Explain what you were saying earlier first!" I asked, "Who's marrying someone else?"

"News about Liam's mistress has been released online! She's the young chairwoman of the Kaiser Group! What's more, those previous records of you checking into the Poseidon Hotel have been uploaded and circulated on the internet! Everyone who's seen those articles is calling you a wh*re! The reporters are all waiting outside your building to get an interview with you!" Anna took her phone out and searched for the news. "You can look at them on the way. We need to leave right now! You don't need that dirty son of a b*tch anymore! You can stay with me. I'll look after you from now on!"

I changed my clothes and followed Anna out of the apartment. I was still in a state of confusion as I made my way down to the underground parking lot.

As soon as Anna drove out of the basement, I could see reporters rushing

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toward our vehicle, Anna quickly stepped on the accelerator and sped off before they could try to block our way.

My hands trembled a little as I turned on Anna's phone and looked at the first news. In the article, the news agency claimed they had received a tip-off from an ex-employee who had worked at the Poseidon Hotel previously, They included a photo of a hard copy record of my check-in information at

the Poseidon Hotel from three years ago. They also had another photo which was probably secretly taken of me and Chris at the reception area.

I looked at the comments and found that they were all angry, harsh remarks calling me out for being promiscuous. There were also those who expressed how they felt bad for Liam.

A pulse throbbed painfully in my temples as I scrolled down the comments section. When I decided to stop looking at the news, the headline of another article caught my eye. Before I knew it, I had clicked on the link.

A reporter managed to take a video of Liam and Rina having lunch at a

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restaurant. The reporter even stated that the video was recorded yesterday in the afternoon.

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In the video, Liam and Rina were seated opposite each other in a restaurant. They were spotted smiling and chatting while having a meal together. Before they left the restaurant, Liam even helped Rina put on her coat. He had his

hand wrapped around Rina's waist as the pair walked out of the place.

I spotted the blood diamond ring on Rina's finger from the video. Liam was wearing his couple ring too.

In the article, Rina was introduced as the chairwoman of the Kaiser Group.

However, she had appointed a proxy to manage the company for her since.

she had no interest in doing it herself. According to the information the

reporter had received, Liam would marry Rina very soon. They even made

predictions about *how* the collaboration between L.M Group and the Kaiser

Group would bring in much more benefits for both companies' growth in the

long term.

Although I found some comments condemning the pair for meeting each

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other so publicly, most of the other people took Liam's side nevertheless.

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I turned off the phone and stared blankly into space. Just then, I felt someone

patting on my shoulder. I turned my head and saw the worried expression on

Anna's face. "Vivi, you can cry all you want now. You don't have to hold back

anymore."

I don't feel like crying.

I knew about him and Rina since a while back.

I know that he doesn't love me. In fact, he resents me. He's done a lot of terrible things to me up till now. I knew all that.

That's why I don't feel like crying. I just feel... empty.

What happened last night seemed like a dream now... He left so early in the morning. It was as though he came home just to check on me. He gave me those kisses and held me in his arms...

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Then, I recalled the moment when I first learned that Liam was facing difficulties at work and how worried I was back then. Unfortunately, I had to wait until my exams were over. Then, I quickly went to his house to check on him.

I knocked on the door for a long time that day. Eventually, Liam came to the door and let me in. I was so shocked to find him in a completely disheveled state. His hair was unkempt, and he reeked of alcohol. Beer cans littered all over the floor inside the room.

I felt so bad for him as I looked at his depressed face. After a moment's consideration, I told him that I would help him by persuading my father to invest in his company. Then, I encouraged him to stay strong and give it another try.

Liam stared silently at me with unfocused eyes as I said all that. Finally, he asked, "Why are you doing all this?"

"I like you," I replied.

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It was my first time confessing my feelings to a man I like. I was so nervous that I could feel my palms getting sweaty.

However, I still remember seeing that look in Liam's eyes after he heard my answer. There were hints of scorn, wariness... and even hatred.

I think I've known from that moment on that Liam would never come to love me, no matter what I do.

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Soon, Anna parked her car near the back entrance of the city's botanical

garden. It was a deserted area with almost no passersby in sight. I could only see the white snow covering the ground and the trees nearby.

Anna took my hand and looked me in the eye. "Vivi, you have nothing to be afraid of. Though reputation matters a lot in our society, it's not the only important thing in life. I'll find a way to help you one way or another, but you can't keep things from me anymore."

I knew what she was trying to say. "Liam said he'd give me ten percent of his shares."

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Anna's eyes lit up almost instantaneously. "When did he say that?"

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"I already tore the agreement to transfer the shares. I'm sorry," I said in a small voice.

Anna was visibly stunned. I could see that she was seething as she tightened her jaw.

I waited silently as I thought she might lash out and hit me. However, she merely closed her eyes and took a deep breath. Then, she said, "It's alright, Vivi. I'll find another way."

"I want to see him. Can you take me to him now?" I asked.

"You should rest though..."

"I don't think I can..." I replied, "Please take me to him."

After that, Anna drove us to the LM building and parked her car in the basement. In the distance, we could see a white Bentley stopping near the

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entrance to the elevator.

As Anna cast her gaze in the direction of the white car, she asked, "Do you want me to come with you?"