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“I can go on my own.” I unbuckled the seat belt and reached for the door handle.

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Just then, Anna widened her eyes as she stuck her face closer to the window that she was looking out from. I noticed the change in her expression and followed her gaze.

A tall, beautiful woman in a soft lilac coat had exited from the white Bentley parked not too far away from us. She looked tall and elegant as she made her way to the elevator.

Anna couldn’t seem to keep her eyes off the lady. She sighed in admiration, “Liam must’ve been very successful at expanding his business, even this princess–like lady is here to see him.”

“Who’s that?”

“That’s Yvette Shaw, the CEO of Solex Corporation. She’s the chairman’s

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youngest daughter. She is a very capable businesswoman, and she’s been chosen as the successor of Solex Corporation.”

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“Solex Corporation? Is it the company that you and Father have always talked about?” I asked curiously.

“That’s right. Harvey has a photo of her. She looks even prettier in real life. I think even actual princesses could hardly compare to a woman like her.”

Anna’s eyes were bright with envy as she leaned back in her seat.

The Solex Corporation was somewhat of a mysterious and extraordinary existence even amongst other elite corporations. Since the owner had rarely agreed to do interviews, very little was known about them and their family.

You could hardly find any photos or information on the internet about these people.

Father *once* told me that he had worked his whole life to be able to build the Nyra Corporation. For us to become as successful as the family that owned the *Solex* Corporation, he says that it’ll require the effort of more than five

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generations of people working continuously on the same goal.

Anna reminded me before I left the car. "If Liam is meeting with her, you should probably not disturb him. It's probably a very important business meeting. You'll only anger Liam if you happen to cause any problems then."

"Things are not looking good for you. Know when you need to take a step back. You're not a child anymore."

I nodded slowly. "I know."

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I took the VIP elevator reserved for Liam and his guests. Normally, the elevator

would go right up to *the* floor that I was heading to without stopping since no one else would use it. However, I was completely caught off-guard when the elevator stopped on the ninth floor and the door opened.

A little boy was standing just outside the elevator. I could tell it was probably his doing since he was smiling playfully at me.

At the same time, all the employees working on that floor heard the sound of

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the elevator door opening. They got to their feet to offer their greetings as

they thought it was Liam, who had shown up on their floor.

At that moment, all eyes were on me, and I could tell most of them.

recognized me. I spotted the various looks of scorn and disdain in their eyes almost instantaneously.

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They must've seen the news. They probably think that I'm just some easy and lustful woman.

As a huge sense of mortification washed over me, I hurriedly pressed the button to close the elevator door. Finally, when the door was closed, I crouched down and lowered my head. I started feeling cold and dizzy again.

Eventually, the elevator stopped moving and I heard the sound of the door opening again. I slowly raised my head to check the surroundings. There was not a person in sight, even Liam's secretary was not at her usual spot.

I stepped out of the elevator, barely feeling my legs. Then, I headed toward Liam's office.

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I'm starting to regret having made the decision to come here. What should I say when I see Liam? I couldn't even stand those strangers' gazes. Would I be

brave enough to face Liam?

I didn't even have the time to change my mind when I found Liam in the lounge area the next instant. It was an area that was surrounded by huge floor-to-ceiling windows, so I could see what was happening inside clearly. Liam was seated on a sofa while the princess-like lady sat next to him. She had a hand placed on Liam's arm as she looked at him with a gentle and loving expression on her face.

On the other hand, Liam appeared to be sharing some stories with the lady in an excited, lively manner. He seemed so happy and alive while talking to the lady.

People say that men would often act like a child around the women that they love.

I guess it's true. He's always been cold and distant when he's with me.

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I was lost in thought as I stood there and stared at the pair, unmoving.

Suddenly, a young woman's voice rang from behind me, "Mrs. Mendez?"

I flinched in surprise and turned around. Then, I saw that it was Liam's secretary.

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For a moment, it seemed like she struggled to decide what she should tell

1. me. Eventually, she looked at me nervously and said, "I'm sorry. Mendez is

a bit busy now since he has to speak with an important guest.”

I gave her a slight nod. Inwardly, I was grateful that she did not treat me any differently.

When I decided to leave, I spotted another set of eyes looking at me. Liam had somehow noticed that I was standing outside.

A sudden fear gripped me.

I hurriedly headed toward the elevator. Unfortunately, the VIP elevator was on the first floor. I pressed the button and stared anxiously as the numbers went

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up slowly.

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The secretary was kind enough to help me as another elevator arrived on our floor. “Mrs. Mendez, you can use this elevator instead.”

I didn’t even have the time to thank the young woman as I stepped into the elevator in a hurry. However, someone caught me by the arm and pulled me out of the elevator.

It was Liam.

His eyes blazed with rage as he glared at me. “What are you doing here?”

He looked so furious that I bet no one would believe that he was smiling so happily just a few minutes ago.

As expected, he only shows these kinds of expressions when he’s around me.

I lowered my head subconsciously.

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I know I should say something now, but I don't think I can speak properly or make a sound right now.

I'm just not strong enough to face him.

I should have listened to Anna.

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I was never the brave or bold type. I shouldn't have done something like this. I shouldn't have come here in the first place. Back then, I shouldn't have gone to Liam's house and said those things to him.

Liam appeared to be holding back his anger since his secretary was with us.

"Follow me." He dragged me along and pushed me into an empty meeting room. Then, he instructed his secretary, "Lock the door."

I saw that Liam was leaving, so I hurriedly asked, "What is the meaning of this?"

Liam headed toward the door without offering any explanation. I tried to

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make a run for it as I didn't want to be locked up in the room.

When I tried to move past Liam, the man caught my wrist and shoved me back into the room forcefully.

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Liam pushed me so hard that I tripped and fell backward. I felt a sharp pain in my back as I crashed into the pointy edge of the meeting table.

He fixed me with a stony glare and seethed, "Are you an idiot?"

Am I an idiot?

Perhaps I am.

Otherwise, I wouldn't have stayed by his side for all this time and let him do this to me over and over again.

I took a deep breath and tried to ignore the pain in my back. "I'll leave right now."

"Stay here. Someone will bring you lunch in the afternoon," Liam said in a frigid voice.

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“I won’t say anything to the reporters.” I tried to reason with him. “No one. would believe me anyway.”

Liam turned toward the door without saying anything.

I shouted at him, “I’ll jump off the building right now if you refuse to let me leave!”

I finally managed to stop Liam in his tracks.

I was gripped by a feeling of panic as I stared at Liam’s back.

I counted in my heart.

One... Two... Three...

Liam turned around and seized me by the throat. I was choking as he squeezed hard around my neck.

“Go on, then.” There was a cold light in his eyes as he muttered through

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clenched teeth, “Once you do, I’ll have someone cut your body up and feed it to the dogs!”

I stared at him, feeling equally horrified and amused.

He probably thinks he could threaten me by saying that.

However, it doesn't matter to me what happens to my body after I die.

I just thought that it'd be a shame since I could've donated some parts of my body to those who might need it.

Suddenly, the grip around my neck loosened.

I coughed and sputtered a little as the air returned to my lungs.

Liam put his hand around my jaw and lifted my face. "Did you hear me?" He asked furiously.

Was he saying something just now?

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"Don't ever use something like that to threaten me if you don't want to make things more difficult for you." Liam looked me in the eye and said in a harsh tone, "Otherwise, I'll grant your wish and end everything for you."

Then, he let go of me and stormed out of the room, slamming the door shut behind him.

As soon as the door was closed, I could hear the sound of it being locked.

I treaded slowly toward the window and looked out. I could see the reporters gathering outside the L.M building's main entrance. There were even more of

them here as compared to the ones waiting outside my apartment building.

If I jumped off the building from here, those reporters would surely be able to capture some photos and report my death. It'd probably be enough to cover up those unsavory scandals about me, and everyone would soon forget about what happened to me.

Jumping off from here seems like a very good option for me now.

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I placed both my hands on the handle and tried to open the window. Then, I heard the same clack from when the door was locked earlier.

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The window was locked too.

Just then, Liam's secretary entered the meeting room, along with two tall and burly bodyguards.

She brought a tray in and placed it on the table. I could see some drinks, snacks, and sliced fruits on the tray. Then, the secretary said respectfully, "Mrs. Mendez, if you need anything, you can reach me through the intercom."

After all three of them left, I sat down in a chair and stared blankly out of the window at the gray sky. I couldn't open the window, nor was I able to find any sharp tools in the room. I didn't have the appetite to eat anything as well.

It was almost noon when those three showed up inside the meeting room again. The secretary brought lunch with her this time. It was smoked salmon. I caught a whiff of the fish and felt my stomach turn almost instantly. I shook

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my head and said, "Bring all of the food, including the ones on the table, out. I don't feel like eating now."

The secretary asked, "Should I get you something else?"

I refused her offer. Soon, the three of them left and locked the door.

I still felt extremely nauseous as the smell of food lingered in the air. Finally, I decided to reach for the intercom and got to my feet.

I had only taken a few steps forward when everything turned dark before my eyes. As my legs gave out, I could feel myself dropping onto the floor.

For quite some time, I lay on the floor as I drifted in and out of consciousness.

Then, I picked up some noises.

"What's happened to her?" It was the voice of a woman. "Ms. Nyra, please wake up."

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I could vaguely see a light purple form hovering above me.

A brief moment later, I heard the same voice again. "I think she's not feeling well. Rina, send her to the hospital."

It's the same voice I have heard from Liam's phone back then.

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I'll never forget what that gentle voice said over the line, "Didn't you promise that you wouldn't see her anymore?"

It all makes sense now.

My princess...

Liam would sometimes call me that in a mocking tone. I thought it was because my father's acquaintances would often call me my father's little princess.

Now that I think about it... This lady here is the real princess.

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He must be laughing at me inwardly about how L..

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consider myself someone who's similar to that lady.

Lost consciousness not long after that. When I slowly came to, I noticed that I was in a hospital.

Everything was hazy as I still felt extremely unwell. I was feeling feverish again. Suddenly, I felt a tiny prick on my arm.

“You have a fever.” I recognized that it was Chris’ voice. “You’ll feel better after getting some rest.”

After what seemed like a really long time, I woke up again in the hospital bed. Chris happened to be disconnecting the drip from my arm. He beamed a slight smile at me. “Your temperature has gone down. Do you feel a bit better?”

I saw the bruises near his eyes and his swollen face. He appeared to be using a new pair of glasses too.

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I gave a slight nod. Then, I said in a cracked voice, “I’m sorry.”

Chris was momentarily stunned. “Why are you suddenly apologizing?”  
“I...”

He got badly beaten up by Liam because of me. However, I didn’t come to see him, nor did I try to contact him.

I thought it would be better if I kept some distance from him, but....

Was it really the right thing to do?

Chris let out a small chuckle. "I'll get a nurse to help you wash yourself. Then, you should have something to eat."

After I had a quick shower, Chris returned with a bowl of clear soup noodles.

I was so nauseated by the smell of food even though it was not strong or pungent. I asked, "I've been feeling nauseous for the past few days... Could it

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be that the medication is not working for me anymore?"

"No." Chris frowned slightly. "It's because you're pregnant." 10/10

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I couldn't believe what I was hearing.

What did he just say?

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“I’ve done a scan, and the tumor appears to be fine. However, your condition will worsen if you carry on with the pregnancy.” Chris explained, “The pregnancy would reduce your lifespan greatly.”

It took me a while to find my voice. “Then, is there any way for me to...”

“Is there any way for you to keep the baby?” Chris responded.

I nodded.

Chris shook his head. “Globally, we’ve only had successful cases of babies surviving premature birth after twenty weeks of pregnancy. You only have five months left at most, and that is if you received proper treatment continuously. You would have to stop all of your treatment if you wished to

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proceed with the pregnancy. Yet, that meant you’d have less than five months left to live.”

I concluded, “I just don’t have that much time, to begin with.”

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“Exactly.” Chris continued, “Moreover, you were on your medication this entire time, right? One of the medication’s side effects is that it causes defects in a



baby's growth. Also, there's a high chance that the baby might be born with hereditary diseases related to cancer."

I was too stunned to speak after hearing all that.

Though I knew I had no chance of becoming a mother in this lifetime for some time now... It still hurts a lot when something like this has happened.

"You're in a relatively early stage of the pregnancy now. I hope you won't feel too bad about it." Chris tried to console me.

I nodded. "I understand."

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Previously, when I realized that Liam had persistently avoided getting

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intimate with me, I had considered drugging him so that I could have a child of his.

I wanted to have a child with the man I love.

I wanted a child that bore a close resemblance to the two of us. I wanted others to be able to tell that we're a family at a glance.

I had hoped for a child that was as smart as his father and also as down-to-earth as me.

No, it would be better if the child resembled Liam more. I'm too meek and gullible. I thought everything would work out if I just tried over and over again.

The child might end up in a sad, pathetic life like me if it resembled me.

As I lay on the operating table, countless thoughts filled my mind.

I should have taken contraceptive measures.

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Then, I wouldn't have had to do something so cruel to this child.

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It was the child that I had been hoping for all this time, yet I had to end its life this way.

I don't believe in karma or the afterlife, but I do think that I'm committing a sin right now.

The abortion procedure was completed in a fairly short time. The female doctor who was in charge of the operation reminded me after the procedure was over. "You should refrain from having any s\*xual relations for at least a month."

After the doctor left, I tore the medical certificate which indicated my abortion into pieces. Then, I looked at the medical reports of my pregnancy.

The only thing I have left to remember my child by is this ultrasound photo.

We couldn't even tell if it was a girl or a boy since it was still in the embryo stage...

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I decided to have the ultrasound photo placed behind my photo on my tomb when the time came.

After that, I returned to my ward and headed straight to bed. I wanted to sleep and not think of anything for the time being.

As I was about to doze off, I heard the soft click of the door locking.

The sound woke me up instantly. I climbed out of the bed and hurried over to the door. Just then, I spotted the door handle turning. A few seconds later, someone pounded on the door hard.

I heard Chris' voice from behind the door. "She's not here."

Liam's voice came the next instant. "Open the door."

"You won't find her here even if you turn the place inside out." Chris went on, "There's no way your wife would have come to our hospital in the first place.

We're located very far away from the city center."

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"Bang!"

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There was a loud sound as someone slammed on the door again. Liam said. in a slow, menacing voice, "Enough with your chattering. I want you to open the door."

"I'm sorry. We're disinfecting the room at the moment," Chris replied.

There was a short, deafening silence for a while. Then, I heard a huge commotion outside.

"Mr. Mendez, please calm down. You don't have to resort to violence..."

"Please calm down! Someone get the director here..."

Is Liam beating Chris up again?

I wanted to go out and stop them, but the door was locked.

After a while, the noises died down, and someone opened the door.

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It was Chris.

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He handed me a thick padded jacket and said in a rushed voice, "Come with

1. me. I'll take you somewhere safe."

Chris appeared disheveled, but fortunately, I couldn't find any new wounds on his face.

I asked, "What about Liam? Also, where are you taking me?"

"He received a phone call just now. It was probably something urgent since he left right afterward." Chris continued, "We should leave while he's gone. I can't let him see you like this. He can't seem to control his temper. You need to rest and recuperate. I'll take you to my place."

"I can't go with you. Everyone thinks that I'm..."

"I stay at the hospital dorm most of the time. My neighbors probably don't even know me since I don't show up at my place that often." He placed the padded jacket over my shoulders. "I borrowed this from a colleague. It's a

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little too big for you. I hope you won't mind."

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"We can't waste another minute here." Chris frowned slightly. "I've asked the person who's sent you here. They came all the way from the L.M building. That's a two-hour ride. You might have died if you were in a critical condition. I can't hand you over to someone like him."

"Did the person that sent me here tell you their name?" I asked.

"It was a strange woman. She kept asking about your condition, but I told her that you had probably fainted due to low blood pressure."

It's most likely Rina.

I paused briefly before saying, "Thanks for your offer, but I can stay with my sister."

"No. I need to keep you on observation for the next three days. You should

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stay at my place.”

Chris‘ stern tone made me feel a bit uneasy.

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He seemed to have noticed the expression on my face. “I... I’m just not sure if you should be staying with your sister. I didn’t mean to raise my voice like that.”

“I know you mean well, but I still prefer to stay with my sister.”

Chris had a dejected look in his eyes.

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“Also, my father is a rather conservative man. It’ll probably break his heart when he wakes up and sees all those unsavory news and rumors about me.”

I lowered my gaze. “I don’t want to create any compromising situations. anymore.”

Chris responded, "I know those rumors are all made up."

"Still, my father thinks that a lady's reputation and honor matter a lot."

Chris shook his head. "It wouldn't matter for those who truly know her."

"You haven't known me that long to be able to say that for sure," I retorted.

"I believe I have a good eye for people."

Still, I managed to borrow Chris' phone and gave Anna a call.

When she heard my voice over the line, Anna's voice went up dramatically.

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"Where on earth have you been?! Liam said that you had fainted and that you were missing after they sent you to the hospital. Where are you now?"

"I'm at Saint Jude Hospital." I said, "Anna, don't tell him I'm here. I..."

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Anna didn't even wait for me to finish. "Saint Jude Hospital? Was he really trying to get you killed? That b\*stard!"

Chris took the phone and interrupted her, "Hello, Ms. Anna. I was hoping you would agree to let Ms. Vivienne stay at my place for a few days. She's caught a cold and she needs to rest..."

I tried to snatch the phone back, but Chris caught my wrist instead. "She was



worried about what your father would think of this... Of course. I'll only drop by the place to check on her condition."

After speaking to Anna for a little while longer, Chris finally handed the phone back to me.

I cast a glare in his direction as I put the phone next to my ear. "Anna, I was 0:

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thinking of staying at your place."

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"Oh, it's fine. Just stay at Dr. Norman's place. I'll stop by and see you when I'm free," Anna chirped.

"I prefer staying with you, though." I tried to convince Anna.

"No, Vivi. I don't think you should stay with me." Anna lowered her voice. She sounded a bit uneasy. "Harvey has been acting weird lately. He keeps bringing you up. I think he's probably interested in you."

Her words gave me a shock. "How's that possible?!"

“Things like this happen more often than you think. A lot of men have strange fantasies about sleeping with their partner’s siblings.” Anna snickered, “I don’t mind telling you about it. When we were having lunch today, Harvey had a strangely pleased expression when he said something about you being very good with men. Does that sound like a decent brother-in-law to you?”

After I ended the call, I fixed Chris with a stony gaze.

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The man kept a smiling expression as he returned my gaze. However, he

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burst out laughing the next instant. “I’m sorry about earlier. You need to use a password code to open the door to my house. You can just set a new one.

That way, I won’t be able to enter the place for the time being.”

I shook my head firmly. “I’m not going.”

The smile froze on Chris’ lips.

I continued in a small voice, “I’ll stay at another hospital.”

A slight frown pulled the man’s brows together. Chris smiled wryly. “Do I seem like a bad guy to you?”

“It’s not that... I just... If I hadn’t accepted your offer to give me a ride on

Christmas, things wouldn't have turned out like this today. I just don't want to make the same mistakes again."

Truthfully, I just don't want to go to Chris' place. I have known the man for only a short time now.

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Even if there weren't any of those rumors about us online, I would still refuse to stay at his place.

He seemed like a good man, but I couldn't bring myself to trust him.

I don't have a good eye for people after all.

Chris seemed to have caught on to the meaning behind my actions. He nodded slowly and beamed a warm smile at me. "Alright. You can stay here, then."

"Liam will come here for me again. I should transfer to another hospital."

"I'll handle that." Chris pushed the bridge of his glasses slightly. Then, he said smilingly, "You have *no* cash, and you don't even have your phone with you. All the bills for your treatment are still unpaid. However, I don't plan on lending you money since... I haven't known you for that long."

I realized only then that I had forgotten to borrow some money from Anna. I

hurriedly said, "Could you lend me your phone again?"

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"Nope." Chris placed both of his hands behind his back. "I'm going to keep you

here so that I can make sure that you're safe for the next few days."

I knew Chris was doing this for my sake.

The hospital is a public area. Even if people were to find out that I'm here, they couldn't possibly condemn me for seeking treatment.

In the end, I gave in and decided to stay at Saint Jude Hospital for now.

I had no appetite to eat that night. Chris explained that it was probably because my body had yet to recover from the abortion procedure.

That night. I had a dream.

In my dream, I was lying on the grass inside this beautiful garden. Flowers were blooming everywhere.

The sun was so bright that I had to raise my hand to shield my eyes. Just then, a young girl came running toward me.

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She was probably only three or four years old at most. She had her hair up in two loose buns on both sides of her head. I couldn't see her face clearly due to the light. However, I could tell that she was a lovely girl.

She's so lovely.

I reached out to pinch her chubby cheeks. However, I could feel that her skin was as cold as ice the minute I touched it.

At the same time, I felt as though a hot blade was driven into my heart.

I opened my eyes the next instant.

It was completely dark around me, and I could feel something wet on my cheeks.

I was about to lift my hands to wipe my face dry when I suddenly heard the soft sound of someone laughing quietly near me.

I felt a chill run down my spine as I looked in the direction where the sound

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came from.

In the darkness, I slowly made out the face of a child. It was a young baby with dark holes in its eyes. The poor child's face was completely covered in blood.

It's my child!

I froze with horror as the thought came into my mind.

I could almost hear what my mother had once told me ringing in my ear.

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"Vivi. There are no ghosts in this world. What you should really be wary of are people."

I couldn't help but wonder how she would explain this phenomenon if she had seen this herself.

After a while, I started hearing the sound of a baby crying. It wasn't loud, but it made my heart bleed as I listened to it. I covered my ears and tried my best

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to ignore it.

Suddenly, someone turned on the lights in the room.

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It took me a while to see properly due to the sudden change in brightness inside the room. Then, I spotted the person standing next to my bed.

She was wearing the nurse's uniform, but she had no name tag on.

The lady narrowed her eyes as she smiled sweetly at me, "You look very scared, Vivi dear. What's the matter? Did you do something bad?"

I was too stunned to speak as I stared at her.

What's she doing here?

Where am I?

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"You look so pitiful. You must be feeling very scared, huh? Were you having a nightmare just now?" Rina leaned down and suggested brightly, "I'm ready to

hear you out. You can share all of your pain or troubles with me. For instance...

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She sat on the edge of the bed. "Your cancer, the abortion... Hmm, was it karma..."

"Get out." I managed to say that after a long while.

Rina raised a brow.

"Please leave." I could hear how shaky my voice was, but I couldn't help it. I was already at my limit.

"How could I leave you here alone? Who's going to bring your child to you, then? Here, look at it! Baby..." Rina took out a bloodied doll with dark holes in its eye sockets.

The sound of a baby crying resounded in the room as Rina chuckled hysterically, "Try saying 'Mommy'!"

I didn't hear what she said after that as my body moved on its own out of fear. I scrambled out of the bed and rushed out of the ward.

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Then, I ran down the corridor without even knowing where I was headed. I



was completely scared out of my wits.

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I had no idea how long I ran when I suddenly crashed into a person in the corridor. I detected the bitter smell of medicine as a familiar voice rang from above my head, "What's wrong? You can relax now. Did something happen just now?"

As the person patted me gently on my back, I gradually calmed down.

I lifted my gaze and found that it was Chris.

He had a concerned look in his eyes. "What's wrong? Come. Have a seat here."

We sat down on a nearby bench. After some time, I said in a cracked voice, "I... I saw my child... Rina Olsen is in my room."

"Rina Olsen?" Chris looked down at his watch. "It's three in the morning now.

We don't allow visitations at this hour. Could it be that you were having a

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nightmare just now?"

I shook my head. Then, I started telling him what happened earlier. "I wasn't dreaming. She was holding my child."

"It was this big." I used my hands to show him the size.

"Your child wasn't that big. You must've had a bad dream." Chris asked, "I'll accompany you back to your room, alright?"

As we arrived outside the ward, I was so scared that I hid behind Chris and refused to enter the room. Several nurses had gathered there since the door to my ward was opened and no one was inside.

Chris asked all of them if they had seen a strange-looking nurse entering or leaving my ward, but none of them saw someone like that.

Then, Chris checked everywhere inside the room and confirmed that no one was hiding in there.

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I was still feeling skeptical. "Let's check the surveillance footage."

We spent the rest of the night going through the surveillance footage. Still, I couldn't find anything that indicated Rina was here.

Chris took me back to the ward in the morning. "I'll get breakfast for you."

I tugged at his sleeve. "Don't leave."

I did not want to stay in the room all by myself.

Chris sat on the bed. "There's usually a lot of people in the canteen. You wouldn't want to be there."

He's right, but I...

There was an awkward silence as we both stopped talking.

After a moment, Chris began, "Stay at my place instead."

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I turned my eyes to him.

"You know it's the better option now." Chris explained, "The environment here is creating more and more stress for you. It's also a public space. We can hardly prevent those who intend to sneak into this place. You should heed my advice for the sake of your personal safety."

In the end, I agreed with Chris' plan.

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As he drove me to his place, Chris tried to make small talk to put me at ease.

"Anyway, why did your sister say that she couldn't have you over at the moment?"

"Oh..." I stuttered a little, "Uh... She just said that it wasn't possible for now."

Chris let out a chuckle as my response was too forced. "What is it? You sound completely unlike yourself."

"Well. I have a question that may sound a bit offensive. Do all men fantasize about getting in bed with their partner and their partner's sisters as well?"

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Chris seemed rather taken aback by the question as he gave a nervous cough.

"I'm sorry. You don't have to answer it."

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After a while, I finally heard him saying, "You and your sister are very different. I think someone who likes you wouldn't fall for your sister as well."

I noticed his ears had turned red. I asked curiously, "Is it just me or do you feel something different for my sister?"

"She's dating my intern." Chris laughed softly. "How do you think I should feel about that?"

I was rendered speechless by that.

To my surprise, Chris' home was located near the Nyra Corporation's building. I could even see the chairman's office from a window in his house.

Even though the place was clean, I picked up a musty smell as I entered the  
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room. It was probably left uninhabited for quite some time.

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After he had shown me around the place, Chris took my body temperature.

Then, he said, "I have to go back to work. There are a lot of patients coming in the morning. Would you be alright on your own?"

"Of course."

"Oh, you don't have your phone." Chris took his phone out of his pocket. "You can use my phone to order food. The password for my online banking app

is...”

I stopped him. “I’ll call my sister. Besides, you shouldn’t share your banking information just like that.”

Chris grinned mischievously at me. “It’s not like I have that much money.”

“Well, what about the...”

Chris shrugged. “I was fired.”

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I hurriedly asked, “For what reasons?”

“For abusing my position to develop a relationship with a female patient.”

That’s a very severe accusation!

“Would they suspend you for something like that, then?” I couldn’t help but feel anxious about it.

Chris gave a hearty laugh. “You really thought that would happen? Don’t worry. They wouldn’t senselessly suspend doctors for a reason like that.”

I sighed in relief. “Anyhow, just tell me if you ever need my help. I’m willing to explain things and prove your innocence if the situation calls for it.”

Chris had a gentle look in his eyes as he smiled at me. “What if those accusations weren’t all wrong?”