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Chapter 451 At around noon on Seeing Kieran friend winced . on Sunday , Kieran was out having a meal with his friend . his phone , looking busy , his friend leaned over to take a look . After reading the content on his screen , his "Come on , it's the weekend . YodaVision's not paying you that much - are you really still working through the weekends? I thought you were racking your brains trying to ask Ms. Rodriguez out . "Kieran was doing it out of personal ambition .

It had nothing to do with YodaVision . So , he didn't respond to his friend's comment . Before he found out that Celeste was still married , he was spending every week trying to come up with ways to ask her out . But she had told him she wasn't divorced yet . Judging by her tone , she and her husband really were at the stage of separation , but legally , they were still married ... Seeing Kieran lost in thought and silent , his friend tapped the table . " Why so quiet ?

What are you thinking about ? "Kieran snapped out of his reverie. Before, assuming Celeste was already divorced, he hadn't thought much about her husband. But ever since learning she wasn't divorced yet and that her husband was the one filing for divorce, certain thoughts had begun creeping into his mind. He had known Celeste for some time now, and in his eyes, she was kind, beautiful, easy to get along with, and talented.

Suddenly , he was curious - what kind of man would be willing to divorce someone like Celeste ? 2 Just as he was about to ask his friend to help look into the guy , someone suddenly called out to him . " Kieran ? " Kieran looked up . It was Wynn . Wynn smiled and walked over . " Out and about this early ? I thought you'd still be in bed . " Kieran glanced at her , his tone flat . " Do you need something ? " 1 Since Kieran joined YodaVision , they'd barely interacted in private .

And ever since he found out she was with Trevor , his attitude toward her had been distant . Wynn didn't mind and said , " Your sister reached out ' to me again a few days ago . She still hopes you'll return home to help with the family business , but no matter what , you just won't listen ... " As she spoke , she sat down and added , " You've been out on your own for a few months now . But staying at YodaVision like this isn't really sustainable either .

Why not just- "Hearing that, Kieran paused. He couldn't quite understand why, despite her passion for Al and knowing just how incredible YodaVision was, she was still trying

to convince him to go back and inherit the family business . But he didn't want to argue . He cut her off and said , " This is between me and my family . I can handle it myself . " Kieran looked a bit displeased , and seeing this , Wynn didn't push further .

She simply said, "I understand that you're reluctant 1/2 to leave YodaVision. Honestly, I get it - I've always wanted to work there myself." It's just ... I heard your father's health hasn't been great lately ... "Kieran replied, "I'm aware." "That's good then. "Just then, Kieran's friend finally jumped into the conversation with a polite smile." Ms. Locket, are you here alone today? I haven't seen Mr. Fleming.

" " I came with my family , " Wynn replied as she accepted the cup of tea handed to her . " As for Trevor , he's on a business trip . He'll be back soon . " " Oh , I see . " At that moment , Jorge walked over quickly and said , " Ms. Locket , what a coincidence . " Wynn nodded with a smile . " It really is . " Then , seeing the person behind him , she greeted , " Mr. Jennings ? It's been a while . " Caleb gave a small nod and didn't speak .

Instead , he looked over at Kieran , who was sitting nearby . Wynn noticed and started introducing them , " This is Kieran Gibson . Kieran , this is- " But before she could finish , Caleb and Kieran both looked at each other , expressions unreadable . Then , in perfect sync , they interrupted her and said , " We've met . " It wasn't just Wynn, but even Jorge was momentarily stunned , his expression showing clear surprise . After all , to their knowledge , these two had never crossed paths before .

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Hearing this, he hesitated for a moment and could only echo, "Yeah, next time then." Wynn paid quite a bit of attention to Jorge. Noticing the change in his expression, she immediately realized that Caleb's excuse about having plans was just a cover. Most likely, he simply didn't want to have a meal with her. 1 Thinking about that, she also realized that Caleb had always been rather indifferent toward her-not exactly cold, but certainly --- not warm either.

4 Realizing this, she gave a slightly awkward smile and said, "In that case, next time, then." 1 Caleb gave a polite nod, patted Jorge on the shoulder, and left first. As for Kieran, he had already sat back down, picked up his phone, and stopped acknowledging Wynn altogether. His rejection didn't come as a surprise to her. But in the past, even when Kieran acted indifferent, he still couldn't help secretly glancing at her or paying attention. = Now, though...

Once he said what he had to say, it was as if he really didn't care about her anymore. Wynn's brow furrowed slightly, almost imperceptibly, but she quickly composed herself and said gently, "Since you're clear on things, I won't say more. But your parents are really worried about you. If you have time, give them a call now and then." With that, she said no more and turned to leave. The Locket family and the Shaw family all knew Jorge and Caleb.

---- Seeing Wynn talking to them, they observed from afar and didn't go over to interrupt. When Wynn returned, Patricia said, "Other than Kieran, the other two young men are the son of Mr. Robinson and the grandson of Mr. Jennings Senior, right? "They're all distinguished sons of prominent families in Baumond and highly capable too. They're outstanding young men. "Especially Mr. Jennings Senior's grandson-he doesn't appear in public often.

Why didn't you chat with them a bit longer?" Wynn had just sat down when Lennox chimed in, "That's right, Wynn. Whether it's Kieran, Mr. Robinson, or Mr. Jennings, they're all excellent in every way. "Your two younger cousins aren't seeing anyone yet-if there's someone suitable, keep an eye out for Janet and Linda." Ruby quickly agreed, "Yes, exactly!" Before Wynn could respond, Janet quietly said, "But both Mr. Gibson and Mr. Robinson are totally devoted to Wynn...

Wouldn't it be kind of inappropriate to introduce them to us?" O Lennox shot her daughter a disappointed look and said, "What's the problem with that? Feelings can be cultivated. --- "They may like Wynn now, but if she actively helps connect you with them, who's to say something couldn't develop? You won't know unless you try." 1 Janet fell silent.

7 Then Wynn finally spoke, "I don't have much contact with them at the moment, so I wouldn't dare presume to make any introductions." 2 "That's fine. If there's any banquet in the future that Mr. Gibson or Mr. Jennings are attending, just bring Janet or Linda along."

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Although Jordyn had been staying at the Rodriguez residence lately, they honestly hadn't had much interaction. Looking at the little girl curled up alone on the big bed, Celeste stood by the bedside for a long time before finally heading into the bathroom to shower. The next morning, when she woke up, Jordyn was already dressed and carrying her little backpack, seemingly ready to go out. Seeing her mother wake up, Jordyn ran over and leaned on the bed.

"Mom, did I wake you up?" Celeste sat up and shook her head. "No." Then she asked, "---Heading out?" "Mhm! Dad's back. He's coming to pick me up soon." Celeste froze for a
second before realizing-today was Saturday. Trevor was supposed to be back. After
washing up, she went downstairs to have breakfast. Just then, Trevor arrived. As Celeste
walked Jordyn to the door, Trevor was getting out of the car. He didn't look like someone
who had just gotten off a flight.

It was as if he knew what she was thinking. He looked at her as he bent down to pick Jordyn up and said, "I came back last night. 1 Celeste didn't reply. Trevor then continued, "Thanks for your help. If you're free at noon, shall we have lunch together?" 3 Celeste finally spoke, declining. "There's no need." Trevor nodded and didn't insist. He looked at her and said, "Then, see you on Monday." 2 Celeste replied lightly, "Okay." ---- Trevor nodded and prepared to leave with Jordyn.

At that moment, Jordyn said, "Mom, once you're not busy, I'll come back to visit you!" Celeste replie "Alright." The next time they would meet, she and Trevor would likely be divorced. Thinking of that, she paused for a moment and said, "Take good care of yourself." Although it was actually a farewell, Jordyn only took it as her mother being concerned. She beamed and said, "I will! Bye, Mom!" 2 "Bye." After Trevor and Jordyn left, Celeste turned and went back inside.

That evening, Trevor and Wynn met up with his friend Jeffrey Yeats, who had just returned to the country, for dinner. 4 Jeffrey smiled and said, "Last time when Chester came back, he told me the country had changed a lot.

2 ---- "I didn't quite get it at the time, but now that I've returned and seen it for myself, I realize how much Ceravelle has truly changed over the past decade." Trevor replied, "You should come back more often when you have the time." "Absolutely." Then Jeffrey added, "I'm very interested in YodaVision these days. I heard Fleming Group has a partnership with them? 1 "When will you introduce me to Mr. Yoder and that famously talented Ms.

Rodriguez?" > Wynn was meeting Jeffrey for the first time. After greeting him at the table, she hadn't said much and just sat there pleasantly listening. But at those words, her expression froze slightly. Before Trevor could reply, Jeffrey continued, "A few years ago, when you mentioned YodaVision's programming language capabilities, I didn't think much of it "But over the past two years, I've grown to really appreciate the value of Cuap. When you first brought it up, I could tell you were also very interested in it..." 19

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He believed that if she got in, she would have great potential for growth Perhaps it was precisely because he admired and appreciated the developer behind Cuap that, even when dealing with Matthias -who always gave him the cold shoulder because of Celeste- Trevor simply laughed it off. Trevor then said candidly, "But I've offended Mr. Yoder before. He doesn't think very highly of me right now.

If you want to work with him and ask me to help, it might just backfire." Hearing that, Jeffrey was a bit surprised, but he didn't press further. "Alright, I'll find someone else to help make the connection." 2 Jeffrey's family business was in pharmaceutical R&D. Their company's Al model had long struggled to raise the success rate in antibody discovery.

1 They had hoped to design novel antibody molecules using ---- multimodal generation architecture, combined with atomic structure prediction and generation capabilities, but had hit a persistent bottleneck. Over the past six months, Jeffrey had approached several potential partners, but none had made progress; thus, he turned to YodaVision. Jeffrey had a notable reputation overseas. Partnering with him would benefit YodaVision as well.

On top of that, both Celeste and Matthias were quite interested in that particular field. After discussing it, they arranged to meet with Jeffrey the very next morning. 1 Jeffrey brought two of his engineers with him to Ceravelle. As Matthias was also a well-known figure, Jeffrey had also watched one or two video interviews of Matthias and Celeste before returning to Ceravelle. She already looked stunning on camera. Jeffrey didn't expect her to be even more beautiful in person.

5 Time was tight. So, after briefly greeting each other, Celeste and her team dove straight into discussing the technical flaws in Jeffrey's current multimodal architecture setup. ---- Celeste and Matthias spoke with the engineers in-depth- covering topics from fusion strategies to data alignment, and ways to improve computational efficiency-addressing each issue one by one.

By the end of the meeting, Jeffrey was so impressed that he immediately asked his team to start drafting a contract, hoping to formalize a collaboration with YodaVision as soon as possible. 1 After the meeting, Celeste and Matthias left. Jeffrey personally walked them to their car with great courtesy. Once they had left, he immediately called Trevor. "The issues that have plagued my engineers for so long were solved almost instantly by Mr. Yoder and his girlfriend," he said.

"They're both incredibly impressive. I'm confident the difficulties my company is facing will soon be resolved." Trevor chuckled, "Finding the right partner really does double the results with half the effort. Congratulations." After chatting a bit longer, Jeffrey couldn't help adding, "Mr. Yoder's girlfriend is seriously beautiful. And the key thing is- she's extremely capable too. "L originally thought Mr.

Yoder would take the lead during our ---- discussions, but it turned out she was just as strong, matching him step for step. Their teamwork was seamless. "I'm really intrigued by Ms. Rodriguez now. If she didn't already have a boyfriend, I'd go after her

immediately!" Trevor was still eating when he heard that. His eyebrow lifted slightly. "Oh? Is that so?" 6 In fact, Wynn and Jordyn were also in the private dining room. When Trevor took the call, he had it on speaker.

So, everything Jeffrey said, Wynn, sitting nearby, had heard loud and clear. o

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I have no reason not to like her." 5 Perhaps because he and Celeste were not officially divorced yet, and it wasn't appropriate to encourage other men to pursue her, Trevor simply smiled and said nothing in response to Jeffrey's words. 4 Jeffrey had other matters to attend to, so they didn't talk much longer before ending the call. After meeting Jeffrey, Celeste went home to rest for half the day.

Before going to bed that night, she packed all the documents needed for her divorce the next day-her ID card, family record book, etc.-into her bag. After double-checking that nothing was missing, just as she was ---- about to turn off the lights and sleep, Zachary suddenly called her. "Get ready. The vehicle will pick you up in ten minutes." Tomorrow was supposed to be the day she and Trevor finalized their divorce. Celeste paused for a second. "Prof, I-" She didn't finish her sentence.

"Can I go tomorrow morning instead?" She had been to the base many times and understood that, for the base, time didn't just equate to a vast, untrackable amount of money-it could also mean the lives of frontline personnel. Zachary didn't give her the chance to explain. He hung up as soon as he was done speaking. There weren't many days left in her and Trevor's divorce cooling- off period. She didn't know how long this trip to the base would last.

If she didn't make it back before the end of the cooling-off period, she and Trevor would have to reapply for divorce and go through the whole waiting period again... Thinking about this, Celeste pressed her lips together and sat there in silence. ---- After a while, she came back to her senses, quickly changed clothes, and sent a message to Matthias Matthias replied almost immediately with an "OKAY" emoji signaling he understood what she meant.

+ After getting dressed, Celeste hesitated for a moment before sending a message to Trevor. "lhave an urgent matter to attend to. We'll have to reschedule the divorce registration. I'll contact you once I settle things." She didn't know if Trevor was busy or simply hadn't seen the message. After sending it, she finished packing her things, and

even when the car sent to pick her up had arrived, she still hadn't received a reply from him.

1 As the car pulled out of the Rodriguez residence compound, she handed over her phone to the staff as per protocol The personnel in the vehicle quickly briefed her on the current situation. Celeste hadn't even arrived at the base yet, but she was already diving into work. ---- Three days later, after pulling three consecutive all-nighters, the engineers in the data center collapsed into sleep the moment they wrapped up the final task. Celeste was no different.

Her brain felt like it was about to explode. She didn't even have the strength to stand. Like the others, she lay on the desk and quickly drifted off. She didn't know how long she'd been asleep. By the time she woke up, the exhaustion hadn't faded much, but at least her mind felt clearer. After checking the latest data, she was just about to begin the next task when she noticed Caleb sitting nearby, engaged in a conversation.

When he saw she had finally noticed him, Caleb nodded and smiled at her. Celeste paused for a moment, then politely nodded back. But she was quickly pulled back into the data that had just come through. Her attention had returned entirely to work. 9°

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By evening, she started feeling hungry, and as she headed to the cafeteria to get some food, she ran into Caleb coming from the other dormitory wing. Caleb was slightly surprised to see her. "I thought you had already left the base." This mission had been a major one, so he could roughly guess when she had arrived. Now that the situation was successfully wrapped up, he assumed she'd left yesterday, having completed her task. Celeste shook her head.

"There's still something I need to handle, so I have to stay a few more days." ---- She was indeed supposed to leave yesterday, but Zachary still had some matters that required her help to handle personally, so Caleb gave her a warm smile and nodded, indicating he understood. Seeing how drowsy she still looked, he figured she'd probably just woken up after a day-long sleep. He smiled slightly but didn't ask much.

Instead, he asked, "On your way to eat?" "Want to go together?" Given the situation, Celeste couldn't really refuse, so she nodded, "Okay..." After getting their food, they sat down across from each other. Caleb watched her. During his last break, though there

hadn't been any progress between him and Celeste, he had managed to get Matthias's contact through someone and learned from him that Celeste still hadn't officially divorced.

---- However, according to Matthias, it seemed the man had urgent matters and had gone abroad on business, with no clear return date. Which meant there was a good chance Celeste still wasn't divorced. Since she wasn't divorced yet, and since she had no romantic feelings for him at this point, Caleb didn't want to press too hard.

So during the meal, he didn't ask-as he had before-whether she was officially divorced, nor did he pry into personal matters like whether her child was a boy or girl, how old they were, or what kind of personality they had. Instead, he chatted with her about the things that had happened during this mission at the base. When it came to work, Celeste always had plenty to talk about with Caleb. But things changed quickly at the base.

Before they could talk for long, Celeste received an urgent message from Zachary. Seeing the notification, she quickly wiped the corner of her mouth and stood up, saying to Caleb, "I've got something urgent to handle. You go ahead and finish your meal-" Caleb looked at her and said softly, "Alright." ---- Celeste was about to leave, but just as she was turning away, her gaze briefly met his, which made her pause. She saw the reluctance in his eyes.

1 She hesitated and lowered her gaze before looking away. After a moment's pause, Celeste softly said "Goodbye" before quickly walking off. Caleb truly was reluctant to see her go. Because in the next few days, he would be leaving the base for another assignment elsewhere and wouldn't be back for a while. By then, Celeste would likely have already left Their next meeting probably wouldn't be for another month... ©

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Seeing this, Celeste simply sent Trevor a message. "I'm done with work. I'm available on Monday." After sending the message and waiting quite a while with no response, she didn't bother to wait further. As for the missed calls from Jordyn, Celeste figured she probably just missed her-there wasn't anything urgent. So, Celeste didn't return the call.

It had been nearly half a month since she'd last visited Isabelle in the hospital ---- After taking a shower and having breakfast, she went to the hospital with her family to visit her. Isabelle's organ failure was gradually improving. Celeste gratefully said, "Thank you,

Dr. Tindall." Lauren patted her on the shoulder and said, "No need to thank me-it's what I should do." After the visit, Celeste and Betty took the elevator downstairs.

As they stepped out, they happened to see Patricia, Wynn, and Linda. 2 Seeing them, both Celeste and Betty paused for a second but then composed themselves and walked out as usual. However, Patricia and Linda didn't look too pleased. Since Trevor brought up divorcing Celeste, they had heard that she had been cooperating well. Their appointment to finalize the divorce had already been delayed for over two weeks because of Trevor's work.

They had expected to finalize things last Monday once he was free. But unexpectedly, Celeste "disappeared" right at that moment- she stopped showing up for work and stopped answering calls. To them, it was clear Celeste was intentionally hiding to avoid --- the 30-day decision period, trying to stall the divorce. 5 At first, they hadn't realized she had gone missing. They only found out after asking around. + Thinking of this, Linda glared at Celeste fiercely.

Patricia's gaze was also cold as she looked at her. 1 Celeste noticed it and glanced back at them coldly. Neither Patricia nor Linda expected Celeste to actually dare to glare back at them Patricia's expression darkened, but before she could speak, Linda exploded, "You-" Wynn interrupted, "Linda." Though Wynn's tone was mild, Linda understood that she didn't want her to stir up trouble-especially not in a public place. Besides, Celeste and Trevor weren't divorced yet.

If this tuned into a scene, they might not benefit from it. Linda was clearly frustrated, but she held it in. Thinking that once Trevor finished his business, he would push for the divorce soon, and that no matter how Celeste tried to drag things out, it wouldn't last much longer-they would eventually divorce. 2 ---- That thought helped her feel a little better.

But then she remembered that Trevor had brought Jordyn along on his business trip and had even said he would take her on a few days' vacation overseas. 2 Knowing he probably wouldn't return for another day or two, her mood soured again. She couldn't help pouting to Wynn, "Wynn, why don't you ask Trev to come back earlier? He can take that little troublemaker on vacation after the divorce-what's the difference?" 4 Hearing this, Wynn remained calm and said, "You don't need to worry about that.

Trevor knows how to handle things." Meanwhile, after Celeste got in the car, Trevor finally replied. " Got it. I'll be back tomorrow." 4

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As Celeste locked her car and was about to walk toward the restaurant, she suddenly heard someone call out, "Cece?" There was only one person who called her that-Zachary's wife, Nadine Yarborough. 2 Celeste froze for a moment. When she turned around, sure enough, she saw Nadine not far away. 7 Wynn had originally been about to get out of her car, but when she saw Nadine, she also froze in surprise. ---- Nadine was not only a genius in the medical field, but also Zachary's wife.

Although she kept a low profile and rarely appeared in the media, anyone who cared to look into her would find her background easily enough. So the moment Wynn saw Nadine, she recognized her. As she came to her senses and was about to get out of the car, she saw Celeste turn to Nadine and address her, which made her pause again in shock. 2 Celeste said, "M-Mrs. Newman!" Nadine smiled warmly at Celeste. As she walked up, she opened her arms and hugged her affectionately.

"My Cece, it's been so long." Being hugged by Nadine, Celeste was clearly moved. She hugged her back and said, "It's been a long time." After holding her for a moment, Nadine let go and pinched her cheek affectionately. "It's been a few years, and you're getting prettier and prettier." Celeste didn't move, still hugging Nadine and letting her pinch her cheek. Smiling, she said, "You still look as young and beautiful as ever, Mrs. Newman." 1 Nadine didn't bother with modesty.

"Mhm, I know," she said ---- playfully. 2 Both of them laughed Then Nadine said, "I've been so swamped in Santerra City these past few years. But I've kept up with the news about you and Matt founding your company. 2 "The way you two shook the world recently after you went back to YodaVision-you're still just as amazing." Celeste blushed a little at the praise and shifted the topic. "I'm here with my family for dinner. What about you, Mrs. Newman?

If you're free, would you like to join us?" "I'm here for a business dinner, so let's save it for next time," Nadine smiled. "It's been four to five years since I last saw you and Matt. I had already planned to catch up over a meal once I wrapped things up here. "What a coincidence running into you like this today. If you and Matt are free, shall we meet in a few days?" Celeste nodded sweetly. "Sure." Nadine pinched her cheek again. "Perfect.

One of my younger relatives is a big fan of the programming language you developed-Cuap. I'll bring them along next time. You won't mind, will you?" 11 ---- Celeste shook her head. "Of course not." Then she added, "Also, I haven't had the chance to thank you in person for inviting Dr. Tindall to treat my mom." "That was nothing," Nadine said with a smile. Then, she glanced at her watch and said, "My dinner guest just arrived. I can't keep them waitin,g or I'll look too haughty.

Let's head in." Celeste let go of her and linked arms with her. "Okay." With that, the two of them walked toward the restaurant- completely unaware of Wynn, who sat behind her half-open car door, having overheard the entire exchange. 2

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Her whole demeanor was distracted and listless, as if her soul had left her body. Something was clearly off. 7 Lilian frowned in concern. Not long after Celeste got home from dinner, she received a message from Trevor. "There's an urgent matter in Glenmere. After returning to the country, I'll have to delay going back to Baumond by a few more days." 3 Celeste read it and took a deep breath, feeling a wave of ---- frustration.

But given that she herself had missed their previous appointment just a couple of weeks ago, she had no grounds to lash out. Still, if there was a next time... 7 She tossed her phone aside and went to take a shower. The next morning, Celeste returned to work at YodaVision as usual. Seeing her finally back after two weeks of absence, Kieran smiled and said, "You're back?" Celeste nodded. "Yeah." Since Kieran started working at YodaVision, Celeste had already taken several extended leaves.

When Matthias mentioned she had personal matters to handle, Kieran had wondered what could take so long. Now he assumed her long leave had probably been to deal with her divorce. After all, she and her ex-husband had a child together-just negotiating custody could take ages. He just didn't know whether she had actually finalized the divorce during this time. ---- After chatting briefly with Kieran, Celeste returned to her work.

Three days later, she still hadn't heard from Trevor but instead received a call from his mother, Queenie. "Martha is in emergency care at Central Hospital due to influenza compounded by chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and respiratory failure. She wants to see you." 2 There was no time to be surprised. Celeste grabbed her bag and rushed to the hospital. When she arrived, Teagan, Tucker, Queenie, and Peter were all already waiting outside the emergency room.

Seeing her arrive, Teagan pursed her lips and said nothing. Queenie also remained silent. 2 Only Tucker greeted her, "Celeste." Celeste paused, didn't respond, and asked instead, "What's the situation now?" Tucker replied, "She's still in emergency treatment. Her condition is currently unclear." Peter, aware that Celeste and Trevor hadn't formally

divorced, greeted her politely as well, "Mrs. Fleming." ---- Celeste listened, then nodded slightly after a moment.

Peter continued, "I've contacted Mr. Fleming and Ms. Jordyn. They've booked a flight and should be back later tonight." Celeste replied, "Okay." Under the circumstances, even Teagan, who disliked Celeste, didn't bother arguing with her. 6 After Peter finished speaking, the hallway outside the emergency room fell silent again. The wait felt endlessly long. Finally, the door to the emergency room opened. Celeste, Queenie, and the others quickly rushed forward.

"Doctor, how is she?" The doctor removed his mask and said, "She's been resuscitated, but her condition is still very unstable. Whether she can fully recover will depend on her own strength and willpower."

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I'd like to wait a little longer." 2 Hearing this, Queenie didn't say anything more. Tucker and Teagan also stayed. Celeste waited until around 11:00 pm. When the doctor said Martha's condition had stabilized a bit but that she wouldn't wake up anytime soon, she finally left to get some rest. Over an hour after Celeste left, Trevor and Jordyn arrived at the hospital. Trevor already knew that Celeste had come to visit Martha.

He and Queenie decided to stay and keep her company, while Peter would take Jordyn home to rest. ---- This was the first time Jordyn had ever faced life and death so directly. Looking at Martha lying in bed, she clutched Trevor's waist and buried her face in his chest, eyes turning red in fear. "! don't want to go home. I want to see Mom." + Trevor lifted her into his lap and looked at the time. "It's almost 1:00 am. now. She might already be asleep.

I need to check with her first." "Oh, then I'll call-" "Ill do it," Trevor offered. = "Okay." Trevor picked up his phone and sent Celeste a message. "Are you still awake? Jordyn and I are at the hospital. I plan to stay here tonight with Grandma. Jordyn is scared after seeing her condition and wants to go to you. Is that okay?" Celeste hadn't gone to bed yet. Though it was late, she couldn't sleep, worried about Martha.

When she was about the same age as Jordyn, her own grandfather had suffered a major accident too. ---- So, when she saw Trevor's message, she immediately understood and

empathized with Jordyn's fear and helplessness She replied, "Let her come." "Okay." After reading his reply, Celeste was just about to put her phone down and go downstairs to get a glass of water when another message from Trevor came through.

"Let's postpone the divorce for a few days?" 4 Celeste understood he meant they should wait until Martha's condition stabilized before making further decisions. She hesitated for a moment before replying, "Okay." 2 "Thank you." This time, Celeste didn't reply again Half an hour later, Jordyn arrived.

2 After her bath and getting into bed, Celeste pulled her into her arms, gently stroking her cheek, and said, "Go to sleep." This was actually the first time since she'd brought up the divorce that Celeste had taken the initiative to hold Jordyn like this. 1 ---- Nestled in her mother's arms, Jordyn felt much more at ease. She'd been on the move all day with Trevor and was already exhausted. Before long, she fell asleep in Celeste's arms. The next morning, Martha still hadn't woken up.

After informing the housekeeper, Celeste and Betty brought Jordyn to the hospital to visit her again. Trevor must have really been busy. When they arrived a little after eight, he was already discussing business with Zeke, and several documents were spread out in front of him. When he saw them arrive, the two paused their conversation. Trevor stood up and greeted them, "You're here." Celeste gave a soft hum in response.

Trevor then greeted Betty, "Madam Klein." 1 She merely nodded coldly and went inside to check on Martha. 2 Celeste had a meeting later that morning, so after seeing Martha, she planned to head to the office. But Jordyn clung to her and said, "Mom, I want to stay with you. ---- Can I go to work with you?"