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"Yes. I overheard everything that I should and shouldn't have heard." Pierre's tone suddenly softened. "I had overlooked your feelings. I should have comforted you. You went through a lot during this time, and you shouldered the pressure that I should have faced on my own," he gently caressed her palm and said.

"I never blamed you. If I were in prison, I would have signed the consent form for the autopsy to prove my innocence too. So you don't have to feel bad about anything. As for the relatives, just ignore them. You know they are difficult people. I will protect you well."

She rested her head on his shoulder. "I'm glad to hear that from you." "Don't blame yourself anymore. Promise?"

"I promise." She smiled softly at him. "You shouldn't feel that this would be a problem between us. There's nothing between us to begin with," he drew closer to her and whispered suggestively in her ear. "Nothing between us at all."

Her face immediately turned beet red as she hit his chest with her fists. "Look at you! You always turn the conversation into something inappropriate."

"How was that inappropriate? What were you thinking?"

She blushed even harder. How could he make me walk into his trap! She struggled to break free of his hug, but he tightened his arms around her instead.

"I missed you." He stared affectionately at her and confessed his love. She sighed in relief. "I missed you too."

They looked into each other's eyes. Without the misunderstanding, their hearts moved closer to each other like never before.

Pierre continued eating his dinner with Selena in his arms. She wanted to break free of his hug, but he refused to let her go. Hence, she had no choice but to watch him finish his dinner in that position.

"Alright. Ask me anything you want." He noticed her hesitant look today, which was quite awkward to watch. "What... What were you up to just now?"

"Have you really kept this question inside you for the entire time? Didn't you feel suffocated?"

She let out a foolish and sheepish laugh. True, she had wanted to ask him about his day, but she was worried that it would be inappropriate to poke her nose into his business. That was why she chose to keep the question to herself.

"Chris disappeared."

"Chris?" She could not believe that Pierre had been gone to deal with Chris' disappearance.

At that moment, she finally realized that Chris was absent from John's funeral.

Although Chris was not John's biological son and his mother was John's murderer, Selena thought that he was a loyal and affectionate person. Even though he was not related to John, he must have felt grateful to John for raising him. If that was the case, he should have attended the funeral to say his final goodbye to his benefactor.

"I thought he would secretly attend the funeral. I went through all the surveillance footage, but I could not find him anywhere. Then, I checked with the servants of the Fowlers, and everyone told me that he had not returned after leaving the house two days before the funeral. Everything in his room was still around except for a missing guitar."

He frowned as he shared all his information with her. Until now, he could not pinpoint his exact feelings for his half-brother. He recalled that Chris was a very obedient kid, who loved to call for him and follow him around when they were younger.

More importantly, he knew that Chris was never actively involved in any of Helen's plans.

"Where did he go? Could he have returned to his campus?"

Pierre shook his head regretfully. "He didn't. I sent someone to ask around at his alma mater. He has not visited once since his graduation."

"Where else could he have gone?" She felt worried for Chris. "To be honest, I feel sorry for him. He was in the dark all the time. It was Helen who came up with the plan, and he was like a puppet. Because Helen is his mom, he could not do anything other than submitting himself to her control."