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“When can you extract the bullet?”

Patrick couldn't take it anymore. The bullet would induce pain from time to time, which was so immense that even a grown man like him could not bear it.

He certainly felt like he was only a step away from death.

Kevin's expression took on a slightly darker hue as he heaved a deep sigh.

“Pat, the surgery is extremely complicated. Please wait for a bit more.”

“Isn't this akin to waiting for the grim reaper?”

Kevin was dazed momentarily before retorting, “What nonsense are you spouting? I will not let you die.”

After saying that, he added, “Rest assured. I will definitely finish the surgery.”

Right then, Kevin's assistant entered and handed Patrick a new phone.

“Mr. Lowen, Mr. Chavez bought you a new phone because yours was broken last night.”

It wasn't until this moment that Patrick realized why his phone never rang. So it was broken.

data from his old phone to the new one, Patrick took the phone over and viewed every

his business laptop or tablet instead

instinctively clicked on his chat with Gwendolyn and noticed she

him was the couple of

asked, “Do you want me to tell

Lucy was there earlier, Kevin reckoned she wouldn't dare to tell Gwendolyn about Patrick's condition.

After all, Lucy always listened well to

and muttered coldly,

to destroy that brat Zayden

expression darkened

was

to subdue Patrick's headache, he reckoned it would be

his feet, Kevin advised flatly, “Your condition matters the most now. You should worry about your problem with her

Patrick's silence. The latter started making calls and arrangements with

Suzanne, who had arrived upstairs. The latter poured Zayden a cup

stood there without a word or a
a doll if it weren't for her flickering, huge
doctor is in the guest room now. I'll go with you for a checkup.

you marry me

voices from last night, Gwendolyn was extremely

found out that

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Zayden went along with it, had his eyes examined, and received psychotherapy.

Instead of Gwendolyn, he asked Suzanne to accompany him to the treatment all this while.

When Gwendolyn headed downstairs, she was met by the sight of Angeline sitting in the living room, drinking coffee.

Noticing the young woman descending the stairs, Angeline instinctively turned around.

“Where is Zay?”

Angeline assumed Gwendolyn had failed to convince her son, who must be throwing a temper tantrum.

Sitting beside the older woman, Gwendolyn smiled and stated, “He went for the checkup.”

In an apparent state of excitement, Angeline exclaimed, “Really?”

She grabbed and shook Gwendolyn's shoulders.

Nodding, Gwendolyn replied, “Yes.”

However, unbeknownst to Angeline, the former had promised Zayden one thing, which was detrimental to the older woman.

The overjoyed Angeline poured Gwendolyn a cup of coffee and offered her some desserts.

“Thank you.”

her feet and walked to the kitchen. “Laila, please make a few more of Zayden's

She hadn't added any milk or sugar, so the beverage

how acrid the coffee was, it couldn't

coffee cup to her lips, taking sip after sip of

Angeline accompanied Zayden for lunch. The man could now eat with a fork by himself, probably

he fumbled about to eat. It wasn't so tiring for him as Suzanne sat beside him the entire time

said, “Mom, give

smile stretched across his

bit. In the meantime, you should also prepare to

when she heard his words. Tears clouded her eyes while a

on Gwendolyn's plate. "Gwen, we will definitely treat you and your family with utmost courtesy, given how

hung low, Gwendolyn continued eating and

saw her expression and knew she was still thinking of

the corner of his lips into

one who met her first, and I was the one who was always by her side, helping her. How could you take her away from me the moment you showed up? Hmph! It doesn't matter now, does it? In the end, she's still

rest. Gwendolyn came up with an excuse,

the third day, she went to the hospital early

watching cartoons in the ward. Although she didn't look well,

and white stripes. It

blue and white

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Gwendolyn glanced at the cold and distant man. It's been three days since we met, and he seems to have lost some weight. Has he not been eating properly?

When Kevin turned in the direction where Gwendolyn was looking, he smiled and teased, "Pat, Gwen is looking at you! Why are you ignoring her?"

Hearing that, Gwendolyn instantly averted her gaze and stopped looking at Patrick.

Lucy also noticed the strife between the two. She asked softly, "Did you guys have a fight?"

Gwendolyn remained silent with a cold expression on her face. All the entertainment news was announcing my engagement to Zayden. Whoever encounters something like that will not be able to accept that. Nevertheless, all the news have been taken down today. Someone must have pulled the strings to get them removed.

Lucy was terribly sharp-witted. She took Gwendolyn's hand and said, "Sit and stay for a while. I have to accompany the two."

Gwendolyn didn't want to stay in the reception room alone as that would make her look lonely. Moreover, it would seem a bit pretentious. More so than that, she didn't want to sit on the couch as it would be too close to Patrick.

Hence, she pointed at the hospital bed and said, "I'll accompany Melanie to play for a while."

Lucy nodded. "Great. This comes handy."

to keep Melanie company too because the latter would be

receiving end if he ran

time, Lucy treated him like a king and

Gwendolyn sat by the bed, Melanie turned and smiled at her. The pointed chin on Melanie's gaunt face

smiled, her big eyes curved into the shape of a crescent moon. "Aunt

Melanie when she saw the state the young girl was in. Melanie is not in good spirits. And yet, she still forces herself to smile when she sees me. It

"Melanie, what are you

the opposite wall. "It's Rainbow

television with Juliette and the children for a long time. Oh, boy. When was the last time

room later. Don't be afraid. Your mom and I are going to wait for you at the entrance. You'll see us once you come out,"

to Melanie last night. This little girl is extremely mature for her age. She doesn't

Lucy. The latter was in the arms of Zayden while talking to him. Seeing that, a

moved next to Gwendolyn and whispered in the latter's ear, "Aunt Gwendolyn, if I die, please help me take care of Mom. Let Mom marry Mr. Gomez. He is a

Gwendolyn and whispered in the latter's ear, "Aunt Gwendolyn, if I die, please help

as much as she used to, and she always has someone to take care of her. Mom doesn't need to do anything. She no longer needs to stay up late and she looks prettier now! Mr. Gomez even put me in such a nice ward. That is why

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Kevin went back to the couch after telling Lucas a couple more things. The former then turned to face Patrick.

The way Patrick looked at people with his cold gaze was quite terrifying. Even Kevin himself felt he couldn't withstand the pressure.

Hence, he could understand why Gwendolyn didn't dare to face Patrick.

Kevin then asked, "Pat, are you here today to keep Luke company? Or are you here to look at someone?"

He keeps staring at Gwen after he arrived. Isn't he being too obvious? Gwen, on the other hand, is so heartless that she didn't even spare him a glance. Even now she is only showing her back to Pat.

Shifting his gaze away, Patrick took out a cigarette and wanted to light it up in frustration.

However, he remembered that he was in a ward and Melanie couldn't bear the smell of smoke. So, he put back the lighter into his pocket. He merely held and sniffed a cigarette under his nose as he voiced, "I am just thinking. Do all vicious women have an innocent look?"

Gwendolyn's heart clenched when she heard that.

Great. He no longer believes in me and even said that I'm a vicious woman.

With that in mind, Gwendolyn pursed her lips. Since he already thinks badly of me, I'll show him what is a vicious woman.

Melanie asked, "Aunt Gwendolyn, do you

adults would like the things they like

out of her thoughts. "I

moment, she seemed to be in a much

Melanie was watching television alone in the ward before, she was actually

coaxing Lucas. That man was difficult to deal

get him back,

it was around nine o'clock, informing them

the papers, followed by Lucas. After that, Lucas and Melanie were

at the wheelchair. "I can walk

cursed even before I go into the operating room. I'm not sitting on this wretched thing. I am going to walk in and will be walking out by myself.

in his thought, Gwendolyn had already carried Melanie into the wheelchair, whereas Lucy was talking to Melanie and

are so many of us waiting for

Lucas and said, "You'd better take care of that guy!

the latter not

"I'm not sitting in that

the couch and still sniffing his cigarette,

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Kevin couldn't hold back his laughter as he observed Lucas' actions. He turned to Patrick and quipped, "Pat, you should take a page from Luke's book and try acting coy. Who knows, maybe the ladies will swoon over you then."

Kevin remembered the occasions when Patrick had experienced severe headaches. Despite breaking out in sweats, he pretended everything was okay and kept quiet about his discomfort. He had even tried to conceal it from Gwendolyn.

Patrick even went to great lengths to ensure she remained oblivious to the incident even though he got shot when trying to protect her.

Undeniably, Patrick embodied true masculinity.

Patrick's gaze turned cold as he strode toward the exit, remarking, "Lucas, you could attempt to be even more effeminate."

Lucas raised an eyebrow and smirked upon hearing Patrick's comment. However, he chose not to dignify it with a response.

Aware that he had been showing too much public affection lately, Lucas realized Patrick was likely jealous of him, especially considering the latter's falling out with Gwendolyn.

This realization brought a sense of satisfaction to Lucas.

Gwendolyn pushed Melanie to the nurse station, where the nurse required the latter to verify her information again.

Lucy affectionately caressed Lucas' head and gently reminded him, "Please behave!"

As Lucas was about to be wheeled into the operating room, Lucy reminded herself to stay composed. She tried to coax him in any way possible to encourage him to willingly enter the operation room.

then lovingly caressed Lucas' ear and gently tugged at it, knowing he

passionate, she would pull his ears as she didn't

his ears, Lucas was flooded with memories of their passionate moments. His cheeks tinted with a blush,

her eyes and smiled

Lucy was worth dying for. He uttered, "Come on, it's just a bone marrow extraction. I

with a piercing glare, as if to convey that he would "take care" of her

City had proven to be effective as she

There was a lady in the elevator, who was

someone being designated to

considering they were in a hospital and the elevator was designated as the exclusive route to the operating room,

the VIP operating room, there were hardly

and birthdates, Melanie and Lucas were gently pushed into the room, and the door closed clasped Lucy's hand and said, "Let's find a seat over the latter's face appeared pale. Gwendolyn could see that the calmness on Lucy's face just and knew that she was trying to remain strong for was well aware of Lucy's inner turmoil and knew that she was trying to remain strong for pressed together, and be on the road to recovery soon," said

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Gwendolyn cast a meaningful glance at Kevin, silently urging him to stop speaking.

Her child is inside that operating room. There's no doubt she will be worried. As mothers, our primary concerns are the safety of our children and the success of the surgery. The medical skills you mentioned don't matter to us as much as the well-being of our loved ones.

Lucy managed a strained smile. "Mr. Chavez, I thank both you and Mr. Lowen for being here. Having you both here brings me comfort and a sense of security."

Indeed, Lucy was being sincere. She didn't have to worry about anything with the presence of the two affluent gentlemen from Avenport by her side.

With their influential status, a simple gesture from the two such as hooking their fingers was enough to instill fear and prevent anyone in Avenport from having any thought to offend them. Therefore, even if Lucas didn't personally invite the doctors and they were not familiar with the others, the doctors would surely focus on the surgery for the sake of the two distinguished gentlemen.

At this point, Lucy silently hoped that God would bless them and ensure everything would go smoothly.

They were informed earlier that the surgery would take six to seven hours, and it was still ongoing.

Those who were waiting outside the operating room were growing tired. Patrick sat not far from Gwendolyn then. He repeatedly checked his watch with a cold, impatient gaze.

In contrast, Kevin wasn't overly concerned, knowing that the surgery would be complex and therefore take longer time.

He had his phone in his hand, appearing to be engrossed in a game.

Gwendolyn held onto Lucy, urging the latter to close her eyes and rest.

came to the hospital as well

presented the lunch to his boss with respect before handing another set

aside his phone and

any hesitation, Kevin started eating his

Patrick, who exuded a cold and distant aura, much like he had been doing for the past few days. Patrick had been pulling long hours at the office, evident from work tirelessly when he was in a bad mood, resulting in a sigh of relief among his subordinates as they knew the reason behind Patrick's bad mood. Recently, there was news of Gwendolyn being engaged to Zayden, and the couple looked radiantly happy.

Mr. Lowen? In any case, it's understandable on his side. Seeing his boss being wronged, he was determined to support him in any way toward Gwendolyn, indicating to Liam that he was comforting Lucy tirelessly, hugging her for hours on end. I wonder if the thought crossed his mind, his care if her arm is getting sore? She's going to marry another man, so he pressed his forehead in an attempt to relieve the tension. Kevin, noticing Patrick's discomfort, gave him the medication prescribed by Kevin was effective in alleviating his pain.

Patrick lowered his hand in response to Kevin's question, Patrick lowered his hand slowly. "I'm considered myself a strong man and

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Liam could feel the death stares that were thrown in his direction when he said that, and a chill ran down his spine.

In the end, he compromised and turned to look at the bodyguard agitatedly, saying, "Bring the food to those two ladies over there."

I'm on the boss' side, which means I have to show him that I won't go easy on Ms. Ashton!

The bodyguard nodded once and brought the food over to Gwendolyn and Lucy just as he was told.

However, Gwendolyn and Lucy heard what Liam said, loud and clear.

In response, Lucy immediately turned the bodyguard away, saying, "No, thanks. We won't be eating that."

Gwendolyn chimed in, "Our food's on the way."

The three men standing at the side heard this and looked at Gwendolyn in shock. Liam, in particular, was incredulous as he abandoned all courtesy and marched up to Gwendolyn.

“Your food's on the way, huh, Ms. Ashton? Is your new boyfriend, or rather, your new fling, sending it to you?” he demanded sarcastically.

He was furious at her for cheating on a fine man like Patrick.

Is Ms. Ashton blind or something? Mr. Lowen is obviously a hundred times better than that Zayden guy, be it in terms of looks or capability! If nothing else, Mr. Lowen is richer and loves her more than Zayden does!

along with Gwen, didn't he? He sure turned on her pretty nonsense again,” Gwendolyn pointed out dryly

“You...”

a kind-hearted and beautiful woman

saw the full extent of how shrewd and unreasonable she could

with food containers. When she saw that Kevin and Patrick were eating, she

about to hand the men a couple of containers when Gwendolyn stopped her. “Let them be, Ms.

walked over to Camille. She wrapped an arm around the older

of food, including fish

for the dishes she mentioned

thought

reading Patrick's thoughts, Camille turned around at

had hoped that the food would bring him and Gwendolyn back on good terms again. A couple

of things right now, Gwendolyn and Patrick were

you like! I bet she made all that food for you, but I guess you'll have to give it a miss now that your assistant

he rose to his feet and sauntered over to Gwendolyn and the other women

Patrick's wound as he rose to his feet and sauntered over to Gwendolyn and the

his own food, which looked pathetic compared to the feast

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Channeling his anger toward Liam, Patrick bit out icily, “With all the time you have on your hands, I think you ought to make yourself useful in Alendor! If not, then quit!”

Liam instantly knew what he had done wrong.

He should have known that Gwendolyn was “untouchable”. In any case, the only person who could pick on her was Patrick, and anyone else who tried to do the same would only end up in misery.

Liam could not believe it had taken him this long to figure that out.

Unfortunately, his enlightenment had come too late, and he was now caught between a rock and a hard place.

In the end, he relented. “Very well, Mr. Lowen. I shall make the necessary arrangements with Ms. Johnson immediately.”

As Liam headed out, he cast a sideways glance in Gwendolyn's direction.

What's so special about her, anyway? She's just an ordinary woman, and there's nothing that makes her stand out more than the others. It's not as if she has an extra pair of arms or an extra brain or something! So, why is it that she means so much to Mr. Lowen? Gosh...

He sighed in resignation as he left. As things were, he had no choice but to go and stay in Alendor for two months. He vowed that he would find a way back here after two months.

Meanwhile, Gwendolyn, Lucy and Kevin were huddled in the resting area outside the operation theater and eating their lunch.

world, but today, he

like roast beef, which he thought was dry and

about the dish. He did not think he had tasted anything so delicious

Camille gave him occasional looks, and there were several times when she

because she could not undermine Gwendolyn,

It was heart-wrenching to see him

Kevin leaned into his seat and rubbed his full tummy. “I'm

personal chefs Kevin cooking his meals, the last thing I expected was for him to be impressed by simple, homey

grim as she glanced at the doors of the operation theater. There were still medical officers and nurses who went through those doors every once in

as relief washed over the family members who were told that the surgery for their loved ones had surgery's going well? They would have come out and told me

gave Lucy a reassuring smile and said, “Don't worry. It's just like you said, someone would have had you sign a ton of forms or whatever if the surgery

Now, it won't do you any good to

up the food containers and pulled out a seat for

to pick the kids up from school later and make dinner for them, don't you? Perhaps you should go home and get

Gwendolyn were close friends, to begin with, and neither of them had ever treated Camille like she was to begin with, and neither of them

was as comfortable as possible, especially since she

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Gwendolyn gasped in pain and cursed inwardly. What the hell? What kind of idiot would stand behind someone like that? For heaven's sake!

Disgruntled, she looked up slowly, only to be startled when she met a pair of dark, obsidian eyes.

It was Patrick, and he was staring at her as if he planned on devouring her.

Gwendolyn quickly averted her gaze and stepped aside. She did not want to pick a fight with him, so evading him was the next best option.

However, she had only just stepped to the side when she bumped into him again. She glared at him this time, losing her patience.

"What the hell is wrong with you, Patrick?"

Patrick was impassive as ever as he pointed out sardonically, "I should be the one asking you that, seeing as you're the one who bumped into me."

She gaped at him speechlessly.

By some miracle or other, she regained her patience and chose to ignore him. She was here to wait for Melanie to come out of surgery, not to make a scene outside the operation theatre. That would be unseemly, not to mention completely shrewd on her part.

As such, she maintained a courteous smile and looked up at Patrick, then said sweetly, "Well, then, I apologize for my clumsiness. Could you step aside and let me through, please?"

Patrick did not budge. It was like he had not heard her at all.

Patrick acted childish and unreasonable like this,

a deep breath, she stepped to the other side instead,

he do a thousand push-ups a

the elevator meant for the VIP operation theatre, there was hardly anyone who

up using the elevator as Gwendolyn and Patrick stared

she could cry. Urgh! What

it, Patrick.

evenly. He was incredibly tall, and since she was wearing flats, she had to crane her neck
shoved his hands into his pockets and said icily,
at this. What did he
me?" she asked, caught
you tonight, you got a problem
could not find the words to respond. He was never crass with her, and this was the first time she heard
him
shoved him aside and stormed back to the resting area outside the operation theatre, then snapped
without looking at him, "Not
he pressed his lips
anymore, huh?
when Lucas was wheeled out. A nasal cannula was still attached to his
talking to the doctor and asking him how Lucas was
bed while holding his
closed. Thinking that he might be doing poorly after the surgery, Lucy cried. Her tears rolled down her
cheeks

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Melanie did not come out of the operation theater until two hours later, and she was not brought to the normal hospital ward. Instead, she was brought to the VICU where her condition would be monitored for the next 24 hours before she could be transferred to the usual ward.

The doctor told Gwendolyn and Lucy that the surgery had gone well. Now, all that was left for them to do was observe Melanie during her recovery stage. If her body did not go into rejection within three months, then the bone marrow transplant would be deemed successful.

That being said, the next twenty hours were a critical period for Melanie as well, particularly where postoperative complications were concerned.

Having heard what the doctor said, Gwendolyn and Lucy went to the VICU to see Melanie, who was lying in bed and hooked to all kinds of medical equipment.

A nurse was stationed by the bedside. Under Lucas' strict instructions and with Kevin and Patrick keeping an eye on things here, Gwendolyn, Lucy and Melanie were practically treated as VIPs in the hospital.

"Don't worry," the nurse said. "It's normal for the patient to stay unconscious like this following the surgery. She'll likely wake up tomorrow when the anesthesia completely wears off."

Lucy's eyes were glistening with tears as she reached out to clasp Melanie's hand.

Gwendolyn's heart twisted when she saw how distressed Lucy was.

When the two women left the VICU, they made their way over to Lucas' hospital room. Unlike Melanie, he was already wide awake and sipping soup.

He seemed a little drained, and beads of sweat had broken out over his forehead.

A caretaker was feeding him soup when he saw Lucy walk into the room. The moment his gaze fell upon her, he did not look away.

and took the bowl of soup from the caretaker, saying, "Here,

of soup close to his mouth and said, "Thank you for what you've

parted his lips to drink the soup. It tasted better than it had moments

would be. The doctor did say that I'm strong enough to recover in the next few days," he said soothingly when he saw that

her how pale she looked. Moreover, given how red and puffy her eyes were, he reckoned

marrow extraction and transplant over a course of two days, but with Melanie's condition, the surgery was done

that Lucy had been anxiously waiting outside the operation theater the entire

nodded and tried to hold her tears back when

regained her composure, she said,

recover within a month, but there were exceptions where critical postoperative complications could arise

everyone's body had a different reaction to such surgeries. Even though bone marrow could regenerate itself, there was no telling if Lucas would not be plagued by

naturally worried for him. He could have easily avoided all this, but he had generally put his own life on the line just because

was only right for her to give Lucas what

in his shoes, she would ask for repayment of favor as well, preferably in the form of money.

isn't so bad after

exchange. Lucas isn't so bad after all. At the very least, he

and he might not even be able to resume his rank

his losses and instead chose to comfort Lucy. Gwendolyn thought