

## **CEOs Baby 1711**

### **Chapter 1711: The Miscarriage**

After Nox discussed the negotiations with Zoe, he turned around and left. He wanted nothing to do with that woman for even a second. When he returned home, Shelly had already returned to her room and was lying on the bed reading a book.

Seeing saw Nox's return, Shelly said calmly, "You're back."

At the fact that she would never ask where he went, Nox pursed his lips and nodded. Then, he walked straight into the bathroom to take a shower.

The moment the bathroom door closed, Shelly looked up. She had gone to the balcony to get some fresh air, so she saw Nox and Zoe discussing something under a street lamp. However, she did not care, so she came in from the balcony and lay on the bed.

Based on her understanding of Nox, he would not be soft-hearted toward Zoe, and she believed she knew better than anyone else how cruel Nox was. Just like that, Shelly continued to read her book.

After taking a shower, Nox went to the balcony to smoke and make a phone call. "I just sent you an account. Transfer 500 thousand dollars to it."

"Yes."

"Arrange a good abortion doctor. I'll take Zoe for an abortion tomorrow."

"Yes. "

"Come and pick me up tomorrow morning."

"Yes."

With that, Nox hung up the phone. The most important thing now was for him to get rid of Zoe. Keeping her alive would ultimately be a disaster.

By the time he put out the remaining cigarette butt and returned to his room, Shelly was already asleep. However, she had left a dim light on Nox's side. Nox lay on the bed, turned off the lights, and approached Shelly.

Shelly knew that Nox had a strong need in certain aspects. If he had been able to hold it in back then, he would not have slept with her, and it was the same now. They would do it almost every night, and she was used to dealing with him. As long as he took the initiative, she would accept it passively.

Having said that, Nox seemed a little different tonight. For once, he was actually keeping his hands to himself as he hugged her.

Shelly did not know why he was suddenly behaving himself! Was it because of Zoe? Was he still reluctant to part with Zoe?

That was true. Other than Zoe, no other woman had been by Nox's side for such a long time. If Zoe had not done such a terrible thing, Nox would have married Zoe, and they would have a happy family together.

Suddenly, she felt a little disappointed. How did Zoe get caught at the last moment? If only Zoe had not been caught, Nox would still be in love with Zoe, and she could live her own life.

While Shelly was deep in her thoughts, she suddenly heard Nox say in her ear, "Shelly, why don't we have a child together?"

Shelly's body tensed up, and she turned to look at Nox.

Nox explained, "My mom is rushing me."

"Oh," Shelly replied.

She neither agreed nor rejected the idea. She seemed used to silently resisting everything Nox said.

“Go to sleep.” Nox turned around, his back facing Shelly.

As Shelly felt Nox turning away from her, for some reason, a mix of emotions welled up in her. She did not know if Nox had changed a lot during this time or if she had changed her mind, but Nox's disappointment made her feel inexplicably guilty. However, it was really difficult for her to compromise.

In fact, she had never even thought about giving birth to Nox's child. She had an instinctive feeling that Nox was acting on a whim. The thought that he could suddenly become that playboy again one day scared her.

In the quiet night, Nox tossed and turned, finding it hard to fall asleep. On one hand, it was because Shelly rejected him; on the other, he was thinking about taking Zoe to get an abortion tomorrow.

Early the next morning, Shelly woke up to see that Nox was gone. It was a little strange as Nox had never left so early since they moved in together. Nevertheless, Shelly stretched and decided to lie down for a while. She felt more comfortable without Nox by her side.

Nox left the house, sat in the car, and dialed Zoe's number.

“Nox-”

“Come downstairs in ten minutes. I'll wait for you at the door.” After saying that, he hung up the phone.

Zoe looked at the words “call ended”, and her expression turned ugly. She was unhappy at how cold Nox was to her!

“Zoe, are you going to go with Nox?” Zoe's father asked, still a little worried..

“Will Nox trick you?”

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"No, once Nox promises something, he will definitely do it. I received 500 thousand dollars from him last night, and after the abortion today, Nox will pay me the other 500 thousand. Don't worry, Dad," Zoe replied.

"Do you want us to go with you?"

"No need. Just wait for me at home," Zoe said bluntly.

"Take care of yourself." Zoe's parents reminded her.

"Alright."

With that, Zoe opened the door and went downstairs. After waiting at the gate for a few minutes, a luxurious black car stopped beside Zoe.

As soon as Zoe opened the car door and got in, the first thing she saw was Nox's cold face. Hence, she pursed her lips and held her tongue.

The car soon arrived at South Hampton City Central Hospital, and Zoe was directly assigned to a ward for a preoperative examination. Nox sat in the ward with her without saying a word as if the two of them were strangers.

Around 10 a.m., the results of all the tests were out, and the medical staff brought Zoe to the operating theater.

When they were leaving, Zoe could not help but ask Nox, "Will you regret it?"

Nox glanced at Zoe. "What do you think?"

"He's your flesh and blood, after all. Don't you feel guilty at all?" Zoe gritted her teeth and asked.

She had had enough of Nox's indifference toward her.

"I don't think so." Nox said coldly, "After all, you're the one who's carrying my child."

"Nox, I hope you die with no children!"

Zoe left the ward with the doctor after saying those vicious words. Then, Nox told his subordinates to go with them while he waited in the ward.

What Zoe said about hoping he died without any children kept replaying in his mind, and he felt that Zoe was right. As he took out a cigarette and walked to the balcony to smoke, he realized he was not as indifferent about killing his own flesh and blood as he thought. His hand that was smoking seemed to be trembling slightly.

At 11 a.m., Zoe had yet to return. Did they not say that it would end in half an hour?

Nox could not help but call his subordinate. "Why isn't it over yet?"

"I just heard from the operating theater that Zoe seems to be suffering from a major hemorrhage. Currently, they need to remove her uterus, but Zoe has refused to sign the papers for her uterus to be removed. I've just informed Zoe's parents to come over and sign it."

"Damn it!" Nox cursed.

He quickly threw away the cigarette butt and ran to the operating theater. He arrived just as Zoe's parents arrived as well.

When Zoe's parents heard that her uterus had to be cut out, they cried in fear. Neither of them dared to sign the paper. However, the doctor said that if the uterus were not removed, Zoe would die. As a last resort, Zoe's father signed the contract with tears in his eyes.

Once the paper was signed, the doctor quickly went in to perform the surgery.

The only sound in the entire corridor was Zoe's parents' heart-wrenching cries. Nox, who was standing at the side, was a little saddened by how the situation had turned out.

The moment Zoe's father saw Nox, he got so angry that he suddenly stepped forward and threw a punch. Nox did not dodge and took the punch from Zoe's father.

"Nox, you b\*stard! No matter how much Zoe has done to let you down, she shouldn't be suffering such revenge! You b\*stard!" Zoe's father cursed.

Zoe's mother was also crying her heart out, but Nox remained silent. Zoe's father was so angry that he went forward to hit Nox again.

However, Nox's two subordinates quickly stopped him. "Stop it, or I won't be polite!"

The two professional bodyguards naturally restrained Zoe's father.

Nox looked at them coldly.

"I'll give you another one million dollars!" Nox said coldly, 'You can take it as my buying Zoe's womb."

"You b\*stard, how can you say such words? Do you know that a woman without a uterus can never be with child anymore? Nox, you b\*stard..." Nox's expression was indifferent as he listened to Zoe's father's insults.

He said to his men, "Let's go."

"Aren't you waiting for Zoe to come out?"

"No need. Her parents can take care of him. From now on, I have nothing to do with Zoe." With that, Nox left..

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Two of his men hurried after him.

As soon as Zoe's parents saw Nox leaving, they were so angry that they started cursing again until Zoe's surgery was over, and she was pushed out. When she was pushed out, Zoe's complexion was terrifyingly pale.

Zoe's parents hurriedly went up to ask, "Zoe, how are you feeling? Do you feel any pain?"

"Boohoo..." Tears streamed down Zoe's face.

She really had not thought about losing her uterus because of that. So many people had undergone abortions, but why did she have to be the one to end up with such a small chance of having such an outcome? She never thought that she would end up like that by scheming against Nox.

"Be good. Don't cry. You need a lot of rest right now. Just like during postpartum, you need to take good care of yourself," Zoe's mother comforted her. "You don't need to worry so much. We'll stay with you."

Zoe gritted her teeth and nodded. Then, the doctors and nurses pushed Zoe into the ward, but there was no one there.

Zoe asked, "Where's Nox?"

"He left!" Zoe's parents gnashed their teeth in anger. "That beast, I really wish I can beat him to death!"

"He left? Does he know I don't have a uterus anymore?" Zoe asked.

“So what if he knows? Do you think he has a shred of conscience?”

Tears streamed down Zoe's face even more. “Is Nox that cruel? I can't believe he can't even bear to see me!”

“He promised to give us another one million dollars, but we don't know if he's lying!” Zoe's father said, “Zoe, forget about Nox. He has no conscience!”

“Where's my phone?” Zoe asked in anger.

“Zoe!”

“Where's my phone? I want to call Nox. I want to call him!”

“What's the use in calling him?”

“Give me my phone!” Zoe yelled.

Seeing that she had lost control of her emotions, Zoe's parents quickly found her phone. Zoe took the phone and frantically dialed Nox's number. She could not accept the way Nox treated her! She would accept even a little pity from him, but she could not accept that Nox was so heartless to her.

She frantically dialed his number. However, Nox did not answer, and he eventually turned off his phone. Zoe was so angry that she wanted to smash her phone on the ground.

“Zoe, forget it. Nox won't be kind to you. Don't be angry because of him...” Zoe's parents advised her.



However, Zoe refused to listen. She gritted her teeth and dialed another number.

Shelly was surprised to receive an unfamiliar call but still answered, "Hello." "I am Zoe. Where is Nox?" Zoe asked straight away.

Shelly pursed her lips, "He's not back yet. You can call his cell phone." "If I could reach him, would I need to call you?" Zoe mocked.

"There's nothing I can do for you even if you push me. Nox is not here..." As Shelly said that, she saw Nox open the door and walk into the living room. She said, "He just got back."

"Give him the phone!" Zoe screamed.

Her voice was so loud that Shelly felt like that woman might have gone crazy.

She hesitated for a moment but still handed her phone to Nox. "Zoe is looking for you."

Nox just stared at Shelly.

"I don't know what happened, but it sounds urgent," Shelly said as she handed over the phone.

Then, she picked Bella, who was playing on the ground, up and went to Bella's room. It seemed like she was giving him space to talk to Zoe.

Nox watched as Shelly left before holding the phone to his ear. "What do you want?"

"What do I want? Nox, I no longer have a uterus. What do you think I want?" "Didn't I promise to give you an extra one million dollars?"

"Can money buy everything? I lost a uterus! Nox, you b\*stard! How are you so cold-blooded? I got pregnant for you and had an abortion for you, and now, I don't even have a uterus. Can you solve it with just one million dollars?" "Are you done cursing?" Nox asked coldly.

"No! Not yet! Someone like you should get hit by a car every time you go out! Why don't you just go die!" Zoe was utterly devastated.

She was cursing at the top of her lungs, so much so that her voice was hoarse. Meanwhile, Nox held the phone and listened to Zoe cursing with a cold expression.

She cursed until she broke down and said, "Nox, do you really have no sympathy for me? Shouldn't you treat me a little better because I've suffered so much for you? You didn't even thank me! How could you treat me like this?"

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On the other end of the line, Zoe was wailing and crying miserably, probably because she could not accept that fact either.

Nox gripped his phone tightly and said, "I will give you one million as sympathy, but I don't feel anything for you."

"Nox!" Zoe screamed, "Don't you have any conscience? Do you even know the baby was moving when it came out? Do you know that? Why aren't you dead yet? Why hasn't God punished you yet?"

Nox thought about it before saying, "If I die, that's on me, and it has nothing to do with you. I will transfer the money to you immediately. As for what you'll say to my mother, you best think about it carefully. This is a deal, and a deal is a deal. Any harm you suffer from it has nothing to do with me. It was your own choice."

"Nox--"

Nox directly hung up on her. He wanted nothing to do with Zoe anymore and would never have sympathy for her. He was cold and heartless to anyone he had no connection to, just like how cruel he was to Shelly back then. It was all his own doing, and he deserved it.

He knocked on Bella's door with the phone in hand. Shelly opened the door and looked at Nox, who returned her phone with the same expression.

"What happened to Zoe?" Shelly asked.

Zoe was so agitated just now that she thought something devastating had happened to Zoe. However, seeing Nox calm at that moment, Shelly thought it was just an illusion.

"Nothing I can't handle," Nox said, looking as if nothing had happened.

"Okay." Shelly nodded. "Don't answer Zoe's call again."

"Okay."

"I'm going to work," Nox said.

"You're still going to work?" Shelly asked as she thought he was not going to work after what happened.

"Don't you want me to?" Nox asked back.

Shelly chuckled and did not reply, so Nox chuckled too, just as a casual remark.

"I'm leaving," he said.

"Mm." Shelly nodded again.

Nox chuckled again, but this time, it sounded a little ironic. That 'mm' was really smooth.

With that, Nox left the house. Shelly watched Nox leave and took a deep breath. It seemed like she had provoked him!

When Mrs. Winter told Old Master Winter about Zoe's pregnancy, not only did she not get his support but was also told that it was none of her business. He said it was Nox's decision to make and her not to interfere!

Old Master Winter and Nox did not usually see eye to eye, so now that they were on the same side, Mrs. Winter was so angry that she could not sleep all night. After thinking about it, she decided to call Nox and confront him. She was determined to get the child in Zoe's belly no matter what!

With that thought in mind, she called Nox, who was on his way to the company.

When he saw his mother's call, he frowned before pressing the answer button and saying, "Don't ask. Zoe's child has been aborted."

"What?" Mrs. Winter was so angry that her lungs were about to explode.

"If you don't believe me, you can go to the hospital and ask her for yourself. Zoe is now in the VIP ward 888!"

After that, Nox hung up the phone abruptly and dialed Zoe's number. Upon receiving Nox's call, Zoe broke down again. "What do you want?"

"I'm just letting you know that my mother is coming soon. You know what to say, and if you mess things up, I'll take back everything I've given you!" Nox threatened.

Zoe's expression was grim. She realized that was Nox's true character, which was a hundred times more cold-blooded than she had expected. If she had known earlier, she should have controlled herself!

She gritted her teeth and hung up the phone. Although she could not accept the fact that she had lost her uterus, she knew how cruel Nox could be and could only accept Nox's threat.

Zoe waited in the ward for almost half an hour. Suddenly, the door was pushed open, and Mrs. Winter appeared in the ward with an anxious expression.

She asked bluntly, "Where's the child?"

Zoe gritted her teeth and said, "The child has been aborted."

"Are you crazy? How could you allow Nox to abort the child? Why didn't you call me? You knew to inform me yesterday but not today?" Mrs. Winter could not but tear up.

She had been waiting for a grandson for a long time, and now, that opportunity was gone. She was already in her fifties. In a few years, she would be too old to carry her grandchild. Moreover, with Nox's current attitude, she did not even know if she could have a grandson. How could she let it go like that? "It's not Nox's child, so you don't have to feel sad about it." Zoe suddenly spoke up.

Stunned, Mrs. Winter looked at Zoe in disbelief.. She thought she had misheard!

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"I told you, the child isn't Nox's, so you don't have to be upset!" Zoe said bluntly.

"What did you say?" Mrs. Winter looked at Zoe in disbelief.

Just a while ago, Zoe was confident that the baby in her belly was Nox's, but why would she say it was not now

"I lied to you. I deliberately lied to you for money. I knew you would believe me!" Zoe said to Mrs. Winter. "Now that it's over, I don't want to lie to you anymore."

Mrs. Winter was about to faint from anger. She had never thought that Zoe would fool her like that, and it made her so angry that she rushed up to hit Zoe.

Zoe's parents quickly stopped her. "We didn't want to do this either, but Nox forced us into a corner. You don't have to feel bad. You can take Zoe losing her uterus from the abortion as her retribution, and we're even now! "

"Even?" Mrs. Winter was fuming with anger. "Zoe, do you know my son and I got into an argument because of you? You deserve to lose your uterus. You deserve it!"

"Yes, I deserve it. So, can you can leave now?" Zoe yelled at Mrs. Winter.

Ever since she had been exposed for cheating on Nox, her life had been miserable!

"Your family deserves to end up like this!" Mrs. Winter cursed angrily.

Then, she turned and left, not wanting to see Zoe for even a second longer. She was so angry that her lungs were about to explode.

When she returned to the car, she thought for a moment and dialed Nox's number. "Nox."

"Mom, I'm busy."

"I just went to see Zoe. She said the child wasn't yours. Just thinking about it makes me angry—"

"Okay. As long as how you know awful Zoe is as a person, it's fine. Just ignore her in the future. I have to go. I'm about to start a meeting."

"When are you going to have a child with Shelly—"

By then, Nox had hung up the phone, and it made Mrs. Winter furious. She could not understand why Nox was so resistant to that topic. What was wrong with having a child?

Fuming, Mrs. Winter gritted her teeth and dialed Shelly's number.

When Shelly saw Mrs. Winter's call, she hesitated for two seconds before answering slowly, "Hello."

"Shelly, you and Nox should have a baby soon," Mrs. Winter said. Shelly bit her lip. She did not expect Mrs. Winter to be so straightforward. She said, "Aunty, let us handle our affairs ourselves!"

"Just tell me, what will it take for you to have a child with Nox?" Mrs. Winter did not want to beat around the bush.

Yes, she was crazy about having a grandson.

"Nox and I are not yet at the point in our relationship where we want to have a baby yet." Shelly tried to explain calmly, "We can have a child when the time is right."

"Nox is already 30 years old."

"Many 30-year-olds out there are still single at 30!"

"Shelly, I've raised you for so many years. For my sake, marry Nox and have a baby as soon as possible. You have no idea how much I want a grandson very much. A few days ago, I was almost deceived by Zoe," Mrs. Winter said with great anger and sadness.

Shelly frowned and asked in surprise, "What happened to Zoe?"

"Zoe came to me a few days ago and said she was pregnant with Nox's baby, so I believed her and didn't expect her to lie to me! The baby in her belly isn't Nox's at all. Shelly, please understand me. From now on, I will treat you as my daughter," Mrs. Winter said earnestly.

"How do you know that the baby in Zoe's belly is not Nox's?" Shelly asked.

She suddenly thought of Zoe looking for Nox yesterday and realized something was amiss.

“Zoe said it herself. She also aborted the child, so I guess she couldn't keep the secret anymore. Fortunately, God is all-knowing, and Zoe lost her uterus after aborting the child. It can be considered as revenge on her!” Mrs. Winter was very angry.

However, Shelly did not think it was that simple. Perhaps it was Nox who forced Zoe to say so. Otherwise, why would Zoe tell Mrs. Winter that the baby was not Nox's? There was no need for her to do that, so it meant that Nox killed his own child, and it must have been in a very cruel way..

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“Shelly, please agree to have the baby with Nox as soon as possible,” Mrs. Winter said sincerely.

“Aunt, I have to be frank with you. I cannot have a baby with Nox. I'm with him now because he helped me before and I'm repaying him. When he loses interest in me, we will break up, ” Shelly said frankly, deciding to come clean with Mrs. Winter.

“What?” Mrs. Winter was surprised. “You mean you're just fooling around with Nox?”

“Yes, I am,” Shelly confirmed.

“Shelly, you're not that kind of person. When did you become like this?” Mrs. Winter was at a loss for words.

“You can also tell Nox to break up with me,” Shelly said. “I've never thought about spending the rest of my life with him.”

“Y-Y- YOU...” Mrs. Winter was speechless for a long time.



"I'm sorry, Aunty," Shelly apologized because she knew she had hurt Mrs. Winter's feelings. "I'm hanging up now."

After that, Shelly ended the call.

She really could not have any hope for Nox anymore. With how cold-heartedness he was to her before and to Zoe now, she found it hard to believe that Nox was a good person.

Mrs. Winter was also very upset after the call. She knew there was no way Shelly could fall for Nox like that, but hearing Shelly's confession was still tough to stomach.

Then, she gritted her teeth and called Nox again, but Nox had turned off his phone. Mrs. Winter was so angry that she threw her phone away, and her expression turned cold. Since Shelly had never thought about being with Nox, she would help her achieve it.

At 6 p.m. in the afternoon, Nox came home from work, and Shelly was preparing dinner in the kitchen. Nox had planned to help but felt he could not do anything right, so he decided to play with Bella instead.

Shelly put the dinner on the table and called Nox and Bella over to eat. Nox sat down at the table with Bella in his arms. Just as Bella was about to start eating, Shelly suddenly picked her up and took her to the sink to wash her hands.

Nox watched them leave. In fact, Shelly could have told him to take Bella to wash her hands, but she would never let him help with anything.

Sometimes, Nox wondered. Why was Shelly with him? To repay him because he helped her find Bella? Was it just to repay him?

As Nox lowered his head and ate dinner, Shelly came back holding Bella, and they had dinner together.

"Shelly," Nox suddenly called her name.

"Hm?" Shelly looked at him.

"How do you feel about me now?" Nox asked.

Shelly was stunned, to say the least, as she did not expect Nox to ask that question out of the blue. She said, "How do you want me to answer?" Nox sneered in reply.

Shelly continued, "Your mother called me today."

When Nox heard that, he frowned.

"She told me to have a child with you as soon as possible. She even told me about Zoe."

"You don't have to worry about her." "Is Zoe's child yours?" Shelly asked.

Nox did not answer.

"Did you tell Zoe to tell your mother that the child wasn't yours?" Shelly continued to speculate.

"Yes," Nox agreed. "I used some money to make a deal with Zoe." "I heard Zoe lost her uterus because of an abortion." "What are you trying to say?" Nox's expression was grim. Shelly pursed her lips. "Nothing. Let's eat."

"Do you think I'm heartless and cruel?" Nox asked her.

"Shelly, when can you speak honestly? Can you be more real with me? Can you say whatever you want to say? What do you want from me?" Nox raised his voice.

At that moment, he threw his chopsticks on the ground. All emotions erupted.

Frightened by Nox's appearance, Bella quickly ran into Shelly's arms, her body trembling with fear. Shelly tightly hugged Bella in her arms.

"Bella, it's okay. Don't be afraid." Shelly comforted her.

Bella cried out. "Uncle is scary-

"Be good. I will take you back to the room first, okay?" "Okay." Bella nodded quickly.

Shelly had no choice but to carry Bella back to the room.

Nox clenched his fists tightly as he watched them leave, and he was so angry that he kicked the chair next to him. The chair suddenly fell over, making a loud noise, which caused Bella's body to tremble with fear..

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Shelly quickly closed the door to the room. She knew that sooner or later, Nox would revert to his old self. In fact, it might not take long before his patience with her would run out as well.

Shelly spent a long time in the room calming Bella down before letting her watch TV in the room while she left. However, when she left the room, Nox was no longer home. Seeing that the chair in the dining room was still overturned, she went over to lift the chair, reheated the cold food, and fed Bella. She also ate a little.

By 9 p.m., she had put Bella to bed, and Nox was not back yet. Instead of thinking of calling Nox, Shelly washed up and then went back to the room to sleep.

She roughly understood why Nox was so indifferent to her back then. Whatever he did not like, he would be indifferent to, and since she did not like Nox, she did not care about him.

Yet, that night, she could not fall asleep. It could be because it had been a long time since Nox had not been so angry, and she felt troubled by it. After all, it was her fault, and she was still afraid after being traumatized the last time.

At 1 a.m., Shelly could hear that Nox was back when he pushed the door open a little too hard. As soon as he came in, he made a clattering sound, probably bumping into things here and there. Shelly smelled a strong smell of alcohol from him and instantly knew that Nox was drunk.

Drunk, he went straight to the bathroom, then came the gut-wrenching sound of vomiting. Shelly hesitated momentarily but still got up to pour a glass of water for Nox and placed it in front of him. Nox felt like he was throwing up everything in his system.

Seeing the glass of water in front of him, Nox hesitated for a moment but took it and took a sip in the end.

"Are you feeling better?" Shelly asked.

"Are you concerned about me?" Nox asked.

"No," Shelly replied. "I just don't want you to make too much noise."

"Why aren't you pretending anymore?" Nox sat on the ground and turned to look at Shelly.

His vision was blurred, but he could see Shelly's features clearly.

"I've never pretended. I've never said I care about you or even like you," Shelly said bluntly. "I've thought about it a lot tonight, and I don't think it's a good idea for us to continue this relationship. Your mother really wants a grandson, but I can't help you with that, so why don't we break up now?"

"Ha!" Nox laughed in a self-deprecating manner.

He chose to drink himself to death rather than come back to provoke her tonight, only to hear the word 'breakup' in the end.

“Nox, I don't know what kind of feelings you have for me or whether you do like me. In any case, I've never liked you. In fact, I find you annoying; I feel inexplicably irritable around you, but I have to endure it. I even wish you did not speak to me or show me kindness. I'll be with you for half a year and use my body to repay you, but that is all.”

Therefore, to Shelly, she was selling her body and was hoping that Nox, her sugar daddy, would not ask her anything or affect her life. Just pure mating would do.

'When I went to the police station to close Bella's case, they told me that you almost died in the hands of a criminal gang to save her. Hence, I'm grateful to you, but that's all. I think we're dragging each other down by being together, which I'm fine with since I've never thought about marrying anyone or having a good future. However, you're different; you're the eldest son and heir of the Winters and must carry on your family line. You're just wasting your time by being with me, so we should break up early.” Shelly was talking to Nox seriously.

Tonight, her insomnia tonight was caused by all the thinking she had done, and she realized that her relationship with Nox was dragging him down. In any case, she still owed the Winters a favor and did not want to be ungrateful.

'Who said you're dragging me down?’ Nox sneered.

Shelly stared at Nox.

“Do you really think I have to be with you, Shelly? Do you really think I can't have a child if you don't have one with me? You think too highly of yourself! I can have a son even without you! There are lots of women outside who are willing to have my child!” Nox's voice grew louder..

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Shelly just watched as he threw a fit, knowing what he meant.

“Do you really think that when I'm together with you, you're the only one I'm seeing? Yes, I like you Shelly, but I don't know when I fell in love with you. You use my liking for you as an excuse to mistreat me, and I've endured it all! After all, it's no big deal if you don't treat me well. But Shelly, you can't break up with me even if you want to! I won't break up with you! Even if you're dragging me down, I won't break up with you!” Nox said through gritted teeth.

“Why do you have to do this, Nox?” Shelly also got angry.

“That's just who I am. I'm ruthless and evil, just like how I was to you back when you were in a car accident and I refused to visit you. That's just how cruel I am. Yes, I admit that the child in Zoe's belly was mine, and I aborted it. So what? I don't feel guilty, not even a bit, that Zoe lost her uterus because of the abortion! I will eliminate everyone who hurt me. I'm that terrible of a person, but so what? I'm Nox, and I can do whatever I want! What can you do to me?” Nox said coldly. “Nobody can do anything to me! The Leader is my best friend!”

“So, are you proud of who you are? Of being evil?” Shelly gnashed her teeth and asked him.

“Yes! I'm proud of who I am!” Nox said fiercely. “So, don't mess with me, Shelly. If you make me mad, I'll make you wish you were dead!”

“Nox!” Shelly could not suppress her anger anymore.

“Not only can I do that to you, but I can do it to Bella too! If I can save her, I can also make her disappear the same way. You-”

“Slap!” Shelly slapped Nox hard across the face.

She struck him so hard that her palm trembled from the pain.

“Enough, Nox! Why are you so such a horrible person?” Shelly was clearly on the verge of breaking down.

Nox endured Shelly's slap, his eyes a little red. Just as tears were about to flow from his eyes, he forcefully pushed Shelly away.

Shelly was half-squatting on the ground when Nox pushed her, and she fell to the ground. The next second, Nox stood up from the ground, turned his back to Shelly, and walked to the bathroom.

"Don't mess with me, Shelly. While I still like you, behave yourself. Then, when we break up, I can give you some benefits. Otherwise, don't blame me for not being kind to you."

Shelly watched as Nox left coldly. To her, there was no one worse than Nox in this world, and she wondered why she met him. She used to think she was lucky to have entered the Winter family, but only now did she realize that it was just the beginning of a nightmare.

When Shelly got up from the ground, Nox was washing his face with cold water.

Shelly said, "Nox, I've never regretted meeting you as much as I do now. I used to be so naive, thinking that it was a blessing to be your companion in the

Winters because the children in my hometown had to work hard, but the

Winters fed me, clothed me, and sent me to school. However, you ruined it all. Did you know that I had a miscarriage for you back then?"

Nox's body froze for a moment, and tears seeped out of the corner of his eyes.

"I never thought of telling you because, firstly, I didn't think you would care. And secondly, it was because I didn't want you to feel burdened. After all, we were no longer together. You see, even if you had pushed me away, I was considerate enough to respect you and cause as little distress to you as possible. However, you've never been considerate of anyone."

Nox covered his face with both hands and kept splashing it with cold water. His body was trembling and shaking uncontrollably. In Shelly's opinion, he was just suppressing his anger.

“I'm telling you now because I don't think you're worth me doing anything for you.”

With that, Shelly turned around and left the bathroom. Anyway, she could not make Nox understand her, and no one could change Nox's decision.

After Shelly left, Nox finally let go of his hands and looked in the mirror at the person with red eyes and tears in his eyes. Was he really that horrible of a person in Shelly's eyes? Did she not know that everything he said today was out of anger?

He did not want to hurt her. His heart would even ache to see her lose a strand of hair. However, he could not let her go because he knew that Shelly would leave as soon as he let go. He was afraid that if she left, his world would crumble!

Nox was in the bathroom for a long time while Shelly lay in bed, still awake. It was a quiet night.

Eventually, Nox took a shower, and when he went to bed, Shelly's body tensed up. After Nox lay down, he moved closer to Shelly.

Shelly sneered. It seemed like no matter how much they fought and how close they were to breaking up, Nox would always do what he wanted. In fact, why should she waste time on Nox? As Nox said, she should behave. Then, when they broke up, maybe she could still get some benefit from Nox..

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After the argument between Shelly and Nox, they both gave each other the silent treatment for a long time. Nox no longer came home right after work, and sometimes he did not come home for a whole night.

Later on, she received a message from Nox's mother and saw an image of Nox having coffee with a beautiful woman, saying he was on a blind date. However, Shelly did not feel anything when she saw it.



She told Nox's mother that she did not mind and even hoped that Nox could have a successful blind date. That way, she would not have to live under the same roof as Nox anymore.

Tonight, she thought that Nox would not be back as usual, so she planned to take Bella out to eat the burgers and fried chicken that Bella wanted. They were celebrating Bella's first day of kindergarten tomorrow.

Bella had been home for a long time, so Shelly thought she would try to enroll

Bella at a kindergarten nearby. The kindergarten immediately took Bella in and told Shelly to send Bella in any time she wanted. Hence, Shelly chose tomorrow.

Shelly felt that regardless of what she taught Bella at home, Bella needed to be in a collective environment to grow up normally. Besides, Bella was an introvert and had been afraid of strangers since she was young, so Shelly hoped that Bella could be more lively and outgoing in the future.

However, just as she opened the door with Bella holding her hand, she saw Nox outside, and their eyes met.

Shelly was about to leave with Bella when Nox suddenly asked, "Are you going out?"

"Yeah, I'm taking Bella to have fried chicken," Shelly answered, "She's going to kindergarten tomorrow."  
"Oh," Nox replied.

"Have you eaten?" Shelly asked.

"I don't think there's much food at home. Why don't you order takeout?" Shelly spoke frankly.

Nox smiled. "Okay."

Shelly did not allow him to tag along in the end. In fact, Shelly had been indifferent to him recently. It was obvious she was tired of living under the same roof as him, and it was probably because of his threat that night that Shelly did not dare to leave him.

Just like that, Shelly left with Bella while Nox returned home. How long had it been since he came back for dinner? A month or two? He had finally mustered up the courage to come back, but he did not expect to be treated indifferently.

Nox sat on the sofa, ready to order takeout on his phone when the phone suddenly rang. He looked at the caller ID and picked it up.

“Mom.”

“How was today?” Mrs. Winter asked excitedly.

“Not great,” Nox answered calmly.

Yes, his mother had been trying to set him up for blind dates for some time now. At first, he refused but later agreed, thinking that if he met the right person, he could get over Shelly. Although he felt a little unwilling to do it, he did not think he should make Shelly suffer with him, so he tried to force himself to like other women instead.

However, the more he went on blind dates, the more disappointed he was. He did not like any of them. Every time he went out for coffee with someone, all he could think of was Shelly.

He was always fantasizing that if one day, the person sitting across from him was Shelly and she was happy to see him, how wonderful that would be.

“Nox, what kind of girls do you like?” Mrs. Winter was also a little desperate.

In the past two months, Nox had been on nearly 20 blind dates, and all of them failed.

“The kind like Shelly.”

"Nox." Mrs. Winter was a little angry.

"Forget it, Mom. Don't waste your energy on this anymore. I don't think I'll be able to get over Shelly for a while."

"Why are you so stubborn? Shelly really doesn't like you, and dragging it out is not a good idea. For both of your sakes, you should break up with her," Mrs. Winter advised.

"I know how to handle it," Nox said, a little annoyed. "Don't worry about it."

"If I don't worry about it, are you planning to spend the rest of your life with Shelly?" Mrs. Winter exclaimed. Nox sighed. "Give me another year."

"Huh?"

"If my relationship with Shelly is still the same after a year, I'll break up with her. Then, under your arrangements, I'll go on blind dates with other women and get married and have children."

"Are you sure?" Mrs. Winter did not seem to believe him.

"Yes. When have I failed to keep my promises?"

"Okay, I'll believe you this once." A year was still acceptable to Mrs. Winter..

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"In that case, promise me you won't disturb Shelly and me during this time." Nox negotiated his conditions.

“Okay,” Mrs. Winter agreed immediately. “As long as you keep your word, I’ll keep mine.”

“I’ll hang up now.”

“Yeah.”

Nox put down his phone and leaned back on the sofa, not having much of an appetite. Who could have an appetite when eating alone anyway?

He might as well lie on the sofa like a corpse.

Shelly ordered Bella’s favorite hamburger and fried chicken and was looking for a place to eat them with Bella when the phone suddenly rang.

The moment Shelly saw the caller ID, her expression darkened. She really did not want to answer Mrs. Winter’s call right now.

However, she eventually picked up the phone and said, “Aunty.”

“Shelly, are you with Nox?”

“That’s good.” The other side let out a sigh of relief. “I just wanted to ask if you do want to leave Nox.”

“Aunty, please just say what you want to say,” Shelly said frankly.

“Nox promised he’d be with you for a year, after one year, he’d leave you. If you don’t want to be with him, try to be as cold to him as possible, and don’t satisfy his needs. Just persevere for a year, and both of you will be free.”

"Okay." Shelly nodded.

"Shelly, I'll be really happy if you and Nox could be together, but unfortunately, you have no feelings for him. So, it's useless for me to force you to be with him. Now that Nox is willing to let go, it's up to you."

"I know what to do," Shelly replied.

"In that case, I won't say much more. Thank you."

"No need," Shelly said indifferently.

After all, it was a foregone conclusion, and there was no need for Mrs. Winter to thank her.

"I won't disturb you anymore. Bye."

"Bye. "

When Shelly hung up the phone, Bella looked at her expression and asked innocently, "Mom, who was that?"

"An ordinary person. Eat up." Shelly came back to her senses and picked up the hamburger for Bella.

"Mom, what's going on between you and Uncle Nox? You two don't seem to talk anymore," Bella asked worriedly.

"It's nothing." Shelly patted Bella's head. "In a year, we can leave him and live on our own."

"Is that true?" Bella asked, not looking particularly happy.

Shelly was a bit surprised. After all, Bella not disliked Nox, did she not?

The next second, she heard Bella ask again, "Will Uncle Nox be lonely on his own?"

"He won't be lonely," Shelly said bluntly.

Nox had so many friends and women around him. Even though he might be upset after the breakup, he certainly would not be lonely.

"Is that so?" Bella looked at Shelly "The last time Uncle Nox lost his temper with you and made me cry, he apologized to me later."

Shelly was stunned.

"Uncle Nox told me not to tell you."

"He apologized to you?"

"Yeah. He said he was just a little upset about work that day, so he got angry. It was not at me or you, Mom, and he asked if I could forgive him," Bella said earnestly. "So, I forgave him."

"Oh? You forgave him so easily, huh?"

"It was because Uncle Nox was sincere. He even bought me the ice cream that you wouldn't let me eat." Bella blushed as she spoke.

Shelly furrowed her brows.

"I'm sorry, Mom. I shouldn't have lied to you," Bella quickly apologized.

Then, Shelly patted Bella's head. "It's okay, but you have to tell me the next time. We agreed not to keep secrets between us, remember?"

"Okay." Bella nodded.

"Let's eat." Shelly handed Bella the hamburger.

Bella took a bite and said, "Mom, I think Uncle will definitely be lonely without us."

"He won't be," Shelly said.

"He will. I often see him staring off into space, watching you," Bella said. "He's been doing that after the fight."

Shelly looked at Bella. She did not expect a three-year-old to be so observant. That was why adults should not think that children knew nothing because they could see it all.

"That's because..." Shelly did not know how to explain it to Bella, so she used the reason that adults often like to use. "You'll know in the future.."