

## **CEOs Baby 1761**

### **Chapter 1761: Nox Gets Drunk**

At that moment, she was holding George's hand while Edward was holding Paige in his arms. The family of four was standing in a hidden corner.

In fact, Edward should not be appearing in crowded places, but for the sake of a friend, he decided not to care so much about it. After all, he had his bodyguards with him — the two who would follow him at all times, except when he was at home, and the other bodyguards were waiting for him outside.

“Monica has finally found her place.” Jeanne sighed silently.

She was happy for Monica. After going around in circles with Finn all these years, they were finally together. If they missed the chance to be together, they would probably regret it for the rest of their lives.

“Finn finally has a family of his own,” Edward echoed.

Edward never used to have much expectations for Monica. However, seeing that they both had such a good relationship now, he agreed that they were meant for each other.

“I'm suddenly a little envious that they can get along so well.” Jeanne smiled and sighed.

Edward paused for a moment.

Jeanne smiled. “I'm not complaining about anything.”

“No, you're complaining.” Edward was very certain.

“So, how would you like to compensate me, Fourth Master?” Jeanne asked. Since he insisted that she was complaining, she would not be shy. Edward was silent for a few seconds. “I'll let you have your wish.”

Jeanne frowned. "Won't you be despised by tens of thousands of people? Edward, you'll be notorious for all eternity."

Edward smiled, wondering what Jeanne thinking. Since he had fought hard to conquer the land, how could he bear to let it go to waste? However... Edward's eyes moved slightly.

Feeling a gaze on him, George raised his head and looked at his father with a frown. Somehow, he had a feeling that his father was plotting something, and he could feel his hair stand on end.

Fortunately, at that moment, the lights in the banquet hall turned on, and the staff guided the guests to the hall next door. Since it was a traditional seating, everyone sat at a long dining table to eat lunch.

Meanwhile, a hotel staff invited Jeanne and Edward's family to a special private room. It was because of Edward's identity that they prepared it for him.

A while after the family of four sat at the dining table, Nox walked in with Shelly and Bella. Nox sat next to Edward, and Bella sat on Nox, just like Paige sitting on Edward. The two men looked like slaves to their daughters, even though Bella was not Nox's biological daughter.

'Edward, how long has it been since we've seen each other? You're so busy.

Have you forgotten about me?" Nox teased.

Edward could not be bothered with him. He glanced at Bella, who was in Nox's arms. "Is this your daughter?"

"Yeah, this is Bella," Nox answered very naturally. "Bella, this is Uncle Edward."

"Hello, Uncle," Bella called out in her tender voice.

"This is my daughter, Paige. You look about the same age," Edward said. "Hi, Uncle Nox." Paige's young voice was clear as she called out, "Hello, Bella."

Bella looked at the beautiful little girl in front of her without blinking. She had no idea such a doll-like little girl existed in this world, and she just stared at

Paige in awe.

“What are you looking at, Bella?”

Nox, who noticed Bella's sudden silence, did not reprimand her for being rude to Paige. Instead, he asked her what was wrong! Even Shelly could not do that sometimes.

For example, whenever Bella was rude, she would reprimand her severely. Every time she did that, it would upset Bella, and she would regret it later. After all, Bella was only three years old, so it was understandable that she would be distracted sometimes. However, Nox's way of dealing with it was different, and he would first ask Bella about the reason.

Bella quickly replied, “Daddy, I think Paige is very pretty. She's as pretty as the

Barbie doll my teacher gave me a few days ago.”

Bella's innocence made everyone laugh. Although everyone knew that Paige was good-looking, Bella spoke of it in a completely different way.

Shelly heaved a sigh of relief. She was afraid that Bella's behavior would make everyone feel awkward..

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Nox was facing Edward's family the entire time, but at that moment, he suddenly turned around and said to Shelly behind him, “You don't have to feel uncomfortable. They're all ordinary people in private.” “Alright.” Shelly nodded.

Although she nodded, she still could not relax.

Nox continued, "Edward also farts in private."

Shelly almost burst out laughing. Did Nox have to make Edward so relatable? With Edward's status, how could he say that about Edward? More importantly, Nox's voice was neither loud nor soft, so everyone present heard it.

Edward's face flushed red with anger. "Nox, can you speak any louder?"

"I was just joking." Nox smiled and turned around eagerly. "I'll drink with you later. We haven't seen each other for a long time."

Edward still had a long face. However, Nox was used to it, so he did not take it to heart.

Jeanne also said to Shelly, "Although Nox's words were a little crass, he's right. We're all ordinary people in private, and we don't bite, so just relax. We'll see each other a lot in the future."

"Alright." Shelly agreed.

This time, she was much more relaxed. She did not know if it was because of what Nox said about the Leader farting, but she was amused. She realized that, in private, they were just like ordinary people and would also be teased by their friends.

The door of the private room was pushed open again, and in walked Finn and Monica. Then, the two of them sat together at the dining table.

"Where are the Dames?" Jeanne asked Kea.

"They're asleep. The nanny is taking care of them so we have time to eat," Finn replied.

"Jeannie, you know I can't eat anything when the babies are making a fuss." Monica was showing off her greatness.

“Cut it out. Every time you can't eat on time because of the babies, Finn will leave a table full of food for you to eat together.”

Monica's attempt to make herself seem pitiful failed miserably.

“Alright, there's no one else. Let's eat.” Finn tried to smooth things over for

Monica.

He doted on Monica endlessly.

“I'm starving.” Monica quickly picked up her utensils.

With that, the others also began to eat.

Jeanne looked at Monica, who looked like she had not eaten for a decade. “Can you eat slow down? Your food can't digest if you eat so quickly.”

“I'm hungry,” Monica replied with one word and continued to eat.

Speechless, Jeanne said, “Aren't you afraid that you will continue to grow horizontally? After all, you already have a love handle.”

Monica suddenly lost her appetite to eat. Jeanne had really touched a sore spot, and she felt that everything she ate now was sinful.

“Eat more.” Finn took another piece of meat for Monica.

“Are you feeding me more so that you have a reason to abandon me?” Monica glared at Finn.

When she thought about how she was so fat because of Finn's feeding, she was devastated.

“Don't talk nonsense. ”

“Finn, I think you have ulterior motives,” Monica said regretfully.

She regretted becoming as fat as a ball.

Finn was helpless against Monica. He said, “Yes, I have ulterior motives.”

“Finn, how can you be so heartless? How can you treat me like this when I gave birth to two children for you? How are you so horrible?” Monica accused.

Everyone looked at the two of them as if they were watching a show, feeling extremely happy. They did not feel any sympathy for Monica at all.

“I just want to fatten you up so that you can be with me wholeheartedly. Then, you will never abandon me again,” Finn said seriously.

Stunned, Monica blinked and looked at Finn. After learning that Finn was afraid that she would not want him anymore, her mood instantly changed for the better. Then, she lowered her head and began eating happily again.

As she ate, she said, “To make you feel more at ease, I shall eat more and gain weight.”

Everyone was speechless at how fast Monica's mood changed.

Nox could not stand it anymore and quickly changed the topic because he was afraid that the two of them would continue showing off their affection. It was even more corny than Edward and Jeanne.

He picked up his wine glass. “Edward, let's drink.”

Edward glanced at Nox and handed Paige to Jeanne, who took Paige. After all, it was not good for him to drink with Paige around.

Nox also handed Bella to Shelly..

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Then, the two of them started drinking.

“Finn, do you want some?” Nox asked.

“You guys can go ahead. I have to take care of the babies later.”

“What a filial father,” Nox teased.

“When you have a baby, you'll know what it's like to be a father.” Finn was still immersed in the role of being a father.

Nox said indifferently, “I won't be as corny as you guys.”

“By the way, Nox, when are you and Shelly getting married? You've been together for a year, right?” Monica suddenly asked,

To be honest, Nox did not know how to answer that question. He knew very well that Shelly would never marry him, but he could not say it out loud in front of so many people. If he did, they would be the ones embarrassed.

Hence, he thought about it for a moment before saying, “I'm not that stupid to enter the tomb of love so early. I'll just watch all of you suffer.”

He decided to take everything on himself.

“How stubborn.” Monica retorted, “One day, you'll know what it's like to love and be happy at the same time. I, too, never considered having a baby before and thought they were a pain in the \*ss. But now, I think they're delightful.”

“That's you, not me.”

“I'm just reminding you out of kindness as a person who has been through it before. You should appreciate it-”

“Alright, Monica, that's enough,” Jeanne called out to her. “Eat more, and you'll be able to produce more milk.”

All Jeanne knew was how to poke fun at her. However, as long as Finn did not mind her being fat, she could eat as much as she wanted. With that thought in mind, she lowered her head and continued eating.

Harmony was restored at the dining table. While Edward and Nox were sipping on wine, the others would chime in occasionally. Jeanne and Monica would also take special care of Shelly and talk to her from time to time. In short, the atmosphere in the room was lively.

Nevertheless, Shelly was still somewhat overwhelmed, and it did not seem like it was because she was embarrassed by the dignitaries in front of her. When she thought about it carefully, it seemed like what Nox said had made her emotional.

She had never thought of marrying Nox. She even thought they would break up soon, but for some reason, she felt a little unhappy. To force herself to stop thinking about it, she took a deep breath and silently adjusted her emotions.

The meal lasted quite a while, mainly because Nox kept pestering Edward to drink. Monica and Finn had left early because she had to rush to take care of the baby. Hence, they ate from 12 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

It was only after Edward got Nox drunk that Edward could escape. However, Edward was already a little tipsy by then. Jeanne held Edward up and got George to take care of Paige.



"Can you not go to work this afternoon?" Jeanne asked.

Edward glanced at Jeanne and nodded. He knew that he was dizzy and could not concentrate on work even if she wanted to.

"In that case, I'll help you up to the hotel to get some rest."

"Alright." Edward nodded.

Jeanne supported Edward to his feet, and as they left, she said to Shelly, "Take care of Nox. He's drunk."

"Alright." Shelly quickly agreed.

After Jeanne left with Edward, only Nox, Shelly, and Bella were left in the room, with Bella playing by herself in the private room.

Shelly nudged Nox. "Nox, wake up. I'll help you to the hotel room. Can you sleep after you get there?"

Nox did not move. Instead, he muttered, "I want more drinks. I can drink. Edward, don't be such a coward..."

Shelly was speechless. She could not believe that they had both gotten drunk in the middle of the afternoon. Then, she thought for a moment before getting up and leaving with Bella.

She did not think she would be able to take care of Bella if she helped Nox up later. Hence, she carried Bella to the staff to get the room key card and then brought Bella to the room first.

When they were in the room, Shelly told Bella seriously, "Bella, can you watch TV here while I help Daddy up to sleep? But once I close the door, you cannot open the door for anyone. Do you understand?"

"Alright." Bella nodded obediently.

Shelly checked the window again. After confirming that Bella could not open it, she walked out of the room, closed the door, and quickly went to find Nox. Just as she arrived at the elevator entrance, she bumped into Mrs. Winter, whom she found strangely distant now..

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Shelly pursed her lips as she looked at Mrs. Winter, clearly rejecting her. The people who were originally the closest to each other in the city had fallen out because of the many things that had happened.

At that moment, Mrs. Winter felt the same way when she saw Shelly. She said bluntly, "Shelly, come with me. I have something to tell you." "Nox is drunk downstairs."

"I'll get someone to take care of him. You don't have to worry."

Shelly pursed her lips and nodded. Since someone was going to take care of Nox, she would not go.

Shelly followed Mrs. Winter to her room. Coincidentally, the room was opposite hers. Perhaps the host had arranged for people familiar with each other to be together, which was quite thoughtful of them.

"Shelly, I told you that you and Nox would be together for a year and that Nox would leave you if you two had no feelings for each other after a year. Is that right?"

"Yes." Shelly remembered that.

It was about to be a year soon.

Mrs. Winter said, "In that case, there are two months left. If you don't have any plans to be with Nox in the next two months, I hope you don't involve yourself too much with him so that he won't miss you when you both break up." Shelly was silent. In fact, she did not know why she was silent.

"Shelly?" Mrs. Winter looked at Shelly's expression and raised her eyebrows.

"Yes," Shelly replied.

"What do you mean?" Mrs. Winter's expression changed slightly. "Do you want to get back together with Nox?"

"No," Shelly denied.

She had never thought of getting back together with Nox. To her, Nox was not someone she could live with, and he was especially unsuitable for the role of a husband.

"In that case, you have to take what I said seriously."

"Alright."

"Oh right, let me tell you something else. Nox is drunk now, so I'll send someone to take care of him. At this time, you have to maintain a cold attitude and show Nox that you don't care about him. It's best if you leave now and show him that you don't want to participate in any activities with him, let alone stay with him," Mrs. Winter suggested.

Shelly looked at Mrs. Winter. 'Must you be so ruthless?"

"If we don't do this, do you think Nox will let you go?" Mrs. Winter was serious.

Shelly hesitated before she said bluntly, "I think the current Nox is different from the old Nox. The current Nox is more mature and calmer than the past him, so he won't do such childish things. Aunty, I personally think that when it's time, he'll let go as long as I make it clear to him that I won't be with him."

"I don't think so." Mrs. Winter denied it directly. "Shelly, I don't have much of an opinion on who Nox is with. Even if it's with you, I can accept it. Although your reputation isn't great, I've raised you since you were young, and I care for you. The only wish I have now is to have a grandchild. Nox isn't young, and at his age, he should have a child. He can't continue to fool around anymore."

Shelly understood where Mrs. Winter was coming from. To a wealthy family like theirs, it was important to carry on the family line. That idea had been instilled in them for generations, and no one could change it.

Nox was also a wild horse that was out of control. Since it was probably difficult for anyone to tame him, it was normal for Mrs. Winter to be afraid that Nox would not get married and have children.

“Alright.” Shelly nodded.

She was not convinced by Mrs. Winter, but she agreed because she did not want to cause too much conflict between her and Mrs. Winter. To be honest, Shelly did not know how to describe their relationship. It did not feel like a kinship, but they were not strangers because they still cared for each other.

In the end, Shelly sighed and thought, 'So be it. When we meet in the future, a polite greeting would suffice.'

After Shelly left Mrs. Winter's room and returned to her room, she left with Bella. Since Mrs. Winter told her to leave and be a little ruthless, she would do as Mrs. Winter said.

As she walked toward the elevator, the elevator door opened, and it left her stunned. Why was it that every time the elevator door opened, she would be shocked? First, it was Mrs. Winter, and now it was Nox, who was supported by a woman.

It was obvious that Nox was drunk. He was leaning against the elevator wall with the woman supporting him while the woman held his arm and pressed her chest against his, looking very intimate..

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Shelly just stared at them. Since Nox's eyes were closed, he did not notice her.

When the elevator arrived, the woman helped him up from the wall and dragged him out of the elevator with difficulty. As the two of them walked past her, Shelly was silent for a few seconds before she held Bella's hand and prepared to walk into the elevator.

Suddenly, Bella shouted at Nox, "Daddy."

Shelly was so shocked that she quickly covered Bella's mouth and led Bella into the elevator.

The moment the elevator closed, the man who was walking in the corridor suddenly turned around and saw the tightly shut elevator that carried Shelly and Bella away. At that moment, he smiled and then turned back to walk toward the hotel room.

Just as the woman helped Nox into the room, Nox pushed her out and closed and locked the door on her. The woman was stunned for a while and could not seem to react to the situation. When she came back to her senses, she quickly knocked on the door.

However, Nox pretended not to hear her. He lay on the bed alone, dizzy as he stared at the ceiling in a daze. Even if it sounded like the door was about to be broken through, he could not hear anything. The only thing on his mind was the scene of Shelly leaving coldly.

How much did Shelly not like him that she would watch him go to the room with another woman without feeling anything? He only had two months left with Shelly, and their relationship would most likely end then.

The woman knocked on Nox's door for a long time, but in the end, it did not open. As such, she walked angrily to Mrs. Winter's room and pressed the doorbell.

Mrs. Winter opened the door and was a little puzzled when she saw the woman.

'Why aren't you with Nox? What are you doing here?'

"Nox kept me out." The woman's eyes reddened, and she felt aggrieved.

Mrs. Winter's expression turned ugly. She could not believe how stubborn Nox was! Was he so mesmerized by Shelly that he had lost his mind?

Based on her previous understanding of Nox, Nox had never rejected anyone. Hence, she thought the woman could get close to Nox and take the opportunity to sleep with him and get pregnant. However, her whole plan had failed. "Aunty," the woman called out to her coquettishly. "Does Nox not like me?"

"Don't you know Nox is drunk?" Mrs. Winter found an excuse. "Don't worry. If I like you, my son will definitely like you. When he wakes up, I'll introduce you to him."

"Thank you, Aunty."

"Thank you for helping my son to the room. You should go and get some rest." "Alright." The woman left, satisfied.

After she left, Mrs. Winter did not look for Nox. She thought that since only two months were left, it would not be too late to talk about it after two months.

Shelly took the elevator and left.

Monica and Finn's babies' celebration party was very grand, so many people attended. The entire hotel was filled with guests, and as the elevator was a little crowded, Shelly and Bella were slowly squeezed into the innermost part of the elevator.

That was when Shelly heard the gossiping voices of the two women who had just entered. "Did you see Nox just now? He's the one who was cheated on last year and fainted at the wedding."

"I know Nox. Apart from what you just said, he's a big shot in the business industry. My dad often talks about him. And as you know, Nox and the Leader are best friends, so he can be considered a big name in Harken," the woman said. "By the way, why are you talking about him?" "Do you know Mia Lane?"

"Are you talking about the young miss of the Lanes?"

"Yes." The woman said, "I saw her helping the drunk Nox back to his room just now."

“Oh, I see that woman, Mia has climbed up the social ladder and become Cinderella.”

“You sound so sarcastic. The Lanes' assets aren't bad either. They're as wealthy as both our families, but they cannot compare to the Winters. So, in some way, they are climbing up the social ladder by marrying their daughter to Nox, but Nox isn't exactly Prince Charming. After all, it will be Nox's second time getting married.”

The woman did not give a damn about Nox.

“After all, the Winters are a traditional family. I heard that the Lanes were chosen because although their assets aren't much, the family educates their children well. Mia is a top student who is proficient in music, chess, calligraphy, and painting. I also heard that she's proficient in four languages.”

“I couldn't tell from her delicate looks that she's so talented! Are you sure what you heard isn't fake?”

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“It can't be fake,” the woman said. “I have a friend who's very close to Mia. Every time she talks about Mia, she says that she's a godsend. She's good-looking, has a good figure, and is well-educated. In short, she's amazing.”

The other pouted. She looked like she had nothing else to say, but she was also jealous and did not echo the same sentiment as the other woman.

“Sigh!” The woman sighed. “Outstanding people deserve to be with outstanding people. I have no idea when people like us will be able to find a good man who's of equal social status!”

“Why? Do you want to get married?” the woman teased.

“Don't you want to?”

"I don't want to. I haven't had enough fun."

"You don't mean what you say."

As the women were arguing in the elevator, the elevator soon arrived at the lobby. Then, Shelly held Bella's hand, walked out of the elevator, and walked straight out of the hall.

Halfway through the banquet hall, Sarah called her from afar, "Shelly." Shelly looked at Sarah. "What's wrong?"

"I've been so busy today that I almost forgot. There's a high school class reunion next month. Let's go together."

"No thanks." Shelly refused. "In all these years, when have I ever gone for a class reunion?"

She really was not interested. Sarah would always invite her to her class reunions, and every time, she would firmly reject her.

"Shelly, just join us for once! You haven't shown your face once in so many years that everyone in the class thinks you've disappeared. The class representative called me and told me to bring you along this time no matter what. Shelly, just promise me you'll go, okay?"

"Sarah. "

"Just once. If you go this time, I won't force you next time. I promise. And I definitely won't let those b\*stards talk about you or let them ask about your life and so on. I guarantee that it won't be awkward for you." Sarah swore.

Shelly was no match for Sarah's determination. Besides, she did not want Sarah to bombard her every time there was a class reunion.

"In that case, let me say this first. If I go this time, you can't force me again in the future."



"I promise." Sarah nodded quickly. Shelly thought about it and agreed hesitantly. "Okay."

"Hooray!" Sarah jumped with joy.

Sometimes, Shelly wondered whether they were the same age. Sarah was more lively than her, but Sarah's personality was very similar to Monica's. As expected, they were a family.

"If there's nothing else, I'll see you then," Shelly said.

"Where are you going?" Sarah frowned. "The party is still going on. Are you leaving?"

"Yeah. I don't feel comfortable staying here, so I've decided to take Bella and leave."

"Where's Nox?" Sarah asked.

"Nox is drunk and sleeping in his room."

"Between you and him?"

"There's no progress," Shelly said bluntly.

Upon hearing that, Sarah did not ask further. She said, "A man like Nox is not suitable to be a husband. If possible, you should leave him as soon as possible. It's not worth wasting too much of your time on him."

"I know."

"In any case, you're more mature than me, and you always know what you're doing, even though it's not good for you sometimes," Sarah concluded and sighed. "I'll leave it at that. Remember you've promised me to be at the class reunion."

"Alright." Shelly nodded. "I'll see you."

"Okay."

Shelly walked out of the hall with Bella, hailed a taxi, and left.

When they were in the car, Bella finally could not help but ask, "Mommy, are you and Daddy going to separate?"

In the elevator, she heard that her father was going to be with another woman, and just now, she heard Aunt Sarah saying that he was not great.

Bella had been sensitive since she was young and had matured a little earlier than others in many things. Therefore, she probably understood some of the more complicated feelings.

"Bella, Daddy and I are not the normal couple you see on television. We'll separate sooner or later."

"Why?" Bella did not understand.

She could tell that her father loved her mother so much. She had caught her father secretly looking at her mother many times, and he was always staring at her in a daze.

"You'll come to understand many things when you grow up." Shelly found an excuse. "But right now, all you have to do is be obedient, eat well, and study well. As for the rest, it's grown-up things."

"But I don't want Daddy and Mommy to be separated." Bella felt rather upset.

She had always thought that she had a complete family that consisted of a mother and a father, which she had. Yet now, her mother told her that she would not be with her father. That meant that she could only live with her mother in the future.

The more she thought about it, the more upset she felt. Slowly, Bella's eyes reddened, and she burst into tears..

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Shelly was shocked by Bella's crying. She quickly hugged Bella and said with her heart aching, "Bella, what's wrong? Why are you crying?"

Bella choked and said, "Mommy, I don't want Daddy to leave us. I want to be with Daddy. I don't want you both to be separated."

Shelly was surprised. She knew that Bella's relationship with Nox had improved a lot, but she did not expect it to have reached the point where they could not bear to part. As she had lived with Bella for so many years, she thought that Bella had long gotten used to spending time with her.

"Bella, don't cry." Shelly comforted her. "Don't you still have me if you don't have Daddy? Aren't I always with you? Aren't you with just the two of us?"

"I am happy, but I prefer to live with both you and Daddy. That way, no one will laugh at me for not having a father."

Shelly pursed her lips. She knew nothing about Bella being mocked for not having a father.

She hugged Bella tightly and said, "I'm sorry, Bella, but Daddy and I really can't be together."

"Why? Is Daddy not good enough? Are you going to abandon Daddy?" Bella asked her with tears in her eyes.

"Daddy has many... shortcomings that I can't accept. In fact, we're not very happy together," Shelly said bluntly. She realized that she had no choice but to explain many things to Bella.

Bella blinked her teary eyes at Shelly as if she did not quite understand.

“Bella, when two people are together, especially with husband and wife, they must love each other. Otherwise, if they're forced to be together, no one would not be happy.”

“But I think Daddy loves you very, very much! Daddy always wants your attention, and he always looks at you without blinking.” Bella said seriously, “Since Daddy loves you so much, why don't you tell Daddy to change?”

Shelly was suddenly rendered speechless by Bella as she did not expect such logic from such a young child like Bella.

She had always thought that Bella was still too young to understand anything, and that was why she never told Bella anything. Yet now, she realized that adults had underestimated children's intelligence.

Shelly said, “There are some shortcomings that Daddy can't change.”

“Did you tell Daddy about these shortcomings?” Bella asked seriously.

Shelly shook her head.

“If you didn't, how do you know Dad can't change? I think Daddy will change. He will.” Bella had unconditional trust in Nox.

Shelly, however, was speechless again.

After a few seconds of silence, she said, “Daddy has done a lot of things that hurt me, and I can't forgive him.”

“My teachers always say that good children know their mistakes and changes.

If Daddy changes, Daddy will be a good child. Why can't Mommy forgive Daddy? My teachers say that as long as we admit our mistakes, all children should be forgiven.” Bella started to reason with Shelly.

“Adults are different from children.”

“Why is it different? Doesn't everyone make mistakes? It's fine as long as the person who makes the mistake changes. Mommy, you can't be so selfish. You must give Daddy a chance to change,” Bella protested.

Shelly took a deep breath. “Bella, I will consider what you said. However, can I handle my own affairs? Didn't your teachers tell you to be responsible for your own things?” “Yes.” Bella nodded.

“So, can I solve it myself?”

“Sure,” Bella said in her tender voice. “But you must tell Daddy what's wrong with him. You must accept Daddy's apology. You can't decide to separate on your own.”

“Bella, can you respect my decision? I know you've grown up and have the ability to discern things. However, I'm an adult, and I have the ability to discern things too. So, I would only make my decisions after careful consideration, and Bella must choose to support me, okay?”

“Alright.” Bella nodded helplessly. “But I still want Daddy and Mommy...” “Be good,” Shelly interrupted Bella.

Bella pouted. She really did not want to leave her father. She was very happy living with both her parents.

Nox only came back after dinner, and when he returned, it was almost 11 p.m..

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By then, Nox had sobered up.

He pushed open the door to see the living room empty, which meant that Shelly and Bella were both asleep. Hence, he tiptoed into the room, and sure enough, Shelly was already asleep, with a dim light beside her.

Nox took a shower before slipping into bed. Shelly liked to sleep close to the edge of the bed. Perhaps it was not because she liked it, but because she wanted to be further away from him.

He had been deceiving himself before that she liked him, so he would lean over and hug Shelly tightly in his arms every time. He seemed to be able to sleep peacefully only when he hugged her and felt the warmth of her body.

However, he chose to turn his back to face Shelly tonight. He told himself that he should try to accept the fact that he would not have Shelly on the same bed or by his side in the future anymore.

Nox's eyes suddenly reddened. He could not believe he was teary-eyed because of the thought of parting with Shelly.

The days after that were the same. However, Nox did not ask about Shelly leaving the celebration party early, and Shelly did not mention anything about seeing Nox with another woman. It was as if everything that happened that day was as it should be. As time passed, everyone gradually forgot about it.

On one of the days, Shelly suddenly received a call from Sarah, who informed her that she had sent the address of the class reunion which was at 6 p.m. tomorrow, and that she should be on time.

To be honest, Shelly had forgotten about it, and when she received the call, every cell in her body was rejecting the idea of going. However, she did not want to go back on her word, so she braced himself and agreed.

After answering the phone, Shelly turned to look at Nox. At that moment, everyone had just had dinner together and was watching television with Bella on the sofa in the living room, whereas Nox was on his phone. Since Shelly did not like to play with her phone, she spent most of her time watching cartoons with Bella.

At that moment, she was a little absent-minded. She turned to look at Nox a few times. Seeing that he was happily playing his games, she hesitated several times.

Finally, when Nox was done with his game, Shelly said, "Nox, I have something to tell you."

Nox looked up at Shelly. "Okay, go ahead."

Although he was acting naturally, deep down, he was extremely nervous. In fact, he had long noticed that Shelly was looking at him and knew she had something to say to him. He just pretended not to see her because he was afraid of hearing bad news, such as breakups and so on.

He held his phone and kept tapping on the screen to hide his panic.

"There's a high school class reunion tomorrow," said Shelly.

Nox's hands paused for a moment when he heard it was just a class reunion. However, why was Shelly telling him that one-on-one? He was not one to restrict her freedom.

"It's tomorrow at 6 p.m., so I'll be out at around 5:30 p.m. Sarah will pick me up."

"It's okay. If you want to go, go ahead," Nox said generously.

"What I mean is, can you help me take care of Bella for a night? I don't know when I'll be back, but I'll try my best to be back early," Shelly quickly said. She did not want to trouble him. After all, he was still an outsider to her, and that was why she thought that taking care of Bella would be difficult for him.

Nox was used to treating everything with indifference. Anyway, even if he did not help her with that, nothing would change. Therefore, he might as well take it lying down and accept it.

"Alright, I'll take good care of Bella. Don't worry and go have some fun

"Bella." After receiving Nox's reply, she smiled and called out to Bella, who was happily watching TV. "I won't be home for dinner tomorrow night. You and Daddy will be home alone tomorrow night, okay?"

“Okay, I'll be with Daddy tomorrow.” Bella seemed very happy and not the least bit sad that her mother would not be around.

Shelly let out a sigh of relief when she saw that Bella also accepted it.

She then thought for a moment and said to Nox, “Nox, you can order takeout for dinner tomorrow night. Bella has been clamoring for fried chicken a few days ago. But if you don't want to eat out, you can request the housekeeper to come over and cook. I remember that owners here can request it for free.”

“I'll plan it out..”

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“In addition, Bella's bedtime is before 8:30 pm. It's fine if you don't bathe Bella tomorrow since I'll be doing it tonight. However, you'll have to wash her face and feet and remind Bella to brush her teeth. She always forgets.”

“Alright.” Nox nodded.

“Bella listens to bedtime stories before she goes to bed and usually falls asleep before the story finishes. You can find many fairy tale books in her room.”

“Got it.”

“Shelly, you're only leaving for a night, not a month. There's no need to explain so much,” Nox interrupted her.

It seemed as though Shelly would never stop nagging.



After all, he had watched Shelly do it so many times every day that he could recite the process of coaxing Bella to sleep.

Sensing Nox's impatience, Shelly said nothing more.

She lowered her head to look at the time before saying, "Bella, it's time for your shower."

Though Bella was a little reluctant to part, she still got off the sofa and followed Shelly to her room.

As per schedule, Shelly first bathed Bella, told her a bedtime story, then coaxed Bella to sleep before 8:30 pm.

After gently closing the door for Bella, Shelly went straight back to her room.

She did not even greet Nox, who was still on the sofa.

Nox watched as Shelly left, feeling extremely bitter.

Shelly probably would not care about his existence for the rest of her life.

He put down his phone and followed her into the room.

'Since she would not see him, he would try to make his presence known in front of her,' Nox thought.

Inside the room, Shelly had already started showering.

Through the matte glass door of the bathroom, he could vaguely see a figure inside.

Nox suddenly took off his clothes and went in. After all, he was not someone reserved and would not hide his desire.

Pondering the fact that it was the last month, he would sleep with her as many times as he could in case he would not be able to in the future.

Shelly did not expect Nox to come in just like that and quickly covered her body in shock.

Nox laughed.

What was there to be shy about?

"Nox, what are you doing here?!" "What do you think?"

"Can't you wait for me to finish?" "It saves time to shower together."

"Are you in a hurry?"

"Yes."

"Are you going out tonight?"

"Nope."

"Then why are you in a hurry?" Shelly was a little angry. "I don't want to waste even a second with you." Shelly was speechless.

How could Nox say such mushy words?

"Shelly, I..." Nox pursed his lips, the words about to come out of his mouth remaining unspoken.

Since he probably would not be able to say "I love you" again, he decided to express it through his actions.

Shelly was used to Nox's surprise. So, even if it was her first time, she still accepted it!

It was late at night.

Shelly lay on the bed, paralyzed. Did Nox take something today?!

It was endless.

Until now, she still did not want to move her toes, only to stay there quietly.

Nox, who was beside her, had fallen asleep. Satisfied, he slept soundly.

She sighed softly.

Suddenly, she remembered that she only had a month left with Nox.

However, Nox was still able to act as if nothing had happened. He did not even have the slightest bit of anxiety or reluctance.

Sometimes, she really could not understand Nox. If he really loved her, he would not be able to be so carefree and unrestrained!

Shelly turned over with difficulty and fell asleep with her back to Nox.

She did not know how long it had been before she seemingly fell asleep. In her dreams, she felt a warm body hug her tightly. Obviously, he did not want to be apart for even a second.

When she woke up the next day, Nox was no longer in bed.

Usually, she would wake first.

However, she was too tired last night and overslept.

As she got up, her entire body was sore and weak.

Nox had been too extreme last night, and it took Shelly a long time to get up and walk into the bathroom to wash up.

When she opened the door, she saw Nox playing with Bella in the living room.

In the past, Bella would not wake up so early. She was the one who took the initiative to wake her and send her to kindergarten..

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Now, Bella and Nox had woken up before her.

At that moment, Nox raised his head to look at her and said, "It's eleven o'clock."

"What?" Shelly was in disbelief.

How was it already eleven? She thought it was only seven.

It had been a long time since she slept so late.

He had completely broken her record.

"You worked hard last night. It's only right that you get to rest more," Nox joked.

Shelly's face turned red.

It was rare to see Shelly blush, and the pink flush on her face was very beautiful.

Nox gulped.

He really wanted to continue on from last night.

His gaze made Shelly feel awkward, and she quickly changed the topic. "Have you had breakfast?"

"I took Bella to the bakery downstairs for some pastries." "Oh, good." Shelly nodded. "I'll make lunch, then."

"Sure." Nox nodded. Then, he saw Shelly busy herself in the kitchen.

Shelly was really a very hardworking person.

Originally, the property management provided a cleaning service. However, every time she came, Shelly had already cleaned the house. It was as if she did not know what to do, if not some housework.

"Daddy," Bella suddenly called out to him in a small, childish voice.

"What's wrong?" Nox lowered his voice.

Bella continued, "Mommy said you hurt her before, and she won't forgive you. Daddy, can you explain yourself to Mommy?! I don't want to leave you."

Nox smiled helplessly.

How could he explain what had happened in the past?

There was no explanation, only his viciousness.

He would never be able to erase it in this lifetime.

“Daddy.” Not getting an answer, Bella was rather angry.

She looked fierce.

“In the future, if Daddy and Mommy leave, and you miss Daddy, call. Daddy will come to see you.” Nox changed the topic.

“Must we separate?” Bella asked pitifully. “I’m sorry, Bella.”

“Boo-hoo...” Bella’s eyes were red again.

Nox quickly comforted her. “Daddy hasn’t separated from Bella yet, has he? Bella, be strong. Don’t cry, okay?”

“Right.” Bella nodded. “But Daddy must fight for Mommy’s forgiveness too.”

“Alright.”

The two chatted for a while longer, with Shelly watching their interaction from afar.

Suddenly, she felt like she was home.

Nox made her feel the warmth of a father.

She looked back and decided not to let her imagination run wild.

At 5:20 pm, Shelly received a call from Sarah, who asked her to hurry downstairs.

Fortunately, Shelly had a good sense of time and was not used to being late, so she had prepared early.

When she left the house, she gave Nox instructions before leaving worriedly. At the neighborhood entrance, Shelly had already spotted a flashy red sports car. Shelly opened the car door and sat down.

Sarah looked at Shelly and could not help but complain, "Don't you put on makeup? It's only right for you to dress up in class reunions. Otherwise, you'll be outshone by those minxes in minutes."

Shelly said indifferently, "I don't want to compete with them anyway."

"It's true, though. Ever since you were disfigured in a car accident and had plastic surgery, you've become really beautiful. It makes me want to go under the knife." Sarah looked envious.

Shelly smiled helplessly.

If they could avoid it, how many people would be willing to do so? Most people did not mean it.

Soon, the car arrived at its destination.

They were early. Therefore, there were only a few people when they walked into the private room. The few seemed to have a good relationship with Sarah and quickly took the initiative to chat.

From her memories, Sarah did not seem to have so many friends.

However, Sarah was very easy to get along with and soon laughed with them.

"Oh, is this Shelly?" A girl seemed to have noticed Shelly's presence.

Shelly was still a little embarrassed. "That's right, Reyna."

"Wow... You've become so gorgeous. Gosh, women really do change as they grow older. The more they grow up, the prettier they become. Though, why didn't I back then? I'm still the same as I was when I was studying!"

"Of course, there are changes. After all, four years have passed, and you're still the same. It proves that you're not aging. Isn't that great?" Sarah quickly changed the topic to protect Shelly.

She was afraid Reyna would ask Shelly too many personal questions, and she had promised Shelly she would not embarrass her.

"When you say it like that, I feel comforted." Reyna McAvoy laughed.

The few of them also laughed.

Ex-students came in one after another.

They would first greet Sarah. Then, they would notice Shelly and get excited.

Shelly was lost as she could not integrate. So, she stood beside Sarah and quietly played with her phone.

As Shelly did not use her phone much, she did not know how to play games, nor did she like to watch videos. She only watched the news occasionally, and it did not take much time.

"Ding, ding, ding." The most active person in the class walked into the private room mysteriously and said to everyone, "Guess who's here?"

"Who is it? Don't keep me in suspense," A girl said, displeased. "Is he handsome?"



“Handsome or not depends on the person. I'm just an emotionless messenger.” The next second, a familiar figure walked in.

Shelly, also attracted by the lively student in the class, looked at the door curiously.

Just as she wondered if the teacher had arrived, she was caught off guard by the sight of Benjamin.

Had it really been a year?

Time had flown by!