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Ashley furrowed her brows slightly. "What happened?"

Joseph hesitated for two seconds before speaking softly. "At that time, Valentin's parents had just passed away, and he witnessed their deaths."

Ashley felt a pain in her chest.

"The parents of Valentin passed away at that time?"

'Valentin was just a few years old, witnessing the departure of his parents

'No wonder he seemed so off back then, cold and distant as if he had sealed himself in a transparent shell. thought she.

Ashley had heard about the news of Valentin's parents' passing, but she didn't know the specific time.

She didn't dare to ask Valentin, fearing it would bring up painful memories. Surprisingly, it happened at the time they first met.

Joseph sighed, becoming mellow compared with his usually carefree demeanor. "Ashley, Valentin is fortunate to have you by his

side, which makes him happy."

Ashley quickly waved her hand modestly. "It's not just me; my grandparents were there for him too."

Joseph became speechless.

He wondered how Ashley could be so naive and straightforward.

He tried so hard and could only come up with a pretentious sentence!

However, Ashley was deep in thought, When Valentin was a child, I used to give him handmade gifts for his birthdays.

"What if I made a gift for him this year as well?"

'But what should I make?

'A flower crown? That was something for children.

'How about designing a piece of clothing for him?

'But with his birthday just around the corner, time was too tight.

Ashley pressed her lips, calculating the time in her mind. If she stayed up

a couple of nights, she should be able to make it.

That night, Ashley sketched the design.

Then, she bought the materials and started the handmade process.

After staying up two nights, dark circles appeared under her eyes. Ashley applied a facial mask while working, trying to

rejuvenate her fatigued.

skin.

In the midst of this, Ashley was taken to attend a music awards ceremony by Laura.

Bryce received the Most Popular Male Singer Award.

In the capacity of Ash, Ashley won the Best Arrangement and Best Composition awards.

In the audience, Matthew also attended the award ceremony. Despite his ruined career and the loss of numerous fans, he used

to be a popular singer, and the organizers still invited him.

They thought Matthew might decline their invitation due to the current controversies.

But to their surprise, not only was Matthew present, but he also arrived early.

Accompanying Matthew was Jeremy.

Seeing these two, the other small and big stars in the audience couldn't help but give them complicated and disdainful looks,

remembering their penitential posted online and their bullying of their younger sister.

Matthew and Jeremy, however, faced the contempt without flinching.

As long as they could see Ashley, they could endure the disdainful glances.

They sat in the audience, applauding vigorously when Ashley went on stage to receive her awards.

Jeremy thought in excitement, 'Ashley is so beautiful and amazing!'

Matthew thought happily, 'Ashley is fantastic. These awards have become more advanced because of her!'

As soon as the award ceremony ended, Ashley left the venue and hurried

back to the Kingsley Villa, continuing to prepare the gift for Valentin.

Jeremy and Matthew followed, but couldn't even catch a glimpse of Ashley.

The brothers exchanged glances, both feeling lonely.

They wondered when they would be able to speak with Ashley.

Finally, under Ashley's diligent efforts, just a day before Valentin's birthday, she finished the handmade gift.

In the evening, Valentin returned from the company.

Tom, as his assistant, drove him..

As soon as he got out of the car, Tom tirelessly carried down various beautifully wrapped gift boxes.

Ashley was puzzled, "Why there are so many gifts?"

Putting the gift boxes down, Tom asked the housekeeper to put them away and wiped the sweat from his forehead. "These are

all from Mr. Kingsley's friends and some people who want to befriend him. They know Mr. Kingsley never holds birthday

banquets, so they sent gifts in advance."

Ashley nodded and found out the reason.

With so many gifts, Valentin probably wouldn't bother opening them at all.

In the evening, Ashley, Valentin, and Joseph had dinner with Zain.

Zain, being old, couldn't stay up late, so he cut the cake, presented the gifts, said some diligent words, and then asked them to

enjoy themselves while he went to rest.

Once Zain left, Joseph took out his gift, saying, "Valentin, I need to wish you a happy birthday ahead of time. I won't disturb your

private time with Ashley."

Upon hearing his words, Ashley became speechless.

After Joseph presented the gift, he chuckled meaningfully and then slipped away.

Ashley was curious. "What did he give you?"

She wondered why Joseph chuckled in that way.

Valentin, seeing her curiosity, casually opened the gift.

But halfway through unwrapping it, Valentin saw what was inside, and his brow frowned, feeling helpless.

Seeing his expression change, Ashley stretched her neck and looked over. "What's in there?"

Valentin expressionlessly put away the gift and said, "Nothing."

Ashley once again felt speechless.

She knew that there must be something!

She didn't expect that Valentin wouldn't let her see it yet!

Ashley quietly extended her hand, wanting to open it herself.

Unexpectedly, Valentin slapped away her hand, collecting the gift and the box together.

Ashley didn't know what to say.

The more he forbade her, the more curious she became!

Time passed unnoticed, nearing midnight.

Ashley hurriedly ran back to the room to get her gift.

She had pre-packaged it in an exquisite box.

Returning to the living room, Ashley handed the gift box to Valentin, just like every time she gave him a birthday present. Her

eyes curved as a bright and lively smile burst on her face. "Valentin, happy birthday."

Valentin's eyebrows lifted imperceptibly as his voice was lazily seductive. "I've waited for your gift for many years."

Hearing this, Ashley's fingertips trembled slightly. "Then, take it."

He reached out to take the gift, looking at her.

Ashley understood his meaning at a glance and nodded. "You can unwrap it now."

Valentin opened the gift box, revealing a white silk shirt inside.

The fabric and craftsmanship were exceptional, and visibly different

from ordinary clothes.

Although there was no special design, it looked more textured than regular clothing.

Only when he picked it up did he notice a subtle pattern of embroidery. on the shoulder, visible only from a specific angle.

At the neckline of the shirt, there was an “A” symbol on the back.

Valentin looked at the embroidery. This was the signature of the internationally renowned designer, Attelia.

Every piece of clothing designed by Attelia in person would have an inconspicuous but strongly personalized “A” symbol.

However, Attelia had only designed women’s clothing and never created. men’s clothing.

Valentin looked up casually, his lips slightly curling. “This shirt...”

Ashley became nervous. “What’s wrong? Is there a problem?”

He chuckled lightly, “No, I just wanted to ask, did you specially ask Attelia, to design this shirt for me?”