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"..." Sherry was stunned. She looked at him smiling meaningfully and felt her legs were weak.

She suddenly lowered her head, trying to avoid eye contact with him.

At this moment, she wished she could be invisible and go separate ways with this person.

"Sorry, sir. We don't have such service at our restaurant!"

"Really? Where is your manager?" William said coldly, striding to the second floor.

Sherry was shocked but did not follow him.

Ms. Finch came downstairs and saw Sherry standing alone, frowning in confusion, "Sherry, why didn't you receive our guest?"

William stopped, and Ms. Finch greeted him with a smile, "You have been here before, sir. You are a friend of our boss! This way, please!"

"Oh! Ma'am, I want to have a cup of coffee made by this lady downstairs. Was the request too much?" William said with a firm tone, "Should I call Leon?"

"Sir, this request isn't too much. Sherry, what are you waiting for? This gentleman wants to drink your coffee." Ms. Finch urged. A lobby manager had to satisfy customers, as long it wasn't sexual. It wasn't an easy job. You can't offend any guest!

William put his hands in the pockets casually, "Well! I will go upstairs first!"

"Sir, are you alone?" Ms. Finch asked with a smile.

"Yes!" William answered with one word in a deep voice. He then turned around and looked at Sherry with his deep-set eyes.

Sherry had no choice but to make a cup of coffee and served William's table in person. Meanwhile, Leon also heard that William was here. He immediately came out from the office to see him.

From afar, Leon laughed loudly, "Will! How come a big boss like you have time to come here?"

William stirred the coffee and smiled, "I came to pay you a visit!"

Sherry saw that Leon was coming so she turned to leave. William shouted, "Miss!"

"Sherry!" Leon saw Sherry was about to leave when he turned around, "Sherry, didn't you use to work at Rowland's before? You and Mr. Rowland have discussed the details of the banquet yesterday. I am assuming that you already knew each other!"

"No! We don't!" Sherry said stiffly.

William suddenly sat upright, with a playful smile at the corners of his mouth. He was wearing a classic black suit. He was 1.8 meters tall, but he looked tall even when he was sitting. His playful smile and the deep-set eyes made people feel uncomfortable.

Sherry lowered her head subconsciously.

It seemed like his domineering vibe was born with him. He kept staring at Sherry. When the look in his eyes changed, a touch of trembling inadvertently made people quiver from head to toe.

Leon was startled. He then realized that it seemed a bit awkward between Sherry and William.

"Yes, this young lady seems to have worked in our company, but I don't think I have met her before." William gazed at her. Sherry was already feeling nervous in front of him.

She stood by the table. She was about to speak up but ended up saying nothing. In the end, she nodded.

Right! I don't know him! I have never met him! Sherry shouted in her heart.

"Haven't you met before?" Leon was taken aback for a second, "What a shame!"

But for some reason, he felt that things between Sherry and William were not as simple as it seemed. Was he thinking too much? Leon was even more intrigued now. It felt strange to be intrigued like this! Uh, he had to stop being so curious.

"Sir, Mr. Hickman. May I be excused if that'd be all?" Sherry said politely and distantly.

"Wait, beautiful lady!" Will suddenly said. Her heart was beating fast when she turned around in a panic.

She was frightened and couldn't help but scolded William countless times in her heart. Yet she still had to look up and ask with a polite smile, "What else can I do for you, sir?"

William curled his lip, "It's fine. Your coffee was very nice!"

"Thank you!" Sherry thanked him politely. "May I be excused now?"

William's eyes looked extremely cold, but meanwhile he was holding back the rising anger. He put the coffee cup down while looking at the woman standing beside him. She pretended to be strangers with him!

Leon felt something was wrong. And suddenly it seemed like he was here at a wrong time. Was it possible for him to escape? When the two staring at each other in anger, Leon fled!

The strangest thing was neither of them noticed!

There's got to be something happening between them! Something unusual!

"Excuse me, I'd like to order a steak! Medium rare, please!" William said.

"Sure!" Sherry blinked her beautiful eyes and smiled, "Wait a minute, sir!"

Sherry called over the waiter who takes order, "This lady will take your order, please tell her what you need!"

"I want you to take my orders!" William became stubborn.

"William Rowland!" Suddenly, Sherry stared at him angrily. She wouldn't have called him like that if she wasn't really irritated. But he crossed the line, and it has only been a day since he picked a fight!

William was a little unsatisfied with how she had addressed him. He held his chin with one hand while looking at her with interest, "Well, Miss. Do I know you?"

Sherry blushed. This man was the phantom of demon.

He pretended to be innocent. Damn it, now she seemed to be the insensible one!

Seeing her being silent, William said to the waiter next to her, "You may leave now, Miss. I'll have a steak!"

"Ok!" The waiter found it odd yet couldn't stop staring at Will's handsome face. It was the first time she saw such a good-looking and powerful man. But she didn't know the relationship between him and Sherry.

Sherry frowned for a second and recovered her calm right away.

She looked at him calmly and said, "Bon appetit, sir. I am going downstairs."

"Since you already know my name, can I know yours?" He said when she was about to leave again.

Sherry suddenly felt her heart pounding quickly. There was a feeling of being seen through when he stared at her. And they were both pretending to be strangers to each other. This strange atmosphere made her a little uncomfortable.

What's wrong?

"Sir, our restaurant does not have service like that. Please enjoy your meal!" Sherry turned around and left. She worried that she would pour the coffee all over him if she didn't leave!

William smiled casually. His eyes laid on the figure hiding behind the pillar.

Leon knew there was nowhere to hide, so he walked over, "Do you have a crush on Sherry, Will?"

William leaned on the back of the chair, held the coffee cup, and took a sip. However, his gaze was like an eagle, focusing on Sherry's back while she walked away, as if she was a prey.

The masculine charm was visible from the momentum exuding from him.

"I don't know her!" He blinked and said to Leon.

"..." Leon felt speechless.

"Why did you have to open a restaurant? You could've been the CEO." William changed the topic.

Leon faked a smile and slightly raised his eyebrows, "Hobby!"

"The name of the restaurant is Waiting! Who are you waiting for?"

"It's just a name!" Leon curled his lips and sat down opposite him, "Waiting is a kind of suffering. Waiting is a kind of helplessness. I don't know what the future will be, so waiting is a kind of hope. There were too many memories, but I also look forward to a better and sweet future!"

"When did you become so poetic?" William stirred the coffee. Black coffee. Haven't had it for days!

"I heard that you are having a blind date banquet this Saturday?"

"Who said that?"

"Uncle!"

"Then there might be one!" William curled his lips, looked for a figure subconsciously. He saw her leading a group of people to the second floor. The look on his face seemed complicated.

"Your son is going to have a stepmother!" Leon sighed, "Poor kid!"

"Not necessarily!" William took a sip of coffee without rush.

"Did you find the child's mother?" Leon seemed interested. "Who is the child's mother?"

"A woman!" William held the handle of the cup while smiling meaningfully. He pursed his lips. The coffee smelled really sweet!

"I know it's a woman. Men can't give birth!" Leon replied irritably. Every time he talked about Samuel's mother, Will acted dumb.

"Shouldn't you go take care of your business, Mr. Hickman?"

"I am more and more suspicious about the purpose you eat here!" Leon gave Sherry a meaningful look from a distance, then smirked, "Maybe I should let Sherry have a day off on Saturday!"

"You can do it if you don't want your restaurant to go out of business!" William said with a smile.

"Are you threatening me?" Leon raised an eyebrow.

"It's possible!"

"That's fine! I was going to skip the banquet. It seems that I have to go to your house!" Leon stood up and shrugged. "Take your time and enjoy, Will. I have to go!"

"Lend her to me for half a day!" William said slowly.

"Who?" Leon played dumb.

"You'd better say yes if you wanna live!" Suddenly, a toothpick was stabbed into Leon's leather shoes.

"Hey! I just bought these shoes!" Leon lowered his head and cried.

"You should feel lucky that it wasn't your foot!" Meanwhile, William's steak came up. He gracefully picked up the knife and fork and started eating.

Leon saw that the toothpick was just between the leather shoes and his instep. It wasn't in the flesh, phew! What a relief. "Will! You have to pay for my shoes!"

"Would you like another one?" William's tone sounded ordinary. He raised his wrist to look at the time, "I want her to go out with me in ten minutes! Find someone else to replace her shift this afternoon!"

"What a bossy man!" Leon sighed and asked the person next to him to find Sherry.

"What's the matter, Mr. Hickman?" Sherry worried that William was picking a fight again when she saw William from a distance.

"Sherry!" Leon suddenly didn't know how to speak up. Why did it feel like compelling a female to engage in prostitution? He was the owner of a restaurant, not a pimp. Why did he feel like he was not running a restaurant but a brothel?

"Well?"

"Um, Mr. Howland is asking you for help! You don't need to work this afternoon." Leon wrapped up quickly and glanced at William, "Will, was that all right?"

Before either of them could speak up, Leon said, "I have to go now, and I will leave it to you!"

"Mr. Hickman!" Sherry was stunned, then stared at William angrily. Without saying a word, she turned around and left.

William didn't say anything and continued to eat. But he seemed to be in a good mood.

Sherry ignored him and returned to the lobby, but she felt nervous.

How can I stop this man from haunting me?

The restaurant's business was good. It quieted down after a group of people left. Sherry was standing in the lobby, talking to a customer.

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Clearly, that was a male customer, and it was a customer who admired Sherry, "Miss, what is your name?"

Sherry laughed, "Sir, our meals are served on second floor!"

"Miss, as soon as you tell me your name, I will go upstairs! This is my name card." The man behaved very rascally, and took out his name card while speaking, Sherry did not take it though, then, the man took Sherry's hand, Sherry got so scared that she pulled it back, but he grabbed it tight.

"Sir!" Sherry was still smiling, she hoped that he could be more self dignified, "Please let go!"

Upstairs, William was watching this scene, and his face darkened.

He walked downstairs quickly, and came to her side.

The person saw the well talented and good looking William, and was stunned, "What do you want?"

Sherry tried to duck away, turned around, and saw the dangerous eyes, but those eyes were staring at the person next to her, and not Sherry herself.

She was startled for a moment, then William grabbed her wrist with one hand, with the other he held on to the man's hand, so tight that he hurt him, then, the man let go of Sherry, and William pulled her behind himself, telling the guy, "She doesn't want your name card, can you not see that?"

"How is that any of your business?" The guy swallowed, he was pressured by William's aura, and left.

Sherry felt complicated, still behind William, she didn't expect that the first day of her working in the lobby, she would run into a situation where she had no idea how to handle it. If it wasn't for William to help her out of it, she would have been taken advantage of, suddenly, she felt difficult towards William, and there was some awkwardness between them.

William turned to her, without speaking, instead, he scanned her up and down.

"Thank you!" Sherry said in a lowered voice.

"Come with me!" He grabbed her hand again, and pulled her outside.

"Hey, let go of me, I am still working!" Sherry yelled.

"Not anymore!" He replied.

Sherry looked at his strong back, the way he was pulling her out of the building, even the security men at the door were only staring at them, and could only imagine Sherry's distress at that moment.

What did he want from her? She didn't understand why he suddenly appeared at the restaurant again, and every time he did something unexpected.

Only when he stuffed her into his car, and the Bugatti started driving, Sherry stopped to fight him.

"Where is Daniel?" He suddenly asked.

"What do you want?" She asked in return.

"We are going to pick him up!" William knew it was his fault last night that Sherry spoke about her dark secret, he already asked his people to find out about her past five years, soon, he will know every detail about her from the past years.

"Why would we want to pick him up?" She didn't understand. She stared at him, his thick dark hair, his dark eyes that were flashing and sparkling.

William lit up a cigarette, and took two puffs.

The smell of tobacco was spreading in the car, Sherry just looked at him, and couldn't get herself back on earth.

"Are you not worried him to be alone in the kindergarten after crying for so long last night?" William said, asking with his cold voice.

Sherry felt pulled back to reality, she bit her lips, "And what if I am? It has already happened!"

He blew out the white smoke, and said, "Address, tell me the address!"

"What do you want to do? William!" She asked him.

His voice was very mild, "I just worry about the child, is that not okay for you?"

When she heard his words, she looked at his face that she really wanted to slap. Even though this face has charmed countless women, but she wanted to rip it off his head, throw it on the ground, and just step on it, then she wanted to put it back on his skull again, and see how he will ever so arrogant again!

"I don't need anyone else to care about my own child!" She said annoyed, she didn't even know why she was so impatient when talking to him.

"Maybe you should ask Daniel about that! Maybe he needs to have a father, only then it would help him growing up!" He said. Smoking, driving, chatting with her, none of those were neglected by him.

Sherry paused, what did he mean?

To have a father?

Is a father someone who will be there by just saying he needs one? Plus, what did he care if her child had a father or not!

She never thought about finding a father for Daniel, Sherry lowered her voice, and said, holding back her emotions, "Tell me, what is it that you want? William! I don't think it is any of your business if my son has a father or not! Don't you feel you are already invading other's lives?"

This annoying man, why was he always haunting her?

And on top of all, they had said to pretend not to know each other, now he came to the restaurant to assault her again! And she didn't even know what for, if there was something for him to go after, fine, but there was nothing at all! It's not like he needed money, or women, she really couldn't wrap her head around the reasons. Or were rich people just easily bored and needed something to do?

He was being so unreasonable by following her like that!

"Oh, really? I don't think I am invading your life. Or am I?" William' voice was strange.

"What do you want!" Sherry sighed.

"To be Daniel's Daddy!" William said.

"..." She stagnated.

"Oh, don't overthink it. I don't mean to woo you!" William added, yeah, sure, "These are two different things!"

Sherry blushed, so she did think too much into it! Thank God she didn't say anything.

"I mean, I want to be his Dad, but there needs to be no love between us, I don't like to talk about love, I just jump straight into bed, if you need, I can help you with that too!"

Sherry blushed even more, but it was anger. Why was this man so garrulous! He seemed to be completely different than the impression he first left her, he completely overturned his image of

president of Rowland Group!

"I don't have time to waste with you!" Sherry rolled her eyes, "Stop following us, my son is strong enough, he doesn't need a Dad!"

"Well, that would depend on Daniel!" William's cigarette in his hand kept glowing, it had collected a string of ashes. He seemed to have forgotten about smoking it.

"Your ashes are about to fall!" She reminded him and bit her teeth.

"Oh!" William flicked his cigarette, and killed it in the ash tray.

"Well, that's settled then, tell me the address, I don't like to ask things three times, or else you can try me!" His voice was mild, but it mad Sherry suddenly feel cold.

This kind of feeling caused her to give out the address unwillingly.

But she still felt uncomfortable inside, and said to William, "Mr. Rowland, I don't know what I did to offend you for you to like mocking me, but now, I have already resigned, I am not part of Rowland Group anymore, I do not think you need to care so much about me and my son anymore."

"Not happening!" He kept driving.

Shit, why did he look so handsome even just holding his steering wheel.

"William!" Sherry yelled out angrily, "Can you please stop making trouble for us! You have cause too much damage, if it wasn't because of you, Daniel would have never found out, if my son will be shadowed because of that, I will curse you for the rest of your life!"

"Any shadow can be chased away by the warmth of sunshine, as long as we love him, it will disappear some day!" William sighed, he smiled and said, "We are going to get him and take him to play! If you don't want to go, you can get off the car now, go back and be harassed by the guy in the restaurant!"

Why should he take her son to play? Who did he take himself for?

"Don't even think about taking my son out by yourself!" She didn't trust William, she didn't even know his intentions, oh god, her head was about to explode!

"Then be a goody girl, I like them!" His expression was so unconcerned, but the way he was speaking made her want to throw up.

She looked at his unscrupulous but at the same time handsome face, Sherry felt her heart tighten up, she felt stuffy, and suddenly terrified. How could she allow herself to be angered so easily by him, why could she not be the same calm Sherry she usually was when she saw him?

She quickly got herself in order, then said more calm, "Mr. Rowland, I thank you for your loving and caring, you have a son too, I know you do have fatherly love for him, you can use it all on Samuel, not Daniel!"

"Yeah, you are right, then why don't we go and pick Samuel as well, let them skip school for a day, and go out to play!" He suggested, "Right, your idea is great, let's do this!"

"William!" Suddenly, the anger was showing on her face again.

Calm down, calm down, take a deep breath!

William could hear her fast breathing, and couldn't help but to smile, was she angry? Did he say something? "You don't want my child to feel motherly love? Sherry, why don't we agree on a deal, none of us will owe each other, I can give your son a dad, and you can be my son's mom, isn't that fair?"

"If you want to find a mother for Samuel, you should go and get married, find a gentle and kind woman to take care of him!"

"Then why don't you go and find a man? Why don't you find a man and get married? You have been a single mother all these years, you have had a hard life, why would you do that? His words were blunt, and suddenly she felt a rock hit her heart, her ears were humming.

"I don't have the material for that!" She turned her face to the side, and looked out of the window at the passing scenery, she felt a haze inside. Since the day she lost her virginity when she was 17, she has lost her right to get married!

His hands on the steering wheel suddenly grabbed tighter, after a while, he said, "Is there something shadowing your heart?"

"..." That was her secret she had buried deep down inside, she didn't want to tell anybody, she would never allow herself to do that, only three months, Mr. Fox asked for three months, then she would be able to see her son, she can endure it for three months!

"Maybe everything is not as bad as you think!" William said, his words sounded equivocal.

Sherry kept quiet, there was no way she could communicate with this guy, she didn't know what to say. When the car arrived at the kindergarten, Sherry got off the car, and when William found a parking space, he followed her. It was lunch time, so Daniel was in the play area, sitting all alone in a corner.

Sherry spotted him there, sitting in the corner, looking down on the ground, he looked very sad, and she felt her heart ache immediately.

This whole thing had a great impact on Daniel!

William came to her, looked up and saw Daniel, was he also an introvert like Samuel? This child used to be so active! He didn't understand why, but he felt that his heart ached as well, he pulled Sherry, "Don't worry, let's hear what he was saying!"

The two of them walked in carefully, and heard him speaking to a puppet.

Sherry stopped abruptly, because Daniel looked so lonely, all of her focus was on him, she never noticed William was holding her hand.

When she saw Daniel having his head hanging, and mumbling something to himself, her brow knit, she was wondering if maybe her son has gone dumb due to the impact?

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"Ocean, you are just like me, you were abandoned by your parents, right?" Daniel said to the puppet dolphin.

Ocean is the name Daniel gave his dolphin, "You were also abandoned by your mom and dad, they don't like you, it's because you weren't a good kid, right?"

Sherry's heart trembled abruptly when she heard what her son said, so, what happened yesterday really caused a shadow on him?

William watched Daniel with his dark and deep eyes, his lips twitched, and sighed, then he felt stuffy, and his throat was itching him.

"Ocean, you have it worse than me, I still have my Sherry Mommy, she loves me dearly, I only have her, I don't need my own dad or mom, I only want Sherry Mommy. Ocean, you are all alone, I am sorry about that, why don't I be your dad?"

Sherry's heart ached horribly, her eyes were filled with tears, she almost sobbed.

William wrapped his arm around her shoulder to support her.

"Ocean, I will be your dad, you won't need anyone else, I have Sherry, and you have me, we are all children with a family now, right?"

Sherry could not control herself anymore and ran towards Daniel, "Dan !"

Daniel slowly raised his head, and saw Sherry, he looked as if he was doubting her being there, "Mom, what are you doing here?"

Sherry was always busy, she never visited him at the kindergarten during lunch break, why was she here that day? He looked up, and saw William coming to him, then he greeted, "Uncle!"

"Son!" Sherry picked him up and held him in her arms, "You will never be abandoned, I will always be there for you, silly boy, you are my child, why do you not believe me!"

"But... you will want your own children, then when I will have little brothers and sisters..." He once saw William holding Sherry, he thought, maybe Sherry would get married one day.

Sherry's heart trembled again, when she will have her own children! Yeah! She did have her own child, but she will never leave Daniel. "Even if I have my own, there is only one Daniel! Nobody will be able to take your place!"

Daniel looked down, as if he was thinking about something, then, Sherry heard him saying, "Mom, I know now, I am the only Daniel, and Ocean is also the only Ocean!"

But she never saw the innocence of a five year old in his face again!

"Daniel, let's go to the playground, why don't we?" William picked him up, and said to Sherry, "Daniel's Mommy, you should go and ask for a day off at the teachers room!"

"Oh, yeah, I am going right now!" Sherry suddenly felt that it was right to come and see the kid today, the issue had a big impact on the child, and she didn't take the time to be with him, he was so lonely, and she really didn't do what she needed to.

"Uncle, don't you need to work?" Daniel asked while looking at William.

"I am the boss, whatever I say counts, and I say today I don't have to work!"

"But Mom isn't working for you anymore!"

"I will ask for a day off for her!"

"Okay!" Daniel nodded, "You can put me down, I am already a big kid, you don't need to carry me!"

From today on, he was a big child, he was the child who was abandoned, he had no right to stay in other's arms. He didn't want to be the child other's got annoyed of!

"Don't worry, I like to carry you!" William felt more calm having him in his arms, all the other feelings were gone, even when he had Samuel in his arms, he didn't feel that way.

When William thought of that, he shook his head and smiled, this was all too weird, maybe he just felt too much pity for Daniel to make up for the guilt he felt, to comfort himself, that must be it!

He hugged Daniel tighter to himself.

"Uncle..." Daniel felt a little pain being held so tight, and hesitated for a while before he said anything, "Uncle, you are holding me too tight!"

William loosened his grip a little, but still didn't let go of him, "You can lean on my shoulder, okay?"

"Uncle?" Daniel didn't understand.

"I like you!" William tipped on his nose, his skin was so smooth and soft, when he touched it he felt as if he got an electric shock, and smiled, "You don't like me right? So you don't want me to hold you?"

"No!" Daniel said in a hurry and shook his head, "I just don't want you to get tired, nobody likes me anymore!"

William felt his heart twitch, "Silly boy, you are so sweet, why would anyone not like you?"

"But..." He was still worried, "But mom and dad don't want me anymore!"

William's heart sank even lower, really, this all had too big of an effect on the child. "Who told you that your parents didn't want you anymore? You are your mother's child, she was only joking with me, look how similar you look to her, right?"

"Uncle, was it really just a joke?" Daniel asked in disbelief.

"Of course, if I lie to you, I will turn into the Ocean, okay?"

"Then you will be the one who was abandoned by your parents!" Daniel said.

"Yeah, exactly, then, you can ignore me!" William thought, he had to help Daniel walk out of that hole.

"Uncle, don't comfort me, I already know!" Daniel wasn't a normal child, how could he believe him so easily?

"I wasn't comforting you, I told you the truth!" William raised his brows, he felt defeated inside, it gave him a headache to have met such a smart kid.

Daniel on the other hand laughed, he remembered how nervous his mother was last night, he shouldn't be so depressed, no matter if he was her kid or not, it was enough that she loved him, "Thank you, uncle, I am okay! You don't have to comfort me, you should comfort my mom, she seems to be a bit sad!"

"Oh!" William was surprised, "You..."

"Do you like my mom?" Daniel looked into his eyes and asked seriously.

"I won't tell you!"

"If you don't tell me, I still know, you hugged her, you like her!" His mom didn't allow just anyone to hug her.

"Hey! Do you want to have a dad?" William asked him.

"I don't really care!" Daniel shrugged.

"Little brat, you don't?"

"I never had a dad, but I still grew so big and healthy!"

"But your mom needs someone to take care of her!"

"I can do that!"

"But your mom needs a man!"

"I will be a man when I grow up!"

"But you are her son!"

"Right, I am her son, so what?" Daniel didn't understand and asked, he stared at William for a while, and then said in all seriousness, "I understand, you like my mom, but you don't dare to say so right? Why are you the same as Mr. Brooks? You like her, but don't want to admit? If you like her, you can try and woo her, she isn't like other women!"

William's head was hurting, why was he so smart? "What kind of women?"

"Those bitches!" Daniel said, "Even though I am not her birth child, but, whoever dares to bully my Mom, I will hate him! Uncle, you shouldn't do so!"

"Hm, do you think anyone dares to just do so to her?" William raised his brow.

Daniel laughed, "Are you afraid of her?"

At the gate of the kindergarten, the teacher came out with Sherry, they saw William and Daniel, and the teacher paused, then she smiled, "Daniel wasn't very happy today, now he is okay again, no wonder, because his dad is here, look how happy he is! So he doesn't only look like you, he also looks like his dad!"

Sherry was startled, then she raised her head to look over, she noticed the smile on Daniel's face, he really looked happy, finally his face lit up, Sherry's heart also raised up again, but William was not his father! How could she say that Daniel looked like William! This teacher really didn't even think before she spoke, Daniel wasn't even her own child.

But Sherry didn't explain anything, and said goodbye to the teacher.

"Mom, are we really skipping classes?" Daniel looked at Sherry, who was walking towards them.

"Yeah, I already asked for a day off, today we will spend some time with you!" She saw that William had been carrying Daniel all the time, she didn't know why, but suddenly felt it looked harmonized though he was wearing his suit and leather shoes.

"Ms. Murray, can we go?" William raised his brow.

"Mom, are we taking Uncle's car?" Daniel was hoping for it, but didn't dare to say that, he could only wait for Sherry to tell him so. He was really hoping for it, he has never been in such a cool car!

Sherry couldn't get herself to say no, she she nodded.

"Oh, yeah! That's so great!" Daniel called out in excitement.

William went over to open the door, and sat Daniel inside, helped him with the seat belt, "We will go to pick up another kiddo okay?"

"Who?" Daniel was sitting on his seat, his little face looking at William, "Do you also have a child?"

Sherry wanted to sit in the back, but William stopped her, "You sit in the front, Samuel will sit there!"

Sherry was pushed to the passenger side by William, "Daniel, do you remember Samuel? He is William's son!"

"Oh really!" Daniel was very excited, "So I will see him?"

"Of course!"

They quickly went to pick up Samuel, as soon as he saw Sherry, he ran to her happily, "Miss!"

"Samuel!" Sherry was very moved by his emotions, she thought it must be because he was missing a mother!

"Get in the car, kid!" William went to ask for leave, then helped Samuel into the back seat. The two kids were very happy to meet again.

"Samuel, so your dad is Mr. Rowland!" Daniel shook hands with Samuel, "Why are you still so shy?"

Samuel's little face blushed, he looked very excited, he looked at the two grown ups in front, and couldn't understand why his dad and Miss Sherry suddenly came to visit him, wasn't his dad even mad when he asked that the last time? "Dad, are we going to Miss Sherry's house for dinner tonight?"

William looked at his son through the rear mirror, "That you will have to ask Sherry!"

Sherry didn't expect it to turn out like that, the two of them taking the kids out to play, one without a dad, the other one without a mom, this was all too strange!

"Mom, can't they come to have dinner? But uncle was there last night too!" Daniel didn't even wait for Sherry to answer and got excited.

Samuel looked as if he was wronged, he lowered his head, and didn't dare to ask anymore.

"No, of course they can!" Sherry couldn't bring herself to decline such a poor kid's request, "Samuel, what do you want to eat?"

"The same as last time!" Samuel's little face was filled with vitality as he heard he could go, "Miss Sherry's cooking is really good, Dad, can you come with us?"

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"Erm! I'm only afraid that Sherry wouldn't agree!" William winked at the person beside him but Sherry didn't reply.

"No, uncle, I welcome you to my house!" Dan said like a little host.

Sherry kept her silence but was very depressed. The more she didn't want them to have any contact, the more they were involved with each other. She looked to the side at William and he also looked at her at the same moment. Suddenly he teased her, "Ms. Murray, will you take me in tonight?"

"As you wish!" Her heart quivered but her mood seemed elated. She turned her face away to compose herself.

"Uncle, is your cold better?" Dan was still worried.

"Yes! I'm feeling much better!" William felt very touched by his concern.

"Does daddy have a cold?" Once Sammy heard what Dan said, he also became concerned for his father.

"Yes! But I'm fine now!" William suddenly thought that it was great to have another kid. His father should be happy to have another child and wouldn't object that much.

"Then tonight uncle can eat spicy food!" Dan said and tugged on Sherry's clothes, "Mommy, you can make spicy chicken for uncle. Yesterday uncle didn't eat!"

"Ah! Eat spicy food?" Sammy heard and he became worried, "Can we not eat something spicy?"

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Amusement Park.

The two kids held hands and walked in front. It was the first time Dan came to an amusement park and was particularly happy. Sammy was also much more carefree.

"Don't run too fast. Decide what you want to play!" William shouted.

Sherry looked at his dark back view and was momentarily dazed. She didn't think that he could be so warm, tender, and full of love for his son.

Dan held onto Sammy and looked at the big windmill ride, "Uncle, can I ride that?"

"I don't want to!" Sammy shook his head and was nervous.

William looked skyward towards the cabin. The tourists would ride on the propellers of the windmill that rose steadily. Thereafter the big arm rotated while the cabin arm also rotated. Then the cabin would spin due to centrifugal force. The three motions combined to give a graceful and wild 360 degrees dance of the windmill. It rolled, twisted, turned, and rocked freely amidst the blue sky and white clouds. It was truly thrilling!

"Dan this is too dangerous!" Sherry was also very nervous but Dan didn't think so.

"Mommy, it's fun!"

William thought and he also liked these thrilling and dangerous rides. He admired Dan and looked towards Sammy. He said carefully and softly, "Son, a boy must be brave. Dan dares to ride it, so why don't you?"

Sammy swallowed some saliva, "Daddy, it's too high!"

"Okay, go with auntie to ride the carousel. Daddy will ride the windmill with Dan, okay?" William said.

"Okay!" Sammy heard and grabbed onto Sherry, "Auntie, let's go to the carousel, it's very fun!"

"But..." Sherry looked at Dan with worry.

"Rest assured, this kid is like me and loves danger. Leave him with me!" William already brought Dan to buy the tickets.

"Mommy, relax, I'll be fine!" Dan went happily with William.

"Auntie, let's ride this!" Sammy took the tickets which William bought for them and pulled Sherry towards the entrance. William and Dan also disappeared towards the windmill ride.

"Sammy, come, sit down properly!" Sherry likes Sammy. He was a very shy kid. What a pitiful child. Sherry was wondering what happened to his mother to leave this child. Also, what happened to William to break off with this child's mother.

Sammy rode happily on the wooden horses for the first time in his life. His dad had never brought him there. But this time he was very happy to have this auntie beside him and he smiled radiantly.

Sherry sat on the wooden horse and when the carousel began to turn, her gaze turned to the sky. She could see the cabins of the windmill spinning in the sky and heard loud screams of excitement. She was certain those screams included Dan and William's.

When they came down from the ride, Dan's face was red from the thrill, "Uncle, that was great!"

"Weren't you frightened?" William's face was slightly pale and thought that he must be old now and his heart couldn't take the excitement. This kid was so brave and was unfazed and so happy with the ride.

"I'm not frightened! It's very fun. It felt like flying. It's so fun to fly!"

"Yes!" William nodded, "Okay! I'll take you for this ride again the next time we come!"

"Let's go and find mommy!" Dan pulled William towards the carousel just as Sherry and Sammy were walking out.

When they met up, Sherry realized that she was worried for nothing. Her child was alright and his cheeks were rosy from the excitement.

"Mommy, the next time you ride with me okay? Sammy, you too, it's very fun. We actually flew up!"

"Oh my!" Sherry tapped on his nose, "Mommy was so frightened!"

"Mommy is so timid!" Dan stuck out his tongue, "Uncle and are the bravest. Mommy and Sammy are so timid!"

"What do you want to eat?" William said leisurely and looked at the two imps.

"Ice cream!" The two said at the same time. Both of the kids loved ice cream.

"Okay! Let's have some!"

"Why are you so free today? Don't you care about the company?" Sherry looked at him. He was still slightly pale but he was grinning and looked like his mood was rather good.

Today's weather was great and she would have felt a lot better if not for what happened yesterday. But because of what happened, she was still worried about Dan and felt very burdened.

He turned to look at her, "I am free today. I'm sick and should have a rest!"

"Oh!" She frowned and thought that Liam should be even busier these few days!

"Buy the ice cream for yourselves!" William took out the money and gave it to Dan. Although Sammy was his son, he didn't know why he felt that Dan was more of a leader than Sammy.

"Uncle!" Dan took over the money, smiled, and signaled to William.

"What" William lowered his head.

Dan whispered into his ear, "Uncle, I'll take Sammy to eat the ice cream and give you an opportunity to be alone with my mommy. How will you repay me?"

"Oh! Rascal!" William was stunned and couldn't help but grinned, "Go ahead! Don't wander too far off!"

Sammy went with Dan and the two of them went on their way.

"What did Dan say to you?" Sherry asked curiously.

"Nothing!" He looked at Sherry and was momentarily conflicted but laughed gently. His laughter caused Sherry to blush and she turned away uneasily.

"Do you want a drink?" He took out a bottle of soda for her. She was indeed thirsty and replied, "Thanks."

Just as she reached for the bottle, his warm and dry hand grabbed her hand. Sherry was startled and immediately released her hand and the bottle dropped. He caught the bottle in time as she looked up in shock. Their eyes immediately locked.

“Just now Dan said that he wants a daddy!” He said as he looked into her eyes.

Her mind went blank.

“Be my woman!” He continued.

“Release me!” She was startled, frightened, and nervous. It was like a drum beating in her heart. His large hands continued to grab her small hand.

Looking at her flustered expression, he said calmly, “Why are you so nervous? You’re already the mother of a child!”

“You...” Sherry was at a loss. He waited for her response. She held back for a while and then said, “You’re lying.” Dan will not say that!

William was stunned and then laughed, “I’m kidding you!”

She became flustered and was strangely disappointed. He released his hand and coughed. He hadn’t recovered from his cold. When the two kids ran back, his mood improved tremendously when he saw their happy faces.

“Have you taken your medicine?” Sherry said softly while she looked away. The autumn day was very pleasant and the weather was great without the heat of Summer.

“No, I forgot!” He didn’t bring his medicine. They were at her house. When he left in the morning, and she said that they should not contact each other anymore, how could he remember about his medicine in that situation?

“The medicine is in your house.” He said.

“Then you must not forget to take them afterward!” After she said, she realized that she was too concerned about him.

“Okay! You care so much about me? Do you allow me to go to your home?” He laughed and leaned towards her. He said softly, “Do you still regard that you don’t know me?”

She cleared her throat awkwardly and didn’t dare to look at him. She only could cover her nervousness by drinking the soda. But as soon as she took a sip, she choked, “Cough, cough...”

This made her want to find a hole to crawl into and she began to blush intensely.

“Why are you so careless!” William said and patted her back, “Look at you, you’re all grown up and still can’t drink properly!”

She panicked and pushed away his hand, “No need...”

His hand paused but rest on her back and smiled, “No worries...” When he saw her shyness, William smiled even more radiantly.

Suddenly she blushed even more and pushed him off while she trembled within her and quickly said, "I'm fine now. You can remove your hand."

"I'll pat you to ease your choking." He laughed, I'm helping you and not trying to take advantage of you!"

"You..." She glared at him. Why was he so cold in the office but now he was so shameless? His tone was full of tease and mischief. He wasn't the William that she knew, "No need, I'm fine now!" Sherry took a step backward to avoid him.

"Why are you standing so far away from me? I won't devour you!" He laughed.

He became even happier due to her nervousness. This woman was so cautious of him. He wondered how would she react if she found out that he was the man behind the mask.

At this point, William suddenly felt that the joke he played on her was slightly too extreme. He shouldn't appear with the mask five years later. It was all the haunting desires that he had. He only knew that he yearned for this woman!

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Sherry felt very constrained, uneasy, and nervous. It was like the night five years ago. She felt scared and hesitated. Suddenly he was longing for that initial feeling with her. To think that a woman who gave herself cleanly to him could cause him to long so much for her!

"I'll go and see how the kids are!" Sherry didn't want to feel so awkward. She always felt very constrained when she was with him. After saying this, she practically ran away from him. A sharp look glared at her back as if he could look straight into her heart. His gaze locked tightly on her back view causing Sherry to tremble even more.

After playing, eating, and drinking in the amusement park for an entire afternoon, the kids became tired.

"Let's go home!" Sherry looked at the day and it was starting to get dark. She had to go to the supermarket to buy some more groceries as there were four people eating tonight.

"That's great! We can go to eat Auntie's cooking!" Sammy was the first to yell happily.

"But you already ate the entire afternoon!" William was dumbfounded.

"But they don't taste as nice as Auntie's cooking!" Sammy said.

"Then let's go back quickly!" William felt that they were like a family!

The car stopped at the supermarket, "Mommy, let's go and buy the groceries together!"

"Okay! Slow down!" Sherry shouted.

As they got out of the car, a lot of people looked over with envy. The security guard even said, "Sir, madam, your twins are so cute!"

Sherry was stunned, smiled awkwardly, and didn't know what to say.

William calmly replied, "Thanks!"

The two kids went to get the trolley while Sherry and William walked behind. He leaned nearer to her, "It would be great if Sammy and Dan were twins!"

She looked at him at the same time as he did. Suddenly she felt as though she fell into his dreamy eyes. Her heart jumped and she admitted that his eyes were very attractive.

"That's totally delusional!" Sherry laughed, "They don't even look alike!"

"Fraternal twins! Next time we can say that they are fraternal twins! I find that Dan increasingly looks like you as he grows up!" William winked at her.

Sherry smiled momentarily, "Yes, we look alike. A lot of people said that Dan looks like me. I have a very common look."

He was totally speechless! He had some doubts within him. Logically speaking, Sammy should look more like her. Why did Dan look more like her than Sammy?

At this moment, the phone rang suddenly. William took out his cell phone and said to Sherry, "Go ahead, I'll take a call."

"Okay!" Sherry went into the supermarket with the two kids. A lot of people were envious of her when they saw the two children with her.

"Sammy, what do you want to eat?" Sherry asked as she browsed.

"Anything will do, as long as it was cooked by auntie!" Sammy said obediently.

On the other side, William received the call.

"Master!" The caller said.

"Go ahead!"

"The results of the investigation are out. Ms. Murray indeed picked up a child and in these five years, she didn't live with a man. Her records were very clean! Daniel is five years old and based on the time, he can't be born by Ms. Murray!"

William nodded, "Are you certain she had never given birth to another child?"

"Yes, absolutely certain!"

"Okay!" William nodded, "Send the detailed report to my office tomorrow!"

After ending the call, his gaze shifted to the fresh produce area and at the three of them. There was a trace of tenderness in his eyes and he felt very surprised that this simple life was actually what he desired!

He rushed forward and saw Sherry staring at some French beans.

"Buy this? How about this? This is the best!" William picked the one which was the most expensive.

Sherry slapped his hand, “No, not this. We’ll get the ones on discount!”

He was puzzled.

“Uncle, there are vegetables on discount! We always buy discounted vegetables. You aren’t frugal. Mommy doesn’t like anyone who wastes money!” Dan explained.

William’s heart ached. Had she been buying discounted vegetables?

Eventually, they bought William’s choice of the freshest and most expensive because he will be paying for it. He started to grab a lot of groceries and then a bunch of snacks for the kids ignoring Sherry’s objections.

When he opened the boot of the car, Sherry saw a huge box and that box was very familiar.

She was stunned for a moment.

William looked over and saw Sherry’s expression. He felt strange initially but then understood. He looked at the box and said, “I don’t understand how some people think to have her child sell adult items!”

She was deflated and didn’t know how to respond. But she also didn’t want to appear weak, “You are also not a decent person to buy so many!”

When they were having dinner, the doorbell rang suddenly. Sherry was surprised as to who could visit them at this hour. She went to open the door.

Suddenly a bouquet of fresh flowers greeted her and then a handsome face emerged from behind the flowers, “Sherry, they’re for you!”

Sherry was stunned, looked directly at Liam’s moist eyes, and said in a low voice, “Liam, what brings you here?”

Liam gave Sherry the bouquet of champagne-colored roses and said tiredly, “I’m here to score a dinner, why? Don’t you welcome me? I’m so tired these days. I’m not sure what Will is up to and didn’t come to the office these few days. All the work had worn me out!”

After saying, he barged into the house.

In the house, three faces were all looking towards the door.

“Ah, Will! Why are you here?” Liam’s body trembled and shook away all his fatigue. He saw William staring gloomily back at him.

William looked at the surprised look of Liam and then at the champagne roses in Sherry’s hands. William felt like his heart was smashed with a huge rock. He was frustrated and couldn’t get his words out. After a while, he slowly said, “Then why are you here?”

Hearing William’s response, Liam thought about his heartbreaking outcome. He looked at William and said, “Will I work until now if Mr. Rowland didn’t expect me to work overtime? I’m sick of the food at the cafeteria so I came here to eat!”

After a cold scoff from William, Liam walked over to the table.

“Uncle Brooks, come sit down next to me!” Dan already ran over to pull a chair for Liam.

Liam looked at the two kids and was puzzled, “Sammy’s here as well? This looks like a family dinner!”

“How do you do, Uncle Brooks!” Sammy stood up obediently and greeted Liam.

“Liam, I’ll get you a set of cutleries!” Sherry placed the flowers on the cabinet.

William unconsciously looked at the flowers and found them very glaring.

“Please take a seat, Uncle Brooks!” Dan smiled and his beautiful round eyes turned into the shape of two crescent moons, “Uncle Brooks, this is the first time mommy received flowers from a man!”

As he said, Dan looked at William. His message was clear: Uncle, you silly fool! Don’t you know that you need to give flowers if you want to woo my mother?

“Sit.” William looked at Liam calmly but in his calmness was fury and Liam could see the daggers in his eyes.

Liam had seen this numerous times and didn’t feel untoward about it. But under these circumstances, Liam thought, that it might be inappropriate for him to give Sherry those flowers.

“Liam, here you are!” Sherry gave him the cutleries.

Liam said, “I’ll wash my hands.” He remembered that he should wash his hands before a meal.

The two kids were eagerly waiting for Liam while William started to be deep in thoughts. He took out a cigarette, lit it, and began to smoke.

“Daddy, we’re going to eat!”

“Yeah! Uncle, can you not smoke when we eat?” Dan said caringly, “It’s not good for your health. Uncle Brooks doesn’t smoke!”

That meaning was clear. That he had one more bad habit compared to Uncle Brooks!

William took a smoke and was conflicted. He was wrong either way! The cigarette was between his fingers and a trail of smoke rose into the air.

He put out the cigarette and raised his head to look at Sherry. He seemed to be thinking of something. After a while, he said calmly, “Okay! Uncle will not smoke!”

“Good uncle!” Dan patted William’s back.

“Everyone’s waiting for me? Apologies!” Liam emphasized his smile.

Sherry dished another bowl of soup for Liam and Liam took over the bowl from her and took a sip. The intense taste of pork ribs enveloped his taste buds. He looked at Sherry and said, “Your soup is as tasty as that made by a chef!”

When she heard, Sherry smiled and replied, “Liam, stop flattering me!”

“Really! Otherwise, I wouldn’t come all the way to eat your food! Oh yes, Will, don’t tell me you father and son are here for her food as well!”

“Uncle Brooks, Auntie’s cooking is very nice. It has the taste of a mommy!” Sammy became more talkative.

Sherry swallowed her saliva and unconsciously looked at William. William pursed his lips and didn’t say a word.

“The taste of mommy?” Liam raised his eyebrow, “This is the first time I hear this!”

“Doesn’t Uncle Brooks also like Auntie’s cooking?” Sammy asked doubtfully, “Otherwise why are you here?”

“Sammy, eat your food!” The sullen William suddenly spoke. His voice was very low but they could hear the cold gloominess in his tone.

“Scoundrel!” William’s hand took a swipe at Liam’s leg under the table but Liam dodged his move. William pretended as if nothing happened and continued to eat.

“Looks like you still have the moves even when you bury yourself at the office every day.” After dodging William’s strike, Liam said directly, “Will! When will you go back to work? I’m exhausted!”

William glared sternly towards Liam and waved his hand, “Don’t talk about work during meals!”

“Uncle is sick!” Dan said.

“Ah? Sick?” Liam raised his eyebrow, “What sickness?”

“Uncle has a cold!” Dan said again, “Uncle, the next time you have a cold you can stay at our house, my mommy will take care of you!”

“Kid, are you hoping that I fall sick? The next time if I catch a cold I’ll also come and have your mommy take care of me!” Liam said loudly and winked at Dan.

Sherry quickly raised her head and saw Liam smiling mischievously at her, “Liam, Mr. Rowland had a fever! That’s why...”

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She said that unintentionally, but William heard it like she was explaining to Liam. Seeing Sherry smiling to Liam, her expression, her pleasure, William couldn’t believe his eyes.

Looking at William's expressionless face, Liam laughed out loud, “If I don't need to go to work when I catch a cold, then I'm really looking forward to catch a cold!”

William squinted as he sharply glanced at Liam and said, “You can also choose to have a three months bed rest...”

He stopped on purpose and said, “I heard that if you have a fracture, you won't need to get off the bed for three months!”

Frightened by his sudden coldness, Liam stopped smiling and looked at William who was immersed in his dinner... Did he hear it wrong?

"You heard it right!" he answered.

Liam was surprised, he had a handsome pair of eyebrows, A pair of bright eyes, and pointed nose... He even had good looking face and sexy lips, "Don't tell me that you want to do it yourself?"

Sherry didn't know what they were talking about, why did it feel like they're going to fight?

"If you're too bored, you can work overtime tomorrow!" William said that with a rigid and very cold tone, like something was repressing his heart.

"You're abusing your power for personal matters!" Liam whispered. He didn't care about William's bad mood at all, he looked playful instead, "Sherry, this dish is very tasty!"

"Liam, this one is also very tasty!" Sammy recommended it to him.

Liam's arrival made the atmosphere of that meal very strange.

"Sherry, please give me more pork ribs soup!" Liam handed his bowl over.

Sherry smiled, she was very happy that the food she cooked made people have a good appetite, "Okay! Please wait for a moment!"

William suddenly felt a pain when he saw her smile. He frowned and said coldly, "You're eating so much!"

"Yeah!" Liam didn't care about William's evil expression as he happily said, "Sammy, everything is very tasty, right?"

"Yes!" Sammy didn't know what William and Liam were talking about, he simply agreed, "This is very delicious, Daddy, try this!"

Sammy said that while taking a piece of ribs to William's bowl before looking at him in expectation... William's cold face was expressionless but he silently started to eat it.

Sherry handed the bowl over again, but William stood up instead, "Sammy, are you full now?"

Sammy nodded, "Yes!"

"Time to go home!" said William.

"But I still want to ah that toy with Dan...."

"Go home!" those two words declared that he was annoyed.

Sherry and Liam were surprised, Liam said, "Will, you can go first... I'll send Sammy home later!"

"Daddy, can I?" Sammy expected a bit.

William looked back at Sammy, his mood was unfathomable, "Daddy is going first!"

Sherry didn't speak, but she stood up and took the medicine, "This is your medicine, don't forget to bring it this time!"

He looked to her face, seeing that she's not saying anything, he slightly moved his lips like he wanted to say something. However, he didn't say anything even after struggling for a long time. He didn't know what to say, and there was only silence there.

Afterwards, he didn't answer, turned around, and just left. When William saw that bundle of flowers, there was a sense of anger in his eyes.

"Hey! Mr. Rowland, your medicine!" when Sherry saw that he didn't take it, she quickly followed him out.

She unexpectedly couldn't find William when she walked out the door, she then chased him outside.

Suddenly, there was a powerful hand stretching from one side of the corridor, which hooked her waist and brought her to a warm embrace, "Mmh..."

As if there was no chance to breathe, his overbearing lips blocked hers, kissing her so emotionally.

Sherry's mind went blank, his kiss was pressing and fierce like it's burning her.

"You can't be with other man!" he finally let her go when she was frightened. He rested his head on her shoulder as he muttered in her ear.

Sherry snapped out of it, raised her head, and looked at William in a daze. In the darkness, she suddenly narrowed her eyes. She slightly moved her red lips before gritting her teeth and said, "What do you want?"

"Be my woman!" his voice was very low, it even sounded a bit familiar, like...

Sherry had an illusion for a moment, why did she think that it sounded like Mr. Fox's voice? In just a moment, she pushed him away and coldly said, "If you say that we're friends, I'll gladly accept it... But you, you kept violating me like this makes me so disgusted! I don't want a friend like you, stop pestering me! You make me feel very irritable and very bored."

"He doesn't make you fed up?" he sounded a bit jealous.

"William, you're very boring! At least Liam has never assaulted me, but you'll always have a vulgar interest! You're just a pig that lives by the lower part of your body!" Sherry deliberately suppressed her emotions, but she found herself to be more and more uncontrollable. Her voice was low but then it became sharp and sharper, "This your medicine! I don't want to say something bad because of Sammy, please don't go too far!"

She said that coldly, wiped the corners of her lips, trembled, turned around, and left.

The voice control light in the corridor was off, William was shrouded with silence and darkness... There were a few stars on the night sky, its cold moon light, under the cold moon light, his arrogant face looked melancholy.

Saturday, in the Rowland's residence.

The banquet was extremely gorgeous because all the businessmen knew that it's a blind date banquet that night... The Rowland family's blind date banquet, bosses from all social circles wouldn't miss it, they all. Basically, all the prestigious people came and wanted to betroth their daughter to William.

In the corner, William was holding the alcohol glass, his cold aura had cut off all women that wanted to talk with him, even those businessmen who were going to chum up to The Rowland Group retreated.

That was a blind date?

Why did they feel more like a trap?

All of the sudden, everyone was stunned as they looked at the people who came late by the entrance... Payne Jones from the Jones' Chemical Corp. was wearing a white suit, his hair was gray, but he still looked energetic.

Payne was standing between his wife and Ashley, his daughter. Ashley was smiling as she linked her father's arm, with an exquisite make up and a white dress, she looked exceptionally beautiful and charming. Meanwhile, his wife looked even more elegant, and their family seemed very happy!

John came out to greet them in person, "Payne, how are you?"

Payne immediately smiled too, "John, you're still so impressive! Ashley, come and greet Mr. John!"

Ashley immediately greeted him decently, "Hello Mr. John!"

"Hello! You've become more and more beautiful!" as if John was very satisfied of his future daughter-in-law, he searched for William's figure amongst the audiences, "I'll call William over to introduce you!"

His gaze fell to the corner, on the figure that seemed particularly gloomy, "Call the Young Master over!"

"Yes, sir!" a servant already went to call William over.

"There's no need, Mr. John... I'll go and get acquainted with William myself!" Ashley smiled as she didn't mind either, she smiled.

"That's a good !" John was worried the servant couldn't call him over.

Ashley was undoubtedly the most beautiful woman there, wherever she walked to, people would always look towards her.

Sherry, who was cleaning up the tableware with chef, turned around and looked at the corner. Seeing William who was talking with the woman in the white dress, her hands trembled, that was the first time they met after dinner at her house that day, she didn't know whether his cold was gone or not!

She just knew that it was his blind date banquet after arriving there, it was a blind date party! Sherry didn't see Sammy either, she didn't know where Sammy went to!

"Sherry, how's the preparation? Don't miss anything!" Leon walked over with his suit and leather shoes.

"Leon, I've paid attention to the details, I'll check it again now!" Sherry smiled as she stepped back.

At that time, the woman who was next to Payne looked over to her place, and Sherry seemed to feel that gaze too. Sherry looked over to Ashley and their gazes met. Sherry was dumbfounded as she held

the food tray even tighter, then she took a few deep breaths before looking away and started to get busy.

“Sherry, make some coffee for me, I don't want to drink alcohol!” Liam suddenly appeared and looked for Sherry's figure.

“Okay! Liam, you're also here!” Sherry smiled.

“Yeah, wherever there's crowd, there's me!”

“Okay! I'll make the coffee for you!” Sherry nodded.

“Good girl! Go on!”

His words made Sherry felt like he's treating her like a child... She could felt that Liam treated her like she was his little sister, unlike William that's extremely arrogant, Liam was not a dangerous guy, so she wasn't afraid of Liam.

William in the corner smiled radiantly as he looked over, in an instant, his originally gloomy face became cold too, He even wished he could rush up and punch Liam, that slutty man, to death.

“William, I can see that you're not interested in me at all!” Ashley looked at William

William was stunned when he heard her saying that, “Miss Jones, you're very smart and very beautiful!”

“So?”

“So you should find a man who matches well with you!” William sounded very cold, “Not as my son's stepmother!”

“Ugh! Don't you think that being a stepmother is a challenging?” Ashley raised her face to look at William, “William, what should I do? I think I like you!”

William's gaze just revolved around a certain figure... Seeing that she went back to Liam's side, his gaze became more gloomy, but then he ridiculed Ashley, “You're too naive!”

Ashley immediately looked sad as she looked William, but she didn't neglect his line of sight... He seemed to be looking at the woman, who seemed to be a waitress, right?

How could The Rowland Group's CEO suddenly care about a waitress so much? Ashley didn't quite understand it as she rolled her eyes, “William, are you saying that you don't like a woman like me?”

William didn't even take a glance at Ashley from the very start, he just said, “You're not suitable to be a stepmother!”

“Oh?! Then, is that lady in a suit suitable?” Ashley asked mischievously, she succeeded in getting William to look at her.

He looked at Ashley thoughtfully.

“That means... I guessed it right?”

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William smiled playfully.

Meanwhile, Sherry couldn't help looking at the corner... That woman was the main lead of the night, right? What a beautiful woman! She hoped that William could find a better stepmother for Sammy!

Liam looked at William who was hiding in the corner... Since William was interested in Sherry, why did he go to the blind date?

"Sherry! The coffee you made tastes so good! What should I do? I think I can't live without your coffee! I also can't live without you!" after taking a sip, Liam suddenly held Sherry's hand and pressed it on his chest, "Feel it, my heart is beating hard, right?"

"Liam?" Sherry was dumbfounded, she didn't expect Liam to grab her hand so suddenly. She looked up and saw his bright eyes, which had no trace of lust, she then laughed, "Liam, you're teasing me again!"

"Oh my, Sherry, you got me there!" Liam was quite disappointed, he then unwillingly let her hand go, "All right, no more jokes!"

That was pretty much all the jokes!

Because Liam could already feel a fiery gaze from a certain corner, William held the alcohol glass tighter, but Ashley stopped him right when he wanted to stand up, "William, you really don't like me?"

William realized that he seemed to have lost his self-control, even if his aura was cold, he saw Sherry and Liam over there, she was still smiling so happily he even after he told her that she shouldn't be with other man, and that annoyed him so much!

The dance music started.

Sherry saw William and Ashley stepping into the dance floor and danced in partners, then a lot of people also stepped into the dance floor.

Under the magnificent light, they looked so well matched that people couldn't look away from them.

William was a man the center of the attention, while Ashley was so petite and lovely... He kept smiling indifferently from the beginning, making her shine brighter.

"What do you think? Are they a well match?" Leon nudged Liam with his elbow.

he narrowed his eyes and said, "They seem to be in harmony, but their thoughts are somewhere else!"

"You can see that in detail?" Leon was surprised.

"Yeah! I'm always sharp!"

"Liam, why do I think that Will is interested in Sherry?" Leon was puzzled, "Have they known each other for a long time?"

"You should ask Will about it, he's so peculiar nowadays!" Liam shrugged, "But I think that it's nice to have a bit of emotions... At least the atmosphere is way better than three years ago!"

"Is that so?" Leon smiled and said, "Then what about you? What's with you and my assistant, Sherry?"

Liam suddenly turned his head and glanced at Leon, "Leon, you know what? As time goes by, I found that you're a natural in gossiping, do you want me to give you a nickname?"

"What is it?" Leon was taken aback.

Liam smiled indifferently before saying, "You gossip!"

"Ugh!" Leon laughed, "I learned it all from you, you also a gossip!"

Sherry looked uncertain, then she flung her head as she quietly backed out.

Such occasion was unsuitable for her, forever and ever.

She waited in the corner, wishing that the banquet could end sooner... She didn't know how Dan was doing, home alone! What about Sammy? Why Sammy was nowhere to be seen? Wasn't that their home?

"Sherry!" Sherry suddenly heard a woman's voice, so she raised her head and looked over.

In detail, that woman looked very similar to Sherry, she was the woman that Sherry met in the graveyard, which was Sherry's mother, Sierra Anderson.

"Do you work here?" Sierra asked considerately.

Sherry raised her head and looked at Sierra indifferently like she was looking at a stranger, "Sierra, I think that it has nothing to do with you, right?"

"Sherry, should we be so indifferent, as a mother and daughter?" Sierra asked patiently.

Sherry frowned, she looked indifferent as she looked up at Sierra's beautiful face. Forty-year-old woman, who was still charming, her face didn't age that much!

"Please don't disturb my work!"

"Sherry!" Sierra's voice was so loud.

"Why? You want to hit me?" Sherry sounded so soft but it didn't sound disdainful. Her meaningful tone, immediately hit Sierra on the right spot, "For what reason?"

Sierra rubbed her lips without saying anything as she stood up straight.

"Ms Sierra?" when the atmosphere was getting strained, Ashley suddenly walked out to them.

Sherry saw that Sierra clearly stiffened, she looked at Sierra's face... Sierra seemed to be in a panic when she turned her head and saw Ashley, she immediately smiled, "Ashley, why are you out here?"

"Sierra, who is this lady... Don't you want to introduce her?" Ashley was interested in Sherry from the start, she didn't expect that Sierra would know that woman.

Sherry wanted to leave, but she heard Sierra saying, "Ashley, I... I just knew this lady... I... I have yet to know her name!"

Sierra suddenly lowered her head after saying that, she felt so guilty that she didn't dare to look at Sherry.

Sherry sneered... She was surprisingly so calm at that time, "Yes, Miss, I'm just a waitress here. Please tell me if you need anything!"

After speaking, she wanted to walk away.

"Wait a second!" Ashley suddenly shouted.

"Is there anything you need, Miss?" Sherry's face felt quite numb and she had mixed feelings.

"May I know your name?" Ashley smiled with her big and bright eyes.

"Ugh! Miss Jones, I'm just a waitress, if you need anything, just let me know!" after saying that, she just turned around and left. Sierra's face looked complicated and ashamed.

"Ms Sierra?" Ashley narrowed her eyes and sharply gazed at Sierra's face, but her voice sounded softer with a slight of concern, "You should go back, father is looking for you!"

"Oh! I'll go back soon!" Sierra immediately went back to the hall and found out that Payne already seemed to be displeased, "Payne, you've finished the conversation?"

"Where have you been?" Payne sounded a bit angry.

"Oh! Nowhere, I just went out for some fresh air... I thought you're going to talk for a long time!" Sierra lowered her head as she spoke, like a mistress.

"OK, don't leave all you want if there's nothing important!" Payne sounded softer.

Sherry looked at her mother with the unfamiliar man beside her from a far place, and she told others that she just knew her... So funny.

But that's a good thing too, she didn't want anything to do with Sierra anyway. They were doomed not to get close to each other.

"Sherry? What happened? Why do you look so pale?" Liam asked thoughtfully.

Sherry looked at Liam in front of her, she then put an indifferent smile on her pale face... The smile was so thin that it nearly couldn't be seen, "I'm okay, Liam, I'm fine..." she paused before smiling, "I'm really okay..."

"Are you really okay?" Liam was quite worried, he search through the whole crowd but he didn't see William's trace... After the dance, William disappeared.

"Liam, I'm going to go outside again!" seeing Ashley and Sierra walking in, Sherry suddenly felt that the huge hall was so cramped... It would be better for her to go out for some fresh air!

Liam was watching her back, he then called her right when she turned around, "Sherry!"

Sherry stopped walking and looked back at him, "Yes?"

Liam's handsome face looked cheerful and warm... Under the light, his body was surrounded by a circle of light. She waited silently, but then her gaze looked complicated because Liam didn't say anything after a long time, she then said, "Liam, I'm really fine!"

"Some things shouldn't be kept in your heard, if there's something on your mind, I can be your listener... I promise that I won't tell anyone about it!"

Sherry's heart twitched... She turned out to be such an easy person to read. Then, she smiled as she shook her head, still looking pale, "Thank you, Liam!"

Sherry didn't want to show her weakness so she just faked a smile and came back to the garden, which was outside of the Rowland's.

At that time, she heard the bodyguards standing outside the garden shouting in unison, "Young Master!"

Nearly at the same time, Sherry turned her head and saw a tall figure with powerful aura walking from the other side of the door. Sherry was slightly stunned before she turned around and walked towards the house.

She didn't expect him to catch up with a few big steps, he then grabbed her wrist and pulled her into the back of the villa. He was so strong that she couldn't break free.

"Hey! Let me go!" Sherry shouted.

The bodyguards were all dumbfounded, they had never seen Young Master being that rough... Who was that woman anyway? Miss Jones was the main lead for that night, wasn't she? Why did the main lead become a waitress?

Sherry didn't know where he was bringing her, it seemed to be a quiet house, where they couldn't see the uproar up front... But they could still faintly hear the music.

Soon after, he pressed her on the wall, confining her body. Then, he kissed her swiftly and fiercely, it was so brutal and ruthless that it almost took all her breath away.

Her mind went blank, how could he kiss her again? Why did she feel like a bar girl?

Why was she so miserable?

In the blind date banquet, he just danced with the main lead, but then he unexpectedly came to harass her... How could he do that? She unexpectedly met Sierra at that night so she already felt terrible, and then he harassed her too. In a moment, she felt so desperate and sad.

She kicked and pounced him with all her might, "Let me go! Let me go, you're crazy!"

After shouting, Sherry felt more suffocated.

He looked down at her with a complicated gaze but he was expressionless.

She slightly frowned as she looked to the man in front of her, whose thoughts were unclear. It was so hard to get a glimpse of his thoughts, what the hell did he want to do?

"William, what do you want? What the hell do you want?" she shouted again, "Why do you always bully me? I'm not the kind of woman you think of, and I'm not one of your women... Why do you keep harassing me? I hate you!"

After hearing Sherry's words and disgusted look, William suddenly felt that his heart was hurt, it was twitching and aching, "Be my woman!"

That sentence, again!

She sneered and looked self-deprecating instead, "William, what did you say? Be your woman?"

That was the first time for her to face the question squarely. She felt ironic about such a question.

"Yes!" he was sure.

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"Then are you willing to take a woman who had sex with another man last week? Would you? Would you take a woman who has other children? I mean I have other children besides Dan! I was with the child's father last week. Would you still take me?" She almost lost her temper and she looked disappointed, painful, and hopeless, "William Jones, I am telling you this! I am even worse than a prostitute. I am less dignified than a whore! I was never intended to start a relationship with any man. I just wanna live a peaceful life. So please, stop screwing around me. Tell me, what should I do so that you'd leave me alone?"

Why was he always like this? She really can't afford to screw around with him! She just wanted to live an ordinary life. She would rather be strangers with him!

William suddenly narrowed his eyes and took a step back with a blank look. The way she acted made him feel sorry for her. It made him guilty to see her disgrace and looked down upon herself like this. He never expected that she was deeply hurt. Suddenly he was afraid of how painful she would be when she knew the truth! How should he tell her?

He suddenly pulled her and held her face. He then lifted her chin up, and forced her to make eye contact with him, "Sherry, I'm sorry!"

She was startled. Tears of sorrow were in her eyes. He looked almost as sad as her. "I don't need your apology. Please stop bothering me, okay? I'm very tired! Really really tired!" She looked at him and said.

She wasn't sure if it was because of him, Sierra, or the kid. She suddenly realized that she couldn't afford to die at this moment! There wasn't even a corner for her to hide when she wanted to cry.

"I'm sorry!" He didn't know what to say anymore besides sorry!

"Stop insulting me, will you?" She sounded a little aggrieved.

"Okay!" He agreed.

"Do you really hate me?" He murmured as he stared at her. There were countless undercurrents flashed in his deep-set eyes. His look was like a predator ready to swallow its prey. However he kept being rational.

She shook her head, "I don't hate you. I hate myself! I'm filthy. I mean it, stay away from me! Don't ruin your purity. OK?"

He stood still and his voice sounded nasal. He kissed on her forehead. "Silly girl, you are not filthy. No one can look down on you!"

Her heart sank. The kiss hit her like a hammer. It was heavy and complicated. She looked at him in hesitation. There were regrets in his eyes, so she was lost at the moment.

"You don't understand!" She lowered her head. A tear fell, and he caught it. The tear was burning hot in his palm.

"I do!" He said stubbornly.

But she pushed him abruptly and left as if to flee.

William was left in the room and he looked inexplicably melancholy. At one point he didn't know where to go, "Sorry..."

Sherry ran into someone and suddenly raised her head. Through blurry eyes, she wiped away the tears, and she saw that it was Morrie.

"Is it you? Mr. Rainville?"

Morrie was also surprised about running into Sherry everywhere. "Uh! It's you!"

"Why are you here?" Sherry was a little surprised. She saw him at Rowland's last time and ran into him again today. Was he related to the Rowland's? "Mr. Rainville, can you tell me where is my son? You must know where that person lives, right?"

Morrie was shocked. Just then, William walked out. When he looked up, he saw Sherry and Morrie standing in front of the house.

Morrie looked at them in helplessness.

William shook his head slightly. Morrie sighed, "Actually, Miss Murray. I don't know anything. I don't even know what that person looks like, so I can't tell you anything!"

"You have never seen him?" Her heart was as if just been emptied while murmuring. Her tears couldn't stop dripping.

Morrie couldn't stand seeing her cry. However William came over. "Hello! Mr. Rainville!"

Seeing them greeting each other, Sherry wiped her tears in panic. But the tears came down soon after they were wiped off.

William walked over to check on her. He then over a handkerchief, "Are you OK?"

Instead of replying him, she wiped the tears with the back of her hand. Suddenly she was taken aback and asked sharply, "You know each other?"

William frowned, and then nodded, "Yes, I have a business relationship with Mr. Rainville!"

"Isn't he Rowland's manager?" Sherry remembered meeting him last time.

"No! I'm not Rowland's manager. I happen to have a business relationship with Mr. Rowland!" Morrie immediately explained.

Although Sherry was suspicious, she didn't know what to ask anymore. She was a little disappointed and turned and walked away.

Morrie asked worriedly as she was leaving, "Was that appropriate?"

"I have no way to back down!" William sighed. "Don't show up at the company and here for now!"

"Okay!" Morrie was a little surprised, "I will go to Austria on a business trip then. Give me a call when you want me back at work!"

"Sorry about that!" William patted him on the shoulder.

"Sherry, what's the matter with you?" Sierra was a little worried when she saw Sherry crying on her way out.

Sherry raised her head to look at her. She was shocked and wiped her tears. She wouldn't let Sierra see her tears and entered indifferently.

"Sherry!" Sierra grabbed her arm, "What happened to you?"

She pushed her hand away angrily, "What do you want? Do I know you?"

"Sherry!" Sierra's expression looked complicated, "I know... I shouldn't have said that just now..."

"Ma'am, you can live a noble life. I don't know you!" Sherry wanted to leave.

Sierra held her back, "Sherry, why are you crying? Who bullied you?"

Why did she care about her? She didn't know her. She just said she didn't know her, did she? So, what does she want from her now? Why would she care about her?

"Don't pull me! Let go!" She said coldly.

"Sherry, don't be like this. People are going to hear us!" Sierra looked around worriedly. Fortunately, there were few people at the entrance at night, only a few bodyguards. Sierra knew those people. They weren't gossipy.

"I am fine! I am not afraid of anything! Let go! Do I know you? Should I know you?" She felt sad, "If I remember correctly, we just met, right?"

"Sherry!" Sierra yelled in a low voice, "Shall we talk? Can we talk?"

"Let go!"

There were mixed feelings in Sierra's eyes, "Sherry, you know I had no choice. I really didn't mean to do it on purpose! Can you please let me explain?"

She sneered, "I don't want to know!"

She suddenly felt that she couldn't breathe. Why is fate so unfair?

Sierra held her hand tight and said eagerly, "Sherry, your father..."

"Let go!" Sherry's body stiffened suddenly. She shook off her hand. William happened to walk pass by them, seeing them pulling and pushing from a distance. He looked at them in confusion.

"What's wrong?" William walked over.

When Sierra saw William, she immediately let go of Sherry's hand in panic.

Sherry didn't look back. Her body stiffened and walked into the hall with straightened back.

"Mrs. Jones, do you know her?" William gazed at Sierra's face, felt that her graceful and luxurious face was familiar.

After she heard the question, Sierra was embarrassed and hurriedly said, "No, I don't know her!"

She was obviously lying!

Why did Mrs. Jones know Sherry? William was puzzled. But why did Mrs. Jones lie? He stared at Sherry as she was leaving. He then looked at Sierra, with thoughts in his mind.

"Mr. Rowland, Ashley is looking for you!" Sierra quickly controlled her emotions and put on a decent smile, "What did you think of my sweetheart?"

William just raised the corners of his lips, "Miss Jones is very lively!"

The two of them walked into the hall as they said, John was looking for him!

"Dad! What's the matter?" William took a glass of wine and walked over. Payne and Ashley were sitting not far away and talking. The elderly seemed a little concerned about their marriage.

After William sat down, he gazed around. In the end he saw Liam and Leon's figures. Seeing Liam was wiping her tears with a handkerchief, William looked sad and in pain under his thick hair. His eyes flashed with cold light.

"What do you think of Miss Jones?" John asked in a low voice.

He had already talked with Payne just now, and their family was looking forward to their marriage. They didn't care if he has a child.

William sneered at his father, "Dad, that is impossible!"

"Why? I saw you were having a good time with Miss Jones!"

"I was?" William raised an eyebrow. His voice sounded cold and arrogant. It upset John.

"Do you like her?"

"No!" William answered indifferently, "I will bring Samuel's mother back. So don't force me to have a blind date again!"

"Samuel's mother?" John was astonished. After raising his voice, he worried that others might hear him. He immediately looked around, lowered his voice and said, "No way!"

"Do you still want to stop me?" William held the wine glass tight in anger.

"I can't let a surrogate be the hostess of our family! The stain on her will never be cleaned up!" John was a very traditional man and couldn't accept it at all, "You can contact her, ask her to be your mistress. Do whatever you want, but the hostess of the Rowland family mustn't have any flaws!"

"Then go find an angel!" William sneered and stood up. He felt weak at the moment because there was no common between them.

"I am so pissed!" John was upset. He stood up and left in a hurry.

Ashley suddenly came over, "Where did you go, Will? I was looking for you, but you were nowhere to be found!"

William gazed at her disguised face and smiled, "You don't have to force yourself!"

"Will, what do you mean?" Ashley was stunned, pretending to be puzzled.

"You know it clearly! I know you contacted the reporters outside." William put down the wine glass. She was too naive to fool him!

Ashley's expression froze, "What reporter, I have no idea!"

William slowly raised his head, made eye contact with Ashley. But she looked away immediately, "Don't lie if you are not good at lying!"

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Sherry had a quiet life for the next few days. William did not disturb her anymore. A week after the blind date banquet, her life began to return to usual. William and Liam had disappeared.

Dan had just enrolled in an elementary school. Sherry was worried that he couldn't keep up with his lessons, but the little guy seemed to be at ease. After enrolling Dan came back once a week, Sherry had more leisure time than usual that she was not very used to.

Weekends were the time when the mother and son could get together.

Dan did not mention the matter anymore after he cried that day. Although he did not mention it, Sherry felt that he had changed and was much more silent than before.

She felt pity for her son, but he was already hurt. All she could do was to care for him more, hoping to gradually heal the trauma in him.

"Mommy, why doesn't Sammy come to our house anymore?" While cooking, Dan couldn't help himself from asking.

Sherry stunned, thinking that maybe her words influenced William. He would not harass her again. "I don't know!"

"It's really strange!" Dan frowned, "I'll do my homework first!"

"Okay! Mommy will be done with the cooking soon!" Sherry looked back at her son and thought of William- He wouldn't bring Sammy to their house again, would he?

Soon after finishing his homework, Dan turned on the computer. Last time he exchanged numbers with Sammy and agreed to chat online.

"Sammy, are you there?"

Soon, a message was sent from the other side, "Zai(Yes)."

Sammy did not know how to type the Chinese characters, so he could only type out the pronunciations. He could not recognize as many words as Dan could. But Dan understood what he meant.

"Is your daddy at home?" That was what Dan wanted to know most. It was because he had not seen Mr. William for some time.

"Dan, wohaoxiangqunijiawano(I want to go and play in your house)!"

"Let's use the voice chat. Reading the pronunciations that you type is too tiring!" Dan launched a video invitation.

After a while, the two children met and laughed.

"Hello! Sammy, can you hear me?"

"Dan!" Sammy was very shy and sat in front of the computer with a big headset on his ear. "Do you think my dad really likes your mommy?"

"Didn't you ask him?"

"No!" Sammy shook his head. "Daddy is always in a bad mood recently. Grandpa won't let him come home!"

"Why?"

"I don't know. Grandpa didn't mention it!"

"Then your grandfather is extremely strict! He won't even let his son come back home!"

"Yes! I'm afraid of my grandfather, too!" Sammy said as he peeped out the door. "Shh, don't let him hear that!"

"Ha! You're talking about your grandfather behind him!"

"Don't say that. Grandpa will be angry. I don't want him to be angry!" Sammy said obediently.

"Well! If your father comes home, don't forget to ask him to bring you to my house!" Dan rolled his eyes, "by the way, my mom misses you very much, too!"

“Really? Does Miss Sherry miss me?” Sammy was excited at once. Although he was still very shy, he was obviously more active. “I miss Miss Sherry, too.”

“Then ask your father to bring you here. My mommy is cooking dinner.” Dan continued to tempt him.

“But daddy seems very tired! I heard Daddy coming back! I’ll go and have a look. Talk to you later!” Sammy turned the video call off.

Dan smirked. Well, he could see that Mr. William liked his mommy very much from the beginning itself. It would be nice to have a daddy like Mr. William. At least mommy would not be lonely. If he didn't see Mr. William hugging mummy that night, he probably wouldn't have the idea of getting his mommy and Mr. William together. Anyway, they looked like a good match!

“Daddy! When shall we go to Dan’s house?” Sammy couldn’t wait to ask, as soon as he saw William.

William smoked on his cigarette silently. The first thing that came out from his son the moment he walked down the stairs, made him frown and exhaled in a mouthful of cigarette. “Sammy, daddy is very tired recently. Can we go some other time?”

“When?” Sammy obviously couldn’t wait anymore.

“Maybe when daddy is not busy.” Even he couldn't sort out his mood at the moment. He did not see her again after the blind date banquet a week ago. If she needed a peaceful life, he felt that he owed her that! Because her life was destined not to be simple anymore once she knew him.

“Well, but I miss Miss Sherry so much!”

“Who is Miss Sherry?” A stern voice came in suddenly.

William did not move. Sammy shuddered in shock, he said timidly, “grandpa!”

“Who is Miss Sherry?” Jack was a little surprised when he heard their conversation. Did his son have some woman that he likes? Did he introduce her to his grandson?

Sammy lowered his head. He didn't know the reason why he was afraid of his grandfather. He didn't think his grandfather liked him, because he did not smile at him at all when he was around him!

“Sammy, tell grandpa about this!”

“Grandpa, she is a beautiful ...”

“Sammy, go upstairs!” William patted his son’s shoulder.

“Ok.” Sammy went upstairs obediently.

“Was she the reason you refused to go on blind dates? Or her identity is...?” Jack was upset, he couldn’t help himself from shouting, “if she is some woman like that, she would not have my permission to get into this family as long as I’m alive!”

“Sammy is timid, and he would be scared if you shout like this!” William glanced at his father. “If you keep showing this look on your face, I will take my son out of this house. I’m worried about my son’s mental health if he lives with you!”

“You, disobedient son!” Jack was trembling in anger.

William curled his lips and stood up. Without saying a word, he turned and went out.

“Young master! Young master, you just came back. Are you leaving again?” Seeing that he was going to leave, Mrs. Howe immediately called out. “You haven’t been back for a week! You look thin. Have you forgotten to eat again?”

“I’ll go back to my apartment!” William glanced at Mrs. Howe. There was a tint of warmth in his eyes. He said softly, “I’ll be fine!”

“Don’t go now. It’s already so late.” Mrs. Howe was worried that he would not take care of himself, staying alone. “There’s no one over there to take care of you!”

“It’s okay.” William smiled. “I’m leaving now!”

“Daddy said he was busy!” Sammy told Dan about the matter, then he was moody. “Grandpa was mad again!”

Dan was also disappointed. “Well then. Mommy is calling me for dinner. I’ll talk to you later!”

William was driving around the streets alone in his car. Suddenly, his phone rang.

“Hello?”

“Will!” A woman’s voice came from that end, “How are you?”

It was Lisa’s voice. William frowned. “Haven’t I said, not to speak to me anymore?”

“But I can’t forget you!”

“Too bad. I’ve forgotten you.” William hung up the call after he said that.

Unknowingly, his car was already at YX road. The luxurious Bugatti stopped at the entrance of the lane. He got off the car and lit a cigarette. The streetlamp of the empty street reflected a long shadow of him.

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For nearly two weeks, Sherry didn’t receive any calls from Mr. Fox. She was a little nervous without any reason. She was so afraid that he would suddenly disappear that she would never be able to see her son again.

Holding the mobile phone, she hesitated for a while, tapped the driver’s number, and gazed at it for a long time. But she didn’t dare to press the dial key. After hesitating for a long time, she finally hit the dial button.

“Miss, may I know is there anything you want me to assist you?”

“Mr. driver, can you contact mister for me?” She finally said it. “Or can you tell me his number so that I can contact him myself?”

“Miss, I may not be able to contact him. I’ll give it a try anyway.” The driver was cautious.

“Oh! I'll wait for your call then!” After putting down the phone, Sherry was extremely nervous. She knew that it was too dangerous to call rashly, but she was afraid that he would disappear.

It was Thursday. Dan was not at home.

Sherry felt that it was a long night. As soon as she stopped doing anything, she would start to miss her son, whom she had only met once. She was afraid that she would never be able to see him again for the rest of her life.

It seemed to be a little chilly. She curled up on the sofa.

Waiting made the time passed slower. After about 15 minutes, a short and quick beep of notification sounded from her phone. It was a message from an unknown number.

Sherry frowned in puzzled. She tapped on the message and saw a few words: I heard that you were looking for me?

Was that him?

Sherry was not sure. She decided to call, but the other side hung up the phone.

Followed by another message-Let's communicate through the messages!

She was stunned. She had an intuition that it was him. She held a deep breath and sent a message-When can I meet my son?

After sending it, she stared at her mobile phone and anxiously waited for his reply.

When she was a little anxious after waiting for a long time, the phone beeped again. She quickly tapped into the message,-After some time.

She wrote a message again-When exactly?

“And after meeting him?”

Sherry was stunned when she saw the message. Yes, she wanted to see her child. What would she do after seeing her child? What could she provide the child by meeting him?

Five years! The child had grown up, five years without her participation. She could vaguely remember that night. He answered a call with a gentle tone, and he seemed to have a wife. He must be finding someone to be his wife's surrogate mother because she could not give birth. Otherwise, no woman would accept the child given birth by some other woman.

Five years later, she agreed to the man's unreasonable request regardless of everything, all she wanted was to see her son. She didn't know if it was a good choice for the child!

“I don't know! But I want to meet him.” She replied.

After sending out the message, she suddenly fell into a daze. She was a little lost and curled up, and she felt sad as if her heart was taken away.

Grievance surged into her at once. She felt sad and tears rolled down from her eyes. Why did fate torture a weak woman like her?

“How about being my woman?” After a long silence, another message came in.

The sentence was so familiar that it made Sherry’s heart ached!

With a bitter smile, “The deadline?”

“A lifetime!”

Her heart trembled. A lifetime was like a promise, but she was used to seeing other’s joy and sorrow, reunion, and breaking apart because of unspoken promises.

The moment she saw the two words, her heart began to shudder. “Can I meet my son if I do so?”

“You can be with him!”

She felt a tight feeling in her heart. “Do you mean I can always be with him? As long as I agree to your request? With such just the request of being your mistress?”

“No status, just my mistress!”

“Can I see how you look like?” She didn’t know why. She wanted to see his face, eagerly.

“Why do you want to see me?”

“Are you going to wear that mask your whole life?”

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Silence, a long silence, it was so long that she thought that he would not send her a message. Suddenly a message was received.

William: Do you hate me?

Hate?

Sherry asked herself. It was a negotiated contract so why should she hate him? She didn’t know if she should hate him or hate herself! But in these five years, this kind of separation from her child caused her to be extremely hurt. She didn’t hate him for taking away her child but she hated him for doing it again five years later. She took a deep breath and replied.

Sherry: Hate!

After a long while, a message was received.

William: Go to sleep!

She looked at the phone in a blank and no messages came after that. She didn’t know what he meant. Was he angry because of her reply that she hated him and didn’t allow her to see her child anymore?

Sherry started to ponder deeply. He said for her to be his lover for life. This was a long, long time until death. Should she accept? He said that he can let his child spend time with her but this was the only request!

In the dim bar, William sat in a corner holding onto his phone. The other hand was holding onto a cigarette. He was entirely lethargic and dispirited but maintained his overbearing attitude.

“Will, you are very different recently!” Liam raised his glass, “You seem so distracted!”

“Don’t you have anything to do?” William said softly, coldly but emotionlessly.

“Heh! So you guys are here!” Suddenly a quiet and exquisite voice interjected.

The two of them looked up at the same time and Sarah Brooks was smiling radiantly towards them. She wore a dense pattern T-shirt and looked like a little girl. She wore grey colored jeans and a pair of canvas shoes. When she appeared at that dimly lit bar, she ruined her clean image of a girl next door.

“When did you come back?” Liam was puzzled and totally didn’t expected it, “didn’t you tell dad and mom that you’re not coming back?”

“I just came back and didn’t see you, so I came here to try my luck!” Sarah said and sat down.

“You brother and sister have a good chat, I’m leaving!” William’s raspy voice revealed a trace of emotion, stood up and winked at Sarah.

“William, you’re leaving now?”

“Wasn’t this what you wanted?” William said and left.

Liam frowned, “What do you want?”

“Thanks! William.”

“Hey! What do you mean?” Liam was frustrated, “Don’t come here next time. It’s not a good place. Come, let’s go back!”

“But don’t you come regularly?” Sarah couldn’t tolerate his nagging, “You can come but I can’t?”

“I don’t allow you to come!” Liam yelled, “Go home!”

“Take me home!” Sarah immediately grabbed Liam’s arm, “Bro, actually I don’t like this environment at all!”

“Go back on your own, I have something else on!”

“Are you going to look for women?”

Liam was stunned and then laughed weirdly, “Yes!”

“Brother!” Sarah frowned, “I’ll tell dad and mom!”

Friday at midday.

Sherry was attending to the customers when William and Liam suddenly appeared at the Wait restaurant.

“Hi! Sherry, how are you doing?” Liam had not seen Sherry for a long time.

“Hi, Liam and Mr. Rowland. How are you!” Sherry greeted politely.

William gently nodded but didn't speak. His gaze didn't stop on Sherry's face. He wore a dark silver shirt with a pair of black trousers. He was elegant and handsome. His deep dark eyes didn't wander and stared directly at the lift. That stare of indifference penetrated the souls and terrified all around. William walked directly to the lift.

"Will, you go up first!" Liam smiled at Sherry and was rather caring towards her, "Sherry, you look like you've not been sleeping well. Are you very stressed recently or had Leon been mistreating you?"

The man in the lift tensed up and became stiff.

Sherry shook her head, "No, I'm fine! Liam, go ahead for your lunch!"

"Sherry, I'll pick you up after work and treat you to dinner, okay?" Liam was thinking that he had not seen Sherry for a while and missed her. She had once saved his life.

Sherry smiled and rejected, "No need, Liam, I need to pick Dan up today."

"Let's go together. I have not seen him for a long time!" Liam continued.

Sherry felt that it wasn't appropriate to refuse any further and nodded, "Okay then!"

"Okay, I'll pick you up after work and we'll pick Dan up together. Wait for my call!" Liam patted Sherry's back affectionately and turned to go upstairs only to find William in a daze at a corner.

"Will? What happened? Do you want to join us?" Liam raised his eyebrow and thought that Will wanted to join them.

When she heard Liam, her heart skipped a beat, and subconsciously looked towards William but he didn't look back at her.

"I'm not free!" William said and walked off.

When Sherry couldn't see any more, she heaved a sigh of relief. However, she strangely felt lost but didn't think much of it. When William and Liam ate and left, Liam reminded her, "Don't forget to wait for my call!"

"Okay!" She nodded.

William maintained his silence and didn't even look at her. Perhaps he will not harass her anymore, Sherry thought. If that was the case, then she will finally be free.

When it was about time to leave, Sherry suddenly received a message. It was from Mr. Fox, "Come to number 15 villa after work."

She was stunned and was anxious because she had agreed to Liam's invitation. Also, it was the weekend and Dan had gone home. She can't leave Dan alone for the night.

Sherry: Can I go next week?

The other side did not reply. Sherry thought that he had agreed and didn't say any further.

But as she was about to get off work, Leon said to Sherry, “Sherry, Will ordered a take out. Help me to deliver it. Anyway, it’s along the way of the company transport. I’ll not send someone for this since we’re rather busy today.”

Sherry was stunned but when she thought that Leon allowed her to leave early to pick up her child on Fridays and it was a special privilege for her so she couldn’t refuse his instructions, “Okay! I’ll deliver it!”

Later when Sherry received Liam’s call she said, “Liam, I’m going to deliver a take out for Mr. Rowland. You don’t have to pick me up. I’m already on my way!”

“You’re coming to the company?”

“Yes!”

“Okay! Then wait a while for me. Give me a call once you’ve delivered it. I have to settle an urgent matter.” Liam sounded anxious.

“Okay!”

Sherry carried the container and entered the Rowland Group building complex. She only left for several days and felt rather detached from this place.

When the receptionist saw Sherry, she was surprised, “Sherry, why are you back?”

Sherry smiled as she walked to the lift, “Food delivery!”

“You deliver food now?” The receptionist asked in disbelief, “I’m sure with your abilities you don’t have to resort to delivery!”

“I’m going up first!” The lift came and she politely said to the receptionist and entered the lift.

Alice was very excited to see Sherry, “Sherry, why are you back?” Alice ran over to her.

“Alice, this is Mr. Rowland’s take out. Can you take it in for him?” She knew that anything that goes to William must go through Alice who was his secretary.

“Okay!” Alice paused, “Put it down, I’ll deliver it to Mr. Rowland. Wait for me!”

Alice pressed the intercom and announced, “Mr. Rowland, your take out is here!”

“Have the delivery person send it in.” He said softly causing Sherry and Alice to be stunned.

Alice immediately said, “Sherry, take it in by yourself.”

Sherry’s face was tensed and said, “I won’t go in, you just tell him that I’ve left.”

“But...” Before Alice could say anything, William’s office door suddenly opened and he stood at the door and looked at the two ladies, “Ms. Murray, I didn’t expect it to be you! Can you please come in for a moment?”

Sherry braced herself, nodded, and entered William’s office, “Mr. Rowland, what’s the matter?”

William sat on the executive chair and calmly lit a cigarette, “How have you been recently?”

Sherry took a deep breath and replied, "I'm fine!"

"It must be tough working at the Wait Restaurant!"

"It's okay!" She didn't know what William meant. He was so busy, how would he know what happened at the restaurant? It was unbelievable and she didn't know what he was thinking. This man was like a deep and bottomless chasm. She just felt that he was dark and frightening. She wanted to leave but she was captivated by his handsome looks.

"Have a seat!" He said.

"Mr. Rowland, I need to go. This is your take out!" She placed the take out container on the table and became nervous.

"Come back to work!" He tossed the cigarette and said calmly.

Sherry looked at him, "I'm very happy with my current job!"

"Do you really like to finish work at 9 pm every day?" He raised his eyebrows.

"It enriches me!" Sherry replied.

It was he who dismissed her. Now it was impossible for him to have her back. Additionally, she no longer wanted to have any dealings with this man. After putting down the container, she smiled slightly and didn't wait for William to speak and she turned to leave. William opened his mouth and wanted to say something but did not.

Once she was out of William's office, Sherry took a deep breath and smiled at Alice. At this moment, Liam walked over and asked, "Sherry, are you done?"

"Yes!" Sherry nodded.

"Then let's go!" Liam smiled and pressed for the lift.

It was Monday again.

After nine o'clock at night, the customers had left the restaurant and Sherry was about to leave. She suddenly received a message. There were three simple words but it was very demanding.

Mr. Fox: Come over tonight!

She looked at her watch. It was already half-past nine. She called the number to have the driver pick her up. She was very quiet along the way and the driver was as well. It was obvious that he didn't probe into other people's matters.

The house was brightly lit when she arrived. After a deep breath, she pushed open the door to enter. At the white sofa, William was putting on the mask and smoking leisurely. There were a lot of cigarette butts on the coffee table.

His slim fingers were holding onto the cigarette when he heard someone entering. He turned with his fox face mask. He exuded a special magnetism. Sherry was afraid that something would happen and stood in place and didn't move.

He looked up and said softly, "Have you eaten?" He knew that she just finished work and had not eaten and neither had he.

Sherry shook her head.

"Go and cook, I haven't eaten either!" He ordered.

Sherry was stunned and swallowed her saliva.