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"You may challenge me," said Valda Theller.

"Challenge you? And tell me what?" A voice rang suddenly.

Valda Theller turned around to see Brian, who had arrived at the film set at some point. He was walking toward her, and the actress' expression changed as soon as she saw Brian. Then, she said guiltily, "It's... It's nothing. I was only joking with Miss Theller just now. I have something to do, so I'll leave you alone."

With that said, the actress hurried away.

"Did this person say something to upset you?" Brian asked.

Valda Theller smiled faintly. "She did say something upsetting, but I didn't let her take advantage of me. After all, I have you as my backup. Not many people in the entertainment industry will actually do anything to me."

"Tell me if anyone gives you any trouble," said Brian.

Valda Theller hesitated for a moment. "Well, do you really not mind about what happened to me in university? Our relationship is in the open now. I don't want people to gossip about you."

Her eyes were full of worry. Brian's eyes glimmered. 'Is she worried

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about me?'

"No one will gossip about me, so don't worry," he said before changing the subject. "What do you feel like eating tonight?"

"Anything's fine," she said.

Just then, his phone rang suddenly. He frowned slightly as he answered it moments later.

"There's no need for that... Yes, I'm dating her, but that doesn't mean I have to bring her back to meet you," said Brian.

"Are you serious this time, son?" Mr. Hart's disapproving voice came from the other end of the line.

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"Yes, but now isn't the time yet."

"When will it be, then?"

"I'll bring her to meet you when I think the time is right," he said

and ended the conversation.

"Who's that..." Valda Theller could not help asking.

"It's my father. Let's find somewhere quiet for food," said Brian as he took Valda Theller's hand and walked out.

Valda Theller pressed her lips slightly. Though she could only hear the caller's voice, she could make out that his parents wanted to

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meet her, but he rejected them, saying it was not yet the right time.

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'Will I meet his family when he has fallen for me?'

For some reason, she was vaguely disappointed when he said no.

Perhaps she wanted to meet his parents. It would make her feel like she was getting more involved in his world.

The restaurant Brian brought Valda Theller to was a quiet place.

When he ordered, she habitually played with her phone, but she cried in surprise after seeing a news report.

What happened?" Brian asked, looking at Valda Theller's suddenly serious expression.

"It's about Kyla," said Valda Theller as she held the phone between herself and Brian so they could both watch the news.

Kyla was in some hall, surrounded by reporters who kept raising tough questions. All of them seemed to focus on 'divorce' and illness'

Kyla's answered the reporters, "We're not divorced. Martin Weiss and I are in a stable marriage, and as to why he brought Shana Nicholls to the banquet you mentioned that day, it's because Shana Nicholls is my husband's private nurse. I wasn't feeling well that day, so she attended it instead of me. I didn't think it would lead to a misunderstanding."

"Does that mean Mr. Martin Weiss has a problem with his health?"

"My husband needed a nurse because he donated his liver to me twice. I probably wouldn't have survived if it hadn't been for my husband. He's doing well. Otherwise, the doctors wouldn't have discharged him. We hired a professional nurse to take care of him because I wanted someone to take care of him when I'm not around," replied Kyla.

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"Is it okay that you two live apart? Since your husband donated

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his liver to you twice, shouldn't you stay with him and take care of him yourself?"

"I gave birth and had the second liver transplant surgery simultaneously, so I'm not well enough to care for a patient. I stay

in Emerald City because I want to care for my mother, and my

eldest son goes to school here. I hope to move back to L City after

my eldest son finishes his studies this semester."

"I heard you run a store. You're Martin Weiss's wife. The Weiss

family can easily afford a better house for you and your children. Besides that, you won't have to take care of your children and run

a store at the same time."

"My mother mainly runs the store. I'm only helping her out. I might

be Martin Weiss's wife, but my mother doesn't want to rely on the

Weiss family and wants to earn her own living. As her daughter, I can't say much about it."

"Then why are you living in a humble house behind the store with

your children? Besides, you seem to have lived there for years,

and you only got married about a year ago but your eldest son is already 10 years old. Does this mean you two don't really have a

good relationship and maybe you wouldn't have gotten married if you hadn't gotten pregnant with your second child?"

"I got pregnant with our second child because we have a good

relationship. I had low self-esteem and thought I wasn't good

enough for Martin. But I gradually got over it because Martin was

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persistent. I'll move back to L City and live with Martin in

the future. I also want people to stop speculating about our relationship!"

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Kyla's answer was almost textbook, giving a picture of marital stability while also shaping a good image of her husband, Martin Weiss.

Only then did Valda Theller realize that Kyla's husband was Martin Weiss, the chairman of Weiss Group in L City.

The Weiss family of L City was affluent!

"Kyla's husband donated his liver to Kyla twice, so they must have

a good relationship,” murmured Valda Theller. Then, she asked Brian, “Do you know Martin Weiss?”

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Brian said, “Yes, we’ve met several times. Martin Weiss did love Kyla very much back then.”

“Back then?” She was stunned. “Doesn’t he love her now?”

“I’m not sure. I know that Martin Weiss left Kyla and returned to L City after he donated his liver to Kyla a second time. I’m afraid. I don’t know what happened between them, but Martin Weiss probably won’t separate with Kyla if he still loves her,” said Brian.

He would never leave the person he loved most if it were him.

Valda Theller had only met Kyla once but had a good impression of her. “I hope Kyla has a happy marriage. They have two children

together... And her husband has donated his liver to her twice. I

don’t think average couples can do that.”

“If she hadn’t given birth to the second child, Martin Weiss wouldn’t have needed to donate his liver twice. Kyla nearly died

on the operating table to give birth to the second child. Do you

think she was selfish or selfless?” Brian smiled sarcastically as he stared at Kyla’s short news report that was on loop on the phone

screen.

“That... That’s just because she wanted to keep the baby,”

muttered Valda Theller.

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“What else is there to talk about if you lose your life for your

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children? Kyla is fortunate to have Martin Weiss willing to risk his liver to keep her alive. If Martin Weiss hadn’t risked donating his liver a second time, Kyla would already be six feet under.” Brian

sounded agitated. He was so different from his usual indifferent

self.

It was the second time he had expressed disapproval of women taking risks to have children.

“Are you worried about Grace?” The soft female voice rang in his ears.

Brian froze instantly and stared blankly at the person in front of him.

Valda Theller gently said, "I know you're worried about Grace's condition because Grace is also insistent on giving birth to her unborn child. Women not only risk their lives to have children because the babies are their blood and human life but also because they love the father of their children."

After a pause, she whispered, "The more you love them, the more risks you're willing to take. The deeper the love, the more risks you'll take."

"Love?" Brian burst into a wry smile. "Yeah, Grace... loves Jason. very much. She... loves him very much..."

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His smile looked forlorn, making Valda Theller's heart suddenly clench. "I... I'm sorry. I... I shouldn't have said that." She should not have upset him.

"You're not wrong. What is there to apologize for?" he said as he looked down gently. His long lashes seemed to cover his eyes. "Don't you think it's unfair? I met her first, but she fell in love with Jason."

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"God will arrange for you to meet someone who'll love you very much," her gentle voice said.

He trembled as his eyelashes quivered slightly. Then, he slowly looked up. His phoenix eyes saw her face that was pretty, cute, and amiable.

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Her expression was so serious. Those round eyes showed concern and... a more intense feeling for him.

"Do you love me?" His thin lips muttered.

"Yes." She was honest and did not shy away from it.

"How much do you love me?"

"I don't know how much I love you, but I want to be with you. I'm willing to do everything I can for that!"

"What if I never fall for you?"

Valda Theller said softly, "Then I won't force you. I'll only regret that I couldn't make you love me, so I'll love you very much until then. I'll love you until you feel that my love has become a burden for you. I'll put away my love when that happens so it won't affect you."

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His dark phoenix eyes stared at the person in front of him as if something had touched his heart.

The woman was confessing her love for him with such an expression. The surge of bitterness in his heart seemed to fade away...

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"Then try to make me fall for you, okay?" he murmured as he leaned forward and rested his lips on hers.

Her eyes widened instantly. 'He's... kissing me!

'He's not acting or doing it for show. He just wanted to... kiss me!'

He closed his eyes and gradually lengthened the kiss.

The touch of her soft lips was like an analgesic, easing the pain in his heart. It turned out that kissing felt so good, calm, and heart-melting.

After an unknown amount of time, Brian finally ended the kiss.

"Love me and don't give up halfway."

He had an intuition that this woman in front of him might be the one to pull him out of the abyss.

"Okay." Valda Theller heard herself saying.

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One could say that Kyla's press conference knocked down the rumors of her and Martin Weiss's marital crisis and explained Martin Weiss's physical condition.

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Martin Weiss donated his liver to his wife twice, so others could definitely see his love for his wife. Therefore, they suddenly started talking about Martin Weiss's loyalty. In many women's opinions, he

suddenly became a loving man willing to do everything and risk his life for his wife instead of a 'suspected' cheater.

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After the press conference, Weiss Group's share price stopped falling and skyrocketed.

One could say that the press conference was a success.

However, Martin Weiss turned livid after watching the video of the press conference. After hearing what Kyla said to the reporters, his lips even tightened into a line.

"Who arranged the press conference?" Martin Weiss asked coldly. Kyla could not have arranged such a press conference by herself.

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"Old Madam arranged it," a member of his staff replied.

Martin Weiss instantly got up and instructed, "Prepare the car to return to the old residence!"

Half an hour later, Martin Weiss arrived at the Weiss family's old residence and met Mrs. Weiss.

"Why did you arrange the press conference?" Martin Weiss asked as he looked at his mother.

"I did it for the Weiss family and the company. It's the fastest way," said Mrs. Weiss.

"I thought I told you I have nothing to do with her anymore. Why involve her with us again?" Martin Weiss asked through clenched teeth.

Mrs. Weiss explained, "Yes, I hope you have nothing to do with her as well. But with the present situation, it only works when she says it herself! Besides, I've made it clear to her that she'll only be saying that to dispel the rumors. You two are only delaying your divorce for a while. She'll never be able to be the Weiss family's daughter-in-law."

Martin Weiss frowned. "So you're only using her?"

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"Or what? What else could it be? You'll divorce her when this is all over, won't you? You don't want to keep the divorce papers around forever, do you?" Mrs. Weiss said.

Martin Weiss pressed his thin lips tightly and said nothing.

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He had wanted to divorce Kyla, but she was unwilling to end their relationship. However, he suddenly became reluctant when she tried to end it.

If he signed that agreement, they would have had nothing to do with each other except for their relationship with the children!

"I've spoken with Kyla. I asked her to stay in L City for some time to give the public the illusion that you're a loving couple. You can divorce in another year or so," said Mrs. Weiss.

Martin Weiss rejected and said, "No thanks! If we want to create an illusion, it'll work the same if I go to Emerald City."

"You're going to Emerald City?" Mrs. Weiss was shocked. Then, she immediately replied, "No, you're not in the right shape to go to Emerald City."

"What right shape? Didn't Kyla come here from Emerald City before? She had a liver transplant after giving birth. Speaking of which, she's in worse shape than I am!" Martin Weiss said.

He was stunned after saying that. 'Yeah, she's in worse shape

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than I am. But I have doctors and nurses around to take care of me, but she doesn't. She never asked for anyone to look after her during her time at my mansion either."

Martin Weiss only felt a pain in his heart when he thought of it.

'Kyla. Why does she keep causing me pain? She had already made me miserable before the hypnosis.

'After the hypnosis, she's still continuing to cause me pain.

'Or is it true that I still love Kyla as Shana Nicholls said?

'No matter what I do, will I always fall for Kyla... Am I going to love that woman again with no way of escaping?

Although Grace had been staying at home to take care of her unborn baby as per the doctor's orders, she still learned about Kyla's press conference. She also hurriedly called Kyla.

Kyla was afraid that Grace would have mood swings again because of her, so she hurried to the Reed family's house to visit Grace and tell her about her deal with Mrs. Weiss.

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"I only said that at the press conference to dispel the rumors as soon as possible. Weiss Group's share price had dropped due to

those rumors, causing a lot of losses. It's more effective for me to say those things instead of Martin Weiss or to have Weiss Group release a statement," said Kyla.

Grace said with concern, "So you and Martin Weiss..."

"We'll pretend to be a loving couple for a while. We'll find another excuse to announce our divorce once this is over," Kyla said before smiling. "Alright, don't worry about me. Whether it's pretending to be a loving couple with Martin Weiss or divorcing Martin Weiss is my own choice. No one forced me. I wanted to do it."

"Are you sure?" Grace asked.

Kyla's gaze softened. "I love him. I don't want Weiss Group, which he has worked so hard to build, to suffer any more losses, so I'm willing to pretend to be a loving couple with him. However, I'm also willing to divorce him and set him free because he doesn't love me back."

Her tone was calm when she spoke. Their love and hatred had turned into peace again.

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Perhaps it was the best outcome for her and Martin Weiss.

"By the way, have you seen the news about Brian and Valda?"

Kyla asked as she changed the topic.

Grace knew what news Kyla was referring to. "Yes."

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"Judging from the photo, Brian must be serious about Valda. I had doubts before, but I think my doubts are unnecessary now," Kyla said with a smile.

"So am I. I was afraid that Brian would find any random woman because of what I said to him, but it doesn't look like that now. And even though I've only met Valda a couple of times and haven't spent much time with her, I can tell she's sincere. Perhaps only such a sincere woman can move a person like Brian," said Grace.

"Yeah, so you should focus on looking after your unborn baby.

I'm waiting for you to give birth to your baby safely and be their godmother," said Kyla.

After Kyla left, Jason walked in. Looking at the look on his wife's face, he smiled. "Alright, it seems we have nothing to worry about anymore."

"Yeah, Kyla has her own plans. Besides, no one forced Kyla to do it. She did it willingly," said Grace, who was also relieved to know

this.

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"Worry less about other people's business. The doctor also said you shouldn't have mood swings," Jason said softly.

"Got it. I'll take good care of the baby in my belly!"

"No, your main concern is to take good care of yourself," Jason corrected her. She mattered the most to him!

Grace stared at the person in front of her. Her figure was reflected in his beautiful peach eyes as if she meant everything to him.

She knew he probably would not survive either if anything. happened to her.

She selfishly wanted the baby and dragged him into it.

"You're right. My main concern should be taking good care of myself," she murmured. She had thought that it did not matter whether she existed.

However, he had let her know how important she was to him!

Grace moved her body, trying to roll over to lie flat. She had just moved her body when she suddenly gasped and frowned.

"What's the matter?" he immediately asked nervously.

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"I have a cramp... in my leg. Ouch!" Grace said in pain. She had been getting more leg cramps as she was further along in her pregnancy.

Especially when lying down. Grace would easily have a cramp whenever she tried rolling over.

Jason bent over and gently lifted her nightdress. His eyes fell on her two legs. "Left leg or right leg?"

“Right leg,” she said.

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His long fingers began massaging her right calf, relieving her pain with moderate force.

“Do you feel better now?” he muttered.

“Yeah, I feel a little better,” she said.

He then continued massaging softly. She looked at him in silence as if she could do so until the end of time!

When Kyla returned to the store, she was surprised to see a black Maybach parked just outside.

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Kyla stopped as her heart sank slightly with a certain bad feeling.

Sure enough, when she walked into the store, her mother told her, “Martin Weiss’s here. He’s inside. He said he has something to

say to you.”

Kyla nodded and replied in acknowledgment. She was preparing to walk in when Mrs. Corbyn said worriedly, “You and him...”

“Everything’s going to be okay. We have nothing to do with each

other except this marriage. Martin Weiss must have come to talk with me about the press conference. It was the last thing I could do for him. I’ll just think of it as paying him back for donating me his liver again.”

Mrs. Corbyn sighed and said nothing more.

Kyla stepped into the room at the back of the store. Sure enough, she saw Martin Weiss sitting in the cramped living room.

“Hello, Mr. Weiss,” Kyla said indifferently.

Martin Weiss’s dark eyes looked up at her. “Did you call me Mr. Weiss? Didn’t you just call us a loving couple at the press conference?” His voice sounded sarcastic but also seemed to contain something else.

"Of course, I won't call you Mr. Weiss in public, but I think it's better to be polite when there's only the two of us." In case she

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forgot her goal and thought they were in love.

"You didn't have to agree to such a thing. Even if Weiss Group does lose some money, the company won't collapse," he said.

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Kyla said, "But the press conference proved that it worked. The share price has started to recover. I'm going to L City in a few days. You don't need to come."

He stared at her and said, "Are you really going to pretend we're a loving couple in public? It's not too late for you to back out. I can make up some other excuses."

She only smiled faintly. "There's nothing to regret. You haven't filed the divorce papers yet, so we're still married. I did what I thought I should do. You can make an excuse to end our marriage when this is over."

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His thin lips were pressed together. Her nonchalance made him uncomfortable for a moment.

"What excuse do you think we can give?" he asked coldly.

"It can be me insisting on getting a divorce because I can't fit in

or me not wanting to be a rich madam who only takes care of her husband and children. We can also say that we don't see eye to eye with each other. Our love lost to reality, so we decided to get a divorce.

Or... Or maybe I just married you so you could donate me your liver. Since I've achieved my goal, I divorced you."

Each of her examples made his face grimmer.

She would have to bear the blame herself if they used her excuses.

"Do you want to divorce me so badly that you would slander yourself?" Martin Weiss frowned and asked unhappily.

Kyla froze. "We're going to get divorced anyway. If I'm the wrongdoer, it'll cost the Weiss family and you minimal damage, won't it?"

Yeah, it would cost him minimal damage, but he was unhappy to

hear that from her!

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"Kyla, you know you're going to divorce me anyway, so can you stand pretending to be a loving couple with me?" He got up and walked up to her. Suddenly, he bent over with his hands resting on the arms of her chair.

She instantly felt a rush of pressure overcoming her. The gesture made it seem as if she were trapped in his arms. His eyes were almost level with hers. Their faces were so close to each other's that they could easily feel each other's breathing.

Kyla looked blankly at the face right in front of her.

Compared to back then, he seemed paler and thinner now. He looked faintly sickly.

It was all because he had donated his liver to her again.

"Why can't I stand it?" she quietly asked.

However, her calmness only stung his eyes.

His face closed in on hers, and his lips almost pressed on hers. "Can you stand doing this in front of people?"

Her eyelashes quivered slightly. "Yes."

He pressed his lips hard against hers and kissed her forcefully. The kiss was so intense it felt like he was venting something.

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It was a long time before he finally ended the kiss. He panted as he glared at Kyla. "Can you stand this?"

However, he was disappointed when she still looked calm. It was as if the kiss was nothing to her.

"Martin Weiss, I can take it. I've mentally prepared myself since

I made this decision. I can take it even if we have to be intimate with each other in front of others," Kyla said.

'Can take it...' Martin Weiss instantly felt an inexplicable sense of fury surging in his heart.

"Kyla, would you still be able to take it if I were another man?"

Kyla frowned. "Are you being unreasonable?" That assumption simply did not exist.

“Since you said you can take it, let’s live together starting tomorrow. I’ll prepare a house in Emerald City. It’s up to you to decide if the kids and your mother will move over together!” he said as he straightened up and looked at her condescendingly.

She was shocked. “You want to live in Emerald City?” She thought he was only here for a few days.

“Yes, I’ll stay in Emerald City until we get divorced,” he replied, giving her a meaningful glance. Then, he looked away. “Get ready.”

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With that, he walked out of the room, leaving Kyla alone in the cramped living room.

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‘Am I moving in with Martin Weiss... tomorrow? Is this... the last. time we’re spending together?’ Kyla could not help smiling bitterly.

Valda Theller found herself unable to stop looking at Brian’s lips when she and Brian were together. For example, when she worked overtime in the studio to draw some storyboards, Brian would sit on the couch nearby, reading the comic books she kept

in the studio.

However, as she drew, she could not help glancing at him from the corners of her eyes.

If it were not for the storyboards she had to finish today, she would have been tempted to pick up her pencil and draw him!

The way he read the comic book quietly was as beautiful as a portrait.

His sculpted face, sharp brows, phoenix eyes, and straight nose bridge looked beautiful when viewed from the side. What caught her eye the most was his lips.

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His lips were defined, thin, and sexy. They had a touch of pink, which was beautiful.

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His lips felt so soft... It was a pity that the last time he kissed her, it had ended a little too soon...

“I told you, you can just look at me if you want.” His voice suddenly rang out.

Valda Theller's face indifferently turned red as her eyes met those dark phoenix eyes. She was considered to have been caught peeking.

"Well, I just think you look good," Valda Theller said with slight embarrassment.

"Then I seem to be your type," he quipped.

"Of course," she said.

"What were you thinking when you were looking at me?" he asked.

"I thought our last kiss ended a little too soon..." she blurted out. She only realized what she had said after a few seconds. Her face

instantly felt like it was on fire as she waved her hands quickly. She said, "I... I'm joking. Don't take it seriously!"

With that said, she looked down to stop looking at the face that

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could induce people's imagination easily. She tried to refocus on the storyboard she was working on but failed.

Just then, his voice suddenly rang above her head. "Did you want the kiss to last longer?"

Valda Theller instantly looked up to see Brian had walked over to her at some point. He was slightly bent over as he asked her the question.

When she looked up, his face was magnified in front of her.

Gulp!

Valda Theller heard herself gulping.

'Come on, doesn't he know it's easy to go off into wild flights of fantasy when he asks such a question with that face of his?'

"Hmm?" He hummed as if waiting for her answer.

She stared blankly at his face and suddenly said as if she had made up her mind, "Yes, I wish we could've kissed longer. I also wish I could kiss you again. I... I like you, so I... I would think that way..."

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However, she began stammering as she went on.

Even so, it was enough to shock Brian.

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He did not expect her to answer so directly. He had only been mildly interested in seeing what she would say. Now, he was the stunned one.

Yeah, the woman liked him, so she wanted to kiss him. Her eyes were clear and pure as if telling him plainly that she only liked him and did not have any other agenda.

"If you want to kiss me again, then... alright," he replied to her.

Valda Theller was stunned as she blinked stupidly. It was as if she was in a daze.

"What's the matter? You don't want to?" he asked.

"No!" she answered almost subconsciously. Moments later, as if she had come to her senses, she blushed and said, "Well... Can

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Valda Theller nervously licked her dry lips. 'He agreed. Does this mean he has some feelings for me?

'At the very least, he's not against kissing me. Will he slowly fall for me, then?'

Valda Theller put down her pencil and held Brian's face in her hands.

Her hands were warm, and her face looked nervous and earnest.

Brian only thought Valda Theller looked adorable. Many women wanted to kiss him, but it was the first time a woman showed such an expression when she tried to kiss him.

"I'm... inexperienced. I hope you... uh... don't mind if I don't do so well," said Valda Theller.

Laughter flickered in those phoenix eyes. "It's okay."

Valda Theller took another deep breath before carefully walking up to kiss Brian.

His lips were just as soft as she remembered.

However, they were also as cool as she remembered.

She wanted to warm his lips.

Valda Theller kissed him and seemed to forget the time. She

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finally stopped the kiss when his cold lips finally had some warmth.

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However, what she saw when she opened her eyes were his deep phoenix eyes.

She instantly froze as she blushed again. "Did... Did I kiss you for too long just now? Well... I'm sorry, I... I'll pay attention to the time next time."

He chuckled. She seemed to be able to make him laugh easily. "Are you hoping to do it again next time?"

Valda Theller blushed harder. "No... That... That's not what I meant... Uh... No, I... I wish I could do it again. Well... Well..."

She became more flustered as she spoke. She was even stammering hard.