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She pursed her lips and set aside her sketchbook, silently watching him on the hospital bed,

Would she miss him like this?

And what about him? How long would it take for him to find someone he could love?

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She was afraid of her future jealousy, which could ruin their present happiness. She was afraid that he loved Grace too much and would never love her,

Actually...she was really afraid of a lot of things in this relationship.

But...was it really going to end like this? Valda Theller's hand couldn't help but stroke Brian Hart's cheek, feeling his warmth in

her palm.

"Brian Hart, can I really do this?" She murmured, asking him and herself.

Just then, Brian Hart's brow furrowed and he shook his head from side to side, looking uneasy. "Valda Theller...don't..."

Valda Theller was taken aback. Was he having a nightmare? And he dreamed of her?

Then she saw his forehead break out in a thin layer of sweat, and

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"Brian Hart?" she shouted.

But he remained asleep, murmuring, "Don't don't. Valda Theller..you can't, absolutely can't..."

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Valda Theller frowned. What did he dream of? What did she do in his dream that made him say "absolutely can't?"

But in his current condition, he might have a fever. The doctor had warned her to be especially careful about whether he had a fever.

Thinking of this, Valda Theller quickly pressed the nurse button next to the bed and waited for the nurse to come.

But just as Valda Theller pressed the button, Brian Hart, who had been closing his eyes, suddenly opened them and looked at her with his dark eyes.

"You...you're awake?" Valda Theller was stunned. "You seem to have a fever. I've pressed the nurse button and the nurse will be here soon..."

Before she could finish her sentence, he sat up suddenly and hugged her tightly.

"...Brian Hart?" Valda Theller was surprised.

"Valda Theller!" he urgently called her name. "You can't...you can't jump down...absolutely can't!"

She was confused. What was he talking about? Jump where?

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"You...you let go first, I...I'm not going to jump anywhere," she shouted, but didn't dare to struggle easily, afraid of hurting his wound.

But his arms tightened around her, making it harder for her to breathe, and his urgent voice kept calling her name, as if he was afraid of something.

Even this embrace was trembling, because his body was shaking.

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The nurse hurried over and was taken aback upon seeing the two embracing figures in the hospital room.

After a moment, she regained her composure and said, "You rang the nurse's bell earlier...?"

Valda Theller struggled to explain, "He seems to have a fever, could you please check on him?" But Brian Hart still clung tightly

to her, refusing to let go.

"Brian Hart, please let go and let the nurse take your temperature," Valda Theller urged.

"Don't jump, don't... I don't want you to leave me... Valda Theller, don't jump..." he murmured.

"Okay, okay, I won't jump, I won't leave you," she replied, unsure of what was happening but going along with his words. "Now, please let go so the nurse can check your temperature and see how you're doing."

Finally, her words seemed to have an effect and he slowly released his grip. Valda Theller breathed a sigh of relief as the nurse took his temperature.

"39.5 degrees," she confirmed. He was definitely running a fever.

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continued to murmur, "Don't Jump... Valda Theller, don't jump..."

Soon, the doctor arrived and Valda Theller asked anxiously,

"Doctor, what's wrong with him? He's been talking nonsense and seemed to have been having nightmares earlier."

"It's likely due to the fever and previous nightmares, causing him to be disoriented and possibly thinking he's still in a dream. But don't worry, it's just a temporary phenomenon," the doctor reassured her.

Valda Theller breathed a small sigh of relief as the doctor conducted a preliminary examination and administered a fever-reducing injection and two bags of saline solution. Because Brian Hart's left hand was still tightly holding hers, the nurse had to insert the needle into the back of his right hand.

"Tomorrow, if the fever subsides, there shouldn't be any problems. But if it doesn't, we may need to conduct further tests. Tonight, the nurse will check his temperature every two hours," the doctor informed them.

"Thank you," Valda Theller replied.

As they were left alone in the room, Brian Hart's eyes slowly closed again, but his hand remained clasped in hers and he continued to murmur her name.

Valda Theller wondered what he had dreamt about and what she had done to make him so afraid that he clung to her so tightly, trembling. This man clearly had feelings for her, and she believed have ricked his

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and called out her name in his dreams?

Would she be able to let go of his hand?

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Her gaze fell on their intertwined hands, and she couldn't predict what the future held. Perhaps she wouldn't become ugly with

jealousy, perhaps he had already fallen in love with her before she became jealous, perhaps even if he didn't love her in the end, they could still end things gracefully... So many maybes floated through her mind, but only she could provide the answer.

Brian Hart's fever finally subsided at 4am, and Valda Theller's heart finally relaxed. Because his hand had been holding hers tightly, she hadn't returned to her own bed to sleep and instead dozed off by his bedside.

Although her eyes were closed, she slept lightly and woke up immediately when he stirred. She opened her eyes and saw that

his phoenix eyes were already open.

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"Are you awake? Do you feel uncomfortable anywhere?" Valda Theller asked anxiously.

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"What happened to me?" Brian Hart felt weak and sweaty all over his body.

"You had a fever last night. The doctor gave you a shot and some IV fluids. Luckily, your fever went down later. The nurse will come to take your temperature in a while," she said.

"Were you by my bedside all night?" he asked.

She smiled shyly.

He then noticed their tightly held hands, as if he had realized something. "Did I hold your hand when I had a fever?"

"You seemed to have had a nightmare last night. You kept calling my name and holding my hand. What did you dream about? Did you ask me not to jump?" Valda Theller asked curiously.

His face turned pale, and his gaze fell on their hands. His fingers involuntarily tightened her hand. "I dreamed that you were standing on the edge of a cliff, about to jump. I shouted desperately, ran over to try to catch you, but... it seemed like I couldn't catch anything."

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this dream was so vivid that he could still remember the despair he felt in the dream.

No wonder he held her hand and asked her not to jump yesterday. Valda Theller finally understood the meaning of his murmurs last night.

"That was just a dream. I am not the kind of person who cannot face reality. I will not jump off a cliff," she said jokingly, trying to lighten the mood. "Life is beautiful. I still want to draw more good comics and win some awards in China."

"Really?" He looked at her seriously.

"What's wrong? It was just your dream, not real," she smiled. "Why would I jump off a cliff if I'm fine?"

"Then promise me that you will never give up your life easily, no matter what happens in the future. Even if you face a huge problem, I will help you solve it. So, please live well!" He looked at her seriously.

His expression and voice were so sincere.

Valda Theller was stunned. This man in front of her seemed to be making a promise, telling her that no matter how many storms she faced in the future, he would come to protect her.

"Brian Hart, some things... cannot be said lightly. If I really encounter a huge problem, it may be something you cannot solve.

However..." She paused and said seriously, "I can promise you that I will never give up my life easily at any time"

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"If I cannot solve the problem, I will try my best to solve it. If I cannot do it, I will find someone who can. There is always a way," Brian Hart said. "I remember the promise you just made. You cannot go back on your word."

"Why would I go back on my word? Are you so afraid that I will give up my life?" she said casually.

"Yes, I am afraid!" he admitted frankly.

She was stunned, staring at him with wide eyes, as if she had not expected him to admit it.

"Valda Theller, I am really afraid that something will happen to you. So, please don't get into trouble," he said, and she... heard the sound of her heart beating wildly.

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Brian Hart spent another two days in the hospital before finally

being discharged. However, on the day of his release, Valda

Theller had already left early. Despite leaving early, she still hid in the shadows and watched as his parents came to pick him

up from the hospital, watched as Brian Hart got into the car, and watched as the car drove away from the hospital. She couldn't even explain to herself why she felt the need to hide.

Perhaps she was afraid of facing his parents' awkwardness, or perhaps there were other reasons that she hadn't yet figured out. She needed to think things through before deciding how to face

them.

After leaving the hospital, Valda Theller took a taxi to The Reed residence. She knew that Grace had already been discharged from the hospital and was recuperating at The Reed family's

home.

When she arrived at The Reed residence, Jason Reed had gone to the office and was not at home, and the triplets were all at kindergarten. However, Grace and her newborn daughter were at home. At the moment, Grace was lying in bed, while the baby was lying in the crib, being looked after by a nanny.

As soon as Grace saw Valda Theller, she smiled and said, "Come on, Valda Theller, sit down!"

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spend most of my time in bed and has the servants supervise me," Grace said.

Although she said it that way, her face was full of sweetness.

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Valda Theller looked at Grace and hesitated for a moment before saying, "Grace, I have something on my mind that I want to talk to you about privately. Can we?"

Grace noticed her hesitation and dismissed the nanny in the room. "Whatever you want to say, go ahead and say it."

"It's... about Brian Hart," Valda Theller said. "I want to know, in your eyes, what kind of person he is?"

"You..." Grace seemed a little surprised.

"I know he loved you in the past," Valda Theller said. In fact, he still loves you now, but since she and Brian Hart are still boyfriend and girlfriend in front of Grace, she can't say that. "I'm just curious and want to know more about him."

"He's a very good person," Grace said after thinking for a

moment. "Our first encounter was on the mountain..."

She slowly recounted their first meeting and subsequent reunion to Valda Theller.

"Valda Theller, in my opinion, Brian Hart's feelings for me were sometimes more like a childhood obsession. But now, I'm really happy that he's with you. I can see that he has you in his eyes, and you also

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love him, don't you?" Grace asked, looking into Valda Theller's eyes.

"Yes, I love him. He's the first person I've loved like this," Valda

Theller smiled. It was because of Brian Hart that she realized how deep love for someone could be.

"Grace, thank you," Valda Theller said.

"Thank me? Thank me for what?" Grace asked, puzzled.

"Thank you for saving Brian Hart when we were kids. If you hadn't saved him back then, maybe I wouldn't have met him now," Valda Theller said. "It's because of you that I met Brian Hart, so I'm really grateful to you."

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"When you two get married in the future, you must give me a matchmaker's red envelope," Grace joked,

Valda Theller smiled, wondering what her future with Brian Hart would be like.

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After chatting with Grace for over an hour, Valda Theller got up to leave. As she walked down the stairs, she saw Jason Reed coming back.

"Valda Theller, long time no see," Jason Reed said, looking up at her.

"Not really," Valda Theller replied. "I came to see Grace and the baby today."

"I see," Jason Reed suddenly said. "I heard you and Brian Hart broke up?"

Valda Theller stiffened. "Mr. Reed, what do you want to say?"

"I don't mean anything else. I just hope it won't affect Grace's recovery. Everything else is not important to me," Jason Reed said

slowly.

Valda Theller looked at the man in front of her, who could easily turn the world upside down in Emerald City, but for him, all that

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"I think the same way," Valda Theller said.

"Don't you hate Grace?" Jason Reed asked. Valda Theller had heard Brian Hart talking about Grace in the hospital that day.

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"If I hated her, I wouldn't be standing here now. I don't hate her because love is never about right or wrong. I just envy Grace and

regret why the person who met Brian Hart when we were young wasn't me," Valda Theller said.

"I have the same regret," Jason Reed said. "I also regret why Grace didn't meet me when we were young."

At that moment, Valda Theller suddenly felt that Jason Reed was not so unattainable.

"Grace doesn't know that you and Brian Hart have broken up yet. At least I hope you can continue to pretend to be in a relationship with him in front of her until she recovers. Consider it a favor I owe you," Jason Reed said.

For ordinary people to make Mr. Reed of Emerald City owe them a favor was truly a rare opportunity.

"No need," Valda Theller shook her head. "Maybe Brian Hart and I don't need to pretend in front of Grace."

"Oh?" Jason Reed raised an eyebrow. Did that mean she was planning to get back together with Brian Hart? "Aren't you afraid it will be a difficult road?" he hinted.

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She pursed her lips. "It may be difficult, but I still want to try."

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After saying that, Valda Theller walked away. Jason Reed watched her leave and smiled slightly. Brian Hart... he really had good taste.

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let her go and fear of her getting hurt... all these emotions will eventually turn into love for her!

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"Valda Theller?" Brian Hart's voice came from the phone.

"Where are you?" Valda Theller asked.

"At the villa, why?" Brian Hart replied.

"You're not on the side of your mansion?" Valda Theller was a little surprised. She thought he would be resting at the Hart family's

estate.

"No, I wanted some peace and quiet. If I rested at home, I probably wouldn't get any peace." Brian Hart said. Besides, his injury was not a big problem anymore. Apart from not being able to engage in strenuous exercise recently, not being able to lift heavy objects, and having to pay attention to his diet, everything else was no different from an ordinary person.

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"You can say it over the phone." Brian Hart said.

"Let's say it in person." Valda Theller said, because saying it in person would be more solemn. She wanted him to understand her seriousness.

"Okay, I'll send someone to pick you up." he said.

"No need, I'll come by myself. Wait for me!" Valda Theller said, and then quickly ended the call.

Brian Hart looked down at his phone. What did she want to say to him?

He was afraid that he had expectations, and in the end, it would only lead to disappointment.

Valda Theller took a taxi and soon arrived at the entrance of Brian Hart's villa. When she pressed the doorbell, a servant came to open the door.

"Miss Theller, right? The young master is waiting for you inside. Please follow me." the servant said.

Valda Theller followed the servant and came into the room.

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Valda Theller took a deep breath and looked at the person in front of her, "Do you... still think that if you were to fall in love with someone in this lifetime, that person can only be me?"

His eyes narrowed slightly. What was she trying to say?

Brian Hart slowly stood up and walked step by step towards Valda Theller. Could it be possible? The words she wanted to say to him today, could they be what he was thinking?

His heart was beating faster, and even his breathing seemed to become more rapid.

Would he really not be disappointed? Sometimes, when expectations are too high, disappointment can become even more desperate.

"Do you know what you're asking?" he whispered.

"I know." she said with great certainty.

He pursed his thin lips and after a while, he said hoarsely, "Yes, if I were to fall in love with someone in this lifetime, I think that person can only be you. What about you? Do you want me to fall in love with you? Or do you want to completely cut ties with me?"

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No matter how many points are still missing, I want to give it a try and see if we can fill it up. Brian Hart, would you like to join me in filling up these points? If...you are still willing, then let’s continue walking and see if you can fall in love with me in this lifetime! I

want to know the result!

On his lips was the warmth of her fingertips. In this moment, the woman spoke to him with a resolute expression and said these

words.

"I would love to!" He suddenly hugged her, burying his head in the crook of her neck, breathing in her scent. This time, the feeling of embracing her was so reassuring. "Valda, let's move forward together. I will fall in love with you, I'm sure of it!"

She opened her arms and carefully hugged him back, making a soft "Mmm" sound from her mouth.

Brian, do you know how much I love you?

Do you know that standing in front of you today, I need to have a lot of confidence in the future?

Perhaps the future is full of obstacles, but she still wants to give it another try.

Because she also believed that he liked her so much...

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She blushed for a moment and bit her lip slightly.

"Do you really want to see?" his voice echoed in the room.

"Well...I have seen it before," she muttered.

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"I'm afraid you won't like it, after all, this isn't something that looks good," he said.

"I just want to see how it is now, can you show me?" she said.

So he finally took off his shirt completely, and suddenly, the wound on his waist and abdomen appeared before her eyes once again.

She has seen this wound many times, watching as the doctor carefully stitched it up and the nurse tended to it every day. Now, it doesn't look as glaring as it did at first.

The color of the stitches on the wound seems to have darkened a bit, and it has already scabbed over.

"Do you really not need any medicine for this injury?" Valda leaned in close to his face and stared at his wound, asking.

“No need, actually the wound is already healing and all we have to do is wait for the scab to fall off. The stitches used to close

the wound are also self-dissolving, so there’s no need to remove them.” He said.

She instinctively wanted to reach out her finger to touch his wound, but then she quickly withdrew her hand, apparently

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it but not daring to.

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He saw her concern and immediately took her hand, placing it on his wound. “It has already scabbed over, so even if you touch it like this, it won’t hurt.”

On her fingertips, there was a thin scab. “Are you really not in pain anymore?”

“It doesn’t hurt,” he said.

“I don’t know if this scar will be very noticeable in the future,” she murmured. This scar on his body was like a beautiful piece of art with a crack in it.

And this crack, it was caused by her and no one else.

“If you think it looks ugly, then after a few days when it scabs over, I can go get a scar removal treatment,” Brian said. “But personally, I quite like it.”

“Do you like it?” She blinked her eyes in surprise.

“For men, getting injured is like a badge of honor,” he said, slowly

lowering his head and gently resting his forehead against hers. “Fortunately, you didn’t get hurt that day.”

Fortunately, the knife landed on him instead. If it had landed on her, she would have been in a lot of pain.

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Valda was stunned, her face filled with his breath, their foreheads touching and their noses almost touching each other.

So intimate!

This man took a knife for her, yet he still said “fortunately”.

How could she not love him, with him being like this!

She couldn’t help but raise her hand, wrap it around his neck, and

kiss his lips.

His body trembled slightly, then he wrapped his arms around her waist and kissed her back passionately.

I'm not sure how long they kissed, but when Valda wanted to pull away satisfied, he grabbed the back of her head. "Valda, not

enough yet..."

As his voice trailed off, his lips once again landed on hers, as if wanting to savor every inch of sweetness and not willing to let go.

"Um..." Valda passively endured the kiss.

At this moment, his kiss was even more dominant and intense than before, making her almost unable to catch her breath.

She felt dizzy and when the kiss ended she was panting and her

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"I really don't want to let you go like this," he murmured, his fingers lightly touching her lips, his phoenix eyes stained with some kind

of desire.

Valda's face turned even redder... "You, you still have an injury.

The doctor said you can't do strenuous exercise," she quickly said.

But as soon as the words were out, she wanted to bite her own tongue.

Oh my god, what did she just say? It sounded like she was implying that if he wasn't injured, they could do "strenuous exercise"!

"Well, not now, we'll have to wait until later," he replied seriously.

Boom!

She felt like her face was about to boil over.

"I...I'm going back first. You, you rest well!" Her face turned red as she spoke, and she wanted to turn around to get her own bag.



But as she took only one step forward, his hand suddenly pulled her closer into his embrace. "Don't go, stay with me tonight...please?"

"Oh? But you..."

"Don't worry, I won't do anything. I just want you to stay with me, just to keep me company. I won't do anything to you." He leaned

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me again. I'm afraid it's all just my imagination because everything happened so suddenly, it doesn't feel real."

Even though he's holding her like this right now, and she's gently snuggling in his arms, that unreal feeling still lingers.

Is it because he really wants to be with her? It seems like only when he's with her, he can find redemption and truly relax.

She bit her lower lip slightly and after a while, she softly said

"okay".

Although Valda didn't bring any clean clothes, Brian has plenty here.

During the time she lived in this villa before, Brian had someone buy a lot of clothes in her size. However, when she left, she only took her own clothes and left all the ones he bought here.

It fits perfectly now.

Due to his wound, Brian is unable to take a shower or bath for the time being and can only clean himself by wiping.

This task was originally meant to be done by a caregiver, but Brian looked at her with his beautiful eyes and said, "Do you really want another woman to help me bathe?"

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Valda hesitated for a moment. She really didn't want to do it herself. "But...you could also have a male servant help you with that," she said. There were male servants in the villa as well.

"Are men safe?" he asked in response.

"..." She paused, well, she had to admit that his face was indeed attractive to both men and women.

"Do you really not want to help me?" Her phoenix-like eyes lifted slightly. When those originally indifferent and distant eyes revealed a look of longing, it seemed as if refusing was a heinous crime.

Valda was completely helpless and surrendered completely under his piercing gaze.

Blushing, she wrung out the towel and gently wiped him down.

Luckily, he was still wearing tight pants, which allowed her to wipe him without having to close her eyes.

What's there to be embarrassed about? She said to herself in her mind. In the summer, she had seen men without shirts on before. In the past, during the summer nights, the uncles and older men in the neighborhood liked to walk around in their undershorts with no shirts on. She never blushed then!

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Brian was quite cooperative, letting her do whatever she needed to do.

"Are you shy?" Brian's voice suddenly rang out.

"Huh?" Her body suddenly stiffened. "Why do you ask?"

"Because from earlier until now, you haven't been able to look at my face." He said.

She pursed her lips. Okay, she really couldn't look at his face, because if she did, it would only make her more confused and

unable to concentrate.

"Yes...I'm shy." She honestly admitted, speeding up her movements, just wanting to finish this job quickly.

"If I said that I'm also shy, would you feel more comfortable?" He said.

She was taken aback and suddenly lifted her head, looking at

his face in surprise. "You...you're also shy?" How could it be?

Someone like him, how could he be shy!

And at this moment, his expression is calm, his skin color is normal, and he doesn't look even a little bit embarrassed, okay!

"Are you kidding me?" she said, feeling like she had been deceived by him.

"I'm not joking, I'm really shy," he said seriously, then took her hand and placed it on his heart. "Can you feel it? It's beating very

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She paused for a moment, and with the palm of her hand, she could feel the subtle undulations beneath the skin and bones.

This feeling can only be sensed when the heart is beating rapidly. It cannot be felt when the heart is calm.

So, what you’re saying is... he was telling the truth?!