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At that moment, the elderly Mr. Hart and Mrs. Hart also walked over. "What's going on? What happened?" they asked.

"Dad, Mom," Brian turned to his parents, "You know how important Valda is to me. If anyone tries to ruin the relationship between me and Valda, they will be crossing a line and I won't let it go."

Upon hearing this, the elderly Mr. and Mrs. Hart glanced at their son's serious expression and then at Auntie Sandy and Lexi standing nearby. They understood to some extent what might happen.

After all, before Brian arrived, some of Lexi's words were filled with disdain towards Valda.

At that time, the old Mr. Hart and the old Mrs. Hart thought that the child was only speaking like this in front of their own family, and would not do anything in front of Valda.

However, it seems that we were thinking too optimistically.

"So, get out of here!" Brian looked at Lexi again and spoke in a cold tone, making it clear that there was no room for argument.

Lexi's face was pale and she looked at old Mr. Hart and old Mrs.

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Hart with pleading eyes. "Uncle and Aunt, I really just said a few words casually. I only mentioned that Miss Theller did a good job saving Grace's child. I didn't say much else. I don't understand why Brian got angry."

At this point, Lexi is still trying to argue and make excuses.

When Lexi mentioned the name Grace, both Mr. and Mrs. Hart's expressions changed.

Mr. Hart has been in the business world for many years, while Mrs. Hart has been the head of the household for just as long. It's likely that they can both guess what Lexi said, and their expressions turned unpleasant as a result.

The fact that their son couldn't win Grace's heart for so many years has been a constant worry for the Hart family. Now that their son has finally fallen in love with Valda, they fear that any further complications could delay his marriage and starting a family for who knows how long.

Mrs. Hart immediately spoke up, "Sister, you better take your Lexi home. I don't think Lexi should come here again in the future."

Auntie Sandy was shocked to hear this and said, "Big sister, what do you mean?"

"Alright, show them out," Mrs. Hart ordered the servant standing nearby.

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The servant immediately walked up to Auntie Sandy's family and gestured to show them out, saying, "Please."

"Big sister, we've been relatives for so many years. Lexi just said a few words to an outsider. Do you really..."

"Outsider?" Mrs. Hart said coldly, "Valda is my future daughter-in-law, not an outsider. And in the future, Valda will be the mistress of the Hart family. Since your daughter Lexi doesn't know how to respect Valda, there's no need for her to come here again! You can leave now. You can come back in the future, but your daughter is not welcome! Show them out!"

Mrs. Hart shouted "show them out" for the second time. Auntie Sandy realized that they were in the wrong and could only grit her teeth and leave with her daughter.

The other relatives in the room understood the Hart family's importance of Valda and became even more enthusiastic towards her.

Brian looked down at Valda and hesitated, "No matter what Lexi

said earlier, don't take it to heart, okay?"

"Okay," Valda readily agreed.

But her straightforwardness instead caused a hint of worry to rise in his eyes.

At that moment, the elderly Mrs. Hart approached and said,

"Valda, come here, I want to talk to you for a moment."

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Valda decided to go to the old Mrs. Hart's place, but Brian

grabbed her hand and stopped her from moving forward.

Valda hadn't even had a chance to speak when the elderly Mrs.

Hart beat her to it. "What's the matter, are you afraid I'll eat Valda?

I'm just having a chat with my future daughter-in-law, I promise to return her to you in one piece."

"Mum." Brian furrowed his brow slightly and looked deeply at his mother, afraid that she might say something unpleasant to Valda about him being there.

"Okay, I understand. I'll be just as precious as Valda to you," said

Mrs. Hart. "Now, please let go. Do you want Valda and me to stay here with you forever?"

Brian reluctantly let go of his hand.

Valda followed the old Mrs. Hart to the backyard of the Hart

family. The old Mrs. Hart turned around and looked at Valda

kindly, saying, "Earlier, our relatives caused you some trouble."

"Not much," Valda quickly replied.

"Valda, you were chosen by Brian, which means you were also chosen by the Hart family, including me and Brian's father. If you

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have any grievances, you can talk to us," said the old Mrs. Hart.

Her voice paused for a moment, as if she was sighing. "Brian loves

you very much. I actually thought he didn't love you that much, but during the year you were missing, I completely understood

how much he loves you. I think if you hadn't returned to Emerald City, he would have remained unmarried for the rest of his life for you."

Mrs. Hart, the elderly woman, spoke and walked up to Valda, patting her shoulder. "You've had a tough year, and I feel sorry for you. But during this time, Brian has suffered greatly for you. Valda, as a mother, I only hope that no matter what happens in the future, you and Brian will stay together. If any difficulties arise, our family will work together to solve them. Do you understand?"

Our family...these words also include Valda.

Valda's eyes became moist.

After her parents passed away, she lost her family. Even though her uncle adopted her, she could never truly become a part of his family.

Does she have a home now?

"Okay," Valda responded, "I will be with Brian and stay with him forever and ever..."

This is her promise!

She once lost her home, but in the future, she will have a home again, a warm and cozy one!

"Good child," said Mrs. Hart as she took a step forward and hugged Valda. "From now on, you are not only my daughter-in-law, but also my daughter. If Brian ever mistreats you, you must tell me, okay?"

Valda smiled, feeling the genuine kindness of old Mrs. Hart. "I believe he won't mistreat me." Because she knew how much that man loved her.

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After leaving the Hart family, Valda sat in the passenger seat

and watched the scenery recede along the way, thinking about everything that had happened at the Hart family today.

Old Mr. and Mrs. Hart, along with Brian, were told by Lexi to never

come back to the Hart family again because of the things she said. This effectively severed their familial relationship.

Is it making a mountain out of a molehill? Actually, they are doing to protect her!

This warmth made her feel heavy in her chest!

Brian looked at Valda sitting silently in the car, and a hint of sadness flickered in his phoenix-like eyes.

The car arrived at the Hart family's mansion. The two got out of the car and walked into the mansion.

"Is there anything you want to tell me?" Brian asked.

Valda turned to him with a puzzled look. "What do you mean?"

"Like, did my mother talk to you about anything today?" he asked.

"She just told me to always be with you no matter what happens,"

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she confessed.

"Really?" he said.

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"Of course it's true," she said. "Do you think your mother would say anything bad about me? If she did, she wouldn't have helped me establish my authority in front of those relatives today. Brian, I really like your parents."

His worries were somewhat relieved. "What about me?"

"I love you," she said.

He looked slightly moved. "So tell me honestly, are you mad at me today?"

She looked surprised. "Why would I be mad at you?"

“Because... Grace,” he hesitated for a moment, before finally uttering the name.

Grace is someone he used to love, but now he’s afraid she might become an obstacle between them. He’s afraid Valda might misunderstand and think he doesn’t love her enough.

So when Lexi said something to Valda today about saving Grace’s child or something like that, he felt a sudden panic.

Lexi knows exactly how to stir up trouble, he can almost predict it.

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Once, Valda struggled to believe that he truly loved her, wanted to marry her, and that saving Grace’s child had nothing to do with it. But now, Lexi’s words could potentially stir up a lot of emotions in Valda.

“Valda, I love you and want to marry you. It has nothing to do with Grace,” he said hesitantly. “Even though...at first, I started dating you because of Grace, but later on, it wasn’t about her anymore. I truly fell in love with you.”

She blinked her eyes and looked at him as he hurriedly explained. Is he worried and scared again? Is he afraid that she might misunderstand something?

“Valda, no matter what Lexi said today or what others may say in the future, just trust me, okay? Trust only what I say!” He continued anxiously, “Trust only my words, trust that I love you!” Valda lifted her hand and gently stroked Brian’s cheek. His cheek felt cold, and the contrast with the warmth of her hand was striking.

“Your face is so cold,” she murmured. Despite the comfortable temperature, it shouldn’t be this cold. Or maybe... is it because of his concern for her?

His body trembled slightly, his thin lips pursed, and the gaze in his phoenix eyes revealed a sense of urgency as Grace waited

eagerly for her answer.

The eyes are filled with an incredibly complex mix of urgency, fear,

longing, and worry.

How could she still doubt his love for her when he was a man like this? Was it just out of sympathy, pity, or a desire to repay her for saving Grace's child?

Valda held Brian's face and stood on her tiptoes to kiss his lips. "I trust you, I trust that you love me! So, Brian, you don't need to worry about me misunderstanding anything. Even though I used to be insecure, not very confident, and doubted your feelings, now...I don't anymore."

Yes, there is no doubt about his love for her!

Even though he may have truly loved Grace in the past, she is well aware that the person he loves now is her!

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"Do you really believe?" His gaze was fixed tightly on her.

She raised her eyebrows slightly and asked, "What do I need to do for you to truly believe that I believe you?"

He gazed at her and with a slightly hoarse voice, he said, "So, love me a little more every day, love me to the point where you can't leave me, love me to the point where we are inseparable every day..."

As his voice trailed off, he kissed her lips this time.

This kiss carried endless tenderness and possessive desire, causing Valda to fall into it completely.

"Okay, I will love you a little more every day..." she promised in this

way.

Love him...until the end of life.

Before that, she will love this man more and more, right?

Valda gradually began to resume her work. She thought that after disappearing for a year, her studio would have been cleared out. However, she was surprised to find out that Brian had bought the entire floor for her and preserved her studio as it was.

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Even people were sent regularly to clean it, so when Valda came back to the studio, she found everything exactly the same as

when she left, even without any dust in the room. Everything looked as if she had never left for a year.

Valda couldn't help but smile.

Brian did a lot for her, but he never said anything about it. She always had to slowly discover it on her own, bit by bit.

Sitting in front of her old familiar chair, Valda opened the notebook containing her sketches. Page by page, the sketches were all ideas she had once imagined.

Although she made an agreement with Camille to resume the serialization, it has been a year since she last drew anything.

Therefore, she needs to take some time to get back into the groove and strive to restore her skills as soon as possible.

Valda started tidying up the things in the studio when she heard footsteps behind her.

"Brian, why did you come over now?" She turned around and asked. They had just talked on the phone and he had said he would come to pick her up after his meeting ended.

So at this moment, Valda naturally thought that Brian had walked

The only face that met her gaze as she turned around was that of Raymond Bowman!

This man whom she once had a crush on, also made her experience the darkest moments of being attacked and criticized, leaving deep scars in her heart. She didn't expect him to come to her studio.

"How...did you come here?" Valda asked, puzzled.

"I came to take a look and didn't expect to find you here today,"

Raymond said with a slightly awkward expression. He didn't mention that he had bribed the building's security guards to notify

him if Valda returned to the studio.

So, when she came to the studio today, the security downstairs also notified him by phone.

As soon as he received the call, he immediately put down his work and rushed over.

"I went to your place, but you weren't there," said Raymond. After the news about her had spread all over the internet, he found out that she had already returned to Emerald City.

When he went to her place to look for her, he didn't find her there. All he saw was a tightly closed door. He even stayed in front of her door all night, but never saw the person he was looking for.

So she should be living with Brian now, right?

She knew the answer, which was the most normal answer possible. Nowadays, she was already Brian's fiancée, as he had admitted himself. However, in his heart, there would still be waves of sourness.

It's like some people, even though they know they don't belong to each other anymore, they still feel a lot of pain when they think about how they were once so close to each other, just one step away.

If at that time, he had not been deceived and had taken Valda's feelings for him seriously, perhaps their relationship would not have ended up as it is now.

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"Long time no see, how have you been?" After a while, Raymond murmured and spoke.

"As you can see now, it's not bad," Valda limped over to Raymond.

"You're busy cleaning up the studio, so if you don't have anything important to do, please leave."

Raymond's gaze was fixed tightly on Valda's legs, "Your legs..."

Even though I had already heard from the news that her leg was injured, knowing it is one thing, but actually seeing it is another thing altogether.

"When I was in the water, I got injured and now I'm limping a bit," Valda said calmly.

"Hasn't he found a good specialist doctor to treat your injury?" Raymond asked. "If he hasn't arranged for a doctor to treat you, then I..."

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“Raymond!” Valda interrupted, “Brian is much more worried about my leg than you can imagine. I don’t know why you’re here today, but I think we have nothing left to talk about. So, could you please leave?”

“I think we have nothing left to talk about.”

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Her indifference made Raymond’s heart ache. “Valda, I came here today just to see you, to make sure you’re still alive and doing well.”

This year, she disappeared and he has been using his connections to search for her, but so far he hasn’t found any leads.

For him, it’s already good enough that she can come back alive now.

Valda heard Raymond’s words and looked at him with a slightly less cold gaze. “So now you see that I’m doing well. Therefore, I ask that you don’t appear in front of me again and disturb my life. Raymond, I told you a long time ago that we should go our separate ways and have nothing to do with each other.”

She paused for a moment before continuing, “I hope you can understand and respect my decision. It’s time for us to move on and focus on our own lives.”

Raymond looked at Valda with a hint of sadness in his eyes, but he knew that she was right. He nodded silently and turned to

leave, knowing that this was the end of their relationship.

Valda watched him go, feeling a mix of emotions. She knew that it was for the best, but a part of her couldn’t help but feel a sense of loss. She took a deep breath and reminded herself that she had made the right choice. It was time to move forward and embrace

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“Do we have nothing to do with each other?” Raymond smiled bitterly. “But I have always regretted that when you liked me, I used you, smeared your reputation, and even later, when you needed protection, I was indifferent. If I hadn’t done that, maybe we wouldn’t be like this now.”

“Even if you had never done those things, even if we weren’t in the situation we are now, I think we still wouldn’t have fallen in love,” Valda paused for a moment and continued, “Because Raymond, you actually...don’t love me!”

“No, Valda, I love you. I know I love you, even now my feelings for you are still strong!” He took a step forward and grabbed her wrist, his face showing pain and excitement. “Valda, please don’t doubt my feelings for you, okay?”

Valda furrowed her brows slightly and looked at the other person, “I’m not doubting your feelings, I’m just being honest. Raymond, Raymond, you may have some feelings for me, perhaps out of guilt or regret, or maybe there was a moment of attraction at some point, but...these feelings are actually very shallow, so shallow that I don’t even think they can be called love.”

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“If you love someone, you would never want to see them get hurt.

If they do get hurt, you would feel their pain more than your own,” she continued, and Brian’s face unexpectedly came to her mind. “If you truly loved me, you would have had plenty of time to come find me after we graduated from college all those years ago, but

you didn’t.”

“I...I at that time...”

“So, you don’t love me, really,” she said. “You only have some feelings for me, but it’s not love. And as for me, I only had a crush on you at first, but it wasn’t love either. So, between us, there was never a beginning, and there’s no possibility of ‘what if’ scenarios

like if we hadn’t met before, things would be different now.”

He stared at her blankly, listening to her say, “Even if you hadn’t used me back then, you and I would still only be strangers now, and there wouldn’t be any other outcome.”

A hint of sadness flickered in his eyes.

But are there any other outcomes? Her words were so cruel to

him!

Over the years, he has been thinking about her, but now she tells him that his feelings for her don't even qualify as love!

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"So... does he love you?" he murmured.

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Even though no names were mentioned, both of them knew that the "he" referred to in his words was who.

"Brian loves me very much. In this world, no one loves me more than him," said Valda with a happy expression. "Similarly, I love him very much. After falling in love with him, I realized what it truly means to love someone."

But now that you have a limp, do you really think that the Hart family will treat you the same as before? The Hart family is a wealthy and influential family, can they withstand the scrutiny of others? If you stand by Brian's side, how many people will gossip about you? In the long run, how much of your relationship will remain? Have you thought about these things?

Raymond spoke slowly and deliberately, even he himself couldn't quite discern what his intentions were in saying these words. Was he really just trying to kindly remind Valda?

Or is it his own unwillingness?

Is Brian the one who won Valda's love, while Raymond couldn't bear to lose her?

But before Valda could respond, a cold voice sounded behind Raymond, "Take your hands off, Valda is not someone you can touch!"

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Raymond stiffened and turned to look behind him, while Valda also looked in the direction of the voice and exclaimed, "Brian!"

Brian walked up to Valda, raised his hand and directly pushed

away Raymond's hand holding Valda's wrist. "Raymond, you better not appear in front of me and Valda again. If you dare to ruin our relationship, I will not let you go!"

Brian spoke harshly, but Raymond suddenly laughed. "Mr. Hart, what's wrong? Are you afraid that I will ruin your relationship? If I can ruin it, it only proves that your relationship is not that strong, isn't it?"

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Brian's face darkened, and a hint of anger appeared in his eyes!

"Well, you can try and see if you can ruin it, and then see what kind of ending you will have." Brian's face was as cold as ice, and even his voice was extremely cold.

"Brian!" Valda quickly pulled Brian's sleeve. "It's okay, don't mind what he says. He can't ruin our relationship!"

Valda then turned to Raymond and said, "Whether or not I have a limp leg, it's not an obstacle between Brian and me. I will be with Brian. Mr. Bowman, I hope you don't come to disturb me anymore. I'm living well now, and I don't want to mention the past grievances anymore. Let it go with the wind. I've said all I need to say, please leave."

Raymond looked at Brian, then turned to Valda. "Do you really think the future will be as you wish?" he asked.

"No one can know what the future holds, but I will work hard to make my life as I want it to be," Valda replied.

Raymond's hand, hanging at his side, tightened. This woman in front of him was no longer the weak person who used to just nod and endure when bullied by others.

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Now, even with a limp, she radiated a certain brightness from within.

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He suddenly had a feeling that this woman, who used to only look up to him in secret, would eventually become someone he would need to look up to, but could never touch.

He had really missed his chance!

Perhaps he would regret it for the rest of his life.

“Aren’t you leaving yet?” the cold voice rang out again.

Raymond looked at Brian, but ultimately didn’t say anything and turned to leave.

There seemed to be no need to say anything more.

Valda turned to look at Brian, but saw that his face remained cold and expressionless.

“What’s wrong? Are you angry?” She raised her hand and gently stroked his face.

He raised his hand and grabbed hers. “What’s going on with Raymond coming to find you? What did he say to you?”

“It’s nothing really, he just wanted to know that I’m alive and came to check on me,” Valda said. “I don’t know why he suddenly showed up at my studio, but I don’t think he’ll come again after

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today.”

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Brian furrowed his brow, “Did he not say anything else after that?”

“There are some other things too,” she said truthfully, not wanting to hide anything from Brian. “He said that if he hadn’t taken advantage of me in the beginning, we might not be like this now.”

Brian’s face turned pale suddenly and he grabbed Valda’s waist tightly. “And what about you? Do you also think he’s right?”

Valda felt like he was embracing her so tightly that she was almost completely embedded in his arms, with their bodies pressed

together so tightly.

“I...I didn’t think what he said was right, even though I had a crush on him before, but...”

Before she finished speaking, he lowered his head and passionately kissed her lips.

This kiss was much more intense than usual, as if it had a strong desire and possessiveness.

She passively endured his kiss, her legs weakened, and if it

weren't for his hand supporting her waist, she would have fallen to the ground.

Just as she was almost out of breath from the kiss, it finally ended. Valda gasped for air, but then her body stiffened.

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His lips trailed along her cheek and landed on her slender neck, planting kisses as if he wanted to leave a mark on her body.

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"Brian..." She gasped, her breath unstable. "Don't... don't do this... what if someone comes in and sees us..."

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Her voice brought back some of his sanity. He suddenly stopped and hugged her, burying his face in her neck. "Sorry..." he murmured softly.

He almost lost control just now because of his jealousy towards Raymond. He knew that Valda loved him now, but Raymond's appearance and Valda's confession of her past crush on him made him feel jealous.

"What are you apologizing for?" Valda asked curiously.

Brian remained silent and held Valda tightly, she didn't resist and allowed him to hold her like that.

After a while, Brian's voice came low, "You still have a little bit of...feelings for Raymond in your heart right now."

The remaining words got stuck in his throat, as if he didn't know how to say them.

Is he afraid of her answer? If she says yes, what should he do? What will happen to this jealousy in the future?

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He felt the tension in his body, and she hugged him saying, “No, I don’t have any feelings for Raymond anymore. In fact, my crush on him was just a delusion of someone who thought too highly of

himself. Looking back, it wasn’t real love.”

“Really?” He lifted his head and looked at her with burning phoenix eyes.

“Really,” she said with certainty, “at that time, I didn’t really know what kind of person he truly was. I just saw him often in the library and projected some of the personality traits of the male protagonists in my ideal stories onto him, which led to a crush. But when I realized he wasn’t like that, the crush naturally ended.”

“But even so, it still makes people jealous... Even if the person you have a crush on is just an illusion, at least their appearance is his appearance,” Brian said with a hint of sarcasm.

Valda almost laughed at his teasing tone. He couldn’t possibly be jealous about this, could he?

“If back then, you were my senior, I think I would have had a crush on you,” Valda cleared her throat and said.

“Will you have a crush on me?” he raised his eyebrows and asked.

“Sure,” she said, her fingers tracing over his eyebrows and eyes, which were strikingly beautiful. She was referring to someone like him. “Do you know? When we first met, I saw you in the rain. Actually, at that moment, I think my heart was already beating

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faster.”

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At that time, she was simply unaware that her concern was actually a crush.

He looked at her and asked, “When was that?”

“Well, when I saw you in prison without an umbrella, my gaze couldn’t move away from you. I’m not the type of person who would actively greet strangers, but at that time, I approached you on my own. I think I actually had feelings for you then.”

Valda spoke while her fingertips continued to move across Brian's face. "Do you know that you are a very attractive man to women? This attraction is not just on your face, but also in your demeanor, which makes it hard for people to look away."

"I just want you to keep your eyes on me and no one else," he said.

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She gave a slight smile and leaned in to plant a kiss on his cheek, saying "Actually, I really should thank you properly."

"Thank me?" He slightly paused in confusion.

"Yeah, thank you for asking me if I wanted to be your girlfriend and date you back then," she said. If he hadn't asked her that question at the time, maybe they wouldn't have ended up together later on.

Sometimes fate works in mysterious ways. At a certain moment, two people meet and begin to form a certain kind of relationship.

"So I should also thank you. If you hadn't agreed back then, maybe I would still be struggling in that quagmire." Brian said with a gentle and affectionate gaze at the person in his arms, "Valda, you are the most precious person to me. I will always treat you well in the future. So...never worry that your leg will change my feelings for you, okay?"

Valda sighed inwardly, was he still bothered by what Raymond had said?

"Okay!" She responded seriously, "Brian, when I decided to walk with you and marry you, I had already thought about many things. My leg may cause some trouble in my future life, but I know it

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won't be a barrier between us because I believe you love me deeply."

"Yes, very deep." He responded, gently lifting her onto the sofa and rolling up her pant leg to examine her injured area.

Her injury is a result of her efforts for him.

Initially, it's not so much that she risked her life to save that child,
as it is that she did it for him!

He understands, he understands everything!

At that time, he didn't have a chance to tell her that she was the
most important thing to him! Fortunately, she came back and
returned to his side.

"Valda, just remember one thing, no matter what, you are the most important thing to me. Nothing else
is as important as you,

so never leave me!" He knelt down in front of her and kissed the
scar on her leg.

The wound on her leg serves as a reminder of his past mistakes
and reminds him to protect her even better in the future!

His life can only continue with her by his side.

Valda felt a strong heat on the spot where he had kissed her leg.

"I won't leave you, never will!" This is the promise she made.

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In the future, she will face anything with him by her side!

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Valda's studio has resumed operations and she has rehired her two former assistants. She is also trying
to regain her artistic touch as quickly as possible and has made good progress this
week.

Regarding the resumption of serialization, it is proceeding
smoothly and everything is developing in a positive direction.

Currently, the most important thing is to have Lisa, who saved her
life and is also recognized as her godmother, picked up in Emerald City.

The matter of bringing Lisa to Emerald City was naturally arranged by Brian.

Due to Lisa's physical condition, it is not suitable for her to travel
by plane. Therefore, Brian made special arrangements for a car to pick up Lisa.

When Valda saw Lisa, tears couldn't help but flow out again.

"Godmother!" She cried and hugged the old person in front of her. If it weren't for Lisa, she wouldn't have survived.

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Lisa hugged Valda and gently patted her back, saying "It's okay, don't cry, don't cry, we've found each other."

"Well, I've seen it. From now on, you'll be living in Emerald City.

I'll take good care of you and be a good daughter to you. If you ever want to go back to the village to visit, I'll go with you to take a

look," said Valda.

"Okay, I understand. You are a filial child," said Lisa, smiling with her wrinkled face.

Due to years of hard work, Lisa, who is 60 years old, has a head full of gray hair and appears much older than the average person.

Brian drove himself and took Lisa to the apartment that Valda had specifically bought.

As they traveled, Lisa gazed at the scenery along the way and once again marveled at the prosperity of Emerald City, which also made her a bit nervous.

After all, she has lived her whole life in the village and is

accustomed to the way of life there. Now that she has come to tMason Swansonty, can she really adapt to tMason Swansonty

life?

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Upon arriving at the apartment that Valda had purchased, Lisa's eyes widened in disbelief as she exclaimed, "This... is where I'll be living?"

"Auntie, you can stay here or you can stay with me at Brian's villa. Brian said you can stay at either place, whichever one you feel more comfortable with," Valda said.

"V-Villa?" Lisa was stunned.

After all, a villa is like a fairy tale to her.

"Mhmm," Valda nodded.

Brian turned to Lisa and said, "You are Valda's godmother, and

now you are also my godmother. Thank you for saving Valda before. In the future, Valda and I will take care of you together as a

way of showing our gratitude.”

He knelt down straight in front of Lisa who was sitting on the sofa

and immediately bowed his head to her.

Lisa was shocked and quickly tried to help the other person up, “What are you doing, child?”

“I need it, I really do! You are Valda’s savior. If you hadn’t saved Valda back then, I would still be living in agony.”

Brian finished speaking and then bowed three times before standing up.

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Lisa’s first meal in Emerald City was cooked by Brian himself.

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Valda accompanied Lisa in introducing the furnishings in the

room, as well as explaining how to use various facilities. She also talked about the facilities in the community and nearby places such as supermarkets and hospitals.

And Brian was busy in the kitchen.

“Lisa, listen, she feels a bit dizzy. After all, she just arrived in

tMason Swansonty and has been exposed to too much all at once.”

“Don’t worry, take your time. After a few days, you will gradually become familiar with everything in this room. Then, you can get to know the community and the areas outside of it. When I have free

time, I will accompany you. If I am busy with work, Brian will send a caregiver to take care of you.”

“Caregiver?” Lisa looked surprised.

“Well, caregivers have some basic medical and nursing knowledge. You already have some age-related illnesses, so with a caregiver to help take care of you, I can also feel at ease,” said

Valda.

“I...I don’t need anyone to take care of me! I’m just an old lady from the countryside. How much money would it cost to hire a caregiver?” Lisa said worriedly.

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Brian smiled, "Don't worry about the money. I already said that Valda and I brought you here to enjoy yourself."

Lisa nodded after hearing this.