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He sat on the edge of the bed, gazing at her. "Veronica, they say that when people are in the most dangerous situations, they think of the people they care about the most. Who do you think of when you're in danger?" "Huh?" Veronica was taken aback and almost choked on her saliva.

When she was in the most dangerous situations, who did she think of? She looked at the beautiful face in front of her. The words that she could have said openly and honestly suddenly became difficult to utter!

What was wrong with her? Even if she said she thought of him, wouldn't that mean he was the person she cared about the most? So what was the problem?

She didn't know why, but when faced with his gaze, her heart raced unusually fast, as if something she didn't want to change was slowly changing.

"I...I thought of my mother!" Veronica said with dry lips.

"Your mother?" Mason was taken aback.

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"Yeah, I thought of my mother because when I was in danger as a child, my mother protected me," she said, but only she understood that she was lying!

As for why she had to tell this lie, even she didn't understand it at the moment.

A hint of disappointment flashed in his eyes, but he didn't say anything more.

Veronica quickly closed her eyes, not wanting to look at Mason's face anymore.

Mason looked at the person lying on the bed for a long time before raising his hand and gently stroking her bangs. "Veronica, why wasn't I the one you thought of back then?"

The person on the bed remained still, as if sleeping, with her eyes closed.

After a while, Mason withdrew his hand and sat quietly by her bedside, letting time pass by.

When Veronica woke up the next day, she saw that Mason was no longer in the room and couldn't help but breathe a sigh of relief.

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Last night, after she closed her eyes, she didn't actually fall asleep. She also heard what he said, but didn't know how to respond, so she continued to pretend to be asleep.

Does Mason still have feelings for her...?

As soon as she thought of that possibility, she instinctively resisted it.

To her, he had always been a younger brother and a family member. Even though they were not related by blood, this concept had become deeply ingrained in her mind.

Therefore, she couldn't even imagine what would happen if she changed her relationship with him!

Moreover, in her opinion, his feelings towards her were just a childish obsession because she was the person he had spent the most time with since childhood.

In the future, when he meets more people and grows up, his feelings will also change.

Just like a child who is extremely attached to their favorite toy and refuses to lend it to other children, but when they grow up, they will realize that it was just a toy.

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Veronica freshened up, changed her clothes, and walked downstairs, only to find Mason sitting alone at the dining table.

"Where are the others?" she asked.

"They've already had breakfast," he replied.

"Sorry, I overslept," she said.

"The Reed family here, everyone has different breakfast times," Mason said. "What does Veronica want to eat?"

"Just the same as you," Veronica replied.

Mason then had the servant bring a breakfast that was the same as his.

Veronica sat down quietly and ate, while Mason sat next to her, silently watching her.

Even though she had her head down, she could still feel his gaze.

It made her heart race!

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She couldn't help but tighten her grip on the utensils in her hand, suddenly looked up and said to Mason, "Mason, can you..."

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"What?" he asked in return.

Their eyes met, and her heart seemed to race even faster, beating more intensely!

"It's nothing!" She bit her lip and lowered her head to continue eating breakfast in front of her.

What's wrong with her? She wanted to tell him not to stare at her like that, but when she met his gaze, she became flustered!

She never used to be like this!

After finishing breakfast, Mason suddenly said, "Oh, Veronica..."

"Hmm?" She looked up and unexpectedly saw him leaning towards her, his handsome face getting closer and closer.

She instinctively leaned back, trying to create some distance between them, but leaned back too far and lost her balance, almost falling backwards!

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“Ah!” she exclaimed in surprise.

In the next moment, a strong arm had already wrapped around her waist, stabilizing her body and preventing her from falling to the ground.

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“Veronica, don’t move,” Mason’s voice sounded low in her ear.

“Okay,” she replied softly, his breath brushing against her cheek and making her face flush. “You, you can move your hand away now. You don’t have to keep holding me like this.”

After a moment, his hand finally moved away from her waist.

She breathed a sigh of relief, but then he took out a necklace from his pocket. “I cleaned this necklace. Do you still want it, Veronica?”

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She breathed a sigh of relief, but then he took out a necklace from his pocket. “I cleaned this necklace. Does Veronica still want it?”

“This is...” Veronica looked at the necklace in Mason’s hand, and it was none other than the one that had caused her to injure the kidnapper and the same one he had given her as a gift.

“I thought I had lost it! I didn’t expect it to end up back in your hands!” Veronica’s face lit up with joy. “If it weren’t for this

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necklace, I might not have been lucky enough to escape from that warehouse. I might have...”

Her voice faltered as she spoke, and the feeling of humiliation at being overpowered once again spread through her body, causing her to tremble involuntarily.

At that moment, Mason suddenly hugged Veronica and said, "Don't be afraid, Veronica. You don't have to be afraid of anything anymore. No one can hurt you again!"

His voice, soothing to her ears, gradually calmed her trembling body and gave her a sense of peace.

This time, she didn't push away his embrace, but leaned on his shoulder. "Mason, having you here...it's really nice."

When she was lonely and anxious as a child, his appearance made her life different.

Between her and him, it wasn't just her accompanying him, but they accompanied each other.

It was him who helped her walk out of the shadows of her mother's death, her father's remarriage, and her stepmother's

mistreatment. He made her feel that she wasn't alone in a

family, because he was by her side.

No matter what happens, he is by her side.

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"Mason, can you help me put on the necklace? This necklace is like a lucky charm to me, and I'm so happy to have it back,"

Veronica said.

"Sure." Mason responded and released the embrace, carefully putting the necklace on Veronica's delicate neck.

Veronica lifted her hand and gently stroked the pendant of the necklace. "Thanks to it, I was protected. But that day was really lucky for us. How did you get the clue to track it down?" she asked, puzzled.

His eyelashes trembled slightly as he looked down at the pendant hanging from her neck. "It's a long story. I'll tell you another time."

"Okay." She didn't press for more information, thankfully.

Mason looked at the person in front of him. If she had pressed for more information, what would he have said? How could he

tell her that he had secretly installed a tracking device in the necklace he had given her?

Would she be angry if he told her?

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He didn't want her to be angry again. It had taken so much effort to become intimate with her again, and he didn't want any more cracks to form between them.

At night, in the Reed family's study, Jason looked at his second son. He was surprised that his son wanted to talk to him alone. It gave him a sense of being a father.

"Are you here to talk to me about the kidnapping case?" Jason asked.

"Yes," Mason replied. He then asked directly, "When can Lionel be released on bail?"

"At the moment, he is not suitable for bail," Jason said.

"He is not the mastermind," Mason said.

Jason smiled, "He may not have the ability to be the mastermind yet, at most he's just being used by someone. You

know it, and I know it too. But this needs to be judged by the court, not by you and me."

"You can get him released on bail, I know you can," Mason said.

Jason raised an eyebrow, "Are you pleading for him? Do you have some brotherly feelings for that kid from the Barlow family after years of being together?"

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"No," Mason decisively denied, "My brothers are Mick, and my sisters are Jasper and Jasmine."

So, this son wants to bail out Lionel because of Veronica's relationship? Jason understood, "What about Veronica? Isn't she your sister?"

"She used to be, but not anymore," Mason said, his dark eyes flashing with a certain determination.

Jason looked at his son and said, "Alright, I will have someone bail Lionel out first. But you were able to find Veronica early this time because there was a tracking device in the necklace you gave her, right? Does she know about this?"

Mason's thin lips tightened and his face slightly changed, but he didn't say anything.

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Looking at his son's expression, Jason knew the answer. "So when do you plan on telling her? Once the trial begins, your appearance will require a reasonable explanation to the judge. This matter will eventually come to light."

Mason remained silent, understanding his father's words without a need to respond.

"When do you plan on telling her? You can't possibly wait until the day of the trial," Jason asked.

"I'll tell her at the right time," Mason replied.

"Then do it sooner rather than later. From my experience, the longer you keep something hidden, the bigger the reaction when the other person finds out. It's better to be upfront from the beginning than to have them find out from someone else," Jason advised.

Mason's eyes flickered slightly, "Experience? Does that mean you've kept something from Mom before?"

Jason was frank, "Yes, when I was with your mother, I deliberately kept some things from her. I thought I could keep it hidden forever, that she would never find out. But when she

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learned the truth from someone else, I realized that all my assumptions were just my own self-righteousness. If I had told her myself, maybe it would have hurt her less."

Thinking back to what happened back then, Jason still felt

scared, but he also felt fortunate that Grace's love for him was deep enough when she found out the truth.

"I understand," Mason said. He wouldn't hurt Veronica, so even

if he didn't want to tell her about this, he would still do it!

For the next few days, Veronica recuperated at the Reed

family's home, and Mason was almost always by her side.

Even at night, when Veronica went to sleep, Mason stayed with her until she fell asleep before leaving.

Even Jasper couldn't help but envy Veronica and said,

"Veronica, Mason is so good to you. If Mason ever treats me

like this, I would be so happy!"

Veronica felt a bit embarrassed, as Jasper was Mason's biological sister. "Um...should I talk to Mason and ask him to treat you better?" she suggested.

Jasper quickly waved his hand. "No, if that happens, Mason's kindness to me would only be because of your relationship

with him, not because of me," he explained. "But honestly,

Mason has been treating me well lately. It's much better than

when we were kids, so I'm actually quite satisfied.'"

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As they talked, Jasper noticed the necklace hanging around Veronica's neck. "Hey, isn't that the necklace you used to attack the kidnapper back then?" he asked.

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Veronica nodded. "Yeah, Mason took it back and cleaned it before giving it back to me. It really came in handy back then," she said, gently touching the necklace.

Seeing Veronica's expression, Jasper suddenly leaned in and whispered, "Veronica, do you have a little crush on my brother

Mason?"

Jasper leaned in and whispered, "Veronica, do you have any feelings for my friend Mason?" as he looked at Veronica's

expression.

"Hmm?" Veronica paused, confused.

Jasper said hurriedly, "When I say 'like', I don't mean the kind of liking you have for siblings. I mean the kind of liking you have for a boyfriend. You don't have a boyfriend now, do you? So...would you consider me, Mason?"

Although Jasper hasn't developed her own emotions yet, it doesn't mean she can't perceive the emotions of others.

Moreover, there are quite a few classmates in her own class who are in relationships, so she can understand Mason's

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feelings to some extent. Besides, if it weren't for Veronica's

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guidance, she couldn't even imagine who Mason would date in the future.

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Veronica was clearly caught off guard by Jasper's question. Her hand almost instinctively tightened around the pendant

on her neck. "I...I feel about him..."

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What is it? Is it just sibling affection?

Is it just treating Mason like family?!



But why is it so difficult to say such a simple thing right now?

"What are you guys talking about?" A voice suddenly sounded, and the two looked up to see William asking the question, with Mason standing beside him.

"Nothing, really!" Veronica quickly replied, feeling a bit relieved that they showed up and saved her from answering that question.

Mason noticed Veronica holding onto the pendant of her necklace and his eyes flickered slightly. "Veronica, it's time to change your medicine."

"Okay!" Veronica stood up. "I'll go change it now." After speaking, she hurriedly walked up the stairs.

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Her wounds needed to be changed every day, and a nurse hired by the Reed family helped her with it.

Mason followed her up the stairs, while Jasper and William remained in the lobby downstairs.

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Jasper watched the two figures disappear and felt a pang of sympathy for his own Mason.

"What's with that look on your face?" William asked.

"I was just thinking that Veronica probably doesn't like my Mason as much as he likes her," she muttered.

"Why would you think that?" he asked.

"I just asked Veronica if she had any feelings for me, Mason, not the kind of sibling love, but Veronica hesitated and didn't answer. You guys came and she breathed a sigh of relief," Jasper said.

He had actually been paying attention to Veronica's expression earlier. "Do you think feelings can't change? Once you've decided someone is your little brother, is it impossible to change that to a boyfriend?"

"What about you? Would you be willing to change?" William asked, not answering directly.

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"Me?" Jasper blinked and didn't react at first.

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"Yes, you. Would you be willing to change? Would you change the identity you've assigned to the other person to a different one? Or would you rather never change and avoid any kind of change?" he asked, his black eyes staring intently at her.

"I...I don't understand what you mean by that?" Jasper said hesitantly. "I'm a bit confused by what you're saying. Are you asking if I, as Veronica, would be willing to change my feelings and have Mason as my boyfriend? But I'm not Veronica, so this hypothetical situation doesn't make any sense."

Her innocent and naive expression left William feeling a bit downcast. "Yes, it doesn't make any sense," he replied. What was he hoping for?

Was he hoping that she would understand the meaning behind his words?

He knew that she only saw him as an important friend for now. She didn't have a clear understanding of her own feelings yet.

"William, did I say something wrong?" Jasper suddenly asked.

"Why do you ask?" he said.

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"Because you look like you're very sad," she said.

He was taken aback. Did he really look that sad right now?

She lifted her hand and lightly traced his eye corner with her fingertips. "Like you're about to cry."

His hand suddenly grabbed her fingers, "If I really want to cry because I can't get something, what would you do?"

"Cry because you can't get something?" She laughed, "Are you a child? Besides, when you were little, I never saw you cry because you couldn't get something!"

"Growing up, some things will always change," he said.

"That's true," she thought for a moment, "As long as what you want is not impossible or goes against morals, I will definitely help you get it, so you won't cry!"

"Really?" He looked at her with a gaze that seemed to be imbued with deep meaning, "Then in the future, if I really want that thing, please help me!"

She was a bit embarrassed by his gaze, and her face

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inexplicably turned red.

The way he was staring at her just now was like the way the male lead in movies and TV shows looks at the female lead, and it made her increasingly uncomfortable.

Subconsciously, she suddenly lifted the other hand that he hadn't caught and used it to cover his eyes directly.

“What’s wrong?” He stood still, letting her hand cover his eyes.

“Don’t look at me with that kind of gaze like just now!” She said, that kind of gaze would make her feel a strange feeling that she couldn’t even explain to herself.

His body seemed to stiffen slightly, and after a moment, he slowly said, “Okay!”

She finally removed her hand from his face, and he looked at her with eyes that had indeed returned to their usual state.

She breathed a sigh of relief and asked, “By the way, what exactly is that thing you want?”

His eyelashes trembled slightly, and with half-lowered eyes, he said, “You’ll know in the future.”

“Okay then, if you really can’t get it, you have to tell me! I don’t want to see you cry!” she said in a carefree manner.

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“Okay then, if you really can’t get it, make sure to let me know!

I don’t want to see you cry!” She said in a carefree manner.

“Okay, I will definitely say it!” he said.

What he wants is her love!

If she’s truly willing to give herself to him, he’ll cherish every moment of his remaining life with her.

After the nurse finished changing Veronica’s medication and left the room, Mason walked in.

He didn’t say anything, just looked at her quietly.

“What’s wrong? You’re not saying anything?” she asked curiously.

He pursed his lips and after a while, he said, “Lionel can be released on bail tomorrow.”

“Then my dad and the others should be able to breathe a sigh of relief,” Veronica said.

“But for now, it’s only limited to bail. As for whether or not he will be convicted, we’ll have to wait for the court’s verdict,” said

Mason.

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“Will he... go to jail? Or maybe a juvenile detention center?”

she asked. After all, she had been with Lionel for so many years and knew that her younger brother wasn’t really a bad person by nature. He had just been spoiled by his stepmother and spent all his time with bad friends, neglecting his studies and pretending to be an adult in society.

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"If Veronica wants to protect him, then he won't," said Mason.

Veronica hesitated for a moment before finally uttering two words from her mouth, "Save him!"

"So, is Veronica willing to forgive him for everything he did to you?" Mason asked abruptly.

"Huh?" She was taken aback, understanding that he was referring to Lionel's involvement in the kidnapping. Although he wasn't the mastermind, he played a certain role in it. "He's my brother, and I hope he can learn a lesson from this."

"What about me?" he retorted.

"You?" She was surprised.

"If I did something wrong, would you be willing to forgive me,

Veronica?" he asked.

"But you haven't done anything," she said, puzzled.

"But I just want a guarantee, in case I make a mistake in the future and Veronica won't forgive me," Mason said, his beautiful black eyes showing a hint of hesitation and longing.

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Veronica felt her heart soften and impulsively wanted to agree to all his requests. "I...I will forgive you, you can rest assured."

At his words, a smile curved on his lips. "Really?"

"Of course, you're my little brother. Even if you make a mistake, I will forgive you," she said, almost instinctively emphasizing the words "little brother".

It's like she's speaking to him, but also to herself.

Her younger brother's eyes, once bright and clear, suddenly dimmed. "I thought Veronica would say that because I'm your

closest family member."

"Of course...you're also my closest family member!" She said awkwardly, fidgeting with the pendant hanging from her

neck.

His expression froze. "Veronica, then if I..."

But he stopped mid-sentence.

"What?" She looked at him with confusion.

“Not much,” he ultimately didn’t continue speaking. If he made a promise just to get her forgiveness, would it seem too forced?

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Maybe it’s better to wait a few more days and choose a suitable opportunity to say it.

At this moment, Mason thought to himself.

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Lionel was released on bail from the detention center, and

Archer and Rosalind naturally had a relieved expression!

However, Lionel was clearly quite shaken by his detention. He seemed nervous and fearful, and kept asking his parents if he

would go to jail.

“You won’t go to jail! You were just joking around with your sister and those kidnappers took advantage of you. The Reed family has a good relationship with us and they will definitely help you. You won’t go to jail!”

“The Reed family? Oh, right! Mason and my sister are close, he will definitely help me!” Lionel stammered, repeating “Mason will help me, he will definitely help me!” over and over again.

The Barlow couple looked at each other with concern for their son.

“Lionel, are you okay?” Rosalind asked anxiously, looking at her son.

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“I...I’m fine. With Mason here, how could anything happen to me? I won’t have any problems, I won’t!” Lionel stuttered, but his body was curling up more and more into a ball!

On the second day after Lionel was released on bail, the Barlow couple went to visit the Reed family to see Mason.

And as soon as they saw Mason, they quickly said, “Mason, could you go back to the Barlow family and see Lionel? He hasn’t been doing well since he came back home, and today he’s been insisting on seeing you.”

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"See me?" Mason frowned.

"Yes...he's been insisting on seeing you. Mason, Lionel is Veronica's brother and you've known him for so many years. He was just used by someone and made a mistake. Can't you just go see him?" Rosalind pleaded.

At this point, Rosalind was trying to use their old relationship to appeal to Mason's empathy. If Mason agreed to see Lionel, it would mean that the Reed family was willing to help him

and not let him go to jail easily!

But Mason didn't agree, making Rosalind even more anxious. Archer, who was standing nearby, quickly turned to his daughter and said, "Veronica, can you help persuade Mason? Just go see your brother. Lionel's mental state is not good right now, and we don't know what happened to him in detention. He knows he did wrong. When he came back yesterday, he didn't eat anything and just locked himself in his room. Your auntie Rosalind and I have been trying to get closer to him, but it's been difficult!"

Veronica bit her lip slightly upon hearing this, but ultimately turned to Mason and said, "Why don't you just go see Lionel and find out what's going on with him?"

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Veronica bit her lip slightly and finally said to Mason, "Why don't you go and see what's going on with Lionel?"

Mason looked at Veronica and said, "Even if he really has something going on, it's his own fault. He almost killed

Veronica. Being able to get bail is already lucky for him!"

"But..." Veronica looked hesitant. She also had resentment towards her brother in her heart. But she also knew that he was being used.

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So Veronica turned to her father and stepmother and said, "I'll go back and see Lionel first."

Although Archer and Rosalind were unwilling, it was better to have someone go and check on Lionel than no one at all.

"That's fine, let's go," said Archer.

However, as Veronica took only two steps, Mason suddenly grabbed her wrist. "Since you're going, Veronica, I'm going too."

Veronica was taken aback. "But aren't you..."

"I'm worried," he said, as if that one sentence explained everything.

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Mason's willingness to accompany Veronica to the Barlow family was exactly what Archer and Rosalind had hoped for.

So the group arrived at the Barlow family and Rosalind opened the door to Lionel's room. She said to Lionel, who was huddled in the corner of the room, "Lionel, come and see who's here to visit you. Your sister and Mason have come to

see you!"

The figure huddled in the corner slowly lifted its head and looked towards the group that had just entered.

Veronica was also stunned at the sight of Lionel. He looked completely different from before. His hair was messy, his eyes were lifeless, and there were deep dark circles under his eyes. He looked like he was wearing a "weak makeup" that was often seen online. His cheeks were even sunken, and he looked like he had lost weight.

It had only been a little over a week since he was detained, but he had changed so much.

After Lionel lifted his head, his gaze was fixed on Mason. Suddenly, he seemed to go crazy and rushed towards Mason, rolling and crawling on the ground. "Mason, I have something to tell you! I've been waiting for you. I have so much to say to

you!"

After speaking, Lionel turned to the people next to him and

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said, "All of you, get out! I only want to talk to Mason!"

Lionel was very emotional and not in a good state at the moment.

Archer and Rosalind quickly tried to comply with their son's request and left Mason alone with Lionel in the room.

However, Veronica was a bit worried, as Lionel's emotions were not stable at the moment.

Seeing her concern, Mason felt a sense of satisfaction. Veronica was worried about him.

As long as she cares about him, he will be extremely happy and willing to do anything for her.

"Veronica, you go out first. I'll stay in the room," Mason said. "Don't worry, I'll be fine."

Upon hearing this, Veronica said, "Well...then you have to be careful."

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Rosalind seemed a bit dissatisfied and said, "Do you still think Lionel can hurt..."

"Okay, just go out first," Archer glared at his wife and quickly pulled her out of the room. Veronica followed shortly after.

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In the room, only Lionel and Mason were left.

Lionel quickly closed the door in a hurry.

Seeing this, Rosalind's eyes flickered and she quietly approached the door, pressing her ear against it to eavesdrop.

Archer frowned and quickly tried to pull his wife away, whispering, "What are you doing?"

"Listen, aren't you curious why Lionel insists on meeting Mason alone?" Rosalind asked.

"What's there to be curious about? He just wants Mason to help him avoid going to jail, right?" Archer replied.

"But there's no need to meet alone for that. I'm telling you, there must be something else!" Rosalind said, looking like she wanted to eavesdrop.

Archer looked embarrassed, and Veronica also became suspicious.

Indeed, if Lionel only wanted Mason's help to avoid jail, there

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was no need to meet alone. Could there really be something unknown happening between them?

At this moment, inside the room, Lionel pleaded with Mason, "Mason, you have to save me, you have to! I only kidnapped my sister because of you! If it wasn't for you, I wouldn't have ended up like this!"

"For me?" Mason looked at Lionel coldly.

"Yes, for you! You had a fight with my sister, and I...I thought things couldn't go on like this. So I kidnapped her and sent you a message, asking for your cooperation. You were the first one to arrive at the scene afterwards, and now you've made up with my sister. You can't just abandon me now! You have to save me!" Lionel was getting emotional.

Mason's face grew darker and darker. This kidnapping was all



because of this?

Also, he did arrive at the scene first, but he never saw the message Lionel mentioned. In fact, after he and Veronica had a fight, Lionel called him a few times, but he found it annoying and eventually blocked Lionel's number.

In other words, he couldn't have received any text messages from the other person.

"I haven't received any text messages from you," Mason said

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However, for Lionel at this moment, Mason's words were undoubtedly a way of disavowing their past relationship.

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Lionel's face immediately changed. "Mason, how could you do this? You used me and now that you don't need me anymore, you're planning to kick me aside? I kidnapped my sister for you, and now that you and my sister have made up, you're just going to ignore me?!"

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Lionel raised his fist, wanting to punch Mason, but Mason dodged and Lionel ended up crashing into a nearby shelf. This caused a loud commotion as items fell to the ground.

Suddenly, the room's door was pushed open and Rosalind rushed in. She saw her son lying on the ground, pinned down by a pile of debris, and quickly ran over to help him up. She nervously asked, "Are you okay? Does it hurt? Is it serious?"

However, Lionel seemed to ignore her and struggled to rush towards Mason again. "Mason, you can't have your cake and eat it too. You benefited from kidnapping my sister, but I'm the one who has to bear the blame. It's all because of you! If it weren't for you, I wouldn't have kidnapped my sister! And...you knew why I did it, so why didn't you go to the police station to help me explain?"

Rosalind also spoke up anxiously, "Yes, Mason, Lionel did all of this because of you! You can't let him go to jail! If the judge finds out that you were involved in the kidnapping case, you won't be able to escape either..."

Upon hearing this, Archer's face changed and he quickly stopped his wife. "Enough, you're going too far!"

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Archer, who was standing aside, immediately changed his expression and hurriedly stopped his wife, "Enough, you're getting more and more outrageous!"

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Rosalind also realized that she had said the wrong thing and immediately stuttered, afraid to speak again.

But Mason seemed to have not paid attention to what they said at all. At this moment, his gaze was just staring blankly at Veronica, who was standing by the door.

He knew that she had also heard these words, so what would she think?

At this moment, his heart was beating rapidly with anxiety. Her silence suddenly made him feel afraid.

Does this mean that she also believes in the kidnapping and that it's related to him? Does he know about it?

No way!

She must believe him! At this moment, he said to himself in his heart.

"Veronica..." He walked step by step to her, "Did you hear everything?"

Veronica stared at the person in front of her for a while before

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saying with some difficulty, "Yes, I heard it."

"Do you believe me?" he asked.

"Believe you about what?" she asked in return.

"Before you believe me, I want you to know that I had no idea about this kidnapping and I was never involved," he said.

Veronica suddenly felt a twinge in her nose. She really wanted to believe him, but Lionel's words from earlier kept replaying in her mind, causing too many doubts and suspicions.

"Are you really not involved? Then tell me, why were you the first one to find the warehouse where the kidnappers were hiding? You said you got a lead, but what lead was it? Was it the text message Lionel sent you?" she asked.

"No, I never received any text messages. I had blocked his number, so it's impossible for me to receive any messages..." He hurriedly tried to explain.

"Then why did he mention you?" She asked.

"Well..." He hesitated, his gaze falling on the pendant of her

necklace.

Now is definitely not a good time to reveal this. If he says it, will she hate him again and give him the cold shoulder?

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But if he doesn't say it, then... she might think that he and Lionel had planned the kidnapping case together from the beginning.

However, his hesitation was interpreted as an admission by her.