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“So, do you want to try and see if you like me now?” His voice rang in her ears again.

Veronica looked at this beautiful face in front of her, which was familiar yet strange to her. After years of separation, his face seemed to have become even more beautiful, losing some of its delicacy and gaining a bit of masculine sharpness.

“Yes, I like you,” she said honestly, not wanting to hide anything from him.

Since they finally had the chance to be together again, she didn’t want to miss this opportunity due to misunderstandings caused by hiding things.

“Like me?” He narrowed his eyes slightly.

“I like you, but I’m not sure if it’s still the kind of liking I had for my little brother. After all, I always treated you like a little brother before...and then...” Her voice trailed off and she didn’t say anything more.

After they separated, she never dated anyone else, and even her classmates sometimes asked her why she didn’t have a boyfriend and if she couldn’t forget her first love.

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If her first love was Daniel, then she knew very well that she had let go of those feelings. She rarely thought about the time when she was with Daniel.

What she couldn’t forget were the moments she spent with Mason.

She also wondered if her feelings for him were just sisterly or something more.

If she hadn't dated Daniel back then, and if she and Mason had continued their brother-sister relationship, would she have agreed to date him if he had asked her out after they entered college and matured emotionally? She didn't know

the answer since it was all hypothetical.

Fortunately, Mason didn't ask anything and just let go of her hand, continuing to eat the dumplings that he hadn't finished.

Veronica withdrew her hand and after a moment of contemplation, she said, "Do you want me to tidy up the other room and make it your room? So when you come over, you can rest in the room."

"No need. If I want to rest in the room, I can go to your room.

After all, we used to share a room, didn't we?" he said.

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She was speechless. That was a long time ago, before the Reed family recognized him!

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Later, after the Reed family recognized him, they bought a big house for the Barlow family, and they each had their own rooms. However, for a long time, even though he had his own room, he would still come to her room, crawl into her bed, and hold her hand to fall asleep.

When she finished eating the dumplings and cleaned up, she saw that he had no intention of leaving.

"Aren't you going back?" she couldn't help but ask.

"No rush. If you're tired, you can go back to your room and sleep," he said.

She was speechless again. How could she possibly sleep peacefully in her room with him here? "Then, do you want to

watch TV together for a while?"

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"Sure," he replied.

Veronica turned on the TV and snuggled with Mason on the couch in the living room. Instead of watching live TV, they chose to watch a TV program on demand.

"Do you have any program you want to watch?" she asked.

"No," he replied. "What do you usually watch?"

"I usually watch TV dramas because I work at a talent agency. So, I usually watch TV dramas featuring the stars from our company," she said. This way, she could answer any related questions politely and not embarrass herself.

"Then let's watch what you usually watch," he said.

"But those TV dramas are mostly romantic. Don't you mind?"

she asked, feeling that he wasn't the type to watch romantic dramas.

"When you used to watch those dramas, didn't I watch them with you?" he said.

She was stunned for a moment, then laughed at herself. Yes,

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how could she forget? He used to snuggle with her and watch whatever she wanted to watch.

"Okay then," Veronica said, trying to choose a TV drama with less romance.

This TV drama was one of the ones she had been following recently.

When she clicked on the TV drama, it started playing from the episode she was going to watch next.

Veronica picked up the remote and was about to rewind the TV drama to the first episode, but Mason held her hand and said, "No, let's just continue watching."

"But won't you not understand it this way?" she asked.

He looked at her puzzled and said, "Why do I need to understand it?"

She was speechless, remembering the question she had asked him before, "What TV programs do you like to watch?"

"I'm not interested in these." That was his response to her at the time.

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"Hmm, I don't like it."

“Then why do you always have to be by my side when I’m watching?”

“Because I like being by your side.”

His answer was so natural, and that was the reason why he did it.

So is he still like that now? Not needing to understand, just because he likes being by her side? Veronica thought to herself, then couldn’t help but self-mock.

What is she thinking? His feelings for her have already hypnotized her. How could there be any liking to be by her

side?

So she didn’t say anything, put down the remote, took some snacks, poured two cups of warm water, placed them on the coffee table, and watched TV dramas with Mason.

Time passed quietly like this, but Veronica’s attention was completely focused on the person next to her. Almost all of her

attention was on him.

Suddenly, his voice rang out, “Aren’t you watching TV?”

“Huh?” She suddenly came back to her senses, only to realize

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that her gaze was on his handsome face.

In other words, from just now until now, her gaze had not been on the TV drama, but on Mason!

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“I...I’m watching now.” She said in a panic. As soon as the words came out, she wanted to find a hole to bury herself in.

Wasn’t she saying that she had really been watching him all along?

But as soon as her gaze returned to the TV screen, she suddenly felt a sense of petrification.

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At the moment, the screen was showing an intimate scene between the male and female leads. They were kissing, and the female lead had her hands around the male lead’s neck.

They walked from the living room to the bedroom, kissing all the way, and the scene made people blush and their hearts

race.

Come on! This TV drama doesn't have much romance, right?

How come it's so steamy all of a sudden!

If she were alone, she could slowly enjoy watching it, but with him next to her, it was just awkward.

So Veronica could only pray in her heart that this intimate scene would pass quickly. But unfortunately, after the female lead kissed the male lead all the way to the bedroom, the

camera didn't cut to the next morning. Instead, the two of them started rolling around in bed.

Veronica didn't know what to say anymore. Who knows how long this will take? Right now, she just felt like she was sitting on pins and needles.

"Um...how about we change the channel?" She said awkwardly, reaching for the TV remote.

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But before her hand could touch the remote, he stopped her. "There's no need to change the channel. It's just some intimate scenes. Are you feeling embarrassed?" He asked.

"Um...a little bit," she said, feeling embarrassed.

"But even if the performance is intimate, it's fake, isn't it? So what's there to be embarrassed about?" He asked.

That's true, but it's still embarrassing!

Veronica looked at Mason. It seemed like he had always been like this, his way of receiving emotions was different from

ordinary people.

"What's wrong? Why are you looking at me like that?" He asked.

"I just feel like you might lack a certain sense of empathy," she murmured. "Because even though we know it's fake and acting, when we watch TV dramas, our emotions will follow the protagonist's emotions and the development of the story. When we see this kind of plot, most people will naturally feel

embarrassed.”

“I really don’t think that just a simple physical touch like this would be embarrassing,” he said.

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She was speechless. Did he need even more explicit scenes to feel embarrassed?

“That’s because you haven’t met someone you like. If it were in real life and the person you like did this to you, you would also feel embarrassed,” Veronica said, relieved that the TV scene

had finally ended and the plot had returned to normal.

“Real life?” he pondered, staring at her.

Suddenly, she felt a sense of unease rising in her heart. The next moment, that unease became a reality.

“So, do you want to do this kind of thing to me?” he asked.

“Ahem!” She felt like she was choking on her own saliva. Okay, he was always so shocking and unpredictable!

“No, absolutely not!” she hurriedly denied. “How could I want to do this kind of thing to you?”

“Didn’t you say you liked me?” he said. “Or was that a lie?”

She froze. “I...I haven’t figured out what kind of liking I have for you yet. Besides, you don’t like it when others do this kind of thing to you, do you?”

“We’re trying to date now, aren’t we? So doing this kind of thing isn’t a big deal. Moreover, since you can’t figure out

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what kind of liking you have for me, isn’t it a good opportunity for you to clarify what your liking for me really is?” he said

calmly.

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She looked at him. So, did he really mean that she should do that intimate action to him like in the TV drama just now?

And could she do it?

The most intimate thing between them before was probably just a kiss, but the TV scene just now was even more intense

than a kiss.

However... it's true that if she wants to figure out what kind of feelings she has for him, being more intimate might help her make a better judgement.

"Is it okay that I did those things to you on TV?" Veronica murmured.

"Do you want to try it?" he asked in return.

Another "try"?!

She licked her dry lips and said, "Yes."

He looked at her in a daze. Although her face was blushing, her eyes showed a hint of determination. This contradictory and complex expression unexpectedly gave him a "seductive"

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feeling. In that moment, he felt his breathing become unsteady.

It was... a stirring feeling.

It had been so long since he had felt this way. Perhaps this feeling that he had once had was buried in the hypnotized emotions.

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"Okay." He simply answered with one word, and then his beautiful and deep black eyes stared straight at her.

Veronica took a deep breath and leaned towards Mason, their lips touching.

His lips were slightly cool, but soft. The scent emanating from his body was a faint smell of grass, which was quite pleasant.

They used to be the most familiar people, but now they were like strangers.

Her kiss unconsciously wanted to go deeper, and he cooperated by opening his lips, as if deliberately leading her

to continue deepening the kiss.

She felt the blood rushing to her face and her heart beating faster. Could she have these feelings towards a “little brother”?

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If she really only saw him as a “little brother,” then she should feel disgusted.

But now, not only did she not feel repulsed, but there was a faint sense of anticipation?!

When this realization flashed through her mind, she was startled.

What was she anticipating? Was she hoping for a scene from a TV drama where one person undresses the other?

But her fingers were really unbuttoning his shirt, and her lips were kissing his neck and collarbone...

This was something she had never done before, even when she was dating Daniel, they had never been this intimate.

Her most intimate act was given to him, and he was the most familiar male body to her!

Veronica kept kissing the person in front of her, as if she was addicted to it, her mind even became blank, everything was done by instinct and heart.

Until a moan brought her back to reality, she realized that his shirt had been torn open, revealing his tempting chest, and there were some faint red marks on his skin, probably caused

by her kissing.

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And his handsome face was now like a colorful cloud, especially charming!

This made her want to do more to him... Oh my god, stop, stop! Veronica quickly stopped herself in her mind.

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Fortunately, he made a sound, otherwise she might have done something more exaggerated!

After all, he looked like he was about to be ravished! To

outsiders, her behavior probably looked like that of an impatient woman!

Thinking of this, she couldn't help but cry out in her heart, "I'm sorry, I just..."

"Why apologize? I wanted you to do it," Mason said, his usually indifferent eyes now shining with a faint light, even his breathing seemed to be slightly labored.

"Um...yeah..." Veronica stuttered, looking embarrassed. "Did you...feel disgusted by what I did earlier?"

"If I felt disgusted, do you think you'd still be sitting on top of me?" he replied.

She felt even more embarrassed, realizing their current position was quite suggestive.

She tried to get off him, but he pulled her back down. She lost her balance and ended up back on top of him.

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"So, what about you? Have you come to a conclusion?" he asked.

"What?" She didn't understand at first.

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"What kind of feelings do you have for me?" he clarified.

She fell silent, his handsome face seemed to be affecting her ability to think clearly. She struggled to speak.

She turned her head away, not wanting to look at him. "At least it's not the kind of feelings you have for a younger

brother," she finally said. She didn't notice the slight flicker

in his eyes when she said that, as if he had some kind of unspoken feelings for her.

"So we can do this often from now on," he suggested.

"Huh?!" Veronica was shocked and turned to look at him in disbelief. "You...you want me to do this kind of thing with you. often?"

She couldn't have heard him correctly, could she?

“Mm-hmm,” he replied. “Since we don’t have any feelings.

of disgust towards each other and it’s not like we have a brother-sister relationship, why not do this often? We’re both

adults now, and if we want to take it further, we can.”

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Veronica’s face turned bright red. Did he mean having sex?

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Did he know that his serious expression and suggestive words were the most tempting and dangerous thing about him?!

“Perhaps you don’t want to try more with me? Maybe if we try more, you can understand your feelings towards me better.”

He said.

She remained silent. Did they really need to do more intimate things? But strangely, when he suggested it, she didn’t feel repulsed. In fact...she felt happy?!

What was happening to her? Veronica suddenly felt like she didn’t even understand herself. She was actually looking forward to having more physical contact with him.

But wasn’t she the one who, after he confessed his feelings, was most afraid of being too physically intimate?

Only a few years had passed, but her mindset had changed so much!

“You don’t want to?” Mason’s voice rang out.

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“N-no, I don’t.” She said.

“Okay, then it’s settled!” He said.

After he left the room, Veronica was still in shock from what had happened today.

Downstairs, Mason looked up at the lit window and placed his hand over his heart.

If what she did to him tonight was a way for her to confirm her feelings towards him, then wasn’t it the same for him?

Her kisses and touches made his blood boil, and his skin felt like it was on fire. He almost couldn’t control himself and

wanted to pin her down.

It was as if he had no control over his desires.

In fact, his body's craving for her was so strong.

So even though his memory was hypnotized, his body still remembers... who he used to love the most?

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Veronica didn't sleep well all night. Every time she closed her eyes, she saw the ambiguous scene on the sofa. When she woke up in the morning, she had two panda eyes and went to school.

Because she was already a junior, she had fewer classes, which gave her time to work outside of school.

"Veronica, why do you have such obvious dark circles? Is it

because you're tired from work and didn't sleep well?" Shirley Woolery, Veronica's good friend from the same class, walked up to her and asked.

"It's okay, it's not because of work. I just... stayed up too late watching TV dramas last night." Veronica said, although she

did indeed "watch" TV dramas last night.

"By the way, we only have two classes this morning. After class, do you want to go to the flea market to find some stuff?" Shirley asked.

The so-called flea market originally sold some second-hand furniture, but later developed into selling some scraps of

and some leftover clothes from factories. The sizes are

various, and many of them are only one or two

years old. They are cheap. A regular T-shirt may cost \$4.3

at a store, but in the flea market, it's basically from \$1.4 to \$1.4.

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Students like Veronica and Shirley, who don't have much money, like to go there to buy some clothes. Sometimes Veronica will also buy some scraps of fabric and make her own sleeve covers, aprons, and other small things.

"Okay." Veronica agreed, since she was working in the afternoon today, she had time in the morning.

After class, the two of them took the bus and arrived at the flea market.

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For Veronica, this is the most familiar place in recent years. She comes here every few months to find things she needs.

Today, she plans to choose some fabrics, make a table mat, and then make a few pillows. Although there are already two

pillows at home, Mason often comes to her place now, so... it's better to have a few more pillows.

After a while, the two of them finally bought what they needed. Shirley looked at the time, and it was almost noon. "Why don't we have lunch nearby and then go back?"

"Okay." Veronica said.

The two of them found a restaurant nearby, ordered their food, and were about to find a table to sit down when a figure walked in from outside the shop. When that person's gaze met

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Veronica's, they suddenly froze, their face showing a complex mix of embarrassment, nervousness, and other emotions.

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Veronica was also stunned. She never expected to meet Daniel again in a place like this.

Daniel was her first love, but their relationship back then started off beautifully and ended in a hurried and embarrassing manner.

The current Daniel no longer had the same spirit and vigor that she saw in high school. He was dressed in the uniform of a delivery rider, giving her a feeling of being in a different world.

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For a moment, she couldn't help but wonder if she had mistaken him for someone else. Was this person really Daniel, or just someone who looked similar?

"Veronica, do you know him?" Shirley, who was standing next to Veronica, spoke up.

Veronica suddenly came back to her senses, but didn't know what to say. The other person also regained their composure, didn't say anything, quickly went to the cashier, picked up the already packed takeout on this side of the counter, and hurriedly walked out of the shop.

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Daniel... didn't call out to her! Veronica didn't know what she was feeling right now. Perhaps the best ending for her and Daniel was to pass by each other like strangers, just like now.

"Veronica, do you really not know that person? You two stared at each other for a long time just now," Shirley said.

"I know him. He was my senior in high school," Veronica replied.

"Just a simple senior-junior relationship?" Shirley asked. Judging from the way the two of them looked at each other just now, it didn't seem like a simple senior-junior relationship.

"Um... there was some unpleasantness between us before the senior transferred out," Veronica tried to play it down.

Fortunately, Shirley wasn't the type to dig deeper and didn't ask any more questions. After finishing their meal, the two of them went to the bus stop together. Shirley was going back to school, while Veronica was heading to the talent agency where she worked.

Shirley's car arrived first, and she waved goodbye to Veronica before leaving.

"Okay," Veronica replied.

After waiting for a while and seeing her bus arrive, Veronica

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was about to take out her monthly pass from her bag when an electric bike approached her. The person riding the bike said to Veronica, "Veronica, long time no see. Can we talk?"

It was Daniel!

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Veronica didn't expect Daniel to come back, and it seemed like he had purposely looked for her in the area.

"Okay," she replied.

The two of them went to a nearby tree-lined path next to the bus stop, and Daniel parked his electric bike to the side.

"What a coincidence to meet here," Daniel said. "It's been years since we last saw each other."

"Yeah, when you live in the same city, there's always a chance of running into each other," Veronica said.

"How have you been?" Daniel asked, looking at Veronica's clothes. She wasn't wearing any designer brands, just some

cheap and worn-out clothes, with visible wear and tear on her shoes.

"I've been okay," Veronica said.

"Is Mason not treating you well?" Daniel hesitated to ask.

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Veronica looked at him in confusion.

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Daniel quickly added, "I was just wondering if you ended up with him after we broke up. After all, he cared about you a lot, didn't he?"

"No, I didn't end up with him after we broke up," Veronica said. "And I haven't seen him much in the past few years either."

Daniel was taken aback. "You didn't end up with him? Does that mean you still have feelings for me...?"

"No, it's not about you, it's about some misunderstandings

between him and me," Veronica explained. "But recently, we've tried to be together again...um, in a trial relationship, that is."

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She spoke vaguely, as the explanation of her current situation with Mason, with whom she was trying to date, might sound a bit strange to outsiders.

Daniel felt a sense of disappointment rising in his heart.

When he heard Veronica say that she had broken up with Mason, he felt a strange happiness that he couldn't explain, because he hoped that he could still hold a place in her heart after many years.

That's why he felt disappointed when he heard the rest of her words.

"You...are together now?" he murmured.

"Um, at least for now," Veronica said.

"Why?" Daniel asked.

Veronica looked at him with confusion, clearly not understanding what he was asking.

"Why didn't you two get together back then, and only recently started dating?" Daniel asked. Mason had used such means

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to break up with Veronica back then, but after many years, he was now dating her. It all seemed very strange to him.

Veronica pursed her lips and said, "This is between him and me, senior, you don't need to ask too much."

Daniel suddenly realized that he might have crossed a line with his question.

"I'm just...worried about you," he said hesitantly.

"I'm doing well now," Veronica replied.

Daniel gave a bitter smile, realizing that the underlying meaning of her words was that he was now just an outsider and had no right to ask these questions.

"And you? This is just a part-time job, right?" Veronica asked. According to their age difference, Daniel should have already been working full-time.

"Yeah, part-time. I haven't found a suitable job yet, so I'm delivering food and sending out resumes at the same time," Daniel said. "The economy isn't doing well right now, and it's hard to find a job after graduation."

“Well, good luck. I have to go to work now, so I won’t chat for long,” Veronica said, heading towards the bus stop.

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As she spoke, she walked towards the bus station sign.

“Veronica!” Watching Veronica’s back as she left, Daniel

couldn’t help but speak up. “Have you...ever hated me over the years? Hated me for what I did back then...”

“No,” she said calmly. “I never hated you!”

After saying this, she lifted her foot again, and Daniel watched her disappearing figure, feeling a heavy and oppressive weight in his chest.

She never hated him, but why did he feel that it was even harder to bear than if she had?

It was as if he had no place in her heart!

Veronica didn’t deliberately avoid thinking about her

relationship with Daniel, but whenever she thought about it in the past, it was always in relation to Mason.

But today, when Daniel asked her if she had ever hated him, she suddenly realized that she had never hated him.

Was it because their relationship was too short and shallow that she didn’t even have the capacity to hate it?

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But in reality, Daniel simply made a choice between his home and his relationship with her, and he chose his home, betraying her feelings.

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“What are you thinking about?” A sudden cold voice sounded in Veronica’s ear.

Veronica was startled, only then realizing that Mason had appeared in her room without her noticing any sound.

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However, the fact that he knew the door lock password to her room made it natural for him to enter.

“Why did you come here?” She stood up abruptly and asked.

“Just came over since I had free time,” he said. “Don’t you like seeing me come over?”

“No!” She quickly replied, “It’s just that when you come over... um, you could give me a heads up in advance, so I can be mentally prepared.”

“Why do you need to be mentally prepared?” he asked.

“...” Veronica was speechless for a moment. Well, whatever. “It’s nothing, it’s okay if you don’t give me a heads up.”

He looked at her and asked after a moment, “What are you doing?”

“Huh?” She was taken aback, only then noticing his gaze on the sewing machine. “I’m planning to make two pillows.”

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“Yeah, we only have two pillows at home, which is not enough. I plan to make two more. I got some scrap fabric from the flea market today, as well as the cotton stuffing for the pillows. Do you think this fabric looks good?”

He was a bit puzzled and asked, “Why make them? Can’t we just buy them directly?”

“If you want, I can make it cheaper, and you can also choose the fabric you like,” she said. “Anyway, this is a quick job.”

As she spoke, she sat back down. Her sewing machine was an old-fashioned one that her mother had used before she

passed away. After her mother’s death, she tried to imitate her mother’s style and use the sewing machine to mend

things.

Watching Veronica skillfully press the pedal of the sewing machine and the needle fall onto the fabric she had already cut, Mason’s mind flashed back to his childhood.

Before he was found by the Reed family, life was not easy for him and Veronica. When his clothes were torn or too short, she would help him mend them.

Only two years older than him, she struggled to press the pedal of the sewing machine with one foot while maintaining her balance with the other, using the old sewing machine to mend his clothes.

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And the sound of the needle falling, at some point, became a beautiful sound in his ears.

But later, after the Reed family found him, she no longer needed to mend his clothes, and the old sewing machine never appeared in the Barlow family's new house again.

He never thought he would hear that sound again after so many years.

When Veronica finished making the pillowcase and looked up, she found Mason sitting in a chair next to her, leaning against the back of the chair, his hands resting on the corner of the chair back, supporting his chin, and his eyes closed, as if he were asleep.

He... fell asleep?

Veronica walked up to him, looked at Mason, and couldn't help but raise her hand and gently brush his bangs off his forehead.

His eyelashes trembled, and he slowly opened his eyes, his pitch-black pupils staring at her quietly.

"Are you tired? Do you want to rest in my bed for a while?" she asked.

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"Not tired, just closing my eyes so I can hear the sound more clearly," he said.

"What sound are you listening to?" she asked in confusion.

"The sound of the sewing machine is very pleasant," he said.

She couldn't help but laugh, remembering that he had said such things when they were children. "Then when I step on the sewing machine, you can listen to it more," he had said.

"Okay," he replied, gently pulling her hand down from his forehead and rubbing it against his cheek.

Even though he had forgotten about their relationship, his body still instinctively longed for something.

"Let's go on a

date," he said, the words coming out of his mouth without him

even realizing it.

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Veronica never expected to hear the word "date" from Mason's mouth. A date... it felt like they were really in a relationship.

"Don't you want to?" Mason's voice rang in her ear again.

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"No," she quickly replied, "but if we're going on a date, is there anything you want to do?"

"Just do some things that normal couples do, and see if we're

compatible for a relationship," he said.

Normal things that couples do? Veronica was taken aback,

and memories of what she had done to him on the couch

flashed through her mind. Oh my god, what was she thinking!

"Okay, when?" she asked.

"Do you have time on the weekend?" he asked.

She didn't have to work on the weekend, but... "I have

something going on at school this weekend, there's a meeting in my class."

"Okay, call me 20 minutes before you come out, and I'll send

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someone to pick you up," Mason said.

"No need, just tell me where to meet you, and I'll go there myself," she said.

"Wouldn't it be a waste of time for you to go by yourself? I don't want to waste too much time," he said.

“...” Veronica was silent for a moment before saying, “Okay then.”

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Did he mean he didn’t want to waste time waiting for her, or did he mean... the time they spent trying to date each other?

What did this kind of interaction mean to him? And yet, she was desperately trying to seize this one opportunity to get

closer to him!

The next day, Veronica kept checking the time on her phone during the class meeting.

“Veronica, what’s wrong? You seem to be very concerned about the time,” Shirley, who was sitting next to her, asked.

“It’s nothing, just that I have something else to do after the meeting today,” she replied.

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“Something else? Don’t tell me you’re working today too,”

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Shirley sighed, “Your dad is really something, not even paying for your tuition and making you work to earn it yourself!”

“I’m already an adult, and I don’t need him to pay for my tuition. This is fine for me now,” Veronica said.

“Fine? What’s so fine about it? If you keep this up, you won’t even have time to find a boyfriend,” Shirley said.

Boyfriend... A blush appeared on Veronica’s face as she thought of Mason.

Come on! He’s not even her boyfriend yet!

Although... some of their actions towards each other seemed to be closer than those of a boyfriend and girlfriend.

“By the way, that senior we saw the other day, the one you

used to know. I noticed the way he looked at you, it seemed

different. He’s probably just doing delivery as a part-time job, but he looks pretty good. Have you been in contact with him since you reunited?” Shirley looked at Veronica with a

suggestive expression.

“No, it’s impossible between him and me,” Veronica said with absolute certainty.

Yes, she and Daniel were impossible from the beginning.

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"I was just kidding. You're so firm in your denial," Shirley said, amazed.

As the class meeting was coming to an end, Veronica sent a text message to Mason: "I'm almost done here."

After a moment, Mason replied, saying that someone would pick her up at the school gate.

"Who did you send the message to? Don't tell me you have a boyfriend and didn't tell me," Shirley said.

"Just... a friend," Veronica hesitated and said. Her relationship with Mason was considered that of friends.

When the class meeting ended, she packed up her things and walked out of the campus. Suddenly, she was stunned when she saw a silver-gray Maybach parked at the school gate.