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“Quickly get up!” Sherry straightened herself and yelled angrily. Her face blushed in embarrassment but what was the use of being embarrassed? She scolded herself. She glared angrily at William again but he seemed to be happy to be seen by others kissing her.

“I'll get the nurse to give you an injection!” William smiled while still holding onto her waist. The other hand started to tuck her hair behind her ear. “Let him see us and he will know that you are my woman!”

“When did I agree to it?” She was stunned. Her face blushed so red that it could not be any redder.

“You didn't object when I kissed you just now!” William said as a matter of fact, “I've left my mark and you can't deny it anymore!”

“And, you are not to be a shield for anyone! You are not made of steel!” The tone of his words stunned her. Did he really regard her as his woman?

Sherry looked at William's handsome face in bewilderment. His thin cheeks looked as if they were chiseled by an ax. His features were not as delicate as Liam but were deep and pronounced. He was extremely attractive and one can detect both intelligence and ferocity in his smile.

“But who wants to murder Mr. Brooks? Mr. Rowland, quickly have Mr. Brooks return to the country!” She was clearly worried about Liam.

“Sherry!” William frowned. He will punish her immediately if she cared so much about another man!

“What's the reason for this?” William's piercing gaze glanced towards Liam's handsome face.

“Last year I came over to conduct a retrenchment exercise. I laid off a worker who was late for work. She explained the reason but I didn't listen and fired her. Thereafter she spent a year without a job. She couldn't find a job in the same sector because she didn't show up to work on time and that affected her negatively. She became desperate because she wasn't able to find a job” Liam explained the reason for the attack last night.

“So has this been settled?” William frowned.

"No, it's awaiting your input!" Liam felt very guilty. He wanted to hire the woman who hurt Sherry but he wasn't sure if William will agree to it.

"What's your suggestion?"

"Let's allow Annika to come back to work. I was indeed rather heartless and didn't take into consideration that she was late because her child was sick!"

"So you can allow someone who had hurt Sherry to come back to the company to work?" William frowned even tighter.

"That's why I need your approval!"

"Will she learn from her mistakes and turn over a new leaf?"

"Yes!"

"Then let her come back!" William nodded.

Sherry stood at the door and listened to their conversation. Now she understood that the person who injured her was due to work reasons. And they were so gracious! Sherry couldn't help but smile and felt that her injury was worth it. She didn't open the door and went back to lay on the bed.

Once Annika was reinstated to her work, she immediately went to the hospital to visit Sherry.

There were two rows of five bodyguards in the room. As soon as Annika entered, she immediately bowed to Sherry and apologized. But because of the language barrier, Sherry didn't understand what she said.

"Ms. Murray, I'm so sorry. I'm so sorry!" Annika kept bowing and apologizing.

William was expressionless and emotionless and said to the translator, "Ask her to leave and do a good job!"

After she left, William asked Sherry, "Are you hungry?"

Sherry shook her head, "What did she say?" She didn't understand a word.

"She apologized to you!"

"Oh!" Sherry started to laugh.

“Have you gone insane?” William rolled his eyes at her.

“It's good to resolve a joblessness issue!” It was always good to bury the hatchet, “Mr. Rowland, you should go back to your work!”

“Sherry, who is the director?” William's expression darkened and said coldly.

“You are!”

“So who decides if I have any work to do?”

“You!”

“I'll rest today!” William continued to sit on the sofa, “You can close your eyes if you don't wish to see me”

Sherry didn't expect that he will joke and couldn't help but laugh, “But I've slept enough!”

William grinned when she laughed, “Then you have no choice, you will have to see me the whole of today”

Sherry thought that this person was alright apart from being a chauvinist and liked to womanize. He also had a tender side to him and now she didn't feel disgusted by him.

“Mr. Rowland, where did Ms. Brooks go yesterday? Why didn't I see her after that?” Sherry suspected that Sarah had slipped away mid-way through.

“I don't know!” William was looking at his laptop. He was playing the game designed by Dan. He didn't expect that a five year old can design such an interesting game. If they were to market it, it may be able to sell for a significant amount of money! This type of game sparked one of William's plans.

As he played, he suddenly received a call from home. William received the call and John said anxiously, “Will, Sammy had disappeared! Disappeared!”

“What?” William was stunned, “What happened?”

“The driver went to pick him but couldn't find him. I've already made a police report!” John didn't dare to waste a moment.

"I'm on my way home!" William looked at Sherry and became stern, "Go back with me to nurse your injury!"

Sherry heard that something was wrong from his tone, "What happened?"

"Something happened to my son!" William said solemnly.

"Your son?" Sherry was stunned, "You have a son?"

William's gaze deepened and locked at Sherry's eyes, "Are you very surprised?"

Sherry's face turned red and her hands started to tremble and panicked while she said, "No, no! Let's go back now!" She quickly got off the bed.

"Do you mind that I have a son?" William asked.

"Why should I mind?" Sherry replied instantaneously. What did it have to do with her that he had a son?

William didn't say anything and his expression became very profound but Sherry didn't notice it.

She had an indescribable feeling but was very surprised that William had a son. Then he must have a wife. If he had a wife, then why had he been harassing her?

She must stay away from him from now on.

Sherry was very quiet along the way back.

After they disembarked from the airplane, William instructed Liam to send her to the hospital but Sherry didn't think that it was

necessary. She only needed to go to the hospital to remove the stitches. Now she wanted to see her son. "Mr. Brooks, please send me to this address"

When they arrived at Celia's apartment complex, Liam said to Sherry, "Sherry! Thanks so much for saving me!" Liam looked gratefully at Sherry.

Sherry laughed and was somewhat embarrassed. She didn't do it for him. It was a reflex action, she thought.

“Call me if your condition worsens. I'll send you to the hospital!” Liam gave his number to Sherry.

At the entrance of the kindergarten.

“Mommy!” Dan ran over excitedly when he saw Sherry. “Mommy, didn't you say that you won't be back for several more days?”

How come you're back in just two days?”

“Son, let's go home!” Sherry used her uninjured hand to hold his hand, “Because mommy misses Dan!”

“Mommy, look over there!” Dan pointed towards a bus stop where a child was crying, “Look at that crying kid!”

Sherry turned and saw a little boy who was about Dan's age. The boy was crying bitterly. The child was beautiful. It was rare to see such a beautiful boy and he was about the same age as Dan.

Sherry held Dan's hand and walked over and asked the boy, “Buddy, are you alright?”

The crying boy looked up and saw a beautiful auntie. But he was very shy and didn't dare to speak.

“What's wrong?” Sherry asked patiently.

This child was like a flawless porcelain doll. His lips were red and his teeth were white and he was amazingly beautiful. She

just didn't know why he was crying and he looked very reserved.

What a pretty auntie! Sammy sighed and forgot his tears. He was stunned at how much this auntie looked like an angel, “I, I... auntie, my daddy wants to hit me, can you adopt me?”

“Oh? Mommy, his daddy is so violent. This little brother is so pitiful” Dan's compassion surged, “Let's take him home quickly!”

At this moment Sammy saw that Daniel had a mommy! But he didn't have a mommy. He started to pout and he almost cried.

Sherry was stunned. She looked at the approaching bus and then at her watch. It will be dark soon. "Buddy, how about this?"

Come home with auntie and then I'll try to contact your father. I will make sure your father won't hurt you anymore and then I'll send you home, okay?"

"No! I don't want to go home!" Sammy shook his head stubbornly. There wasn't a mommy at home. There was only grandpa and grandpa didn't play with him. Each time when he said that he wanted a mommy, grandpa would shout at him. He didn't want to go home!

Daddy only went back once in a long while. He said that he will look for mommy but he still hadn't found her. He didn't have the patience to wait anymore.

"Then come home with auntie! It's too late now!" Sherry can't bear to leave this child outside. Additionally, this child was so cute and adorable.

"Okay!" Sammy was very happy to hear. This was the first time he had gone to someone else's house!

"Why does your daddy hit you?" Dan asked Sammy on the bus, "doesn't your daddy know that the law doesn't allow parents to mistreat their children?"

Sammy lowered his head guiltily. It wasn't right for him to say that about his daddy. But he didn't mean it. He simply said in

passing and didn't think that anyone would believe him.

"Don't be frightened. I'll have my mother make a police report and let the police arrest your father. Then you won't be in danger anymore!" Dan patted his chest to promise Sammy.

Sammy was shocked and swallowed his saliva. He didn't want the police to arrest his father. He was wrong. He didn't mean to blame his father.

Back at home.

Sherry cooked for the two children and thought that she must send the child back after dinner. His family members must be

worried sick.

Sherry was busy preparing dinner and Sammy sat on the sofa and peeked at Sherry. He felt very close to this auntie and she was very beautiful. How nice if he could have such a mommy, he thought.

Sherry raised her head and saw the reflection in the window of a pair of bright round eyes looking at her. Sherry walked out of the kitchen and towards the sofa,

“Buddy, what's your name?”

“Sammy!” Sammy replied obediently, “Auntie, your house is so nice! It's so nice to have the smell of a mommy!”

Although Sammy's house was large, but there wasn't the smell of a mommy.

“Haha, how does a mommy smell like?” Sherry asked curiously.

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“This smell belongs to Miss!” Sammy drooped his head in embarrassment, his shiny white teeth biting his bloodied lips which made him look reserved. He had never spent any time with an unfamiliar adult woman before this!

“The smell on my mother's body is so fragrant. Did you get a whiff of my mother's bodily smell too?” Dan asked Sammy as if he wanted to suck up to him.

A faint blush appeared on Sammy's cheeks as he continued to stare at Sherry for a long time before finally nodding.

“Does your mum have this kind of fragrant smell on her body?” Dan asked again.

“I don't have a mum!” Sammy's voice became hoarse all of a sudden.

Sherry felt something tugging at her heart as she shifted her gaze towards Sammy. Suddenly, she felt her heart ache pretty hard. Why did this poor kid don't have a mother?

“My dad told me that I am going to have a mum soon!” Sammy raised his face and met Sherry's pretty features. This adult female was really beautiful! He would feel so lucky if she was his mum!

“Good boy!” Sherry's eyes were slightly reddened at the moment.

Dan stopped saying anything at this point. It turned out that Sammy didn't have a mother, similar to him who didn't have a father. He understood that not everyone had a father, and not everyone had a mother too!

“Miss, you are really beautiful” Sammy confessed earnestly, and as a result his face blushed once again. His huge watery eyes were blinking non-stop as they were fixated on Sherry.

Sherry touched her head while revealing a bitter smile and announced, “It's time for a meal! Dan, help Sammy to get a chair, we are going to eat together!”

“Alright! I'm coming!” Daniel moved a chair over and led Sammy to wash his hands before eating. “Sammy, why did your dad beat you? Is it because you don't have a mother so he is entertaining himself by beating you?”

“I...”

“Don't you want to go home?”

“It's not that!” He just didn't want to go back to a house without a mother. If he had a mother, he would definitely go home without hesitation.

“Your dad is probably worried about you since you are lost now!” Dan started to lecture him, “If I got lost, my mother would also be worried about me, so you have to call your dad after our meal, okay? We are now good friends, so if your dad beats you again in the future, I will ask my mum and Celia to give him a good beating, alright?”

Sammy was slightly worried about what Dan had claimed. What if someone were to teach his dad a lesson for real?

After their meal, Sherry discovered that Sammy was a shy child who didn't like to talk. Whenever he said something, his face would blush. He was really a poor child who never had the love of a mother since he was young. To make things worse, his dad also hit him from time to time. He must have left home because he was feeling too afraid.

Sherry was feeling very sympathetic towards Sammy, she vowed secretly to confront his dad and enlighten him with the grave consequences of beating a child.

How could someone beat up a child who was at such a tender age? He was too despicable!

“Sammy, tell me your house number. I will pass on some words to your dad and make sure that he would not beat you anymore in the future!”

“Miss, don't do that!” Sammy shook his head vehemently. His dad would be extremely saddened if he were to learn of his lies.

“Miss, my dad is a good person. He never hit me before!”

Oh my god! This child must be really scarred from the beating his dad had given him to the point that he was even lying for his father's sake upon hearing that Sherry was going to call his dad.

“Are you afraid of getting scolded by your dad? Then I won't say anything extra. I would just tell him that you are at my place so that he won't be too worried about you. Is this a good enough reason?”

“Really?”

“Of course!” Sherry entertained the thought that this child must have been threatened by his dad somehow. His dad was really a scum.

After confirming that Sherry didn't have malicious intents, only then did Sammy tell her about William's phone number after hesitating for a short while.

Sherry immediately called him.

William was in a frantic state after searching his child for some time, and suddenly a call was coming for him and he saw

Sherry's name on the screen of his phone. In an instant, his brows became furrowed.

What did she want at that moment?

“Hello!” William's hoarse and low voice sounded.

He only uttered a word, and coupled with the fact that Sherry didn't have his number in the first place, so she couldn't recognize William at first. She was only concentrating on mustering enough courage to lecture him, "Mr., are you Sammy's dad?"

Sammy?

William was stunned. How did she know about his son?

Before he could produce a response, Sherry's voice came again, and it was obvious she was impatient, "You're Sammy's dad, so how could you beat up your son?"

Didn't you know that children are the future of the nation? Didn't you know that you can't use violence on someone that young? Even if he is in the wrong, you still shouldn't beat him. With his current age, it is very likely that he already has some trauma because of you. Do you even take that into consideration?"

"Uh!"

"Uh? Your son is at my place, and he's very safe. I will send him back to you, but you have to promise me that you won't beat him up anymore! Other—
Otherwise, I will call the police to apprehend an

abusive father like you!"

"I never hit him!" William frowned as he couldn't really understand what Sherry was saying. However, he was relieved to know that Sammy is safe and sound. He was just wondering why his son was at Sherry's place. Could it be fate? It must be fate!

"What? You're still lying now? No wonder Sammy is so reluctant to go home because he has such a despicable parent. Why don't you admit that you are an abusive parent? You always have the chance to correct your mistakes. Don't you know that you will secretly influence your child to become a liar one day? How could you be so irresponsible as a parent?" Sherry roared into her phone with agitation the moment she heard him lying.

"...." William moved his phone further a little from his ear the moment she started shouting at the other end.

“Do you hear me clearly? It seems like I really need to educate you on the cons of using violence on a child. Listen carefully, you irresponsible parent! As a parent, you are very likely to lose control of yourself due to anger and cause irreversible damage to his body. For example, slapping him would cause his nose to bleed, teeth to break and also his nerves in his ears to be damaged. If you slap his butt, he would have extravasation underneath his skin which might cause him to have kidney failure, and worse comes to worst his spine would be affected which would in turn cause him have brain dysfunction. A child is very fragile, and if he is in contact with a hard surface, a tragedy is very likely to happen”

“I really never hit my child before!” William repeated. “I'm telling the truth.”

“What? You're still lying?” Sherry felt her anger rising up exponentially, “Shut up and listen to me. The worst thing when it comes to hitting a child is the emotional trauma that child has to live with for the rest of his life. It's not only him who gets affected, your relationship with your child is severely impaired too. A damaged child is going to open a Pandora's box for both you and him”

“... William was at a loss for words. He couldn't understand what have Sammy actually told Sherry.

“Mr, do you know that Sammy is a shy child? This must be related to the fact that you are always hitting him. Your action of hitting him would cause him great fear and a loss of trust from him towards you. In the end, he would be unable to trust his environment and other people and this is the beginning of depression for most children. If this situation continues until they are adults, they would become an adult who couldn't oppose any opinion. Their emotional trauma causes them unable to build

any healthy and meaningful relationship with others besides the fact that they would struggle to defend their own rights. Mr., do you really want your son to become depressed? How can you be so irresponsible”

“I really didn't hit him!”

“How long do you plan to continue lying to me? Mr., your son will mimic you and start lying too, and it would be hard for him to change this part of his personality anymore if he grows up. You must stop lying while Sammy is still young. Let me tell you the other undesirable effects of hitting your child!”

William couldn't help curling up the corners of his mouth at this point. It seemed that this woman that he was acquainted with was a very enthusiastic and friendly person. Not bad!

“Besides, the child would have great angst and indignation in their hearts if they are constantly hit. If there is no proper guidance for them, this type of negative emotion would accompany them for the rest of their lives, and they would threaten to mess up his life at any chance given. One day, they would be overcome with such emotions and he would definitely need an outlet for those emotions. Perhaps, he would rebel against you when he is an adolescent, and by that time you won't be able to hit him as you wish anymore since he doesn't really need you to continue living anymore. Or else, he might ruin his life to punish himself as a way of getting back at you. Can you see the serious repercussions of your actions now?”

“Is there anything more?” William forced himself to be patient and continued listening to her words.

Sherry once again became angered when she felt that there was a problem with his attitude, “Mr., your attitude is really unwelcomed. I can imagine that you are very disdainful and arrogant right now which is probably because you have never been criticized before in your life. Don't ever think that you can simply hit your son because he's your son. Who do you think you are? You don't even want to admit

that you have hit your son. You're just a coward who don't dare to shoulder any responsibility! You're not a man!”

William felt his brows furrowed once again, and he was muttering in his heart, “If I am not a man, how could I have a son now?”

This damn woman, one day he would make sure to let her know whether he was a man! He would make her kneel down on her knees and beg for her life while saying that he was a man! Hmph!

“Do you understand now?” Sherry realized that he had been silent for a while, so she followed up with another question,

“Understand what?” William retorted.

“Aren't you listening to me?”

"I did listened to everything you have said, your eloquence with the language is impressive! I must give you that"

Sherry jumped up upon hearing that. She was making this call in her bedroom to avoid getting overheard by Sammy. She didn't want Sammy to get affected by her words.

No wonder this child was afraid of his dad. It turned out that this man was really a hard nut to crack. Her words of concern and advise were easily dismissed by his indifferent attitude.

She didn't need to guess to know that this man at the other end of the phone was very disdainful towards her lecture, "Mr., if you can't understand that you actions are wrongful, I'm going to call the police on behalf of your child!"

"Hmm? When William heard that, his sexy lips formed a malicious smile on his face. Then, he slowly settled himself on the seat of his Bugatti. He had been searching the city in his car for several hours and he even sent a dozen of his men to look for Sammy but to no avail. He never imagined that Sammy would be at Sherry's place. He must thank God for this turn of events!

"You can't even see that you are in the wrong here. Hitting a child is never the right thing to do!"

"I said, I never hit my son!"

"You are lying!" Sherry didn't expect that this man was so shameless. "Mr., there is a God watching over you somewhere not far away. How can you be so shameless?"

"I never lie!" At most, he would fabricate something unreal in his words!

Damn it, how could she label him as a shameless man? What made her say that? "Where is my son? Ask him to come!"

Sherry thought that he wanted to terrorize Sammy, so she immediately squealed, "You must be lying, I'm sure of that! Why do you want to talk to Sammy now? You are the one who has hit him to the point that he doesn't even want to go home, yet you are planning to scare him now. You are really too despicable. I'm serious when I said that I wanted to call the police. Just wait and see! I'll call the police now!"

“Sherry!” William never encountered such a stupid woman before. How could she naively trust a child’s words?

“Yes!” After responding to his words, Sherry suddenly froze, “Ho—How do you know that I’m Sherry?”

The creases on William's forehead further deepened and he was emanating a devilish aura now, “I can't believe that you don't even save my phone number! You damn woman! How could you?”

“Why do I have to save your phone number? Who do you think you are? How do you learn of my name?” Sherry continued to probe without any fears.

At the same time, she did realize that his voice was oddly familiar. Who did it belong to? Who?

William's voice shifted a notch lower, “I just know! Now where is Sammy?”

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"You weirdo, I don't care how you know me, you cannot just beat your child, that is against the law! I am telling you, even if you know my name, I am not scared of you, I will call the police!"

"Sherry!" William couldn't watch anymore, and called out her name coldly.

Sherry suddenly got so scared by the sudden yell that her phone almost fell out of her hand, then she finally recognized who it was, "You, you, you are Mr. Rowland?"

Finally, she knew who he was, otherwise William would have run out of patience.

Yes!" A cold manly voice was heard from the other side of the line, it was deep, and the simple answer did not carry any emotions, but Sherry was startled.

Oh my god!

How could it be Mr. Rowland?

Right, she remembered when she was in Seoul, he said that he had a son, could his son possibly be Samuel? This was such a coincidence!

"Where is my son?" William asked.

"Yeah, Mr. Rowland, I will bring him back right now!"

"No need!" William had not forgotten that she was injured, "I will pick him up!"

"Mr. Rowland, can you please not beat him again?' Sherry kept going, "Do you know how sad he was, he was sitting alone at the bus stop crying, why did you do that?"

"Sherry, I didn't beat him, you stupid woman!" How many times did he have to tell her before she believed him?

"You didn't? Why are you still lying, and blackmailing me, you are very cruel, Mr. Rowland, I had no idea that you are so dominant, so unreasonable, and now you are even a torturer!"

"You!" William was angry, "You stupid woman!"

"See! You are cursing again, now I finally know why Samuel left home, you are really a scary scary man, this poor child!"

Sherry was shaking her head and sighed, she was feeling sorry for Samuel to be born into that family.

"Sherry, where are you?" William had no time to waste with her.

"You need to first promise that you will not beat him again, only if you do that, I will tell you where we are!" Sherry hadn't forgotten the reason why she made the phone call.

"Alright, I promise!" William finally said, only god knew how resistant he felt, but this woman was a hard nut to crack.

"Are you sure?"

"I am sure!"

"Alright, I will wait for you at YX Road number one!" Sherry had to bring Samuel there as quick as possible, she couldn't allow William to find out

where she lived, that man was too dangerous, he had a wife and a child... wait, Samuel said that he had no mother.

What a poor kid, she never thought that Mr. Rowland was such a sadist.

"Wait for me, I will be there in 15 minutes!" As he finished, the line was cut.

In Daniel's room, Daniel was just turning on his computer, these days he hadn't spent at home, and was wondering if the man had left him a message, what did he think about his game?

"Samuel, do you like the game I gave you?" Daniel was showing him his work eagerly.

"Yeah!" Samuel was a little shy, but he had already gotten closer to Daniel.

Just in that moment, Sherry had finished her call and came to look for Samuel, "Samuel, I have called your father, he will come to pick you up, and he promised he will never beat you again!"

"Sherry!" Samuel didn't want to leave, Sherry was very nice to her, her cooking was great, he wished he could stay there.

"What is it?" Sherry asked him softly, she never had imagined that this boy was Mr. Rowland's son, he didn't even look like him, he must come after his mother, Sherry thought.

"Sherry, is Daddy angry?" Samuel was afraid that his father was angry at him for running away, and felt guilty about that.

"Your father promised that he will never beat you again, don't worry!" Sherry explained to him patiently.

"Mom, does he know that he was at fault?"

"Yeah, he does, Daniel, go and get dressed, we will send Samuel home!" Sherry said.

"Alright!" Daniel was logging into his MSN.

When he opened it, a chat window popped up, Daniel jumped up, and yelled out in excitement, "Wow, uncle said that my game design was really good, Mom, Mom, I did it!"

Sherry paused, she turned to her son, and asked confused, "What do you mean you did it?"

Daniel was smiling from one ear to the other, he thought that he hadn't talked to uncle in detail yet, and uncle already mentioned to buy his game, he was wondering if he was serious about that, and wanted to make sure about it, he couldn't allow himself to be happy for nothing, and turned quiet immediately, "Mom, can you bring Samuel, I still got something to do!"

"What could you possibly have to do?" Sherry had no idea what her son was talking about, "Will you not see Samuel off with me?"

Daniel came over and took Samuel's hand, "Samuel, I still have something to do, my mom will send you, if your dad beats you again, you can come over to our house to stay, you can sleep in my bed, okay?"

Sherry took Samuel's hand, who looked up, and looked at Sherry's soft face, he nodded, and was happy that he could spend some alone time with her.

"Daniel, I will be back soon!" Sherry didn't want to force Daniel.

"Yeah, bye Samuel!" Daniel went back to his computer and kept reading the comments.

"Bye Daniel!" Samuel said to him.

"Sherry, can I come to your house to play again?" Samuel asked Sherry on the way.

"Of course you can, you can ask your Dad to call me when you have time and send you over to play! But Samuel, you cannot run away from home again, no matter what happens, your father loves you, he will be worried, do you understand?"

"Yeah!" Samuel nodded his head, his face was filled with a happy smile, he could see Sherry again, and that made him really happy.

Sherry wanted to give Mr. Rowland a lecture later, but she couldn't scare Samuel, that would leave a big hole in his heart. Samuel was a very cute boy, he would get shy really fast, William's horrible temper must be the reason for that.

At the road was already a blue Bugatti waiting when Sherry and Samuel arrived, a tall man was leaning on the car, smoking, the smell coming from him was the one of king of yesterday and tomorrow.

As soon as Samuel saw William, he immediately let go of Sherry's hand, and ran towards him, "Daddy!"

William went into his knees to hug the child, and said in a soft voice, "Why did you run away from home, what if you ran into some bad people?"

"Dad, I know it was my fault!" Samuel said, he just wanted to come out to get some air, to look for his mom, because his dad was too busy to play with him, and he didn't want to wait anymore.

"Why did you tell others that I hit you?" William asked with his soft voice.

"I am sorry!" Samuel kept apologizing.

"As long as you are alright!" William patted his back, so he wouldn't blame himself anymore.

Sherry was surprised to see this scene, how could this be, they looked like they were having a wonderful relationship, why did Samuel say that William hit him?

William turned to look at Sherry, his expression was complicated but loving. He looked at her deeply, and put down his son,

"Come, tell Sherry, Dad has never hit you before!"

"Yeah!" Samuel immediately went to Sherry, lowered his head, and said in a small voice, "Sorry, I was at fault, I lied to you, Dad has never beaten me, it was a lie!"

"Oh!" Sherry was perplexed, "Really?"

Samuel nodded his head, "Yeah, I lied!"

William came to them, his tall figure stood in front of Sherry, his face had an unreadable expression, "I have never touched him, never!"

He seemed as if he was explaining something else, but Sherry felt very awkward, she didn't expect that she misunderstood.

“Mr. Rowland, sorry! I didn’t know... I thought...” Sherry was too embarrassed to speak.

She had held him a long lecture on the phone, which was now all for nothing, since he had never hit Samuel, right, the child showed no injuries on himself, he was dressed neatly and pretty, how could a child like that be beaten at home.

“Samuel, wait for me in the car!” William said.

“Yeah!” Samuel looked at Sherry, then walked to the car.

Sherry felt distressed, he knew that she acted stupid, she hadn't asked first before she started to educate him, that would have made her angry as well.

“Mr. Rowland!” Sherry raised her head to explain, but when she saw William's dark eyes staring at her, she got so nervous that she held her breath.

William looked even taller under the dim lights of the streets, his tall shadow almost covered all of Sherry.

“Mr. Rowland, I will go home now, take good care of Samuel!” She noticed that the air was getting heavy, and wanted to leave.

“Wait!” William's deep voice said.

Sherry paused, she saw the smoke surround him, the smoke and the dim lights made her almost unable to see his face, only his eyes were as sharp as the one of an eagle.

“Is there something else?” Sherry held her breath.

“How is your shoulder?” He laid his eyes on her injured shoulder.

“Oh, it still hurts!” Sherry laughed, “But it’s much better, thank you for asking!”

“You don't need to come to work tomorrow!” William said.

“Okay!” She nodded, and suddenly remembered, “Will there be a salary cut?”

William was surprised, “Do you need money?”

"Just forget about it!" What a stupid question, of course she needed money, a gentleman loved money, but would earn it in a proper way. "Mr. Rowland.."

"I will pick you up tomorrow noon!" William suddenly said, interrupting her, he didn't look at her, and took another deep puff of

smoke, which oppressed his voice.

Sherry was taken by surprise, she had no idea what he meant, why would he pick her up?

Maybe he didn't hear her words, so he raised his head, his eyes squinted, and looked at her questionable, "Why, can't I?"

What did he mean? Why did he want to pick her up?

William saw that Sherry hadn't caught herself yet, so he raised his eyebrows, "Are you not allowed to leave the house

tomorrow?"

"Huh?" Sherry couldn't imagine what he wanted, "No, I can, but what do you mean, why pick me up?"

He looked as if he suddenly got interested, or maybe he just was in a good mood, and leaned towards her with a smile on his

face, "I want to thank you for taking care of my son, and I want to hear you talk more about taking care of children!"

He made it so high-sounding, that she had no chance to decline, but she didn't want to have a deeper relationship with him,

"Mr. Rowland, I..."

"Then it's settled!" William took another puff, and blew the smoke out, "Do you have anything to say?"

"I will not go!" Sherry nodded her head, and sighed. She felt much better to decline his invitation.

"Why?" William looked unconcerned, and raised his eyebrow to look at her, "You don't wanna have lunch with me?"

"Exactly!" Sherry said in one word.

"What are you afraid of?" William had a pressing aura, and said with his deep voice, this stupid woman, she refused again.

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"I am not afraid!" Sherry suddenly felt a little awkward, and didn't know what to do.

"Tomorrow forenoon 11am, I'll see you here!" He didn't intend to let her go, instead, he was feeling even more joyful, his eyes

still fixed on her face.

Sherry felt very uncomfortable under his stare, she answered his question quickly, "Alright"

She accepted the offer very forcefully, which caused William to knit his brows again.

*Mr. Rowland, goodbye!" Sherry didn't wait for his answer before she left the road.

William took a look around the district she was living in, it was an old district, and looked pretty aged, he wondered how she had spend all these years? Why was she still worried about finances even though she had money now?

Samuel was leaning on the car window, and watched Sherry leave, even when she was out of sight, he kept staring into her direction.

William opened the car door, and saw how his son was watching Sherry leave with a sad expression, he then couldn't blame him for running away anymore.

"Daddy, Sherry is so pretty!" Samuel said in a low voice, if his Mommy was so pretty and kind, how nice that would be!

"Yeah!" William was feeling a little annoyed, he helped Samuel to put on his seat belt, "Sit tight, let's go home!"

"Will Grandpa be mad?" Samuel asked quietly.

"Of course!" William said.

"Are you mad?"

"Nopet"

"I'm sorry!"

"There will be no next time!" William started the car, and rubbed Samuel's head, "Do you like Sherry?"

"I do!" Samuel answered honestly.

"Daddy, was Mommy also this pretty?" Samuel asked.

"Kinda!" William was feeling even more annoyed now.

"Daddy, why did Mom leave us? Was I not a good kid?" When Samuel mentioned that, his eyes lost their glow.

It suddenly went quiet in the car.

Samuel, who was very sensitive, suddenly realized that he asked too many questions, his father didn't like it when people

asked about his mother, "Dad, sorry!"

William felt his heart aching, and shook his head, "You really want to have a mother, don't you?"

"Yeah!" He nodded his head, and said in a low voice, "But will you be mad? If you will be sad, then I don't want a mom

anymore, Sherry has already promised me that I can go to her house to play! If I can see her often and eat her food, then I don't need a mom..."

"She cooked for you?" William raised his eyebrows in surprise.

"Yeah, she cooks different than what we eat at home, it's really delicious, it tastes like home!" Samuel said in a low voice, "It's even better than what Grandpa's chef cooks!"

"Oh, really?" William was suddenly a little jealous of his kid, "Then I will take you to Sherry's to have your meals in the future!"

"Really?"

"Yeah!" William suddenly saw the three of them sitting around the table like a family, that is what he dreamed of, but it has

never come true!

"Does Mrs. Howe's food not taste good?" William asked.

Samuel thought for a while, and shook his head, "No, Dad, Mrs. Howe's food doesn't taste like motherhood, but Sherry's does!"

Even Samuel didn't really understand why, but he really liked Sherry!

But William was shocked by Samuel's words, taste of motherhood! This was really meant to be!

That night, Sherry couldn't sleep, she was thinking about the lunch she will have to have with Mr. Rowland.

When it was 10am the next day, Sherry started to feel anxious, her hands were sweating, and she looked nervous, even

Sherry herself had no idea what she was so nervous about.

At 11am, Mr. Rowland will come!

Early in the morning, Sherry brought Daniel to the kindergarten, after she came back home, she was sighing all morning.

She thought about the times that he forced a kiss on her without any reason at all, it was all so sudden to her, and she had meant to ask him what this was for.

What kind of relationship did they have?

Yeah, what was this relationship?

Whenever she remembered him kissing her, she felt herself burn up.

Suddenly her phone rang.

Sherry was startled by the ring, her heart was racing.

She looked at her phone, it was the number she dialed yesterday, which she afterwards saved as "Mr. Rowland".

"Hello?" She answered the phone and held her breath.

"I'll be there in 10 minutes!" She heard his deep voice from the other end of the line, it hit her heart and made it race even

faster.

"Didn't you say 11am?" She asked, why was he so early?

"We will go to the doctor first. Wait for me!" Then he hung up the phone.

Sherry looked at her dressing, and suddenly had no idea what she should wear, this felt like a date! Wow, suddenly her face blushed, and she felt herself burn up.

She quickly changed her clothes, because of the injury on her shoulder, she could only wear casual things.

When Sherry arrived at the road, she saw William leaning on his Bugatti, wearing a white shirt, and black suit pants which made him look even taller. The way he was leaning on his car looked very natural and unrestrained.

His black hair was so thick, and his dark eyes were glowing with life. He looked down, because Sherry hadn't arrive yet, so he took out a cigarette to light.

He didn't like it to wait for women, it has always been the other way around. This time, it was an exception.

Sherry looked at him from afar, and took a deep breath before she started walking towards him.

"Mr. Rowland!" Sherry stood in front of him and greeted.

William raised his head, and looked at her, he saw what she was wearing, and suddenly felt surprised. She didn't dress up at all and didn't put on any make-up.

Sherry changed into something casual, and left her hair open, this way, she looked like a little girl from the neighborhood, very simple and pure.

This was not at all the type of woman William liked, because they were too pure. But when he saw her walking towards him, he suddenly felt very comfortable, very calm, a kind of feeling he haven't had in a long time, so long, that he was even disappointed in women.

"Get in!" William gathered his emotions, and opened the door for her like a gentleman.

Sherry thought that this was the first time Mr. Rowland opened the door for her, usually he just shoved her into the car, like he was treating her as a thing. She felt a little weird about his gentle gesture.

William closed the door and waked over to the driver's side, opened his door and got in.

She could smell the smoke coming from him, which made Sherry pause, she just sat next to him, and when she saw him turn to look at her, she felt nervous, her eyes met with the deep dark ones of William.

The sun was shining through the window at his face, and lit up his cynical look of a playboy. His deep eyes were blur, and he smiled at her with banter, "You don't look so good, you were so nervous that you didn't sleep well, huh?"

"What?" Sherry didn't expect him to ask her such a question, it was true that she hadn't slept the whole night, but how did he know? She felt exposed, and her face blushed.

While Sherry was still in her awkward phase, William suddenly felt very joyful, "Are you excited because you will have lunch with me?"

"Bah!" His jokes made her want to hide herself in a hole.

He had never made such a joke before, it had more like a ambiguous tone in it, and she should have denied it, but for some reason, she said, "Yeah, I had insomnia because of you!"

William was surprised, and the smile on his face widened, Sherry could even hear his deep giggling, this was the first time, that he had heard him laugh like a big boy, there was no sarcasm or coldness in his laughter, only honest and simple joy.

"Mr. Rowland!" Sherry couldn't sit still anymore. Was that really so funny?

"Why?" William finally controlled himself, and stopped laughing, his hands were on the steering wheel, but he did not start the engine yet. Instead, he was looking at her, his joyful eyes were resting on Sherry.

Sherry blushed, she felt very uncomfortable the way he was staring at her, and quickly thought about this question, "Because I didn't know what you want from me? I am worried that you will ask me to pay the compensation of 30 Million, I will never be able to pay all of that!"

He didn't expect her answer to be that, and paused for a while, then he started to laugh loudly, "Hahahaha, so anytime and anywhere I call you up in the future, you gotta be there right away!"

"I am not a call girl!" Sherry pursed her lips, and said.

"What?" William heard her, and his expression changed.

When Sherry raised her head to look at him, he was staring at her, so she quickly lowered her head, "Please give me a break!"

"30 Million!" He laughed with a warning tone, and leaned towards her.

"What are you doing?" Sherry was nervous, and closed her eyes in shock.

William saw how nervous she looked, and started to giggle again.

"Still scared of me?" He opened his mouth, his eyes showed deep thoughts, and looked at her with a playful manner. In that moment, she was a good, gentle girl, but the way she sometimes exploded, looked like a little hedgehog.

His breath brushed on her face, Sherry's face felt hot, "I am! Please don't be so close to me!"

She felt that she hadn't breathed in half a minute, almost suffocating.

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William suddenly smiled, both his eyes were filled with victorious colors, he shrugged his shoulders, his cold face expression softened, and was charming enough to attract anyone present, "Alright, I will help you fasten your belt, then I will back away"

As he said so, he helped her pull the seating belt over, and fastened it, then, he sat back on his own seat.

Then, he giggled again, "Sherry, why are you afraid of me?"

Sherry opened her eyes, but she felt even more suffocating, she, did she misunderstand something?

"Mr. Rowland, you did it on purpose!" She was even surprised that she said that sentence, and wanted to bite off her own tongue, she smiled flattery, she looked at William's handsome face, and swallowed, then she quickly said, "Mr. Rowland, there is no need to make any trouble, it's too troublesome to go for lunch, I think I should go home!"

"If you think it's troublesome to eat out, what do you say I come to your house for lunch? Then you won't think it's too troublesome, you only need to make one more portion, which won't be too tiring either"

He endured the urge to laugh again, and said in all seriousness, he still remembered Samuel praising her cooking to be so good, even better than the one of their chefs, so he wanted to have a taste.

"Why don't we just eat out!" She wouldn't allow him to enter her house. This man was too smart, if she got too close to him, she wouldn't even know how she died.

William didn't deny her, raised his brows, and started the engine, then he looked at Sherry in thoughts, "I guess you just don't want to spend time with me, but you have successfully interest me by that!"

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"No, Mr. Rowland is my superior. I should respect you!" Sherry's heart started to pound. When he said she has successfully interest him. Oh lord, she wanted to die!

"Sherry!"

“Yes?” She waited for his following words but he remained silent.

Sherry stole a peek at the man’s chiseled good looks. He exudes a manly air that causes women to become dizzy and flustered. But she never daydreamed and would never let the chance of being attracted to any man to come into her head because she had lost the right to be loved.

“Sherry, you are different from other women!” These words weren’t spoken. William continued to drive the car but, in his heart, he began to understand this petite lady.

“Sammy really likes you!” William said.

“I also like him very much!” Sherry thought about that beautiful and adorable child who was very much like Dan. But he was not as outgoing as Dan and was very shy. He was so shy that it made her

heartache, “Mr. Rowland, I’m so sorry yesterday. I didn’t know the truth of the matter and said what I shouldn’t say. Please don’t take it to heart.”

When he heard her explanation, William didn’t change his expression, looked at Sherry, and said nonchalantly, “What did you say? I had already forgotten it!”

Forgotten? Sherry looked at William in disbelief but she could not detect any emotions from that calm expression. She turned back her head doubtfully but did not say a word.

William brought her to the hospital to change her dressing and bandages. When the nurses saw William, they became enchanted by his dashing good looks but William ignored their antics.

The corridor was very crowded and William held onto Sherry’s waist and said, “Watch it, don’t be knocked down by others!”

“Mr. Rowland, I’m fine!” Sherry wanted to break free.

But he held tightly onto her waist and whispered into her ear, “Don’t struggle if you don’t want me to carry you.”

Sherry was afraid that he would do that and had no choice but to accept him holding onto her waist. But the feeling of him

holding onto her waist was damn good!

William's deep dark eyes sparkled and he tightened his grip and she was held even closer in his embrace.

Just endure it! Sherry was conflicted and she lowered her face and looked towards the ground. She endeavored to think of the person beside her as a puppet.

After changing her bandages, she would definitely run away from him.

“Do you like to look onto the ground when you walk?” William looked at Sherry as he noticed that she didn't like him to hug her.

“I don't... ah! My head!” She snapped her head upwards and didn't expect to hit William's chin. Sherry swore softly, why was his chin so hard? Oh lord! It hurt so much!

“Is it very painful?” William rubbed Sherry's head and was amused by her flustered actions.

“Hey! Are you alright?” Sherry could feel the warmth of the large hand on her head and she frowned. She quickly pulled down William's hand and rejected his intimate gesture, “Mr. Rowland, it's better that I walk on my own.”

She can't walk properly with him holding onto her like that.

“Then let's do this.” His large hands grabbed Sherry's hand. His five fingers immediately could feel Sherry's body tense up and William started to smile. It also felt good to be holding her hand.

Finally, her wound was cleaned and there was no infection. The dressing was changed and properly bandaged.

William held her hand and was about to leave. Along the long corridor, a doctor in a white robe walked over. Sherry started to frown when she saw the doctor and seemed to have seen her before but she couldn't remember when.

Sherry was unable to recall or perhaps she misidentified the doctor. She shook her head, perhaps she couldn't recall properly because of the lack of rest.

“Mr. Rowland?!” Unexpectedly, the doctor greeted William when she approached. She seemed surprised to see him.

William also appeared very surprised, “Dr. Lee, it's you!”

“Ah! How are you doing Mr. Rowland? it's been a long time. I didn't expect to see you today. It's great!” Dr. Lee was surprised to see William at the hospital. She seemed to have something to say but didn't speak when she saw Sherry by his side.

Sherry was intelligent and realized that she should excuse herself. She said softly, “Mr. Rowland, I'll wait for you outside”

William acknowledged. As she was about to round the corner of the corridor, she looked back and saw that William was saying something to Dr. Lee.

Sherry continued to look at the doctor as she walked. She could see them from a distance through the glass panel windows and was pondering about Dr. Lee as she walked.

“Mr. Rowland, how is Ms. Mclean doing?” Dr. Lee asked.

William was stunned and nodded, “She should be doing fine” He had not seen her for three years. He only heard that she was doing fine.

Dr. Lee asked again, “Our hospital recently brought in a new machine. It will be very beneficial to Ms. Mclean's condition”

William's body tensed up and his expression froze. After a while, he asked, “Can it be cured?”

“I can't say for certain but at least there is hope now. Except that we can't contact Ms. Mclean and it's so fortunate that I meet

you today!” Dr. Lee smiled and obviously didn't know about the details of their situation.

William nodded, “Okay, I will have someone to inform her to contact you, Dr. Lee. Please take good care of her’

“Mr. Rowland, don't stand on ceremony. Ms. Mclean is such a nice person and will be blessed. Rest assured that it's my honor to be of service to both of you. Mr. Rowland, you and Ms. Mclean will have

your own baby!”

“Hmm!” William became stupefied by what Dr. Lee said. “Dr. Lee, I will find a way to contact her, thanks!”

“Okay! Bye!” Dr. Lee walked towards the lift.

“Hey...” As Dr. Lee walked off, Sherry rushed back towards the corridor and shouted, “Wait! Doctor!”

William was stunned when he saw Sherry running over. She shouted loudly, “Doctor, wait, wait!”

“What are you doing?” William was puzzled.

Sherry ran over and ignored William. She grabbed Dr. Lee and she was startled and turned around. Sherry was so agitated that she didn’t know what to say.

Dr. Lee saw that she was the lady who was with Mr. Rowland and said in a friendly manner, “Miss, what's the matter?”

“Doctor, I would like to ask you. Do you know a Mr. Mollison? A Mr. Mollison who was here five years ago?” Sherry remembered that she was the doctor who examined her five years ago.

“Miss!” Dr. Lee answered, “I know a lot of people with the last name of Mollison. I'm not sure which one you are referring to?”

“Do you remember me?” Sherry pointed to herself and asked carefully.

Dr. Lee looked at her and shook her head, “Miss, we as doctors see hundreds of patients every day. I'm so sorry, I don't

remember you:’

William realized what Sherry was asking about and immediately walked over and held onto Sherry’s hand, “Let's go, don't interfere with the doctor's time. She is very busy”

“But..” Sherry shook her head, “Mr. Rowland, please wait a moment, just a moment!”

Sherry's expression was so eager because she wanted to know the origin of Mr. Mollison. She hoped that the doctor knew

him. "Dr. Lee, please think carefully. Do you remember me? Five years ago, you examined my body, have you forgotten?"

Dr. Lee smiled and looked carefully at Sherry again. "Miss, I'm very sorry, I've seen a lot of patients and I don't remember you. I'm truly sorry!"

"Oh!" Sherry was utterly disappointed.

William pulled her over and apologized to Dr. Lee, "Dr. Lee, I'm sorry, we'll leave now"

"Okay, goodbye Mr. Rowland!" Dr. Lee said politely and went into the lift.

Sherry was devastated that this doctor didn't recognize her! When can she find Mr. Mollison?

She thought about her son who was forcibly taken from her. She also thought about seeing Mr. Mollison at the Rowland

Group. Sherry couldn't resist and asked,

"Mr. Rowland, is there a manager with the last name Mollison in the company?"

William's expression changed and nodded, "No!"

"Oh!" She hung her head in despair and a tear rolled down her cheek.

It's hopeless! It's hopeless!

William looked at her walk along the corridor and he followed along. Sherry sat at a bench along the road to rest. She

appeared to be exhausted.

William stood under the sun and lit a cigarette. He looked at her from a distance and smoked the cigarette. William finally

walked over with the cigarette in his fingers. He sat down beside her and asked tenderly, "Is there something on your mind?"

“No, not at all!” Sherry realized that she had made a scene and shook her head, “Perhaps I am mistaken.” She explained her actions.

“Sherry, my son likes you very much!” William said.

“Hmm? She didn't understand his sudden statement.

“Will you become my woman?’ He took another draw of the cigarette.

“Mr. Rowland!” Sherry looked at him seriously and firmly rejected, “No!”

He sighed, “Come, let's go and eat something!”

During the meal, each of them was thinking of their respective personal problems.

Sherry wanted to leave after eating a few bites but William spoke, “I'll take you to a place!”

“Where?” Sherry was puzzled.

“You'll know when you get there!”

Thereafter, the two remained silent as William drove and took her to a high-end kindergarten.

Looking at her surprised expression, William explained, “My son does not have a mother and that's why he is very reserved and has an inferiority complex. I hope that you can help me today!”

She was stunned but didn't understand what William wanted of her, “How do you want me to help you?”

“Can you temporarily pretend to be the mother of my child?”

“Mr. Rowland!” Sherry understood, “But this doesn't seem appropriate. I'm not the child's mother and she is irreplaceable!”

“Certainly you can come and visit him?” William asked.

Sherry looked at his face and thought about the way Sammy said that he didn't have a mother. She finally nodded, “Okay, I'll go and see him!”

They got out of the car and Sherry saw William saying something to the kindergarten teacher. The teacher looked coyly at William and then turned to return to the classroom.

Shortly after.

A little boy wearing a suit walked out. When he saw the two persons standing at the door, he suddenly smiled radiantly and then dashed over to them.

William started to grin when he saw the little man running over.