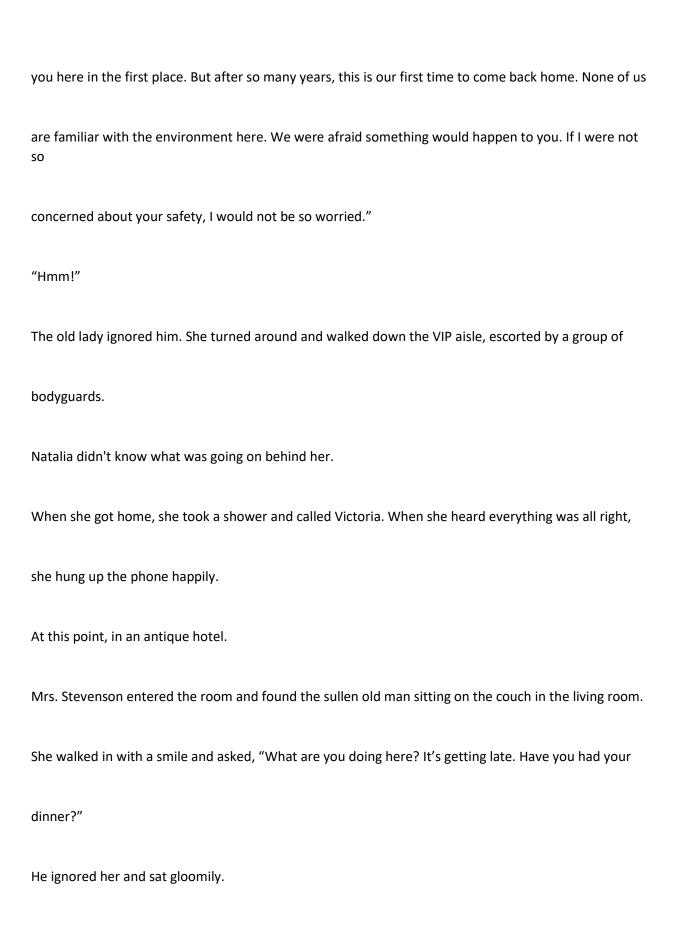
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Chapter 271 That Boy from The McCarthy Family
The old lady looked at them grimly.
"I'm not a prisoner! Is it necessary to guard me like this? I just wanted to take a picture."
"If you want to see Tim Crusoe, I can contact him and have him come to the hotel," said the middle-
aged man, frowning, "Why did you have to come here to see him? And you even took pictures of him?
If people know that Mrs. Stevenson has done things like this, your reputation will be ruined."
The old lady got a little angry.
"What did I do? I didn't break the law. Why would my reputation be destroyed? And a fan will never just
call her idol to come and meet," she snorted, "Forget it! I don't want to talk to you anymore. You
wouldn't understand. You're as rigid as your old man!"
"Dad will be very mad if he finds out you were out seeing Tim Crusoe."
The old lady's expression changed slightly.
"So what? Are you going to snitch on me? Are you my son or not?"
She hit him angrily.

The middle-aged man laughed and said in a soft tone, "Yes, it's all my fault. I shouldn't have brought





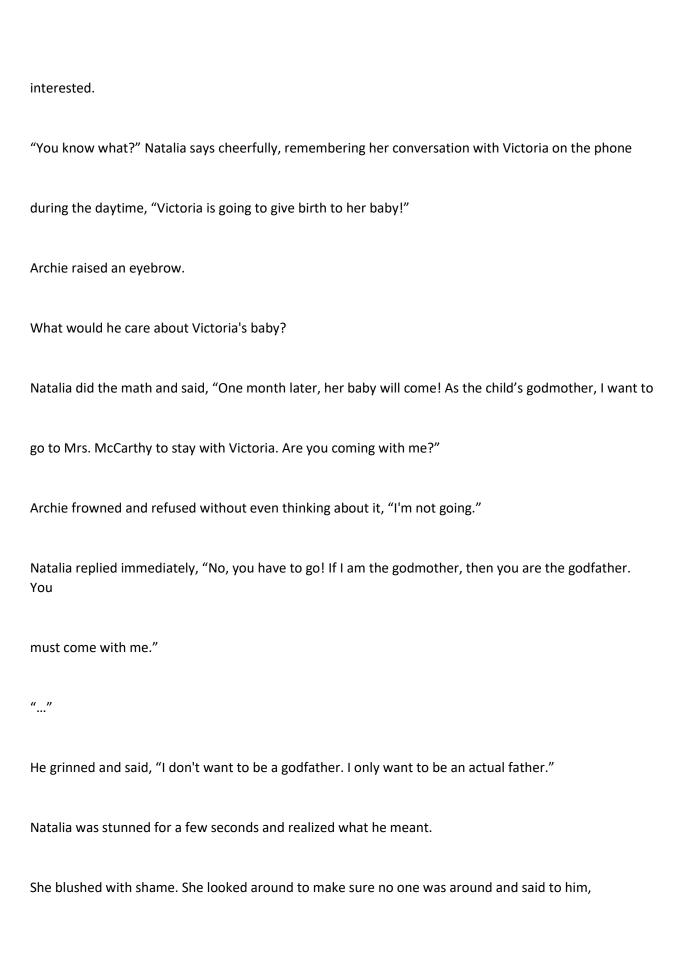
She tried very hard not to lose her temper.
"Ok, ok, I was wrong. I shouldn't have gone to see him. Now, will you eat first?"
"No!"
"Just take a bite."
"No!"
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The old lady put the medicine on the table and went upstairs.
The old man was stunned and asked promptly, "Where are you going?"
The old lady said sullenly, "I'm going to my bed! I've been out all day and I'm exhausted."
"But I haven't eaten yet!"
"Then just eat!"
The expression of the old man shifted for a couple of times.
And finally, he acted like he was quite aggrieved and said, "You promised me not to see that man
again!"
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The sad look softened her tone and she said gently, "Ok, ok. I said I'm sorry. I was bored at home so I
wanted to go out for a walk. I was there by coincidence. I did not mean to go there."
"If you're bored, you can go out with me any time. But why did you go without me? Huh, you went there
on purpose!"
"l…"
Her husband's words gave her headache. Suddenly, she came up with an idea.
She said mysteriously, "Actually, I didn't go there to see Timmy"
"You called him Timmy!!!"
Now he was really mad at her.
"I didn't go there to see Tim. I went there to find our grandson a wife, our granddaughter-in-law!"
When she mentioned granddaughter-in-law, the old man's attention was immediately diverted.
"A granddaughter-in-law?"
"Yes!" the old lady quickly took out the phone and show him a picture "look, isn't she gorgeous! She
looks even better than her pictures. The children of her and our Charlie will be even prettier."



He found it rather amusing.
After all, his parents were not young any more. Although the old lady had always been a fan of some
celebrities, she was not so aware of the news on the Internet like young people.
He looked at the them with a smile on his face and asked, "Do you really like her so much?"
"Yes!"
The old lady was excited and looked at the picture with satisfaction.
"I think she's very pretty and nice. Charlie is not a talkative person and she is outgoing. They can make
a good balance."
Robert laughed even harder.
"Ok. I happen to know her. Do you want me to introduce her to you?"
"Really?" asked the old lady happily.
"Of course. But just because I'm okay with it doesn't mean everyone else is. If the boy from the
McCarthy family comes after you with a knife, don't say I didn't warn you."
His parents froze.

"The boy from McCarthy family? Archie? It's none of his business!" "None of his business? That girl is his wife, and you want her to be your granddaughter-in-law. Still think it's none of his business?" They were both speechless. Chapter 272 Coincidence Of course, they were disappointed. But since Robert said she was Archie's wife, they couldn't say anything else. The old lady sighed with regret. "How come those nice girls are either not into Charlie or already married? If this keeps happening, I don't know when he is going to get married and have kids!" Robert comforted her and said, "Mom, don't worry too much. Charlie has just come back home. You shouldn't push him too hard." She knew he was right, but she just could not help herself. She thought for a moment and sighed. She finally dropped this conversation. That night, Natalia went back and told Archie about the old lady she met outside the stadium. Archie was interested in this kind of things before. But seeing her high spirit, he also became a little





He was calm as usual. He tidied up his clothes and laughed, "Why are you awkward in your own home?"

Natalia didn't want to continue the conversation, "Fine. Grandma wants to see us. Let's go."

The McCarthy family was not a big family. Archie was the only grandchild of Mrs. McCarthy. In addition,

Archie's parents passed away early. Their house seemed to be even more lonely.

The grandparents were old and the grandfather was not in good health. Archie wasn't fond of socializing and he was often busy working, which was why he didn't spend much time in the McCarthy Mansion. Therefore, his grandmother normally didn't welcome visitors and he didn't know who were coming today.

Out of curiosity, Natalia followed Archie to the vestibule.

The vestibule was bustling. On the luxurious couch sat a middle-aged man and a gray-haired old lady, both with their backs to her.

The old lady's hands were held by Mrs. McCarthy. They were talking something, and Mrs. McCarthy's looked very touched.

Servants were standing by, waiting on her orders, which she did not usually like before. That showed



Natalia finally knew what was going on.

Archie also realized that Mrs. Stevenson was probably the same funny granny Natalia told him about the night before.

Only Old Mrs. McCarthy did not understand the situation. Seeing them all laughing, she asked hurriedly, "What's going on? Natalia, have you met Mrs. Stevenson before?"

Natalia nodded and told them the whole story.

Hearing this, Mrs. McCarthy burst into laughter.

The two old ladies were best friends when they were young. Decades ago, the Stevenson family was one of the top families in Ambario. But then Mr. Stevenson decided there was more potential in overseas markets and moved his family abroad. After that, fewer people knew about them.

However, it did not affect the relationship between the two ladies. In these years, though they did not have much time to get together, Mrs. McCarthy would hang out with Mrs. Stevenson whenever she went to Othua.

This was the first time the Stevenson family had returned to Ambario in 20 years.

It was said that they came back for the Stevenson family's youngest grandson.

Back then, Robert and his wife divorced. But the Stevenson family didn't know she was pregnant until the divorce was complete.

But she was gone. Although the Stevenson family were searching for her, she never agreed to meet.

After years of avoidance, the two sides gradually lost contact.

But about six months ago, Robert's ex-wife became seriously ill. On her deathbed, she told her child

This time, the Stevenson family went back to get familiar with the environment where the child lived

Mrs. McCarthy was deeply moved.

the truth and informed the Stevenson family.

"You're lucky," she said, "At least the boy was found, and he's willing to accept you. The Kawn family

hasn't found their child yet. Yesterday I went to their house. They are in misery."

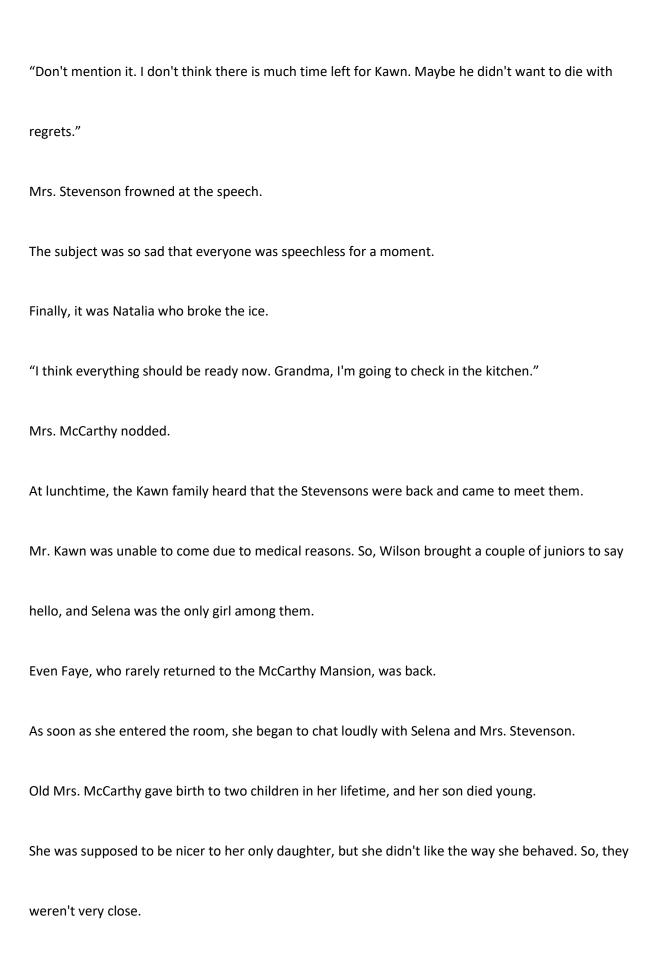
and grew up. They also wanted to cultivate a good relationship with him.

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Mrs. Stevenson frowned.

"Didn't they give up the search years ago? Why are they looking for the child again?"

Mrs. McCarthy shrugged her shoulders.





The old lady was going to lose her temper. The Kawn family and the McCarthy family had been friends for a long time. There was no need to hurt the friendship over such a small thing on such an occasion. Considering that there were other members of the Kawn family present, Natalia smiled and said, "Grandma, it's ok. I heard that Archie and Miss Kawn went to high school together. It's nice for them to have a chance to catch up. I'll just sit here." She quickly sat down on Archie's left. Old Mrs. McCarthy finally calmed down. And Old Mrs. Kawn was embarrassed, but she just smiled shyly. "Mrs. McCarthy, I have really spoiled the kid." Old Mrs. McCarthy knew better than to say anything more and just smiled politely. "It's ok. They are classmates." The matter was put behind and the lunch began. During the lunch, Selena was a little shy, but she kept talking to Archie. Archie had been a little cold, but Selena was too persistent.

If he didn't respond to the topic she brought up, she'd say another.

Faye and Mrs. Kawn family also helped her continue their conversation.
Everyone could tell what was going on, not to mention Archie.
Mrs. McCarthy frowned. But her husband didn't notice anything. He had never paid much attention to
their love affairs. He just felt that there was something strange about the atmosphere among the young
today, but he didn't think too much of it.
Mrs. Stevenson, on the other hand, was somewhat indignant.
What was this McCarthy boy thinking?
He was already married to such a beautiful girl and he was still hitting on another woman.
And what's wrong with the Kawn family?
That girl went to their house to have lunch and was still acting so intimate with the hostess's husband.
Did she have no manners at all?
She blamed herself for finding her grandson too late.
If she had done that earlier, her grandson might have a chance with Natalia and Natalia wouldn't have
to suffer.

Mrs. Stevenson comforted Natalia and said, "Natalia, this fish is really good. Try some!"
Natalia was flattered, "You're being too kind. Thank you."
"It's nothing. Your grandma and I have been friends for decades. I already regard this place as my
home. I hope you wouldn't mind that."
"Of course not!"
After their conversation, Natalia turned around and saw Selena saying something to Archie.
They seemed to be very intimate. Her whole body was leaning on him.
The loose neck of her sweater exposed her soft skin. People who didn't know the truth would think they
were a cute couple.
Noticing that Natalia was looking, Selena smiled at her, "Natalia, I heard you like sea squirts. You
should have some more."
She put one on Natalia's plate.
Natalia raised her eyebrow.
She didn't know where Selena heard she liked sea squirts, but she was actually allergic to seafood and
had never eaten them before.

She was about to refuse when a woman sitting opposite her said with a smile, "Try some. I heard you
grew up in Julio? It's not far from the sea, but technically it's still an inner city. It's not really easy to get
good sea squirts there."
"Yes, Selena brought them for you. If you like these, Selena can get you some every once in a while."
Natalia suddenly didn't want to refuse.
She grinned.
"That's great," she put aside the sea squirt and said, "Thank you, Miss Kawn. I'll try it when it cooled
down."
Selena didn't say anything more and turned back to Archie.
But she did most of the talking and Archie would occasionally say yes.
"By the way, my brother will be back today, you know?"
This time, Archie finally responded. He looked up at her and said, "I know."
"He must have contacted you, didn't he? You two are close. I'm sure he'll tell you when he gets back,"
Selena thought for a while and said, "He and Stephen are going to Hitz-Hardon tonight. Before I came



After the meal, Archie went to the study to talk to his grandfather. The old lady was chatting with a
group of women in the living room when Natalia's phone rang and she went outside to answer it.
It was Iris.
Although she was no longer in charge of the affairs of Annie International, she still retained her
position. If there was any problem, they could still ask her to help.
Everyone knew she was the boss's wife and was willing to listen to her.
Iris said, "Natalia, now we have a complicated case that we can't handle on our own. Would you mind
helping me?"
Natalia nodded, "Go ahead."
Then Iris told her the whole story.
This time, it was about an artist named Maxwell Cohen, who worked for Annie International.
She didn't know Maxwell, but she had seen him.
He became well-known these two years.
He had five million followers on Twitter and was on a couple of period dramas. He was quite handsome

but his acting was pretty bad. She didn't know much about him. She only knew that his fans were always fighting with others on Twitter. And this man was always caught up with scandals every time he played a role in a series. There was a time that his fans trashed every actress he had worked with. This time, he was caught entering a hotel with a mysterious businesswoman. And his private account was found. Their intimate pictures and videos were also discovered. What's more, the woman's husband now knew about it. He was divorcing that woman and wanted to get more money from it. So, Maxwell was now targeted by her husband. And if Maxwell couldn't handle it well, his career would be completely ruined. Natalia heard the whole thing and she thought Maxwell totally deserved it. If they hadn't invested too much on him before, she wouldn't help him at all. Natalia felt that this concerned the interest of the investors and she had to ask Archie first. So, she asked Iris to calm down and said that she would call her after she asked Archie.



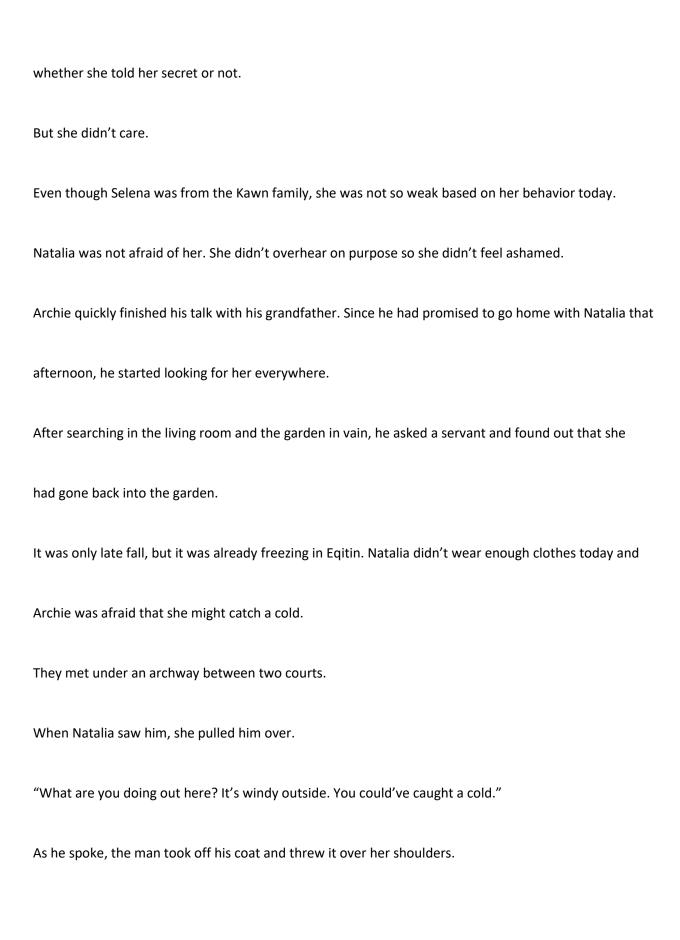


"Selena! Do you really want to be so cruel? Do you have any idea how much I've done to be with you,
and this is how you repay me?"
Selena sneered.
"What you mean? You simply got rid of that old woman. If that's what you called devotion, then forget it.
You make me disgusted."
"You! You monster! I broke up with her because I wanted to be with you, and now people found out
about what happened between me and her. My company will toss me away! And now you're telling me
you're dumping me! Then what's the point? What's the point?"
Selena laughed coldly.
"Did I told you to do any of those things? Did I tell you to break up with that old woman? And now
you're threatening me with that? What do you want? You want me to marry you? Get lost now. If not, I'll
do anything to make you suffer!"
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"You! Selena, how could you? You think you're such a big deal now that you're the daughter of the



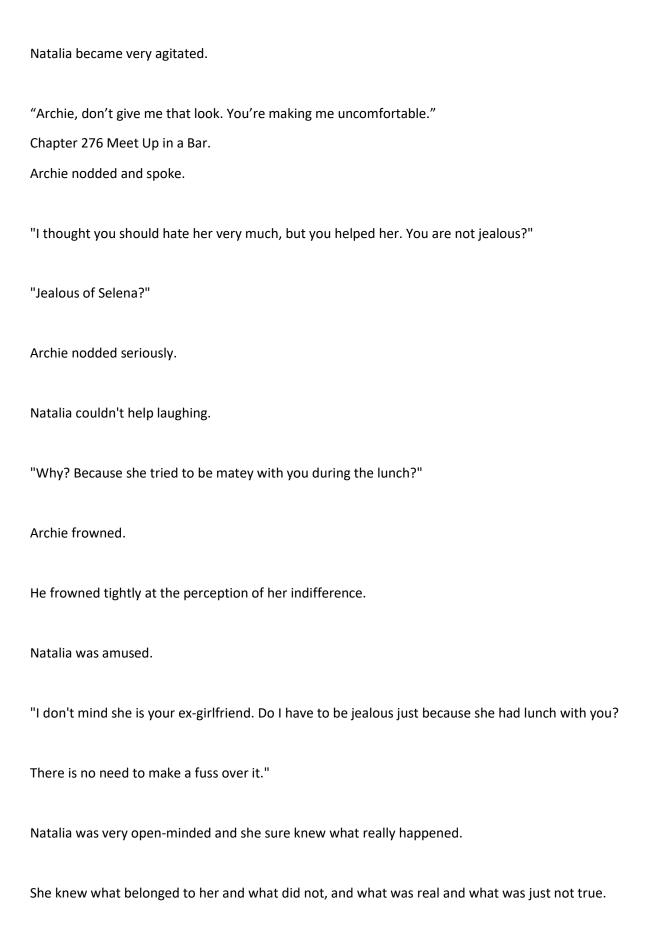


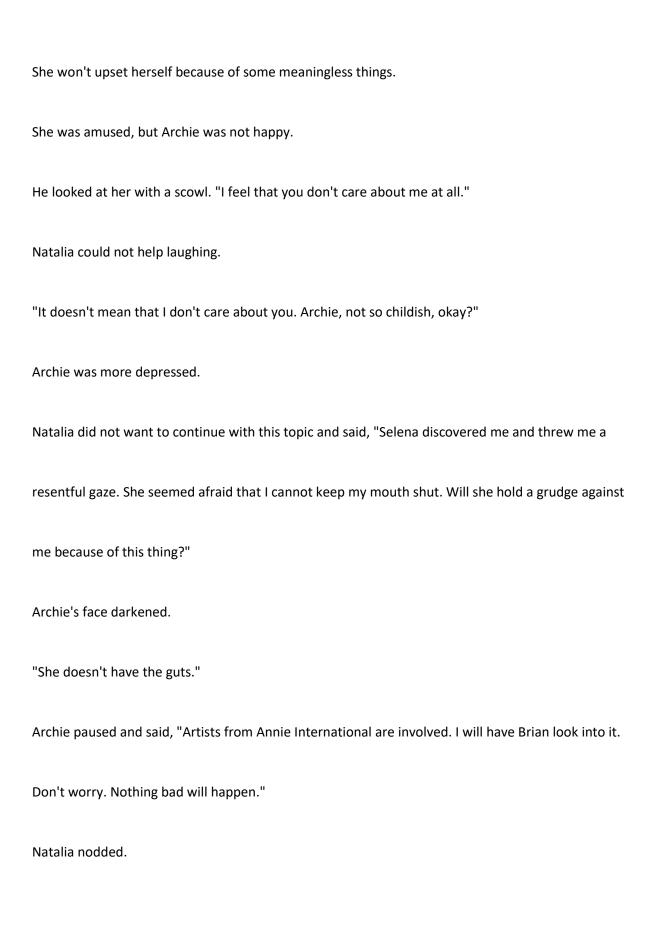




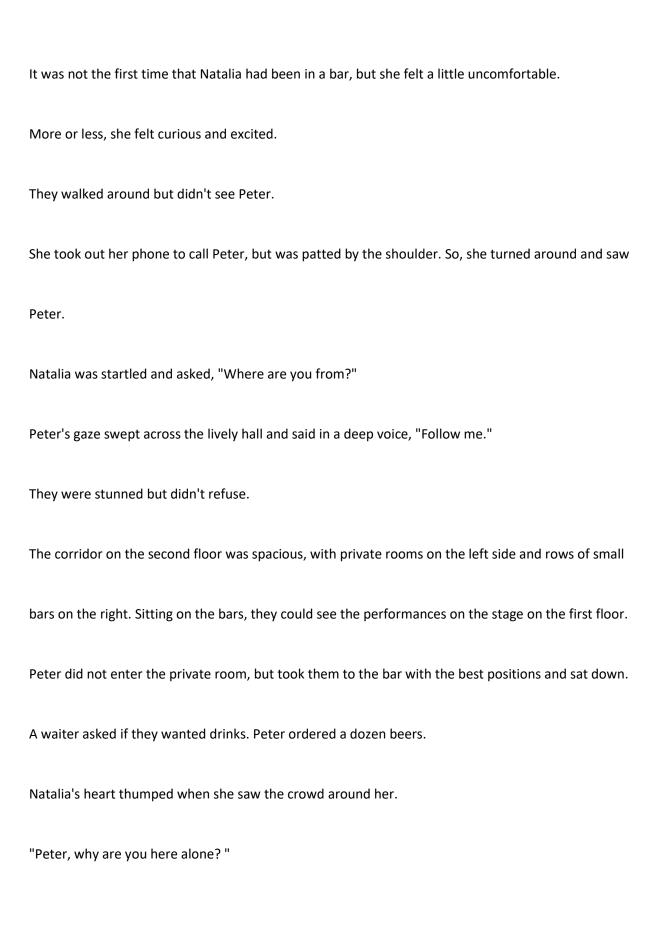


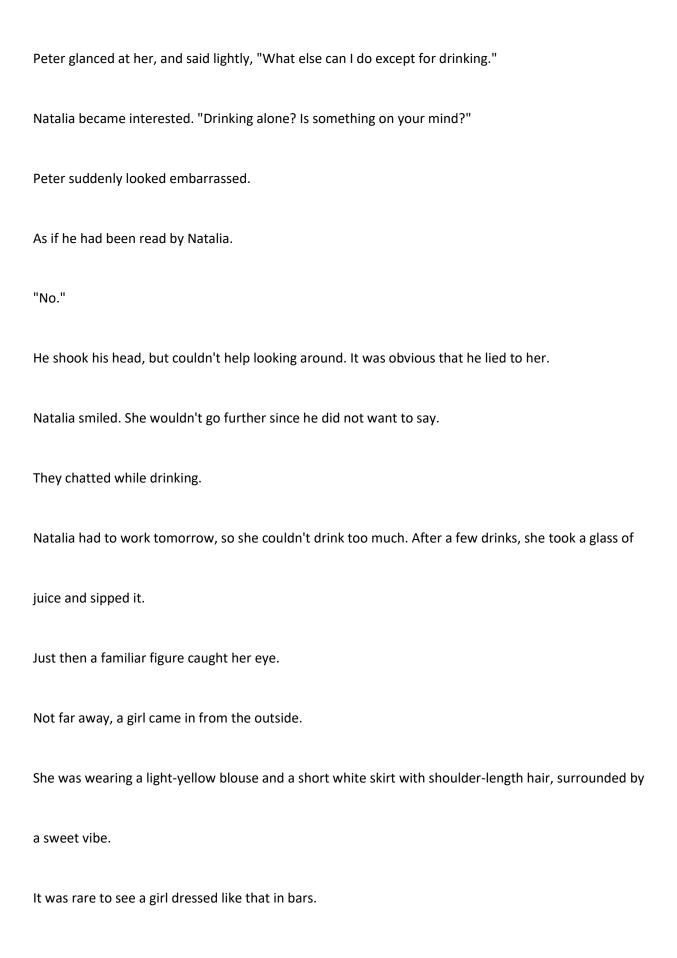






Anyway, Selena was a member of the Kawn family, which had been connected with the McCarthy
family for long.
For the sake of Mrs. McCarthy, Natalia did not want anything to happen to Selena.
In the evening, Archie received a phone call from Peter, who asked Archie to go to the bar to drink.
Peter seemed in a mood.
Archie was not too concerned about it. After all, even if Peter was in a mood, a lot of beauties would
keep him company.
Though Archie didn't want to go, Natalia did.
She had never been to a bar in Eqitin since she came here. She wondered if there was anything
different.
Archie didn't want to let her down, so he drove to L-VE bar with her.
A lot of pretty ladies were in this bar. As soon as she got inside, she took a step back as the crowd got
in the way.
The hall was very lively. Young men and women wiggled their shoulders crazily to consume their
energy as the live music was played and colorful lights were down on them.











Sitting in the passenger seat, Natalia asked curiously, "Why did you stop me talking just now?"
Natalia drove the car and explained, "They were in a relationship and then broke up."
"What?"
Natalia was surprised.
Archie said in a deep voice, "Peter felt sorry for her, so it made sense that he was upset."
Natalia frowned.
"Since he likes Wanda so much, why did they break up?"
"Because of the other man. I don't know the details of the story. It was said that Wanda was together
with a man called Peck. What's his name again?"
Archie thought about it for a while.
"Charlie Peck."
Natalia was completely shocked.
Charlie Peck?
He
Natalia suddenly thought about Victoria and the child in her belly.





It was very close to their apartment, only about five or six hundred meters. She sat in the car and waited for a while. The road was empty at midnight. It was silent. The roadside lamplight gave off dim lights. After about five minutes, Archie came back. He was holding a black box. Natalia did not see it clearly because it was dark. She didn't discern it until he got into the car, opened the door and put it aside. She flushed immediately. She saw a box of large size condoms. Natalia felt it was somewhat dangerous and the temperature high. She was almost out of breath. As Natalia didn't plan to give birth to a child, Archie showed respect for choice. Therefore, he used a condom when they had sex. Natalia hurriedly turned her gaze and pretended to look out of the window calmly. Archie looked at her red face and smiled. He did not speak, started the car, and drove to the villa. The door was burst open. Once they went into the villa, Archie carried her, opened the bedroom door hurriedly, and pressed

Natalia against the door.
Archie was burning with desire tonight, making Natalia surrender completely.
The sky was dark. Archie and Natalia in love were immersed in the lustful night.
It was finally over.
She lay down on the bed, feeling exhausted. She was enjoying herself.
Archie went to the bathroom and took a bath, with a towel around his waist. His hair was dripping wet.
He walked over, bent over to her, and chuckled, "I hold you to the bathroom, okay?"
Natalia lifted her eyelids, looked at him, and shook her head. "No, I'll go myself."
Archie didn't seem to hear that.
He wrapped her with a towel, and said in a soft voice, "You're tired. Let me hold you."
Natalia was held in his arms, feeling the man's warm chest. She felt at ease and comfortable.
She was relaxed because of the man's breath. Since she was tired, she let him hold her in the arms.
The hot water had been put in the bathtub. Archie put her in the bathtub, touched the water, and asked,
"Do you want me to wash your body?



He stretched out his arms to hug her.

Natalia, however, turned over, with her back to him. She didn't want to talk to him at all.

Archie smiled, didn't force her, and let her lean on his arms.

"I'll go on a business trip tomorrow, and I may come back in half a month. When I come back, I will take

you to Othua. Before that, you just stayed with your bestie, okay?"

When she heard Othua, Natalia cheered up.

She opened her eyes and wanted to ask something, but she held her tongue, irritated at the fact that

he had not stopped when she pleaded for mercy in the bathroom.

Archie ran his hand along her hair, wrapped her soft black hair around his fingers, and whispered, "I will

be on a trip for long. It takes me at least half a month. You should take good care of yourself at home."

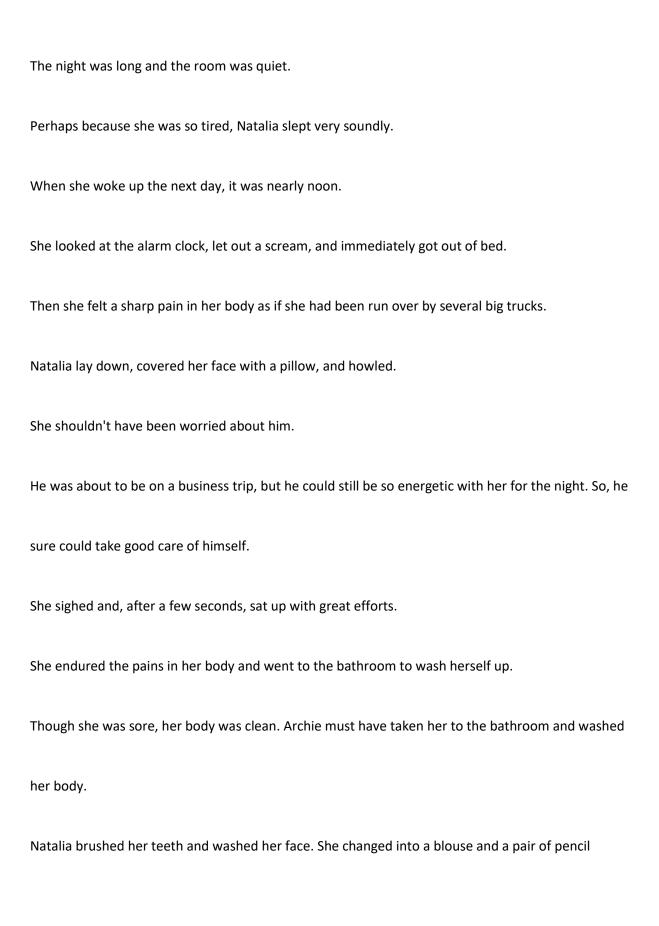
I let Nancy take good care of you and Mrs. Dottie would come back. You can let them help you. When

you encountered any trouble, you can ask Peter or Stephen, or my grandma for help."

Natalia could not help but turn around to look at him, with a worried face.

"Why do you have to stay outside for so long?"

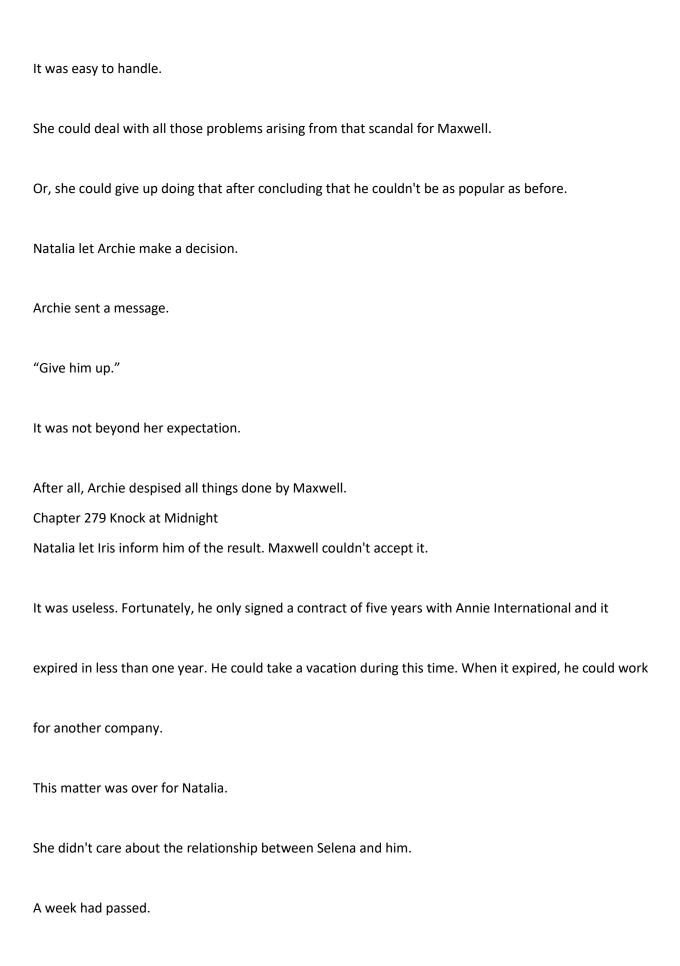
Archie said nothing.
Natalia pursed her lips and suddenly wrapped her arms around his waist, pressing her face against his
chest.
"I am just worried about you. You bear the burden given by the McCarthy family. You must be very
tired, right?"
Archie chuckled.
"Worried about me?"
"Yes." Natalia nodded.
"Give me a kiss."
"No!"
Natalia patted him on the shoulder. Though she knew Archie's been working hard all the time, but
Natalia could not help feeling worried.
Everyone saw Archie living a decent life. Only the people close to him knew how much pressure he
undertook.
She tightened her arms, put her face against his chest, and said nothing.



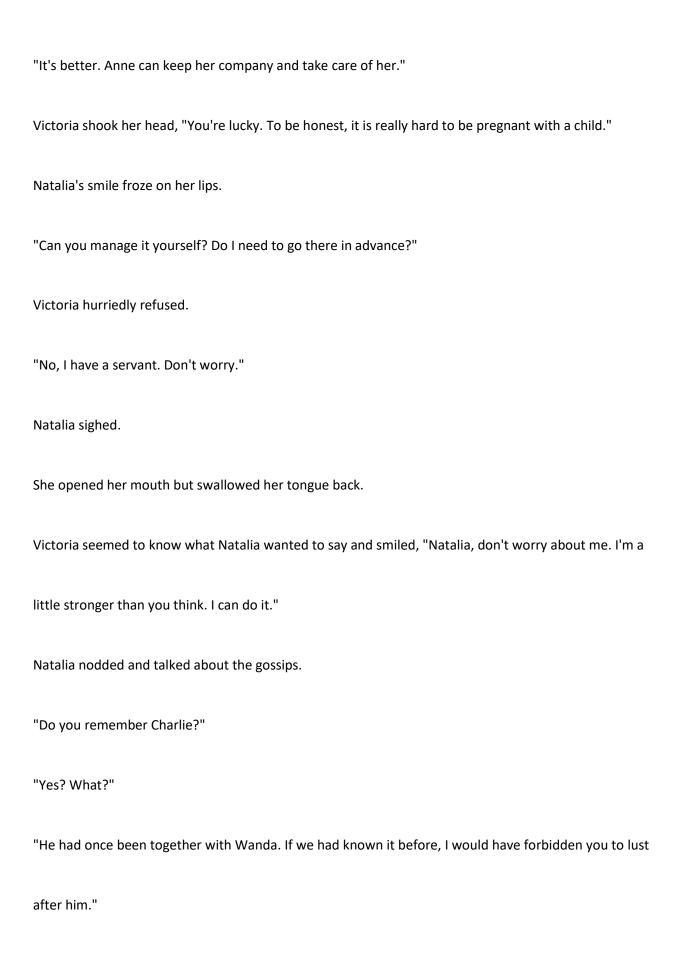
trousers and went out of the door with the bag. Iris told Natalia something about Maxwell yesterday. Later Natalia talked about Maxwell with Archie. Archie knew that woman's husband, who was a tycoon in the financial circle. He never heard the relationship between them was bad, so he didn't expect it would happen. Natalia did not want Archie to get involved. If she did, it meant that Archie would have to do something personally to protect Maxwell. They would let go of Maxwell for sake of Archie. However, Archie would owe them a favor. Natalia would not allow such a thing to happen. Therefore, she decided to talk with Maxwell and get to know him thoroughly before making a decision. When she got to the company, Natalia let Iris call Maxwell over. When Maxwell arrived at the office and saw Natalia, he was a little embarrassed. After all, Natalia bumped into her and even heard the dialogue. Maxwell felt very ill at ease. Natalia did not mention what happened last night, but Maxwell was so guilty that he couldn't look into

Natalia's eyes.

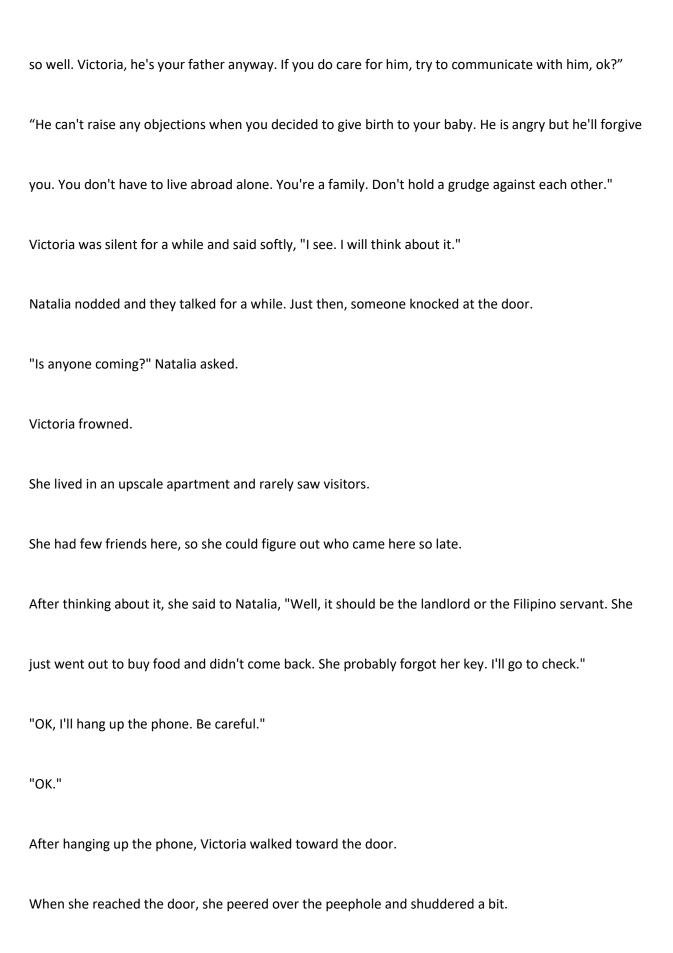
After that, Natalia found Maxwell, who looked smart and smooth, was very foolish. He was together with that investor because he drank too much at a party, was seduced by that woman, and slept with her. That woman got something on him, so he could only be her fancy man. Natalia was speechless. She never thought it would be the truth. News of his affair was not true. The woman just took advantage of him. Before he met Selena, he had only been with that woman. That woman's wiles made him think that she really liked him and would divorce her husband for him. He didn't wake up to reality until he accidentally learned that woman also slept with another actor. Later, he met Selena and they fell in love... Natalia was lost for words. She had no idea whether she should blame it for the way of the world or the man's stupidity. She sighed and waved her hand, gesturing to Iris to take him out. She had made it clear. The point was to handle it properly.

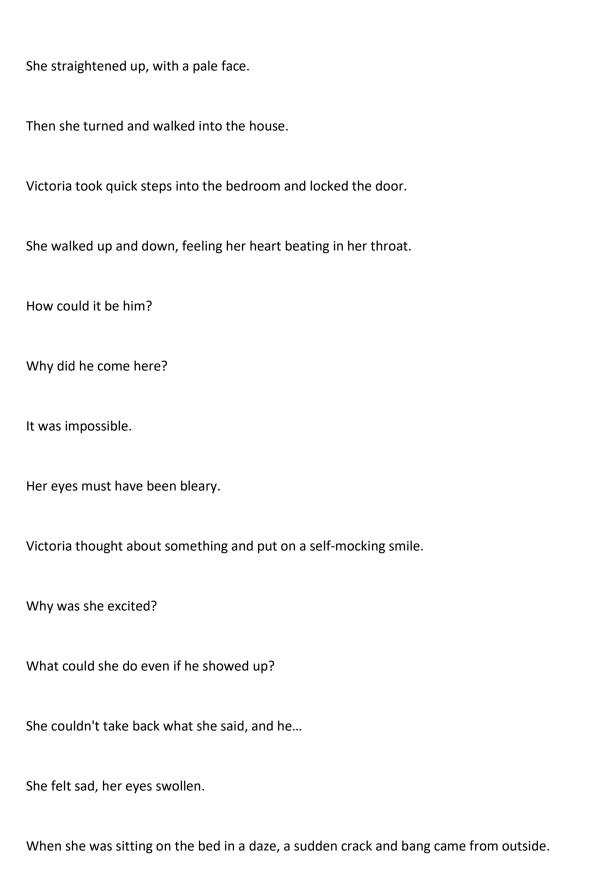


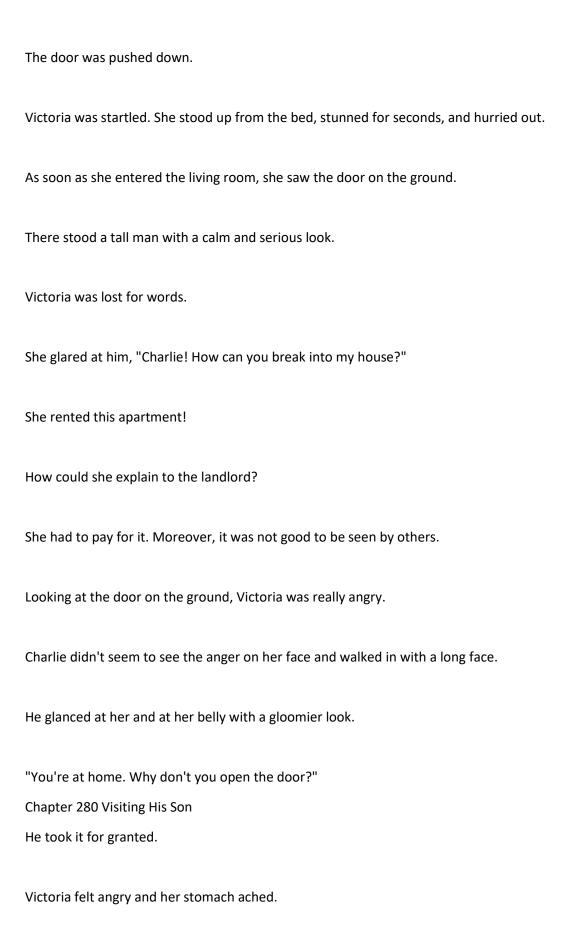
Victoria's birthday was coming. Natalia was thinking of her schedule and found that she couldn't
celebrate her birthday.
Since Victoria went abroad, she had been only in occasional contact with Natalia.
She didn't even contact her father and brother.
Natalia couldn't raise her opinion. She could only care about Victoria as much as possible, lest Victoria
felt lonely abroad.
On Victoria's birthday, Natalia called her at the stroke of midnight
The call was put through soon. Victoria's delighted voice came, "Natalia!"
"Happy birthday, darling."
"Thank you."
Natalia couldn't help being amused by Victoria, "Victoria, to be honest, have you missed me?"
"Sure, but you never come to see me."
"Don't worry. When my godson is born in half a month, Archie and I will come together."
"What if it's a daughter?"



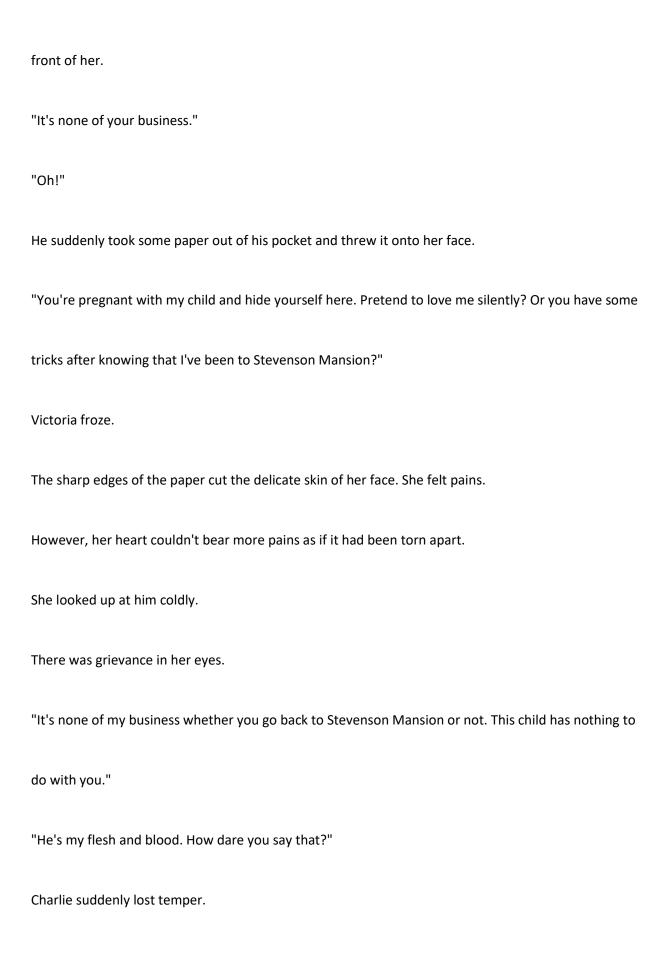




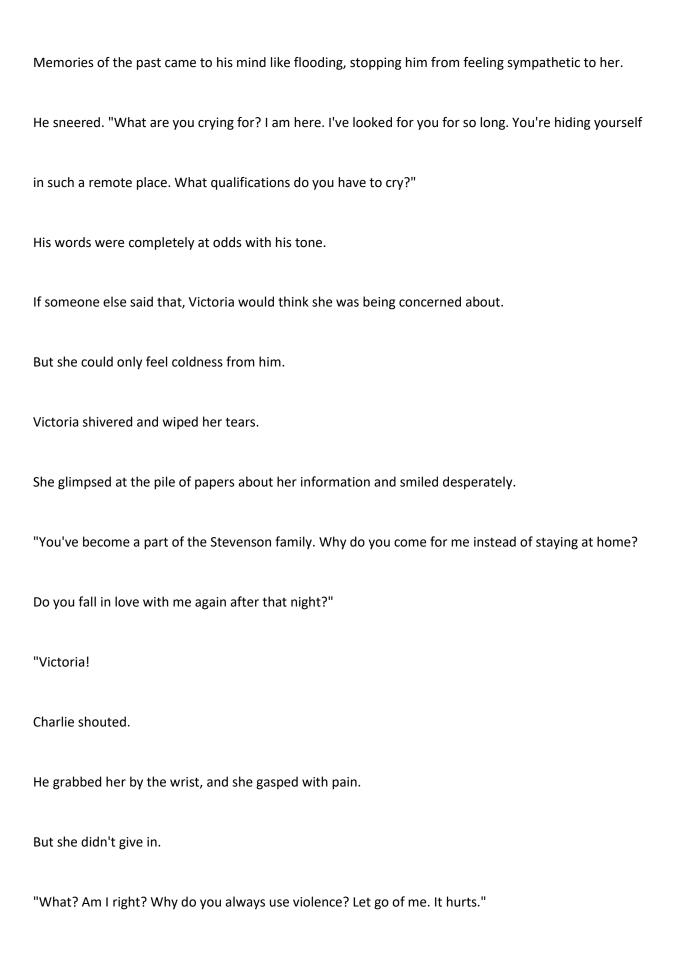




After a while, she sneered, "This is my home. It's my right to keep the door closed. Aren't you afraid of
being sued for breaking into my house?"
Charlie raised his eyebrow and wasn't swayed.
"You can try."
He was sure that she wouldn't do that.
Victoria felt there was a fire in her chest. She wanted to throw the man out of the balcony.
After a while, she said bitterly, "What have you come for?"
Charlie sneered, and looked more merciless.
He stepped forward, surrounded by the cold vibe. Victoria could not help but retreat, until there was no
way out.
Charlie stretched out his hand and pushed her against the wall.
He fixed his cold and wild eyes on her. A mocking smile touched his lips.
"Whose child?"
Victoria clenched her teeth and tried to control over her temper, so that she wouldn't abuse the man in



He raised her hand with so much force that he seemed to crush her wrist.
Victoria almost cried because of the pains.
She hadn't suffered so much since childhood. However, she had to endure hardships after being
pregnant. She felt wronged, and did not expect him to be so bad.
She was so painful and wronged that she couldn't help crying.
"Let go of me! It hurts!"
The man paused.
Victoria's face was delicate. Though she became plump after being pregnant, she was still very
attractive.
When she cried, the glittering tears rolled down her cheeks. She looked so poor and fragile, making
him want to embrace her and love her.
She was beautiful.
He was clear about it.
If not, he wouldn't have been caught up in his feelings for her and got hurt."



Charlie gnashed, but loosened his grip. Victoria knew that she could not fight with him. She took a deep breath, her eyes reddened, and said in a low voice. "Just tell me! What do you want?" Charlie looked serious and said in a deep voice, "What happened that night?" Victoria smiled bitterly, "What happened? Ever since we parted four years ago, I've been lusting after you." "That night, I drugged you and seduced you. Then I got pregnant. Can't you understand?" Charlie narrowed his eyes, "You said something different that night." Victoria snorted, "Haven't you heard that women are good liars? I didn't tell the truth because I didn't want you to think I was cheap." She paused and added, "Men look down upon women who are lively. We had sex then. I couldn't admit that I seduced you. So, you were to blame." Charlie did not make a reply but asked, "Why did you go abroad alone and hide yourself?" Victoria sneered with coldness in her eyes, "I regret it. I don't want to like you anymore. I think you are

