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If it was anyone else who had heard that phrase, they would have been shocked beyond words. She was not alive? Could she be a dead person, then?

But when Leanna heard that, she was overjoyed instead of shocked. "Mr. Larson, y-you could really tell Gemma's condition. Looks like you're the only one who could save her, just as the old miracle doctor had told me!"

"What do you mean?" Matthew asked, surprised.

Suppressing her excitement, she asked him in a low voice, "What do you think of Gemma's condition now, Mr. Larson?"

Matthew thought about it for a while before asking her instead, "Was Orleans the last hiding place of your friend?"

Again, he surprised her. "How did you know that?"

Matthew let out a small sigh and explained a shocking tale to her, "Gemma no longer has a heart and the only way to keep such a person alive in this world exists only in Orleans. In Orleans, there is a Heart-linking Remedy, which places a mother worm into a person's body in place of a heart, while another child worm is placed into the heart of another person. The child and mother worms are connected, and when the child worm beats, so will the mother worm. This is the Heart-linking Remedy, where the beating mother worm residing in the person without a heart will now be used as a heart. Although the results are not as good as a regular heart, it could still keep a person alive! However, this method is akin to killing one's life to save another, because the person with the child worm has to take the burden of two persons' heartbeat, and is destined to lie in bed forever, suffering more than just a person in comatose!"

Shocked, Leanna stared wide-eyed at him.

"What's wrong? Was I mistaken?" he asked.

Taking a deep breath, she said in a shaky voice, "Mr. Larson, e-everything you said is true. That's indeed the case with Gemma's current condition."

"So what happened?" Matthew pressed on with a frown.

Leanna's eyes turned red as she related to him in a low voice, "Actually, I was hiding some details from you just now. My best friend didn't pass away back then, but the young master tortured her to the brink of life with only one last breath left. Right in front of her eyes, that young master stabbed into Gemma's heart and then cut off my best friend's wrists, leaving her there to watch as Gemma's heartbeat slowly died down. Fortunately, an old miracle doctor happened to meet them by chance and saved them. My best friend begged for him to save her daughter and he used this Heart-linking Remedy to save Gemma. But the price was, she has to remain in comatose forever!"

Matthew couldn't help but lament at how great her best friend was—able to bear all sorts of suffering for the sake of her daughter!

"Back then, the old miracle doctor had said, if there was anyone in this world who could tell that Gemma isn't my daughter, he would most probably be the only person who could save her! Mr. Larson, c-could you please save Gemma and my best friend? As long as you are able to, I-I'm willing to be a slave to repay you." Before she finished speaking, she was starting to choke up. So many years had passed and she was already feeling hopeless. Unexpectedly, hope found its way to her again!

Sighing, Matthew said, "President Sandel, your best friend is a good mother indeed. Don't worry. I'll definitely help you, but it's not that easy to save them. The hardest part about removing the Heart-linking Remedy is giving Gemma a heart."

"C-Couldn't this be done through a heart transplant?" she asked anxiously.

Matthew shook his head. "She can't last long with a heart transplant. Moreover, she has been living on a mother worm, which has to be kept alive by feeding it with certain herbs. The accumulated toxins over time from these herbs could harm her life. It's not a problem while the mother worm is still there to counter the toxins, but once the mother worm is removed and the toxins are not controlled, it would be so lethal that it could poison a few adults!"