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Colette left when Peyton was 8 years old. It was Kason's birthday that day, and Peyton happily returned home, ready to celebrate her father's birthday. But she was greeted with a divorce agreement from her parents.

In order to catch up with Colette, Peyton stumbled down the stairs, losing her shoes without even noticing. She clung onto Colette's leg and cried desperately, "Mom, don't go!"

Colette caressed Peyton's tender cheek and said, "I'm sorry."

"Mom, I topped the class this time. You haven't even seen my exam paper yet. It needs to be signed by parents.

"Mom, please don't leave me. I'll be good. I promise I won't go to the amusement park anymore, and I won't make you angry again. I'll listen to you. Please..."

Peyton expressed her reluctance to separate from her mom in a

panicked manner, hoping Colette would stay. But Colette simply told Peyton that her marriage with Peyton's father was not happy and that she had now found true happiness.

Peyton saw a stranger man putting Colette's luggage into a car, and then they left hand in hand.

Peyton chased after them barefoot for hundreds of meters until she fell heavily on the ground. Her knees and soles of her feet were scratched. Peyton watched the car that she could never catch up drive away.

At that time, Peyton didn't understand. It wasn't until she grew up that she realized her mother had an affair and was discovered by her father,

so her mother decided to divorce and gave up everything, including her.

For more than a decade, there was no contact between Peyton and her mother, fueling Peyton's deep hatred. She once wished to never see Colette again in her lifetime.

Fate was truly ironic. In the end, Peyton had to plead with Colette.

Peyton's throat felt choked, and she stood there motionless. Colette knew Peyton's thoughts and pulled Peyton over to sit beside her.

"I know you hate me, but you were too young back then. Many things. weren't as you imagined, and I couldn't explain it to you."

Colette reached out to touch Peyton's face. "You have grown up. Sweetheart, I will settle back in our home country this time. I know the Schmitt family has encountered some troubles, but it's fine. I will take care of you."

Then Peyton realized that her so-called hatred was insignificant while facing her mother. She choked out, "Mom."

"Good girl, stay and have a meal. These years, Elbert has been very good to me. His daughter is two years older than you. She and her fiancé will come over for dinner. I will introduce you to them."

Peyton had no intention of blending into Colette's new family, so she quickly interrupted, "Mom, I'm here because of Dad. You know the Schmitt family went bankrupt, and now Dad's heart disease has worsened. I can't afford the surgery. Can you please help me? I promise I'll pay you back."

Before Colette could answer, a familiar voice rang out. "Ms. Schmitt, it seems you are in desperate need of money. You even come to my place to ask for it."

Upon hearing the voice, Peyton was completely shocked. She couldn't. believe her eyes as she looked at the ones appearing at the door. They were Helena and Nolan.

Fate played another joke on her. Peyton never expected her mother to become Helena's stepmother!

Peyton's husband and mother became Helena's family.

It just happened that Helena and Nolan caught Peyton asking her mother for money.

Peyton's uneasy demeanor fell into Nolan's eyes, but he just quietly watched, without any other reaction.

"Boohoo..."

The crying of a baby broke the awkward atmosphere. It was only now that Peyton noticed the twin baby stroller being pushed by a maid.

In the first moment when the baby cried, Nolan skillfully picked up one of them and comforted him.

The heartwarming picture of the family of four fell into Peyton's sight. She couldn't express how upset she was. If her child were still alive, he would have been at the same age.

Peyton began to regret why she came here. She felt like she was nailed. to a pillar of shame and being ripped apart by everyone.

Strangely, no matter how Nolan tried to comfort the baby today, the crying wouldn't stop. The nanny hurriedly brought over some milk, but the baby cried even louder.

Nolan patiently tried to calm the baby down, saying, "Baby, don't cry."

Tall as Nolan was, when he held the tiny baby in his arms, the scene

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seemed particularly cozy. Seeing his gentle and patient look, Peyton suddenly had a thought.

Peyton took a few steps forward and stood in front of Nolan before snatching the baby. Strangely, Nolan didn't stop Peyton. And what was stranger, the moment the baby was in Peyton's arms, he stopped crying and smiled instead.

The almost one-year-old baby had distinctively outlined features, with pink and tender lips. He let out a giggle, mixed with some unclear syllables.

The baby's fair little hand reached out to grab the bobble on Peyton's hat, and his smiling face was a spitting image of Nolan.

Peyton's heart seemed to be ruthlessly stabbed by a knife, shattering her last bit of resilience.

Peyton once naively believed that Nolan loved her, and in their first year of marriage, he had been really good to her.

At midnight, Nolan would whisper in Peyton's ear, "Peytie, I want a baby with you."

How could Peyton refuse what Nolan wanted? Even though she hadn't graduated yet, she got pregnant without hesitation.

Peyton finally realized that when they were together, every time Nolan. went on a business trip abroad, he was with another woman.

Peyton's stomach churned. She threw the baby at Nolan and ran into the bathroom before locking the door without looking back.

Peyton didn't eat much, so she only vomited blood. The large patches of red blood stung her.

Peyton couldn't help but cry. Yes, it was really good.

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Peyton tidied up and washed her face with clean water before stumbling out.

Colette didn't know about the entanglement between these people. She pulled Peyton worriedly and asked, "Peytie, are you feeling unwell?"

"I feel better after throwing up when I see those two."

"Peytic, do you know Helena? She has always been abroad. Is there any misunderstanding between you two? This is Mr. Dalton..."

Peyton coldly interrupted Colette, "I know. He is Nolan, the CEO of the Dalton Group. Everyone knows him."

"Yes, Mr. Dalton is young and successful. He achieves so much at a young age."

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