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Everett was already in the bathroom, and Dorothy was still puzzling over what he had meant by his words.

It seemed like he didn't want to mingle with the middle school crowd and, moreover, he didn't like David.

During her business trip to Havenbrook City, she learned a lot from Kevin, Not only about due diligence but also about the art of communication.

After returning to Eldoma City, Dorothy had two days of special leave, but she spent all her time discussing Kenneth's project with Kevin. Finally, after sorting out the project and submitting it, she was about to tidy up and go to the hospital to see her mother when Bella called.

"Mam."

"You're back in Edernia City, right?"

There was something off about Bella's voice. There was a slight harshness.

"Yeah, I've finished handling company affairs and was just about to head to the hospital to see you"

"Let's talk when you get here."

With that, she hung up.

Locking at the dark screen of her phone. Dorothy began to worry that her father was bothering her mother again. After all, she had just returned and hadn't done anything to upset her mom.

She was just about to leave Bay Residence when she opened the door and saw Everetts car pulling up.

"Are you going to the hospital?"

He guessed from the look on Dorothy's face as he got out of the car.

"Yeah, I've been away on business, so I want to check with the doctor about my mom's condition."

"Ill go with you."

“No need!” Dorothy reflexively refused, then read and her tone was a bit harsh and quickly added. “My mom doesn’t like visitors, it’s not about you.”

Everett didn’t push her, just nodded lightly. “Then let me give you ande

Dorothy didn’t refuse his kindness that time. After all, it was hard to get a cab from Bay Residence.

At the hospital

She stood still and waved as Everett’s car left, then turned and walked towards the hospita

At the entrance to VI ward, two tall bodyguards stood. People passing by always look a curious glance at them.

Dorothy walked in with the fruits she bought and saw Bella on the hospital bed.

Her face was stem. She glanced at her daughter and said, “Come here

Without any guard, Dorothy closed the door and walked to the bedside. Before she could speak, Bella’s slap hit her face hard.

The slap was so harsh that her fair face immediately showed red marks.

It was shocking.

‘Mom...’

“Do you know why I hit you?”

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Bello was so angry that she clenched her fists and her breathing became rapid. That was the first time she had ever laid a hand on her daughter.

Dorothy Immediately thought of the massage that woman had sent her.

*You’re young and foolish, running after men to take advantage of you! Don’t call me mom again. I don’t have a shameless daughter like

Dorothy was stunned into silence.

Faced with her mother’s accusations, ale just covered her cheek, listening, but didn’t refert.

“Hurry up and discharge me. I’m not waiting for any surgery here. I’d rather die than use this dirty money to prolong my life!”

Bella’s voice was loud, shaking Dorothy’s ears. She didn’t know if it was because of the slap or something else.

“The experts have already scheduled the surgery. It can’t be canceled”

“Then let me die now Bella’s emotions started to flare up again,

Dorothy ignored the pain on her cheek and quickly went over to hold her mother’s hand.

“Mom, they told you, right? You should be very clear about their motives!”

don’t care who told me. Is it true that you’re being kept by a man?”

Her mother’s blunt questioning left Dorothy at a loss

She didn’t expect her affair with Everett to be discovered so quickly.

But she wanted her mother to live.

When did she ever have a choice?

“Mom, it’s not true.”

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“Really? Fine! Then you tell me, where the money for the surgery came from, and how your so called boyfriend agreed to lend you so much money all at once!”

Dorothy licked her parched lips and lowered her eyes for a while, “I really wasn’t kept by him. We got married”

She didn’t want to tell her mom about that, but there was no other way around it!

Dorothy knew Bella too well. She was the type who would have rather died than spend a man’s money.

Maybe if she threw the marriage license, there might have been a chance to persuade her.

Perhaps Bella didn't expect her always obedient daughter to even get married without telling her. She looked at her, opened her mouth a few times but didn't say anything for a while.

Afraid that her mother would faint again. Dorothy quickly went out to find a doctor.

Fortunately, she was given a pressure lowering injection in time, but it also made the doctor busy for a while.

Not until the sun set outside, and the night fell, did the ward regain its quietness

Bella lay on the hospital bed, not saying a word, not closing her eyes, just looking at the ceiling

Dorothy stood aside like a child who had done something wrong

"Is it true that you got married?" Suddenly, Bella spoke.

"Yeah"

"Let him come want to ask him in person"

Dorothy pursed her lips tightly, refusing to say anything it's not that he won't come. He's just too busy with work."

"You married him to gather the money for my surgery, didn't you?"

Bella was not stupid just because she couldn't move her legs! How could she have not known that her daughter did all that for her?

But she only had that one daughter. She was scared that her daughter would have followed her old path.

"No." Dorothy answered simply. We have feelings. Mom. He's really good to me."

He really was.

"Good? Then why doesn't he dare to see me?"

Dorothy was unable to answer that question.

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"You say he's busy, then fill give him time! I must see this man before my surgery. Otherwise, no matter when the surgery is scheduled, I definitely wont do it"

After leaving the hospital, Dorothy didn't go straight back to Bay Residence but walked to the beach.

Because it was late at night, without the hustle and busile of the day, all that could be heard was the sound of the waves hitting the beach.

The wind was a bit strong, whistling past her slightly swollen cheeks, causing a faint sting.

Dorothy rubbed her cold arms, her gaze unfocused,

When she was in Havenbrock City, she also liked to go to the beach at night. Especially when she encountered something that bothered her and she couldn't figure out, she always felt that the vastness of the sea could give her the strength not to escape.

She had been fred for a long time.

But the problem still needed to be solved. The root cause still existed. Her mother needed to have surgery

She sat on the beach for who knows how long until Everett called, then she stood up.

"Where are you?"

"I'm at the hospital!"

"Dorothy" Everetts voice sank a bit, "My man is at the door of the ward."

Dorothy was silent.

She forgot!

"I'm opming to pick you up. Send me your location. He would never ask too much, his first reaction was always to see her first

Dorothy glanced at the taxis passing by not far away, "No need. I take a taxi back! It's already late. You go to bed first."

She didn't want to face Everett now, because she hadn't figured out how to ask him to help her see her mother

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Quickly hanging up the phone, Dorothy hurriedly hailed a cab.

At that time, she treated Everett just like her job, always on call and at his beck and call.

Thinking about her mother's scolding for her shamelessness, she wished she could have had it if possible.

Once Dorothy arrived at the Bay Residence, she saw Everett still in his suit, looking every bit the business elite, sitting behind the living room table in a video conference.

Being a CEO wasn't all fun and games, and it was especially the case for Everett. The success of the Lopez Corporation was all due to his meticulous work attitude.

Hearing a noise, he glanced towards the entrance and gestured for her to wait

Dorothy didn't dare to disturb his work, so she bypassed the living room and went into the bedroom.

After some thought, she picked up her phone and dialed Karen.

She told her about her mother asking to meet her boyfriend. But of course, she didn't mention the marriage or Everett

"So, you just need a guy to put on a show in front of your mom, huh?"

Karen nailed Dorothy's predicament with pinpoint accuracy

"Yes."

"Then what are you worrying about? My brother! Ill call him now!"

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As she was about to hang up, Dorothy quickly said, "No way! I know my mom too well. She definitely won't say anything

Most likely she would have given him a hard time from beginning to end.

Kenneth wasn't related to her in any way. Why should he have put up with such humiliation?

That was exactly why Dorothy didn't dare to mention that to Everett

What if her mother scolded him harshly and he decided to terminate the contract?

“Don’t worry. My brother won’t mind.”

“But I won’t be able to face your brother again. I worked several all-nighters on his project. I don’t want my personal issues to affect work.

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“Then I ask my other guy friends if they can help! Let’s get your mom’s surgery done first, and we can figure out the rest later” Karen knew she was always stubborn about her principles, hence the added sentence.

Dorothy sighed, “All right, I’m counting on you! Make sure you tell them my mom will definitely give them a hard time and might even get physical

Judging by the slap she received today, the extent of Bella’s anger was clear

“Relax! By the way, you should put some medicine on your face, hear me? Don’t be so careless.”

“Okay”

After hanging up, Dorothy took a deep breath. She was only going to be able to relax after her mother’s surgery was complete.

Suddenly, the bedroom door was pushed open.

Everett walked in, noticing the abnormality on her cheek at first glance.

“Did your mon hit you?”

Being as sharp as he was, he guessed it right away.

Dorothy instinctively covered the affected area, awkwardly pulling at her lip, “No, I just bumped into something.”

She didn’t want to expose her pain to anyone. Whether it was Everell or anyone else, they had no obligation to receive her negativity

“You can tell me anything you need.” He strode over, getting closer with each step, causing Dorothy’s heart to race.

Thankfully, Everell was just opening the bedside drawer, looking for anti-inflammatory pain ointment in the first aid kit.

Im fine. It'll be better by tomorrow!*

“Dorothy, if you keep covering a wound, it won't heal. It will only get worse.”

He was talking about the wound, and he was talking about her.

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Everett fetched the ointment. He made a special trip to the bathroom to wash his hands before returning to apply it for her.

Dorothy finched back a bit. Even though they had been quite close before, his sudden proximity made her uncomfortable.

“I can do it myself! it's not like it's in a place I can't reach.”

With that, she reached for the ointment.

Everett didn't hand it over. His eyes gradually hinted at annoyance. “Lean your face over here.”

“Really, I don't need.

He didn't say anything more. He just stared at her

Helpless. Dorothy obediently leaned in like a child.

Because they were so close, she could even see the tiny fuzz on Everett's face. His skin was so exquisite that she wouldn't have noticed it if they weren't that close.

Everett carefully spread the ointment evenly on her face. It was cool and comforting

Dorothy unintentionally looked up at him

His focused and serious gaze was as if he was dealing with something he cherished very much. He was careful not to apply too lightly. lest it would have been ineffective. But he didn't apply too heavily either, fearing that it might have caused her pain

Everett was really good-looking. It wasn't the kind of beauty that appealed to women, but a natural, masculine charm

His features were deep and three-dimensional, his jawline firm and striking. His eyes were like ink, inviting and captivating, even his eyelashes looked as if they had been grafted on!

"If it's still swollen tomorrow I'll take you to the hospital after work."

The sound of his voice brought Dorothy back to reality and she lowered her head. "I'm not that delicate."

It was safe to say that at that point, he was the only one who truly cared about her, which was why she occasionally felt feelings she shouldn't have.

"When you're with me, I allow you to be delicate."

His words were soft, but his tone was resolute and undeniable.

Dorothy looked up at him, and their eyes met.

Neither of them looked away until he spoke, "You need something from me, right?"

Dorothy didn't say anything.

"Tell me. No matter what it is, I help you solve it."

Images flashed through Dorothy's mind. She wondered how her mother would have reacted when she saw Everett. Would she beat him, insult him, or even resort to violence?

His words were too gentle, his tone too sincere, that she felt s

He said, no matter what, he would have solved it with her.

"Everell, L..."

Just as Dorothy was about to speak, his phone rang.

she was drowning

Everett frowned, and both of them turned their gaze towards the sound.

It was a call from Heather.

"Hold on, I'll take this call,"

He picked up the phone and walked to the bedroom door before answering.

“Are you alone? You can’t get a hold of the driver? Okay, stay home. Fil be right there.”

After hanging up, Everett returned to Dorothy and asked, “What were you about to say?
Continue”

But Dorothy had snapped out of it.

She pulled a smile on her face, reverting back to her usual nonchalant self.

“Ah, it’s nothing! I just wanted to say thanks.”

Clearly, Everett didn’t believe her.

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Dorothy urged him, “Did something happen to Ms. Heather? You should go check on her!”

Distracted by the change in topic, he hesitated for a moment before nodding picking up his suit jacket and standing. “You should sleep first. Don’t stay up. I don’t know when I’ll be back. I’ll see you tomorrow.”

“Okay”

Dorothy watched as Everett hurriedly left, then she let out a bitter laugh.

What was she thinking?

She was just a stand-in, and yet she was thinking about bringing Everett to meet her mother!

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After Heather moved back to the country, she stayed in a fancy neighborhood not far from Bay Residence.

That was initially her parents

they had moved abroad and left it to her.

The Lopez family had always seen her as their future daughter-in-law.

Everett parked the car in front of the villa and called Heather, "Come out. I'm at the door?"

"Sorry, could you... could you come in and carry me out? I'm in so much pain I can't stand up."

"That bad?" He furrowed his eyebrows, "I'm going to call 911 then, and let them come directly"

Heather paused for a moment before saying. "No need. It's just appendicitis. I'll rest for a bit then come out. Wait for me. "Okay"

Everett didn't leave the car, thinking it wouldn't have looked good for him to meet Heather alone late at night. So, he brought Jeffrey along to the hospital.

Jeffrey immediately agreed to come along when he heard Heather was sick

Soon, Heather, pale as a ghost, walked out of the villa

She got in the passenger seat and looked at Everett, who seemed to want to say something but didn't. "Buckle up, Jeffrey has already contacted the hospital.

If it's an emergency, you could have surgery tonight"

"Thank you..."

Heather tugged at her bloodless lips and leaned back in the seat

the car, it was just the two of them. A slight turn of her head and she could see his deeply handsome side profile.

Bathed in the light filtering through the windshield, Everett's facial lines were sharp and refined, as if meticulously sculpted by God himself.

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From the moment she first laid eyes on Everett, she knew what it felt like to be smitten.

Heather remembered back then, Bella was adamant about not divorcing and even attempted suicide. She and her mother had to hide out all over Havenbrook City before finally being taken in by the Lopez family due to her mother's old schoolmate connection with Everett's father.

Everett was just thirteen that year, already towering over her and seemed so good-looking standing next to his parents!

But it was also that year that she and her mother were forced to leave the country under the pretense of studying abroad and were sent to Elysian Country

So, she resented her father, Bella, and especially Dorothy!

Heather always had one thought in her mind, "Why should I struggle and work my guts out just to get close to Everett, while Dorothy could easily move into his house?"

For all those years, Heather had never once had the chance to enter Everett's private space, not even once!

"Will she...throw a fit if you leave her alone at home?"

Heather still couldn't bear to say Dorothy's name, so she referred to her as "sho",

Maybe it was because of the pain, her voice was weak, but she was obviously concerned for Everett

"That's why Jeffrey will take care of you later"

Hearing about her situation, and considering that he lived close by Everett decided to help

After all, ever since Heather moved back, she'd been constantly busy with company matters. He even saw that she was online in the company's internal software just now it wouldn't have been right to refuse her.

"Oh, then you should have brought her along earlier so she doesn't get the wrong idea."

"She wasn't feeling well today." Everett figured that Dorothy probably wouldn't have wanted anyone to see her face swollen from a slap.

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Heather's hands only clenched into a fist, but she could only manage a smile on her face. "Sorry for the trouble this late at night."

"No worries."

The car quickly arrived at the hospital, with Jeffrey already kindly waiting at the entrance.

Unlike Everett, he immediately walked over, opened the passenger door, and scooped Heather up.

“Everett, don’t leave yet. Come give me a hand if she needs to be hospitalized, the doctor needs the patient’s information filled out. I’ll take her for examination first. You handle this.”

Hm.

He nodded coolly, parked the car in a nearby spot, and walked into the hospital while sending Dorothy a message

[Get some rest, if your face is still obvious tomorrow, you can work from home. I’ll talk to Kevin.]

The message was sent, but there was no reply.

Everett thought that she must have fallen asleep.

Everett, reassured that Dorothy had no intention of replying, finally walked into the hospital with peace of mind.

That night, without Everett by her side. Dorothy surprisingly had insomnia. How long had it been, and she had already gotten used to his presence?

She saw the message from Everett but didn’t want to reply.

Early the next morning, Dorothy, with still somewhat reddened cheeks, went to the bathroom to wash up. Because she hadn’t slept much, she looked somewhat lackluster in the mirror with dark circles faintly appearing under her eyes.

After applying two layers of foundation, it nicely covered the fingerprints as well.

Just as she changed her clothes and left the bedroom, she found that there was some movement in the kitchen!

Shuffling over in her slippers, she found Everett, surprisingly, in an apron preparing breakfast.

When did he come back?

“You’re awake? Wait for me, I’ll be ready soon.”

Dorothy glanced at the couch in the living room, where there was a neatly folded blanket

“Did you sleep in the living room?”

“Yeah. I didn’t want to disturb you.

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Because the house was well insulated. Dorothy hadn’t heard any noise outside.

Everett brought out the toast and fried egg, only to find that Dorothy was already dressed, ready to go to work.

He frowned, ‘If I don’t come back, you just don’t plan to eat breakfast?’

I’m not hungry anyway, and I need to sort out some data in the office early.”

*Dorothy, stomach problems are caused by imegular eating

“Oh.” She didn’t feel touched after hearing it. After all, those concerns should have been directed at Heather

“Come and eat.’

“Okay.”

They both sat down, maintaining silence without any interaction. She didn’t even lift her head.

Eventually, it was Everett who broke the silence, “You didn’t finish what you were saying last night. Have you encountered any trouble?”

“Last night? I finished! You’ve already found the best doctor for my mother the most expensive ward, and now we’re just waiting for her physical condition to accept surgery. What trouble could I have?”

“Really? None?”

Dorothy quickly waved her hands, “Why would I lie to you? Ah, you really have to press me, leaving me no dignity! It’s just because my mother and I had a little argument over a minor issue, and she was in a bad mood, so she hit me.”

Everett stared at her face, somewhat fooled by her.

“What about Ms. Heather? I see her working so hard for the company. I sent her a document at two in the morning the day before yesterday, and she received it immediately.”

“She’s fine. She had appendicitis surgery.”

“Oh! Then you should take more care of her at this time.”

Being a woman herself, Dorothy knew that at a time like that, a woman’s heart was most easily moved! In that way, Everett and she should have reconciled faster.

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“If it’s a work injury, the company has a specific department for that.”

He didn’t need to worry his pretty little head about it.

Event’s response was smooth as si his expression as casual as if he was talking about the weather.

If it wasn’t for the tattoo, and the passcode to his house, it was difficult to tell whether he really gave a damn about Heather.

“But aren’t you guys... friends?”

“So, you plan to visit her with me?”

Dorothy shook her head, I’ve been quite swamped lately”

“Busy with that project from a guy named Kenneth?” Everett’s hand, holding a cup of milk, paused as he looked at her.

“Not entirely busy with just that. I’m also working on the Social Networking Service project with Kevin,”

She didn’t seem guilty at all, even under Everett’s gaze.

“Mhm, keep up the good work.”

Then he didn’t say anything more. After they finished breakfast, they both went to work.

In the hospital, Heather, who just had an acute appendicitis surgery, was slowly waking up

Her vision was a bit blurry when she saw a man's shadow in front of her!

"Everett..."

Hearing her voice, the man turned around

It was Jeffrey

"You finally decided to open your eyes! If you didn't wake up, I was about to call the doctor!"

Not seeing the man she loved, Heather slowly closed her eyes and moistened her dry lips.

"Just you?"

"Yeah! I've been sitting vigil by your side all night. Look, I even have bags under my eyes!" Jeffrey could talk non-stop whenever he opened his mouth.

Heather felt a dull pain from her lower abdomen, but it was nothing compared to her headache.

She never thought that even after working her ass off for Everett, she still couldn't see him when she woke up!

"Thanks" Heather was always polite and distant to Jeffrey. Because his family, the Turner family and the Lopez family were long-time friends, if anyone saw her being too close to Jeffrey, she was afraid that Everett's parents would have despised her

After all, no parents would accept their daughter-in-law having scandals.

Everything she did was in preparation for marrying Everett

"We're friends! No need for formalities!" Jeffrey may have seemed careless, but he was pretty diligent when it came to taking care of people.

He asked, "Do you want some water? The doctor said you can't eat anything for now."

Heather shook her head. Her delicate face was pale and bloodless.

"Tell me if you need anything."

"I want you to call Everett over"

Even Jeffrey, who

asn't exactly the sharpest tool in the shed, understood what Heather meant, "Why bother? He really likes that girl." Perhaps Jeffrey once thought that when Everett said he liked someone, it was just an excuse not to get married. But ever since he saw his efforts for her he knew Everett was serious.

"Don't you think he likes Dorothy because she looks a lot like me?"

Jeffrey blinked, recalling Dorothy's face in his mind.

To be honest, they did have some similarities.

"But he doesn't need a substitute."

"Because he doesn't want to obey his family's arrangement."

Jeffrey didn't say anything, because he felt this reason was a bit of a stretch.

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Not to mention that Everett was very iial and had a good relationship with his parents among the wealthy families. Just talking about

his personality, he didn't seem like the type to casually put a woman in his heart.

Just give him a call, tell him I'm in bad shape, okay? I want to see him."

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Her voice was weak, with a plea that was impossible to me.

Jeffrey had known Heather for many years. She always maintained a noble and elegant demeanor. That was the first time she was begging

"Ah fine"

He sighed, tumed around and left the ward

At the corner of the hospital corridor, Jeffrey lit a cigarette, took a puff, and dialed Everett's number

After a few rings, his deep, gravelly voice finally came through

“What’s up?”

“Well, things are pretty bad over here with Heather. I could use a hand if you’re free

I need to get home early”

Jeffrey knew he would say that. He took a frustrated drag of his cigarette. “Dant you think you’re being a bit harsh on Heather? After all, she developed acute appendicitis from working overtime. Putting aside the fact that we’ve been friends since childhood, as a leader of the Lopez Corporation, shouldn’t you at least visit a hardworking employee?”

“If it was a guy, I would have gone already. But I’m married now, and it’s not appropriate.”

“Married, married! You’re always using that as an excuse Have you forgotten all about friendship? Jeffrey raised his voice, indignation for Heather, “What if your wife doesn’t want you to come? Would you also refuse to help me if I’m in trouble?”

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There was a noticeable pause from Everett, who finally said after a few seconds, “I’ll ask Dorothy later. If she has time we’ll go together” Then the call ended. Looking at the ended call, Jeffrey seriously regretted agreeing to Heather’s request.

Having Dorothy visit Heather was worse than not coming

Inside the Lopez Corporation’s conference room, Dorothy listened to Kevin’s explanation, frantically taking notes, afraid to miss anything.

Whenever Kevin stopped talking, the only

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the only sound in the room was her pen scratching against the paper.

After the meeting, Dorothy meticulously organized her notes.

Kevin walked over “I have a feeling you’re going to make a big splash in investment banking”

Dorothy squinted and smiled, “That’s because I have a good teacher! Your case analysis is so accurate and detailed, I’ve earned a lot!

That was something she could have never learned in her team of the Prosperity Consortium!

"I see you've taken a lot of notes, but understanding is what matters. If you have any questions, just ask me."

"Okay!"

She packed up her things and was about to leave when her mother called.

Not wanting anyone to overhear, Dorothy hurriedly found a secluded corner before answering.

"Hello, Mom."

"When are you planning to introduce him? Is it that hard to arrange a meeting with your husband? Is he working 24/7?"

Bella's barrage of questions left Dorothy speechless.

"He's busy I'm busy too."

"Fine, then you guys take your time. I'm checking out today"

"No!" Dorothy knew her mother was capable of doing just that, "Give me three days, okay? I definitely bring him to meet you! I've talked to him about it. He said he's nervous and doesn't know how to face you"

"Kidnapping my daughter, not even telling me about the registration, and he's nervous! Ha!"

"Why do you have to talk like this? Isn't it good that he's busy with work? Should he be a penniless bum with nothing to his name so that we can start from scratch?"

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Dorothy didn't mean to look down on the poor, but she just couldn't get her mom!

She believed that marrying a dishonest man, whether rich or poor would have led to him cheating. If he was poor and having an affair it would have just aggravated her even more.

And with Bella's attitude, which man would she have dared to bring home?

He would have probably gotten beaten half to death as soon as he walked through the door!

"So, I need to see this guy myself. He has to pass my test before I'll accept your marriage

"I got it. I'll bring him."

Dorothy's tone was full of frustration.

Work pressure was already enough, and her mom had to add another burden on her.

Finding a fake boyfriend was even harder than staying up late to write a few more project proposals!

After hanging up, Dorothy leaned against the wall and let out a long sigh

She didn't have much time to think about those things, because the evaluation meeting for the Social Networking Service was about to start. Whether the project could be invested in depended on that step.

Collecting herself, Dorothy hurried back to the office to organize the materials

After a busy day, the good news was that the Social Networking Service project passed the evaluation, and they decided to invest! The bad news was that Everett wanted her to visit Heather in the hospital.

Dorothy really wanted to ask Everett how many more times he had planned on making Heather jealous in front of her on purpose!

Couldn't that guy have been more flexible?

She felt like just telling Heather the truth for Everett

But she only thought about it. After all, breaking the contract then would have been a disaster for her.

Close to getting off work, Dorothy started praying for Kevin to ask her to work overtime Preferably all night

Unfortunately, her prayers fell on deaf ears, and as soon as the clock struck, Everett called.

"Meet me in the underground garage."

There was a brief pause before she replied, "Okay"

Dorothy sluggishly left the office, took the elevator, walked to the president's parking space.

Everett saw her and stepped out of the driver's seat, "What's wrong?"

"Nothing. I'm just a bit tired." She wished she could have pretended to be sick and say she couldn't go! But, Everett had paid so much money and rarely asked her for anything, if she made an excuse to get out of that, she might have been very close to being released

from the contract.

And it was all because she was broke.

"I take you home to rest.

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He said it very naturally, without a hint of hesitation.

It even surprised Dorothy & bit, "Can 17"

She could get out of this?

Everett gave a helpless smile, 'Of course, but I'm afraid I have to make a trip."

Even Jeffrey had accused him of being unsociable. He reflected on himself and felt something was wrong.

Because Everett always kept a distance from women, when faced with possible misunderstandings, he would instinctively stay away.

"You go ahead. Don't worry about me. It's not a big deal. 111 be fine alter a little rest!"

When Dorothy felt like she'd been pardoned, she let out a sigh of relief, and her mood improved all the way home.

Everett glanced at her in the rear view mirror.

She didn't seem tired of all.

After dropping Dorothy off at Boy Residence, Everett drove to the hospital.

As soon as he entered the ward, he saw Jeffrey helping Heather to stand up

As soon as she saw Everett, Heather instinctively pushed Jeffrey away.

“Everett, you’re here!”

“Yeah.” He put the fruits and supplements he’d just bought on the table.

Seeing that, Jeffrey frowned, “You two chat. I go get her medication.”

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As soon as he left, Heather, despite her frail condition, managed to squeeze out a polite smile. “Sorry, Everett. I’m afraid I’ll have to postpone a few contracts I’m working on! But don’t worry, I’ll be back on track soon. Jeffrey promised to bring my laptop to the hospital!”

Everett admired her work ethic, but as president, he had to discourage such kind of reckless behavior

“You need to rest. The legal department doesn’t solely depend on you. I’ll get Kevin and Dorothy to pick up the slack.”

‘No!

Heather’s voice rose at the mention of Dorothy’s name. She realized her outburst was inappropriate, “Sorry, I just don’t like others getting involved in my work. It’s not personal! Besides, I have nothing to do in the hospital. Working might actually be fun.”

“Your health comes first.”

“I’m really fine! By the way, Everett, because of my sudden surgery, I can’t fly out to see Amanda this week. She called me just now, and she’s heard about it. So she’s planning to come back to the country”

Everett’s mother was coming back?

His eyebrows furrowed, ‘She’s not fit for long fights.’”

“I told her the same, but she insists on coming to see me, worried that I won’t have anyone to take care of me after the surgery”

“We can hire more nurses for you. She won’t be able to take care of you even if she comes.

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“Yeah, I told her the same.”

He had a headache coming on, “Til talk her out of it.”

“Everett Heather started suddenly. “Are you against Amanda coming back because of her health, or because of Dorothy?”

Caught off guard, Everett just gave her a glance, not responding

“You know Amanda won’t like Dorothy. I suggest you don’t tell her yet Heather switched back to her friendly tone. “Otherwise, all the previous treatment would be wasted, and it could even be worse.”

I’ll consider it carefully

When Dorothy returned to the Bay Residence, her sense of relief didn’t last long.

Seeing the spacious house empty, she couldn’t help but imagine Everett and Heather at the hospital

Were they hugging each other tightly?

Or was Everett gently stroking Heather’s face, tenderly applying medicine, just like he had done for her?

Frustrated, Dorothy shook her head to rid herself of such thoughts.

She decided to do some housework!

Keeping busy would have prevented her mind from wandering

However after dusting from the bedroom to the living room, she realized something

Everett, the clean freak, kept his place spotless! There was not a speck of dust anywhere.

What time did he wake up in the morning?

Just as Dorothy was about to give up and return to her room, she noticed his study door was ajar

He wouldn't mind if she went in to pick a book, right?

Sneaking in like a tivel, she switched on the light and scanned the book lined walls.

Then suddenly, Dorothy spotted a few neatly aranged middle school textbooks!

Those were more. She had no idea where her can were.

Intrigued, she pulled one out, but before she could flip through it, she noticed a latter that came out with it.

Dorothy picked it up from the floor. The envelope had a few words written in a strong and forceful handwriting

"Do you know the secret of 08257"

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