

## Night Stand 191

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Breakups were usually too brutal to watch. Moreover, Anna felt embarrassed to stand around and watch while they were breaking up. So, Anna immediately flipped out of the side of the pavilion and ran away.

As she escaped there, the last words she heard were from Karl. He said, "Peace, let's just pretend that nothing happened these days, okay? Can we just stay the same as before?"

Anna was surprised. Karl was the biggest playboy in town, and he had dated almost half the women there. But he would make others sympathize with him if he became serious about his relationship.

Anna didn't expect Karl to be willing to back off after all that had happened. He even wished he could go back in time and pretend he had never proposed to her or been rejected by her.

"I'm afraid I can't. I'm sorry, Karl, but I've had enough of fooling around," Peace responded.

So, messing around was not just a right of men.

Anna drove Peace back to her studio when it was dark.

"Anna, I'm actually fine. You don't have to give me a ride."

Anna glanced at her and said, "No, I don't care if you're fine or not. I just want to eat that taco in the store next to your studio."

"Okay, then I'll go get it for you."

"Sure! I don't have a job right now, so it's on you, right?"

Anna was talking like that on purpose. She noticed that Peace had been depressed and silent when they came out of the hospital.

Anna was afraid that she would be upset, so she tried to cheer her up in this way.

If it was before, Peace would have bickered with her. However, Peace just leaned back in the passenger seat and looked exhausted.

After being silent for a long time, she finally sighed and said, "It's a shame,"

Anna looked at Peace and thought she felt bad about breaking up with Karl. She stated, "What? It turns out that you also feel the same way."

Peace, however, looked at her dumbfounded and said, "No, I'm sorry that we won't be able to go on that trip together. Earlier, Karl

and I talked about bringing you and Wayne on a trip to an island. So, you two can have a chance to talk about your relationship. But now

that we're no longer together, I can't offer you that wonderful chance."

on her face. But when she heard Wayne's

replied, "Hey, I don't need your help.

and next to a tourist attraction.

was already midnight, and there were

Peace sat in the window seat of that taco store. They looked at how the tourists dressed, talked on the street and made rude comments. As a designer with good taste, Peace thought these tourists were all dressed

right to talk about them! You should take

you look right now. You have guacamole on your mouth, and your mascara

she quickly looked up at her. Anna was holding half a taco

the plate

calmly, "You

hearts broken by men and relied on eating a lot to make ourselves feel

each other, leave thought,

to Karl's proposal if

she didn't care. Her mouth was full of food

now if I didn't have this illness. In that case, he wouldn't

she craved the excitement of the world. She chose to be

been sick and had led a regular life, she would have married and had a happy

not talk about that. By the way, how is your father? I heard you

condition is better now. So, after that, will he still be in that

he preferred to stay at home," Anna responded,

and anger, "What the hell is that old man thinking? You've put in

go when he's feeling better? Does he still want to live with

help but feel uneasy because Peace's comments were not kind. However, Anna pretended to be relaxed and said, "Forget about it. After all, they've spent most of their lives together. So, I'm not surprised that

so he might not want to live in that nursing home

What an

Frank just because he was Anna's father,

you've done your best. After all, you've visited him in the hospital so many times. So, concentrate on your life."

said calmly, "It's okay; I should

frequently recently. Moreover, they are the

seem to be treating him

are your plans

"Hmm?"

asking you about your new job. You said that you had it all figured

a secret and just

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"Sports

"Oh, I don't care how much others pay you. I'll offer you benefits if you come here."

Anna tugged on Peace's arm without letting go, as though she was determined to hire her. She then suggested, "How about I buy

you tacos for the next five years?"

Peace rolled her eyes and said, "Oh, my goodness! Even if you buy me tacos for the next decade, the money won't be enough to pay

me to design a dress. You're blackmailing me!"

"That's because I'm poor! I saw Lemon's office the other day, and the building is just a small factory building. The management

system of the company is awful, and the accountant doesn't know anything. No designer would work in a company like that! And, they

won't come even if I pay them! So, only you can help me."

Peace said, "What? Are you telling me that you don't have any money? Show me your bank balance, Anna. I don't think I have even

a tenth of what you have."

Anna let go of her hand and said, "Are you going to help me or not? If you won't do it, I'll find someone else."

Peace bristled and replied, “Yes! I will definitely help you, Anna. Even if you don’t pay me or buy me tacos, I’ll still help you. I’m tired

of designing high-fashion clothes all the time, and I just want to design a little bit of everyday clothing.”

Anna laughed out loud at that, held up two fingers, and said, “After the company goes public, I’ll give you twenty percent of the

shares.”

Hearing that, Peace said with a hint of sarcasm, “Wow! Hope I won’t regret it.”

In fact, Peace didn’t think much of Anna’s request at first. She had her own studio and also did some outsourcing works for other

clothing companies. And, she was not actually busy working. So, when her best friend wanted to start a business and she could be

helpful, she would not hesitate to help.

Peace followed Anna to Lemon’s office building early the next morning.

They went through two alleyways to get there. Located in the heart of the city, this three-story structure was tucked away among the

many other high-rises. Also, it was in a ideal place that was surrounded by the city’s bustling shopping districts.

was a handsome young man in his

person in charge of Lemon before. Kevin, I’d want to

she will be the

“Hello, Ms. Brooks.”

You can call me

After they made

then took Peace for a walk around this office building. Afterwards,

“Well, what do you

want to hear the

Of course.

pointed out everything that she thought was inappropriate

mother left here last century. It’s not only obsolete, but

place, Anna Make it a little rougher

Pentrowd

ad, "Also, fue allihe einployees here because none of them are working  
Faris and playing at  
train them, why don't we get a new group of employees? The  
don't know what this place uved to be like, so they won't  
notes in her notebook as she listened to  
her doing this, she asked suspiciously, "Hey, I'm your designer, not your boss! Why should I care so  
much  
intimately, "Look, since  
more about  
like she  
that, the doctor informed  
hospital.  
thoughtfully. They came to the hospital with a group of relatives to visit him and  
been really  
she's been  
seen Shirley in a long time. Every  
said.  
family, Anna frowned and felt like an outsider. She  
hesitating and then turning to  
leaving?" A woman asked  
woman in a gray dress  
are you doing here?"  
calmly, "I'm here for my medicine. Anna, since you are here,  
there are so many relatives  
in a daze when Selina took  
held her hand tightly. Then she opened the door of the room and  
doorway

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Selina didn't seem surprised as if she had known he would say that. However, her expression was even more indifferent.

She said, "You want me to stay out of your family's business? Fine, I happen to be not interested in it. But, I want to know that since

you won't live long, how will you deal with your money? How much money are you going to give Anna? Anna is a bit embarrassed to ask

for money, just like her mom. So, as her aunt, I'll ask you for her."

When Olivia died twenty-five years ago, Selina lost all her expectations of Frank. She felt that he was an irresponsible man who

abandoned his wife. However, she thought that Anna should get the money she deserved as his daughter. If Olivia hadn't given Frank the

money, he wouldn't have been able to start his own company.

At that moment, the room was quiet. Everyone was concerned about what Frank would do with his money and property because it

would determine how much they would get. Among them, Shirley and Allie were the most concerned about this issue.

"I've already given Anna what she deserves," Frank said sorrowfully.

"Dad, what did you give her?" Allie blurted out and looked impatient.

Frank looked up at her with a cold gaze. He said, "I gave Lemon Clothing Company to Anna."

"Lemon?" said Allie, who didn't even know there was such a company in the group. When she was about to ask more questions,

Shirley tugged her and told her to shut up.

Only she knew that Frank kept that company because he wanted to keep it as a memento for Olivia. However, this company was

doing very poorly and was barely surviving on the money given by the head office. If Frank gave this company to Anna, it could save them

big trouble.

Anna took Selina's hand and said, "Auntie, it's okay. This is my mother's company, and I really like it. That's the only thing I want.

Okay, let's go."

Selina frowned after hearing her words and finally said, "Fine."

Before leaving, Anna looked at Frank and said, "Bye, Dad. I hope you can be happy and healthy every day."

Frank didn't look up at her but kept his head down in thought. If Anna had looked closely at him, she would have seen that his eyes

and looked

and Selina then walked out of the hospital, and neither mentioned what you to the hospital?"

my medicine, but my doctor wasn't there. I just mock him, but I have

coincidence! But, who dares to mention

if Selina hadn't asked about it, who would have dared to mention my dad in this world. But,

her and said, "Okay, let's not talk about me. Tell me, why do you only mom's company! It's the

I hope you're joking with me, Anna. How much does that so called 'meaning' worth? You kind of shallow stuff. Have you ever under"

did my mother start the company then? Did she

"Of course not to be honest, she was totally not built for doing business. At that time, her with that. But she just wanted to give the money to your father! Your grandfather So, your mother held a grudge against him.

experienced the pain of someone she had a

born prematurely. And Olivia bled heavily just as she got out of the hospital room, and the doctors failed to save

died in the arms of her best friend, Selina. At that time, Selina was already married to her so suddenly that she didn't even see her father one

He had a total of

only in

grandfather was healthy before Olivia's death. However, after Olivia's death, he got sick of Anna, who was still a

already pregnant for more than two months. She and Joe  
her family the news. However, the baby was miscarried because  
able to have another  
all caused by Frank, who  
a long time to notice  
that Anna understood  
sumptuous lunch for Frank to welcome  
over the villa.  
these are all your favorite. Please take a seat.” Shirley pulled out a chair  
table.

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Shortly after Mr. Lee went upstairs, Shirley came downstairs.

Allie was reading a magazine on the sofa. Hearing that sound, she rose up promptly and said, “Hey, mom.”

“Oh, you scared me!” Shirley gasped and complained.

Seeing there was nothing in her mother’s hands, Allie felt frightened.

Mr. Lee showed the revised will to Frank in the study and asked, “If you think this is okay, just sign here.”

“Okay, I don’t see any problems.”

“Good. Then I’ll have your daughter sign it later.”

Frank glanced aside at the bowl and said, “No, not now. You can just let her sign it this weekend.”

“Okay.”

After Mr. Lee left, Frank lifted the small bowl in his hand. There was chicken soup and maybe some other stuff in the bowl. Frank

smiled bitterly to himself and then drank all of the soup in one gulp.

Since Anna left, Matthew stayed in Peter’s house and refused to go back to Wayne’s no matter what. Wayne was worried about his

son and wanted to visit him. However, he was also afraid that his grandfather would ask him about Anna. So, he was very annoyed.



Peter had already known that Anna chose to resign. On the day Anna handed in her resignation letter, the news was spread to the corporate headquarters. So, of course Peter knew about it quickly. Moreover, he even asked about the gossip going around the office.

“Remember how Charlotte treated you before, Wayne? So, you are going to break up with Anna for her, huh? Do you realize what a

wonderful woman Anna is? God, I think you’re really insane!”

Peter slapped the table and continued with regret and anger, “No wonder Matthew has been so restless these days. You still wanted

to hide it from me, don’t you?”

Wayne didn’t say a word. After Peter scolded him, he said calmly, “Okay, Grandpa. This is my own business, and you might have to

stay out of it.”

You are my grandson, the

humiliating our entire

So, are you trying to threaten me with

deliberately acted as if he was numb and indifferent. However, he was not doing

loss. He didn’t know how he should handle his relationship with Anna and had been confused about it for a long

then it would be too good for

gotten into trouble. The company sells bad seafood, and

help them out of

answer, Henry, standing nearby, pleaded on his behalf, saying, “Oh, no! You

from here. It’s summer, and you can get dehydrated just walking around the beach. Wayne can’t

I think that you can get a manager there,

you?” Peter said with

anything else, Wayne got up with his jacket and said,

lett resigned, but there was nothing he could do. He knew Wayne well enough and realized

was a child, Moreover, he knew that Peter was the kind

to

that. He’s in his thirties, and he knows what he’s doing. So,

to be so harsh on

doing

had a look of satisfaction on his face, as if his plan had worked. He

hey, come over here.”

glanced at the bedroom in surprise. He had no

Peter, looked

you hear what I just said to your father? Look! I promised you that I would let your father and mother

nodded seriously and struggled to make

since Anna left, Matthew looked

the phone. Only

after that. Although Matthew only said a few

since he hadn't heard him speak for a

asked gently, “Matthew, I've done what I promised you. So, shouldn't you eat

you promised me?”

Matthew said, then

meant and then immediately asked the cook to make something for Matthew to

food, everyone breathed

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North Town was a seaside town that was far away from Birmingham. The locals there were warm and welcoming, and the seafood

there was of good quality and in short supply.

Most of the fishermen there were pleased with how they were doing and did not want to change, making it more unique. As a result,

they tend to fish and sell seafood in specified months of the year and then take a break.

Also, the village remained in its most pristine condition for so many years. Mountains and seas stretched for hundreds of miles, all of

which had never been exploited. When Anna was driving there, she noticed how beautiful the natural countryside was.

However, Anna was still yawning as she drove.

She stopped for lunch at a service station along the highway in the afternoon. If she'd known she'd never see a store again, she

might have bought something to eat,

Just as she was regretting it, her stomach growled,

Anna sighed dejectedly and muttered, "Please stop grunting, my friend! That grumpy designer will absolutely buy me a seafood

dinner later on."

Although he was a very good friend of Peace's, he wanted to meet Anna in person. He said that he couldn't judge the company's

value without meeting the boss herself. Also, Anna came here so soon because she wanted to meet this talented designer.

At that moment, Anna's cell phone rang. After she glanced at the caller ID, she put it on speakerphone.

"Hey, Anna, my boss, where are you?" Peace asked teasingly. As she spoke, Anna could hear the noisy sound of a power drill drilling

into the wall.

Anna turned down that voice and said, "Oh my God, are you at the office? It's too noisy there. Can you find a quieter place to

talk?"

"Well, this is really the quietest place here. We're running out of time; it's nearly nightfall. Come on, it's your own company!"

"I didn't mean it like that! You know, the sound of the electric drill is giving me a headache."

Then, Peace's voice gradually became clearer. She said, "Okay, now I'm coming outside. Is it quiet enough? I'm telling you, I had to

I came in a little late this morning, and

gripped the steering wheel tightly. The headlights

front of

are you? How's

half an hour ago. You know, this road is just too bumpy! I'm not even going as fast as I

Ah!!!"

and made a sharp

"Anna! Hey, are you

a beep, Peace realized that their call

her phone had

Could it be that

the back of the truck, looked at the shipping

that happens again, we will immediately choose

sent the stuff to Birmingham. If that goes wrong again, I will stop our  
you.”

wiped his sweat and assured, “Sorry, we won’t make any mistakes this time. It happened last  
the refrigerator. He was afraid that we’ll blame him, so he didn’t dare to tell us. Don’t  
again.”

list, handed it to Gabe, and said, “Okay, that’s it. I’d

made, please. I’m going back

you sure you’re not staying here? It’s dark

cuffs without expression on his face, then got

him come here was that he wanted to punish him. He didn’t have

major one. Plus, he didn’t want to stay there any longer, so

drove into the coastal road. Soon after, his cell phone rang, which interrupted the symphony he was  
car.

Wayne frowned and answered. “Hello?”

“Wayne, where are you?”

at the sign ahead and said, “Oh, I’m almost at the entrance of the highway,  
hours. What’s

said eagerly, “Oh, no! Turn around quickly! Something’s

sharp brakes made a shrill roar on the avenue, and the wheels  
dark tarred road

“What are you talking about?

Anna was on the phone with

out the location of her cell phone signal, and I’m sending it to you.

you might be able to find

hands, which were on the steering wheel, were shaking a little, but his tone was extremely calm, “I

then got

which had been parked quietly on the road, immediately started

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A white Land Rover roared was roaring on the road in North Town, a small remote fishing village.

Wayne was about to arrive at the location Karl had sent him.

In the light of headlights, he saw a car parked on the far corner. Under the light, the silver Audi logo on the car's rear glistened.

Wayne's heart skipped a beat as he slammed on the brakes.

When he quickly walked over to that car, he found no one inside. He noticed that the hood of the front of the car was up, and the

bumper was torn apart. As Wayne looked around, he saw a streak of dried blood on the ground.

At that moment, he felt his heart had plummeted into an abyss, and he was on the verge of collapsing.

"Anna!" He snarled at the barren wasteland. The only thing that responded to him was the chilly, howling wind that blew across the

mountains.

The blood on the ground looked hideous and gruesome. Wayne's legs were weak, so he slowly crouched while gripping the hood. His

fine suit pants were smeared with blood and dust as his knees touched the concrete pavement.

The moonlight gleamed on the puddle of blood, reflecting his pale face. As much as he tried to keep his sanity, he couldn't help but

think of the worst case scenario.

Wayne regretted all the things he had done. He clenched his fists and wanted to punch himself.

God! Anna would not have resigned and started her own business if I hadn't gotten angry with her and hurther so deeply! Nothing would have happened if she hadn't left the hotel! Wayne thought to himself.

"Wayne! What brings you here?" Wayne heard a gentle voice coming from above his head like a ghost. Then, he was stunned.

When he looked up, he saw Anna standing in front of him with an astonished face. Also, she looked totally fine.

Anna just left the place and walked around, trying to find a signal. However, she didn't find it even after walking for half an hour.

When she found that her phone was almost out of battery, she was afraid that she would be in danger. So, she instantly rushed

back.

expect to see Wayne on

heck? Anna thought to

mountain breeze wrapping around

surrounded her.

immediately struggled, but she was no match for Wayne's strength. Wayne ignored her but held her tightly

to part with her.

you're

confused, she still let

and the

go of her and said sullenly, "Anna, it's dangerous to

after hearing his words. She didn't expect Wayne to

are you

by. At that moment, Anna was not focused on driving because she

the poat, she steered sharply, but she collided

thought it was okay to hit that car because she only had

which made it very convenient. However, the van owner was scared and worried that Anna would make him pay

damage of her car.

of his car sorrowfully. He looked at Anna, and

enough money

you, and

sigh or relief and accepted Anna's

happened

the hot coffee Wayne had poured from the thermos, and the warmth warmed her palms. She

handed her and thought to herself about how well prepared

wait for his insurance company

hundred dollars.

was completely broken

at the thought of it. She thought, His car cost a fraction

so sturdy!

asked, "What sort of car

believe it was just a typical

lot better after she finished her coffee. The weather

at night. She felt that if Wayne didn't find her tonight,

how you got here." Anna

simply explained that Peace had told him to rescue her. He could find her so quickly because he happened

on business.

Really? What a coincidence!" Anna

looking for a signal. As a result, she felt as

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Wayne shook Anna's hand off angrily.

"Hey! What are you doing? You scared the hell out of me!" Anna said as she glanced at him with dissatisfaction.

"You broke up with me. So, why did you touch me?" Wayne said indifferently.

Anna, on the other hand, didn't appear to mind it. She said, "Well, how else am I supposed to unlock your phone then? Will you

please stop being so fussy?"

"I thought maybe you could ask me what my password is. You know, there's more than one way to unlock my phone."

Anna was dumbfounded for a moment. She locked his phone as if she was annoyed and then asked him, "Okay, fine. So, tell me

your password."

Wayne paused for a second, then replied briefly, "It's your birthday."

Anna was stunned.

She believed she and Wayne were both pretty sensible people, and neither of them was good at relationships. As a result, unlike

other women, she never examined her boyfriend's phone or email. She did this out of respect for his privacy and to avoid intruding into

his personal space.

Therefore, she had no idea that the password for Wayne's phone was her birthday until now.

They both stopped talking. All they could hear was the waves crashing against the reef and the wind howling through the mountains

out of the window.

Anna somewhat couldn't believe his words. Still, she lowered her head and dialed her birthday into the phone.

A few seconds later, Wayne's phone was unlocked.

Then it immediately occurred to Anna that she had spent her birthday this year with Wayne. He went to her mother's tombstone

with her, and they walked out of the graveyard hand in hand. When Selina spoke to him, he was quite sure and assured.

Anna had no idea what they were talking about in the car. Moreover, both Wayne and Selina were reluctant to tell her.

"Where are we going?" Wayne asked as if he wasn't angry anymore.

"Oh, to Sea Town," Anna snapped back to reality and replied. As she looked at him, it hit her that she had just been about to call

Peace and tell her that she was fine.

louder than the roaring wind. Anna rolled her eyes at him after staring at his phone for a long time. She

So, why did you give it to me in the first

frowned and asked, "Did I say a word about my phone

you're rich, I assumed you had special phones with GPS tracking systems."

thought she was joking and asked, "So, Miss Gabriel, do you think we rich

and slowed down. Wayne then pulled it

the car a minute before. Anna could even see her smashed up car as

What's wrong?" And asked

"Oh, oh

gauge in the

olrunning out of pastor quite some time, but it was now



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Couldn't believe

that. Staid

Why the hell didn't

war already

heard

angrily, "It's all

When

received Karl's call

however, he drove rapidly

to her.

that he mentioned

she saw Wayne's dissatisfied expression, she felt a

washing over her.

nowhere, she was so thrilled that there

Wayne that she was being aloof in front of him since she

always thought of him as a dispensable scourge

she had often missed him

He said, "Well, let's stay here for

morning, and the truck drivers can help

finishing and said, "You can rest in the back if you're

build a spacious makeshift bed by putting the chair

and then stepped out of the

which was tainted with the fresh aroma of his perfume, Anna

seats down.

a long time and said

in the driver's seat with his arms folded. Then, he closed

in her seat.

of glass, Anna could see the full moon in the

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The more Anna thought about this, the more enraged she felt. So, she said everything that made her feel aggrieved recently at

once, "Wayne! You'd better think about how you talked to me before asking me this! You think I should always put Matthew first, don't

you? But Matthew is just as important as Tammy to me! But, you don't believe my words and also think I'm wrong! So, how do you want

me to treat Tammy? Have you ever really thought of Tammy as your family member and your daughter?"

Hearing that, Wayne was speechless.

"And, I want to say something about your childhood sweetheart, Charlotte. I believed you when you claimed that you treated her

like a sister. But have you considered that if you two were close, people would gossip about you? You know, even your cousin thought

you're too good for me. If Charlotte is your fiancée, then who am I? Do you think of me as some kind of 'mistress'?"

Anna yelled fiercely as if she was exhausted, "I want you to know that I'm not that cheap!"

After she said those words, she stared at Wayne for a moment. Then, her eyes were red as she lowered her head. She looked like she

was feeling very aggrieved.

"Let go of me," Anna said in aggravation, and her voice seemed to echo through the valley.

Wayne had a firm grip on Anna's hand and would not let go no matter what. In a raspy voice, he added, "I'm sorry, Anna, and I'd like

to apologize to you. I was being silly about that. But, it's not that I hadn't considered your feelings. It's because..."

He thought to himself, I spoke out of turn because I was so angry. How could I expect Anna to give up her own child and only care

about Matthew! was anxious at that time because Matthew was in danger.

"Please accept my apologies." He said.

Wayne had never been good at defending himself. He just said "sorry" despite the fact that he already knew what he was going to

say. Although he realized that it might make Anna think he was too casual, he meant it.

He finally understood that dignity and the trivial things in life were not that important. Only when people face death could they

realize what was the most important.

I want to apologize for all the things I did before.

to you. I wanted to express my feelings for you in less clichéd words, Anna.

for a while, I couldn't find anything more meaningful than those words. And...

an unexpected flash of warmth. She couldn't break away from his

tears rolled across her face and dried by the

jerk!" Anna exclaimed,

She was enraged like a child who dropped her ice

many misunderstandings in the world. As a result, people needed to be open with one another. Only

be able to tell people what you wanted to do.

others would never know if

they returned to the

tuned off the al conditioning and wrapped his jacket around her. He looked at her worriedly

"Anna, have some

"Thanks

had calmed down, they said nothing about what had

We were both crying on the road because of a little

Anna thought to herself.

cleared everything up before you resigned. Kenny was the one

Kenny used sleeping pills to sedate Tammy, but he refused

to tell you all this, but I

and

was that

help them figure out the truth. Otherwise,

Wayne didn't tell her

was suddenly sick and hospitalized in the hospital, and she had just broken up with Wayne. And

proud, so he wouldn't take the initiative to

pursued, thinking, Kenny is just an apprentice chef who grew up in a small fishing village in Liverpool. He would not harm children for no

profit from it.

Anna had the impression that many people were working with him on this. The two waiters who told Anna that

skeptical. They appeared to have done this on

there wouldn't be so

Don't worry; I'll make her apologize to you and Tammy," Wayne said

aback and asked,

at her in disbelief and asked, "Huh? Why are you acting so surprised? Didn't you ever suspect

Charlotte was the most suspicious in the

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It wasn't until then that Anna realized that not all rich girls were delicate. After all, every parent hoped that their girls to be capable of self-defense.

Anna gasped as she realized that she should never mess with Charlotte. Charlotte not only came from a wealthy family, but she also

knew how to fight. She could not only be very dominant but also be gentle.

How could I compete with her? Anna thought to herself.

Wayne calmly glanced at her and asked, "Are you afraid, Anna? If so, just leave this to me, and I'll make sure she never bothers you

again."

Anna seriously refused, "Thank you, but I'll have to handle this on my own."

If it was only about love, Anna certainly expected Wayne to handle it by himself. But because Charlotte was involved in the fire, Anna

was curious as to who her accomplice was.

Since the one who did this with Charlotte was attempting to murder the two kids, Anna was afraid that if she didn't find out the

truth, she'd be worried for the rest of her life.

Seeing that she was determined to do it herself, Wayne didn't say anything more.

"In fact, I've always suspected that the person who tried to kill Matthew was involved in this," Anna explained.

Wayne looked back and asked, "What do you mean?"

“Don’t pretend you’re unaware of it or haven’t noticed it yet. I know that someone has been trying to kill Matthew.”

Anna had only spent six months with Matthew, but she already sensed that accidents were always happening to him. As a result,

Wayne, who had known him for so long, would have definitely suspect this.

“Yes, I do know about that,” Wayne confirmed with a nod.

At the moment, the lighting inside the car was dim. And the moonlight poured through the roof, revealing Wayne’s solemn

expression to Anna.

“In fact, there might be more than one person who did this,” he continued.

Hearing his words, Anna realized that many people wanted Matthew dead, and that thought sent chills down her spine.

a fool, Anna, so I thought of the possibility right away. But I have

those things. In fact, I’ve looked into it several

people on his list, including the gardener who came once a week to maintain his garden, the maid who

Matthew for two or three years, and even some relatives of his. However, no

attempting

frowned and asked, “Why? Tell me, why are they doing this? Are they crazy? Matthew’s just

heir to the group in the future. In any case, it’s entirely my

Matthew too much in the past. So, I made these people believe that if

So, they thought that they might

He lowered his head and seemed to

solt

there had been rumors that Wayne was gay. And although he had a child, he was never ready

take action

might be involved in the

“Yeah.”

to herself, if that’s the case, then

Peter had invited several of

a lot of relatives living

told me that I needed to have a child. Otherwise, he would let other excellent that case, the company would have appeared to be surrogate give birth to Matthew,” he said in a deep voice as surprised at all.” and deliberately said aloud, “Huh? A surrogate his head and said, “No, not at all. But actually, it’s pretty much eyes at him in her mind. She did you one wants a child through IVF, they don’t have to touch the surrogate physically. You, me this now?” Anna asked, even though the impression that she was finally letting go of the incident. So, when she asked everything that happened. don’t want there to be any more misunderstandings between us. I want us other. Matthew didn’t have a mother when he was growing up. He likes you, so I want you him as nicely as the resentment she had toward

## **Chapter 200**

The sun shone brightly when Anna woke up early the next morning. When she felt a ray of sunlight falling on her face through the

window, she instinctively raised her hand to shield it. Then, she sat up.

At that moment, she heard something scratching the car outside.

Anna then instantly got out of the car. And she saw Wayne standing in front of the car’s gas tank and fiddling with a plastic pipe.

She asked as she felt puzzled, “Hey, what are you doing?”

Wayne looked at her and said, “Filling up the car, obviously.”

The white tube connected the fuel tanks of the two cars and was transferring the oil from her’s to his.

Wayne’s car had run out of gas, and Anna’s car had broken down. As a result, he intended to make the most of what was left of her

Car.

“Wow! Awesome!” Anna said.

Anna froze as she discovered how he did it. She asked, “How did you do that? I remember that your car was far away from mine!

How did they get so close together?”

“Someone passed by us this morning, and I asked him to help me push it over,” Wayne said, looking at her again.

“Is that so? It seems the local people are really kind!”

“He asked me for two hundred dollars.” He then said.

Hearing his words, Anna immediately shut her mouth and couldn’t help but frown. She thought to herself, Gee, Wayne, why do you

look so upset? You didn’t even seem to want to talk to me. What exactly is going on? Did / irritate you?

Wayne lowered his head and connected the tube. He then straightened up, cleaned his hands and said, “We can get to the town

you mentioned if we drive a dozen miles down this road. Don’t worry, it won’t take long. Are you hungry? I’ve got food and water in the

Car.”

we’re pretty close there. When we arrive there, I’ll treat you

some very nice grilled

that and replied, “Sounds

night before, and she thought it was weird.

remember anything that happened. She thought that maybe it was

ever make up? I remember that Wayne apologized to me. Well, never

me, I suppose I should simply

up the car, they were on

finally received a signal just as they were halfway down the mountain and almost

lot of missed calls!” Anna was terrified as she saw that Peace

must be worried about

noticed that Karl had also called her. She paused

Karl

was so but that she almost didn't recognize him. Then she said, "Karl, hello there. We're all right now, and Wayne is

Thank you

Peace suffer from mental illness?" Kart asked directly and

of them tell

do you want to know that?" Anna looked serious and tried to sound as calm as

as if he were in tears. He said, "Last night, she passed out right in front of

was a knight,

froze for a long time before coming back to

like she had an

which was why she kept living her

she admired Karl but was hesitant to marry him. Despite her love for him, her despair made her scared

forward to

that Peace had such a disease, and no one would have expected

the phone. She'd been holding her breath for

she didn't

a quick description of what it was like when Peace had an episode. Finally, she told him, "Could

I'll be right back after I finish

not ask her anything

sat silently in her seat for a long time before saying, "Actually, Wayne,

that right now, and