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On the way back, Charlie leaned against the back seat with his eyes closed. However, he was not resting at all. His mind was in a mess.

It had been three years. The sudden return of the person who had disappeared from his life for three whole years did not bring him any pleasant surprise. Conversely, more troubles surrounded him. Where had she gone to for the past three years?

Why did she get involved with Cristopher?

His mind was in a trance, and he couldn't help but think of that one morning three years ago.

When he opened the door of the villa that morning, he found that the house was surprisingly quiet. He stood in the living room for a while and then walked up the stairs with heavy steps. When he pushed open the bedroom door, there was no one inside.

Guessing that she must have gone grocery shopping, he had stepped in and sat on the bed, quietly waiting for her to come back.

After two hours, he had become sceptical as the supermarket was located nearby the villa. It shouldn't have taken her that long to buy groceries. With that suspicion in mind, he dialled her number.

When her phone rang distinctly in the drawer of the bedside table, he was stunned. Then, he turned around and headed straight to the study—it was empty as well. He proceeded to check all the guest rooms, but there was no one in them.

At that point, Charlie had started panicking. He ran a few rounds between the two floors before finally returning to the bedroom. After that, he opened the wardrobe and saw that it was filled with clothes neatly.

Charlie removed all the clothes from the wardrobe and threw them on the floor. After a while, he realized that a particular red dress was missing. Lewis

had bought it for Elsie when Charlie and she got married. At first, he had claimed that the dress was overlyunfashionable and refused to let her wear it. Therefore, it was kept in the wardrobe and had never been touched ever since.

Seeing that it was the only piece of clothing missing, he had an inkling of what was going on. Instantly, he rushed to the bedside table and yanked open the drawers. Other than Elsie's personal documents, everything else was in place.

Sweat began to drip from Charlie's forehead. He looked around the room in a daze, hoping that it was all a dream. All of a sudden, he saw two pieces of paper on the dressing table. He dashed over and picked them up. There were very delicate and pretty handwriting on the papers, stating the names of several types of jewellery. At the bottom of the paper, there was also a sentence that read, "Please return all the jewellery to the rightful owner and put down your signatures. Also, please mail both the divorce certificate and the ring I bought to Lewis's address if convenient. Thank you."

The handwriting was very familiar, but it was filled with sarcasm in Charlie's eyes. He pulled open another drawer of the dressing table just to see that inside was neatly arranged boxes of varying sizes.

He was very familiar with those boxes. They contained the jewellery he hadcarefully picked for her; he could even remember all the different designs, as well asthe specific dates they were given to her.

After that, Charlie blankly opened the topmost jewellery box and found that there was the wedding ring he had bought for her. They had bought each other's wedding rings. She had once said that she would use her savings to buy a wedding ring for him, put it on him and never let him go for the rest of her life.

Each word that came out of her mouth at that time were deeply engrained in his mind—he was not allowed to take it off after putting it on; he had to wear it forever!

The vows of the past rang in her ears. They had promised to be together until death did them apart.

Hah! It turned out that the vows were all lies. After only five years together, their love had reached its end. Thinking of this, Charlie had leapt in a craze and swept all the jewellery boxes in the drawer to the floor.

Other things in the villa had remained untouched, including all her underwear and jewellery. Elsie had left without a word in only the red dress that Lewis had bought for her; she had left their home completely empty-handed. She was too cruel!

For a split second, Charlie could his heart breaking into pieces and bleeding non-stop.