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Melinda saw Colin and me move with great difficulty and noticed his inebriation. Her mouth was wide open in disbelief.

“Harper, what is this?” Melinda looked past me and asked my Mom behind

me.

Mom pressed her lips into a hard line and thought that she shouldn’t be the one to tell her the news. Instead, she tossed the responsibility back to me. Ask them. You know, young people nowadays.”

“What? What happened? Okay. Uhm, honey? Honey? Come and help me, please. Colin is drunk. Geez, how many drinks did he have?”

Austin appeared in my view half-asleep. He, too, was taken aback when he looked at us. Shortly after, at Melinda’s behest, he approached me to take

the drunk Colin off me.

But Colin refused to let go. He mumbled that he didn’t want to leave me, and his left hand maintained a tight grip on my shoulder as if it was fused to my

body.

It was dark outside, and we couldn’t stay by the entrance for too long.

I had no other choice but to enter Colin’s home.

The three of us toiled to usher Colin back to his bedroom and tucked him in.

Right when I thought I could go home, Colin stuck his hand out and grabbed mine like a homing missile. No matter what I said, he wouldn't let me go.

I swore even superglue wasn't as clingy as him.

Mom, Melinda, and I were rendered speechless. They then decided to move

the couch here so that I could sit down and keep him company for a while.

Perhaps he would let go when he fell asleep.

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As that was our only option, the two moms moved the couch so that I could be seated. Then, they closed the door and went to my mom's place to gossip among themselves.

Colin was very drunk, and I didn't have my phone with me. All I could do was sit on the couch and stare at him.

The mellow light cascaded upon the slumbering Colin, highlighting his perfect brows, nose bridge, and tanned skin. His sexy lips parted from time to time to call out my name.

I was tantalized by his earnest voice.

On this peaceful night, I kept watch next to Colin while he dreamed about me. I loved how harmonious everything looked.

Fine, I'd add another flower next to his name in my mental note.

The door creaked open. I thought it was Melinda. Before I could tell her that

I was feeling thirsty, I realized that Felix was standing by the door. I had never seen him after we parted ways outside the police station.

He seemed to be skinnier than before. His eyes were sunken as he leaned against the wall. Holding a cigarette between his fingers, he blew out a puff of smoke that sent it everywhere.

He gazed at me quietly through the dissipating smoke. I couldn't discern the emotion in his eyes. There was only darkness.

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I nodded and said nothing. What else was there to say anyway? Then, my eyes returned to Colin, resuming my previous position.

Felix had hurt me a lot. I'd be lying if I said I could hang out with me without any qualms.

"Your parents said yes?" he croaked suddenly.

"Yeah."

He approached Colin and me slowly. From the bedside, he chuckled when he saw our interlocked fingers.

I lifted my head vigilantly and caught a mix of emotions in his eyes.

Colin suddenly woke up. His eyes were red. He saw I was there and shot me a bright smile. “Babe, I want a kiss.”

Kiss?

My first kiss shouldn’t take place in this obscure setting, in front of another person. No way.

Besides, he wasn’t my “official” boyfriend yet. No kisses allowed.

Blushing, I squeezed Colin’s hand. He was getting more and more audacious by the day!

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“Stop this and sleep, Colin. Be nice,” I coddled in a hushed voice, forgetting that we had company.

“No! I want kisses. Kisses!” His lips puckered up to kiss me. Scared, I mustered all my strength and pinned him back onto the bed.

“Be nice now, Colin. I don’t like the smell of alcohol. I’ll let you kiss me when you’re sober, okay?”

When I finally soothed Colin and remembered Felix, he had already left.

Through the half-open door, I saw an orange light flicker in the dark on the balcony opposite us.

When did Felix come back? Where was Lilac? Why was Felix here? Why did he care if Colin and I were dating? What did he want?

I couldn't find an answer, and just like that, I fell asleep.

I guessed I was an easygoing woman.

I was roused by something warm in the middle of the night. As I opened my eyes, I realized that I was on the bed. Sleeping next to me was Colin, who had changed into his pajamas. His slender hand grabbed me by my waist so that I was sleeping in his embrace.

Heat rushed to my head. I sat upright brusquely and pried his hand from me. Then, I punched him before I fled the scene.

I thought I was a fast runner, but I still heard his devilish chuckle clearly.

It made me think that he wasn't that drunk, after all.

Fortunately, Mom was waiting for me back home. Things could have been

so much worse otherwise.

"Lulu, can we talk?"

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I sat next to Mom and hugged her. "I want to talk to you too, Mom."

"Lulu, are you serious about dating Colin?"

“Yes, Mom. Colin pampers me. When I’m with him, I feel happy. He won’t make me cry, and he spoils me like a princess.”

“You see, I watched as Felix and Colin grew up. I thought Felix was a decent

kid but he...”

I understood my mom’s concern as I, too, had the same worry once. But everyone was different. Just because I was hurt by someone did not mean I should distrust all humanity.

Besides, Colin was no ordinary person. He grew up with me and loved me wholeheartedly. The only agenda he had was to make me his girlfriend.

The world could be treacherous, but I was willing to take this risk.

“Mom, Colin has been really kind to me. When I was at Lincoln University, Colin helped me with my daily life and studies. You might say that he did that to impress me, but he did it for three years. It’s more genuine than an

act.

“Besides, Colin was doing very well career-wise at Lincoln University. But to hang out with me, he came to Jesselton College and agreed to start from scratch. He uttered not a word of complaint. In fact, he even enjoyed it.

“And whenever Felix and Lilac come to ruin my days, Colin will come to my

defense. I feel safe when I’m with Colin.”

Mom patted my head affectionately. She wanted me to be happy but was worried that I might get hurt once again.

She was dismayed by what Felix had done in the past. And now, she had her reservations regarding the boys from the White family.

“You’ve always been a sensible child, Luna. I trust your decision. Melinda is happy to hear that you two are dating. She said she doesn’t feel that guilty

anymore, knowing that Colin would take good care of you.

“I’ll let you decide what to do. Just promise me one thing. Protect yourself and let me know when something happens. I don’t want you to get hurt again.”

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“I know, Mom. Don’t worry, I’ll think it through before deciding.”

It was already 2:00 am after the chat. I yawned and went to bed. Right when I climbed into my bed, my phone screen lit up.

I opened my WhatsApp and saw a selfie from Colin. Still in his pajamas, he made a peace sign to the camera. “I hope I can see you whenever I open my eyes in the future. Goodnight and have a sweet dream.”

My heart was aflutter.

I wanted to reply to his text but couldn’t come up with anything. After an extended hesitation, I sent him a thumbs-up emoji.

After I sent the text, I realized how ridiculous it might look. I thought about recalling the message, but I saw no point in doing that. Therefore, I left it be.

I was free on Saturday. If I were still studying at my university, I would've spent the day shopping with Jade and Zara.

However, we had all grown up, and we worked in different cities now. Unless it was planned beforehand, it'd be hard for us to meet up.

On Sunday, Colin and I flew back to Imperia. Felix booked the same flight as

Colin and I did.

After he left home, he walked quietly next to us. I couldn't discern his emotion. He only stared at the road ahead with a blank expression.

Once we landed, Colin drove us to the college with his SUV.

As soon as we entered the gate, we saw Lilac looking around under the shade as if she were waiting for somebody.

"Should I drop you off here?" asked Colin.

Felix's gaze fell on Lilac. A mix of emotions briefly appeared on his face

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before he mumbled, "Okay."

Then, we drove away. I saw Lilac throw herself into Felix's embrace and talk to him affectionately. Felix only listened impassively. After what happened the last time, it felt like Felix's and Lilac's roles had swapped.

Their silhouettes slowly diminished in the rear-view mirror until it was

nothing.

“They’re gone. What’s up? Do you miss them already?” protested Colin glumly.

“Tsk. Colin, are you jealous?”

“What do you think?”

“Come on, Colin. Are you jealous of your own brother?”

“That’s not my brother. That’s a jerk.”

I cackled. I couldn’t believe Colin would call Felix a jerk.

“You know, Colin, I once wondered if I’d be lonely forever after Felix rejected me. He was perfect to me. It wasn’t until I met you that I realized I would’ve been lonely forever had I dated him.”

“What do you mean?”

“I mean, if possible, I want to spend the rest of my life with you.”

Colin’s gloomy expression brightened up, and he flashed me a handsome

smile.

He parked at a secluded corner and pulled me into his embrace. Then, he said with a raspy breath, "Babe, I'm officially your boyfriend now, am I not?"

"You will be. But now, you're not there yet."

"Not yet? I might have to bring this to my grave if I wait any longer." Disappointed, Colin pouted resentfully. He shot his pitiful, teary eyes at me.

I laughed out loud again.

Oh, Colin in love was so cute. I liked him so much.

That night, Felix sent me a very long text message.

"Lulu, I want to apologize for the pain I've caused you. Truth be told, I'm sad that you found the right person for you. I don't know why either. I love Lilac, but I can't get you out of my mind. The face of you holding back your tears keeps coming back in my dreams.

"I want to come closer and wipe your tears away. But I'm scared to do that. I think I broke your heart, and that's something that can't be reversed.

"Colin has always been the better of us. Everyone will see how caring and protective he is toward you. While I hate to see you date him, I know he's the right choice.

"I know he'll love you with all his soul and you'll be happy. Lulu, I'm unable to undo my mistakes. For that, I regret it so much."

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“You’re right, I should cherish what I have now. I’ll help you and care for you like a good friend, but I’ll save all my love for Lilac. She made a lot of mistakes for me. Therefore, I’d like to apologize to you once more.

“I’ll keep her in check in the future, and I hope you can forgive her. You don’t have to if you don’t want to. She doesn’t deserve your forgiveness,

after all.

“Goodbye, Lulu. I wish you happiness.”

After reading the text messages, I felt so relieved.

Happy days with Colin flew by in the blink of an eye. Soon, it was already

New Year’s Eve.

My school gave us three days of holidays for New Year’s Eve. Lilac said she needed to see her family, so she’d be returning to Northpool with her mum on the morning of December 31st. Felix drove her to the airport.

During New Year’s Eve, those who did not go home all dressed up for the special occasion.

Colin and I agreed to have dinner before heading to a theme park. Then, we’d head to the square for the countdown.

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Before we left, Felix came to us. He asked if he could join us because he

would be all alone during the day.

While Colin and I were reluctant to let a third wheel tag along on our date,

Felix was Colin's brother. Colin thought he shouldn't abandon his younger

brother. In the end, we made a compromise and allowed Felix to come with

us.

It was almost 9:00 pm when we arrived at the theme park.

Usually, the theme park would be empty. But this time, it was packed with

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mostly young students. Everyone was wearing blinking head accessories and carrying a glow stick in their hands.

Colin bought me a pair of bunny ears, and the shop owner gave us a purple glow stick for free. It was my first time celebrating New Year's Eve like this, so I was overjoyed.

Holding the glow stick, I asked Felix to take a photo of Colin and me.

Felix took Colin's phone and was busy adjusting its focus. During this small window of opportunity, I gasped when I saw a familiar silhouette through the corners of my eyes.

Lilac was there with Shawn. There was no way I wouldn't be able to recognize Shawn.

There was a motel opposite us, and they were heading that way. Shawn was grabbing Lilac's waist intimately.

It seemed like Lilac did not return to Northpool at all. She lied to Felix. She wanted to spend New Year's Eve with Shawn.

I must say, that cheating couple was getting bolder.

Couldn't they do their business somewhere far and secluded? Why appear in the public's eyes?

Besides, Lilac wrote me that letter of confession several days ago. I thought she'd let me catch a break for a while. Alas, here she was again, trying to stir up another drama.

She was truly beyond salvation.

I shouldn't have spared her.

I turned to face Colin./He, too, saw the couple. A storm was brewing in his

eyes.

"Colin, the lights behind you are too bright. Let's swap our positions."

Upon hearing Felix's suggestion to swap around, I jumped up and walked around him. I tried to stop him from turning around.

But my plan didn't work. Felix froze mid-action, which meant he saw the cheating couple.

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Felix looked at the cheating couple in disbelief for a while. Then, he hollered and charged at them.

When Colin and I made our way to the scene, a fight had already broken out.

Meek women were screaming and running away from the violence, while curious men stayed on the sidelines to see who would win in the end.

Felix wasn't short, but he grew up in a pampered and protected environment. All he knew was studying and looking cool. He was by no means strong enough to overpower Shawn, who had been fighting since

young.

Over there, I saw Shawn landing blow after blow on Felix's head. He stomped on Felix's body with his leather shoes as he hurled nasty insults.

Felix was curled up on the ground. He tried to get up to retaliate, only to be brought down again by Shawn.

Blood was all over his face, and he was bruised.

Meanwhile, Lilac—whom Felix insisted on dating despite his family's objection—was watching the violence from the sidelines with her hands in her pocket. She made no attempt to break up the fight.

The coldness she showed Felix brought chills to my spine. I wondered what Felix was feeling now.

This was confusing.

I used to think that she loved Felix. But what she was doing now was the opposite of love. Why did she dog behind Felix all these years, then? Because he was handsome? Because he could give her fame and riches in Southsville?

Maybe neither. Perhaps Felix was just her contingency plan. Otherwise, she wouldn't have hooked up with Shawn the year she attended Lincoln

University as an exchange student.

Was it all Lilac's fault? The responsibility was not hers alone.

Was it Felix's fault? No, it took two to tango. He deserved it.

He was aware that Lilac hired people to assault me. She violated the laws. She was dangerous. Lilac was a ticking time bomb that threatened to blow up on his face and hurt him one day, yet he enabled her.

Felix was the enabler, and Lilac was evil. I was glad that they were dating because at least, they were not hurting another innocent soul.

To be cheated on was what Felix had coming for him.

What a mess!

“Stop!” Colin stepped in and seized Shawn’s rampaging hand. He yanked it angrily and kicked Shawn, sending him rolling on the ground.

Shawn saw Colin closing in and tanked his kick. He glared at him with

murderous eyes.

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While he was strong, he knew he didn’t stand a chance against Colin.

He learned that the hard way back at Lincoln University.

“Colin, stop! Shawn!” Lilac blanched. She threw herself on top of Shawn on the ground and began sobbing.

She took on the role of a silent bystander when Shawn was hitting Felix. Yet when Shawn was hit, she took on the role of a protector, trying to shield

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him from harm.

That truly showed who she cared about and who she did not.

Felix's face was badly injured. Blood came gushing out from his nose. He lay on the floor with a stoic expression. His eyes stared at the dark sky like a

puppet devoid of a soul.

"Felix, are you alright?" Colin offered him a hand.

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Felix wiped away the bloody mess on his face and got up with Colin's assistance. He couldn't take his eyes off Lilac, who was crying while hugging Shawn.

He didn't shed a tear when he was beaten to a pulp, yet his eyes turned wet when he saw the woman he loved weep for another man.

Felix picked himself up groggily. There was no light in his beautiful eyes.

Looking at the despondent Felix, I only had one word to describe him- dejected.

Suddenly, he laughed as he looked at the hugging couple. His voice grew louder and louder until it turned maniacal. "Karma. This is karma."

The area before the motel was filled with his hollow and soulless laughter.

It was karma, indeed.

When I still had feelings for him, he stomped on them. And when I gave up on him, he felt devastated. Now that he had decided to do Lilac right, Lilac tossed him aside and showed indifference toward his injuries.

As usual, people took what they had for granted and only regretted it when

it was gone.

In my opinion, Felix's misery today was brought on by his avarice.

He wanted everything and was left with nothing.

That was the punishment of greed.

"What? She cheated on that handsome guy?"

"Did you hear his voice? It sounds like he has lost his mind."

"What's wrong with that woman? Why would she pick the other guy over

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this cute one?"

"Hey, open your eyes. The guy she's holding is quite handsome too. And look at what he's wearing. He's clearly loaded."

Shawn was handsome and untamed. He wore branded goods and looked like a rich, eligible bachelor. Meanwhile, Felix had a pretty face and an air of sophistication. They would be equal in terms of popularity with the opposite

sex.

The onlooking crowd began to gossip among themselves.

“What do we do, Colin?” I felt bad for Felix.

Those in similar situations must have done something to bring this upon themselves. Felix had himself to blame for what happened to him today. I did not feel sympathy for him, but I felt sorry for him because he was Colin’s younger brother.

“This was bound to happen sooner or later. I’m glad that it happened now because he’ll get over it sooner.” Colin rationalized.

Suddenly, a BMW swerved in. A middle-aged man appeared and took Shawn into the back seat. Lilac didn’t bat Felix an eye before entering the vehicle. Following the noise of a slammed door, the automobile left.

Felix watched as the BMV slowly disappeared into the horizon. The injuries finally took their toll, and he passed out on the ground.

My New Year’s Eve ended on a sour and bloody note.

My head accessory went missing, and my glow stick vanished too. In the end, Colin and I celebrated the coming of the new year next to Felix’s bed in

a ward.

The next morning, I woke up on the narrow guest bed. Colin had prepared some hot water and was wiping Felix's body.

I saw dark purple spots on Felix's attractive face. His upper lip was swollen, and there was a cut of around two inches in length above his right eye. One of his legs was lifted by a splint.

It was too dark yesterday. I didn't know he was that badly injured.

Felix was already awake. He watched silently as Colin cleaned his body.

There was nothing in his starry eyes. No light, no soul.

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"I had someone check the surveillance cameras yesterday. Shawn hit you first. I've notified the police and requested experts to perform an injury evaluation on you. Someone will come here to ask you questions later. All you have to do is to tell the truth."

"Okay." That was the only response Felix gave.

After a restless night, I was tired and sleepy. Colin felt bad for me and drove me back to my apartment. He told me to get some rest and that he'd come to accompany me once he was done settling everything at the hospital.

But it was New Year's. I didn't want to spend it all alone in my apartment. Despite my reluctance, I knew it would be unreasonable to demand more of Colin, given Felix's current dire situation. I resigned and went back to my apartment glumly.

Once I was home, I went to the balcony. Colin was still downstairs, and he

waved at me.

My grumpiness dissipated as soon as I saw Colin. I waved back and watched as he hopped back into his car.

After bathing, I put on my comfy pajamas, wished Mom a happy New Year, and went to bed to catch some shuteye.

I woke up later in the afternoon. When I looked at my phone, I saw that Dad and Mom wired me some money as their New Year's blessing. I was over the moon. Then, I carried my "money-loaded" phone to the hospital.

The payment from my first project at Jesselton College was recently

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released. It had been safely stored in my bank account.

And during those few years at Lincoln University, I had earned quite a lot. too when I was working with the professor and Colin.

As a matter of fact, I was quite comfortable financially. But the money my parents gave me on New Year's had special meaning. It was their love for me, and to me, that was something more valuable than money.

Colin was resting his head against the headboard to rest his fatigued eyes. When he noticed that I had come, he waved and beckoned to me.

"Didn't you say you hated the smell of disinfectant here? Why did you come back?" Colin grabbed my fingers and kissed them. His newly-grown stubbles tickled my skin.

Hey! He was still under probation. No excessive touching, please!

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and withdrew my hand before I mumbled a response, "I don't want to spend this special day alone in my apartment. That's lame."

"Alright. Anyway, Lulu, I'm a bit tired. Can you massage my temples for me?"

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"Sure." I imitated what Mom often did to Dad and massaged Colin's

temples.

I could tell Colin was truly exhausted. His breathing slowed down shortly after I massaged him.

And somehow, Felix was already awake. He gazed at Colin and me quietly. I could not find any color or emotion in his dark orbs, only a bottomless void.

After slightly more than 30 minutes, Colin woke up. He saw that I was still massaging his temples, so he rubbed my fingers affectionately.

“Are you still in pain?” Colin asked Felix.

Felix didn’t answer Colin’s question. Instead, he uttered, “So, the two of you, already knew she was cheating on me?”

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Colin and I exchanged looks without saying a thing.

Sometimes, silence spoke the loudest. Felix obtained all his answers from

the brief muteness.

“When did she begin cheating on me?”

“I don’t know. I only found out when she came to Lincoln University as an exchange student.”

“Why didn’t you tell me then?”

“I tried to tell you many times, but you always shut me down before I could bring it up. That time behind the restaurant, I made it my quest to tell you the bad news. But you shouted at me and shooed me away.

“I really wanted to warn you, but you never gave me a chance. Besides, would you have believed me if I had told you?”

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Felix smiled bitterly, followed by a prolonged silence.

His parents came at night. When Melinda saw that Felix was bandaged from head to toe, she burst out in tears. She kept saying that she had known Lilac would break his heart one day and that Felix had it coming for choosing her.

Meanwhile, Austin began chain-smoking in the corridor.

Despite her discontent, I was sure Melinda must be upset that her son was in so much pain too. Her chastising was just a way of showing how much

she cared.

Colin and I went out to get some food and let Melinda and Felix have some

time alone.

As it was New Year's, restaurants were closed as many went home to spend

time with their families. There were no take-out options either. Colin and I

walked for a long while before we found a fancy restaurant and got some takeaway there.

When we returned, we saw Melinda, with her back against the corridor, reproaching Felix.

"If only you saw what I saw in Lilac! Lulu is so nice. She loved you, yet you

chose someone who played with your feelings. You never listened to me. I

know this may sound harsh, but you deserve this for what you've done to

Lulu.

"I don't even want to talk about what you did to her because I'm mortified. I don't know how to face her. She's such a sweet girl, and you broke her heart. Thank god Colin is here. I was so relieved when I heard that she was dating Colin now.

"And look how happy Colin is now. If you had picked Luna, you wouldn't, have had to deal with this world of pain. You brought this upon yourself,

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Felix."

Felix peered outside the window and said glumly, "I know."

I didn't like how Melinda kept bringing me up. Colin squeezed my hand and shot me a comforting smile.

He pushed open the door and pretended he had not heard the conversation prior. After he placed the bag of food on the table next to the bed, he uttered, "Mom, Dad, wash your hands and have some food."

Felix was depressed and badly injured, so he only had half a bowl of chicken

soup.

Melinda saw that and continued reprimanding him, telling him that he

deserved to be brokenhearted.

Felix endured the insults silently. I couldn't bear to see his suffering, so I asked Melinda to stop scolding him.

When I returned to the hospital the next day, there was no one in Felix's ward. Felix fumbled to grab his phone and made a call. It seemed like no one picked up the call, and he stashed his phone underneath his pillow in disappointment.

He must have called Lilac.

She was quite the problematic person too. She went MIA after she left with Shawn that day. She was nowhere to be found. No calls, no texts.

As Felix spiraled downward, his wounds took longer to heal too.

On the morning of January 3rd, Melinda and Austin went back to work. They had a job, so they couldn't stay by Felix's side to take care of him.

Before they left, Melinda grabbed Colin's and my hands, telling us to look past Felix's mistake and to take care of him. She then entrusted him into,

our hands.

To be frank, I had already moved on from the whole incident since it happened a long time ago. Besides, Felix was Colin's younger brother. I was willing to take care of him just to help Colin.

Colin stayed at the hospital for four days. He couldn't change his clothes, so they were all wrinkled and dirty. He couldn't shave too, so he looked more unkempt than usual.

I told Colin to go back and bathe, that I'd briefly take over his role in the hospital.

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My heart sank, and I looked at the entrance reflexively. But Colin had only just left. He wouldn't be back this soon.

For some reason, I was afraid of Felix now that he was awake. He looked like he might hurt me because there was something unfamiliar and brooding in

his eyes.

"Are you that afraid of me?" asked Felix with a hoarse voice.

"Sorry, no. I was distracted."

"Lulu, do you resent me for what I've done to you?"

"No, not at all. I was young and naive back then, and I did cause you a great deal of trouble. I was at fault too. Why would I resent you? Besides, I'm over it now. So don't let that bother you."

The corner of his lips broke into a barely perceivable smile. “Is that true?”

“Yes. I don’t resent you. In fact, I’m grateful to you. If you hadn’t given me that wake-up call, I would’ve never noticed how sweet Colin was. I would truly be unhappy if I missed out on Colin.”

His smile froze. His expression darkened, and I cowered, afraid of the vibe he was giving off.

“Do you like Colin that much?”

Perhaps what I said somehow triggered him. There was now an air of malice around him. I could only reply to him with simple responses for the rest of

our conversation.

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Now that Colin wasn’t with me, I should take great care not to ruffle Felix’s

feather.

“I have never imagined that I’d fall for Colin one day—not even before you asked me to look for a boyfriend. But Colin is very sweet. And I’m falling for

him more and more as time goes by.”

I told Felix what I felt.

“If I had not done what I did, would you be falling for me like you’re falling

for Colin now?”

This was a difficult question. The scene of a handsome, flawless Felix appeared in my mind. Standing there, he belittled me like a demon.

If what happened during that Thanksgiving had not taken place, perhaps I would have continued to have a crush on him. Or I might have woken up

from this delusion one day and decided to forget him.

I thought about the question and answered, “I don’t want to entertain hypothetical questions.”

“I don’t know what got into me. I wanted to run away from you, and I loved Lilac. But after Lilac and I began dating, I kept thinking about you. I know that’s bad. I didn’t want to be a playboy. I didn’t want to hurt Lilac after I

broke your heart.

“So I forced myself to be heartless toward you so that you’d stay away from

me.”

Felix looked at the IV drip and reminisced.

Honestly, I couldn’t care less about the past, and I didn’t want to waste time talking about the past with him either. However, we were the only ones in the ward. As long as it helped to soothe his temper, I’d let him ramble on

and be a patient listener.

I would just take it as though I was listening to a story. There was no need to

get too involved.

“And you did stay away from me. I couldn’t contact you for months, and you stopped reaching out. I spent all my time and energy on Lilac, telling myself that I should love Lilac. People at Jesselton College said we were couple

goals.

“But little did they know, when I was all alone at night, you appeared in my mind. I dreamed about you—the you under the tree, the you wearing a long blue dress, the you with straight, black hair, the you with the mesmerizing smile, the you who was tearing up, the you who was leaving me behind.”

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“And for a very long time, I couldn’t sleep without taking sleeping pills.

“Lilac is a sensitive person. We fought many times, and she asked if I regretted rejecting you. I told her no. I told her that we were nothing but a past story, and in the future, I’d only love her. Now and forever.

“I lied to her and to myself. When she asked if we could rent a place near the college, I said no almost immediately. Because I wouldn’t be able to face you. On the one hand, I missed you dearly. But on the other hand, I allowed Lilac to bully you.

“On her birthday, we had agreed to celebrate it together. Then, we ran into you and she insisted on inviting you along. She was the one who came up with the idea that you should find a boyfriend. And I went with it.

“I thought that maybe I would give up on you once you were taken. Then, I could devote myself to Lilac. But when I learned that you began developing feelings for Colin, I was devastated. I went to confront you stubbornly.

"I thought you were not going to abandon me yet. But during the confrontation, I found out that you had already moved on. You'll only love Colin from now on, won't you?"

"I regret every so much, Lulu. Every day, I wonder why I was so ungrateful, that I kicked away the girl who gave her heart to me. I selfishly hoped that you would return to me. I thought that as long as you came back to me, I'd give you everything.

"But when I saw how much you love Colin, I couldn't bring myself to make that demand. That day, I was shocked to find out that Lilac was dating Shawn. She and I had been dating for a while, and I did love her. It'd be a lie if I said I wasn't upset.

"But at the same time, I felt relieved, like something that was crushing my chest for years had been lifted. I was too cowardly to end the relationship, so

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I was glad that Lilac took the initiative.

"Unfortunately for me, the girl who loved me would never return to me. Lulu, I'm a jerk, aren't I?"

I was surprised to hear these heartfelt words from Felix. But surprise was the only emotion I felt.

Gone were the Luna and Felix from before.

Revisiting this painful past of mine no longer stung. It only filled me with what could have been.

In this life, Felix and I were not meant to be.

Since we were not meant to be, we should turn over a new page. We should

these memories fade with time.

“It’s all in the past now. You should just get enough rest for your recovery.”

Silently, he tossed and turned his back on me. He mumbled something, but I couldn’t hear it. Nor did I ask him to repeat.

For the next few days, I commuted between my school and the hospital. No officers ever appeared to question Felix. I asked Colin about it, and he told me that Felix decided to drop all charges.

So he was okay with being beaten to a pulp? I was confused.

I did try to figure out the rationale behind it at night. Perhaps Felix thought that he wasn’t devoted enough to Lilac during their relationship and felt guilty about it, so he decided to let Shawn and her go.

To be frank, I was impressed by his self-reflection. It renewed my view of him.

After spending nine days in the hospital, the cast on Felix’s leg was

removed. The doctor said Felix had made a decent recovery and could be discharged.

Mardi Gras was in a month. Considering Felix’s injuries, Colin decided to

drive both Felix and me home.

Back home, I either stayed with my parents or hung out with my friends.

Once Colin had handled everything in his family, he would come to my house and spend time with me.