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When discussing with Edwin, Edwin naturally chose the latter. He was not indecisive and worried too much, so he persuaded Sophie to tell Esmae the truth directly. After all, the friendship between the three was not so fragile, and it was not right to hide it from Esmae.

Sophie was persuaded to help Esmae settle down first and then slowly tell her about the two being together later. However, she didn't expect that Esmae's flight arrived early in New York and also bumped into her and Edwin embracing each other outside the airport.

That day was the most heartbreaking moment in Sophie's life. Esmae looked at her as if she was a thief, a robber who had stolen her love and taken away her youth. She was too choked up to speak in the face of Esmae, but Edwin stood in front of her and told her that they were already together.

Perhaps Edwin overestimated Esmae's generosity. Esmae did not listen to any of Edwin's explanations, nor did she give Sophie a chance to explain further. She broke up with them on the spot, vowing never to see each other again.

After that, Sophie often went to Esmae's school to look for her. She thought that time would slowly change Esmae's attitude, but Esmae always avoided her. At first she could still meet her. Although she would immediately run away, after a long time, her classmates all knew that Esmae rejected her. And no one was willing to reveal her whereabouts. In this way, they went farther and farther apart and lost all contact after graduation.

"I once tried to find out her whereabouts, but all to no avail. I couldn't even explain to her. I blame myself for being too indecisive back then. I delayed again and again ... never thought that this farewell has been more than thirty years." Sophie's voice was full of regret for her best friend.

To this day, Sophie still felt sorry for Esmae. When she heard Lucia explain her family's situation, she was even more ashamed that, as her best friend, she hadn't even shared half of the burden with her.

After listening to Sophie's narrative, Arthur was secretly relieved that if his parents really betrayed Esmae together only after they left the country, it would really be too difficult for Lucia to live with herself, while Lucia was caught up in Sophie's memories and laments.

"Esmae is gentle and virtuous, but she is also very persistent. It is very difficult to change what she has decided." Lucia understood Sophie's ambivalence and Esmae's determination.

"I'm sorry, Lucia. I've been wondering what made you break up with Arthur, but I didn't think it was because of me," Sophie said apologetically to Lucia." Sorry to let you suffer all of these."

"Sophie, you don't have to say that." Sophie was also emotionally unstable now, and Lucia rushed to reassure her.

"Mom, since we now know Esmae's identity, why don't we just go and explain it clearly. It can also clear up the regret you and Dad have had for years." said Arthur.

"It's not as simple as you think ...," Sophie said with a sigh.

"Yes, Esmae has held a betrayed hatred for so many years. I'm afraid it's not just a matter of a few words." Thinking about Esmae's determined attitude in threatening to leave Arthur, Lucia found it difficult.

"Your father and I will discuss this matter to see if there is any way to solve it. Lucia, you must not go to help us explain. It will only be difficult for you." Sophie also considered Lucia's situation and specifically reminded her.

Lucia nodded silently.

"Then will you leave me!?" Arthur gently held Lucia's wrist and asked.

Lucia was a bit shy. After all, Sophie was still present. She can not openly reveal her true feelings. Sophie can sense Lucia's concern, and was anxious to explain the reason to her husband, so she left directly, leaving space for Lucia and Arthur.

"Lucia!" Arthur was anxious, pulling Lucia's wrist and pulling it into his arms when Lucia pinched his arm and said sternly,

"Watch out for your injuries!"

After she finished speaking, she carefully checked Arthur's wounds. Just now she cried in his arms and didn't know if she affected his wounds.

Arthur was reprimanded by Lucia at the time and did not dare to move. He was afraid that Lucia would be worried about him, so obediently let her check his wounds. However, he suddenly found Lucia seemed to have been lowered her head not to look at him, so he lowered his head sideways to see her expression and saw a smile on Lucia's face, which was very sweet.

"You're doing it on purpose!" Finally realizing that Lucia was deliberately doing so, Arthur was instantly annoyed.

"You're only allowed to do it, but not me?" Lucia finally raised her head and faced Arthur with a smile.

"This is a critical moment. You prefer to retaliate against me at this time?"

"Okay, okay, I'm telling you solemnly now. No matter what happens, I will never leave you again," Lucia teased Arthur, then smiled and said. And then, she gently leaned on his shoulder, and told her love for him affectionately,

"Thank you, for never giving up on me."

She was lost and found, and fell into Arthur's arms again. Lucia realized how much she missed him and how much she couldn't leave him. If Arthur really gave up on her, she could imagine how many tears she would shed and how many sleepless nights she would encounter in the years to come.

The two finally exchanged their feelings. After this event, although they were both sad, they were also more sure of their feelings for each other.

Sophie's sadness and grief only unfolded in full when she left the hospital and did not face Arthur and Lucia.

Sitting in the car, Sophie thought for a long time before dialing her husband Edwin's phone and telling him everything about Lucia's disappearance on Christmas.

"I didn't realize that ... it was us harming our child." Edwin also felt sorry for his son and Lucia.

"Yeah, I never thought Esmae would be Lucia's benefactor. Edwin, if we don't settle this, neither Arthur nor Lucia will live happily ever after."

Sophie knew how important Esmae was to Lucia. If Esmae really wanted to let Lucia break off the relationship, it will drive Lucia crazy. She loved Arthur, but she was also very grateful for Esmae.

"Now that the misunderstanding between Arthur and Miss Webb has been cleared up. Sophie, come back and we'll figure it out together." said Edwin.