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Another three days passed, and eventually, Melissa managed to persuade Vivienne to let Merrick leave the hospital.

The police report said that the kindergarten food had been mixed with sprouted potatoes, which had given many children food poisoning.

But Melissa wasn't sure; she still felt something was wrong.

Once her shift was over, she would go and see the children with food poisoning and conduct her own secret investigation.

One day, just as she opened the children's medical records in her office, there was a knock on the door.

A nurse, who was a friend of hers, came in and said excitedly, "Aren't you the lucky one, Dr. Sherman? There's already a rumor about you and Everett, and now there's another handsome man here to see you."

"What?"

Melissa was confused. What handsome man?

Since returning to Andeport, she had only met her patients and their families; she didn't know any handsome man.

Then there was another knock on the door, and she heard a magnetic voice.

"Hello, Dr. Sherman, have you got time to see me?"

"Aloys?"

Melissa stood up in surprise.

"Well, am I not welcome here?" Aloys raised his eyebrows, leaning against the door.

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He was dressed in a brown windbreaker and black suit pants. With his chestnut hair and refreshing temperament, he was handsome and kind like the hero in a romance movie.

The nurse just stood staring at him with admiration. He was so handsome!

Melissa broke into a rare smile before rushing over to him. "Of course, you're welcome here. It's good to see you."

"That's good to know," Aloys said half-jokingly.

He smiled, gave her a hug and looked her up and down.

"Melissa, you've lost weight."

"It's probably from all the work." Melissa couldn't hide how happy she was. She took his arm and offered him a chair. "Why have you suddenly come back?"

"It's not so sudden," Aloys said.

Melissa didn't interrupt him, and just sat beside him.

They had grown up together. Aloys had been protecting her since they were children. Later, he ran into her when she was in greatest need, and he had helped her go abroad to live.

It could be said that without Aloys, she and her children wouldn't still be alive.

"I've been arranging this since you came back here. I was worried you'd be too tired if you were alone." Aloys gave her a warm smile, but his eyes darkened. "I was just here to deal with something when I saw the news about Merrick's accident."

At the mention of this, Melissa's face froze in an icy glare.

"Merrick is fine now, but..."

"You think something's wrong?" Aloys read her mind, and his voice turned cold.

"I've seen the news and the police report. There are inconsistencies. If something was wrong with the food, how come only Merrick, Lindsey and their classmates got sick? I'm worried that someone did it on purpose," Melissa said, lines of

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worry crinkling her face.

If someone really had done it on purpose and they didn't catch them, then Lindsey and Merrick would be in danger again.

Her heart sank at the thought.

She didn't want to see Lindsey and Merrick get hurt again or they would have to leave the country.

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Aloys could tell that Melissa was depressed. He felt sorry for her.

Melissa could be stubborn. If there was a problem, she usually wanted to deal with it alone.

He sighed, put his hand on Melissa's shoulder and said, "Don't worry. I'll help you deal with this matter before I return abroad."

"Thank you, Aloys," Melissa said, sincerely.

Aloys had always taken care of her when she needed it.

"You don't need to be polite with me," Aloys said. Behind his friendly smile, his emotions were complicated and confusing.

His priority was to protect Melissa. As long as she was happy, it didn't matter whether she loved him or someone else.

In the ward, Everett sat on a sofa and stared at the screen of his laptop.

Since he arrived two hours earlier, he'd spoken fewer than ten sentences.

Arielle's face darkened as she stared at him. He sat as far away from her as possible and refused to interact with her.

She had managed to get Everett to agree to keep her company for two months, but Everett wasn't even pretending to want to be with her.

It was because of this that she hated Melissa even more. She crumpled the bed sheet with her fingers and said casually, "I heard Melissa's boyfriend came to the hospital to see her yesterday."

The sound of typing suddenly ceased, and the room became quiet.

Everett raised his cold eyes. "What did you say?"

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"Everett, don't be angry," Arielle said, but her eyes were full of darkness. "I heard he stayed in her office for a long time. I don't know what they said, but all the nurses and doctors in the hospital have been talking about it."

Slap!

The laptop snapped shut.

Everett frowned. Melissa's boyfriend was with her inside her office for a long time?

He stood up, put down the laptop, and marched out.

Arielle smiled.

It would have been even better if the rumor had been true. It would have saved her a lot of trouble.

In the office, Melissa was tidying her things and preparing to leave.

Aloys' return had made her feel much better. She was thinking about heading home early to cook for her two babies. She hadn't cooked a meal for them in a long time.

"I'll call Aloys and invite him to have dinner with us this week," she murmured, not noticing a figure had appeared in the doorway.

"You're in a good mood," the man said, his voice cold and hard.

Melissa frowned and turned around.

"Mr. Mayfield, can't you knock on the door? Are your knuckles too delicate?"

"Knock on the door? Are you worried I'll catch you doing something shameful in your office?"

The sudden question and Everett's apparent anger confused Melissa. Her beautiful eyes filled with rage, and she retorted without hesitation, "What? Am I your emotional punching bag? Someone to vent your anger on after your fiancée bullies you? Five years have passed. I am not the woman I used to be. I won't tolerate your insults. Please leave my office right now."

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"Melissa," Everett growled. He grabbed Melissa's wrist, trapping her. "Do you use that tone with your boyfriend as well?" he asked.