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After the meal, Fiona drove toward the airport.

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Once they reached the airport parking lot, Lenora waved at Jonas who was standing nearby. "Goodbye, s you in Archulea."

Jonas paused for a moment before stepping out of the car. "Nora, would you mind seeing me off?"

Lenora paused for a moment and did not think too much about it. She alighted from the other side and was about to call Fiona to join them, but Jonas said, "Fiona, you wait in the car."

"Okay!" Fiona quickly agreed, flashing a cheerful grin at Lenora. "It's chilly outside, so I'll stay put. Nora. could yo

please see Jonas off for me?"

Feeling helpless, Lenora said to Jonas, "How about I walk you to the terminal entrance?"

"Sure," Jonas replied with a subtle smile.

Inside the car, Fiona and Sophia exchanged a meaningful glance.

Lenora and Jonas walked side by side to the terminal entrance.

Throughout the journey, Lenora kept bringing up different topics. "Is this project in Friyx your last one before New Year's Day?"

Jonas shook his head "No, I've moved up the remaining few projects. I'm trying to clear the latter half of the month so Lean travel with you all. Consider it a way to unwind."

"Why the rush? You wouldn't want to end up in the hospital because your body couldn't keep up. It's always better to balance work and rest. Given the flexibility of your vacation time, there's no need to insist on taking a break before New Year's Day." "Well, traveling alone can be quite dull. I'd like to go with you," Jonas said, gazing deeply at Lenora.

Lenora's face stiffened for a moment. She ignored Jonas' insinuation and said, "You're right. Having a friend along does lighten the mood. All right, we've arrived at the terminal. You should hurry inside. I should get back to the car soon. It's too cold outside." "Nora, wait up," Jonas said, pulling out a small box about the size of a palm from the pocket of his down jacket.

The box bore the imprint of a few letters. It was the logo of a high-end luxury brand.

He carefully opened it to reveal a delicate necklace inside. "I bought it at a duty-free shop in Friyx. I'm not sure if you'll like it."

Upon glancing at it, Lenora quickly refused, "This is far too valuable. I can't accept it."

"Nah, this price means nothing to us. If you feel bad, you can just pay me back in kind Enter."

"Then what's the point of this..."

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"Think of this as a divorce gift from a friend. If you refuse it again, it will seem like you don't consider n a friend."

Upon hearing Jonas' words, Lenora had no choice but to accept. "All right then."

She planned to find a suitable time to give Jonas something similar.

"Here, let me help you put this on," Jonas said as he took the necklace out of the box and unfastened the intricate clasp. Lenora leaned forward slightly.

Jonas held the ends of the necklace, draping it around Lenora's neck. The warm breath he exhaled brushed against Lenora's earlobe.

He subtly lowered his gaze, admiring her delicate ears. They were rounded and full, her skin exquisite and smooth.

Her ears were flushed red, though it was unclear whether it was from forgetting to wear ear warmers in the cold or from the heat.

From a distance, their stance appeared incredibly intimate, as if they were wrapped in an embrace, or perhaps even sharing a kiss.

"Are you done?" Lenora's neck had been stretched out for too long, and it was starting to feel cold and stiff.

Regaining his composure, Jonas responded, "Almost."

With a click of the lock, Jonas released his grip and stepped back. He took a moment to look her over and then smiled. "It looks good on you."

"Thank you. There's not much time left. You should hurry inside."

"All right, see you in Archulea." Jonas waved at Lenora. "You should get back in the car."

As Jonas disappeared into the terminal, Lenora turned around. Her whole body stiffened, her heart skipped a beat, and her facial muscles tightened. She was unsure of how to react.

Not far away, next to a black sedan, she saw Zachary leaning against the passenger side door, his gaze intensely fixed on her. He was dressed in a long black down coat with a large fur collar on the hood. His coat was unbuttoned, revealing the sweater and belt he wore underneath. Upon learning that their early departure from Summer Island was due to Jonas' arrival, Zachary was filled with rage and jealousy.

Just moments ago, he had witnessed Jonas and Lenora locked in an embrace, sharing a kiss. The sight ignited a raging fury within him, which had erupted uncontrollably, and he could no longer keep it in check.

Even amidst his busy work schedule, Jonas found time to see her as she touched by his actions.

Have they decided to be together?

The mere thought of Lenora becoming Jonas' wife and them sharing the intimate bond of a typical 2/4

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married couple made Zachary feel as if his heart was being sliced piece by piece by a sharp dagger.

He clenched his teeth tightly. He would not allow it under any circumstances.

Lenora could only be his.

He was initially wary of Lenora's emotions, not wanting to show up in front of her so early.

Lenora hadn't expected Zachary to show up here. Taken aback for a moment, she headed straight for th

For reasons she couldn't quite understand, she felt a strange sense of guilt, akin to a wife caught in an at by her husband. However, she quickly realized there was no need for her to feel guilty.

She was already divorced from Zachary, and her relationship with Jonas was simply that of ordinary friends, nothing more. Even if there was something more, it had nothing to do with Zachary

She puffed up her chest, maintaining her composure under Zachary's gaze as she walked to the car and pulled open the door.

Just as she was about to settle into the back seat, Zachary's voice suddenly echoed from behind her. "Nora

Lenora froze for a moment, closed the car door, and turned to look at Zachary, who was approaching. He rosy lips curved into a smile. "Zachary, I didn't expect to see you here. Are you on a business trip?"

It had only been a few days since they last met, but she could see that he had lost a considerable amount o weight.

A wave of heartache slowly crept into Zachary's heart when he heard her address him by his first name.

Back when their relationship wasn't public yet, Lenora would address him by his first name whenever they bumped into each other in public.

He didn't think much of it at that time.

Yet, when he heard it now, it felt so grating, like a knife ruthlessly plunging into his heart.

He didn't realize that, for the past three years, every time Lenora called him by his first name, it felt like a knife cutting through her heart, leaving it scarred and bruised.

"No." Zachary replied, his eyes as dark as the night.

Lenora paused for a moment, then smiled. "So, you're not here on business, but for a vacation? I never imagined that, as the chairman of Fuller Group, you'd still find time to travel."

Zachary didn't want to beat around the bush. He said earnestly, "I came to find you."

"Me?" Lenora's expression froze for a moment. She quickly regained her composure and asked, "What do you need me for?"

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"Nora, are you with Jonas how?"

"Why are you asking this?"

"Are you, or are you not?"

Lenora didn't give a direct answer, which to Zachary, was tightly as he hung his head, the pain in his heart almost

"I don't have to answer you, Zachary, Don't forget, we n

Lenora's resolute expression caused a tinge of bitterness words of concern for her, expressed in the guise of an e "Nora, you know I don't want to divorce yo

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Lenora reacted as if she'd just heard some kind of joke. She looked at Zachary coldly. "Didn't you say you were going to set me free? Grandpa is gone, and we're already divorced. Why do you still have to put on an act in front of me?" A flicker of pain crossed Zachary's eyes. He had never anticipated that Lenora would perceive him that

way.

She truly had no trust left in him.

"I regret it, Nora. I shouldn't have let you go. You said it yourself. Grandpa has passed away. What's the point of me putting on an act anymore? Nora, whether you believe it or not, I truly care for you. I don't want a divorce."

He had confessed his feelings for her before. But when she asked him when he started to feel this way, he was unable to give her an answer.

Moreover, even if what he said was true, there was no reason for her to turn back.

The pain she had suffered before couldn't just be written off.

Lenora's expression was icy. "You can't turn back time. I don't care what prompted you to say that, but I have no intention of remarrying you."

She couldn't understand what advantage she might have that would make Zachary leave Susanna behind and engage in this charade. Maybe Gerald's will stipulated that Zachary couldn't take the chairman's position if he divorced her. This seemed like the only possible reason for his persistent attention.

Zachary pursed his lips, remaining silent. A cold aura radiated from his entire being.

She had made it clear that she had no intentions of remarrying him.

Those words were like a sharp dagger, ruthlessly plunged into his heart.

"Nora, hurry, get in the car. We're leaving."

Sophia emerged from the car, yanking open the back door to stuff Lenora inside. She shot Zachary a glare before swiftly hopping into the passenger seat.

When she first saw Zachary, she was against Lenora interacting with him

But Fiona held her back, suggesting that Lenora should resolve the issue on her own. If Lenora couldn't handle it, they would step in to help.

Although Lenora had divorced Zachary, she didn't create a huge scene out of it. Since Allison was still alive, they were bound to meet again eventually.

Once Sophia was comfortably seated, Fiona stepped off the gas and drove away from the airport. Zachary stood alone at the same spot in the vast parking lot. His loneliness and insignificance were

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profoundly highlighted.

He watched intently as the car drove away, an air of melancholy surrounding him.

Lenora averted her gaze, not daring to look again.

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Sophia complained, "Tyrant Fuller is really relentless. Even though he's about to marry Susanna, he still travels all this way to bother you." Lenora remained silent.

Fiona glanced at the rearview mirror and said, "Forget it, let's not talk about him anymore. It's a mood killer."

Sophia shifted the topic, asking with a hint of intrigue. "Nora, did Jonas just confess his feelings to you?"

"No, don't make things up. We're just friends." Lenora shook her head in confusion, unsure of why Sophia would say such a thing.

"He didn't confess his feelings, and you let him kiss you?"

"When did he kiss me?" Lenora was taken aback.

"Back at the terminal entrance, didn't he kiss you?"

Reflecting on the scene, Lenora explained, "He gave me a necklace, insisting on putting it on for me. Perhaps it was an issue with the angle."

So, Zachary must have assumed that Jonas had kissed me, which is why he rushed over to ask if I was with Jonas? Peeking through the gap in the seats, Sophia indeed spotted a new necklace adorning Lenora's neck. She nodded approvingly, a grin spreading across her face. "Jonas has good taste. The necklace is very nice." "I didn't want to accept it, but he insisted that I take it. I choose a gift to return the favor another day." "Hey, no, Nora, why are you being so polite? I'm sure he doesn't want anything in

return for giving it to you." "But the necklace isn't cheap. Even though he isn't short on money, I can't just accept such an expensive gift from him."

Sophia shot her a glance and sighed. "What a shame."

It was evident that Lenora didn't really have any feelings for Jonas.

According to the original plan, they should have just returned from Summer Island.

With the extra time on their hands, they spontaneously decided to head to Feston Fjord instead.

Feston Fjord was a small village under the governance of Torthbury,

Here, one could marvel at the breathtaking fjord landscapes and the northern lights.

At this time, the small fjord town was also plunged into the state of polar night.

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They took a leisurely stroll around the small town, basking in the youthful vibe of the coastline and the breathtaking view of the snow-capped mountains. Every now and then, they would pause to capture these moments with a photograph. During this time, Sophia and Fiona discreetly kept an eye on Lenora's condition.

Lenora observed their discreet concern and smiled, "You don't need to worry about me. I'm fine. Seeing him again just put me in a bit of a mood. That's normal, right? What woman feels great after seeing her ex-husband?" Sophia gave her a reassuring pat on the shoulder. "Nora, it's good that you can let it go."

Following that, the trio returned to their hotel in Torthbury to rest for the night. The next day, they set off for Capston Island.

Perhaps they were a bit weary of the snow-covered landscapes. They didn't stay overnight on Capston Island, instead choosing to return to Torthbury on the same day.

It was mealtime, so they headed straight to the restaurant that Sophia had recently discovered.

After the meal, Lenora opened her small purse when the bill arrived, only to realize that her wallet had mysteriously vanished.

"Hey, where's my wallet? Did I leave it at the hotel?"

At first, Lenora didn't even think about the possibility of theft.

Sophia noticed her purse was empty and took out her own wallet. "Here, use mine."

Lenora took Sophia's wallet and muttered, "That's strange. I remember putting it in my purse when I left. Did I lose it?"

"Nah, that's impossible. You must have encountered a thief," Sophia said.

Lenora's expression was serious. She knew that she hadn't lost it. Her purse had a lock clasp, and when she opened it just now, the clasp was still closed.

The wallet was either left behind at the hotel or it had been stolen.

Money wasn't really an issue. There wasn't much Nardorian currency inside, and the bank card could be reported lost online or over the phone.

However, she still had her passport in her wallet, which she needed for border crossings.

Losing it, though replaceable, would surely be a hassle

"After we finish eating, let's head back to the hotel first

"Okay"

Upon returning to the hotel, Lenora searched all around the room, but she found nothing.

Sophia and Fiona couldn't find it either.

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"I guess it's been stolen. We should call the police," Sophia suggested.

The trio made their way to the nearest police station to report the incident. *8-67%

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From the tone of the police officer's words, Lenora deduced that there was a high chance she wouldn't be able to retrieve her wallet.

She didn't know exactly when she lost her wallet and the fact that she had visited Capston Island, a popular tourist destination teeming with all sorts of people, made things even more complicated.

Upon leaving the police station, Lenora let out a sigh. Just my luck. You guys go on your whale-watching trip tomorrow. I'm heading back to Olswick to check with the embassy on how to handle this." "We'll go with you."

"It's okay. I can go by myself."

Going back and forth was an expense. Every extra day spent here meant spending quite a bit more money.

Even though Sophia and Fiona were both well-off, it wasn't right to inconvenience them like this.

It was a shame that she couldn't go whale watching herself.

Once back at the hotel, Lenora scrolled through her phone, checking out flights from Torthbury to Olswick for the next day.

Though there were a few seats left on certain flights, the prices were exorbitant due to the approaching departure time. However, Lenora had no choice but to buy one.

She found a suitable flight and was about to book it when suddenly, there was a knock on her hotel room door. SEARCH THE website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

"Who is it?"

"It's me," came a man's voice from outside.

After careful recognition, Lenora realized it was Elijah,

As she opened the door, she asked, "How did you know I was here? Is there something you need?"

Upon seeing Lenora, Elijah waved the wallet in his hand. "This is yours, isn't it?"

Lenora was taken aback. "How did my wallet end up in your hands?"

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"The thief was a seasoned pro. While you were busy taking photos on Capston Island, he smoothly swiped your wallet. Luckily, I happened to spot him in the act Lenora glanced at him. "Did you go to Capston Island too?"

For a fleeting moment, she even wondered if Elijah had taken her wallet. It wasn't about being paranoid; it just seemed like too much of a coincidence.

"Yeah, I went yesterday."

"I see. Well, thank you then."

They had just gone there today.

It might have just been a coincidence.

"You're welcome. When you meet a fellow countryman abroad, you help where you can." Elijah handed over her wallet.

Lenora took the wallet and looked up at Elijah. "If you hadn't arrived just in time, I would have already booked a flight to Olswick by now. How about I treat you to a meal tomorrow? If your friend doesn't mind, he can come along too." Elijah raised an eyebrow. "I'll ask my friend and let you know."

"Your friend seems rather strict, don't you think? He behaves less like your friend and more like your spouse, always worried you're going to flirt around," Lenora said half-jokingly.

Upon hearing this, Elijah recalled Zachary's gloomy face and let out a chuckle. "He's much more high maintenance than a girlfriend. You'll see when you meet him."

I'll personally explain A glint flashed briefly in Lenora's eyes. She offered a gentle smile and said, "I was just joking. You've done

me a huge favor, so I'm definitely treating you to a meal. If your friend die Just joking. You've done

things to him." Search the (f)indNOVEL.net website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

Elijah gave a nod, a playful smile spreading across his face. "All right, I'll head back first and get back to you later," "Okay."

Lenora closed the door and leaned her back against it. She stared at the wallet in her hand, lost deep in thought. Was it really just a coincidence?

Elijah headed straight to Zachary's room and plopped down on the couch. "I've returned her wallet."

Zachary, seated on the single-seater couch, responded with a hum

He rested his elbows on his knees, a cigarette pack and lighter held in his hands.

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"Didn't you already see her yesterday? Why didn't you return it yourself?"

Elijah also took out a cigarette, lighting it up using Zachary's lighter.

He recalled that when they had just apprehended the thief. Zachary had stepped forward without a word. and thrown a few punches.

Elijah could even hear the thief's ribs cracking.

Zachary placed the lighter on the table, drawing a deep puff of his cigarette. He held the filter between his index and middle finger before moving it away. His lips parted slightly, releasing a cascade of smoke that twirled upward before finally disappearing into nothingness. He found his thoughts drifting back to Lenora's words that had pierced his heart. I have no intention of remarrying you.

He even felt that the chill of Nardor in December was warmer than the icy coldness of her words.

After a few seconds, Zachary asked, "What did she say?"

"She said she's treating me to a meal tomorrow."

Elijah knew what Zachary was about to say, so he beat him to it. "Since I did her a big favor, she insists on, treating me to a meal. If you don't agree, she'll come and talk to you personally."

The words Zachary was about to say caught on his lips as he took a brooding drag from his cigarette.

Elijah looked at Zachary with a playful expression. "So, what do you say? You must agree this time, right?"

Zachary's expression darkened as he tapped off some ash from his cigarette. "Tell her you're choosing the restaurant. She won't say no."

"Okay."

They had planned to go whale watching at sea the next day. Sophia had already booked a spot in a large whale-watching group. They were set to depart around eight in the morning, and the trip was expected to last between six to nine hours. Lenora decided to treat Elijah to dinner.

When Elijah mentioned he would choose the restaurant, that peculiar feeling stirred within her once again.

However, she didn't reject him, allowing Elijah to make a decision and then inform her.

At half past seven the next morning, Lenora, Sophia, and Fiona arrived at the designated dock.

At that moment, a considerable number of people were already waiting at the dock. It was evident they were part of a group set to embark on a whale-watching sea excursion. Among them were quite a few Aplothians. 15:15 Sat, Nov

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The boarding process began at seven forty, and by the time they set sail at eight o'clock, there were over thirty people on their boat.

The hull of the boat sliced through the water, creating waves that fanned out to both sides as it gradually distanced itself from the dock.

Lenora stood on the deck, the sea breeze whipping around her, bringing with it a distinct, salty tang.

She glanced back as the dock faded into the distance, gradually

Urring until it vanished.

Turning her gaze around, she found herself surrounded by an endless expanse of water. On the far edge of the azure horizon, a continuous range of snow-capped mountains barely distinguished itself, nearly blending with the sky. There was still some distance to cover before they would reach the waters where the whales were known to appear. Unable to bear the cold, Lenora retreated to the lounge.

On the boat, there was a small lounge, already occupied by about a dozen people.

A dozen others remained outside, enjoying the breeze.

After an indeterminate amount of time, they neared the area where the whales were known to appear. The Tour guide came over to give a reminder, and only then did Lenora return to the deck.

At that moment, the dock had long since disappeared from sight. The boat was adrift alone on the boundless sea, surrounded by an endless expanse with no land in sight.

Lenora couldn't help but marvel at the vastness of the world and the insignificance of man.

Watching whales, much like witnessing the northern lights, was a matter of luck.

The tourists had their eyes wide open, meticulously scanning every inch of the sea's surface.

Yet, they'd almost crossed this entire area without catching sight of a single whale.

The boat had been sailing on the sea for a few hours, and before they knew it, it was already noon.

The whale-watching tour included lunch, and the meal was indeed plentiful. Unfortunately, the tourists ate with little enthusiasm, a hint of regret lingering in their hearts.

Just then, the tour guide, megaphone in hand, said, "Look toward the southeast!"

As he spoke, the catamaran headed in that direction.

Lenora looked over and happened to see a massive creature leaping powerfully from the water. It traced a graceful arc in mid-air before diving back into the sea, causing waves to splash all around. "Wow!"

Everyone gasped in awe.

Lenora was so stunned that she forgot to take a picture with her phone. It wasn't until Sophia reminded her that she snapped back to reality.

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Previously, she had only seen pictures of whales in books and was aware that they were the largest animals in the world.

But for her, that was merely a concept.

It wasn't until she saw the enormity of the whale with her own eyes that she realized the sense of awe it inspired was far beyond what any photograph could capture.

The tour guide exclaimed, "You guys are really lucky! There are even a few baby whales next to it. Did you see them?"

He also introduced them to the different types of whales.

The tourists didn't even have the time to respond. They were all frantically taking pictures.

The catamaran gradually approached the pod of whales

The pod of whales might have already grown accustomed to their presence, showing no signs of alarm. The last one, a baby whale lagging behind, was closest to them. When it breached, Lenora even felt droplets of water splashing onto her face. The catamaran stayed near the pod of whales for a while, and by the time it reached the shore, it was already five in the afternoon.

Lenora, Sophia, and Fiona disembarked one after the other.

Lenora said. "You guys go ahead. I've made plans with Elijah." 15:16 Sat, Nov 9

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That day, Lenora didn't go to Olswick. She told Sophia and Fiona about how Elijah had returned her wallet

to her.

Sophia nudged Lenora with her shoulder, a teasing smile playing on her lips. "Are you sure you don't want us to follow?"

"I can go by myself."

Lenora could have easily invited Sophia and Fiona to join them.

Yet, she wanted to go alone.

Sophia sensed that Lenora had feelings for Elijah. She gave Lenora a supportive pat on the shoulder and raised an eyebrow at her. "All right then, go for it. Try to win him over tonight!"

Fiona also suspected that Lenora had feelings for Elijah, feeling sympathy for Jonas. "Nora, be cautious. We know nothing about Elijah. We don't even know what kind of person he is." "Don't worry, it's not what you're thinking."

She merely found Elijah odd and wanted to confirm her suspicions.

Sophia wore an expression that suggested she knew it all. "To explain is merely to conceal..."

Lenora was rendered speechless.

The restaurant chosen by Elijah was a Japriumian eatery, a place none of the trio had ever visited before. In the far right corner of the restaurant, there was a row of small, private dining rooms, each separated by folding screens. To the left, a shimmering bead curtain provided a sense of privacy and seclusion.

According to the information from Elijah, he had booked the second to last private room.

By the time Lenora arrived, Elijah was already waiting in the private room.

The sound of the bead curtain echoed as she pushed it aside to enter. Upon her arrival, Elijah looked up and greeted her with a smile, "You're here. Have a seat. Did you manage to see a whale?"

Lenora placed her purse at the corner of the table and sat down across from Elijah, I did. I was lucky today. I even encountered a pod of whales and breaching whales. It was so beautiful! Want to see the photos and videos?"

No rush." Elijah pushed the open menu toward Lenora. "Let's order first. I've already chosen a few dishes. You can take a look."

"All right."

Lenora set her phone aside and looked seriously at the menu, noticing the pre-selected dishes. Her eyes, brimming with laughter, curved like crescent moons. "Oh? Our tastes are so similar. That must be quite the coincidence, don't you think?" 1/4

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Even with a folding screen between them, Elijah could sense the sudden drop in temperature in the neighboring private room.

Elijah played it cool, giving a casual smile. "Our meeting in this foreign land itself is a coincidence."

"You're right." Lenora added a few more items before handing the menu back to the waiter.

Elijah picked up the water jug from the table, poured a cup for Lenora, and placed it in front of her. "Thank you," Lenora said with a smile. "Elijah, how old are you this year?"

"Me? I'm thirty."

"Are you married?" Lenora asked and took a sip of water.

-No.

"Do you have a girlfriend?"

Elijah raised an eyebrow, looking at Lenora in surprise, "No."

He had previously hinted a few times in front of Zachary about Lenora possibly having feelings for him. However, that was merely to provoke Zachary. He had never thought that Lenora actually liked him.

But now, Lenora had invited him to dinner alone and was asking these questions, which left him somewhat puzzled.

"You're handsome and wealthy. Shouldn't there be girls actively pursuing you? Or is there someone you like?"

Suddenly, a thud echoed from the private room next door. Lenora looked over Elijah's shoulder, but all she could see was the folding screen, nothing beyond it

She had not heard any noise from next door until now, leading her to believe that there was no one nearby.

Elijah noticed the temperature next door had dropped a few degrees again.

He smiled and said, "No, it's not that. I just don't want to hold others back."

"What do you mean?"

"I'm someone who values freedom. I don't have a steady job or a house. I do whatever I want to do. Others might call me a layabout or irresponsible. The only redeeming quality I have is my looks. I'm certain that I won't change in the future, so it's better not to ruin other people's daughters, Elijah said with a relaxed posture, a hint of wildness in his eyes.

Lenora propped her elbows on the table, cradling her face in her hands. She looked at Elijah with a face full of admiration. "To be honest, I really like someone like you!"

Sounds echoed from the private room next door again

Lenora didn't seem to care. She sighed and continued. Due to my family background, I've always been cautious and restrained in my personality. So, I've always admired people like you, who do whatever they

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want without worrying about societal judgments You have the como juu yet up and go, the kind of mindset that's willing to give up everything for freedom It's something I lock

Lenora took a sip of water and added, "Besides, you're such a righter person they did you help me retrieve my wallet, but you also refused to lead other is on. If it were were else, they would have used their good looks to flirt and play around:

"You flatter me. You're giving me too much credit" Elijah looked at Lenora's servons expression, and his face slightly stiffened.

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No way...

Elijah only felt a growing chill down his spine.

"Everything I've said comes straight from my heart

Elijah remained silent. Fortunately, at that moment, the waiter arrived with their meal, sparing him from the pressing issue at hand.

He took the plates from the waiter's hands, arranging each dish on the table one by one. Smiling at Lenora, he said, "Don't just keep talking. Let's eat."

"All right." Lenora nodded. "Why did you choose this place? And specifically reserve a private room?"

Just as Elijah was about to make up an excuse, he saw Lenora raise an eyebrow. "Are you afraid of others. interrupting us?"

Elijah was at a loss for words, feeling somewhat awkward.

Lenora had made it seem as if they were on a date.

Suddenly, a grating noise echoed from next door, reminiscent of the sound a knife and fork make when cutting through a steak on a plate. It was particularly unpleasant to the ears.

Elijah could even picture just how unpleasant Zachary's expression was.

He never expected things to unfold in such an unforeseen way.

Lenora couldn't help but reminisce, "I remember when I first arrived at the Fuller residence, there was a time when the housekeeper decided to change things up and made an Epean-style breakfast. Back then, I wasn't excited about the change in cuisine; instead, I was worried about how to use a knife and fork. Would I appear inexperienced? Eventually, I watched others and tried to pick up the knife and fork, pretending to be skilled. Even when my fingertips were rubbed raw, I didn't dare to say anything..

The sound from next door had vanished.

"So, even though the Fuller family adopted me, I never really fit into their world. I prefer sitting with people like you, ordinary yet extraordinary. With you, don't have to be constantly on edge. I can freely be my true self."

Elijah, who was eating, forced a calm smile onto his face. "I'm a simple man. Your words are getting more and more confusing to me..."

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Lenora gazed intently at Elijah, blinked, and asked, "W Elijah's expression stiffened momentarily. Feigning ign

He felt that if he continued to speak, Zachary would

"That's not what I'm asking. What I mean is, I want to agree?" Her rosy lips curled into a slight smile as she fil Chapter 185 Are You Looking Down On Me

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Something seemed to have fallen and shattered next door. Immediately, a waiter rushed over to clean up

the mess.

Elijah could no longer care about Zachary's feelings.

Lenora likes me?

Why?

He rested his hands on his knees, taking a deep breath. He struggled to calm the storm within his heart. "Ms. Wilkin, are you serious?"

"Of course, why else would I have come alone today?" Lenora smiled, her long lashes fluttering.

Elijah could barely breathe. "Ms. Wilkin... I still suggest you consider this carefully. I'm not sure what about me attracted you, but-

Are you looking down on me because I've been married before?"

"No..."

"Actually, there's no need for you to worry at all. Zachary just can't."

Elijah gaped in astonishment.

"You don't believe it, do you? I was skeptical at first too. He seemed so robust on the outside, but in reality, it was just a facade. He's had surgery and even tried Viagra, but nothing worked. In the three years we've been married, I've spent every night alone in our room. Elijah was so shocked that his mouth was wide open.

On the other side of the folding screen, Zachary was already fuming with anger.

I never thought I'd shoot myself in the foot like this. She unexpectedly fell for Elijah, a man she'd only met a few times.

That's bad enough, but she even fabricated lies about me in front of Elijah, all to gain his approval.

Her audacity is growing by the day.

Elijah was still pondering over the sincerity of Lenora's words when his phone began to ring.

He reached into his pocket and pulled it out. It was a call from Zachary,

He must be so p*ssed off right now.

But the phone call came at just the right time. I really have no idea how to respond.

"I need to step out and take this call."

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"All right, make it quick." Lenora looked at him gently.

Elijah shivered all over, stood up, and quickly stepped out.

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As his figure disappeared into the distance, the smile on Lenora's face slowly faded. Her deep, thoughtful eyes remained fixed on the folding screen across the room.

She swiped open her phone and played a ringtone as if she was making a call. "Hey, Soph, I probably won't be going back tonight... Don't worry, Elijah is handsome and has a great body. I'm not at a disadvantage... We'll talk more when I get back. It doesn't matter if he doesn't have money, Zachary gave me a hefty breakup fee of fifty million. I can support him... If it wasn't for your plan to come here for a vacation, I wouldn't have met him... Okay, that's it for now, bye."

Upon hearing these words, Zachary felt a surge of anger, his head spinning and vision blurring, as if his heart was torn apart.

Is she planning to sleep with Elijah tonight?

How many times has she actually met him? Does she even know who he truly is? Is she aware of his character or understand his habits? Isn't she afraid that he might be a villain who has been targeting her all along? How could she make such a hasty decision? Is she really planning to support him with the money I gave her?

Over my dead body!

Zachary gritted his teeth. From the other end of the line, Elijah, who was hiding in the restroom, said in surprise, "I was right. She really likes me." Zachary's facial muscles twitched. "Get lost!"

He abruptly ended the call and swiftly stood up, only to freeze in place.

Lenora was standing at the entrance of the private room. Through the bead curtain, she was staring intently at him.

Her gaze, When Zachary met her cool, calm, and his heart skipped a beat. For a moment, he forgot how to react, his mind going completely blank.

"Nora..." he called out tentatively, his thumb unconsciously rubbing against his cuff in a gentle motion as he anxiously waited for her response.

Lenora crossed her arms and lifted a hand to part the bead curtain. She walked forward leisurely and looked Zachary up and down. "Don't tell me you're here on business? Conveniently having a meal with a client?" Zachary pursed his lips. "You've figured it all out?"

So, did she say all that to Elijah on purpose?

"Elijah is your friend. Have you been following me all these days?"

Lenora had found Elijah peculiar and had some suspicions. However, Sophia's words temporarily eased her doubts. Yet, when Zachary appeared at the airport, it reignited her concerns.

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In condition that day clearly didn't resemble that of someone who had just arrived in Nardor.

Moreover, when she made the first move. Elijah's reaction clearly didn't suggest he liked her. Some things just didn't add up

Zachary took a deep breath and responded in a solemn tone. "Yes."

He slowly stepped forward, his gaze fixed intensely on Lenora. "Nora, I can't bear to be apart from you. But I'm afraid that my presence might upset you. All I can do is watch you from a distance... So, those few glances I felt were all his

Lenora lowered her gaze.

Zachary had followed her to this far-off country, yet he stayed hidden in the shadows, never disturbing her, for a long time

Had it been in the past, she would have been overwhelmingly moved.

Now, she could only question his intentions.

Even if what he said was true, that he liked her, it was already too late.

"Zachary, we're already divorced. We should each stick to our own paths and live our lives separately without interfering with each other. You shouldn't keep doing this. It's pointless."

"Whether it's pointless or not isn't for you to decide. You say you don't want to remarry, and I'm not asking for your forgiveness. All I want is to see you every day, to see you happy and content.

The sweet nothings that Zachary casually uttered were so smooth that it was hard to distinguish their sincerity.

Otherwise, she wouldn't have been deceived by him for three years.

Even though she knew full well how deceptive he could be, she was still somewhat stirred when she heard

him.

Once, she had yearned to hear these words from Zachary

But now, it was all too late. She even wondered how many times he had rehearsed the same words to Suvanna before he said them to her.

The ripples in her heart instantly vanished without a trace. "You'll only be a nuisance to me if you keep following me!"

"I'll keep my distance from you. I won't bother you. Where I choose to go is my prerogative. You can divorce me, but you can't stop me from liking you"

Lenora was dumbfounded.

Does he intend to keep this going

"Zachary, don't do this"

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Zachary chuckled. "Do what?"

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As he spoke, he couldn't help but take another step forward & burgers are suggest a tesserer of the mouth. "Nora, you're getting bold. I cant? I've had wurgery and even tot Tant every sigue alone for three years?" Lenora instinctively stepped back. "I was just trying to gauge hiph

"I thought you were dissatisfied with me! I mean, how would you to be wasted when we do it three imes every-

Lenora leaped up, covering his mouth, her face surning bem pod. "Shut up"

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"I said, shut up!" Lenora frantically tried to cover his moud

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Zachary's words were cut off as Lenora covered his mouth with her other hand. A hint of amusement twinkled in his eyes.

Lenora slowly let out a sigh, a faint blush still lingering on her cheeks. She shot Zachary a stern look. "I'll let go, but you have to promise to shut up." Zachary gave a noncommittal smile, neither nodding nor shaking his head.

Lenora furrowed her brow, about to speak, when she suddenly felt an odd tickling sensation in her palm, along with a dampness.

"Zachary!" Lenora quickly pulled her hand away, distancing herself considerably. She wiped her palm with a look of disgust on her face. "It's disgusting!"

Zachary wore an indifferent expression. "How is it disgusting? You were the one who offered your hand. There isn't a part of you I haven't touched, and let's not forget that time in the hospital ward-" "Shut up! Shut up! Shut up!" Lenora interrupted him, her ears burning red with embarrassment

How shameless of him to say that!

She despised her own vivid memory. As soon as he mentioned the hospital ward, the scenes from that time instantly surfaced in her mind.

"You're thinking about that time, aren't you?" Zachary's voice dropped to a seductive whisper.

"That's enough!" Lenora retorted sharply. Her ears turned an even brighter shade of red.

Zachary chuckled softly, his laughter carrying a hint of confidence as if he was sure she was lying.

This sent a tingling sensation down Lenora's scalp..

Worried that Zachary would say something else that was inappropriate, she warned, "Zachary, if you keep this up, I'll sue you for sexual harassment!"

"All right, I'll stop." Zachary knew when to quit while he was ahead. He grabbed Lenora's sleeve. "You didn't eat much for dinner. Why don't we sit down and have a bit more? I'm sure it will be to your liking." Seeing how quickly Zachary changed the topic, Lenora couldn't react in time.

She had just sampled a few dishes, and indeed, the food here was quite tasty. However, she didn't want to have dinner with him.

Considering their relationship, it wasn't suitable to have too many interactions.

"What's the matter? Now that we're divorced, you don't even want to share a meal with me? Are you trying to cut off ties with the Fuller family? Grandma has been constantly worried about you..."

Zachary noticed the cold indifference on Lenora's face sense of disappointment welled up within him. He knew his words were somewhat underhanded, yet he still wanted to fight for another chance, even if it

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meant using Allison and the Fuller family as a bargaining chip

Lenora was slightly taken aback.

Reflecting on the fact that Zachary had been seriously injured in a car accident while protecting her es after their divorce, Lenora finally sat down at the table. All right, I'm only staying because of Grandma

A faint smile played at the corner of Zachary's mouth. He ordered a few more dishes that Lenora loved

Regardless of the reason, he was glad that she stayed.

He was already content with the current attitude he was receiving from Lenora

He still embered the time when Lenora was in her postpartum care period after childbirth. She v silent and withdrawn, and every time their eyes met, they would be lost for words. She was unwilling to speak or meet his gaze, leaving him no chance to start a conversation. After days of traveling, her vitality gradually returned.

Lenora rested her elbows on the table, her hands propping up her cheek. No matter how hard she tried. she couldn't figure out how things had ended up with her sitting face-to-face with Zachary over a meal

She had clearly planned to confront Zachary and catch him red-handed.

Zachary poured a cup of water and placed it in front of Lenora, then took the initiative to introduce the restaurant's signature dishes to her.

When the waiter began serving the dishes, Lenora asked, "Where did Elijah go? Ask him to come back and join us."

Zachary's face darkened. "Leave him be."

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"I was the one who invited him for dinner, and besides, he's your friend. You eat him like this."

""Don't you already know why I treat him like this?"

Lenora was taken aback, pointing at her own nose. "Me? Why would I know?"

"Who was the one who wanted to be his girlfriend? Who said he was handsome and had a great physique? Who planned to stay out all night instead of returning to the hotel? And who intended to use my money to support him?" Lenora fell silent. "That was obviously a lie... I was just testing you guys.

"I'm just worried, Nora. I'm scared."

Those words stirred a small ripple in the otherwise calm lake of her heart.

Lenora looked up at Zachary,

Zachary confessed, "I'm very scared. I'm scared that you'll really fall for him and insist on being with him. I'm scared that you'll leave me for good and that I won't have another chance to win you back. I'm on tenterhooks every day. So, when I saw Jonas holding you that day, I couldn't control myself and got out of the car to see you. I'm scared that in the blink of an eye you'll become someone else's bride, and I'll be

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reduced to an insignificant ex

The tone of his voice and the look in his eyes made it seem as if he was deeply in love with her.

But that simply couldn't be possible.

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Zachary's acting skills had become so polished that if he ever tried his hand at the entertainment industry, he might just snag a Best Actor award

Once lured by fleeting sweetness, Lenora had suffered endless bitterness in its wake. Now, wiser, she wouldn't repeat the same mistake.

"We're already divorced..."

"I know. It's precisely because we're divorced that I'm filled with such apprehension. I'm not saying all this to pressure you into getting back together with me. I'm just expressing my feelings. Lenora lowered her gaze.

"All right, let's not talk about this now. Let's eat."

Zachary picked up a slice of salmon and placed it on Lenora's plate.

Both of them didn't bring up the earlier topic again, tacitly focusing only on the food on the table, which made the atmosphere quite harmonious.

Halfway through the meal, Zachary asked, "How did you figure out that Elijah's friend was me?"

Lenora picked up the cup of water. "When we first met, he nodded at me, but I didn't know him."

A thought seemed to strike Lenora and she suddenly looked up at Zachary, "You're the new boss of the Aurora tour group, aren't you?"

Zachary openly admitted, "I was worried that a regular van wouldn't be comfortable enough for you, especially since you've just come out of the postpartum period."

A myriad of emotions flashed across Lenora's eyes. "Thank you."

Unexpectedly, she was still moved by Zachary's concern.

Though she was moved, she remained rational.

Regardless of his intentions, she had no plans to remarry him.

Zachary might still have a place in her heart, but it was just that—a place. Slowly, her heart would make room for others.

"Why thank me? Even if we're divorced, I should still take care of you."

Lenora gently shook her head. "Zachary, I don't need your care. You should return to Clusia tomorrow! I don't like the feeling of being watched from the shadows, as if all my secrets are laid bare before you, with no privacy to speak of. Besides, it's not good for you to stay here all the time. You have work and family, and Grandma is waiting for you to return."

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Zachary's expression became increasingly solemn.

She still insists on driving me away.

Lenora looked into his eyes and continued, "You keep saying that respect my wishes and stop disrupting my current life, okay?"

Zachary was speechless.

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like me. Fine, if you truly do,

He never expected that, just as the meal was drawing to a close, Lenora would use his own words to corner him, leaving him with absolutely no room to retaliate.

He remained silent for a long while, then smiled and said, "Nora, you've won."

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"Thank you, but neither of us are winners." Lenora put down her fork.

"I can return to Clusia, but I want you to take me to the airport," Zachary suddenly stipulated.

Lenora was slightly taken aback. Will he really let me go that easily!

After a moment of contemplation, Lenora nodded in agreement. "All right, when?"

"Tomorrow,"

"Okay"

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Zachary picked up the unopened bottle of wine from the table, filling up the glass in front of Lenora. "Give it a try. This is the signature fruit wine of this restaurant." Zachary poured himself another glass.

Lenora lifted her wine glass to clink with Zachary's, the rim of the glass pressing against her lower lip as she took a sip. The sweet fragrance of fruit filled her mouth. "How is it?"

"Not bad." Lenora smacked her lips, then took another sip.

"The kick from this wine is quite strong. Don't drink too much."

"Okay. Actually, on the day we got our divorce certificate, I wanted to invite you to dinner, just like how you treated me to a meal the day we got our marriage certificate. It was my way of returning the favor, a good ending to our journey. But unexpected events happened. Today, we can make up for it. Starting tomorrow, you'll go back to focus on your work, and I'll continue my journey. We won't interfere with each other's lives."

When she spoke these words, her heart felt heavy and ached with a bitter sting.

But she knew she had made the right choice.

"All right."

Zachary still had a faint smile playing at the corners of his mouth. He verbally agreed, but inside, he felt a bitter and sour sensation, as if he were drowning in a sea of emotions. Lenora had a few more glasses, her face slightly flushed from the wine.

Feeling the effects of the alcohol, she set down her glass and rubbed her temples. "I think that's enough. I should be heading back now."

She stood up. Suddenly feeling a wave

of dizziness, she quickly steadied herself against the table.

Immediately, Zachary rushed over to steady her. As he drew near, he caught the familiar, refreshing scent of her hair. "Let me take you home."

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"It's fine."

"What, you're worried I might do something to you?"

"Will you?" Lenora asked, feeling a bit lightheaded. Zachary was momentarily stunned, but he didn't respond.

Lenora rubbed her head before deciding to leave first.

After quickly settling the bill, Zachary caught up with Lenora, whose steps were slightly unsteady, and assisted her in leaving the restaurant.

"Nora, you're drunk. Let me take you home."

Lenora knew she was quite drunk and probably wouldn't be able to make it back to the hotel alone. She didn't resist any further and let Zachary guide her to the back seat of the car. Afterward, Zachary started the car. Looking at Lenora through the rearview mirror, he said, "If you're tired, lie down and rest for a while."

"Mm," Lenora murmured, her body radiating a sense of languidness.

After a few drinks on a winter's day, the warmth spread through her body, creating such a comfortable feeling that she didn't want to move.

Lenora was initially alert, observing the retreating street views through the car window. However, before long, her eyelids began to feel heavy, and without realizing it, she closed her eyes.

By the time Zachary parked the car in the hotel parking lot, Lenora had already fallen asleep.

He gently unbuckled his seatbelt and stepped out of the car. Opening the rear door, he leaned inside.

In the moonlight, her soft and beautiful sleeping face was all he could see. She was peacefully lost in a sweet slumber..

Her lips were full and rosy, curving slightly at the corners as if she were dreaming of something delightful. If only she could stay by my side like this all the time...

Zachary gently touched her lips. He watched her in silence for a long time before he carefully lifted her from the car and carried her into the hotel.

After gently laying her on the bed, he squatted at the head of the bed to remove her cotton boots and socks, revealing her delicate, fair feet, with cute and round toes. He couldn't help but give them a squeeze before tucking them into the blanket.

Once he helped her out of her down jacket and tucked her in, he went to the bathroom, fetched some water, and gently assisted her in washing her face and removing her makeup.

Suddenly, the hotel room door swung open. Sophia exclaimed, "Tyrant Fuller? What are you doing here?" She immediately rushed over. "What are you doing to Nora?"

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Just a moment ago in her room, she had heard the sound of a door opening from next door. She thought it was Lenora returning, so she decided to go over and ask about her situation with Elijah. However, as soon as she entered, she saw Zachary-someone who shouldn't have been there.

Zachary casually lifted his gaze and glanced at her. "Shh"

He continued to dab Lenora's cheeks with a towel.

It dawned on Sophia later that Zachary was actually helping Lenora to remove her makeup.

"What happened to Nora? You didn't drug her, did you? Sophia questioned seriously.

Zachary glanced up at her, his gaze dark and terrifying, causing her to shiver in fear

The man had such an overwhelming presence that she truly couldn't handle it.

However, for the sake of her close friend, she mustered up the courage and said, "I'm warning you. Nora is already divorced from you. If you dare to hurt her. I'll risk everything to make you pay." Zachary's expression softened a bit when he heard that

Even though Sophia was always pushing Lenora to find a man, which was quite annoying, she genuinely cared for Lenora.

Given the consideration for Lenora, he decided to let her off the hook for the time being.

"She had a bit of a drink and fell asleep" Zachary uncharacteristically explained.

Sophia was somewhat surprised, but she let out a sigh of relief.

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Zachary placed the towel in the basin, then carried it to the bathroom.

Sophia moved closer to the bed, gently touching Lenora's forehead and checking her steady breathing before she could relax. She stayed silent, her eyes fixed on the direction of the bathroom. When Zachary emerged from the bathroom empty-handed, Sophia immediately asked, "Wasn't Nora supposed to have dinner with you? Why wash with you?"

Zachary didn't respond as he headed toward the door, taking good care of her

"Hey!"

When he opened the door, he suddenly turned around and looked at Sophia with a hint of seriousness. "Don't let her see those photos on your phone anymore." "Or what

"Or I'll have someone hack your phone or simply smash it. Your choice."

Sophia fell silent

She thought it was better not to show Lenora, prioritizing the protection of her phone. Besides, it

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be a shame if the photos she had painstakingly collected were to be compromised.

Moreover, her phone held more than just photos; it contained other valuable items. If a hacker were to see and expose them, her reputation would be ruined for life.

Not long after Zachary left, Sophia made sure that Lenora was all right, then returned to her own room.

At eight o'clock the next morning, Lenora woke up to find a note left by Sophia on her bedside table. It read: Babe, could you explain why you were with Tyrant Fuller last night when you wake up? Lenora sent a message to Sophia: Soph, I'm taking Zachary to the airport first. I'll explain the rest when I get back

Sophia responded swiftly: You better give me a clear explanation!

Lenora was in the midst of freshening up when a message from Zachary popped up on her phone. It read: Are you up yet? I've bought the plane ticket. I'll come pick you up. Let's have breakfast at the airport. Zachary even sent a screenshot of his plane ticket to Lenora to prevent her from doubting him and thinking he was lying. The information on the ticket was indeed his.

With a toothbrush and foam in her mouth, Lenora replied: Come over in ten minutes.

Ten minutes later, Zachary knocked on Lenora's door.

He stood at the door, tall and handsome, wearing a short grey parka. His shoulders were straight, and he wore black suit pants with handmade leather shoes, looking neat and sharp. A black suitcase sat beside him..

"Let's go." Lenora picked up her purse and casually closed the door behind her.

Upon reaching the airport, the two of them found a KFC to settle down in and ordered a pair of breakfast

sets.

After breakfast, Zachary checked in, and they made their way to the entrance of the departure lounge. Lenora said, "I suppose this is where we part ways."

"Yeah, but I won't go in just yet. I want to talk with you. He looked at Lenora. "What are your plans after leaving Nardor? Are you going back home or continuing your travels?"

Looking into Lenora's eyes, Zachary added, "There's no need to be scared. If I want to follow you, tracking your movements will be a breeze for me. There's no need for me to tip you off."

"We plan to visit Archulea and return home by New Year's."

"Archulea is quite nice, with the Sloummont Opera House, the Grand Barrier Reef, Penguin Island, National Zoo... It's the perfect time to travel there. By the way, Nora, why didn't you consider going to Fairlake? Didn't you study there for a year? Don't you want to visit?" Back in the day, Lenora had transferred to Pillere University in Fairlake for an exchange program. Lenora paused for a moment before she remembered where Fairlake was.

She pondered for a moment, then gently shook her head. "I don't remember much about Fairlake."

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"Hmm? Why?" Something flickered in Zachary's eyes.

Logically speaking, after spending a year there, she should at least remember something

Rubbing her forehead, Lenora said, "After the exchange program ended, I was in a car accident before I returned home. I can't remember much from that time Zachary's assumption was correct-a car accident had caused her memory loss.

He wondered about the child, whether they were in the accident with Lenora or they were somewhere

"How did the car accident happen? Were your injuries severe at that time?"

"I don't really remember," Lenora said, her eyes distant. "I injured my head back then. When I woke up, everything was just a blur.

She had once strived to recall those events, but the harder she tried, the more elusive they became. Eventually, she gave up. Zachary furrowed his brows

In Lenora's account, there was not the slightest trace of that child, as if she was completely unaware of

their existence.

Moreover, the circumstances of the car accident were peculiar, as if a blunt method had been used to abruptly end matters, leaving everything beyond investigation. Did someone take advantage of Lenora's car accident to carry away the child? Or was the child not with Lenora before her car accident?

Zachary racked his brain, and finally, something clicked. "So, to avoid worrying Grandma and Grandpa, you told them you were at a summer camp and would return later?" Lenora had only returned from abroad as the summer was drawing to a close. She told Allison and Gerald over the phone that she was attending a summer camp at her school. Zachary only heard about it briefly from Gerald. At that time, Lenora was barely even a friend to him. just a notch above a stranger, and hardly worth his attention.

The mention of Gerald cast a shadow in Lenora's eyes, and she nodded slightly. "Yeah, I didn't want them to worry.

Zachary felt a deep, sad ache in his chest.

He wanted to caress her cheek, but in the end, he gave her shoulder a gentle pat.

In a foreign land, alone in a hospital, her memories hazy, Lenora had endured an immense depth of sorrow and pain. She had buried those feelings deep within her heart and silently bore the weight. He recalled the Epean cuisine Lenora mentioned last night. She hadn't dared to speak up when her

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fingertips became red and swollen from using the knife and fork.

These things might seem small, but behind the scenes Lenora could have been burying countless little struggles in her heart, silently enduring them alone.

He regretted discovering it too late.

She had arrived at the Fuller residence when she was sixteen, and it had been almost a decade since then.

She had transformed from a naive and youthful girl into a gentle and elegant young woman,

He could have been by her side, witnessing her growth and transformation firsthand. Unfortunately, he missed that chance.

In the corner, an unassuming jasmine plant stood, its buds ready to bloom. It quietly existed, unnoticed and unappreciated—a pity he had never paid it any attention. She was absent from his eyes.

Even when the jasmine was in full bloom, he had never truly appreciated it.

By the time he regained his senses, she was no longer willing to open her heart to him.

With a gentle sigh, Lenora said, "It's almost time for boarding. You should head to the departure lounge

now."

Zachary checked his watch, his eyes lingering on Lenora with reluctance. "So, should I go now!"

"Mm." Lenora nodded.

Zachary stood rooted to the spot, then asked again, "Should I really go now?"

"Mm." Lenora nodded again.

"I'm gonna go now?"

Lenora couldn't help but feel agitated. She pushed him inside. "Just go already! Don't miss your flight!"

Zachary glanced at Lenora, then made his way to the entrance of the departure lounge, where he stopped. In his tracks, Lenora waved her hand. "Go on, safe travels!"

She wore a faint smile on her lips, but deep down, she couldn't wait for him to leave.

With a look of helplessness, Zachary finally waved at Lenora, then turned and entered the departure lounge.

As Zachary's figure passed through security and vanished from sight, Lenora turned around and left the airport.

Remembering Zachary's earlier actions, where he kept glancing back with every step, Lenora couldn't help but smile.

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He looked like a child standing at the school gate, bidding farewell to his parents,

She had never seen Zachary like this before. He looked a little dorky and cute.

As she was smiling, the smile on her face suddenly froze, and she quickly hid it.

What on earth was I thinking?

How could I find him cute?

This is surely another one of his disguises,

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During the three years of our marriage. I was misled by his false tenderness. This time, I nearly fell for his deceit once

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Lenora, why can't you ever learn your lesson!

Lenora took the bus back to the hotel and immediately told Sophia and Fiona.

Upon seeing Lenora, Sophia immediately interrogated her, "Spill it, what exactly happened last night? Weren't you supposed to meet Elijah? And what's the deal with Tyrant Fuller?" Lenora simply stated, "Elijah's friend is none other than Zachary

With just one sentence, both Sophia and Fiona immediately understood.

Sophia clenched her fists in fury. "Damn, Tyrant Fulleras really cunning. So that's how we've been bumping into Elijah everywhere. Turns out they've been following us all along!" After her outburst, she asked, "When you met with Tyrant Fuller yesterday, he didn't mistreat you, did he?"

Zachary's words inexplicably surfaced in Lenora's mind. There isn't a part of you I haven't touched.

She quickly dismissed the thought and said, "No, I've already made things clear with him. He caught a flight back home this morning. He won't be following us anymore."

"I hope he keeps his word!" Sophia muttered. "Ah, what a pity about Elijah. I thought you were really interested in him....."

As per their plan, they returned the rented car and took a cruise to Strasson. From Strasson, they drove themselves to Lommore Archipelago.

On the sixth day, they arrived in Saspiuburg.

Their return from Saspiuburg marked the end of this trip.

Before Fiona departed, the trio went out for a meal together. They took pictures of their toast and a group photo.

The following day, they made their way to the airport.

Fiona returned to Clusia, while Lenora and Sophia took connecting flights from Malarnor and Strico, en route to Sloummont. The entire journey took them approximately thirty hours.

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Fiona's flight was scheduled earlier, Lenora and Sophia saw her off, promising to meet up again once they were back in Clusia.

Two hours later, Lenora and Sophia had their tickets cliccked and took a shuttle bus to the foot of the airplane. They then climbed up the stairs to board the plane.

They had purchased economy class tickets with adjacent seats. Lenora had specifically requested the one by the window.

Lenora carefully made her way along the narrow aisle. Her eyes meticulously scanned the seat numbers on the wall as she searched for her spot.

The seat was already occupied by a fashionable young woman. She was clad in a lavish mink coat, topped with a delicate ladies' hat. Her earrings were from a new collection of a luxury brand, and her wristwatch, from the same brand, was a limited edition piece. Her sunglasses, a recent design from another renowned brand, were also notably expensive.

Lenora glanced at the ticket stub in her hand, then turned to the woman and said in Uprian, "Excuse me, miss, you're in my seat."

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The woman tilted her head slightly, lifting her hand to partially remove her sunglasses. Her red lips curled up as she replied in Uprian, "I know. My seat is in the aisle. I don't want to sit there. Let's switch. How much do you want?"

Lenora raised an eyebrow. "Sorry, I'm not switching with you."

The woman cast a sidelong glance at Lenora, her eyes sweeping over the purse in Lenora's hand. A mocking smile played on her lips. "That purse of yours can't be worth more than five thousand. How about I give you that much? The ticket prices for these seats are the same. This five thousand would be like a gift to you."

Lenora followed her gaze, giving her purse a slight shake. "It's just eight hundred, but like I said, I'm not switching with you."

A flicker of disdain flashed in the woman's eyes.

She had seen plenty of such people. They earned a meager salary, saved up for years, scrimped and scraped, and finally managed to accumulate enough money for a vacation. Then they would take beautiful photos to portray themselves as wealthy and sophisticated. "So, how much are you thinking, ten thousand?"

"No amount of money will make me switch with you."

Seeing that Lenora still disagreed, the woman said harshly, "I'm giving you one last chance. Are you sure you want to give up this ten thousand?"

"She said she's not switching. Are you deaf? If you keep this up, I'm calling the flight attendant!" Sophia lashed out in Uprian, her anger evident in every word. Once she finished, she switched to Clusian to vent to Lenora. "How can someone be so shameless? She's pretty well-dressed, but she has absolutely no manners at all."

Upon hearing this, the woman glared at Sophia. "Who are you calling shameless and without manners?"

Realizing she could understand Clusian, Sophia, without a hint of fear, said, "I'm calling you! Aren't you rich? Why did you buy an economy-class ticket? You should be in first class. The economy cabin is too small to accommodate someone of your stature!"

"Hah, I am rich. The amount of money I have is something you two paupers could never earn in your lifetimes. Jealous, aren't you? Do you really think I'd choose to stay in this cramped, shabby economy cabin if my friend hadn't made a booking mistake? I initially wanted to show you some respect, but if you don't want it, then forget it!"

After speaking, the woman stormed off to find the flight attendant for an upgrade.

Lenora and Sophia took their seats.

"It's a big world out there. You can find all sorts of characters. Who on earth is she?" Sophia grumbled.

"We don't need to worry about her, Lenora said. "It's actually better now that she's gone. We have more space for ourselves."

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In the first-class cabin, after her upgrade, the

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man's motions were still turbulent. She stood listlessly by

the aisle and commanded the man in the seat in Uprian, "Let me through."

The man remained still, giving her a casual glance.

Only then did the woman take notice of the man's features and a glimmer of astonishment flashed in her

eyes.

It was her first time seeing such a handsome man.

He had full brows, deep-set eyes, and a high, straight nose bridge-features typically seen in Epean bone structure. Yet, over this framework, his face carried the unmistakable traits of Aplothian heritage.

His eyes, nose, mouth, and jawline-all his features-captivated the woman.

She quickly masked her displeasure, replacing it with a gentle smile. Her long lashes fluttered as she said, "Excuse me, hello, could you let me through?"

Only then did the man retract his long legs.

The woman walked past him and took a seat,

After she had passed by

the man stretched out his long legs again.

The long legs she once complained about were now the man's greatest asset.

She covertly glanced at the man a few times, guessing that he was at least six feet tall.

After she had taken her seat, the man continued to peruse the Uprian-only magazine in his hands.

Her gaze lingered on his hands. His fingers were fair, slender, and long, each knuckle clearly defined. Veins subtly traced patterns across the back of his hand, adding a gentle unevenness.

On the surface, she appeared calm, but inside, she was brimming with excitement. Even his hands were incredibly attractive.

It had been a while since she last encountered a man who so perfectly matched her tastes.

If missed, she wouldn't know where to find someone like him again.

The plane took off and once it reached high altitude, it stabilized.

She couldn't help herself. Her elbow on the armrest accidentally brushed the man beside her. Quickly, she apologized in Uprian. "I'm sorry."

"It's all right," the man responded in Uprian, his voice deep.

The woman felt her heart flutter. Even his voice sounded incredibly pleasant.

She quickly continued the conversation, "Where are you headed?*"

"Sloummont." Zachary flipped a page of the magazine.

He knew that Lenora was on this very plane, yet Lenora was unaware of his presence.

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Zachary was not in the mood for small talk. He replied in a nechalant tone. "I'm worry, please don't darb me while I'm reading"

"All right, all right please continue"

She kept her eyes fixed on Zachary, feeling her affection for him deepen

Some men would start clinging to her the moment she spoke to them-completely off-putting

But he was different, neither arrogant nor humble. He didn't fawn over her beauty or flatter her wealth. He was a cut above the rest

She didn't expect to meet someone like him during this trip.

She wished she could know his specific details.

A hint of disappointment flashed in her eyes.

After almost thirty hours of flight, the plane finally arrived at Kingston Airport in Sloummont

Zachary, who was in first class, disembarked from the plane earlier than Lenora. He took the first shuttle bus to the terminal to collect his suitcase.

He found his black suitcase and quickly pulled it along, afraid that Lenora would spot him if he was even a step slower.

"Hey!" the woman behind him called out, quickly closing the distance with her suitcase in tow. She moved to walk side by side with him. "Have you booked a hotel? If not, we could share one." "Sorry, I've already booked one," Zachary said emotionlessly, his gaze fixed ahead.

Which hotel have you booked? I'm not familiar with this country. Can I come with you?" the woman asked again.

Zachary stopped, his stern gaze fixed on the woman. She instinctively flinched back, stealing a glance at his profoundly deep eyes before quickly looking away.

"Please stop following me.

The woman wanted to say more, but upon meeting his gaze, she suddenly fell silent.

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Zachary strode away.

The woman stood still, watching Zachary's retreating figure, and sighed in regret.

If only I could meet him again.

Upon stepping off the plane, they were greeted by a warm, sunny day.

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Lenora spread her arms wide, basking in the sunlight that warmed her body and chased away the chill from two weeks spent in the icy, snowy wilderness.

Lenora and Sophia took a shuttle bus to the terminal to collect their suitcases.

"Hmph," the woman, chin raised high, huffed as she walked past Lenora and Sophia.

Sophia rolled her eyes. "I really don't know what she's trying to show off."

After collecting their suitcases, they hailed a taxi to the prearranged hotel.

Traveling by plane had truly worn them out. After they had checked into the hotel, they retreated to their respective rooms and fell asleep.

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By evening, Lenora had nearly adjusted to the time difference. She invited Sophia to join her for dinner at the restaurant.

After dinner, Sophia suggested they take a stroll outside

The area bustled with people, many of whom were tourists visiting the city. They enthusiastically snapped photos, seemingly never tiring of the activity.

Lenora and Sophia stood by the dock, where they were greeted by the refreshing sea breeze. It was cool and exhilarating.

The lights cast a brilliant glow on the sea's surface. The shimmering waves danced, their reflections flickering like gold, creating a scene of exquisite beauty

As they took a few photos here, Lenora couldn't shake the feeling that they were being watched.

Yet, as she scanned her surroundings, she saw nothing

They took another stroll around the Sloummont Opera House before returning to their hotel.

Jonas wouldn't arrive for a couple of days. Until then, it was just Lenora and Sophia.

On the third day, Lenora and Sophia visited the Queen Valkyrie Building.

The Queen Valkyrie Building was the biggest shopping center in Sloummont.

With its glass dome and spiral staircase, the building itself exuded classic elegance and rich history. It was already a tourist attraction before becoming a shopping center. Now, it was an essential stop for tourists in Sloummont.

Within the grand building, there were food courts, cafes, and restaurants aplenty. It was more than just a place for local brands, as it also housed numerous internationally renowned stores.

Lenora came here not only for sightseeing but also with a specific purpose in mind. She was here to deliver a gift to Jonas and planned to take some souvenirs back with her as well. However, up until now, Lenora still didn't know what to get Jonas.

Sophia said, "Let's not rush. We'll stroll around leisurely. We might just come across something suitable."

Inside a certain shop, Lenora had her eyes set on a men's wristwatch that exuded an understated elegance. The salesperson laid the watch on the table, showcasing its beauty and highly recommending it.

"Soph, what do you think about gifting this watch to Jonas?"

"It's fine, but do you really have to give him a gift?"

"Yes, to return a favor."

Lenora was about to ask the salesperson to prepare the bill when suddenly, an arrogant voice interrupted.

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them. "Wrap this watch up for me!"

Lenora recognized the voice. She turned around and sure enough, it was the woman they had encountered on the plane. She was pointing at the watch in front of Lenora.

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The woman recognized them as well, her gaze filled with contempt. "Oh, it's you two penniless fools. Can you even afford to buy the stuff here? Don't embarrass yourselves in front of the crowd."

"You don't have to worry about us embarrassing ourselves," Lenora responded coolly, then turned to the

salesperson. "I had my eye on this watch first. Please wrap it for me."

The woman rushed forward immediately. "Wrap it up for me! You must not sell it to them. They can't afford it!"

She had taken a liking to this watch as soon as she saw it. It would perfectly complement the gentleman she had encountered on the airplane. If they were to meet again, she was determined to gift him the watch. The salesperson sized up the woman's attire, then glanced at Lenora and Sophia, showing a hint of hesitation.

Lenora and Sophia were dressed quite well, even better than the average person.

The woman, on the other hand, was simply too conspicuous in her attire, adorned from head to toe in designer labels.

Lenora confidently placed her credit card on the table. "Since I've decided to make the purchase, I can certainly afford it!"

"I'll pay five times the price. Just give me this watch," the woman commanded. "Sell me this, and I'll buy a few others from you!"

Did I encounter a wealthy individual?

If I sold several watches all at once, I wouldn't have to worry about this month's performance.

The salesperson shifted her gaze, looking at Lenora with a troubled expression, "Miss, we have a variety of watches here. Would you like to choose a different one?"

The woman looked at Lenora with a satisfied smirk.

Lenora furrowed her brows. "I was here first. I chose this watch first. This place is frequented by tourists. Can't you even manage something as simple as first-come-first-serve? Where's your manager?"

The woman became even more arrogant. "What's the point of calling the manager? Even if the manager comes, this watch is still mine!"

Sophia glanced at the woman and turned to Lenora, "Nora, did you hear a dog barking somewhere? Odd, Isn't it? How could there be a dog barking in a mall?"

"Obviously, someone forgot to leash their dog." Lenora chimed in.

"You're calling me a dog?" The woman glared at them.

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"I didn't say that, you know. If you're taking it personally, it's not my problem, Sophia said, shining her shoulders.

The woman, in a state of frustrated desperation, rushed forward and raised her hand to strike Sophis

Lenora gripped her arm and forcefully pushed them apart.

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The woman,

violence?"

Why aren't you kicking them out? she was at a disadvantage, yelled at the salesperson, "They're ganging up on me

Why aren't you kicking them out?"

""Mr. Bennett!"

Just then, the manager arrived. The woman rushed up to him. "Sir, these two paupers are not only refusing to buy anything, but they're also causing a ruckus. Could you please get them out of here? Thomas Bennett gave the woman a once-over. "What are you waiting for? Get her out of here, now

"Did you hear that? The manager wants you two out!" The woman provocatively smirked at Lenora and Sophia.

A salesperson approached the woman. "Madam, please leave. You're disrupting our business."

The woman's face stiffened in disbelief. "He's telling you to get them out of here, not me."

"I was talking about you!" Thomas said. "What are you waiting for?"

"Madam, I need you to leave immediately."

The woman's eyes widened in anger. She glared at the manager and said, "Are you sure you want to throw me out? Think carefully. If you really do this, I'll have my father shut this place down!" "Suit yourself!"

"Just you wait!"

The woman shot a fierce glare at Lenora before storming off.

"Apologies for any inconvenience caused." Thomas approached Lenora and Sophia. "Here are some complimentary discount cards for both of you. I hope you can understand."

"No worries. There are uncultured people everywhere. As long as you can handle it properly, it's fine," said Lenora, who ultimately purchased the wristwatch.

After Lenora left, Thomas returned to the private VIP room at the back. He respectfully addressed the man seated on the couch, "Mr. Fuller, everything has been taken care of." "Okay"

Zachary gave a casual nod, his eyes locked onto the surveillance screen, fixated on the men's watch in Lenora's hand.

Why did Nora purchase a men's watch?

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Is it a gift for me?

A subtle thrill of joy surfaced in Zachary's heart.