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A week passed in the blink of an eye.

Joanna had been hospitalized for nearly a month. Her health gradually became better.

Joanna could be discharged today.

In the Greene Town.

After Joanna was discharged from the hospital, she immediately went to the Greene Town.

Joanna's media company in Greene Town started to get on the right track. The company interviewed some actors and

actresses.

The company had signed contracts with six artists, including those referenced by Brother Trumpet. However, those artists were all streamers responsible for selling products online. The media companies needed diverse artists.

Cora walked to Joanna and handed over a proposal, saying, "Miss Haynes, this is the latest proposal.

"Mr. Trumpet says he plans to create a talent show. He wants to choose some female candidates who are good at singing and dancing to form a girl group.

"This is the preliminary proposal. We will complete a detailed plan soon. Now we are working on getting sponsorships and discussing cooperation with local television stations."

Joanna replied, "Sounds great. Talent shows are very popular now. We can hold an audition and encourage people to participate. Then we can hire some outstanding artists."

Joanna flipped through the proposal and commented, "Not bad!"

Cora reported, "We have calculated and assumed the show needs 2 million dollars when it starts. We need to publicize it online and on television."

Joanna asked, "What's the name of the audition? And what's the theme?"

Cora replied, "The name of the audition is Ultimate Girls, and the target candidates are young women between 18 and 25 years old. We mostly accept candidates who are good at singing and dancing, but other talents are also accepted."

Joanna thought about it for a while and did not object. Then she added, "I think the age range of the candidates should be broader. So should the theme!

"We don't have to limit so many things since this is the audition that everyone can participate, as long as the show is interesting. Girls who have reached the age of 18 can sign up for the show. Then we'll adopt a five—round elimination system. That's more fair."

When Cora heard this, she seemed confused, saying, "But our show is called 'Ultimate Girls! I'm afraid the show won't its

get best result if the candidates are too old."

Joanna said in a deep voice, "It will be okay. A woman should not be limited by her age. There are many definitions of young, such as mentally young and physically young. A woman can be a participant of Ultimate Girls even if she is 50 years old as long as she has a young mindset."

When Brother Trumpet and Cora heard this, they pondered for seconds. Then they agreed and said, "Alright then."

Brother Trumpet said, "Then we can start now and run the primary election. However, we still haven't had professional judges for the show."

Cora agreed, "That's right,"

Brother Trumpet seemed to be struggling with the decision. He said, "Who should we hire? Big shots might not accept our invitations. Even if we can hire them, we probably don't have enough money to pay them.

"Audiences won't be interested in the show if we hire less famous judges. They will probably drag the show down."

Joanna thought for a moment. Then she said, "Leave this to me. I'll go ask Jay."

Miss Haynes, you can ask Mr. Grimm about it. Mr. Grimm is experienced

industry for a long

The artists in his

Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!

her phone and called

Jaydon picked up the phone.

the other end of the phone, Jaydon's deep voice arose. He sounded gentle and warm.

breath and asked, "Jay, how have you been recently?"

"I'm doing good. I just finished today's three hours of

in Greene Town

discharged so quickly? You haven't even recovered. Why don't you stay in the

is getting rusty after staying in the

you are such a workaholic. You run wild when

smiled and said bluntly, "Jay, I want

said. "Go ahead!" He listened carefully.

media company in Greene Town is preparing to hold an audition. We want to choose 12 women and form a group. When they win the audition, they will become

this, he said, "Talent shows are popular now. I think it's a good idea!"

for now. However,

no

to ask for

replied. "Oh, my pleasure. Thank you for trusting me. What kind of judges

professionals of singing and dancing talents. It will be better if they are well known for their reputation and professionalism.

know. The entertainment industry is very competitive now, and every company strives for the best.

said. "No worries. Leave that to

said, "Great! Thank you, Jaydon."

if you don't need anything else. I'll

"Great!"-

Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!

the phone, Jaydon called

little recently. However, she was still a top celebrity in the

dancing skills were excellent. Jaydon considered Carmel perfect to be the

was happy to receive a call from Jaydon. She immediately picked up the phone and greeted, "Hello,

here's a

Grimm!" She thought it was

company in Greene City plans to hold a talent show. I think you are a perfect

Grimm, are you

to be a judge for that show."

shocked when she heard that. She cried,

25 years old this year and am

to be a

worried about. Thus, he encouraged, "Carmel, you're from a professional girl group. It's not a problem for you to be a judge for that

your popularity has decreased too much recently. This is a good

okay. Then what kind of media company is

"Charmont Media Group."

she heard the company

media company? You're asking me to be a judge for the

"What's wrong?

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I love you, Jay!" After considering it for a while, Joanna still said it out loud.

Hearing this, Jaydon was stunned for a moment. Then he replied gently. "I love you too!"

"Take good care of yourself?"

"You too!"

Then Joanna and Jaydon talked hot over the phone for a while. They both felt their hearts become closer.

Joanna said, "Alright, I should get back to work now. Don't train too hard."

"No worries."

The next day.

In the conference room.

Joanna announced, "The judges and mentors for the show Ultimate Girls have been selected."

When Brother Trumpet and Cora heard this, they asked anxiously. "Who are they?"

Joanna paused for a moment. She replied, "Adriana, Nathan Lawson, and Theo White."

Cora couldn't help but give Joanna a thumbs up. Cora complimented, "Wow, Miss Haynes, you're amazing. How did you manage to invite the three of them?

"I had to admit Adriana is not as popular as before. However, she was the top star in the past two years. I can't believe we can

have her in our show!"

Another executive, Eleanor Holmes, agreed and said, "Exactly. Besides, Nathan won The Golden Camera Award last year! I didn't expect him to accept the invitation!"

"That's Mr. Grimm's credit for letting us have Nathan on the show."

"Anyway. It's still worth celebrating since we have had great judges and mentors."

When Brother Trumpet heard the discussion, his face darkened slightly.

Brother Trumpet thought. "It seems that Joanna and Jaydon love each other so much.

"I should probably abandon my thoughts."

Cora sensed Brother Trumpet's disappointment. Thus, Cora immediately livened up the mood and said, "Brother Trumpet. we're going to organize our employees for a celebration. How about that?"

Brother Trumpet squeezed a smile and replied, "Sounds good."

Soon, the poster of the audition was posted online.

The advertising copywriting was inspiring. Additionally, the advertisement was released online and offline. Soon, the news of the talent show went viral on the Internet.

Thousands of people signed up for the audition on the first day.

However, the audition was on May 15th.

five rounds in total, which were registration, audition, second round,

through four

very busy in the next

sponsors, plan the rules of the competition,

became better when she got

not have the time to think about the unpleasant things that

Group, Greyport.

ignored and neglected by Joanna. Joanna did not

extremely disappointed

has Joanna

I heard that Miss Haynes is preparing an audition for a

asked. "An audition? A talent

Girls. A woman

before! The work is well done. I didn't expect Miss Haynes to be so good at planning!" Andy couldn't help

It sounds like Joanna is energetic

about the Haynes Group? What have the internal

is the interim chairman of the Haynes Group now.

there's also news that Mr. Roger wants to quit his job at the Haynes Group. He's looking for a man asked. "Is that

each hold 15% of the shares. The two of them don't want to work with Miss Haynes. Thus, they are planning to kick Miss Haynes out

to kick Miss Haynes out without losing one

said gloomily, "Got it!" Then he lit a cigarette.

Greene Town.

At the office.

many people signing

many people to sign up for

people signing up in total. However, it turned out that over

50,000 over the past few

of them are women over 30 years old. A small number of them are 50-year-old

audition must be fair. You can't prefer young girls or let the

age

limit

about that, Miss Haynes."

audition because the media had

up

get sponsors before. But now, the sponsors requested to offer money for the

had reached over 40 million dollars in just a month.

for the broadcasting right

media reported

finally saw Joanna's strength and

in public as a beauty

labeled as

Mr. Fletcher wants to reference a candidate to

us to put his daughter

Solutions Group sponsors 2 million dollars and wants his girlfriend to enter the final

dumbfounded when she heard these requests.

hated the most the people who

"How can we do that? Our slogan is fair and square!"

over 1 million dollars. He only has one request. That is referencing

the talent's profile. She graduated from a dancing school and is a professional without

wants the candidate to perform on television so that she can

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The Ultimate Girls was in full swing.

Until the deadline, over 60 thousand people had signed up for the show.

However, only a hundred people could get through the audition and enter the second round.

Joanna, Cora, Brother Trumpet, and the others were busy during this period.

In the conference room.

"Miss Haynes, there are too many applicants. Our studio can't fit so many people at the same time. We need a bigger studio."

Joanna replied, "No problem. Safety first. The audition can be held in a gymnasium."

"Noted."

"Also, the Icebergarts website wants to sponsor the show's second season. They have already bought the broadcasting rights for the second season."

Joanna replied, "Let's focus on and finish the first season first. It's still unknown if we can have the second season."

"Alright."

"Miss Haynes. Here's another thing. The proportion of candidates over 35 years old keeps increasing. It is about to exceed the proportion of young candidates.

"If this trend continues, our show will turn into a show for old people!"

Joanna said, "I've said it before. Age is not a problem if a candidate has talents!

"We must select candidates with talents in the audition."

"Noted."

Joanna asked, "Is there anything you want to add?"

Cora suddenly remembered something and said, "Oh right, Miss Haynes, you are invited to an interview show

Joanna asked, "What is it?"

Cora replied, "The show is called Rooney Interview."

Joanna thought for seconds before rejecting it. "Forget it. I don't like being exposed in front of the camera."

After all, the Greyport media almost demonized Joanna. As a result, Joanna was traumatized by all the media and was scared of facing reporters

Cora continued, "Miss Haynes, Rooney Interview is different. This show invites famous entrepreneurs or celebrities with good reputations in the entertainment industry.

"Miss Haynes, this interview is full of positive energy. It may help you win renown. So, it's better to accept the invitation."

Brother Trumpet strongly agreed with Cora. He said, "Cora is right. Joanna, you should accept the invitation! It is a relatively high-end interview show in the country. The host is also very influential."

Cora continued, "Miss Haynes, it might eliminate the misunderstandings people have about you if you participate in this show! I think you should go!"

felt that those words

then. I'll think about it first. I

"Then I'll tell that show's director

"Is there anything

replied, "No, that's

said, "Alright then. The

already past nine in the evening when

and Tatiana returned to the

sore neck, "I'm so

much. Thus, she listened to Joanna

the door,

professional bodyguard. Thus, she reacted quickly. She immediately stood

was frightened by that. Her heart was beating

"Miss

19 years old walked over shyly. He explained himself, "Hello, Joanna. I'm your big fan. May I have your

She was

a star or a famous person. Why would

looked at Joanna with sparkling eyes and said excitedly, "Yes! I like you very much and want to take

seconds. Then she

was overjoyed. Then, he
took a photo with
and smiled at Joanna, saying, "Thank you. Best of luck! I'll always
that. Then her eyes unknowingly turned
can't believe I have a fan! What
waved at Joanna
could not help but sigh. Then she murmured, "I can't believe I've
you have
over seven million fans!"
her eyes and asked,
If you don't believe

application in disbelief and checked her Dok-Dek account. As Tatiana

not understand how she gained so many fans since she did not post a video when she

Trumpet must help a lot in increasing Joanna's fans without any doubt. However, it was Joanna's legend and popularity that made her popular in

Although Greyport was a special economic zone and a metropolitan region, its total

in Greyport was not very good because Ingrid had been defaming Joanna for a long time. Additionally, the Greyport media loved news about the fights that happened in the rich and powerful families. Thus, the Greyport media wrote ridiculous news

wealthy family, she suffered a lot. Joanna was neglected by her biological father

Joanna's fans

in Mossbourne, Joanna was described as a strong

Joanna was touched. She

seems that shifting the focus of the business

Tatiana said, "Agreed!

now.

"Good night!"

the room

After that, she turned on the hot water and prepared to take a bath. Joanna had been very tired these days,

added some bath salts. The doorbell rang before she entered the bathtub and when she took off "Ding dong! Ding dong!"

asked, "Who is it?" She thought it was Tatiana. Thus, she put on her pajamas and walked toward outside

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His forehead hit the sink with a loud thud! Instantly, his forehead bled, and a pit appeared on it.

"Wah!" Bruce opened his mouth and howled.

"Ouch, it hurts..."

Upon seeing that, Joanna frantically went to help him."Bruce, you're my nemesis!" said Joanna.

Joanna grabbed Bruce's arm and tried to help him stand up as she spoke!

Unfortunately, Bruce was about 6 feet and 3 inches tall and weighed over 154 pounds. How could she drag him?

"Wow, you hit me! Even my mother didn't hit me, but you hit me! My head is smashed!" Bruce was so drunk that he couldn't even think straight and was crying his eyes out!

Joanna was speechless. "I didn't hit you. You knocked yourself on the sink!" However, it was difficult to argue with a drunk

person.

"Get up now, and don't cry!" said Joanna.

Bruce was still crying.

Joanna's scalp tightened. She could only coax him like a child. "Don't cry. It's so late now. You'll wake others up if you cry like this! Others will complain. Get up quickly!" After Joanna hugged his back and tried to carry him out of the bathroom!

Unfortunately, the drunk Bruce was no longer as arrogant and insufferably proud as before. At the moment, He was like a fool sitting on the ground crying!

It was as if he had suffered a great grievance!

It was said that when people were drunk, they would vent all the grievances in their hearts! No matter how well they usually pretended, their toughness and armor would all lose their effect once they got drunk!

"Stop crying," Joanna said grimly. "If you do, I'll hit you for sure!"

Bruce cried with tears in his eyes like a bullied wife. He looked at Joanna aggrievedly!

"Honey, I miss you so much. I really miss you! Please don't hit me, okay? Please?" Bruce was still crying.

"Okay, okay. Stop it! One will be thanking the gods if you don't hit one." Joanna frowned and exhaled. Then, she used all her strength to hug his back and wanted to carry him again!

"Ugh..." Bruce felt a recoil in his stomach. He opened his mouth and vomited in Joanna's hands.

Then, he vomited again.

Upon seeing that, Joanna almost broke down. "Bruce, you're such a pain in the ass!"

covered in filth.

Bruce vomited everywhere. His entire suit and shirt were g

Frowning, Joanna quickly turned on the tap. First, she washed her hands and then took a towel to wipe Bruce!

Tatiana heard the commotion from next door and quickly ca

over to knock on the door!

"Miss Haynes, what happened?"

You don't have to worry

a towel for a long time. The filth could not be wiped clean at all! Fortunately, all Bruce vomited was wine and

could not drag Bruce, so she could only give up. "You stay put. I'll

washroom. She hurriedly ran to get

Beep, beep!

Andy answered

"Hey, Miss Haynes!"

"Hey, Andy!"

slightly anxious voice came from the other end

"Where are you now?" As she spoke,

drunk now, and she was afraid he would knock something and hit himself

for Mr. Everett. Mr. Everett is

but the other party insisted on drinking liquor!

toilet. We're looking

with someone. The partner was a northerner who liked to drink liquor. Bruce usually did not drink, but he wanted to for some reason today. Then Bruce did not say many words and started drinking one glass, to the next. When the other party saw that Bruce drank so much, they thought he could hold his liquor

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He's with me now! Come and pick him up
"Ah? He's with you?"
I'll send you my location now. Come and pick him up
me your location, Miss Haynes. I'll rush over
up and sent Andy her
not leaving. Please don't chase me away,
drunk, he also heard that Joanna had asked someone to pick him up. He was even more aggrieved like a
child and
know what to say to
Joanna rushed to
bathroom, she heard a splashing sound
you
Joanna hurried
In the bathroom!
fell into the bathtub again, causing
struggled desperately
48%
unsteady he became! In a daze, he returned to the scene of drowning
"Help! Help!"
the hell are you
out to take Bruce out, but he pulled her
"Ah!"
you're crazy! Cough, cough..." Joanna choked on the water
don't be afraid.
Joanna was stunned.
а
was scared of
alright! The water is shallow,
the bathtub
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pulled Bruce out of the bathtub with

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Bruce was so drunk that he knelt on the ground and hugged Joanna's leg while crying!

His shoulders trembled violently as he sobbed. His throat was so choked up that he could barely breathe! Perhaps he was sad deep down!

Looking at him like this, Joanna felt an inexplicable pain in her heart!

"Get up quickly..."

"No. I won't get up if my wife doesn't forgive me!"

Dingdong! Dingdong!

The doorbell rang outside!

Andy had probably arrived with his men.

Joanna pulled her leg and said, "Someone rang the doorbell. I'll go out and open the door!"

Bruce cried even harder. "No, no. Honey, are you letting someone else catch me? I don't want to leave. I want to be with you!"

Joanna had no choice but to coax him with patience, "Be good, or I'll ignore you!"

Bruce obediently let her go when he heard her.

"Don't ignore me. I'm scared that you'll ignore me! How can you be more heartless than me?" said Bruce, still crying.

Joanna got rid of him with a frown. She quickly went out and opened the door!

Outside the door!

It was indeed Andy, followed by Kody and the others.

"Miss Haynes, where is Mr. Everett?" Andy asked anxiously.

"He's drunk and in the bathroom now. Get him out of here quickly!" said Joanna.

"Okay!"

Andy hurriedly led his men into the washroom!

In the washroom!

There was a strong smell of alcohol everywhere, and the ground was a mess and filthy. Bruce was lying in the filth, sobbing.

"Honey, I don't want to leave. Please don't leave me. I do know I was wrong..." said Bruce, crying.

Andy and the others were speechless.

It was the first time they had seen Mr. Everett drunk!

Unexpectedly, he made a fool of himself like all the drunkards!

"Get him out of here!" said Joanna.

"Okay!" Andy replied, but he did not know where to start!

Bruce was dripping wet, and his expensive suit was already beyond recognition

"He accidentally fell into the bathtub just then. Hurry up and find him a clean set of clothes

"Why don't we change Mr. Everett into a hotel robe?" said Andy.

"Fine!" Joanna said and quickly opened the closet.

Every room in the hotel would prepare a few bathrobes. Joanna brought one over,

and

"Okay!

Everett, it's time for us to go back!" Andy

kicked his limbs and did not let them get close. "Go away. Who

leave you. The bad people are trying

"Mr. Everett, I'm Andy. The client is

here?"

"Go away,

Bruce cried heartbreakingly and grabbed Joanna's hand tightly, refusing

go.

looked at

still managed to pry his

hurry up and

change out of

help

the bodyguards heard that, they quickly went forward and mustered their

bathroom!

of effort taking off Bruce's shirt. Unfortunately, they couldn't take

they didn't dare to force him, so they could only

Miss Haynes. He's caused

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"It's fine! just gu
half-naked and had to be covered with a
and struggling like a
You are
intense, his stomach
wants to vomit. Hurry up
and vomited a
almost empty, so he could only spit out
the end, he vomited two mouthfuls. A pool of dark red blood accompanied
scared out of his wits. "Oh, no,
was so frightened that her heart skipped a beat.
"Yes!"
to think too much
hunched his body and spat out two more mouthfuls
a pool of blood on
goodness!" Joanna
stomach ulcer
down 2.2 pounds of liquor and had not eaten
"What should we do?"
Mr. Everett to
"Oh, oh..."
we'll take you to the
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Am I going to die?" There was blood on Bruce's mouth. His eyes were as red as blood as he looked at
Joanna in a daze. His entire face had
so worried
was even more afraid that he would get alcohol
at Joanna anxiously and said, "Miss
worried something will happen to Mr.
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Okay!"

hesitated for a few

check.

wrong with Mr. Everett?"

and send him to the

scene before her.

and the others carried

the elevator!

way, Bruce's consciousness gradually dissipated. Even so, he held Joanna's

Twenty minutes later!

Bruce to Northshore Hospital as quickly

was midnight, so they had to

the doctor? It is an

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"Why.... why are you here?" Bruce's voice was hoarse, and his arrogant look returned.

"What do you think?" Joanna replied angrily.

Bruce shook his head. He had no impression of what happened last night!

He only remembered he came to Greene Town to discuss business with a client. After that, he went to have a meal.

During that period, he had been drinking with the client!

Then Bruce suddenly wanted to see Joanna. Hence, he took a car to Joanna's hotel before he was completely drunk!

Unexpectedly, he was completely drunk when he arrived at the hotel. He had no idea what happened later on!

If Bruce knew that he had made such a fool of himself last night, he would probably die on the spot!

"Cough, cough. Hiss..."

Joanna poured a glass of warm water and handed it over. "Look at you. You know that your stomach isn't in good condition. Why did you drink so much liquor? You drank so much that your stomach bled!"

"It's none of your business even if I drink myself to death!" Bruce returned to his usual arrogant self.

However, he was weak now, and his tone was not as high and mighty as before!

"Of course, I don't want to care about you. I'm only afraid you'll drink to death, and the children wouldn't have a father!"

Bruce gritted his teeth in anger when he heard her!

The damn woman could piss him off!

"Have some oatmeal! I asked Andy to buy it for you just now."

"Take it away. I'm not eating it!" Bruce's stomach felt uncomfortable. He frowned and subconsciously covered his stomach with his hands!

Looking at his pale and weak face, Joanna could not be bothered to bicker with him!

"The doctor said that your stomach ulcer is serious. You need to eat some oatmeal to nourish your stomach!"

"I already said I don't want to eat it, and you take it away quickly. Don't worry about me..."

Bruce's tone carried a hint of anger!

In Bruce's eyes, Joanna only cared about Jaydon. She didn't care if Bruce was dead or alive!

"If you don't want to eat it, forget it! I'm going to leave since you're awake!" Joanna had been watching him for most of the night and was so sleepy that her eyes were fighting!

She still had a meeting later and had to go to the audition site for an inspection!

In the afternoon, Joanna still had to meet the host of Rooney Interview!

When Bruce heard she was leaving, his stomach became even more sour! Not only was his stomach sore, but so was his

heart!

If Jaydon drank until his stomach vomited blood, Joanna would stay by his side even if the sky collapsed!

change of heart was truly more

Bruce endured his heartache and

Andy and Kody are outside the

spoke, she placed the oatmeal on the bedside

she stood up and prepared to walk

extreme pain

He looked incomparably painful!

She quickly went

and his lips were pale and dry. "Go and

leave with peace of mind when you're like this? Just wait. I'll call the doctor

went out to look for

over quickly and take a look. The

doctor rushed to the ward and did

now! He has to rest

had a stomachache!

can only give him some painkillers. As for the rest, he can

"Oh!"

careful. He can't drink anything cold or too hot! He can only eat liquid food during

stomach ulcer is serious. It's best

"Got it!"

gave a few more simple instructions and left

Bruce angrily and said, "Look at you. You used to be

However, the diet a nutritionist made for him was well-nourished, and Bruce took medicine

big problem for Bruce, He was no different from an ordinary

it had become so

frowning. "Even if I die, it has nothing to do with

die as long as you

leave! Don't

were the one who held my hands yesterday and refused to let me go! Otherwise, do you think I want to stay

know what was

furious when he

who most liked to say the opposite! He

but had to pretend that he didn't. He clearly wanted Joanna to stay and accompany him, but he was stubborn and wanted to

was drunk. I don't even know

care about you. I don't care

a sigh of relief. She was too lazy to argue with him. "Okay. I don't want to argue with you.

and never appear in front of

back to her.

acting like that, Joanna, apart from being speechless, had a strange feeling

away, but from his looks, he clearly did not want-her to

Forget it!

was vomiting blood, she decided to stay and take care of the sickly, delicate,

the oatmeal on the table and walked

was already a little cold. She wanted to heat it

Joanna had

anger, and a mist of water

really heartless

but

that the cruel woman was heartless and ungrateful, and she was much more ungrateful than get up and leave the hospital! Unfortunately, his stomach was too

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Joanna glared angrily.

Bruce got off the bed and looked at Joanna coldly with his hand in the air. His posture was like an ancient king who needed a young servant to bend down and support him in the throne room.

Joanna was puzzled and asked, "What?"

"Hmph. We do have no tacit understanding. Hold me!"

Joanna pursed her lips and reluctantly took a few steps forward. She held his arm and walked toward the bathroom.

Bruce leaned on Joanna and walked to the bathroom door.

"You can go in!"

"Aren't you going to help me in?"

"Please. It's only a few steps. Do you still need my help?"

Bruce puffed up his cheeks and said confidently, "I'm a patient now. How can you take care of a patient like this?"

Joanna was so angry that she choked and rolled her eyes!

The sickly bastard liked to torture her in various ways!

"Hurry up! Do you want to see me wet my pants?" Bruce urged again.

Joanna was speechless and could only help him into the bathroom!

"You don't need me to help you to take your pants off, do you?" Joanna said sarcastically.

Bruce was thick-skinned. "I have no objections if you're willing!

"Anyway, it's not like you haven't seen it before!"

Upon hearing her, Joanna was furious. "Bruce, you're really shameless!"

"How am I shameless? Which part of my body haven't you seen? I've used it so many times. Do you have to pretend to be reserved with me?"

"You're sick!" Joanna was furious. She flung his arm away fiercely, wishing to press his head into the toilet bowl and eat shit.

"Hiss, uh..." Bruce was weak from his stomach ache. After being pushed by her, he feebly supported himself against the sink.

"Oops. Cough, cough.

Looking at his pained expression, it didn't seem like he was pretending! Joanna's heart tightened. "Are you Okay?"

"It hurts..." Bruce looked like he was in pain.

"Where does it hurt?"

Bruce frowned and covered his chest with his hand. "It hurts here and there! Oh, it hurts!"

Joanna took him at his words and quickly went forward to check. "You're covering your heart, and your stomach isn't here. How can it hurt?"

Bruce's eyes sank as he hugged Joanna suddenly. "My heart aches. It hurts so much!"

Joanna was stunned. She knew that Bruce had tricked her. Instantly, her face darkened, and she pushed him away forcefully.

"Bruce, stop fooling around! Don't you know that you're really silly?"

"Ugh!" Bruce staggered and fell heavily onto the toilet because she pushed him too hard.

The bleeding part of his stomach was torn. It was so painful that he gasped!

mouth and

oatmeal he had just eaten. There were even dark blood clots mixed

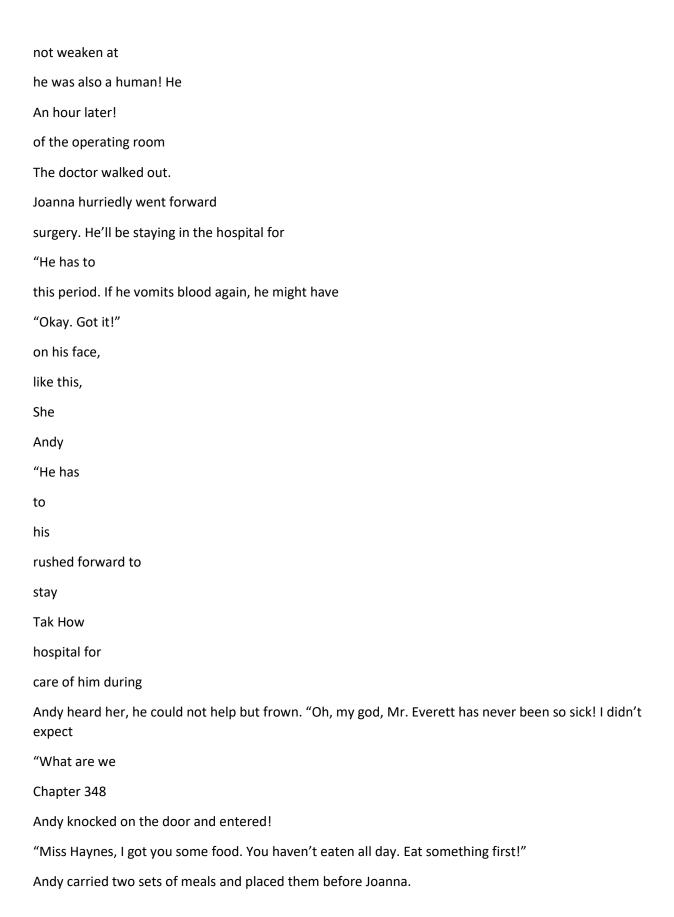
stomach and slid to the ground in

Joanna saw him like that, she was so frightened that her heart

Andy, call

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how are you? I... I didn't mean to! I thought you weren't so
vomited another mouthful of blood. The dark
and quickly used her wiped away
eyes went dark. He lost consciousness and fell into
"Doctor, doctor. Come quickly!"
Haynes, what's wrong?" Andy heard the shout outside the door and
fainted again. Call the
Andy
Soon!
ran to look for the doctor. Andy and a bodyguard went forward
goodness. Why is Mr. Everett vomiting
guilty. She had just been provoked by Bruce and thought that he was fine, so
him to be so seriously
odd if he
a while, the doctor and nurse rushed
blood
quickly went forward to check on
and needs to
"Okay!" Joanna panicked even
more
she heard
his family?
and
hurriedly followed the doctor to the operating
small wheeled stretcher, and the nurse
bleeding was a bit severe, so he needs
Outside the operating room!
that his
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had been insufferably arrogant.



Joanna sighed. "Leave it aside for now! Now that Bruce held her hand, she did not dare to move!

Andy looked at Bruce and asked in a low voice, "Is Mr. Everett still not awake?"

"He just woke up but fell asleep again!"

"Oh, alright! Thank you for being by his side."

"It's nothing!"

"We'll guard outside. If you need anything, just call us!"

"Okay!"

After saying that, Andy tiptoed out again!

Joanna hadn't slept since last night.

She was exhausted, sleepy, and hungry now!

Unfortunately. Bruce grabbed her hand, and she did not dare to move!

After waiting for about 20 minutes, Joanna couldn't take it anymore. Gradually, her head tilted, and she fell asleep at the

bed's headrest!

It was past six in the evening!

Bruce woke up again!

Looking sideways, he saw that Joanna had fallen asleep on the bed! His hand was still holding Joanna's, and it was already numb!

Thinking about it, Joanna must be exhausted!

Bruce gently let go of her hand and carefully ran his fingers through the loosened hair on Joanna's face!

A hint of gentleness and calmness appeared in his eyes!

As long as Joanna stayed by his side, it would calm him down, even if she did nothing.

Even though his movement was very light and gentle, it still woke Joanna up. "Mmm..." Joanna rubbed her eyes and raised

her head in a daze!

"You're awake?"

Bruce whispered back. "Mm, go back to sleep if you're tired!"

"I'm fine!" Joanna yawned and stood up to stretch her sore neck!

"What time is it?" Joanna looked at her watch. It was already past six in the afternoon!

"Gosh! It's already dark!" Joanna cried out silently from deep down.

She promised to call Jaydon back. Unexpectedly, it was already night!

Bruce moved slightly. "I want to drink some water!"

"No! The doctor just said that you've undergone surgery. You're not allowed to eat or drink for 24 hours!"

thirsty... Bruce said as he licked his dry

that they were

got up and poured a glass of warm

in water, and gently applied it on his

that if you are thirsty, just wet your lips with water. It would be best if you did not drink anything.

your wound, and your stomach will hurt even

he looked at Joanna gently. He enjoyed the feeling of her taking care

Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!

buzzed

that Joanna did not call him back for a long time and could not stop his

of the phone. His gaze on her darkened. "Who's

subconsciously muted the phone. "Oh, no, no

call

could go out, Bruce groaned in pain "Okay Hiss. It

a beat. She could not be bothered to go out

Bruce.

does it

a child, Bruce frowned and said coquettishly. "Every part

minute. I'll get the doctor to prescribe you some

are useless!" Bruce said as he looked at Joanna pitifully.

to relive

me and warm

frowned and was at

However, looking at him, it was better

might cause a

to rub her hands and "Is that better?" much better!" A hint of satisfaction appeared in Bruce's suddenly found the trick! and in pain. Joanna's attitude toward him would that women were soft-hearted and easily overflowed with motherly love! It seemed that it Buzz! Buzz! Buzz! phone rang again... must be was about to answer the call, Bruce it was because that Bruce did it on purpose! The purpose was to prevent morning, even though she knew he was pretending, she did not dare to provoke him anymore! Buzz! Buzz! Buzz! it hurts!" Bruce frowned angrily Your phone Bruce heard this, he suddenly stopped whining. "Oh, then... ignore it! Anyway, I'm sick now!" if the kids Bruce tried to stop her. had already brought call. There were all darkened. She was obviously Joanna did not look good, Bruce subconsciously said, "Ignore her!" Joanna heard this, she became even angrier. "Bruce, she called you so many times. You should more anxious if you don't answer helplessly. I'm already in this state. a message so she doesn't have to L.." Bruce wanted to say something but hesitated. He

her new

up and reply

heard this, he was a little angry. "Joanna, are you kidding me? Do you have to kick me

that. "Bruce, please don't say such things again in the

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Joanna choked on her tears, and her eyes turned red. "Sweethearts, you have to take good care of yourselves over there. Do you hear me?"

"Got it!"

In fact, she did not have to worry about these problems at all. There were more than ten servants and nannies taking care of the children. In addition, the butler, Gael, also followed.

However, no matter how diligent the servants were, they could not compare to the company of the parents.

Joanna chatted with the children for a while more before reluctantly hanging up.

She hung up!

Joanna was still feeling terrible. She was in a daze with a frown.

Seeing Joanna like this, Bruce was worried. After pondering momentarily, he tried to change her mind by using the children as an excuse. "Can you bear to let the children not have a complete family?

"If you marry Jaydon, are you sure he will treat the children as his own?

"If he can't, how can I feel at ease giving you custody of the child?

"The children are still so young and need their parents' care and company!"

When Joanna heard this, she felt sorry for her kids even more. "Stop that!"

It wasn't that she hadn't considered getting back together with Bruce!

However, she knew Bruce's personality too well. He was paranoid, arrogant, oppressive, and had a bad temper. It was too tiring to be with him.

It was too painful to love him. She had finally crawled out of the fatal abyss.

She did not want to get herself drowned in it again!

Bruce's eyes turned gloomy, and he put on a rational expression. "Alright, I won't say anything else! I'll only say one last thing. It's better to maintain a marriage for a lifetime!"

"You know there is no choice amongst stinking fish. All the men are alike. Jaydon will not be any better than me! At least I'm the biological father of the children. No matter what, I'm better than a stepfather!"

"You want to find a perfect man like in dramas? Let me tell you. There's no such man in the world. I'm already the only good. man in the world. I'm rich, handsome, good in bed, and not a playboy."

Pfft! It took her aback to hear that.

Joanna was speechless!

"Bruce, can you stop being so narcissistic?"

"I'm not being narcissistic. I'm just telling the truth. You don't know how lucky you are. You're blind."

He had always been very confident in himself.

Molten anger surged through Joanna!

Not only was this damned bastard mean, but he was getting more shameless. He was a typical narcissist. It really made her speechless.

However, she was not in the mood to bicker with him. She solemnly asked, "Bruce, when do you plan to return the

children?"

and he mocked, "Joanna, did you stay here to take care of

know how

anymore. Leavel" After Bruce finished speaking,

I leave when you're like this? I'll leave when you're

I don't want to force you if you don't want

heard this, she was even more speechless. "This has nothing to do with not being

you're willing to stay here and care for me because you're worried about

you're being perfunctory, there's no need. I don't need you

in anger!

really sickly

about you, so I'm willing to

"Really?"

"Really!"

curled into a smug smile. "I knew it. You still care about me."

rolled her eves

Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!

vibrated again.

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took a look. It was Cora. Im
It hurts..." Bruce instantly put
hospital all day. I don't
return the call and explain to her about tomorrow's work "
Come back quickly! I can't have no one
worried, I'll get Andy and the
How are they capable
and servants
them. I'm a man. I cannot let another woman take care
eyes again and
in the corridor.
Cora back.
"Hey, Cora
came from the other end of the phone.
"Something happened to Bruce. I have to look after him in the hospital
"Okay, got it"
an appointment. You have to fly to the
it for next Monday!"
"Alright, I'll reply"
"Okay!"
Buzz Buzz! Buzz!
she quickly dialed Micheal's
in the middle of the surgery, and she did not have the time to
Miss Haynes. When are
the original manufacturer is out of stock. We need to sign a
really too busy. We might have to hire a group
I don't have time this week. I might not be able to go
a few new contracts and needs you to sign them personally."
as soon as I
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"Will do."

Ethan's call came in

Hello, Ethan"

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"I know. You really don't have to explain."

Joanna still explained carefully, Tm afraid that you'll be angry, and I'm even more afraid that you'll misunderstand!"

Jaydon smiled. "That won't happen. It's not like we've known each other for a day or two. I'm not that narrow—minded."

After hearing this, Joanna's nervousness relaxed a little. "Well, how are you? Did your rehabilitation training go smoothly?"

"It's alright!"

"After I'm done with my work, I'll visit you at Gaprington"

Jaydon paused for a few seconds before rejecting her. "It's alright. I'll come back to visit you when I'm completely recovered."

"If.. Jaydon paused.

"If what?"

"It's nothing. That's all for now! Take care of yourself."

Joanna listened and guessed what Jaydon wanted to say.

"Jay, don't feel burdened. Don't care about what others say. No matter if you can recover or not, as long as you don't despise me, I'm willing to be with you."

"I know!" Jaydon said. His heart was still aching.

If he couldn't recover, he would give up pursuing Joanna.

Bruce was right. He should not add burdens and burdens to her if he really loved her.

He knew that Bruce still loved Joanna deeply. If he really became disabled, he would rather Joanna return to Bruce's side.

"It's fine. Take care of yourself."

"Okay!"

They ended the call.

Joanna ran her fingers through her hair, feeling irritated. There were so many things lately, making her feel suffocated.

Joanna looked at her the calendar on her phone.

It was Wednesday.

She had to plan her itinerary and arrange her work properly.

The most important thing was the matter in Greyport. She couldn't let Mr. Roger take over the chairman's position anymore. Otherwise, the company would be emptied.

Half an hour had passed.

Bruce waited for her in the ward.

Joanna returned to the ward absent–mindedly. Her beautiful eyes revealed a trace of fatigue and uneasiness.

Bruce looked up and gave Joanna a worried look. His tone carried a hint of dissatisfaction. "Why were you gone for so long? It's been more than half an hour. Do you have to take so long to make a call?"

"I have to take care of some things."

"Hmph, you must be secretly on the phone with your lover again."

Joanna was frustrated and could not be bothered to argue with him!

Bruce grumbled in dissatisfaction, "Are you remaining silent because I guessed right?"

hurt anymore? Do you still have the strength to talk so much?

looked up and snarled, "My stomach hurts, but it doesn't affect my speech!

I can divert my attention from the pain if I

say anything else. She sighed and sat at

You look listless."

piss you off again?"

around and rolled her eyes at him

"What is it?"

fine! Joanna

snorted resentfully. "You don't have to lie to me. From your expression, it's obvious that something is wrong. Why don't you just tell me

for you, I can help you

don't need your help!"

are crying and begging me to give them pointers, but I can't be bothered.

I'm taking the initiative to help you solve your troubles,

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anything more to him. She got up
are you going
going to eat
been keeping an eye on you all day. I've barely eaten.
eat
the surgery. I can't starve with you, right?"
"Hmph!" Bruce snorted.
knew how to ask for
could be with him, the wealthiest man in town, and didn't have to do anything. Why
was famous because
television station collaborate with
an ungrateful
could her company develop so smoothly?
were at the nurse station
not help but gossip. "Hey! Do you guys know who the patient in
had so many bodyguards and assistants following him. It's like
at the medical record. It seems to be Bruce Everett!"
No
"It's really him!"
richest man in
suffering from an acute illness. He can't rush back
believe it. What about the woman in the
his
divorced. Why would his ex-wife stay
"Who knows?"
I wonder if it's true. Why is he with his
time ago, he had a scandal with the daughter of the
"Isn't it normal for wealthy families to do such
many good
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exposed yet. Do you

Mr. Everett is so handsome. Even if he doesn't have money, many women are willing to stick around him! If it were me, I would be