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Eugene glanced at her and said, "If you don't want me to find you, just tell me." Olivia immediately glared at him and said, "Even when I don't want you to find me, it didn't stop you."

When Eugene heard this, he felt as if a knife was stabbed into his heart. "I've only been your boyfriend for a few days but you already think I'm annoying?" Olivia felt a little guilty. "I'm just afraid that George will find out." Eugene coldly replied, "So what if he finds out? He'll know about us sooner or later anyway." Olivia frowned hard and said, "Eugene, are you trying to pick a fight with me?"

Eugene turned to look at her and he felt a little sad. I'm her boyfriend but why don't I feel like it? Not only is it hard for me to meet her, but whenever we meet, the first thing she does is complain how annoyed she is that I went to look for her. I'm already trying my best to hold back my longing to see her!

"Why are you afraid that George might find out? Is it because you don't know how to introduce me? Or is it because you don't want to be with me at all?" He asked as he looked at her intently. Olivia's face slowly darkened. What is he talking about? If I don't want to be with him, why would I agree to try this out with him? I was just trying to get rid of George as soon as possible. If George finds out about us, it will be hard for us to be together! Besides, he has only been my boyfriend for a few days but he's already pushing his luck!

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"What should I say? Isn't that what you want to hear?" Olivia really didn't want to bother with him so she forcefully pushed the door. "Open the door!" Eugene looked at her and in a domineering demeanor, he yelled, "If you don't explain it to me, you won't be able to go anywhere!"

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Eugene looked up and said, "Olivia, you know that I don't want to fight with you. I just don't know how I'm supposed to do this! You keep asking me to believe in you but I have to watch you work side by side with a man who likes you. If I didn't notice and confronted you about it, you wouldn't have told me. How do you expect me to believe you?"

Olivia frowned in frustration and she secretly thought, Before you met me, we've been friends for seven years. If you don't trust me, just break up with me! It's better than both of us wasting our time and emotion from you being suspicious of me! However, she suddenly remembered she promised him that she couldn't mention breaking up with him for no reason, so she suppressed the thought.

Olivia opened her mouth to explain but her phone in her pocket suddenly started ringing. She frowned as she pressed on the answer button and heard Sophia's voice from the other side of the phone. "Olivia, we're waiting for George for dinner but he went out and hasn't come back yet. We don't have his phone number so please call him for us!"

"Got it." Olivia then hung up the phone and called George. Why would George leave the studio? The call went through but George didn't answer. At that moment, Olivia felt a little worried. What happened to George? She made a few more calls but George still didn't pick up, which made her anxious. She turned to Eugene and snapped, "Open the door!"

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After Olivia heard this, she wanted to comfort him at first but when she remembered that he was blind enough to not see his feelings for Kate, she felt that he deserved all of it. "Enough. No matter how drunk you get, Kate won't see it, just like how you couldn't see her sadness and despair in the past!" However, Nathan ignored her words and mumbled to himself, "I don't think I like her, but why do I feel so upset when I see the two of them together?"

Olivia took a deep breath and sighed. "If you had known sooner, you wouldn't have done what you did!"

"Olivia, my heart hurts!" Nathan muttered. Hearing this, Olivia said, "Enough. If your heart is aching, get to your feet and go get Kate back. What's the use of drinking your sorrows away?"

"She already has a boyfriend. She doesn't want me anymore! I lost her!"

His vague voice was mixed with sobbing and hearing it made Olivia pity him. "Pull yourself together. Even though she has a boyfriend, she's not married yet. Whether or not you can win over Kate's heart depends on your ability, but whether or not you want to go after her is based on your attitude. If you don't even try, I will despise you, let alone Kate!"

There was a long silence from the other side of the phone. Olivia wondered if it was because Nathan couldn't understand what she was saying, or because he had already passed out. At that moment, Olivia was annoyed with herself. Why did I have a long argument with a drunkard? All of them make

me worry. One ran away from the studio, one is drunk all the time, and another pesters me to give him an explanation. Why is my life so tiring?!

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As for the woman behind them, she finally caught up and without even looking at George, she took the bag from him and hit the two men with it. "How dare you steal my bag?! How dare you?! I'll f\*cking kill you!" She cursed as she beat them up. Her bag was full of studs so even one hit was extremely painful.

The two men were held down by the motorcycle and couldn't dodge her beating. Soon, they started begging for mercy. "Madam, we're sorry! Please stop hitting us!" Hearing this, the woman was even more furious and she waved the studded bag in her hand again. As she beat them, she yelled, "Madam? Who are you calling madam?!"

The two men were so badly beaten, they covered their heads with their hands. "Please stop! Miss, we apologize for what we've done. We promise that from now on, we'll evade you whenever we see you. Please stop hitting us."

The woman was sweating from all the beating. "Stop hitting? I'm going to kill you both!" Meanwhile, George was watching from a distance and he frowned harder and harder. In the end, he couldn't help but speak up. "Enough! You might really end up killing them!" Hearing this, the woman finally stopped and said to the two men, "I'm in a good mood today so I'll let you two go. Scram!"

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George looked at her coldly and he regretted the impulsive decision he made a while ago. Why won't this woman let me go? However, before he could say anything, they heard a female's voice from a distance. "George!"

George immediately looked over and his cold gaze instantly turned into joy. There was even a sense of relief. He quickly got up from the bench and looking at the pair of mother and son walking up to him, he asked, "Why are you here?"

Olivia was angry and anxious. "Why didn't you pick up the phone?" There was a guilty look on George's face as he explained in a soft voice, "My phone ran out of battery." Just when Olivia was about to nag at him, she saw the woman standing beside him from the corner of her eye. She turned to look at her and muttered, "Penny?"

Penny recognized Olivia too and the corners of her lips curled into a smirk of disbelief. Why do I keep bumping into her? "It's you again?" Then, she looked at George suspiciously and asked, "You two know each other?"

Olivia didn't bother to explain to Penny. In fact, she didn't like her at all so she simply ignored her. As for George, he never bothered about Penny from the beginning so this time, he was more straightforward. He grabbed Olivia's arm and said, "Let's go!"

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tell him that I started dating after a few months I arrived here? Not only will he be upset, but he'll also feel humiliated.

The two of them fell into deep silence and it was North who first spoke up. "Uncle George, that woman is evil. She quarrelled with my mommy and even took my mommy's money."

Hearing this, George turned to look at the child and asked, "Who are you talking about?"

"I'm talking about that woman just now!" North replied before he turned around and glanced at Penny in the distance. George frowned slightly and looked at Olivia. "What happened?"

Olivia replied, "She's the woman who prevented me from treating Eugene's grandfather and insisted on performing a craniotomy on Old Man Nolan. Later when Eugene paid me with a cheque, she snatched it away and said that she'll only give it to me after Old Man Nolan wakes up!" George had a sudden realization and recalled that Olivia told him about this matter before. "You're the genius Doctor Bailey. That was probably the first time you were treated disrespectfully, wasn't it?" Olivia chuckled and replied, "You're right! If it weren't for the fifty million, I would've just quit!"

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Eugene was already getting impatient. "Are you coming or not? Stop wasting time like a little girl!"

Alex couldn't help but laugh. "Of course I'm coming! How can I miss the opportunity to hear about Young Master Nolan's gossip? Where should we meet? At our usual spot?"

"Yes." After Eugene hung up the phone, he started the car and drove toward Ruby Palace. When he arrived, Alex was already there, and he couldn't help but complain when Eugene walked over, "You really are slow."

"And you're really into gossip!" Eugene rebuked and snorted.

Alex didn't care about his ridicule. "Well, that's enough to prove that I value you!" Eugene just glared at him and ignored him, then found a seat and sat down.

Alex didn't mind and leaned in close instead. With a smile, he asked, "What do you have in mind? Are the two of us drinking alone or should I call two people over?"

"If you want to call them over, just go ahead!" Eugene replied angrily. Alex clicked his tongue in disappointment and said, "Look how dirty your thoughts are. I was just asking whether we should call a few friends over. What were you thinking?"

Eugene glared at him and said, "Are you trying to play word games with me? If you don't have dirty thoughts, how would you know that I was having dirty thoughts?" Alex pursed his lips in annoyance and sat next to him. Then, he stared at Eugene intently, as if he was studying his expression. He was quiet for less than ten seconds before he couldn't hold back his curiosity and asked, "What's the matter? Did you break up?"

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However, Alex didn't quite comprehend what he said because he had been vague. What boyfriend?

Hence, he decided to ask him tentatively, "Has Olivia agreed to go out with you?"

Eugene responded, "Yes."

With a frown, Alex pressed on, "What about the guy you saw her with? Has she been unfaithful to you?"

Eugene put down the wine glass and leaned on the sofa before he answered, "He's her senior who's been having a crush on her!"

The crease on Alex's forehead deepened. "What does that mean? Is she having an affair with her senior?"

At first, Alex found the matter intriguing as gossip but the more he learnt about it, the more of a mess he found it to be.

He thought Eugene, a man who had been single for 28 years, only didn't know how to date a woman. He did not expect that he would even be dating someone who was having an affair!

Glaring at him with annoyance, Eugene snapped, "What nonsense are you spouting? She isn't having an affair!"

Alex snorted in response, "If that's the case, why are you so sulky? Tell me now, who's that senior and how long have they known each other? That guy must be quite outstanding to be able to snatch your girl!"

After taking a sharp intake of breath, Eugene responded, "Seven years!"

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Looking exasperated, he was adamant to believe that Olivia didn't care about him, or that he just didn't matter to her as much as George did.

After some contemplation, Alex advised, "You are free to share such thoughts with me but you'd better keep your mouth shut when you're with Olivia."

"I've already told her."

Taken aback by what he said, Alex gasped, "Really? Didn't she get angry with you?"

A feeling of resignation swept over Eugene at the mention of the matter. He slurred, "She yelled at me and told me she wanted to two-time me and then break up with me so that she could start dating her senior. Regardless, she just didn't feel like recognizing me as her boyfriend."

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Eugene didn't utter a word in response because he desperately needed someone to talk some sense into him now.

Alex found it hilarious because he had never seen him listening to his lecture so calmly without trying to argue back.

"As far as I know about Olivia's personality, she wouldn't have accepted to go out with you if she didn't take this relationship seriously. Are you forcing her to make a choice between her senior who has been crushing on her for seven years and you, a boyfriend whom she barely started dating? Do you have enough confidence that she will still choose you over that senior for the second time? I know you're bothered by this because you care about her a lot and you want to be properly introduced. However, I

must say you're being too greedy to ask for so many things from her considering you two have only started dating each other."

Keeping his eyes shut, Eugene could understand everything Alex just said but then again, he just didn't feel like wasting more time that he could spend with her after they had missed out on each other for seven years. If it wasn't because he was worried that she might not be able to accept what had happened back then, he would have told her right away that he wanted to always be with her.

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In his exesperetion, Alex yelled et him, "Get the bill!"

"You do it!"

"Why should I?"

"For yelling et me for the entire night!"

Alex didn't know whether to leugh or cry et his explenetion. "I did it for your good!" But he wes ignored.

"Hey, get someone to drive you!" Alex then shouted behind him but whet he received in response wes the sound of the door closing.

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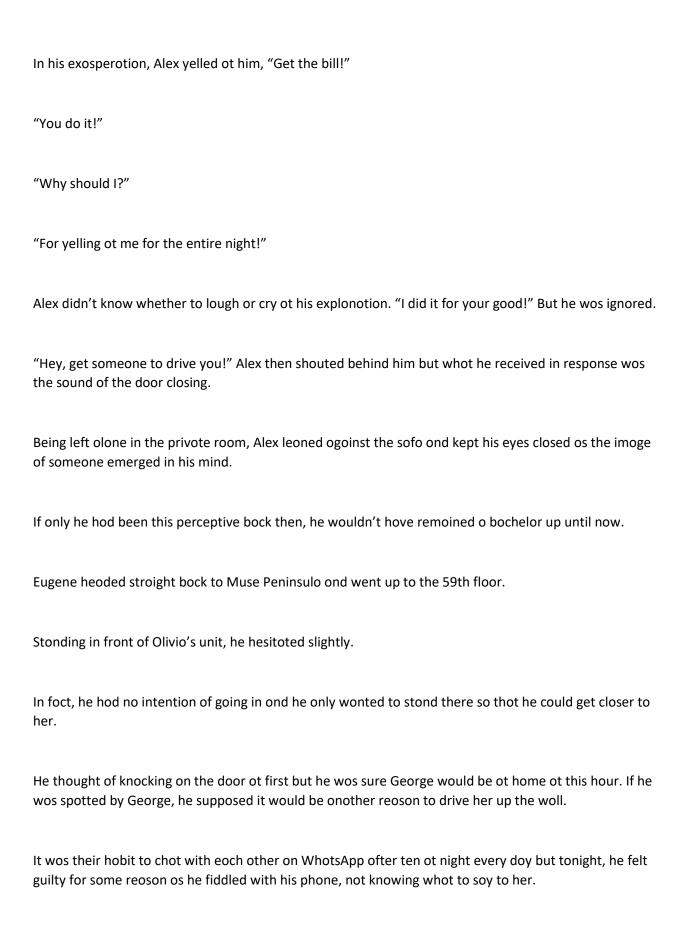
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He thought of knocking on the door et first but he wes sure George would be et home et this hour. If he wes spotted by George, he supposed it would be enother reeson to drive her up the well.

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At the same time, he started examining every post on her Instagram account which consisted mainly of things that happened in her daily life. She expressed herself in an exquisite way and she stayed true to herself in her social media accounts.

It was only after loitering in front of her unit for around half an hour did he make his way upstairs to his own unit.

Since she had told him that they were not to meet each other for ten days, he would try his best to curb his desire to meet her during the period.

After all, there were only five days left and he was sure he could manage that. After reaching his own unit, he sent a message to North.

'Are you asleep?'

It was only after quite a long while did he receive a reply from him: 'I am!'

Eugene burst out laughing wondering how he could still reply to him if he was really asleep. Despite knowing that it was getting late, he just couldn't help but be curious about Olivia. "How's your Mommy's mood today?"

North: 'It doesn't look positive because she hasn't eaten much throughout the day. Did you make her angry?'

Taking a deep breath, Eugene didn't want to burden him with his problem so he replied: 'Nope.'

Yet, he could not hide anything from that little fellow who was a sharp observer. 'If that's the case, why didn't you help Mommy search for Uncle George?'

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Still fuzzy-minded, she took over her phone, glonced ot the screen ond perked up immediately the moment she sow Eugene's name on it; various possible reasons for his coll popped up in her mind in on instant.

Wos he going to demond her to introduce him properly to George becouse he hod hod enough of hiding?

Or, wos he going to breok up with her becouse he couldn't stond her bod temper ond her reticence?
She found that none of the two possibilities was occeptable to her.
She regretted hurling so many spiteful comments at him before this. Why couldn't she have explained it nicely to him? Why didn't she just tell him the truth?