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After that, she left without a backward glance.

Looking at her leaving back, he closed his eyes resignedly. Can she still not forgive me?

"What's the problem?" Olivia looked at him.

With an aggrieved face, he glanced at her. "Am I truly that unforgivable?"

"Give her some time." With that, she added, "She is the kind of person that if is in a bad mood, the more impeccable she becomes. You can see that she was like this when she left just now. Did you two have a bad talk?"

"I mentioned Melanie," he answered.

Olivia was shocked to hear that. "Why did you mention her?"

Before Nathan could answer, Eugene spoke. "Olivia, you should eat first. We can talk while eating." At the same time, he looked at Nathan, but his tone was much more imposing than when he spoke to Olivia. "If you don't want to go, at least allow her to sit down and eat."

Nathan gave him a reply and quietly found a chair to sit down on.

Olivia knew that Eugene was concerned about her, but she could see that he had frightened Nathan with his tone.

"You can eat first if you are hungry. I'm not hungry yet."

Eugene furrowed his brows. "What do you mean you're not hungry yet? Look at the time. Hurry up and eat. Otherwise, it'll get cold later on."

Therefore, she sat down resignedly and opened the lunch box to see that Kate bought all her favorite food. First, Olivia went for the spicy chicken.

Then, she turned toward the motionless Nathan. "Aren't you eating?"

"I'm not. I ate just now when I came here." He wasn't in the mood to eat.

She didn't force him as she sent another spoonful of food into her mouth. "Why did you mention Melanie?"

"I didn't mention her on purpose. I heard that you two ran into her and was worried that Katie might be taken advantage of, so I asked. She seems to be upset about it."

Olivia rolled her eyes at him. "You could have just asked me. She finally was able to forget about her, but you went and mentioned her again. No wonder she thinks that you still miss that woman constantly."

He nodded his head in agreement. "She misunderstood that I was worried about Melanie. Also, she thought that I wanted to find those men who helped Melanie because I want to fight them for her. Do you really think I'm worried about her? I already can't wait to kill her myself."

"Alright, alright. You should not hurry. This is not something you should rush. In fact, she does not mean what she said. Most of it is because of the contradictions she had inside her heart. Now, she needs time to clear her mind, so you shouldn't force her too much."

Nathan looked at her and hesitated for a while before asking a question that he wanted to ask long ago. "Is she really in a relationship with Jasper?" She glanced at him silently, so he immediately clapped his hands together and put on a pleading face. "Olivia, please tell me. This has been itching my heart the whole day."

She sighed and answered, "If she could start over with someone else, she wouldn't have liked you blindly for so many years."

Listening to her, Nathan felt an ache inside his heart before revealing a smile. "That's great. That's great."

However, just as he was celebrating, Olivia added, "But it doesn't mean that she won't do it in the future. In my opinion, Jasper really cares about her. Not only did he introduce a lot of clients to her, he also stood by her side unconditionally whenever someone bullies her. All a woman needs is someone to support them thoroughly, but you always reason with her. Even a three-year-old child could understand your reasoning, so how could she not? She just wanted to see how far you would go to support her, but you've really disappointed her. She likes you, but you really hurt her too much. To be honest, there was a period of time when I did not want her to forgive you. She might seem heartless to you, as if she doesn't know how to be sad but actually, she is just pretending."

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"You better not say these words in front of Katie. If you mention to her again that she likes you, it'll only upset her even more because she will blame herself for liking you. Do you know what it feels like to warn yourself not to like someone but in reality, you can't help it? That day, she told me that she never had any doubts about you back then even though you kept on changing your girlfriends. Now, though, she is suspicious of any girl around you. Nathan, do you know how precious a person's trust is? You've destroyed 7 years of trust she had for you in one day."

He took a deep breath as he regretted what he did. He knew that he had made a mistake, but...

"There are no other girls around me at the moment. I've always been waiting for her."

When Eugene heard Olivia mentioning how precious a person's trust was, he felt strangely guilty inside. I should find a chance to admit what happened 7 years ago even if she will be angry and ignore me.

In the meantime, North swallowed the food in his mouth and pouted. "Are you sure? Then who was that woman you were with that day? Godmother looked at her a few times."

Nathan was startled. "That counts too?"

"Isn't she a woman?" North said.

At that, Eugene chimed in, "Don't you know what situation you are in at the moment?"

Looking at him, Olivia shrugged her shoulders as she put on a helpless expression. "Only you know what status she has inside your heart. No one else would know. You said that you don't like Melanie and nothing happened between the two of you, but her shameless words made more of an impression than your pale explanation."

Nathan sat there, feeling defeated. "There's no way for me to clear my name now."

"That's why you should choose your girlfriend carefully. It's fine for someone to keep on liking you but if you hurt her afterward, don't you think it's a bit too forceful to ask that person to forgive and accept you again?"

"I didn't know Melanie was that kind of a person."

Olivia sneered, "Of course you don't know! You should know that the words she used behind your back are simply unpleasant to hear. Since my son is here, I won't repeat what she said, but you get what I mean. Katie heard how she and her friends insulted you, so she smashed a bottle of wine but then, Melanie asked two other men to come and beat her up."

Listening to her, Nathan was suddenly worried. "What happened then? Was she hurt?"

Seeing how anxious he was, Olivia felt somewhat comforted. "She was slapped but after that, I went over and slapped Melanie a few more times for you."

Nathan breathed a sigh of relief while his body slowly sagged. His heart was aching but at the same time, he had an urge to cry. He thought that Kate had removed him from her heart, but it turned out that he still held an important position inside her heart.

"We can't do anything about their insults anyway. What if she got herself hurt rushing into someone without thinking straight? The same thing happened today. She heard someone at the table next to us bad-mouthing you, so she went over and flipped their table straight after," he said faintly.

Listening to him, Olivia also furrowed her brows. "You two got into a fight just now?"

Nathan revealed a gentle smile. "There was no fight. She only gave that woman a slap and threatened her that she would call the police. She was so convincing that she scared the few women. In the end, under the crowd and restaurant owner's persuasion, the few women apologized and the matter was settled."

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Nathan chuckled in agreement. "Yes, exactly. When you look at her, she appears to be a gentle and refined lady but in reality, she has a lively and approachable personality!"

Olivia had been eating throughout their conversation, but she now set her cutlery down and spoke more seriously. "Alright, enough of that. Now that you know what she thinks, then you should think about what you want to do. This is going to be more challenging than if you were just trying to win her back. You have to think it through carefully. If you don't care about her all that much, then don't disrupt her life any longer. If you ever hurt her again, then our friendship is over!"

Nathan nodded and reassured Olivia, saying, "Don't worry, I won't hurt her again. In that case, I'm going to head back now. I'll drop by again tomorrow."

Olivia acknowledged his words and got up to escort him out. While doing so, she once again reminded him, "Katie is ignoring you because she hasn't figured out her own thoughts and feelings yet. This is also a test for you. You have to really think about whether you truly like her. Don't feel like you have to be with her out of pity or consolation just because she likes you. That would be unfair to her, and your relationship won't last!"

After listening to Olivia's advice, Nathan nodded along and said, "I've spent countless nights mulling over this. I also thought that maybe I was just too astounded by the fact that she liked me, and felt like I owed it to her to be with her. But I started reflecting on my behavior as well. I was so angry about seeing her with Jasper, and I was so afraid that she would bring Jasper along to our gathering that I brought Melanie with me in order to not feel awkward for coming alone. And after that, I gave her the cold shoulder and spoke harshly toward her because she started ignoring me. I wanted to use Melanie in order to make Kate angry. If it weren't for that, then Melanie and I would've broken up a long time ago. I think I might've started liking Kate before she even liked me, but I didn't recognize my own feelings. Kate and I are too familiar with each other—so familiar that no matter what she does, I never took it as a sign of her affections for me."

After saying that, Nathan turned away from Olivia and rubbed at his moistened eyes before continuing. "It is only today that I found out about that boyfriend of hers. The restaurant owner initially said that the guy was getting handsy with her, so she hit him to put a stop to it. However, this time he clarified that the guy was cheating on her and that's why she hit him. I only found out about all of this today."

Olivia could only sigh in response. "Alright, since you've found out now, it's not too late. If you really like her, then you should start wooing her. If it's between you and Jasper, then I would definitely be on your side."

"Thank you, Olivia," Nathan said. "I'll go now." And he took his leave.

Right at this moment, there was a man nearby who seemed to be searching high and low for someone. Once he saw Olivia, who was standing at the hospital room entrance, he shouted out, "She's over here!"

Olivia felt puzzled as she looked over in the man's direction. What she saw was a man and woman heading her way, as they pulled out their press credentials and hung them over their necks.

She quickly surmised that they were probably afraid of being barred entry by security, so they specifically changed their clothes and hid their press credentials before sneaking their way in.

Once Olivia figured it out, she instinctively started moving away in order to avoid them. However, she thought about the child who was still lying on the hospital bed, and stopped to close the hospital room door before walking away.

The two journalists immediately caught up to her and called out, "Miss Maxwell, could we ask you a few questions?"

But Olivia did not pause in her tracks, and she did not even bother looking at the two journalists. She coldly replied, "Will you not ask me anything if I say no?"

The female journalist blocked her path before urging, "Miss Maxwell, we're only asking for the sake of letting the public know the truth. It is better if you could talk to us."

Olivia side-stepped the journalist and continued walking, but she conceded to their request. "We can talk over there. Don't disturb the patients' rest."

This time, the two journalists were surprisingly cooperative.

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And so, one of the journalists started asking. "It is rumored that there are a lot of homeless men who are committing public indecency with your magazine cover. Why are they doing that?"

"This is something you should be asking those homeless men," Olivia countered coldly.

The journalist tried pressing further, saying, "Then what about the gossip online about you and those homeless men? Are what they're saying true or false?"

Olivia simply questioned them back, "What are you referring to?"

"The people who are saying that your child is a product of your relations with a homeless man," the journalist replied.

"And what do you think? Someone has hired those homeless men to cause a scene so naturally, they need to come up with a story like that. As journalists, surely you have enough common sense to figure that out yourselves?" Olivia retorted.

But the journalists did not back down. "So who is the father of your child?"

Olivia's expression turned dark and she declared, "That is a private matter."

Even so, the journalists continued badgering Olivia. "I know that you want to protect your child, but if you don't show us any evidence, then everyone will assume that you had your child with a homeless man."

By now, Olivia's expression had turned ugly, and she tried her hardest to quell her anger. "Why must I prove this to anyone?" she retorted. "I just said that this is my private matter."

Olivia had just finished speaking when another man's voice rang out.

"I am the child's father."

She turned to look for the source of the voice and saw Eugene walking over.

Her brows furrowed a little, as she did not want to drag Eugene into this situation. If he got involved, then it would not just be him, but the entire Nolan Group that would be under public scrutiny.

The entire Nolan Group could be affected by Eugene's actions today. Furthermore, there were people like Lara and Edward who were waiting to pounce on Eugene the moment he made the slightest mistake.

Olivia was very moved by Eugene standing up for her right now, but she did not feel that it was worth it.

"Go back, Eugene. I can handle this myself."

Eugene ignored her words. Instead, he walked up to her and held her by the shoulders before facing the journalists and asking, "How did you two get in?"

While the journalists were not afraid of Olivia, they were wary of Eugene. After all, Eugene Nolan was someone who could easily threaten their livelihoods. In fact, he could not only make them lose their

jobs, he could easily shut down their entire media outlet too.

Their attitudes immediately took a 180-degree turn. The journalists no longer had the guts to sound so forceful in their demands for information.

"We just want to have a better overall understanding of the issue. This will also help Miss Maxwell clear things up."

Eugene acknowledged their words and said, "Okay, ask away. Let me see how you're going to clear things up!"

The journalists did not know how to react.

Eugene looked like he was here to settle a score with them. It did not seem like he would be allowing them to ask any questions at all.

Seeing that they did not speak, Eugene questioned instead, "How did you know to find us here?"

The two journalists glanced at one another. Why were they suddenly the ones who were being interviewed?

Nevertheless, they did not have the guts to defy Eugene, as he stood in front of them with an intimidating aura. Hence, they answered honestly, "We saw the chief editor of Bourgeoisie Life heading out to buy food, so we guessed that Miss Maxwell might be in here."

Eugene had a domineering air as he asked, "Did you not see the press release on the Nolan Group's website?"

The journalists were dazed for a moment before nodding and replying, "Yes, we did see it. The press release stated that you were not involved with Miss Maxwell in any way. Don't worry, Mr. Nolan. We will

not tell anyone else about this."

If they had not seen that press release, then they would not have the guts to come here for an interview!

However, Eugene's expression darkened. "When was that press release announced? Go and take another look now!"

Again, the two journalists exchanged glances. This time, the male journalist reacted sooner and quickly took out his cell phone to check the Nolan Group's official website.

Sure enough, he saw the new press release that Eugene had just put up.

The last sentence in particular grabbed his attention. It read, 'If anyone tries to create trouble for my girlfriend in any way, I will pursue the matter till the very end!'

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The journalists replied, "Yes, we have."

But Eugene's tone was still rather heated as he barked out, "And here I thought that you two were illiterate since you decided to sneak your way in here and cause trouble for my girlfriend!"

Both the journalists jumped in fright at his words. If Eugene held this against them, then they would be in serious trouble.

"President Nolan, we apologize most sincerely. We just wanted the public to know the truth."

Eugene was unmoved by their attempt to apologize and he rebuked, "And that's why you've come all the way to the hospital to interrogate her?"

The two journalists quickly exchanged looks and said agreeably, "We'll leave right this instant, President Nolan!"

However, Eugene snorted and stopped them. "Leave? Did I say you could leave?"

This time, the journalists were stumped. What could he possibly mean? Was he going to detain them?

After looking at their stupefied faces, Eugene slowly said, "I'll give you a new headline to report. Come with me."

As for Olivia, she had no idea what Eugene was up to either, but she followed along behind him regardless.

Meanwhile, the two journalists stared at each other. Neither one of them understood what just happened, but it did not seem like Eugene was getting back at them. Rather, it seemed like he wanted to give them something newsworthy so naturally, they decided to go with him!

Late that night while everyone was fast asleep, a jaw-dropping headline blew up across all the news portals.

'Eugene Nolan, President of Nolan Group, Admitted into Premier Hospital in Critical Condition.'

There were a few pictures attached underneath the headline. One of the pictures showed Eugene hooked up to a ventilator, and another showed North being pushed into a hospital room. The pictures also depicted the hospital entrance being surrounded by numerous bodyguards. Olivia, Brian, and Nathan were all seen at the hospital.

A brief statement of events followed the headline. However, the pictures were enough to fuel everyone's suspicions that Eugene was in critical condition, and the description beneath was somewhat unnecessary.

In the meantime, Eugene had used a separate hospital room to take a few pictures. Once he was done, he wanted to discuss something with Olivia, so neither one of them went home.

Olivia read the article that the two journalists reported and asked, "Do you think Lara will believe the reports?"

"She will!" Eugene replied. "If she hadn't teamed up with Anna to create a scandal, then she would not have believed it. But since she did, then she will definitely believe these reports."

Although Eugene sounded certain, Olivia was still a little worried. "If they really think that you're critically ill, won't they just select a new president and oust you from the position?"

Eugene nodded and added, "Of course. Lara has secretly been building up support for herself all these years. We've tussled a few times before. I was conscious of Grandpa and worried that I could not get rid of her completely, so I decided to leave her be and not deal with her just yet. But since she stooped this low, then I have no reason to hold back any longer. If I'm in the hospital, then Grandpa will still be safe. At the very least, if they want to get their hands on Grandpa's stocks, they still need to pretend to be filial toward him."

"Didn't your grandfather transfer ownership of his stocks to you already?"

"They don't know that," Eugene replied with a smirk. "But I'm surprised that you remembered."

Olivia laughed and joked, "At the time, I was very worried that I would be silenced."

"What do you mean by silenced?"

"I heard such an important secret, so would it be surprising if I was silenced?"

"What kind of nonsense is that? If Grandpa wanted to keep this from you, then he wouldn't have done it in front of you. Do you still remember what Grandpa said at the time?" Eugene refuted Olivia and probed her with his own question.

Olivia responded, "Yes, your grandfather said that you need to get married and have children before you could get your inheritance. Eugene, it seems like you still have your work cut out for you."

"Well, doesn't that depend on you?" Eugene hinted.

"What depends on me?"

"It depends on when you decide to get married to me." Eugene looked straight at her before slowly adding, "I don't plan on marrying anyone else in this lifetime!"

Olivia's lips twitched. "Just for the sake of the inheritance?"

When Eugene heard her response, he stared at her with narrowed eyes. "Do you think that I'm a person who'd do such a thing?"

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"Did you know that at the time, Grandpa kept giving me looks and hinting that I should win you over. Olivia, Grandpa added these terms for you."

Olivia was puzzled by what Eugene just shared. She could not understand why such a decision had been made. "Why did Grandpa want you to get into a relationship with me? I only met him a few times back then, so it can't be because I saved him? He's even giving his grandson to me?"

Eugene kept his eyes on Olivia, but his emotions were in turmoil. He licked his lips as he felt a little fearful of what was about to happen.

Even so, Eugene knew that no matter what happened, he still needed to say it. He could not bear to see Olivia suffering any longer.

"Olivia, I have something to tell you."

As he said that, he reached out to grasp her hand, as if he was afraid that she would leave.

Olivia was even more puzzled now. She saw how serious he got, and she felt like her heart was in her mouth as she asked, "What is it?"

"Do you want to know why Grandpa is so fond of North? And why I insisted on going after you?" Eugene asked.

Olivia slowly nodded her head. "Okay, why?"

After taking a deep breath, Eugene carefully explained, "Olivia, when you hear what I'm about to say, please don't be mad because I never intended to hurt you."

Olivia was even more anxious after hearing that, and she urged, "Come on, just hurry up and say it."

Eugene did not even blink as he examined Olivia's reaction and slowly recalled, "Actually, I don't really remember it clearly. At the time, I drank a cup of wine that Nathan passed to me, but it had been drugged by someone, so I have no clear memory of what happened. I just know that I felt very uncomfortable, and decided to get a room to take a shower and clear my head. But just as I was about to close the door, I saw a woman falling into my room. I thought she was one of the girls working at the nightclub, so I dragged her into the room..."

By now, Olivia's face was as white as a sheet and her eyes were filled with apprehension. "When did this happen?"

"Seven years ago, on September 22nd," Eugene replied.

Olivia was startled and immediately withdrew her hand from his. For a moment, it felt like she had returned to that ill-fated night seven years ago.

She could still remember how she struggled, fought back, and pleaded for him to stop, but the man still forced himself onto her.

By the end of it, she had accepted her fate. She concluded that since Hugo was willing to do such a thing to her, then she would repay in kind.

An eye for an eye. It was very fair!

She did not expect that once she woke up, she would find that the man she had been with was gone.

It was only then that Olivia started feeling scared, and she hurriedly left soon after.

She thought that it would only be a single unfortunate incident in her life, and she never expected that it would go on to affect the next seven years of her life.

After two months, she found out that she was pregnant. She was terrified, and she felt tormented for an entire week before she finally decided to keep the baby. However, Anna found out about it, which led to her father deciding that he did not even want this daughter of his anymore. Hence, he chased her out of the country.

Throughout all these years, she suffered all kinds of grievances and bitterness, and it was all caused by this man.

Eugene Nolan was the culprit!

This was the reason why he was adamant about wooing her. This was why he was so fond of North. This was why he also had an Rh negative blood type.

When Olivia first heard about that, she had wondered why Eugene had the same blood type as North. It was as if they were father and son.

But it turned out that they were indeed father and son!

Olivia's lips quirked up into a melancholic smirk. She thought that she had finally met a man who truly loved her, but now she realized that it was only because he found his own son. It was because he

wanted his son, so he had to accept his son's mother. Otherwise, with her family background, she would not be able to become President Nolan's wife.

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Noticing her rapidly souring expression, Eugene urgently called out to her, "Olivia... Olivia, you have to let me explain."

But Olivia fell back in shock. She stood up and exclaimed, "I don't want to hear what you have to say anymore. North is mine. Don't you dare think of taking him away from me!"

However, Eugene did not want to let her leave. He pulled her into a tight hug as he hurriedly tried to reassure, "Of course not, I wouldn't dream of taking North away from you. North is your child, and you brought him up so well. Whereas look at me, I only took care of him for a couple of days and already something bad happened to him. Olivia, I know you're furious right now but at the time, I was not in control of myself. I had no idea what I was doing, and when I went looking for you the next day, you were gone. Olivia, every single word I say right now is the truth. I have been looking for you all these years!"

Olivia's eyes were filled with tears, but she refused to let them fall. When she looked at Eugene, her gaze was full of grievances.

"If it hadn't been for the fact that there was no one there when I woke up, then I wouldn't have believed Anna's words and thought that I slept with a homeless man. Do you know what I was thinking when I ran into that group of homeless men yesterday? I was filled with so much regret that I wanted to take my own life. If I hadn't given in to that man, if I hadn't trusted Anna and drank that glass of alcohol, if I

hadn't gone to meet Hugo, then I wouldn't have ended up in such an awful predicament! My child would not be disrespected the way I am. But I never thought that it would be you. You are the culprit who caused all of this!"

Olivia shoved Eugene away in anger and she snarled at him, "Get away from me!"

After saying that, she immediately headed toward North's hospital room.

Eugene was frozen for a moment before he hurried after her. He tried to stop her from leaving.
"Olivia..."

But she yelled at him, "I don't want to hear it!" With that, she walked off again.

Hence, all Eugene could do was trail along behind her.

Sensing that, Olivia snapped at him, "Stop following me!"

Eugene came to a halt, but he still called out to her, "Olivia..."

She did get mad after all.

When Olivia returned to North's room, she saw that the boy had fallen asleep.

On the other hand, Brian was still awake. He saw that she returned with a terrible expression on her face, so he asked curiously, "Did something happen?"

However, Olivia merely shrugged it off, saying, "Nothing."

If it weren't for the fact that North was still sick, then she would have gotten as far away from Eugene as possible.

Brian could tell that she was just brushing him off. "Where's Eugene?"

This time, Olivia growled out her answer. "No idea."

Once he heard that, Brian furrowed his eyebrows and asked, "Did you guys have a fight?"

However, Olivia answered shortly yet again, "No."

However, her answer was unconvincing, and Brian remained full of his own suspicions. If they did not get into a fight, why would she be in such a foul mood? It was obvious that she was fuming.

Brian felt the need to help soothe things over, so he spoke up. "Eugene has a lousy temper, but his feelings for you are real. If he really did upset you in some way, don't get too angry with him. Especially at a time like this, where if he gets distracted even for the briefest moment, then he could very well be swallowed up whole by all those predators in the Nolan Family who are eyeing his every move."

Olivia did not respond this time, but she felt the urge to cry as tears began to well up in her eyes once more. She looked down and hurriedly attempted to wipe away her tears, but she could not do it in time and a crystal clear droplet fell onto her pale hand.

Brian had a fright and he immediately sat down on the bed. "Olivia, what's the matter? Did Eugene hurt you?"

She shook her head in response. "It's nothing. You should go to sleep." After saying that, she immediately went into the washroom.

By now, Brian was also starting to feel furious. Why did Eugene upset her at a time like this?

He picked up his cell phone and called his brother. "Where are you?"

Eugene had not gone anywhere. He was standing in the hospital corridor. As Olivia did not want to see him, he dared not go in to see her.

Still, he had no intentions of leaving either. Instead, he stood there at the entrance in order to feel closer to her.

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"How is she?" asked Eugene.

"How else could she be?! She's crying in the washroom! What's wrong with you? If you don't like her, stop flirting with her! Do you know others will be heartbroken to see her like that?!" refuted Brian.

Hearing those words, Eugene was even more enraged. "Do you think I don't feel bad for making her cry?"

"Then why did you do it?"

"I just explained to her what happened back then, and she started ignoring me after that!"

Brian was rendered speechless for a long time. He knew that sooner or later, Olivia would find out. Moreover, Brian and Eugene had matching blood types with North. He had always been worried that she would find out about the truth.

However, when North was pushed out of the operating room, she didn't seem to be dubious, judging by her condition. So what on earth was going on?

After a while, Brian spoke. "Did she find out herself? Or did you tell her?"

"I told her," answered Eugene, to which Brian then complained, "Why did you tell her?"

"She'll find out sooner or later."

"Then let her find out as late as possible!"

"Didn't you see how bad the comments were under the posts? I can't imagine how heartbroken she would feel after seeing them. I'm the cause of her misery today, so I rather let her scold me than blame everything on herself and live with regrets. She and her child don't deserve all these."

"But she's not blaming you. She's crying alone," uttered Brian.

Heaving a helpless sigh, Eugene pleaded, "Please help me persuade her."

"Why don't you do it yourself?" Brian tossed the question back at him.

Sucking a deep breath of cigarette, Eugene replied, "She doesn't want to see me."

Hearing that, Brian shook his head weakly, saying, "No matter how hard I try, it's hard to persuade her heart."

"Then please stay by her side and let me know if anything comes up," Eugene responded.

Brian replied curtly in agreement and hung up the phone. Looking at the closed door of the bathroom, he silently wondered if that was what Olivia meant by the trust when she talked to Nathan this evening.

When one put all their trust in someone but it turned out to be a plot, no one would possibly accept the fact, would they?

Squeak!

The bathroom door was opened and out came Olivia. Though she had washed her face and tried her best to put on her usual expression, Brian could tell at a glance that she had cried.

"Are you okay, Olivia?"

Forcing a smile, Olivia answered, "I'm fine. You should get some sleep. You need rest after taking blood."

"I'm feeling okay. I heard from Eugene just now. He wanted to tell you about the matter sooner, but he was afraid that you'd get upset with him and he'll ruin everything that you two have built over time. He was just scared. He didn't want to deceive you on purpose."

"Did you know about this too?" Olivia questioned as she knitted her brows together.

Brian nodded. "Yeah. He told me a while ago. In fact, after your return, I've already heard about this. Eugene had been single for a long time and was looking for a woman, apparently. You were the one he was looking for."

Olivia had calmed down now and when she thought about it, Eugene did tell her about it.

When he was pursuing her, he kept telling her that he had always been looking for her.

However, she didn't believe him.

Who knew fate would be so cruel to put two of them together again after all the twists and turns in life? And they even turned into a couple?

Just as the thought of defending Eugene came into mind, another sound interrupted her train of thought. No! That's not it! He planned everything out beforehand!

Ever since the beginning, he had never wanted to be in a relationship with her. He wanted nothing to do with her.

He merely wanted to see North. He wanted their son!

Chapter 579

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"Isn't it good news, Olivia? You're both biological parents to North, so if you two get back together—"

Olivia was irritated by Brian's words and interrupted, "Stop it."

Was it only now that Eugene was willing to admit that he was North's biological father?

Back then when she woke up, she didn't even see his shadow! Where did he go?

What a jerk!

Not only did he force himself on her, he also didn't plan to take responsibility. Now that he saw their child, he was putting on a show and pretended to have feelings for her!

Looking at the resolute gaze in Olivia's eyes, Brian shut his mouth.

He finally understood why Eugene dared not enter the ward although he wanted to.

At the moment, the fierce look on Olivia's face was terrifying.

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It was only the next day Lara saw the news that Eugene was hospitalized. She was skeptical at first but it was like what Eugene assumed—she was leaning toward the side that it was the truth.

She was well aware of what she had done.

Lara had requested Gerald to get the drug from Mastar. She spent a lot of effort trying to plot a seamless plan, so how could it not work out?

However, she did have her suspicions because it happened all too soon. To make sure, she showed her phone to Edward, asking, "Honey, look at this. Do you think it's true?"

After taking the phone, Edward questioned in disbelief, "Is Eugene sick?"

"Could it be fake?" Lara questioned intentionally.

In response, Edward muttered, "Why would he fake an illness? Shouldn't he be solving his issue with Olivia?"

Lara nodded in agreement. "Exactly. After announcing that statement in the afternoon, how could he suddenly fall ill at night? Shall we ask someone to check on him in the hospital?"

"Sure," Edward answered while nodding.

After that, Lara deliberately sent an employee to the hospital. Little did she know that Eugene had already predicted that Lara would execute this plan. However, since he had a sleepless night before, he looked pale and haggard.

When Olivia went out to buy breakfast in the morning, she ignored Eugene when she saw him standing at the door.

Eugene took a lot of effort to control himself from stepping out of the ward to chase after her. It was obvious that she had cried herself to sleep last night.

Olivia was a strong person. Usually, she wouldn't break down under any circumstances, but he made her cry last night.

Watching her back fading from his line of sight, he felt his heart tighten.

Taking the opportunity that she had gone out, he glanced at North, who had just woken up, but he didn't tell his son about their matter.

He wanted to solve the problem by himself, and he wasn't going to depend on his son for everything.

"How are you feeling, little guy?"

"I feel so tired," North mumbled.

Ruffling his head, Eugene hummed in response. "You're not fully healed yet. Once you're fully healed, you still need to depend on your mom."

"Could you ask someone to bring my laptop over?" North requested.

"The doctor says you shouldn't be using any electronic devices for the time being. Don't worry, I'll solve everything," replied Eugene.

Hearing that, Brian silently glared at the man as he grumbled to himself, How are you going to solve it when you have just annoyed your girlfriend?!

There was no way he could solve it without North's help.

After pondering for a while, Brian uttered, "When I leave later, you can take my bed."

Eugene glanced at Brian before inquiring, "If they really came, doesn't that mean North will be exposed?"

"If Lara sent a representative to check on you, they would surely not be able to upload anything on the Internet. At most, they will show it to the elderly. When they see North, they can just treat it as learning about the existence of their great-grandson!"

However, Eugene was still a little hesitant.

Brian added, "It won't look suspicious if you and North were poisoned and are staying in the same ward. They'd be more skeptical if they saw you staying in a ward all alone! Most importantly, isn't it better for Olivia to take care of both of you? It's easier for her to do that if you are in the same ward as North."

Chapter 580

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In that case, Olivia wouldn't have any reason to kick him out, right?

When he glanced at Brian, Brian winked at him.

Eugene couldn't help but laugh at his antics.

When Olivia returned, Eugene was already lying in bed, while Brian was sitting beside him.

She instantly knew that they were trying to put up an act in case Lara sent a representative to check on them. Therefore, she didn't find that their actions were out of the blue.

After placing the food that she bought on the table, she unfolded the mini table on North's bed without saying a word or sparing them a glance.

Because of that, Brian glared at Eugene. It was all because of the latter that Olivia was ignoring him too.

"Olivia, are there any more pancakes?"

Without looking at them, Olivia answered, "Yeah. I bought a lot."

Brian raised his brows, asking, "What are you going to eat, Eugene? How does pancakes sound?"

Eugene felt delighted without reason. Though Olivia was upset at him and continued to ignore him, she still bought them food. Her actions proved that she still cared about him.

Just then, his phone rang. He took a glance at it, quickly uttering, "Someone's here."

As expected, within a few minutes, someone showed up at the entrance of the ward. That person seemed to be peering into the room.

Olivia got up and headed toward the door. She deliberately acted as if she was casually opening the door before widening her eyes, asking, "Who are you looking for?"

The woman glanced in the room that was intentionally left open before uttering, "Oh—I'm here for Sean Hawkins."

Olivia replied, "There's no one with that name in this ward." With that, she went out of the ward and shut the door.

This time, the woman acted like she was doubtful. "That's weird. He told me he was on this floor! How come I didn't see him? I'm sorry for disturbing you."

"No worries," Olivia replied with a poker face.

After that, the woman left, and Olivia soon returned to the ward.

"Do you guys think that woman will come back?" Brian inquired.

"She's seen everything. What else would she come back for?" asked Olivia.

After pondering for a moment, Eugene muttered, "We can't be too sure. Lara is a paranoid person."

Brian chimed in, "You should stay here, then. If she comes again, you'll be prepared."

Olivia remained silent. Were the two brothers trying to team up and bully her? At that moment, Brian commented, "I'll be taking my leave now. Might have to trouble you to take care of them both. I'll come back in the afternoon."

Truth be told, Olivia didn't want Eugene to stay here. Whenever she saw his face, she could feel anger boiling within her, but she couldn't just kick him out of the ward. If the representative that Lara sent found out the truth, Eugene's efforts would all go to waste.

Olivia was hopping mad. She was mad at Eugene, but even more at herself. Why was she thinking about him at a time like this?

Shouldn't she be taking her child away from him?

Afraid that Olivia would have second thoughts, Brian quickly stood up after saying his last sentence. "I'll be leaving now, then. Call me if anything comes up."

Before he left, Olivia reminded him, "Go back and take a good rest. Make sure not to do strenuous exercises, and drink some milk or anything to replenish your energy."

Brian smiled at her. "I'm fine. Don't worry. I'll be all good after a few days of rest."

Olivia then urged, "Don't take it lightly. You're North's life savior, so I hope you will always stay healthy. If you need my help in the future, just hit me up."

Returning her a smile, Brian responded, "Don't be a stranger. North is my nephew!"

Upon hearing that, Olivia retorted, "No, he isn't. He takes my last name!"

Brian chuckled awkwardly and glanced at Eugene before turning to leave.

Eugene, on the other hand, was well aware that Olivia's words were directed at him.