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Chapter 1791: Shelly Starts to Care About Nox

She did not want to tell Benjamin about her and Nox breaking up so as to not create any opportunities for them both to get back together.

She said, "Don't do this again."

Benjamin nodded. "I was worrying too much."

"No, it's just that my relationship with Nox is a little special. It would be better if you didn't interfere," Shelly said bluntly.

"I'm sorry." Benjamin felt guilty.

Shelly sighed. "It's fine. I know you're just being kind. Um, I have to put Bella to sleep, so I won't say anything more." "Okay, bye."

"Bye."

After hanging up, Shelly turned around. When she saw that Bella had fallen asleep, she tucked Bella under the blanket, walked out of Bella's room, and called Nox.

There were some things that she thought she should clarify because she felt that Benjamin's behavior just now would only deepen Nox's misunderstanding. However, Nox did not answer her call. She called three times, and he did not pick up any of her calls.

Shelly frowned. She had never encountered a situation where Nox did not answer her call. In the end, she put down the phone and thought about it before deciding to wait for Nox to return. Yet, that

night, NOX did not return home all night. It had been a long time since ne spent the night out.

Then came the second day, the third day, and even the fifth day, and Nox did not return home. It was as if he had suddenly disappeared from the world. Shelly was even debating on calling the police. However, she hesitated for a moment before giving Monica a call. "Monica."

"Shelly?" When Monica received her call, she was a little surprised. "Why are you looking for me?"

"Um, have you been able to reach Nox?"

"Nox? What's wrong? Is he missing?" Monica asked.

"He hasn't been back for five days."

"F*ck " Monica cursed.

The first thing that came to her mind was that Nox must have gone out to fool around. However, on second thought, Nox liked Shelly so much now, so how could he go out and mess around with other girls?

She said, "I'll try to reach him."

"Alright, thank you." Shelly quickly thanked Monica.

"Speaking of which, are you worried about him?" Monica asked.

Shelly was stunned by Monica's question. She had been worried that something had happened to Nox for the past few days, but she had never thought of it as a form of concern.

Since she did not speak, Monica did not press further. After all, it was better for others not to get involved in other people's relationships.

"I'll call you back." n0velUsb.c0m

“Sure.”

After hanging up the phone, Monica hurriedly called Jeanne. She did not know why, but whenever something happened, she would think of Jeanne.

Jeanne answered the call. “Nox? What’s wrong? Are you looking for him?”

“I’m not the one looking for him; it’s Shelly. She said Nox has been missing for five days, and he hasn’t been picking up his phone.”

Monica was somewhat speechless at how a grown man like Nox could make people worry.

Jeanne said, “Don’t worry. He’s fine.”

“Do you know where he is?” Monica raised her eyebrows.

“I do.”

“So there’s something you’re not telling me.”

Jeanne was at a loss for words.

“Jeanne, I can’t believe you and Nox are hiding something from me. Do you think I won’t get angry just because I’m fat now? I’m very angry.”

Jeanne could not understand what was the relationship between being fat and not getting angry.

Jeanne said, “I’ll tell you, but don’t tell Shelly.” “Hmph.” Monica was a little unhappy.

With that, Jeanne told Monica about Nox. Monica was stunned. “Is Nox crazy?”

"I'm with him on this."

"Isn't he asking to be humiliated? With my understanding of Shelly, she definitely won't accept it."

"Do you think he doesn't know that?" Jeanne asked.

"Is he stupid?"

"He's giving himself and Shelly an explanation. Anyway, let him be." Jeanne said, "Regardless of the outcome, Nox is prepared."

"Nox did this to himself." Monica sighed helplessly. "That's why he regrets it so much."

"In that case, what should I tell Shelly?" Monica asked.

"Just tell her that Edward has something to discuss with Nox and that it's confidential, so you cannot disclose it to her. He'll return home when he's done."

"Alright." Monica nodded.

"Don't let it slip," Jeanne reminded her.

"Don't worry. I know what I'm doing."

Jeanne nodded. She, too, knew that when it came to important matters, Monica was very reliable.

After Monica hung up on Jeanne, she called Shelly and told Shelly the reason that Jeanne had given her. Shelly believed her without any doubt. She even thanked her.

"Shelly." Just as she was about to hang up the phone, Monica suddenly called out to her.

“What do you think of Nox now?”

Shelly pursed her lips. That question was not an easy one to comment on, especially in front of Nox's friend.

“I think I know why you're hesitating.” Monica sighed.

She believed Nox was going to get really hurt.

Instead of defending herself, Shelly said, “Sometimes, nothing can turn back time.”

He'll come back when he'S done.”

“Alright.”

After hanging up the phone, Shelly felt a little relieved. After all, Nox had never disappeared so suddenly before. However, she looked around the empty room and suddenly felt a little... lonely..

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Nox disappeared for nine whole days, and no one knew where he went. However, Shelly did not doubt what Monica told her. She believed Nox had a lot of confidential matters to deal with, but no matter what, she was still a little disappointed.

According to the conditions that Nox had promised Mrs. Winter, it would be over between them tomorrow. However, Nox had disappeared. She did not know if Nox's disappearance would change the agreement between Nox and Mrs. Winter. In fact, she could not even figure out if she wanted Nox to keep the agreement or... let her go.

Shelly sighed. Sometimes, habits could really change a person a lot, and she had gotten used to Nox.

In the afternoon, she picked Bella up from kindergarten, and the two of them were chatting and laughing on the road when they received a call from Monica.

“Monica.”

“Shelly, where are you?”

“I just picked Bella up from school, and we're walking home now.”

“Are you available tonight? I'd like to have dinner with you.”

Shelly was surprised. She had interacted with Monica before, but they had never had a meal together.

“Don't reject me. It's not easy for me to have a night of freedom with the two babies pestering me. Don't dampen my spirits.” Monica was a little domineering.

Shelly was not someone who could reject others, except for Nox, so she said, “Alright, but I have to bring Bella along. Nox isn't here, and no one can take care of Bella.” “Of course, bring Bella along. I'll get the chauffeur to pick you up.” “No need. I'll just take a taxi.”

“It'S a little far. You might not be able to find it even if you take a taxi.”

Shelly was speechless and puzzled as to what Monica wanted to do. Was it not just a night of relaxation? There was a need to make such a big thing out of it!

She said, “Alright. I'll get Bella changed, and we'll wait for you downstairs of Nox's apartment.”

“Alright.” Monica agreed immediately.

After agreeing, she was so excited that she quickly called Jeanne. "Shelly is settled."

"Alright. Just come at the given time."

"By the way, Jeannie, do you think it's a good idea to scheme against Shelly like this?" Monica was worried. "I'm afraid Nox will be hurt badly."

"Isn't that something he expects? Let's put it this way. If Nox doesn't do it, Nox will regret it for the rest of his life. If he does it, Nox will also regret it for the rest of his life, so..."

"So you're just going to let Nox be, right?" nOVELuSb.cOM

"Yes." Jeanne nodded.

"Fine. In that case, I'll go pick Shelly up now. See you later."

"See you later."

Monica hung up the phone and started to get changed into one set of clothes after another. Finn, however, could not stand it anymore. The entire walk-in closet was filled with Monica's clothes, piled up everywhere, yet Monica was not satisfied with any of them.

"Which one do you want to wear?" Finn asked Monica as he looked at the mess in the room.

"I want to go naked!" Monica was suddenly angry.

Looking at her round and chubby self in the mirror, she felt disgusted. She thought she could return to her former body figure after giving birth, yet she was still as chubby as when she was pregnant. She wanted to go on a diet to lose weight, but her family stopped her. They even lectured her about mistreating the babies by not giving them enough to eat.

As a result, her daily appetite was even more than during her pregnancy, and she could not bare to look at herself in the mirror. She wanted to jump down from a building and end it all.

Having been yelled at by Monica, Finn felt a little helpless. He touched his nose and said, "You look good like this too. There's beauty in being chubby"

"Why don't you try to eat like me?" Monica lost her temper. Looking at herself in the mirror made her angry.

"I don't get fat," Finn said bluntly.

"so, are you here to attack me?" Monica was tuning.

Finn chuckled.

Monica got even angrier when she saw Finn laugh. If he had not gotten her pregnant, would her figure be so out of shape? How dare the culprit laugh at her?

With that thought in mind, Monica suddenly rushed over and bit down on Finn's neck..

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She wished she could suck his blood dry for laughing at her.

Finn, however, did not even push Monica away. After all, he could not feel any pain, but he felt an instinctive reaction in his body. Hence, he hugged Monica with both hands and lifted her up forcefully.

Startled, Monica quickly let go of Finn's neck and hugged him tightly.

"Finn, what are you doing?" Monica shouted.

Finn placed her on a glass cabinet in the closet where he kept his ties, her jewelry, and other accessories. Then, he pressed her against the glass cabinet. The two of them were very close to each other, and they could feel each other's breaths.

'F*ck!' Monica cursed to herself in anger. She could not believe Finn was still in the mood to think about such things.

“Don't come near me. I'm leaving soon. I have to go pick up Shelly.” “Didn't you say just now that the chauffeur would pick her up?” “I told the driver to pick me up and then pick her up.”

“Be good. The chauffeur will pick her up.”

“Finn!” Monica resisted.

However, Finn had already picked up the phone and dialed a number. He gave the chauffeur a few instructions and put the phone aside.

He said, “The chauffeur will go to pick up Shelly and then come back to pick you up. The timing should be just right.”

“Just right my *ss... Mmph.” Monica's mouth was sealed tight by Finn's kiss that she could not speak

She wished that sc*mbag would not be so horny all the time, and the least he could do was take her to the bed!

In the end, the already messy room became even more messy. By the time Monica took a shower and got changed, Shelly was already waiting for her in the car. Seeing that, she cursed Finn for sleeping with her during the day. Even her walking looked a little unstable.

She got into the car and apologized, “Sorry, I'm a little late.”

When she apologized to Shelly, she could not help but secretly curse Finn again for being a beast.

"It's okay. It's still early anyway, and tomorrow is Saturday. Bella doesn't have to go to school, so it doesn't matter that you're late." Shelly smiled and said nicely.

"Sigh, my babies wanted some milk before I left." Monica was still finding excuses for herself.

Shelly nodded and did not expose to Monica the obvious hickey on her neck. Moreover, it looked fresh. Of course, Monica did not notice it herself and told the driver her destination.

Shelly frowned. "Are we going that far? The seaside?"

"There's a great restaurant on a cruise ship over there. I haven't eaten there in a long time." Monica mentioned a reason that she had thought of in advance. "I don't get to go out often, so of course, I have to take the opportunity to eat what I want to eat the most."

Shelly did not doubt him.

Monica was afraid that she would be exposed if she lied, so she quickly changed the topic to Bella.

"Bella, I will take you on a cruise ship, okay?"

"What's a cruise ship?" Bella asked innocently.

"A cruise ship is a very, very big ship that can go out to sea."

"Alright." When Bella heard that it was a cruise ride, she immediately became excited.

"There's a lot of good food on the ship too. Bella, do you want to go?"

"I do!" Bella said excitedly.

Monica stroked Bella's little head. She did not know if it was because she was a mother, but she seemed to be more patient with children. On top of that, Bella was truly adorable, unlike Paige, who was as obedient and beautiful as a doll that had walked out of a two-dimensional world. Bella was sensible and obedient, just like Shelly, which made it easier for people to take a liking to her. n0velUsb.c0m

Amidst the rather pleasant conversation, they finally arrived at the cruise that Monica mentioned after driving for more than an hour. It was a huge cruise ship. Shelly did not even need to think to know how expensive it would be to eat there.

Under the guidance of the staff, they boarded the boat together, and Jeanne was already waiting for them on the boat. She was standing on the broad deck, watching the sun setting on the sea, and the breeze ruffled her hair.

Shelly could not help but exclaim, "The Leader's wife is really beautiful."

Shelly also thought she looked a little different from her usual self. Her appearance seemed a little familiar, as if she had seen her somewhere before.

Monica usually did not pay much attention to Jeanne, but when she saw Jeanne today, she also thought Jeanne's appearance had changed a little. However, she could not tell what had changed other than the fact that Jeanne was becoming more beautiful by the day. In fact, everyone was getting prettier, except for her, who was getting uglier.

Monica called out to Jeanne unhappily, "We're here.."

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Jeanne turned to look at them. When she looked back, she looked even more beautiful and charming.

Monica could not take it anymore, and Shelly, too, was a little shocked by her beauty, which exuded a sense of femininity that even women could not resist her charm.

“Come and have a seat,” Jeanne said to them.

There was only one dining table on the luxurious deck. Shelly knew that they lived a luxurious life, but sometimes she was still shocked by their extravagance.

She and Bella sat down at the exquisite dining table, feeling rather restrained. When Bella saw the beautiful pastries in front of her, her eyes sparkled. However, because Shelly did not say anything, Bella did not dare to reach out to take it herself.

“Eat. ”

Jeanne could see the look in Bella's eyes, which was very similar to her daughter's when she wanted dessert, and it made her wonder if all the children in the world had the same expression. As such, Jeanne looked at Bella affectionately.

Upon hearing Jeanne's words, Bella raised his head to look at Shelly. Only when Shelly nodded did Bella politely take the dessert from Jeanne. “Thank you, Aunty.”

Jeanne patted Bella's head, finding the little girl very cute. If Nox and Shelly could be together, she had a feeling that Bella and Paige could become very good friends in the future.

There were only some desserts on the dining table, and everyone was eating, except for Monica.

Jeanne frowned. “Aren't these your favorite dessert? Why aren't you eating?”

“I'm going on a diet.”

“Going on a diet while you're breastfeeding?”

Speechless, Jeanne immediately placed a macaroon on Monica's plate.

“I'm not eating. If I eat any more, I'll be obese.”

“No one will dislike you for being fat.” Jeanne retorted.

“I will hate myself! I'm a person with high self-esteem,” Monica said resolutely. “But you can't go against your parents and Finn.”

Monica was at a loss for words. Jeanne, that woman, really had her under her thumb.

“Eat,” Jeanne continued to persuade her.

In fact, Monica wanted to eat it too, and she was almost drooling. However, she told herself that she must not let herself down.

While she suppressed her urge, she muttered, “Maybe they don't despise me verbally, but they must think that I'm fat and ugly in private.”

“That's what you think.”

“All men like beautiful women, not fat women. Finn must be lying.”

“If he were lying, there wouldn't be so many marks on your neck,” Jeanne said straightforwardly. Stunned, Monica looked at Jeanne, who lowered her head and ate the pastries gracefully.

“Why don't you go to the bathroom and take a look yourself,” Jeanne said.

Monica quickly put down her knife and fork, left the deck, and rushed into the bathroom on the cruise ship. Jeanne watched as Monica left anxiously and chuckled.

Shelly was envious of their friendship. It was a relationship where they often bickered, but deep down, they were always thinking for each other.

In fact, she had a good relationship with Sarah too. However, she felt that because she had lesser experience in life than them and because her life was very different from that of Sarah, she and Sarah could not be as carefree with each other as Jeanne and Monica.

“Just ignore her.” Jeanne looked at Shelly and said, “You'll get used to her moaning.”

Shelly nodded and thought, 'Only true friends can act so freely with each other!' n0velusb.c0m

While they were snacking on the desserts, the staff poured them some red wine. By then, Monica had returned, and she felt a little embarrassed.

She said, “It'S just normal behavior between husband and wife.”

“No one said anything about you.” Jeanne retorted, “I'm just telling you that you've gained weight and that you look very cute and charming.”

“Are you complimenting me?” Monica smiled brightly.

She was easily convinced by Jeanne.

'Yes, yes, yes. I'm complimenting you. Now, hurry up and eat.”

“In that case, I force myself to have some.”

Although she said she was reluctant to have it, she ate quite a lot. It was probably because her appetite had grown from eating too much recently. Hence, once she started eating, she could not stop.

“If all you eat is dessert, how are you going to have the main course later?” Shelly voiced her concern.

“Who knows if I still have the stomach to eat later...” Monica suddenly realized that she had let it slip, so she quickly said, “Don't worry, I have a big appetite now. I can eat an entire cow in one meal..”

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Shelly could not help but laugh. She always felt that wherever Monica was, happiness would follow.

She recalled how much Monica had changed at one point in time — how she became more self-disciplined and powerful but lost all her smiles at that expense. Shelly believed that Monica was more suitable to be pampered, just like how Dr. Jones was doting on her now.

“Why isn't the main course served yet?” Monica frowned.

Jeanne chimed in at that moment. “It might not be ready yet. Can you go check on it?” “Alright.” Monica stood up.

The moment she got up, she suddenly asked Bella, “Bella, do you want to come with me?”

Bella hurriedly got down from her chair and replied, “Yes.”

The child was probably getting impatient and wanted to walk around, so Shelly did not refuse. Just like that, she watched as Monica led Bella away, leaving only her and Jeanne at the dining table.

Jeanne wiped her mouth clean and said, “I'm going to the washroom.”

“Alright.”

Then, she was left alone at the dining table.

The sky tonight was bright and filled with stars. At that moment, the cruise ship had left the shore and was floating in the sea. The feeling of the gentle breeze blowing on her face was relaxing, and she realized that ordinary people would not be able to experience the happiness the rich had.

Shelly fell deep into her own thoughts as she sat at the table and waited for them. After waiting for a while, they were still nowhere to be seen, but a waiter was there with their main dishes. Without paying much attention to the waiter serving her, Shelly sat at the table obediently and accepted the service.

However, she suddenly frowned when she saw that there was only one plate for her. What about the food for the others? With that thought in mind, she turned around in surprise and froze when she saw Nox.

Seeing Nox standing in front of her in a waiter's uniform, she had to admit that her heart did skip a beat at that moment. After all, she had never expected Nox to be here and personally serve her food. The two of them stared at each other for a long time before Nox said, "Are you surprised?"

Shelly looked away. She did not know either whether she was surprised or not.

She said, "Aren't you busy with work? Why are you here?"

"I just wanted to give you a surprise." Nox said, "Did it scare you?"

Shelly did not answer because she did not know how to. To Nox, Shelly's silence was her answer. However, he did not react to it. Instead, he said, "Aren't you going to eat it?"

He meant he wanted Shelly to eat the steak he served. Upon hearing that, Shelly hesitated for a second and then picked up her utensils to cut the steak.

Just as she had cut off a piece and was about to put it in her mouth, she suddenly put it down and said, "Nox, what exactly do you want?"

The disappointment in Nox's eyes was visible. However, he would not allow himself to show his emotions.

He said, "You should be able to guess it."

Shelly's eyes flickered. In the next second, she suddenly heard the melodious sound of a violin coming from the deck. She turned her head to see a man in a tuxedo playing a song not far away from them. Immediately after, colorful lights on the deck lit up.

In the beginning, the environment was relatively cozy. There were not many lights, just one dim yellow light illuminating their table, which was set with red candles that made it look very romantic. However, at that moment, the dazzlingly colorful lit-up deck looked like the sea during a sunrise.

Shelly could not help but bite her lip as she watched Nox go down on one knee and take out an exquisite gift box from his pocket. As soon as he opened the box, he revealed a sparkling ring.

The diamond was huge and a little exaggerated. It did not match Shelly's temperament, but it did match Nox's flamboyant personality. In fact, he knew Shelly would not like it, but he wanted to give her what he thought was the best.

He looked at Shelly and said affectionately, "Shelly, marry me."

'Marry me, and I swear I will treat you very, very well. I really will. I love you very much.'

However, he did not say those words because he knew that the outcome would not be good, and saying too much would be futile.

Shelly stared at the ring and then turned to look at Nox. She did not know whether it was because of the light, but when their eyes met, she thought she saw tears in Nox's eyes. For the first time, she thought Nox's eyes looked pure and without his usual flamboyance.

She remained silent for a long time. She was originally going to reject him without second thoughts because there was no way she could be with Nox. However, for some reason, she was hesitating.

After a long while, she gritted her teeth and said, "Nox, I won't marry you."

It was straight to the point and left no room wiggle room for Nox to say otherwise.

Nox had expected it. However, when he heard the answer for himself, he reacted differently to how he thought he would react. His eyes seemed a little red, but the moment he lowered his head, it was concealed. He said, "Don't you want to think about it?"

"No."

"Alright."

Nox took back the ring. When he raised his head again, there was no longer any emotion in his eyes. It was as if everything he had done just now was normal and that it did not affect him at all..

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"I'm sorry, Nox." Shelly looked at him, feeling guilty.

She thought that she would not feel burdened by anything Nox did. However, when she saw Nox so calm at that moment, she was a little sad. For some reason, she felt that she had hurt him badly.

"It's alright." Nox stood up from the ground.

He even had a smile on his face as he said, "In regards to feelings, there's nothing to be sorry about. It'S either you love the person or not."

Shelly felt a lump in her throat. She thought Nox looked lonely at this moment, and it made her heart ache. However, she did not go back on her word. She figured she only felt touched and upset at that moment because Nox had created a sad scene for her. Once she walked out of there, those feelings would fade.

She stood up from her chair and said, "Please send me back to the shore."

"Alright." Nox nodded.

With that, he stood up and walked to Shelly's side. His back was straight, and there was not much emotion on his face, but Shelly felt that Nox was very lonely at that moment.

He walked past the beautifully decorated deck, where Jeanne, Monica, and Bella were standing there, watching. They could not hear what Nox and Shelly were saying from afar, but it was obvious that Nox's proposal had failed.

Monica could not help but want to ask about the situation, but Jeanne held her back. What was there to ask when Nox was already crying? The more they cared about him, the more his heart would crumble, and he probably did not want Shelly to see him in such a sorry state at that moment.

Nox walked straight to the pilot's seat. He replaced the staff and drove the cruise ship back to the shore. In the meantime, Jeanne and Monica brought Bella back to Shelly, who was also feeling a little down. As she looked at how romantic everything was set up, she tried hard to suppress the discomfort she was feeling in her heart.

"It'S alright." Jeanne comforted Monica. "Nothing can be forced. Just stay true to your own feelings."

Monica glanced at Jeanne and did not think it was not appropriate to say something like that at a time like that. Right now, they should be persuading Shelly instead. After all, Nox really loved her. Although he had made many mistakes in the past, everyone could see his sincerity now.

She said, "Nox actually prepared a lot for tonight. He—"

"Monica." Jeanne stopped her. "Don't add to Shelly's burden. Feelings can't be forced, and if it's forced, she will never be happy. Shelly needs to recognize her own feelings. She shouldn't ruin her happiness because of guilt."

"But I think Nox—"

"I think Brandon is not bad either. Why did you choose Finn in the end?" Jeanne asked.

At the end of the day, it all boiled down to whether Shelly loved Nox or not. If she did not, no one could force her to love him. As such, Monica did not say anything else.

Jeanne gently patted Shelly's shoulder. "Monica will send you back when we reach the shore later."
"Thank you." Shelly thanked her sincerely.

At that moment, she was really afraid that they would come and persuade her. She even wanted to escape from the current situation. When the cruise ship returned to shore, Shelly did not see Nox again. Since she had nothing else to say to him, she got off the cruise ship with Monica.

Monica also looked back and did not see Nox. She had wanted to comfort him, but after thinking about it, she knew everything would be fine with Jeanne around. Hence, she sat in the car with Shelly and Bella.

The moment the car drove off, countless fireworks suddenly lit up above the sea. It filled the sky and was as beautiful as a dream.

Shelly was stunned for a moment, and Bella leaned excitedly against the car window. "Wow, it'S so beautiful!"

Shelly looked at the sky filled with colorful fireworks as well.

"Nox prepared it." Monica also looked at the sky full of fireworks and said calmly, "He didn't succeed in proposing, but he still wants to show you the romantic gestures he has prepared for you."

Shelly pursed her lips and remained silent.

"Jeannie don't want me to say it, but I think there are some things you should know. At the very least, you should have the right to know." Monica looked at Shelly and said calmly, "During the nine days that Nox disappeared, he wasn't dealing with some state secrets but was preparing to propose to you. He knew you wouldn't agree, but he still wanted to return what he owed you. Back then, you came to the Winters to marry him, but he didn't give you anything in return. You even miscarried his child. He is well aware of what he has done and that it's useless to you. He even knows that he isn't the one you love.."

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Shelly did not want to hear it, but she did not stop Monica.

Then, she heard Monica say, "He said since he can't marry you, he can only propose to you to fulfill your wish back then. Back then, you wanted to marry him, but he didn't agree. Now that he has agreed, it doesn't matter whether you agree or not. He just wants to give you closure."

"Actually, there was no need for him to do that." Shelly's voice was a little hoarse.

"I didn't think it was necessary either. Jeannie and I tried to persuade him, but he refused to listen. He said that was the only thing he could think of to make up for his foolish behavior back then. If he didn't do it, he would regret it for the rest of his life. Now, he can fulfill his wish and let you go to pursue your own happiness."

Shelly did not know how to respond, so she remained silent.

Monica took a deep breath. "I won't say anything else. Anyway, whether you want to be with Nox or not is your choice. If you really don't love him, there's no point in forcing it, and I believe Nox has really let go."

Shelly nodded silently.

When the car arrived at the entrance of Nox's apartment, Monica walked them out of the car. "We'll still be friends in the future. Don't let Nox affect our relationship."

"Yes." Shelly smiled.

"It's getting late. You should go back and rest early."

"You, too."

"Goodbye, Bella." Monica smiled at Bella.

Bella waved. "Goodbye, Aunty."

With that, Shelly walked into the neighborhood with Bella in her arms.

Monica stared at Shelly's back and sighed heavily. In the end, she still found it a pity that Nox and Shelly could not be together.

After returning to the car, she called Jeanne on the phone. "How are things on your end?"

"I've sent Nox back to the Winters' residence."

"Is he okay?" "He's abnormally calm."

"Has he let it go?"

"He doesn't want others to see how sad he is."

"Poor Nox." Monica sighed.

"Everyone has to pay for what they did in the past. Anyway, no matter what, all Nox has to do is not provoke Shelly in the future."

"Yes." Monica nodded. "He won't want to make things difficult for each other again."

"Alright, I'll leave it at that." Jeanne clutched her stomach. "I don't know if it's because I sat in the car for too long today, but my stomach feels a little uncomfortable. I'll talk to you later."

"Alright." Monica nodded. The moment she hung up, she suddenly thought of something. "Jeannie, are you pregnant?"

However, Jeanne had hung up by then, and it rendered Monica speechless. She had not even finished speaking!

She put down her phone and looked at the starry sky. Tomorrow would be a new day, but unfortunately, it might never be the same for some people again!

After Nox's proposal failed, he did not return to the neighborhood where he and Shelly lived. Shelly also started moving. She thought that since she had ended things with Nox, she should not have anything to do with Nox again.

While she was packing up, Bella was a little confused. "Mommy, are we moving?"

"Yeah. We're going to move back to the place where Mommy and Bella used to live together, okay?"

"No." Bella refused unhappily.

Shelly frowned. "What's wrong?"

Bella was very emotional.

"I want to live with Dad. I don't want to move away."

"Be good." Shelly coaxed Bella. "Nox is no longer your father, so we won't live together anymore." "Why can't he be my father? Why? Boohoo..." As she spoke, she started crying miserably.

Shelly hugged Bella and comforted her, "Bella, there are many things that children don't understand. Let me put it this way: Nox and I don't love each other, We're only forced to be together, and we're not happy. That's why I don't want to be with Nox anymore. When you grow up, you'll know why I did it."

"But it's obvious that Daddy likes you so much. Why can't you like Daddy?" Bella refused to give up. When she thought about how she could no longer live with her father, she was extremely sad. "A relationship can only last if feelings are mutual, and forcing it will only make us more unhappy."

“But Mommy, you're much happier now. I can see you have started to accept Daddy, but you just don't want to admit it..”

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“Little kids won't understand the adults' affairs. The reason why I accepted Nox was because I wanted you to be happy in a complete family, not because I loved Nox. Bella, you're still young, so please listen to me, okay?” Shelly coaxed Bella.

Bella did not want to agree with her mother, but as she looked into her mother's sincere eyes, she could not refuse. Yet, when she thought of her father, she felt extremely sad. Hence, she looked at Shelly with red eyes, looking aggrieved.

Shelly kissed Bella's little face and coaxed her again. “Be good. Listen to me.”

Bella bit her little lip and did not refute. She had always known that it was hard for her mother to take care of her, so she could not make her mother unhappy.

Shelly patted Bella's little head and continued to pack her things up. Just as she was about to call a moving company, her phone suddenly rang. It was a call from Benjamin.

Shelly hesitated for a moment before picking up. “Ben.”

“Shelly, where are you?”

“What's wrong?”

“There's something I want to tell you in person.” Shelly looked at the messy room and said, “Do it tomorrow. I'm moving today.”

“Move? Where to?” Benjamin was surprised.

“To my own house.”

“Did you break up with Nox?” Benjamin asked. His tone indicated that he was certain.

“Yes.”

“Let me help you.”

“No need. I'll get the moving company to move it.”

“I'll be right there.” Benjamin hung up the phone, ignoring what Shelly said.

Shelly felt helpless. She thought she did not have much, so it was a little over the top to call it a moving company. However, she did not have a car. If she had a car, she would be able to move her things in one car.

She waited at Nox's house for a while before the doorbell rang. Shelly opened the door and saw Benjamin.

Benjamin said, “Is everything packed?”

“Yes.” Shelly nodded.

“Then, let's go.” Benjamin carried the two big bags that had been packed in the room.

“I can do it myself...”

“It's nothing. You don't have to be polite,” Benjamin said calmly.

As he carried the two big bags and went out, Shelly stared at Benjamin's back, thought for a while, and agreed. They moved back and forth two or three times, almost filling up Benjamin's trunk and backseat. Hence, Shelly had to squeeze into the backseat with Bella in her arms.

After that, Benjamin drove them away. When they left, Shelly could not help but glance at the luxurious neighborhood behind her. She was not reluctant but sad to leave it. Nevertheless, she sighed and forced herself not to think too much about it.

When the car left, what they did not notice was a figure standing at the entrance of the neighborhood, watching them as they drove further and further away.

Nox looked away and returned to his house indifferently. He looked at the house that was clean and tidy. Shelly would usually keep the house clean and tidy at all times, and it was when she moved out.

In fact, Shelly did not have much, and the house still looked the same after she moved out. The only difference was that it felt a lot less familiar. It was as if the luxurious house had been drained of its soul, leaving only an empty shell.

Nox looked down at the document in his hand. He thought he could give it to Shelly in person, but in the end, he could not muster the courage.

He called his lawyer. "Give Shelly the documents for the transfer of properties and assets that we previously agreed on."

"Mr. Winter, aren't you going to pass it to her yourself?" "No, I have many important things to attend to."

"Alright."

"Give me a reply when you're done."

After that, Nox put down his phone and tapped on multiple missed calls from the same number. "Mom, where are you?"

“Why didn't you answer my call? We're waiting for you.”

“I just fell asleep. Send me the address.”

“I specially picked this girl for you, and you will definitely like her. Now that you've broken up with Shelly, you'd better keep yourself in check and stop being picky. I'm looking forward to holding my grandson and you having a family. Don't let me down, okay?”

“Got it,” Nox replied lazily.

He hung up and looked at the address on his phone. He thought to himself that, from then on, Shelly had walked out of his world..

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Then, Nox left his residence. Shelly, however, had no idea that he had transferred the ownership of that property to her, so there was no need for her to move. He was the one who should move out.

Benjamin helped Shelly move everything back to her old home. After that, Shelly was busy cleaning up, and Benjamin cleaned up the house with her as well.

When they were almost done, the doorbell suddenly rang.

Shelly opened the door and was surprised to see a strange man in a suit. “Who are you looking for?”

“Are you Ms. Shelly Carter?”

“I am.”

“Hello, I'm Nox's private lawyer. My name is Matt Logan. You can call me Mr. Logan.”

“Is there anything you need from me, Mr. Logan?” Shelly's eyes narrowed.

For a moment, she thought Nox was up to something again! After all, Nox had never been a man of his word.

“If it's possible, can we talk inside, Ms. Carter? There's a lot to talk about.”

Shelly nodded. She wanted to see what Nox was up to!

With that, Matt walked into Shelly's house, and Benjamin accompanied Shelly warily.

Matt took out some documents and placed them in front of Shelly one by one. “These are some documents regarding the transfer of nonreal estate assets that Mr. Winter has asked me to get you to

sign, Ms. Carter. This includes a villa and three high-end apartments under Mr. Winter's name, two luxury cars, and marketable securities worth hundreds of millions. At the same time, five million in cash will also be transferred to your account within three days. Ms. Carter, please take a look at them.”

Shelly was shocked. She thought that Nox was up to something again, but she never expected him to give her so many things out of the blue.

Benjamin was also surprised, but at the same time, he seemed to have expected it. If Nox could do so much for Shelly, giving her some assets was nothing.

“Can I not want them?” Shelly refused.

She did not want to have anything to do with Nox or accept anything from him.

“According to Mr. Winter, if you don't want it, he will keep pestering you to accept it. He wants me to remind you that it's best not to reject it.”

It turned out that he was threatening her. With her teeth gnashed, she got up and left the living room, walking straight to the balcony. She dialed Nox's number, wanting to him what he meant by that.

Nox was currently on a blind date. The woman sitting opposite him was quiet and gentle, making her a good candidate to be his wife. Seeing the caller ID on his phone, he hung up. However, Shelly refused to give up.

"It's okay. You can answer the phone," the other party said considerately. Nox glanced at the woman and said, "Do you mind if I take a picture of you?"

"Of course not," the woman said.

As she was very satisfied with Nox, she would not reject his request.

Nox took a photo of the woman with his phone and sent a message to Shelly. "I'm on a blind date. I'll contact you later."

When Shelly read Nox's message, she froze for a few seconds. She stared at the photo of the woman he had sent her and suddenly chuckled. She seemed to be overthinking it. After all, Nox had never lacked women or love.

With that thought in mind, she put down her phone and returned to the living room.

She said, "Mr. Logan, can you leave these documents here first? I'll contact Nox and get back to you."

"Sure," Matt quickly said. "Mr. Winter has signed the documents, so please take a look at the contracts and sign them, Ms. Carter."

"Okay, thank you."

"You're welcome." Matt was very polite. "If there's nothing else, I'll take my leave now. This is my business card. Ms. Carter, if you need anything, you can call me."

"Thank you."

After sending Matt off, Shelly turned to look at Benjamin.

Benjamin smiled. "This money should be nothing to Nox."

It was indeed nothing to Nox. However, to ordinary people like them, it was a huge sum of money that they would never be able to earn in their entire lives.

"I don't think Nox needs to make it up to me with money. I don't deserve it"

The grudge between her and Nox had long been written off the moment he saved Bella. After that, the occasional unhappiness in their relationship was just a conflict caused by their lack of love for each other. There was no need to make up for them.

"Nox didn't answer the phone just now, huh?" Benjamin changed the topic.

"He's on a blind date." Shelly was very calm.

Benjamin frowned.

"I'm used to it. Nox is such a man. We'll talk about it after his blind date."

Shelly did not want to continue on that topic, so Benjamin did not say anything else.

"Thank you for helping me today. I'll do the rest myself. You can go back first," Shelly said tactfully.

Benjamin stared intently at Shelly, who felt her scalp go numb from his stare.

"What's wrong?"

"Can we get back together again?" Benjamin enunciated each word and asked her sincerely.

Shelly's heart fluttered. Although she had broken up with Nox, she had never thought of getting back together with Benjamin.

"Your parents won't agree, and I don't want to make things difficult for you." "What if I say my parents have agreed?" Benjamin asked her again.

Shelly could not believe what she just heard.

"Yes, my parents agreed to our relationship," Benjamin said straightforwardly..

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Shelly looked straight at Benjamin, trying to find the words to respond to what he had said.

How was that possible? How could they agree just like that? She knew how much his parents hated her, and she had never thought that she would get the approval of Benjamin's parents.

"How did they agree?" Shelly asked, still in disbelief.

"I threatened them." Benjamin said, "I told them I won't marry anyone but you."

"Were they so easy to fool?" Shelly scrutinized Benjamin.

“My parents will come to South Hampton City in two days. When you meet them, you'll know that I'm not lying,” Benjamin said bluntly.

Shelly pursed her lips and said, “Ben, I think we should calm down first. We've been separated for a year.”

“I love you.” Benjamin held Shelly's hand. “No matter whether we've been apart for a year or ten years, the person I love is you. During the year I was abroad, I worked hard to study and improve myself because I wanted to be more capable and give you a better life when I returned to your side. In fact, I left you to go abroad because I didn't want my parents to make things difficult for us again. I never thought of breaking up with you.”

Shelly shook her head and could not bring herself to think of that much now. To her, she had truly broken up with Benjamin, no matter what he thought.

She admitted that she had feelings for Benjamin, but when she thought about getting back together with him, she started to back down. She did not know what she was afraid of! Was she afraid of his family's opposition or something else? Even she could not figure it out herself, and it seemed like she did not want to be with him again.

Seeing that Shelly was rejecting his advances, Benjamin calmed himself down and said, “I'm sorry, Shelly. I must've frightened you.”

“No.” Shelly shook her head. “I just haven't decided whether we should start over.”

“I was too hasty.”

“Give me some time to think about it.” Shelly said, “Don't arrange for me to meet your parents for the time being. I don't want to cause too much unnecessary trouble.”

“Alright.” Benjamin nodded.

“Why don't you head back for now?” Shelly urged him. “I'll contact you once I've thought about it.”

“Shelly.” Benjamin looked at her affectionately. “I really love you, and I've loved you ever since high school. I'll definitely give you and Bella a better life.” Shelly smiled as she was touched by Benjamin's words.

She said, “I'll think about it.”

With that, Benjamin left reluctantly. He did not want to force Shelly, even though he still loved her very much.

After Benjamin left, Shelly sighed heavily. She felt that her relationship was a mess now. Before she could figure it out, another person came.

Bella, who was watching television at the side, asked in her young voice, “Mommy, are you going to be with Uncle Ben?”

Shelly looked at Bella. “Do you like Uncle Ben?”

“I do.” Bella nodded. “But I like Daddy more.”

Shelly hesitated.

“Mom, can you give Daddy a chance? Don't be with Uncle Ben. I really want Dad to be with us.” Bella was rather emotional, probably because she did not want Shelly and Benjamin to be together.

Shelly patted Bella's little head. “Be good. Let me make the decision myself, okay?”

Bella felt aggrieved. She really liked her father very much. Why could not her mother be with her father?

“Mommy, I will make your favorite French toast, okay?” Shelly changed the topic.

She did not want to dwell on that matter with Bella. Bella's point of view was very clear, and she found it very difficult to agree with Bella's request. Moreover, Nox had already started searching for a partner again.

She went to the kitchen to make some French toast. As they had just moved in and did not have much food, they decided to eat something simple. Just as two plates of French toast had been served, the phone rang. It was Nox.

After Shelly settled Bella down, she walked to the balcony and answered the phone. "Nox."

"Mr. Logan said you won't accept what I gave you. Is that true?" Nox asked calmly.

It was as if they were two strangers talking about work.

"I don't think you should give me so much."

"Take it." Nox's voice sounded indifferent. "It's just a small amount of money to me."

"But to me, it's a lot of money."

"All the more reasons you should take it."

"I really don't need it-"