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Graham kept on staring and staring until Kate got a little uncomfortable, "Graham? Mr. Hubbard?" 1

"Oh—Pardon me," Graham shook his head a little to wake him from a daze. His face got a little hotter for an unknown reason. He murmured, "Now I understand their fascination."

"Fascination?" Kate didn't know what was in Graham's mind right now. He stared at her for a while without saying anything until Kate snapped him out of his daze.

Graham fixed his glasses and said, "It's nothing, Kate. Thank you for answering my question with truth. Your worry about Henry is valid, he is young and impulsive. But please trust him a bit more, he will show you how dedicated he can be."

"And how'd you know that?" Kate asked. "You're his friend, right? It's not impossible if you're just covering up for him."

"He is not exactly my friend, just like what I told you before, I am James' best friend," Graham claimed. "He and I were best friend

since we were toddler, and Henry, he—"

Graham stopped when he realized he almost spouted the truth that shouldn't be revealed. He knew that Henry would be furious if he told this secret to Kate, so he did a quick thought to shift his words and continued, "—he was just a willful little boy. James and I are fond of him, but his friend was not us, Michael is his childhood friend." 1

"So I don't have much emotional connection to him, but I respect his late brother a lot, so I know I must help him," Graham said. He lowered his head and murmured, "This is also my way to cope, since James treasured Henry a lot, just like how he treasured you."

"Mr. James Grant treasured me?"

"I thought it's fairly obvious that he is into you," Graham said. His gaze deepened as he stared at Kate. He didn't expect Kate to look surprised by his statement just now. He wondered if she was pretending or if she was really dense. "He was in love with you."

"I—I know he was into me, but I thought it was only for those one-night stands. I was loyal to my husband for years, so I try to act like I don't know anything, even though James' eyes made

it so obvious," Kate said. "But treasured is a heavy word, Graham. I don't think his interest lies further than just wanting to spend a night with me once or twice."

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Graham wanted to tell the truth that Kate was partly the reason for James' demise. He refused to marry someone else and waited for Kate to leave her deadbeat husband. 1

He actively went against his family and got killed in an 'accident.'

Graham was worried that Henry might meet the same demise as his Big brother. That's why he wanted to see this woman first before helping him. 1

'I guess their attraction towards this woman is unavoidable. Because I too—' Graham quickly dispelled that idea in his mind. He refocused himself on considering whether to tell the truth or not.

But in the end, he decided not to tell Kate about James' demise. 1

'I'm sorry, James. I cannot tell your beloved about your love or her. I know you'll agree with my decision as well, because both of us want

the best for Henry,' Graham thought. 'She is with Henry right now, and I will make sure to support them as long as they are still in love.' 1

'I hope he doesn't have any ill intention towards Kate, because I know James will be heartbroken knowing that Henry would hurt his beloved woman....'

Truthfully, Graham was also trying to convince himself that Henry was a changed man now.

Henry was uncontactable for a whole month after the death of James Grant, and when Graham met with him again after James' death, he somehow became gloomier, and his eyes were filled with hatred.

Graham got some information from Michael and Henry that they were planning something against the family who had killed James, but they didn't spare any detail.

'Whatever their plan is, I just hope it won't hurt Kate. It'd be stupid to avenge James' death by hurting the only woman he ever loved.' 2

He remembered how awful his life had turned when he knew James died in a car accident. He was grieving for weeks because he also saw James as his brother. 1

James was a good man, probably too good for this world...

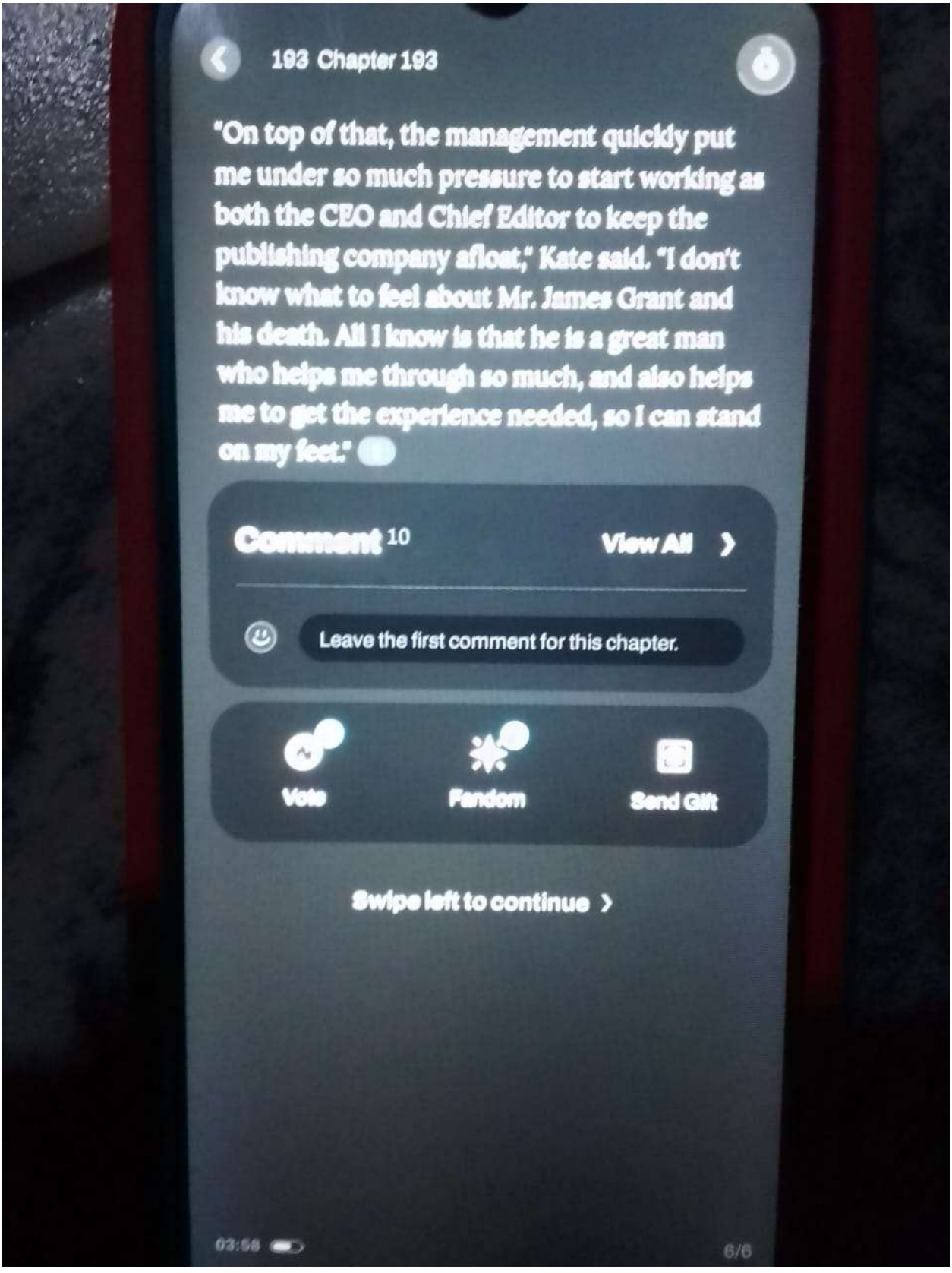
Even now, I am still grieving for his death. How can someone kill a good man who has never hurt anyone before? He got killed just because he refused to marry a woman prepared for him? What a ridiculous and backward family,' Graham cursed. 1

He was James' best friend, and even when they were young, Graham already knew that James' family was dysfunctional.

'And now, I have to help his little brother to have his own happiness. To let him have his own choice, and to give him independence from that bastard family.'

Thus, considering the decision, he replied, "He treasured you a lot... as a coworker."

"Ah—" Kate was relieved. She felt guilty a few moments ago because she thought the Late James Grant was in love with her. "Honestly, I feel awful because I can't grieve for him. When I got the news that Mr. James Grant passed away, I was not allowed to visit him in his family house, because I'm just a regular coworker, while he's basically an untouchable noble for me."


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"On top of that, the management quickly put me under so much pressure to start working as both the CEO and Chief Editor to keep the publishing company afloat," Kate said. "I don't know what to feel about Mr. James Grant and his death. All I know is that he is a great man who helps me through so much, and also helps me to get the experience needed, so I can stand on my feet."
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