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'That man looks like a typical rich kid. He should be rich. Could

be him? If he did spend a lot of money to protect Valda, then...

could he really just be fooling around with Valda?'

Raymond Bowman suddenly panicked.

'If that man is serious about Valda, is there any chance I can start

over with Valda?

'Or... am I never gonna get that chance?'

Valda Theller did not end up staying with Camille Strickland.

Instead, Camille Strickland helped her find a serviced apartment

online.

The serviced apartment was relatively far from downtown. One had to swipe a card to get in and out of the entrance downstairs,

so it was quite safe.

"Stay here for a few days first. I'll bring you food every day," said

Camille Strickland.

Valda Theller suddenly laughed.

"How could you laugh at a time like this?" Camille Strickland

asked.

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"I just have the feeling that we're behaving like fugitives all of a sudden. Would someone call the police if you secretly bring me food every day?" Valda Theller said as she sought joy amidst the

sorrow.

Camille Strickland thought about it and agreed. However, she clenched her teeth. "I wonder which bastard did this to you? Why did they expose something that isn't the truth?!"

If the person who exposed this was in front of Camille Strickland right now, she would have smashed their head.

While swearing, Camille Strickland pulled out her phone to check the latest online gossip posts about her best friend.

However, a cry of surprise soon escaped her lips.

"What happened?" Valda Theller asked.

"The... The viral post about you..." stammered Camille Strickland.

"What about the viral post about me?" Valda Theller asked. If it

either rose or dropped a few spots in the ranking, it did not matter

to her.

"The viral post about you is gone," said Camille Strickland.

Valda Theller was surprised. She hurriedly got closer and saw that

the viral post about her was indeed gone as her best friend said.

"What happened?" Valda Theller took out her phone and

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searched again. All negative gossip news about her was gone.

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Only some positive ones were left. There was nothing negative about her in the comments too. It was obvious that someone was

controlling the news.

Valda Theller was a little overwhelmed. "What on earth is going

on?"

Camille Strickland also looked confused. "Someone must've

suppressed the viral post," she said after thinking about it.

"Who is it? Boss?" The boss Valda Theller mentioned was the boss of the magazine.

"No, how could I not know if that was the case? I don't think it's the film producer either. They would've let me know if it was them." Camille Strickland analyzed.

Brian's face flashed across Valda Theller's head. 'Could... Brian have helped me?'

"Anyway, the viral post is gone. This matter will die down sooner. You can get back to your old life in a few days." Camille Strickland let out a sigh of relief and said, "I gotta go. I'll bring you your dinner later."

Valda Theller said, "No thanks. The viral post is gone now. Besides, I'm not a celebrity who everyone recognizes. I'll just go

out and buy myself dinner or order takeout. You don't have to travel so far to bring me food."

It was an hour and a half drive to her best friend's house and

back.

"Alright then. Be careful. Call me if anything happens. Go to

the film set in a few days. I'll inform the director," said Camille

Strickland.

"Okay," replied Valda Theller.

After her best friend left, Valda Theller was left alone in the small

apartment of about 430 square feet.

Loneliness instantly enveloped her.

She took out her phone and found the name 'Brian' in her contact

list. After some hesitation, she made the call.

"It's Brian." Brian's cold voice came from the phone.

Valda Theller's grip on the phone tightened. "It's Valda Theller... Today... I'm not sure if you're aware that something from my past went viral today."

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"Yeah, I know." No emotion could be heard from his indifferent

tone.

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"I'm sorry this happened. If you think it's inappropriate for me to continue to pretend to be your girlfriend, we can stop right now, or you can tell your friend I lied to you. I'll do anything you want me to do," she quickly said.

She just wanted to make it up to him and not be in his way.

"Then all you have to do is pretend to be my girlfriend and make

people think you love me very much. You don't need to do

anything else. Don't overthink about the rest. Everything will go

back to normal," said Brian.

She froze. Though his tone was still indifferent and calm, it gave

her a warmth that made her feel secure.

"Did you suppress the viral post?" Valda Theller could not help

asking.

"Yeah." His tone was still as indifferent as usual. It was as if he was

only answering a question about whether he had eaten. However,

what he did meant so much to her.

"Thank you," she said while feeling the urge to cry.

Brian said, "You're my girlfriend. They're slandering me by slandering you. Where are you? Home?"

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"No, Camille found a serviced apartment and asked me to stay here for a few days. I'll move back home once this dies down."

"What's the address?" he asked.

She then sent Brian the address.

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"I'll come by and take you to dinner later," he said.

"Why don't... we eat here? There's a kitchen where I can cook. There's a mini supermarket nearby, so I can get some groceries. The place I'm currently staying is a little remote. There aren't many restaurants around." In the end, she hesitated and said, "If... you

don't mind my cooking..."

"Okay, I'll come by later," said Brian.

Valda Theller breathed a sigh of relief. After the call, she put on a mask and cap. Grabbing her phone and wallet, she went to the supermarket to get some groceries.

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She had previously told Camille that she was not a celebrity and

was unlikely to be recognized in such a remote place even if a

post about her had gone viral.

However, she could not help worrying when Brian asked her to dine with him. She was worried that someone would recognize

her when she dined with him. He would suffer if it caused a

ruckus.

Valda Theller bought some vegetables, seasonings, and rice in the supermarket. She would be spending the next few days in the apartment anyway. She could have enough to last her a few days if she bought more.

After getting back to the apartment, she washed the rice and cooked it with a rice cooker. Then, she washed and cut the vegetables and meat she bought and began to cook.

Valda Theller was still cooking when Brian arrived.

"Give me a second. I have one more soup to prepare. Dinner will be ready once it's done," said Valda Theller as she asked Brian to sit down first.

One could see the entire 400-square-feet apartment unit in one glance. Brian sat at the dining table and watched Valda Theller cook in the kitchen.

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She skillfully put the ingredients and seasoning into the pot. One could tell that she usually cooked.

There were already four dishes on the table right now. They were only regular home-cooked dishes, but they looked good.

Once the soup was ready, Valda Theller served the soup at the dining table. "How much rice do you want? I'll go get it for you,"

said Valda Theller.

"Just one regular bowl," said Brian.

He did not need to come. They did not plan to go out on a date today. However, when they talked on the phone, he was worried she would overthink if she was left alone. Therefore, he decided to

take her to dinner. He even agreed to come here for dinner in the

end.

'Even if she does overthink, it shouldn't concern me.

'Or is it because we're dating? She's my girlfriend right now. Even

if I don't love her, I should do what a normal boyfriend would do at

the very least, right?'

Valda Theller soon served the hot rice to Brian.

"Go ahead. I wonder if these dishes are to your taste," Valda

Theller said sheepishly.

Brian picked a dish and took two bites. It did not taste very good

to him. After all, he frequented fancy restaurants, and the Hart family had superb chefs. Valda Theller's cooking was no match for them, of course.

However, looking at the sparkle in her round eyes, he said, "Pretty good."

She instantly smiled, and the sparkle in her eyes became brighter. It was as if his simple remark had given her great satisfaction.

'How... easily satisfied!'

Brian sighed to himself. 'Would my life be easier if I were as easily satisfied as she is?'

Valda Theller also du into the food she prepared. Suddenly, she seemed to think of something and asked, "By the way, did I do anything I shouldn't have done after falling asleep when you sent me home that day?"

"You should be asking if I did something that I shouldn't have to

you," he said.

She blinked and looked blankly at him. "Even if you did do

something to me, you got the short end of the stick." She only

realized what she had said after speaking. She then blushed immediately.

'Gosh, what did I just say?'

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"Well... That's not what I meant... Oh, no. That's exactly what I meant. No, what I meant is that you would've gotten the short end of the stick even if anything happened. But you wouldn't do anything to me..." she stammered as she explained, her face blushing even more.

"Haha!"

He could not help bursting out into a chuckle. The woman's

red cheeks, round eyes, and hands that were flopping around somehow reminded him of a squirrel.

She was adorable and funny.

Valda Theller was stunned as she looked at the smile on Brian's

face.

If his smiles earlier had only been faint ones, this smile was more jubilant than before.

"What's the matter?" he asked when he saw her looking at him

blankly.

"You look good when you smile," she said as she could not help

raising her hand and stretching it toward his cheek.

His smile gave her the urge to draw it. She wanted to record the

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way he smiled with her eyes. It was just like the snow slowly melting in early spring.

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Brian looked at the fingers coming closer and closer to his cheek.

She would have missed as long as he turned his face slightly to

the side.

Other than Grace, he disliked other women's touch, but Valda

Theller... was gradually becoming an exception.

Maybe because they were in a relationship, touching seemed to become natural for them. If he resisted her touch, he might

expose himself in front of Grace in the future.

Therefore, maybe it was better for them to get familiar with each

other.

Brian did not avoid Valda Theller's hand. Her warm fingers

pressed against his cheek and put him in a trance. It felt like Grace

was caressing his face.

With his eyelashes quivering slightly, Brian gently looked down.

Grace had touched his face in the same way and told him she was

not the one he was looking for.

Grace must have made her choice at the time. She chose Jason, while he was just someone who was abandoned in the course of time and could not get out.

He never regretted falling in love with Grace, and he had no

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intention of falling in love with anyone else in his life.

However, if Grace hoped he could get over her and fall for someone else, then... he would do it. He would do anything to make her happy.

There was a cry of surprise. Then, the warmth disappeared from his cheeks. Brian looked up at the blushing face.

"I'm sorry. I... I didn't mean to..."

"It doesn't matter even if you meant it. We're a couple. It's natural for us to touch each other," said Brian.

'Huh? Natural?' Her heart seemed to suddenly skip a beat when

he said that.

'A couple... We're only a fake couple, but he said that so naturally.'

"Also, don't think I'm not gonna do anything to you. Don't think

too highly of me, and don't think too lightly of yourself. Even if I tell

you that I won't do anything to you, don't let your guard down," he

said.

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"You won't," Valda Theller said affirmatively.

His phoenix eyes narrowed slightly. "What makes you think I won't? Or have you forgotten that I'm a man?"

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"Because if you said you won't, then you won't. I believe you," she said. She knew that his heart was with another woman. He dated

her for the person he loved.

Brian's eyes flickered. Moments later, he slowly said, "Don't believe in me too much. Maybe I'm not what you think I am."

"Okay," she replied, but her clear eyes were still full of trust.

The trust pressed on his chest like a heavy weight, making him

feel a little uncomfortable...

Raymond Bowman found Camille Strickland and asked, "Where's

Valda Theller?"

Camille Strickland was full of disdain. "Why should I tell you? Haven't you caused enough trouble for Valda? If you hadn't harmed Valda like that, would the reporters crowd her so much

that she can't even go home?"

"So, she hasn't been at home these two days?" Raymond

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Bowman asked. He had been to Valda Theller's house, but no one answered after he rang the doorbell for a long time. No one showed up after he waited in front of her house for quite some time as well, so he came to Camille Strickland.

Based on Camille Strickland's relationship with Valda Theller, she must know where Valda Theller was.

Camille Strickland said impatiently, "Raymond Bowman, what on earth do you want? It's none of your business where Valda is!"

"Why is it none of my business? I..." Raymond Bowman's voice stopped short, and he did not continue speaking.

"You what?" Camille Strickland looked at him in confusion.

"Nothing." Raymond Bowman let out a breath. No matter how much he told Camille Strickland that he was worried about Valda and wanted to protect her, Camille Strickland probably would not

believe him.

After all, he had made too many mistakes in the past.

"Tell me where Valda is and how she's doing," Raymond Bowman said again.

"What's the matter? Are you going to pretend to be nice this time? Raymond Bowman, I won't tell you where Valda is staying, but she's doing well now. Her boyfriend is taking care of her. There's no need for your fake kindness," said Camille Strickland.

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However, Raymond Bowman's eyebrows furrowed when she

mentioned the word 'boyfriend. "How much do you know about

her boyfriend? She didn't have a boyfriend a little over a month

ago. Don't you think it's strange that she has one out of the blue?"

Camille Strickland froze. She did not expect Raymond Bowman to know that Valda did not have a boyfriend not long ago, but... "What's so strange about that? She and her boyfriend fell in love at first sight, and their relationship is blossoming fast! Did you think Valda would be in love with you forever just because she used to be in love with you? If she's fallen for someone else, then does it mean there's something wrong with the person she fell for?

Raymond Bowman, you think too highly of yourself!"

Camille Strickland's statement made Raymond Bowman's expression ghastly. "I just don't want Valda to get fooled."

Camille Strickland said with a fake smile, "You're the biggest fraud Valda has ever met!"

With that said, she walked away without looking back. Raymond Bowman stood there with his hands clenched.

If possible, he would like to go back to the time when he had not fooled Valda, but it... was impossible...

In the next few days, Valda Theller saw that there was no more news about her online. Even if her name was mentioned in the film's marketing campaign, it did not cause much of a ripple.

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It reassured her slightly.

She knew that without Brian's help, it would take more time for the incident to calm down.

Brian spent most of his time in the serviced apartment she rented on their scheduled dates.

He would sit and read a book or watch a TV show. Meanwhile, she would draw him on a sketchpad.

If she was quick, she could finish drawing in 15 minutes. If she was slow, she would take more than half an hour.

She often liked to draw close-ups of his face. His delicate facial

features and indifferent vibe made people find him icy, but his

phoenix eyes seemed to contain various emotions when they seemed to be cold. It made others want to take a good look at

them.

However, the more one wanted to see, the more one could not.

The contradictory feeling was increasingly appealing.

Brian was casually watching a reality show that recorded the true happenings in the emergency room on TV while Valda Theller was drawing Brian on a sketchpad.

Valda Theller wanted to watch the emergency room reality

show because the female protagonist of her new comic was an emergency room doctor, so she was watching the show to find

out more about things related to the emergency room.

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She had been watching it alone in her room when Brian came and

joined in.

Although she drew close-ups of his face on her sketchpad later,

she also listened to what was happening on the TV.

In the show, a mother and son were pinned down by the collapse

of a house. After they were rescued and treated by the doctor, the mother and son were in critical condition. They only had a survival rate of 50 percent. There would be many after-effects even if they were saved. They could save the mother's leg, but it would cost a

lot of money.

Money was a heavy burden for an ordinary rural family like them. In the end, the mother chose a relatively cheaper amputation operation and lost her right leg to save as much money as possible for her son's treatment.

"Sacrificing the possibility of saving her leg for a child whose survival is uncertain... There'll be aftereffects even if the child does survive. What's the point?" The indifferent voice escaped

from his thin lips.

He disagreed with the mother's choice.

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"It's because the mother thinks her child is more precious than her life. She's willing to take a bet with her leg regardless of whether or not she can save him. Even if the child suffers from after-effects, she'll accept it!" Valda Theller said as she stopped and turned to

look at the screen.

"Is it worth it to take a bet with such a huge price?" he asked.

Valda Theller said, "Yes. At least I think it's worth it. If it were me, I'd be willing to bet all I have for a chance if my child were ever in

danger."

Bet for a chance...' Brian was in a slight trance. Valda Theller's figure seemed to overlap with Grace in front of him, and his heart experienced a clenching pain.

'Why would the two of them sacrifice everything to bet for their

children?

'Are children so important?'

"What's the matter? You don't look very good. Are you okay?"

Valda Theller said suddenly.

"Nothing. I just don't understand why you think kids are so important," he murmured.

"Maybe you'll understand when you have children of your own," Valda Theller thought about it and said. She could not help imagining what his children would look like.

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'A mini Brian? Wow, I think he'll look adorable just thinking about

it.'

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However, what he said next made her freeze.

What he said was... "I probably won't have kids of my own, so I'll probably never understand no matter how you explain it."

Valda Theller looked blankly at the person right in front of her. He looked down when he said this, and his long eyelashes concealed everything in his eyes. A blanket of solitude seemed to surround him, isolating him from his surroundings.

It was as if he would not let anyone get near him, nor could she get near him.

A week later, Valda Theller moved back to her place. She joined the film crew according to their original plan and began assisting the scriptwriter with the script.

However, she could feel many people's strange glances on her first day.

After all, even though the buzz of her news might have faded and it was quickly replaced by other eyecatching gossip news,

everyone in the film crew knew about her past now.

However, what they knew was the distorted facts online, not the

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real truth.

"That's her. She bullied others when she was in university. It's satisfying to know that she was bullied back in the end!"

"Reading her comics, I thought she was amiable. I didn't expect

her to be so mean!"

"The producer probably regrets choosing her comic. There are

other comics better than hers."

Those surrounding people seemed to be whispering, but their volume was not low, and Valda Theller could easily hear them.

"Don't mind the gossip. Just think of them as bullsh*t!" Camille Strickland said as she reassured her best friend.

"Don't worry. I'm not a pampered princess who has never experienced anything in her life. It's just some gossip. I can stand them." Valda Theller smiled at her best friend to reassure her.

Valda Theller discussed the plot with the scriptwriter the entire

morning.

After discussing for a while, the director called the scriptwriter

away, so Valda Theller stayed alone in the room and waited.

Suddenly, the room door was pushed open, and a figure rushed in while panting.

Valda Theller looked up and frowned when she saw the intruder.

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It was Raymond Bowman!

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Knowing Raymond Bowman had invested in the film, she knew she might not be able to avoid meeting him. However, if possible, she did not want to meet him again.

"If you're looking for the scriptwriter, they're with the director,"

said Valda Theller.

Raymond Bowman approached her and said, "I'm here to see you. How have you been these days?"

"I'm fine," Valda Theller said with a blank expression.

"I'm sorry about the viral post. I had no idea that someone would expose the incident. I'll find out who's behind this and give you an explanation," said Raymond Bowman.

Valda Theller looked at him coldly. "I don't need any explanation from you, Raymond Bowman. If you feel guilty for me, I hope you won't appear in front of me again. It's the best way for you to make things up for me."

He paled. "Do you hate me that much?"

She replied in amusement, "Do you think I should be glad to have you around from time to time? How would I have gone through that if you hadn't used me as a pawn and a stepping stone to get a woman? I wouldn't have gone viral for that either."

"I know I hurt you badly, but I just want you to give me another chance to make it up to you, Valda," Raymond Bowman said bitterly.

"Make it up to me? That's unnecessary!" Valda Theller refused

without mercy.

"It's necessary because I..." He paused.

Valda Theller did not bother to talk to Raymond Bowman

anymore. She got up to leave the room. She could discuss the

script with the scriptwriter when they got back.

However, Raymond Bowman lunged over and blocked her way. "Wait, can I finish what I have to say? Valda!" His voice was

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almost pleading.

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"Raymond Bowman, I've said whatever I have to say to you. I think there's no need to talk about this anymore," she said.

"What if I tell you I'm not only feeling guilty for you but also..." His voice was bitter. After a long pause, he continued saying, "But also because I love you? Mingyu said I might have fallen in love with you long ago. I just didn't know it. Over the years, I've been regretting what I did to you. I long for you so much that I can't get you out of my mind..."

He spoke with difficulty. 'Does she know how much courage it took for me to say this to her?'

Valda Theller was shocked, never expecting Raymond Bowman to say such a thing.

"Valda, I think maybe I love you. I've unconsciously fallen in love

with you, so give me another chance. I won't hurt you this time. I'll

try harder than anyone else to protect you," Raymond Bowman

said hoarsely.

Valda Theller suddenly laughed. She laughed so hard that she

teared up. She found it ironic and ridiculous.

"Raymond Bowman, I would've been touched if you had said this to me when I was bullied. I would've forgiven you and gotten together with you, but now... Don't you think it's a little too late? Did you think I'd always wait for you?"

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She raised her hand and wiped the tears from the corners of her eyes. "You just think you might be in love with me, so you keep saying you're sorry and want to make it up to me and protect me. But what if you're not in love with me? Would you not have felt guilty at all? Do I deserve to be a pawn or a stepping stone? How can you make up for what I've suffered?!"

Valda Theller's questions made Raymond Bowman speechless.

He wanted to say no and refute her, but he could not.

Just like what she said, he felt guilty and wanted to make up for what he had previously don because he had fallen in love with her.

However, what if he was not in love with her?

All this might be nothing more than a trivial incident that happened back in his school days. It was in the past, and he would not have wanted to make it up to her.

"Raymond Bowman, I won't love you. Stop telling me such ridiculous things again," said Valda Theller.

"Is it because you're in love with your boyfriend?" His thin voice said with an unmistakable hint of jealousy.

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"Yes, I love him." Valda Theller used Brian as an excuse.

Raymond Bowman pressed his thin lips together. "That man isn't simple, and it's never gonna work out between you and him. Valda, don't make a decision you'll regret just because you're mad

at me!"

Valda Theller said sternly, "I didn't get together with him because of you."

With that, she pushed his hand away and walked straight out of

the room.

Raymond Bowman's pale face was full of agony.

'Have I run out of chances?'

Valda Theller walked out of the room, only to see many people gathered at the front. They were making a lot of noise.

Valda Theller frowned, not knowing what was going on up ahead.

Just then, the production assistant walked over to her and tapped her on the shoulder. "Hey, Valda, there you are. The director is looking for you."

"The director's looking for me?"

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"Yes, the director's over there!" They pointed to the area where

the crowd had gathered.

Valda Theller walked over, only to see many people holding boxes

of mooncakes with exquisite packaging.

'Is someone at the front... giving out mooncakes?

'But Mid-Autumn Festival is still far away, isn't it?'

As she got nearer, she found a long line of people in front of her. Everyone was holding a box of mooncakes. Next to the person

handing them out were the director and another woman in a beige

outfit.

Valda Theller's pupils suddenly constricted, and she stopped.

The woman was... Barbara Schuman!

Her misery in university started because of this woman!

Barbara Schuman's long straight hair had become enchanting curls. She wore delicate makeup, looking more stunning than she

used to.

The director waved toward Valda Theller and said, "Valda, here. This is Miss Barbara Schuman. I heard you were classmates in university. Miss Li's the sponsor of our TV show. These are the mooncakes her company just released. She said they're for the film crew to try."

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"Valda, I haven't seen you for a long time. It's so nice to see you again. I convinced my dad to sponsor the TV show because I learned that you're the original comic artist. Consider it a way to cheer you on,"

Barbara Schuman said with a smile. The smile looked so gentle and amiable. Others would think she was on good terms with Valda Theller.

However, Valda Theller still remembered how Barbara Schuman had asked Raymond Bowman to make her the laughing stock of the whole school. Besides that, she had even looked at her like a high and mighty judge when she was bullied.

The girls who often bullied her were friendly with Barbara Schuman. They even dragged her in front of Barbara Schuman, kicking her and stepping on her hands.

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It was just because Barbara Schuman disliked her hands.

She was only lucky to keep her hands because campus security spotted them and came to her rescue.

Later, she found out why Barbara Schuman targeted her that way. It was because her comic got published, and some classmates jokingly called her a comic artist. Barbara Schuman had also participated in a comic contest in high school but failed to win it.

In Barbara Schuman's opinion, it was already a sin that her comic was published!

Valda Theller froze as every joint of her body seemingly stiffened:

Barbara Schuman smiled wider as she picked up a box of mooncakes and walked up to Valda Theller. "By the way, try some of these mooncakes. I'll give you more if you like them."

Barbara Schuman said as she pretended to shove the mooncakes into Valda Theller's hand.

Valda Theller raised her hand to push the mooncake box in front of her, but it fell to the floor before she could do so.

Barbara Schuman looked upset. "Valda, you don't have to throw it on the floor like this even if you don't like the mooncakes and think

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they're cheap."

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They were so close that no one could see how the box of

mooncakes fell to the floor. They only thought Valda Theller threw it based on Barbara Schuman's statement.

The way the surrounding crowd looked at Valda Theller changed instantly. Someone even taunted, "Oh, she already thinks she's

superior before she's even popular. We regular folks find these mooncakes amazing."

"Will she have her nose in the air when she gets popular?"

"Didn't the netizens say she used to be a bully at school? Is she trying to intimidate Miss Li?"

"Who does she think she is? Intimidate Miss Li? Who does she

think Miss Li is?"

Valda Theller heard the whispers around her, which gradually brought her back to her senses.

Valda Theller crouched down, picked up the box of mooncakes,

and handed it back to Barbara Schuman. "I think you

misunderstood me. This box of mooncakes isn't cheap to me. I'm

not rich. How could I find a box of mooncakes worth hundreds of

dollars cheap? You know I'm an orphan. Mooncakes symbolize

reunion. But I stopped eating mooncakes since my parents died to

prevent myself from being reminded of it. Regardless, thank you

for the mooncakes. It's better to give them to someone who can reunite with their family."

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She was no longer the pathetic pushover that she used to be. She would fight back if Barbara Schuman were up to no good against

her.

else, then,"

The smile on Barbara Schuman's face froze. Then, she smiled as she took the mooncakes. "I'm so sorry. I'll give them to someone

With that said, she looked past Valda Theller at the person

coming over. "Raymond Bowman, why don't I give you this box of mooncakes since Valda doesn't eat them? Speaking of which, we

haven't seen each other in ages."

Something complicated flickered in Raymond Bowman's eyes.

"Yeah, it's been ages."

If Valda Theller was the one he wanted to see the most, Barbara

Schuman was the last person he wanted to see.

He thought he loved this woman and had even done everything that he thought was despicable for her, only to realize that he loved nothing but his pride.

What he wanted was to conquer Barbara Schuman and prove that

he could get any woman he wanted.