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Valda Theller thought in a trance, feeling as though her consciousness was slightly all over the place.

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In a daze, she thought she heard someone shouting, "Hey, who... Who are you? We're filming now. Please leave... What are you..."

Then, the forces beating her and yanking her clothes seemed to disappear. All that was left was wailing.

Just then, someone picked her up, and she heard a gentle voice. "Miss Theller, I'm sorry that you got hurt. I'll send you to the

hospital right now."

Valda Theller finally opened her eyes reluctantly. She was greeted by an unfamiliar woman's face.

The woman was in her 30s. She looked smart and capable.

"Who... are you?" Valda Theller asked with difficulty.

"I'm-" Before the woman had time to answer, Queenie Mack had rushed over with her assistant and said, "Who are you? Do you know we're filming right now? Where are the security guards? Get them out of here!"

Her plan was about to come to fruition, but it was ruined by these people who appeared suddenly. How could she not be mad?

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All she wanted was to run up and slap the woman.

However, even after Queenie Mack shouted for a while, no

security guards came. The burly men in black that the woman brought over surrounded Queenie Mack and the extras who beat up Valda Theller.

The woman said to her men, "Call the police. Tell them that there has been a case of assault!"

"Yes," one of the men immediately took out his phone and called the police.

When the extras, who were punched to the floor, heard they were calling the police, they immediately struggled and said, "We were acting... How is that assault?"

"Tell that to the police!" the woman said.

Queenie Mack said bitterly, "Who are you? Since when do you get to control what goes on in our set?"

"I'm Estelle Rowe, an executive assistant of Hart Group. Don't I have the right to control what goes on around here?" Estelle Rowe sneered as she looked at Queenie Mack.

The whole crew was stunned as soon as she said that.

The country's film and television industry could be said to be ruled by Hart Group, which occupied most of the businesses in

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the industry. Therefore, its president was called the crown prince of the entertainment industry.

Even the male lead, Gloria, was an artist of Hart Group's talent

agency. If a TV show wanted to get on satellite TV, they could not avoid Hart Group.

At the very least, even the film studio everyone was in belonged to the Hart family!

To put it bluntly, this was the Hart family's territory!

"The president is concerned about this film. He asked me to check it out when he heard that some actors had gone on strike. I didn't expect to see such a thing. What's the matter? Is the film crew trying to kill someone in this film studio?" Estelle Rowe said sharply.

The director hurried forward. "We didn't expect the extras to truly beat her up. We asked them to fake it!"

Estelle Rowe chuckled. "If you couldn't even notice it, that just means you're not a good director."

The director's face turned red instantly.

However, Estelle Rowe's next remark made the director feel like he

was hit in the head. "Also, the actors who went on strike today can

forget about ever stepping into this film studio again!"

Everyone gasped as soon as she said that.

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After all, the film studio in Emerald City was the largest in the country. More than 70 percent of the country's films were shot here. If these actors were not allowed to enter the film studio, it was tantamount to killing their acting careers.

"That's too much. Why?"

"Yeah, why?"

Some of the actors who went on strike with Queenie Mack today immediately panicked. They only did that to please Queenie Mack. After all, rumors had it that she had a powerful backer. If they got on her good side, perhaps they could get some resources from her.

They did not expect it to turn out like this.

"It's because the film studio belongs to the Hart family." Estelle Rowe once again silenced the voices with one statement.

Estelle Rowe ignored the others and only asked her men to pick up Valda Theller so that she could quickly be sent to the hospital.

Camille Strickland was stunned, unable to believe her eyes.

She thought Valda was in serious trouble this time, but someone came to Valda's rescue!

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Besides that... It was a group of people that came to her rescue!

'What the hell is going on here? Why did the executive assistant rescue Valda? It's evident that the woman's helping Valda.'

Camille Strickland had too many questions on her mind.

After Estelle Rowe left with Valda Theller, many of the actors involved in the strike rushed to Queenie Mack and asked, "Miss

Mack, now what?"

"We went on strike because you told us to, but now, we're not allowed to step into the film studio. How are we going to star in films in the future?"

"Miss Mack, you gotta help us!"

Queenie Mack was already flustered when she was surrounded

by this bunch of people. Just as she was ready to squeeze out of the crowd to leave, the extras knocked down to the floor by

Estelle Rowe's men shouted too.

“Miss Mack, we did what you told us to do. Assault? We didn’t do it on purpose. Don’t let the police arrest us!”

“Miss Mack, didn’t you say you have a lot of connections? Even if something does happen, you gotta fix it! You gotta help us deal with it when the police come!”

“You asked us to do this. You said Valda Theller annoyed you and

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asked us to take off her clothes. We told you it was inappropriate, but you just...”

The more these people spoke, the more Queenie Mack was exposed.

Everyone in the film crew instantly understood what had happened earlier.

Some people thought the extras lost control and stopped faking

1. However, it turned out to be real in the first place. They even planned to take off her clothes.

Queenie Mack was the mastermind of all this.

Many people immediately looked at Queenie Mack with disapproval. Some even rejoiced in her misfortune. After all,

Queenie Mack had always been arrogant, and many people disliked her.

The producer was already overwhelmed by the chaos. If everyone involved in today’s strike was banned from the film studio, the

producer would either have to replace these actors or move elsewhere.

Gosh, how did this happen? The producer felt like killing themselves!

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It did not take long for the police to arrive. There was a police

station just a few hundred meters from the film studio, so the police arrived quickly.

They took the extras who beat up Valda Theller and Queenie Mack back to the police station.

After all, according to the extras, it was all set up by Queenie Mack.

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Queenie Mack was no longer as arrogant as before. Facing the police who wanted to take her away, she struggled like a shrew and even wanted to hit the police.

“Do you know who I am? If you touch me, forget about staying in the police force!”

However, her threats had no effect. She was even forced into the police car because she refused to cooperate.

After they were taken away, the place quieted down.

The director and the producer looked at each other. There was no way they could continue filming at this point. They had to take the day off and figure out a solution.

Raymond Bowman had mixed feelings right now.

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He only found out that it was not fake and that Valda was really being beaten and kicked on set after Estelle Rowe rescued Valda

Theller.

He had seen something like this before. At the time, he chose to turn a blind eye and escape.

What about now? How was this any different from the decision he made back then?

He had watched others do that to her without doing anything!

He suddenly recalled how Valda Theller had resisted and tried to

escape earlier. She even looked at him...

Raymond Bowman's heart gave a sudden twitch when he thought of that.

'How did she feel when she looked at me? Why... Why didn't I argue with the director and tell him to stop? Why did I stop after hearing Barbara Schuman's words?'

Raymond Bowman's face filled with remorse.

"What's the matter? Do you feel bad about it?" Barbara Schuman's voice rang in Raymond Bowman's ear. "You don't love Valda Theller that much, after all. It's why you backed out after finding out who Queenie Mack's backer is. At the end of the day, we're the same. We love ourselves more, don't we?"

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Barbara Schuman took Raymond Bowman's arm and pressed her delicate body against him as she spoke, "Since we're the same, we might be perfect for each other."

'The same?' Raymond Bowman froze. 'Barbara Schuman and I are the same?'

"What? Okay, okay. Third Hospital? I'll go over right now!" Camille Strickland ran past the two as she spoke on the phone.

Raymond Bowman immediately grabbed Camille Strickland and asked, "Third Hospital? Is Valda being taken to Third Hospital?"

Camille Strickland shook off Raymond Bowman's hand angrily. "So now you care? What have you been doing? You'd better stay away from Valda!"

With that said, Camille Strickland turned and hurried away.

Raymond Bowman planned to follow Camille Strickland, but Barbara Schuman held him by the arm and said, "Don't go, Raymond Bowman. Valda Theller doesn't care about you. Why are you so enthusiastic when you're being given the cold shoulder?"

"F*ck off!" Raymond Bowman roared and yanked back his arm. "Barbara Schuman, listen here. You and I will never be the same!"

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Barbara Schuman watched Raymond Bowman run away and pressed her red lips tightly. 'He left in such a hurry. Is he worried about Valda Theller?

'It's a pity that Valda Theller was saved today. Valda Theller got lucky. I didn't expect Hart Group's executive assistant to show up

because of a filming strike.

'But... what on earth is going on? Why would an executive assistant of a corporation care if the actors of a film went on

strike?'

Barbara Schuman's doubts were shared by many of the cast members. Only Gloria looked enlightened as if he had confirmed something.

'Sure enough... The company asked me to join the cast and become the male lead because of Valda Theller!'

"Brother Stephenson, why are you smiling?" Gloria's assistant beside Gloria could not help asking when they saw the smile on his lips.

Gloria said with a half-smile, "There are always people who bite off more than they can chew. They think they're stones and want to break eggs, but it turns out they're the eggs that people can break easily."

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The assistant scratched their head, confused.

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"Anyway, be polite to Valda Theller in the future. Don't offend her," said Gloria.

Raymond Bowman drove toward Third Hospital. On the way, he kept thinking about what had happened today.

He was both regretful yet grateful.

He regretted looking on again when Valda needed help. He...
thought it was just acting and did not expect Valda to get hurt!

When Barbara Schuman said Queenie Mack's backer was the
Weiss family of Emerald City, he did hesitate.

He had worked so hard to get to where he was now. If he offended
the Weiss family of Emerald City because of this, his efforts these years would have been in vain.

Therefore, he hesitated at the time. He hesitated about whether
Valda Theller was worth it.

He was glad that the woman called Estelle Rowe saved Valda
Theller.

'Why would Hart Group's executive assistant... help Valda
Theller?

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'Estelle Rowe's speech sounded like she was accusing the actors of going on strike, but this film has
nothing much to do with Hart Group. Why would Hart Group ask their executive assistant to go
over?'

Just then, Raymond Bowman's phone rang, and he answered it. "It's Raymond Bowman."

"Mr. Bowman, I've identified the person you asked me to look up for you. He's..."

After they said a name and a title, Raymond Bowman's pupils constricted immediately. "What? Is it
really him?"

"Yes, I'll send you the information later. Of course, it's easy to find his information if you search online.
But the one I'm giving you
might be more detailed," they said.

"Okay, got it! Email me everything you have on him," said Raymond Bowman.

Shortly afterward, his phone rang, notifying him that he had
received a new email. Raymond Bowman turned the steering
wheel and stopped at the roadside. He opened his email on his
phone and looked at the information he had gotten.

The photo he saw made his heart sink.

'It's... really him!

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'Brian, president of Hart Group, the crown prince of the entertainment industry, and also... Valda's new boyfriend!"

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'In that case, it makes sense... why that executive assistant named Estelle Rowe would come to the film set and help Valda.

'But how did Valda get into a relationship with Brian? These two are like people from two different worlds!

'There's no love in Brian's eyes when he looked at Valda. Why would he date Valda?'

The old mystery was solved, but a new one was added.

Raymond Bowman continued to look through the information he received. The more he looked, the deeper his brows furrowed.

Sure enough, Brian did not love Valda at all!

After putting his phone down, he restarted the car and sped toward Third Hospital.

Valda Theller was taken to Third Hospital's emergency room, and the doctor examined her. Unfortunately, it was only some skin trauma. There was no major bone injury or concussion, but she still needed to stay in the hospital for observation for one day.

The doctor prescribed some medicine. Estelle Rowe asked her subordinate to collect it and help Valda Theller go through the admission procedures.

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Camille Strickland looked at the bruises on her best friend's face and felt heartbroken.

"Does it hurt?" Camille Strickland asked. Then, she sobbed. "Of course, it hurts. How could it not hurt?"

There were so many bruises on her face, not to mention her body!

"Those scumbags! How could they beat you like that in front of everyone? And that director. Couldn't he tell if it was real or fake?

He deliberately did that to please Queenie Mack and let her vent

her anger!” Camille Strickland snapped.

Valda Theller comforted her. “Okay, I’m alright now, aren’t I? Besides, Assistant Maggie also got me a single ward. I’ve never stayed in a single ward. It feels like staying in a hotel. It’s pretty great.”

Camille Strickland said, “Do you want to stay longer? But do you really not know Assistant Maggie?”

Valda Theller shook her head. “I don’t know her.”

“Why would she help her if you don’t know her?” Camille Strickland asked in confusion.

“I don’t know either,” said Valda Theller.

“Do you know anyone in Hart Group?” Camille Strickland speculated again. Assistant Maggie said she was Hart Group’s

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executive assistant to the president.

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The Hart Group’s president. She remembered that he was the crown prince of the entertainment industry. ‘His surname is Hart.

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‘Wait, Hart?’ Brian’s face appeared in Camille Strickland’s head.

‘Yes, Valda’s boyfriend also has the surname Hart. Could the two of them...’

Just then, the ward door was suddenly pushed open, and a figure rushed in.

“Valda!” Raymond Bowman panted as he looked at Valda Theller sitting on the hospital bed.

She was wearing a hospital gown. The bruises looked more obvious on her pale face. Even one of her cheeks was swollen.

"I'm sorry, I..." he said with difficulty. The bruises on her face looked like they were condemning him silently.

"What are you doing here, Raymond Bowman? Don't you think it's disgusting to shed crocodile tears?" Camille Strickland scolded as she lunged forward and stopped Raymond Bowman.

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"I only came to see Valda!"

"You didn't have to come. Valda needs to rest. Get out!" Camille Strickland wanted to kick Raymond Bowman out, but she was not strong enough to pull him.

"Valda, I had no idea those guys were really beating you. I didn't know you were suffering!" he said, looking guilty.

Valda Theller said coldly, "You don't need to apologize. You're nobody to me. You're not obliged to do anything for me."

"But I--"

Camille Strickland suddenly interrupted Raymond Bowman. "No buts! Valda doesn't need your concern. All she needs is her boyfriend. I'll call for the hospital security guards if you don't leave!"

Raymond Bowman said, "Boyfriend? Is that man really Valda's boyfriend?"

As he spoke, he pushed Camille Strickland aside and walked to Valda Theller's bedside. "Valda, do you know who your boyfriend is? How much do you know about him? You said you love him very much and get along with him, but do you know that he was deeply in love with a woman before this? He didn't hesitate to

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save her with his life. There are even rumors that he was willing to never marry in his life just because of that woman. Even though that woman has been married for years and even has children now, he has never dated any woman!"

Raymond Bowman's words struck Valda Theller's heart like a hammer.

Was he talking about... Brian?

She always knew that Brian had someone he loved, and that person should be the woman called Grace she saw the last time.

They pretended to date to make her believe that he really had a girlfriend. It was why he pretended to hug her in the parking lot. It was just to make others see that they were in love.

However, she did not expect Brian to love that woman that much.

What would those cold but indifferent eyes look like when they were full of affection?

“That man is Brian. He’s also the president of the Hart Group and the crown prince of the entertainment industry!” Raymond Bowman bent over, put his hands on Valda Theller’s shoulders, looked her straight in the eye, and said, “Valda, he’s not sincere. That man doesn’t love you at all!”

Valda Theller felt as if a great storm had set off in her heart. Facing Raymond Bowman, she had no idea what to say all of a sudden.

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‘Brian is... the crown prince of the entertainment industry?’

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Even though she was an outsider, she had heard rumors about the crown prince. However, she did not know the crown prince’s name, so she never connected Brian with him.

Those rumors were now overlapping with Brian’s figure.

Just then, a voice rang suddenly. “When is it someone else’s turn to judge whether I’m sincere and love Valda?”

Raymond Bowman stiffened immediately as he turned his head to see a tall figure entering through the ward door.

It was... Brian!

He wore a suit, and his handsome face made him look like Prince Charming in fairytales. This man ruled the entertainment industry.

Even popular celebrities were only pawns to him.

If Raymond Bowman regarded Brian as a womanizer before, he now had more doubts.

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Why did Brian approach Valda Theller? If he wanted to fool around, many women in the entertainment industry were willing to fawn over him.

Besides, according to the information he saw, Brian was not a man who enjoyed fooling around.

Camille Strickland’s eyes widened after Brian appeared.

‘Gosh, is this... the crown prince of the entertainment industry?’

Many people did not even have the chance to see him, yet he had

shown up in front of her. He was even so close!

Camille Strickland would have screamed if she were not in a hospital ward.

Valda Theller, who was sitting on the hospital bed, saw Brian walking toward her. His figure gradually enlarged in her eyes.

"I'm sorry I sent them late." Brian looked at the bruises on her face, and gloom swept across his eyes as he remembered Estelle

Rowe's report.

Valda Theller shook her head slightly. 'So, he's the one who saved

1. He sent Assistant Maggie to the set!'

Brian's eyes glimmered, and he took Raymond Bowman's hands

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off Valda Theller's shoulders. "Mr. Bowman, Valda is my girlfriend. I want you to watch your behavior in the future."

"What on earth do you want from Valda?" Raymond Bowman asked. He knew the man before him was not someone he could offend easily, but he asked anyway.

Brian glanced at him coldly. "I don't need to tell you. Whatever goes on between Valda and me is none of your concern."

"But you don't love her!" Raymond Bowman panicked.

"Is it? What if I say I do love her?" Brian asked slowly.

Raymond Bowman looked at Brian with shock. "What did you say? You love Valda?"

Brian's expression remained unchanged, and his voice rang in the ward. "I love Valda Theller. We'll never break up unless she wants to."

The ward was silent. Raymond Bowman could hardly believe what he heard. 'What did Brian say? Did he give Valda the right to break

up with him? A man will only say things like that when he's madly in love with a woman.'

However, Brian looked calm when he said that. His deep phoenix eyes were infinitely dark. No one could figure out what was on his mind.

"Raymond Bowman, I know what kind of person my boyfriend is.

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You don't need to worry. My boyfriend and I are getting along just fine. I know better than anyone how serious he is to me, so please leave, okay?" Valda Theller's voice broke the silence in the ward.

Raymond Bowman opened his mouth as if he wanted to say something, but he said nothing in the end. He walked dejectedly out of the ward and leaned against the corridor wall.

'What am I doing? I desperately wanted to make it up to Valda by approaching her and protecting her, but I did nothing when she needed protection.

'And now I'm desperately jumping up and down like a clown, saying Brian has another motive for getting together with Valda.'

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'But what motive could the crown prince Brian have for Valda?

Money? Body? People would probably laugh if I told them.

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'Brian even gave Valda the right to break up with him. It can only mean that... Brian has feelings for Valda.

'And Valda..."

Raymond Bowman smiled bitterly at the thought of it. It must be easy for Valda to fall in love with a man like Brian.

'What about me? Have I lost Valda?'

The woman who used to blush for hours at the slightest touch of his finger on her cheek would no longer blush for him.

In the ward, Camille Strickland was still staring at Brian, unable to

pull out of her trance.

"Are you really... the crown prince?" Camille Strickland asked in a mutter.

"The crown prince?" Brian smiled. "It's just a nickname from others. You don't need to call me that."

"Mr. Hart, thank you for sending someone to save Valda.

Otherwise, Valda would've been in so much trouble." Camille

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Strickland was still terrified when she recalled what happened at the time. "Queenie Mack is so mean. Though she was sent to the police station, she'll probably be released on StephensonI soon."

"She can't get out on StephensonI," Brian said indifferently.

"No way. Queenie Mack has a backer and should be able to get out easily," said Camille Strickland.

"I said she can't get out on StephensonI, so she can't," Brian said firmly.

Camille Strickland's eyes lit up suddenly. 'Yes, so what if Queenie Mack has a backer? Valda has a backer like Brian too!

'Queenie Mack is in trouble this time.'

"Well... I won't disturb you two. I'll go home first. Please take care of Valda, Mr. Hart." Camille Strickland left the ward in a good mood.

Only Valda Theller and Brian were left in the ward.

"What do you want to happen to Queenie Mack?" Brian asked suddenly.

"Huh?" Valda Theller froze, unable to come to her senses all of a sudden. "I don't understand."

"Jail time? Or do you want to have her fall from grace? Should we let her go through what you went through today? What about

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letting her suffer the pain you suffered tenfold or a hundredfold? What do you think?" Brian said casually as if he were talking

about something simple.

Valda Theller could not help gulping. 'Is he trying to stand up... for me?'

"Well... Let the police handle her. Just do it according to the law," Valda Theller said weakly.

"Okay," replied Brian.

"Well... Why did you do all this for me?" Valda Theller could not help asking.

His dark phoenix eyes glanced at her bruised face and swollen cheek. Her round deerlike eyes were full of confusion.

"Because you're my girlfriend. Someone laid a hand on my girlfriend. Of course, I'm going to get justice for you," he said.

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The simple words made Valda Theller's heart melt. It felt good to have someone so protective of her, even though she knew she was only his girlfriend in name.

"Thank you." Her voice choked.

"Why are you thanking me? Didn't I say you're my girlfriend?" he asked.

She took a deep breath, looked him straight in the eye, and said sternly, "But do you really want me as your girlfriend? I... I didn't know who you were earlier, but I now know you're the crown prince of the entertainment industry. Won't someone like me being your girlfriend only raise questions? It might ruin things for you."

Brian said, "Who I choose as my girlfriend is my business. Why bother with others' doubts? You only have to look like you love me in front of people. Of course, you can tell me now if you have something else in mind such as falling in love with someone else."

Valda Theller hurriedly shook her head, "No, I'm not in love with someone else!"

Brian said, "Including Raymond Bowman? I know you used to date him when you were in university."

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Valda Theller bit her lip slightly. It was not a secret during university, and it was not surprising that Brian knew about it.

“Yeah.” She nodded. “Since you know I used to date him, you should know that the bullying I suffered in university was also

because of him.”

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She never told anyone else about the events of that year except Camille.

However, she could not help confessing in front of Brian. “I did like him back then. I thought I was lucky to be able to be with the person I liked when I thought it was just a secret crush. But I found out he was in love with another woman, and I was only a tool for him to please her.”

When she told Camille these, she felt nothing but bone-crushing pain.

However, the pain seemed to have disappeared when she told Brian this. All that remained were ridicule and... relief.

She found it ridiculous that she had once fallen in love with a person like Raymond Bowman. She even bet that Raymond Bowman had some feelings for her and that he would not defame her in front of everyone or send her to hell.

It seemed inevitable that she lost.

At the same time, she was glad that she had finally gotten over Raymond Bowman, who was just a passerby in her life.

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“So, I don’t like him. Not now, not ever again,” Valda Theller said firmly.

“Really? But I think he cares a lot about you,” said Brian.

“If he cared about me, Assistant Maggie wouldn’t have been the one to rush in front of the camera with the others to save me

today. He was there watching," Valda Theller said with a slight smile.

She was so nonchalant as if Raymond Bowman did not mean anything to her.

Brian stared at the woman in front of him. Sometimes, she was indecisive, but other times, she seemed so decisive.

It was just like how she agreed to date him and let go of her feelings for Raymond Bowman.

"I envy you." A whisper escaped his mouth.

"Envy?"

"You can withdraw your feelings," he said.

After a moment's hesitation, she said, "Maybe it's just like what you said. I can withdraw them because I didn't love him deep enough. Fortunately, my affection for Raymond Bowman wasn't deep enough."

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"I can't withdraw mine because they're too deep..." he muttered as his long lashes lowered gently, half-obscuring those deep phoenix eyes.

'What is he thinking? Is he thinking about the one he loves deeply?

'Raymond Bowman said Brian refused to have any girlfriends for the one he loved. He even risked his life to save her and... is willing to never marry!

'How much does he love that woman? We're even dating because of... that woman!'

"What's the matter?" His voice suddenly rang out.

Valda Theller realized she had fallen into a trance from looking at him. Those phoenix eyes had looked up to meet hers.

"N-Nothing. I think Raymond Bowman probably won't bother me anymore after what you said in front of him." She paused. As if recalling something, she hurriedly said, "I... I know what you said isn't true. You don't love me. Don't worry... I... I won't misunderstand you. I won't bother you even if we break up."

She anxiously tried to explain, but she spoke so quickly that she let out a low cry of pain when she accidentally tugged at her

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"I know you didn't misunderstand me." He put his fingertips to her lips and muffled all her voice. "You need to get some rest."

Valda Theller felt as if her lips were on fire.

She lay down on the bed in a fluster, and the heat from her lips seemed to spread to her face, which was probably very red now.

'What... on earth is wrong with me? Why is my face turning so hot because of Brian's finger?

'Is it because of... Brian's face? He's so good-looking! Um... It should be normal to blush... when a good-looking man presses his fingers against my lips.'

Valda Theller comforted herself. Then, she closed her eyes so she would stop looking at Brian.

Moments later, the sound of even breathing came from the person on the hospital bed. It was obvious that she was asleep.

Brian was surprised that Valda Theller fell asleep so soon.

"How... unwary," murmured Brian.

'Does she trust me?' He looked at the bruises on her face and felt that the injury on the woman's face was so harsh to the eyes for the first time.

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"What? No Stephenson!?" In the detention center's meeting room, Queenie Mack looked at the lawyer her family had hired for her and could hardly believe the reply she heard.

"Yes, because those extras insist that you instructed them to hurt Valda Theller, Miss Mack. Besides that, they have records of the

money you transferred to them. It's safe to say that they have all the evidence required, so you'll be detained for at least 15 days," the lawyer said.

"15 days?" Queenie Mack asked in shock. 'I don't even want to stay for a day!

'If I'm detained, it'll be the end of my career if word gets out. To make matters worse, if the heir of the Weiss family whom I'm working so hard to approach finds out about this, how am I going to...'

With that in mind, Queenie Mack hurriedly said, "No, I must get out immediately. It doesn't matter how much it costs."

"Miss Mack, there's nothing we can do," the lawyer said.

"How is there nothing we can do?" Queenie Mack panicked. "It should be fine if I can afford the Stephensonl. Besides, I swear not to leave tMason Swansonty."

"Miss Mack, you've offended the Hart family." The lawyer could only be more explicit.

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Queenie Mack froze. "What... do you mean?"

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"The Hart family told the police to handle everything by the book." In other words, if the police were lenient, they would be in trouble!