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She had the urge to have her way with him, kiss him, and...

'Stop!' Valda Theller quickly reminded herself!

"Okay." Brian tugged at the bathrobe again before leaning over and looking at Valda Theller. "Would you like to see the lower part?"

'The lower part?' Valda Theller turned redder and quickly turned around, saying, "No... No thanks. You can check yourself. You... You can apply the ointment yourself if you've hurt yourself."

She stammered, trying to stop herself from overthinking. If she went on, she might force herself upon him.

"Okay," he replied.

Fortunately, Brian found no injury except a scratch on his arm after checking himself, which was a relief to Valda Theller.

The two spent the next few hours in a hotel room.

Brian looked through his phone, checking for messages. Meanwhile, Valda Theller had nothing to do. Looking at the hotel brochure by the bedside, she found several pieces of white paper and a pen. She picked them up and began sketching Brian.

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It was not the first time she had sketched Brian. She usually drew Brian quickly and smoothly, but she kept pausing today. When she got below his neck, she could not help picturing the way he looked after he took off his bathrobe just now.

The sleek collarbones, sturdy chest, and captivating abs... The image was deeply imprinted on her mind.

When she came back to her senses, the piece of paper in her hand showed a sketch of Brian after taking off his bathrobe!

Valda Theller stared at the paper in her hand, embarrassed. '... I can't believe I drew this! Brian mustn't find out, or he'll think I'm a pervert!'

Valda Theller hurriedly crumpled up the sketch in her hand and pinched it.

"What's the matter? Is it a bad drawing?" Brian's voice rang out as his dark phoenix eyes looked toward her.

She met his eyes and replied guiltily, "Yeah, it's... not that good." It was actually too good that she outperformed herself. Anyone who knew him would recognize it was him in the sketch!

"Let me have a look," said Brian, slightly curious about what it would be like if she did not draw so well.

"Don't. It's not a good sketch." She got up quickly and stuffed the

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crumpled piece of paper into the bag she had brought with her today. Then, she licked her dry lips. "I... I'm getting a glass of water."

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With that said, she got up and walked over to the water dispenser.

Brian went to the water dispenser first. He poured a glass of water and gave it to Valda Theller. "I want to drink water too. You can go

first."

Valda Theller raised her hand to take the glass. However, Valda Theller's fingers subconsciously winced when their fingers touched.

The glass fell to the floor, breaking into pieces. The water spilled all over as well.

"I'm sorry, I missed it." Valda Theller wanted to crouch down and clean up the mess, but Brian pulled her up when she was halfway

down.

"Don't pick the shards up. They'll cut your hand. I'll ask the hotel staff to clean it up later," said Brian.

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She wondered how Brian would feel if he learned that she had thoughts about forcing herself on him and being more intimate with him.

'Will he think I'm... lecherous?

'Gosh, no!

Even with her head down, she could feel his eyes on her.

When she finally finished her meal, she jumped up and said, "I... I'm done. I'm going to rest!" With that said, she was about to run

back to her bedroom.

However, she had not taken two steps when Brian had already risen. He blocked her way. "Are you avoiding me?"

"Huh?" She froze. Blushing, she said in a panic, "No... No."

It sounded like a lie and was not very convincing.

Brian said in confusion, "It seems you're really avoiding me. Why? Did I do something to upset you?"

"No... No! You haven't done anything bad!" she quickly said in denial.

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"Then why are you avoiding me?" he asked as he took one step forward. Those dark phoenix eyes stared at her.

She only felt as if his gaze was enveloping her.

"I... I'm not avoiding you." She looked down to avoid his eyes and stuck to her original answer.

Brian frowned slightly, raised his hand to grab Valda Theller's chin, and forced her to look up at him. "If I've done something to upset you, you might as well just tell me."

Valda Theller felt herself burning. Valda Theller knew her face was red as hell without looking in the mirror. Just tell him... How can I just tell him?

'Am I going to tell him that I'm turned on by his good looks?'

"Valda, I thought we were a couple. You can tell me anything. I can change if it's my problem," he said.

Outsiders would probably be shocked to hear that. 'When would the crown prince ever say something like that to others?'

"There... There's nothing wrong with you. I'm the problem," stammered Valda Theller.

"You have a problem? What problem?" Brian asked.

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She bit her lip and said nothing. It was embarrassing

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However, he seemed hell-bent on pursuing the matter. "You can tell me any problem you have. Maybe I can help."

Boom!

She felt as if her blood were about to burst. She was already in such a state. His words were like adding fuel to the fire!

"Hmm?" He was still waiting for her answer.

Valda Theller made up her mind, closed her eyes, and said, "I... } want to force myself on you. I wanna kiss you and hug you, so... don't... Don't get too close to me. I... I don't know what I'll do!"

She did not want to be a nuisance to him, but if he got close to her, she might be tempted to do something he hated.

The air was filled with awkwardness after she yelled that out.

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The air became silent, and the hand that was holding her chin earlier let go.

'Will he think I'm...' Valda Theller thought to herself but dared not open her eyes to see how he would react when he heard her

statement.

"So, you're avoiding me because you want to be more intimate with me?" Brian's voice rang after a long while.

However, his voice was not as indifferent as usual but hoarse.

"... Yes," she said.

"Why?"

Valda Theller was speechless. He even asked her why. It was because... "I like you, so... so I want to be more intimate with you, of course. I overthink easily when I see your body. When you get

close to me, I'll blush, and my heart will race. I... I don't want to do

this either, but I can't help overthinking sometimes."

Taking a deep breath, she added, "Why don't... you stay away from me? I'll go back to my bedroom and calm myself down.

Maybe I'll stop overthinking."

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"In other words, you won't have feelings for me anymore when you've calmed down?" he asked.

"Of course not!" she quickly said in denial.

"I don't mind you liking me," said Brian.

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Valda Theller froze and instantly opened her eyes to see Brian's handsome face.

"You... don't mind it?" she asked.

He replied nonchalantly, "Why should I? You said you like me, and that's why you'll overthink. Since we're a couple, what's there to mind?"

She bit her lip. He showed no expression of disgust.

"It... It's great that you don't mind, but I'd better stay in my room alone for a while before I do something bad to you," she said.

After all, she had worries about her determination if the man she liked were to prance around her in a bathrobe.

"It doesn't matter even if you do it," said Brian.

Her eyes widened slightly, still in a trance. "What... What did you say?"

He only thought her round eyes were now so wide that they

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looked adorable. "If you really want to force yourself on me, you can. You can also kiss and touch me."

Valda Theller was dumbfounded, Brian's words were like a violent shock wave, causing her mind to go blank.

After a while, she finally came back to her senses. "You're willing to do that?"

"Yes, I'm willing," he said. He was willing because of her.

She took several deep breaths and stammered, "Do you love me? Do you love me... even a little bit?"

Brian's eyes glimmered.

The word 'love' was too heavy for him, and he had given almost all his love to a woman named Grace.

Since then, he seemed to have lost the ability to love anyone.

"Valda Theller, I don't know if I love you a little bit because I've never known the definition of 'a little bit'. And I have never loved anyone 'a little bit'." His love for Grace had never been little. It had kept growing over the years.

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Disappointment flashed across Valda Thelter's eyes. "Yeah, whet

am I thinking? How could a man like him fall in love with another person so easily?’

However, his next statement turned the disappointment in her eyes into shock,

“But I think I like you,” the elegant voice said.

“You... like me?” Valda Theller asked in disbelief.

I don’t think I’d let you kiss me if I didn’t like you, and I don’t think I’d let you force yourself on me either,” Brian said slowly.

He would have been disgusted if another woman had said these.

However, he was only amused when she said those words. He even had the impulse to satisfy her.

He had never had this feeling.

Valda Theller only felt her heart beating quickly. What he just said was like music to her ears. “Do you really like me?”

There was excitement and anticipation in her big, round eyes, but they seemed to contain wariness too. It was as if she feared the

answer would be no.

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His heart broke a little. He seemed to have seen the old him in her.

He used to have expectations for Grace, yet he was wary.

However... he never got any response romantically.

It was because the person Grace loved had always been Jason.

Brian leaned over and kissed Valda Theller on the lips. “Does this make you believe me?”

Valda Theller’s pupils constricted suddenly as she stiffened in response to this sudden kiss. His lips were soft and warm.

She still wanted more when his lips left hers.

“What’s the matter? Still don’t believe me?” he asked, looking at her eyes fixed on him.

"I... I believe you, but... uhh... Can you kiss me again?" What she just felt was so unreal that she felt as if she were dreaming.

Brian looked at Valda Theller, not knowing whether to laugh or cry.

Then, he bent over and gently kissed her on the lips again. "Is this enough?"

She blushed and licked her lips. "Can... Can I kiss you too?" She did not want it to end and wanted more. She wanted this feeling to linger longer.

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His eyes froze as his thin sexy lips slowly said, "Yes."

As he finished speaking, she put her hands around his neck and carefully kissed his lips.

Unlike the previous kisses, this was a kiss they shared after he grew to have feelings for her. Would these feelings grow and become love?

"Brian, like me more, okay?" she muttered.

"Okay, I'll make myself like you more." He made a promise.

He also wanted to fall in love with her! Would he be happier if he fell for her?

The original plan was to stay at the hotel for a few hours until their clothes were washed and dried before returning to tMason Swansonty. However, she and Brian stayed at the hotel overnight.

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She and Brian lay in the same bed that night, but Brian did not do anything to her. He only lay beside her.

However, she did... uh... touch him a little bit, especially his shapely abs.

Of course, she did that unconsciously after she fell asleep. When

she woke up in the morning, her hand was still in his bathrobe, pressed against his abs!

Thinking of what had happened when she woke up this morning,

Valda Theller had the impulse to kill herself. He must think she was a pervert now!

Brian drove back to tMason Swansonty in the morning.

"Do you want to return to your apartment or studio?" he asked.

"Uh... My apartment," she said.

"Alright," he replied and drove toward her apartment.

The car fell silent again.

After a long pause, his voice suddenly rang out. "What's the matter? Are you embarrassed to talk to me now because you love me?"

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"Cough... Cough..." She choked. Well, he was right.

He glanced at her flushed face out of the corners of his eyes. "You seem to blush easily. Are you going to keep blushing and saying nothing like this for the rest of our relationship?"

"No... No." She hesitated slightly before suddenly saying, "I'm sorry I stuck my hand in your bathrobe this morning... I didn't mean to. I didn't know I would do that after falling asleep..."

She stammered to explain.

Brian smiled. "Remember what I said yesterday? Yesterday, you said you wanted to force yourself on me and touch me. I said I didn't mind you having such ideas. I don't mind you doing that either. Speaking of which, you left out one step. You didn't force yourself on me, right?"

"Cough... Cough..." Valda Theller choked herself again.

'Did he say that to encourage me to force myself on him?'

"Valda, we're a couple. You have nothing to be ashamed of, but I hope you won't avoid me. Don't be silent because you're embarrassed. It'll make me feel like I did something wrong," Brian said slowly.

Though her blushing and awkwardness were adorable, he liked to

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hear her talk. He liked her chattering and how she got along with him naturally.

Valda Theller bit her lip slightly before nodding heavily and saying, "Yeah, okay. L-Let's behave as usual."

He nodded.

Then, the atmosphere in the car relaxed, and Valda Theller started chatting with Brian.

She realized how quickly time flew when the car reached her apartment.

"Well... I'm getting out now," said Valda Theller.

There was a slight smile on Brian's lip. Perhaps even he did not realize that he was smiling more.

She looked at his smile blankly and impulsively went over to kiss him on his lips.

Then, she gasped slightly as she asked nervously, "I... I'm your girlfriend, so it's okay for me to do this, right?"

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He smiled. "Yes, you can."

His assurance immediately dispelled her tension. A smile spread from the corners of her lips. He fell into a trance when he saw her smile.

He found the smile beautiful.

When she got out of the car, waved at him, and turned to walk into the apartment, he slowly raised his fingers and touched his lips where she had just kissed.

His usually cool lips were burning slightly.

"You checked into a hotel room with Brian!" Camille Strickland

looked at her best friend. Things had escalated a little too quickly.

"No. We only checked into a hotel to dry our wet clothes," Valda Theller hastened to explain.

"But didn't you spend the night at the hotel? Do you know how worried I was? I couldn't get through to you. I almost went to the police!" joked Camille Strickland.

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Valda Theller touched her nose awkwardly. She found many missed calls and text messages from her best friend after charging her phone as soon as she got home.

"Well... Didn't I call you back as soon as I charged my phone?"

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"Yeah, yeah, but I wouldn't have been so worried if I had known you were with Brian yesterday," said Camille Strickland as she looked curiously at her best friend. "Well... Did anything happen between you and Brian yesterday?"

Valda Theller's face turned red as soon as she asked this.

"No way. Did something happen? What did he do to you? Don't they say men tend to give in to their sexual impulses? He didn't..." Camille Strickland said nervously.

Valda Theller was speechless. Brian had not done anything to her. She was the one who did something to Brian.

"It's not what you think!" she said, looking awkward.

Camille Strickland saw her best friend's expression and probed, "Did you do something to him?" Come to think of it, it was not impossible. After all, Brian's looks and figure were top-notch among men.

Valda Theller covered her flushed face with both hands. Camille Strickland instantly knew she was right.

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Camille Strickland patted her best friend on the shoulder. "It's normal. I get it. I get it!"

"..." Valda Theller was flabbergasted. 'Is that any consolation?"

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Camille Strickland asked, "Did you proceed until the last step? If you did, did you use any contraception? If you get pregnant, it's

always the woman who gets hurt if the father doesn't want the child."

"No, we didn't! We only shared the same bed yesterday," she explained quickly.

"That's good. But don't forget to use contraception if anything happens," warned Camille Strickland.

"Got it," mumbled Valda Theller.

'Pregnant... Will I be pregnant with Brian's child one day? If so, will it mean that Brian has fallen in love with me?'

"By the way, the film crew called yesterday about Starlight Charity Gala. You're invited. An invitation will be sent to your studio in a couple of days." Camille Strickland finally mentioned what she wanted to say when she called yesterday.

"I'm invited?" Valda Theller froze slightly. She learned from

the news that Starlight Charity Gala had invited many popular celebrities, producers, directors, and socialites from Emerald City.

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As far as she knew, such charity galas had nothing to do with her.

At most, she would only read relevant content online. She never expected an opportunity to attend one.

"Who else was invited?" Valda Theller asked.

"They also invited the male lead, Gloria," said Camille Strickland.

"That's it?" Valda Theller blinked.

"That's it," said Camille Strickland.

Gloria was a popular celebrity, so it was reasonable to invite him. However, the other directors, the producer, and the female lead

were not invited. Instead, they invited her-the original author. It was weird.

As if seeing her best friend's doubt, Camille Strickland explained,

"I think people in tMason Swansonrcl know you're the crown prince's girlfriend, so it's natural that you would be invited to a charity gala like this."

Valda Theller was instantly enlightened. "Can I skip it?" After all, she shuddered at the prospect of facing reporters' cameras and

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"You can ask Brian for his opinion. Attending charity galas will do you some good in terms of networking," said Camille Strickland.

When Brian came to pick up Valda Theller for dinner that evening, Valda Theller asked, "I was invited to Starlight Charity Gala. Do you think I should attend? By the way, do you know about this charity gala? It's--"

"I know about the charity gala. They sent you an invitation?" Brian said thoughtfully.

"Yeah," she nodded. "Gloria and I were the only ones invited."

"What do you think? Do you want to attend?" he asked.

"I'm not sure. I think I'm invited because they know I'm your girlfriend. But I'm scared of facing reporters. I'm not good with cameras and questions. At the same time, I've never been to a

gala like this before. It seems many big shots in the entertainment industry will be there," replied Valda Theller.

Therefore, she was somewhat curious about what such an important gala would be like.

"Attend it, then. No press will film you or ask you questions," said Brian.

"How do you know?" she asked, surprised.

"Because I'm attending too," he said.

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She was stunned for a moment before realizing he was the crown prince of the entertainment Industry. It seemed normal for him to attend a gala like that.

“That’s great. It won’t be so scary when you’re with me!” Valda

Theller was relieved. “I should have thought of it. You definitely would’ve been invited too.”

Brian smiled and said nothing. He was Invited but was not interested in attending. He had already rejected it.

However, he was now accompanying this woman to a gala he had no interest in.

He seemed to be... looking forward to it too.

“I’ll send someone to pick you up and take you to the salon to get styled. You can go earlier to see if they have gowns you like,” he said.

“No thanks. Didn’t you give me a gown and jewelry the last time I attended a banquet with you? I’ll just wear those,” said Valda Theller.

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“Why don’t you choose a new outfit? I’ll prepare the jewelry for you,” he said.

“No thanks. It’ll be a waste to get a new one. I don’t often wear gowns and jewelry either,” said Valda Theller.

“You’re going to need them more in the future, so you might as well have more,” said Brian.

She froze, thinking he was implying something.

After dinner, Valda Theller and Brian went to the lakeside for a walk.

The night breeze blew past them. It was comfortable.

There were many couples by the lakeside. Valda Theller could not help but envy the couples walking hand in hand.

Although she had held hands with Brian before, she was usually the one taking the initiative to do with while he just agreed.

He would never have held her hand when they were alone if she did not mention it.

Even if he said he liked her... the affection was probably far from

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the love between lovers.

Valda Theller's eyes fell on the couples' intertwined hands from time to time.

Suddenly, Valda Theller froze and looked blankly at her right hand.

Another hand was holding her right hand... It was Brian's hand.

"Why..."

He asked in reply, "Don't you want to? I thought you were looking at other people's hands because you wanted to hold hands too."

She blushed but admitted it anyway, "Yeah, I do."

"Let's go on, then," he said, intending to continue walking.

"Wait!" she said suddenly. She leaned over as she wrapped her free arm around his waist and buried her face in his arms. "Thank you for playing along with me."

She murmured, trying to get some things off her chest while she had the courage.

She muttered, "You said you like me yesterday, and I'm glad. Even if it might not be love yet, at least it's a silver lining for me. When I fantasize about you, kiss you, and touch you, you'd say it doesn't matter because we're a couple, so it's natural to do these things. But you know what? I think it's natural for people who love each other to do these things not just because they're a couple."

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He listened in silence. He could feel her body stiffening as she spoke. Her fingers seemed to tighten around his as they continued to hold hands.

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She continued, "Though you said you don't hate it when I do this, I don't think it's pleasant to have someone you don't love do this to you. I've only wanted us to be closer and more intimate that I forgot I'm the only one happy when doing these."

It was what she felt when she watched the couples pass by.

The couples were beaming when they did something intimate.

However, she had never seen such a look on Brian's face.

She suddenly found herself a little ridiculous when she thought of how she was secretly delighted to be more intimate with him.

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"So I won't kiss you or do anything more intimate with you than holding hands and hugging from now on," Valda Theller seemingly said with determination.

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He frowned when he heard her say this, and a sudden discomfort overwhelmed him. "But didn't you say you're happy to do those?"

"I'm happy, but it's not fair to you. If it were me, I wouldn't enjoy someone I don't love treating me like that," said Valda Theller.

"I don't mind..."

"But I do!" She looked up and widened her eyes to meet his beautiful phoenix eyes. "When we're being intimate, I hope you're in love with me. People would want to be close to each other because they love each other, right? It'll become a burden if only one party is in love."

He stared darkly at her as he pressed his thin lips. Her eyes were so clear that he was flustered.

'Do I really not hate her being intimate with me? Did I say yes only because we're a couple?'

"It's up to you. If you think it's unnecessary, then we don't have to do those things," he said indifferently.

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"It's not that it's unnecessary. I just want us to... uh... be intimate when you've fallen in love with me..." she said as she blushed, her eyes still clear. "Uh... Of course, I'll try to make you fall for me too!"

Her face seemed to fill with a fighting spirit. Those eyes were so bright that he had a hard time looking away.

After a long pause, Brian said slowly, "Well... Valda Theller, make me fall in love with you as soon as possible."

He looked forward to it.

After a heart-to-heart talk with Brian, Valda Theller relaxed.

Dating was not all about deepening your intimacy with each other. It was probably better to let some things happen naturally.

Brian was attending the charity gala with Valda Theller, which was a relief to her. At least Valda Theller would not have to fear or

worry too much if she made a fool of herself.

It felt like she had someone to protect her even if the sky fell, and Brian was her protector.

On the day of the charity gala, Brian's driver sent Valda Theller to the salon for styling. Brian had prepared a gown for her beforehand.

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Valda Theller looked at the gown, which was light blue, and the jewelry was a set of sapphire and diamond jewelry that matched well with the gown.

The gown and jewelry looked expensive. They were too expensive for her.

Valda Theller could not help biting her lip.

"What's the matter? Are you dissatisfied, Miss Theller?" the staff member said.

"No, I'm satisfied," Valda Theller said quickly.

"Then please change into the gown first, Miss Theller. Then we'll give you a suitable makeup and hairdo," they said.