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"I've seen the video of the incident at the comic fiesta. How is Valda doing?"

Camille Strickland was surprised. "Video? Did you see it online?"

"Camille Strickland, tell me how Valda is doing?" Raymond Bowman shouted impatiently.

Camille Strickland felt as if she was going to turn deaf. "I've accompanied Valda back to her apartment. Where did you watch the video?"

However, Raymond Bowman hung up instead of answering her.

Camille Strickland glared at her phone, and something was caught in her throat.

She quickly opened the web search page on her phone. She soon found a lot of videos about the incident that took place at the comic fiesta that recorded Wynne's accusations and all sorts of

things and drinks being thrown at Valda.

Many people blamed Valda for bringing it upon herself in the

comments below! Some people even said Valda probably fooled

Brian into dating her and that they would break up soon.

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Camille Strickland was furious to read the comments!

They would probably need Brian to take care of this. They had no idea when Brian would find out about the video. Valda would have to contact Brian immediately when she got out of the bathroom.

In the bathroom, Valda Theller looked at the mess she was in in the mirror. However, compared to this, what was worse was when she saw Brian turn around.

Her heart throbbed in pain, and her body seemed to be getting colder.

'Why did he turn around? Why didn't he come over when he clearly saw me?'

Valda Theller suddenly smiled bitterly and muttered, "Didn't I say that I didn't want to depend on others? Yet I wanted to depend on him when I got into trouble. Valda Theller, you're so funny. He only likes you, and maybe only a little bit at that. Why do you have such high expectations?"

Maybe the greater the expectations, the greater the disappointment.

She would not be disappointed if she had no expectations in the

beginning.

She had too many expectations. She thought Brian might like her more than a little. Perhaps she had been overthinking everything.

Today was only a wake-up call to make her aware of her position in his heart.

Valda Theller turned on the shower and let the warm water wash over her body.

Even though the water was hot, she felt colder.

'It turns out that being left behind is so painful. It turns out that... when you love someone deeply, you'll feel your heart breaking when you see him turn away...'

"Ahh!" Valda Theller crouched down and cried as if she could no longer contain the pain in her heart.

The water washed over her body, mixing with her tears...

Valda Theller had no idea how long she cried or how long she took

to bathe.

When she came out of the bathroom, she was surprised to see Raymond Bowman.

"Valda, Raymond Bowman came over himself. I didn't ask him to

come!" Camille Strickland hastened to explain.

Raymond Bowman lunged forward, stared at Valda Theller, and said, "How are you?"

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"I'm fine," Valda Theller said quietly.

Raymond Bowman said worriedly, "You got things and drinks thrown at you. How are you fine? You were crying, weren't you?" Her red eyes seemed to silently tell others she had been crying

her heart out earlier,

Valda Theller turned around to look at Camille Strickland. Camille Strickland hurriedly replied, "I didn't tell him about the comic fiesta. He found out about it from videos posted online."

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'Videos...' Valda Theller froze slightly before understanding what had happened.

Yeah, many people were filming with their phones. Of course, there would be people who uploaded the videos they recorded to the internet.

While laughing at herself, Valda Theller looked at Raymond Bowman. "Mr. Bowman, I think we're not even friends, so I have nothing to do with you. This is my home, and you're not welcome here. Please get out."

Raymond Bowman said, "Valda, I'm just worried about you! I know I've made a lot of mistakes. I just want you to be okay."

He wanted to protect her and make things right! However, he realized in the end that she would not even let him make it up to

her.

"No need," Valda Theller said hoarsely. She looked exhausted.

"Raymond Bowman, I'm exhausted today. I really don't want to deal with you anymore and only want some time alone. If you

think you've wronged me, leave me alone."

Raymond Bowman was about to say something but eventually smiled bitterly. "Alright, I got it. I'll leave. Have a good rest."

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With that said, he turned and said to Camille Strickland, who was nearby, "Please take care of Valda."

"You don't have to tell me that. Besides, Valda has a boyfriend now. Brian will take care of Valda, so you don't have to bother," Camille Strickland said that to trigger Raymond Bowman but failed to notice the pain in Valda Theller's eyes after hearing the name 'Brian'

Raymond Bowman finally left. Camille Strickland said to her best friend, "Valda, why don't you call Brian and tell him about this? He can easily remove these videos from the internet and help you solve this problem."

Valda Theller still stood blankly in the same place and did not move, let alone reach for her phone.

Seeing this, Camille Strickland took her best friend's phone out of her bag and handed it to her best friend. "Hurry and contact Brian."

'Contact him... What should I say even if I do call him?

'Should I ask him why he turned away? Should I ask him if I don't

matter to him?'

"Valda!" Camille Strickland urged.

Valda Theller tapped on the phone screen. However, instead of

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dialing Brian's phone number, Valda Theller opened a webpage. and searched for the keywords 'Valda Theller, comic fiesta'. Soon, she found the videos that had been uploaded online.

She clicked on one of them, which showed what happened at today's comic fiesta-the show Wynne put on and the mess she was in.

"Valda, what are you doing here? Stop watching!" Camille Strickland's hand blocked her phone screen.

"Camille, take your hand away. I want to take a good look," said Valda Theller.

Camille Strickland panicked as she looked at her best friend's quiet appearance. After some hesitation, she took her hand away.

Valda Theller instantly saw what was going on in the video.

After finishing watching the video patiently, she clicked on another related video. The angle of each video was different. They were taken from different angles by different people.

Valda Theller watched videos of the same event from different

angles.

Camille Strickland became increasingly panicked. "Valda, what's come over you? Say something!"

"Camille, do you really think Brian will help me if he knows about

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this? Will he protect me?" muttered Valda Theller.

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"Of course, he's your boyfriend! He surely will!" Camille Strickland

said matter-of-factly.

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However Valda Theller's self-mockery became more obvious. "Are you so sure? Nothing in this world is for sure. It is never a 'matter-of-fact' that he should help me."

"You have to call him and let him know," said Camille Strickland.

Just then, Valda Theller's eyes fell on a related video link below the video. However, the video was not about the comic fiesta but Brian.

Valda Theller clicked on the video to see a car stop in front of a hospital. It was... Brian's car. She recognized it.

A figure hurriedly got out of the car and hurried into the hospital.

The time the video was filmed was also stated. It was not long

after the comic fiesta incident.

Valda Theller looked blankly at the video. 'What is Brian doing at

the hospital?'

Camille Strickland, who was at her side, also watched the video with Valda Theller and said in confusion, "Isn't this Brian? What was he doing at a maternity hospital? And why was he in such a hurry? Did someone in his family give birth?"

'Give birth?' Valda Thellor was shocked.

All she could think of that could make Brian so anxious and that involved giving birth... was Grace.

'Could it be? Could Grace be having a baby today, so he rushed there? Even though he saw me getting insulted and mobbed, he was more worried about... Grace!'

Valda Theller's hand shook slightly as she held her phone, and it took her a few moments to dial Kyla's phone number.

"Kyla, it's me. I... I want to ask if Grace is in a maternity hospital?"

A surprised voice came from the other end of the line. "How did you know? I was visiting Grace today and witnessed the moment, so I accompanied her to the hospital."

"Well..." She wanted to ask if Brian was also in the hospital with Kyla. However, she did not say those words even though they were at the tip of her tongue. "How's Grace?"

"She's still in surgery. The doctor is performing a C-section, and we're still waiting for the details," said Kyla.

"I wish Grace and the baby all the best," said Valda Theller. She really hoped so.

After ending the call, Valda Theller said to Camille Strickland, "Camille, I'm going out."

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"You're going out now?" Camille Strickland was shocked. "Why are you going out now? You'd better have a good rest."

"Didn't you ask me to look for Brian? I'm going to look for him

now," said Valda Theller.

"Then I'll go with you."

"No thanks. I'll go alone. Don't worry, I'll be fine. I survived university, so this is nothing." Valda Theller tried hard to force a

smile.

Camille Strickland looked at her best friend's smile but found her nose feeling sore. "What do you mean it's nothing? Are you sure you don't want me to go with you?"

"No, I want to see Brian alone. You'll be the third wheel if you go

with me," said Valda Theller.

"Alright, but call me if anything happens," reminded Camille

Strickland.

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"Got it!" said Valda Theller. She would like to meet Brian no matter

what!

However, her mood now differed from the night she went to his

mansion to see him!

At the hospital, Kyla put away her phone and looked at Brian who was still anxiously waiting outside the operating room.

When she and Jason sent Grace to the hospital, they did not expect Brian to get news about it and arrive at the hospital not long after.

Grace had to undergo a C-section because her water broke early.

However, there were too many risks to giving birth to the baby, and it was unclear whether Grace could keep her uterus.

Kyla was uneasy as she thought of this.

They were standing outside the operating room, hoping that the doctor would come out and give them some good news,

It was quiet outside the operating room.

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Jason and Brian stared closely at the operating room. There were obvious concern, anxiety, and unease on their faces.

Who would have thought that the two men who ruled Emerald City were currently waiting so anxiously for a woman?

However... Kyla had a heavy feeling in her heart when she thought of Valda Theller's call earlier. How would Valda feel if she knew Brian was standing outside Grace's operating room now?

No girlfriend would want her boyfriend to care so much about a

woman he once loved.

'What about Brian? Does he love Valda?' She would have thought Brian was still in love with Grace if she had not known he already had Valda as his girlfriend.

The light above the operating room door finally dimmed. The door opened, and the doctor walked out.

Jason and Brian ran to the doctor at about the same time.

"How's my wife?" Jason asked. Grace mattered the most to him at

the moment.

"Both mother and daughter are safe. Although Mrs. Reed can keep her uterus, she suffered massive bleeding during the operation. The heavy uterus damage may require long-term treatment in the future. The specific situation depends on the

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patient's recovery after surgery. She might require further

resection if we have no other choice," the doctor said.

Jason breathed a sigh of relief. It was good news. He would try to provide her with the best treatment.

A nurse carried out a small baby girl and held her in front of Jason

to look.

Jason looked at the baby in front of him. Vernix still covered her red body.

'This is the baby Grace tried so hard to give birth to...'

Jason took the baby from the nurse.

"Jason, is this what you wanted? You put Grace in danger for a baby. You put her life on the line. She might even have to go to the operating table again!" Brian's voice rang out suddenly.

The sight of the baby girl stung his eyes.

Jason looked up at him. "Brian, this is my and Grace's decision. Who are you to say that to me?"

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"Would Grace be pregnant if it weren't for you? Didn't you say you value her more than your own life? Is putting her through all this pain how you value her?" snapped Brian.

Jason's face darkened. "Brian, what's the matter? Haven't you given up on Grace?"

He suddenly sneered. "Give up? Jason, if you hadn't interfered, how could I have mistaken someone else for Grace and

recognized her so late? If I had recognized her sooner and if she had fallen for me, I would never have let her suffer what she suffered today!"

Valda Theller never expected that the first thing she heard was Brian's speech when she arrived at the hospital and passed the place guarded by the Reed family's bodyguards.

Maybe everything was meant to be.

She heard those words because the Reed family's bodyguards recognized her and let her in.

Sure enough, Brian loved Grace. He loved her before and still did.

Losing Grace was the biggest regret of his life. Who was she for him to transfer such deep feelings to her?

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She laughed at what she had said about trying hard to make him love her.

"Valda, what are you doing here?" The first person to notice Valda Theller was Kyla.

When Kyla said that, the two men still in dispute froze.

Brian's expression instantly changed, and he stiffened. He turned slowly and looked at Valda Theller not far away.

She no longer looked as distraught as she was at the comic fiesta venue. She had probably cleaned up as she had even changed

her clothes.

Her expression was calm. She looked at him quietly but not with the usual smile.

Brian only felt guilty when he met Valda Theller's gaze.

He saw her being mobbed at the comic fiesta. He wanted to help her but suddenly received a call from his staff. He was told on the phone that Grace was urgently rushed to the hospital, and her situation looked critical.

His mind went blank at that moment. When he realized it, he turned and ran out of the place.

"What are you doing here? I... I asked my staff to help you at the Chapter 2865

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venue. Did you meet them?" Brian asked. Even he did not notice his voice was unnatural as he spoke.

"I was on the phone with Kyla earlier and knew Grace was sent to the hospital, so I came to take a look," said Valda Theller as she looked past Brian and saw the baby Jason was holding. She walked up to Jason. "Is this Grace's baby? It's great that the baby was born safely."

"But she still has to go to the NICU for observation," Jason said

as he handed the baby to a nurse next to him. The nurse took the

baby and left, followed by Jason's bodyguard.

At 37 weeks, the baby's organs were fully developed, but it was important to keep an eye on her for a few days to be safe.

"What about Grace? Is she okay?" Valda Theller asked with

concern.

"I'm not sure. We'll see how Grace recovers after giving birth," said

Jason.

Valda Theller nodded. "I'll wait for Grace to come out first. I'll leave

after checking on her."

"Okay," replied Jason.

Brian stood at the side, looking at Valda Theller. He wanted to

speak but hesitated.

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Valda Theller only looked straight at the operating room door

without glancing at Brian.

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When Grace was wheeled out of the operating room, she was still

in a coma because of the anesthetic. Valda Theller accompanied

her to the ward. Envy flickered in her eyes when she saw Jason guarding the hospital bed.

Everyone in Emerald City knew Young master Reed.

Rumor had it that Young master Reed was cold and heartless, but

he loved his wife very much.

Having requited love was something many people were after but failed to get. For example... her.

"Kyla, I'll go back first," Valda Theller said to Kyla nearby.

Kyla said, "I'll go back with you and come back tomorrow to see

Grace."

Therefore, they bade Jason goodbye and walked out of the ward.

However, Valda Theller stopped as soon as she left the ward. Brian was standing in the corridor not far away, looking straight at

her.

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Valda Theller pressed her lips slightly, turned to Kyla, and said, "Kyla, go ahead first. I have something to say to Brian."

Kyla felt uneasy. After all, Valda was too calm.

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Any woman would be devastated to hear her boyfriend care so much about the person he once liked.

However, there was no anger or sadness on Valda's face. All it had was... calmness.

Such calmness made Kyla feel like a storm was coming.

"Valda, are you okay?" Kyla asked.

"I'm fine. Don't worry," said Valda Theller.

Kyla hesitated and left. After all, it was between Valda and Brian.

A stranger like her could not interfere.

Brian and Valda Theller were the only two left in the corridor.

Valda Theller walked up to Brian. "Grace's still in a coma because

her anesthesia hasn't worn off."

Brian frowned slightly. "I didn't ask that."

"I thought you wanted to know," she said.

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He said suddenly, "I'm sorry! I know I shouldn't have done that today."

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Valda Theller's eyelashes quivered slightly before she looked down. "What are you referring to? Do you mean you shouldn't have walked away when you saw me getting mobbed? Or do you mean you shouldn't have said the things outside the operating room?"

Brian was flabbergasted. He felt embarrassed as he had no idea how to answer her question.

"You did nothing wrong. I know you love Grace, not me." Valda Theller laughed at herself. "I know you must have left the comic fiesta so quickly because you got a call that Grace is in critical condition.

Besides, you said that outside the operating room because you love Grace and were worried about her."

She said it all in a plain tone.

It was clear that she was not blaming him, but he would have preferred her to blame him and lose her temper rather than be so

calm. It made him worried.

"Valda, you can blame me," said Brian.

"I don't blame you," she said.

He looked at her with an inquisitive look.

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She smiled faintly. "Really, I don't blame you because you never

lied to me." She knew since the beginning that he had another woman in his heart.

He had also clarified that he did not love her when they started dating.

In that case, how could she expect him to run to her first when she and Grace were both in trouble?

Brian pressed his thin lips tightly, his uneasiness growing.

Valda Theller quietly watched the person in front of her as she

gently lifted her fingers and touched his brow, nose bridge, and eventually his lips.

Everyone said men with thin lips were heartless.

However, Brian was not heartless. He had just given all his feelings to another woman.

Valda Theller laughed at herself and said to Brian, "I said before that I wouldn't do anything too intimate like kissing you until you had fallen in love with me, but I want to take that back. Can I?",

Brian froze. What she said was out of his expectation.

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Then, she put her hands gently around his neck, pulled him down slightly, and tiptoed to kiss him... "Brian, I'm sorry."

'I'm sorry I'm breaking my promise.

'I'm sorry. I said I'd try to make you fall in love with me, but it's not going to happen now.'

Valda Theller closed her eyes and put all her affection into the

kiss.

She never thought she could be with a man like him. She loved him, and the love unknowingly deepened until it scared her.

The more she loved him, the more disappointed she was when she saw him turn away.

It was upsetting for her to learn that he left her because of Grace.

Perhaps that was what loving someone was all about. The more

you loved someone, the more you were forced to endure.

Then perhaps you would lose yourself one day.

When the kiss ended, Valda Theller slowly released her hands and

opened her eyes.

She caught sight of his beautiful dark phoenix eyes. They were so

stunning.

His thin lips spoke softly, "Why did you apologize? I should be the one apologizing to you."

"I'm apologizing because I can't love you anymore." Valda Theller took a deep breath before smiling and saying, "Brian, let's break up."

His heart sank as he felt his limbs freezing. The icy sensation continued to sweep through his body, and his blood seemed to freeze quickly.

"You want to break up?" He almost squeezed the words through his teeth.

"Yes," she answered affirmatively.

"Why?" He stared at her. "Don't you love me? Don't you want my love too? If you're upset about what happened today, I can apologize and make it up to you any way you want!"

His tone was so eager as if an indescribable panic was running through him.

Valda Theller said, "I don't need you to make it up to me. I just

don't think I can love you anymore. I think it'll be better for us to

break up."

"What do you mean it'll be better for us?" He did not find it better. "Also, do you think you can't love me anymore? So you don't love

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She said, "I'll stop loving you, Brian. I don't regret loving you, but I'll slowly forget my feelings. Perhaps we'll run into each other on the streets someday. Then we can have a cup of tea and chat."

Maybe that possibility would be good too.

However, the more she spoke, the ghastlier his expression grew. "Forget? Do you really think you'll ever forget?"

"I... think I can," she said as she met his eyes, not wanting him to know how scared she was.

How could someone easily forget falling for a man like him?

He said, "What if I want you to keep loving me? I'll treat you better

than before."

However, treating her 'well' was not love after all. Valda Theller's

eyes dimmed. "Brian, you've been very kind to me, but I love you,

so... I'll greedily want to be the person who matters the most to you. I want you to rush to protect me without hesitation when I'm

in danger. I want you to love me the most."

After a pause, she said, "Unfortunately, I know it's impossible.

I know how important Grace is to you, and I know nothing will

happen between you two, but... I'm afraid I'll become increasingly

jealous of Grace if I continue to love you. Then maybe I'll do something even I'll be disgusted at."

Her mouth was full of bitterness, and she confessed what was on

her mind to him.

"I don't want to be someone like that, so I might as well end this relationship before I get more jealous," Valda Theller said with a bitter chuckle.

"You said you would try to make me fall for you. Now that I'm

starting to like you, you want to break up with me. Valda Thefler, I

won't allow it! Do you hear me? I won't allow it!" He pulled her into

his arms and held her tightly, afraid that the person in his arms would disappear if he let go.

She nestled quietly in his arms, considering it a final perk.

This chest would no longer be hers to embrace!

Valda Theller murmured, "I'm sorry. I thought I could work on it

slowly and wait, but I then realized... I need more than affection.

It's a pity... I can't make you fall in love with me, but I think you'll

find someone whom you can fall in love with."

He trembled as every word she said stabbed his heart like a sharp sword.

"So you're still going to break up with me no matter what I do, right?" After an unknown amount of time, his voice rang out

"Yeah," she replied softly.

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When his arms loosened, she knew it was time to say goodbye.

"Since you want to break up, I'll give you what you want, but you must think it through. Once we break up, I won't protect you anymore, let alone do anything for you. Do you... still want to break up?" He looked at her with what seemed to be the last hope in his eyes.

Her heart ached. 'What am I expecting?

'Am I expecting him to get rid of his feelings for Grace? But he can't do it.'

She had overestimated herself in the past.

"Let's break up." She heard her voice saying.

Valda Theller had no idea how she got out of the hospital or returned to her apartment. When she woke up, she was in her living room with a sketchbook in her hand.

The sketches in it were... all him! They were all sketches of Brian!

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She had sketched them secretly, or when he modeled for her, or just based on her imagination... She was almost halfway through the sketchbook and planned to wait until it was full before giving to him as a present.

However, the sketchbook had now become a consolation for her.

Valda Theller flipped through page after page of the sketchbook.

In the sketches, he was either looking down, reading a book while leaning against the window, or smiling back at her. They were all stunning... She loved every sketch of him.

Thud! Thud!

Valda Theller suddenly realized she was crying when tears fell on the sketch paper.

Hurriedly, she wiped the tears from the paper with her sleeve before wiping the ones on her face.

'Don't cry! Don't cry!'

She desperately said to herself in her mind.

However, tears continued pouring out of her eyes. She could not stop them no matter what!

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"What? You broke up with Brian?" When Camille Strickland came

to Valda Theller's home the next day, she saw her best friend's swollen eyes and heard the shocking news.

"Yes, we broke up," said Valda Theller, her voice hoarse.

"Why did it happen so suddenly? Wasn't your relationship doing well?" Camille Strickland was confused. As if she was suddenly reminded of something, she said, "Did he misunderstand you after seeing the videos of you online? Does he think you're a mean and selfish person who doesn't care about your family?"

"No." Valda Theller shook her head. "No one is right or wrong in this breakup. We're just not the right one for each other."

Camille Strickland was flabbergasted. The words 'not the right one' could mean different things.

"Who suggested it?" Camille Strickland could not help asking.

"I did," said Valda Theller.

"You..." Camille Strickland sighed. She could see that her best friend did not want to talk much about it. In that case, she would

not ask too many questions. She would listen whenever Valda

was willing to share.

"I'm stupid, aren't I?" Valda Theller sighed. "I had such a powerful

boyfriend whom I could show off, but now, I have only myself to

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rely on."

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"You're stupid, but you can still rely on me. Come, come, you can rely on me!" Camille Strickland answered.

Both tried to defuse the subject's weight in a lighthearted tone.

"Valda, I'll be here for you whenever you need me," she said.

Valda Theller smiled faintly. "Camille, thank you. It's nice to have a

friend like you!"

She had no idea how long it would take her to forget her feelings for Brian, but at least she had to get used to the fact that the man was no longer with her.

It was rare for Patrick to see Brian so drunk. A bunch of empty wine bottles had filled the mansion's coffee table.

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From what he remembered, the last few times Brian got drunk were related to Grace. Could this have something to do with

Grace too?

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As Brian tried to drink another bottle, Patrick rushed to stop him

and said, "That's enough! No more drinks!"

Brian looked at Patrick in a drunken daze. "What... What are you doing here?"

Patrick said, "Your secretary sent me here to see what's going on

with you. I heard from your secretary that you've been shutting

yourself in the mansion all day today. Don't tell me you've been

drinking all day!"

"I've been... drinking..." Brian replied drunkenly.

"What did Grace say this time triggered you to drink?" Patrick

snapped.

"It's not... It's not Grace," murmured Brian.

"It's not?" Patrick looked shocked. He did not expect his best

friend to be drunk not because of Grace. Who else could make

Brian get so drunk?

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Patrick suddenly thought of Valda Theller.

"Did you get drunk because of Valda Theller?"

Brian's expression instantly changed when he heard the name, and a miserable yet subdued growl came from his throat.

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"Brian, what's come over you?" Patrick was shocked to learn that

Valda Theller was the reason.

"Why did she want to break up? She said she loved me!" Brian grabbed a bottle and drank from the mouth.

"That's enough. Stop drinking. You'll have to go to the hospital if you continue drinking!" Patrick grabbed the bottle from his best friend and asked, "You broke up with Valda Theller?"

"Yeah, we broke up..." Brian said with a smile, but his drunken face seemed tinged with intense agony. "Patrick, I know I was wrong today..."

He said and leaned his head on Patrick's shoulder as if exhausted.

"I know... I shouldn't have left when she was mobbed and gone to

the hospital. I shouldn't have left her... for Grace, but... But..."

He sobbed, unable to go on.

Patrick had no idea what was happening, but he could get a grip

of what was going on from his best friend's stammers.

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"Why won't she give me a little more time... With a little more time..." Maybe he would have fallen in love with her! His feelings for her would have been more than just like!

"You leaving Valda Theller for Grace just shows you don't love Valda Theller enough," Patrick said with a sigh. He thought Valda

Theller could save his best friend from the mess. It seemed he had overestimated that woman.

"I don't love her enough?" Brian suddenly smiled sadly. "Yeah, I

don't love her enough... I don't love her enough..."

"Alright, let me help you to your bedroom," said Patrick.

Brian suddenly pushed him away, "I want to drink... more..."

Patrick looked at his best friend helplessly. "Why are you drinking

so much for her if you don't love her enough?"

"Yeah, why..." Brian murmured but still refused to put down his glass. "She said she doesn't want to become evil... because of her jealousy. She said she'd want more and more... She'd become greedier because she loves me, so... she wanted to break up with

me...

"I can give her anything she wants... as long as... as long as she'll

give me a little more time.

"Valda Theller... Valda... Don't break up with me, okay..."

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Patrick became emotional as he listened to his best friend's

drunken stammers.

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Valda Theller was considered capable for making Brian this way.

Any ordinary person would desperately try to hold on to Brian if they could attract him and become his girlfriend, yet this woman. dumped him.

Patrick hesitated slightly before picking up Brian's phone on the

coffee table. Then, he grabbed Brian's hand, unlocked it with his

fingerprint, found Valda Theller's phone number from his contacts

list, and dialed it.

After ringing for a long time, someone finally answered.

"Hello? Is this Valda Theller?" Patrick said.

"Yes, who are you?" Valda Theller asked after pausing slightly.

Brian's number was shown on her phone screen.

"I'm Patrick. If you're available, can you come to Brian's mansion?

He's been drinking all day. I can't talk him out of it. I hope you can

persuade him," said Patrick.

Valda Theller hesitated. "But we..."

"I know you broke up, and Brian is probably drunk because of you. Why don't you come and talk it out with him if there's anything

you haven't said?" Patrick said.

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Valda Theller was silent. They had made it very clear between them.

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However, she felt a pang in her heart when she heard that he had

been drinking all day because of their breakup.

After a long time, she said, "Alright, I'll stop by."

"Then I'll send someone to get you," Patrick said with a sigh of relief. He was afraid Valda Theller would refuse.

"No thanks, I'll take a taxi there. I know the address," Valda Theller said and ended the call.

Patrick looked at Brian who was still drinking non-stop. Maybe the only one who could convince him now was Valda Theller.

Of course, he called Valda Theller over now with another agenda. Maybe Valda Theller would take back her decision to break up with Brian when she saw the way he looked right now.

After all, women were soft-hearted, right?

After Valda Theller reached Brian's mansion, Patrick hurriedly handed the responsibility of taking care of Brian to Valda Theller. "Please talk to him. He'll get alcohol poisoning if he keeps drinking like this. I have something to do, so I gotta go now."

Without waiting for Valda Theller to reply, he left the mansion.

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Valda Theller and Brian were the only two left in the mansion.

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Valda Theller walked up to Brian, who was half-lying on the coffee

table with a half-drunk bottle of wine in his hand.

The smell of alcohol rushed to her nose as soon as she got close.

She glanced at the empty bottles around the coffee table. 'Did he drink all this wine?'

"Brian," she called his name.

His body seemed to move slightly. Then, he slowly raised his head and looked in her direction.

His pair of dark phoenix eyes seemed to be out of focus and intoxicated.

He raised the bottle and threw his head back as if to drink from it.