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"Son, what's with the three million dollars?" Rowena Santiago asked quickly.

Wynne's lips trembled, but he said nothing.

However, Brian said, "Someone paid you three million dollars to make a scene like that at the comic flesta. Why don't you tell me who that person is so I can find out who's plotting against Valda?"

However, Wynne dared not say it. He would only face a dead end if he did. If he kept his mouth shut, perhaps the person who paid him three million dollars would consider saving him.

Wynne made up his mind when he thought of it. "Mr. Hart, it's my fault. I'm lod greedy, but we're also Valda's relatives, after all. Please forgive our family. I can apologize to Valda. She... She'll forgive me!"

'Forgive?' Ruthlessness flickered in Brian's eyes.

Valda broke up with him because he chose to stay with Grace when there was trouble. He was the main reason behind their breakup.

Even so... If Wynne had not caused such a scene that day, he and Valda would still be doing well.

His eyes became even colder as he thought of it.

Brian said coldly. "Wynne, you'll never get a chance to be forgiven! If you refuse to say who it is, I'll make that person appear!"

"What does that mean?" Wynne looked confused, but the ward door was soon pushed open. When a figure walked into the ward, Wynne's expression instantly changed. His eyes were full of shock and fear.

After seeing Wynne, Phoebe Cross's expression instantly changed before returning to normal.

"Brian, why did you ask someone to bring me here?" Phoebe Cross looked confused.

"You don't know?" Brian asked as he raised his eyebrows.

"I don't," replied Phoebe Cross. However, her hands that were by her sides were covered in a cold sweat, which revealed her nervousness.

"You paid Wynne three million dollars. For what other reason would you think I got someone to bring you here?" Brian went straight to the point.

Wynne was stunned when he heard this. It turned out... he knew everything!

What he had just tried to conceal was ridiculous in retrospect.

Phoebe Cross was silent for a long time before saying to Brian, "Let the others leave first. I want to talk to you alone."

Brian ordered his men indifferently. Soon, the people he brought left with the Theller family.

The three members of the Theller family were now pale and scared, wondering how they would be treated.

Their only lifeline might be Valda Theller! However, with people watching them, they could not go to Valda Theller right now!

Only Phoebe Cross and Brian remained in the ward.

Phoebe Cross asked, "You know all about it?"

Brian said, "I've discovered everything I need to. Wynne caused a scene at the comic fiesta under your instructions, causing Valda to be scolded and mobbed. I've also sent people to arrest those who took the lead in making trouble. The source of their payments all leads back to

your secretary."

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Phoebe Cross's heart sank. Sum enough, he could find out anything he wanted to

"Why did you do 47?" Brian said coldly

Phoebe Cross suddenly laughed "You're asking me why? Brian, I've loved you for so many years. What do you think?"

"I wouldn't love you even if Valda Theller didn't exist. If I wanted to stay for you, I would have done so from the beginning" said Brian

Phoebe Cross's mouth was full of bitterness. She knew that!

However, knowing was one thing. Her being reluctant and unwilling to accept was a different matter!

She shouted, "Why did you choose Valda Theller? You love Grace because Grace saved your life when you were a child. What about Valda Theller? Why her?"

She accepted losing to Grace because she had never saved Brian's life

However, how could she accept losing to Valda Theller? "Because she's the one who saved me from the messy relationship," replied Brian

"What do you mean?" Phoebe Cross was puzzled.

Instead of explaining, he said, "Valda Theller is irreplaceable to me."

"Irreplaceable... Haha, irreplaceable..." Phoebe Cross glared at the man in front of her. "Do you know you're irreplaceable to me too?"

"Whoever you love and consider irreplaceable is your business, but if you hurt Valda because of this, I won't let you off the hook!" His voice was still cold as if all her feelings and misery meant nothing to him.

"Is she that important?" Phoebe Cross asked.

"Yes," he said with absolute certainty.

A tinge of jealousy appeared on her face, but then she sneered sarcastically. "If she's that important, why did you turn away when you saw her being attacked and insulted? By the way, you went to the hospital, didn't you? Because Grace was hospitalized at that time. Haha, Brian, how dare you say that Valda Theller is important when you left her behind?! What a joke!"

Her sarcastic voice was so harsh.

Brian's expression turned cold. The next moment, he reached out his hand and slapped Phoebe Cross in the face.

Phoebe Cross's laughter stopped abruptly, and she stumbled against the wall nearby.

"Phoebe Cross, even if you're a woman and we grew up together, you should know what to say and what not to say!" His face seemed to be tinged with malice.

Phoebe Cross's cheek was swollen from the slap, and her face burned with pain.

She pulled herself up to her feet. "Are you mad from embarrassment? Brian, Valda Theller is nothing compared to Grace. You'll always love Grace. Valda Theller is just an unlucky fellow who thinks you love her, which isn't the case!"

"Phoebe Cross, believe it or not, I promise you'll never be able to say a word again if you say one more thing about Valda!" His phoenix eyes glared at her.

Phoebe Cross froze. She knew he would keep his word!

"Since the only person you love is Grace, wouldn't it be the same if you choose me? I have the Song family behind me. I'm the perfect candidate if you want to marry a woman to carry on the Hart family's bloodline! It doesn't matter even if you don't love me. I just want to stay by your side!" Phoebe Cross said, wanting to bet one last time.

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Even though he did not love her, she still thought she was a better candidate than Valda Theller.

However, to her disappointment, the way Brian looked at her was still icy

"I'm not interested in you. The Song family you're so proud of will no longer exist in Emerald City a year later. Perhaps the Song family can keep some things if you start planning now. Otherwise, you'll have nothing left."

With that said, Brian left the ward, leaving Phoebe Cross standing where she was in a daze.

Other than reluctance, resentment, and jealousy, there was more shock and fear on her face.

'Does Brian intend to eradicate the Song family within a year? Is... Is he going that far for Valda Theller? He doesn't love Valda Theller, right? Why is he doing it? Why? Unfortunately, no one could give her the answer.

Brian walked out of the hospital and got into the car. He slowly closed his eyes as Phoebe Cross's last words flashed through his mind.

"It doesn't matter... even if I don't love her?"

Valda and Phoebe Cross were so different.

Valda wanted him to love her, yet Phoebe Cross said it did not matter.

What can I do to make Valda stay with me?"

"Head back to the mansion," he indifferently ordered the driver in the front.

The car drove toward the mansion.

When Brian returned to the mansion, Valda Theller was drawing her storyboard draft on the coffee table in the living room with her legs bent sideways. It was uncomfortable to sit in this position.

"Why are you drawing here? You can do it in the study," said Brian.

"I can do it here. I have too many things, and I'm messy. It'll be troublesome if I go to your study and mess up something on your desk. I'll be more comfortable drawing here. At least I have nothing to worry about," said Valda Theller.

Since she had to stay here until the matter of her pregnancy was confirmed, she could only accept it.

At least she could live lavishly here, and Brian did not abuse her.

Life still had to go on, so her work had to go on too. Fortunately, they lived in the age of the internet. She could send her manuscripts online, so her job would not be affected.

"It doesn't matter if you mess it up. It doesn't matter even if you turn my study upside down," said Brian.

Valda Theller was silent as she got up and said, "Brian, I hope you won't say anything that'll cause me to misunderstand from now on."

He narrowed his eyes slightly. "What do you mean misunderstand?"

"You might only be saying it casually, but it'll make me misunderstand that I'm important to you," she muttered.

His dark phoenix eyes stared at her. "What if I do care about you?"

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It was why he had said such things at the time to keep the woman from leaving!

"Maybe I've liked you since then." It probably started earlier than he thought.

Valda Theller's eyes watered as tears were about to pour out. She wiped her hands and covered her eyes, "Brian, stop telling me such things!"

Such things would only make her waver when her resolution was hard-won

Did he know how much determination and perseverance it took her to ask for a break-up and keep her distance from him to stop loving him when she loved him so much?

Though her hands shielded her eyes, they could not stop the tears.

His fingers pulled her hands away. "Alright, I'll stop. I'll stop talking. Don't cry."

Her tears had always left him flustered.

He hugged her and coaxed her. The indifference in his phoenix eyes had become affection.

Valda Theller finally stopped crying, but she still sniffled occasionally.

Holding a tissue, Brian carefully wiped the tears from her face. After a moment, he said, "If we have a baby and you don't want to marry me, then... we don't have to get married. You can have custody of the child, and the child can live with you."

She froze and looked at him in surprise. "Is this his compromise?"

"Valda, I know there are many things I shouldn't force you to do, but I don't know what I can do that'll satisfy both of us. I'm sorry. It's my fault," he murmured.

Looking at the lonely look on his face, she felt as though her heart was being twisted by something. The pain made it hard to breathe.

Her heart ached because she loved him, but this heartache had such bad timing!

Brian's compromise made Valda Theller feel better.

Whether she was pregnant was not up to her to decide. She could only go with the flow and decide what to do next if she was confirmed to

be pregnant.

If she was not pregnant, she could be done with Brian.

However, when the thought crossed her mind, she felt an emptiness in her heart.

Valda Theller and Brian spent the next few days together in the mansion.

Brian had a desk set aside in his study so she would not feel uncomfortable using his desk.

However, Valda Theller did not feel comfortable using the new desk.

After all, she was sharing the same study as Brian. Even when drawing, she could feel his eyes glancing at her from time to time, making her feel awkward. She even made several mistakes because of this.

Fortunately, they had separate bedrooms. At least Valda Theller had some personal space.

Valda Theller had been counting the days. She feared being pregnant, so she thought it would be nice if the results came later than sooner.

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In short, she found every day to be terrifying.

Valda Theller sent a work email to Camille Strickland and chatted with her on her laptop in the study.

Camille Strickland: [By the way, your uncle's family came to see me today and asked me where you're staying now. They seem to want to see you.]

Valda Theller: [What did you tell them?]

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Camille Strickland: (I said you were living with Brian now. Then they said nothing and left readily)

Camille Strickland [Did you block their phone numbers? They said you're not answering your phone]

Valda Theller: (Yeah)

She should have blocked her uncle's family's phone numbers long ago Even blocking them now was considered late!

Camille Strickland. (Well done! But didn't they try calling you using another phone number?)

Valda Theller: [They did. But as soon as they spoke and I heard their voices, I hung up and blocked their phone numbers]

In other words, she did not give them a chance to talk.

She did not want to listen to what they had to say anyway. They had worn out the last of her affection.

Camille Strickland: [Have you made up your mind this time?]

Valda Theller: [I'll just consider that my grandparents only gave birth to my father!]

In other words, she no longer considered her uncle and his family her family!

Camille Strickland. [You should have done that long ago! They told me Brian's suing them. That cousin of yours came to me today crying. saying that he was going to be charged with endangering public safety, causing trouble, intentional injury... There's a bunch, and he might get imprisoned for up to ten years if he's unlucky!]

Valda Theller froze and looked up to the other side of the study. Brian was in front of his computer, dealing with his company matters. He felt Valda Theller's gaze and immediately turned his head around while asking. "What's wrong?"

"Did you meet my uncle's family?"

Brian replied truthfully, "Yes."

"Are you suing them?"

"Yeah, of course. Shouldn't your uncle's family get what they deserve for what they've done to you? Or do you want to plead mercy for them?" he said.

Valda Theller said, "No, I'm not going to plead for them. They deserve whatever they're getting. But why didn't you mention this to me? If my uncle's family hadn't gone to look for Camille and Camille didn't tell me, I wouldn't know you had met them."

Hesitation flickered in Brian's eyes, He did not tell her because the humiliation she suffered that day at the comic fiesta was because of him.

Phoebe Cross wanted to embarrass her, so she bribed her uncle's family.

He feared that knowing this fact would make her dislike him even more.

There was silence in the air.

Moments Later, Valda Theller said, "Forget it if you don't want to talk about it."

Brian said, "Phoebe Cross gave Wynne three million dollars. Phoebe Cross instructed Wynne to do that to you. She also arranged many people to cause a scene to attack and insult you."

"Phoebe Cross?" Valda Theller recalled her appearance.

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"And she did it because-

"I know why" She interrupted him

"You know?" He was surprised.

"She loves you, so it's not surprising that she wants to lay a hand on me," said Valda Theller She knew Phoebe Cross loved him when she

first met her

Brian was silent for a long time before saying. "I've never had romantic feelings for her. She's just someone I've known since childhood.

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He and Phoebe Cross were not even friends.

"You don't have to explain this to me," said Valda Theller. They had broken up, and she did not need these explanations.

Besides, she knew better than anyone that he had always been in love with Grace.

Thinking of Grace, Valda Theller said, "I want to go to the hospital to see Grace. Can I?" The last time she visited Grace, Grace was still unconscious, so she wanted to check on her.

Hesitation flashed across Brian's face.

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"Don't worry. I won't say anything to trigger Grace. I still pretend to be your girlfriend in front of Grace. If Grace asks you, you can say we're doing quite well. When Grace has recovered, I can make an excuse

to say we've broken up. Of course, I can take all the blame. For example, I thought being with you attracted too much attention, or I couldn't get used to being with you, or I had fallen for someone else—

”

Before she could finish speaking, she was suddenly pulled into a wide embrace.

His hands held her tightly as his husky voice muttered in her ear, “Valda... I'm the one who's at fault. It's me!”

She still had his and Grace's best interests at heart.

“Does she know her kindness makes me feel bad?”

“Why haven't I fallen in love with her yet? I want to fall for her!”

Valda Theller felt the urge to cry as she longed for the warm embrace, but she once again told herself not to long for his embrace because the consequence might make her a different person.

“Brian, you just can't fall for me. And it's no one's fault.”

It was her fault for meeting him so late, and he was too loyal!

The next day, Valda Theller, accompanied by Brian, went to the hospital and met Grace, who was still lying in the hospital bed.

Grace had woken up, but she did not look well and even looked weak.

Jason sat by the hospital bed, peeling an apple for Grace.

Watching Emerald City's famous Young master Reed gently cut a slice and feed it to his wife, Valda Theller was envious of their affection for

each other.

Every woman wanted to be gently treated by their loved ones and be together forever.

“Grace, how are you?” Valda Theller asked.

“I've been feeling much better in the last two days. Don't worry. It's already a lot better than I thought.” Grace smiled.

Although she had to recuperate for a long time, she thought it was worth it in exchange for a little life.

“This is... a longevity charm that Brian and I bought for the baby. We wish the baby safety,” she said as she handed the gift to Jason

Brian was the one who bought it, but saying they had bought it together sounded more natural.

“And this...” said Valda Theller as she took out a painting, which was not big. It was only the size of an A4 paper, “I painted it for you. I hope you like it”.

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looked and found that the figure in the painting was herself holding a baby as she lay in a field of flowers. In the painting, she was looking at the baby gently while the baby was cooing, looking healthy and strong

The whole painting was soft and loving, making her and the baby seem alive

The baby looked like the one in the photo Jay had shown her

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chatted while the two men kooked at each other. Then, Jasonysaki, “Brian, let’s go get some air!

The two men got up and waked out of the ward.

Valdia Theler kokød uneasily at the ward door.

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Grace said. “They be back soon. Don’t worry. My Jay won’t kidnap Brian”

Vaida Thaler smilest, knowing that Jason probably had not told Grace about what happened that day.

“By the way, how are you and Bean’s relationship? Does he treat you well?” Grace asked.

“He treats me well.” It was true. He treated her well. He would give her everything she wanted these days, except letting her leave the

It was as if he was making up for it.

Grace said. “That’s good. Boan might look, cold, but he’s responsible. He loves you and will only treat you better in the future. And I think he’s

not as indifferent as he used to be when you’re around ”

However, the more Grace spoke, the more bitter Valda Theller felt.

She forced herself to put a smile on her face. Then, she tried hard to steer the conversation to the baby as subtly as possible.

Grace’s attention was diverted at the mention of her newborn daughter.

Outside the ward, Jason looked at Bran and asked, “What’s going on between you and Valda Theller?”

Bran pressed her thin lips tightly, not wanting to answer.

I'm not interested in whether things are good or bad between you two. But since you've chosen to pretend like nothing has happened and keep everything as it is in front of Grace today, don't let Grace find out that she's the reason for the conflict between you two," said Jason.

"know that I won't let Grace find out about this," said Brian

He had had someone delete Valda's videos at the comic fiesta online to prevent Grace from seeing them. That way, Grace would not beat

herself up over it.

It was all his butt!

"Valda Theller's good. She's better than I expected," Jason said suddenly.

"I know she's good," said Brian.

"She's just too kind that she's a little foolish. She and Grace have different characters. Why did you choose her?" Jason asked.

His phoenix eyes looked down as Brian murmured, "Maybe it's because she's foolish." She was unlike any other woman he had met.

"But sometimes the more foolish the person, the harder it is to manipulate them," said Jason.

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Brian understood what Jason was trying to say. You could make a deal with interests and money with a smart person, but a foolish person

was stubborn and only accepted facts

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The fact Valda Theller accepted was that she learned she would love him more and mom!

When Jason and Brian returned to the ward, Grace was still chatting with Valda Theller about the children, not only the new baby but also the

triplets.

"Alright, Brian and I are going home first. Grace, have a good rest. I'll visit you and the baby again next time," Valda Theller said and got up after seeing the exhaustion on Grace's face.

Grace replied, "Okay. I let you meet my triplets next time."

"Sure."

After Valda Theller and Brian left, Jason lay on Grace's bed and said, "If you're sleepy, sleep first. The doctor said you need more rest."

Grace said, "I'm a little sleepy, but I had a nice chat with Valda today. Jay, you know what? I think it's great that Brian has fallen in love with Valda. Valda's a wonderful woman, and Brian has finally found his happily ever after."

She said as she slowly closed her eyes and fell asleep.

Looking at his wife's sleeping face, worry flickered in Jason's deep peach blossom eyes.

He wondered how Grace would feel if she found out Valda Theller had heard what Brian said after hurrying to the hospital for her that day.

He would protect her and not upset her. If he needed to lie to her, he and Brian could continue the lies together.

After leaving the hospital, Brian drove the car while Valda Theller sat in the front passenger seat.

The car was silent. Valda Theller looked down at her flat belly. 'Is there a little human life in here?'

Ever since she discovered she might be pregnant, she had resisted pregnancy for fear of having a baby and getting even more involved with

Brian.

However, after hearing Grace's various interesting stories about her children, she thought it would be good to have a child accompany her. Maybe she would feel less lonely and happier.

"What's on your mind?" Brian's voice broke the silence in the car.

She said, "Nothing's on my mind. Did you and Mr. Reed talk after going out?"

"He just mentioned Grace. He doesn't want Grace to be upset over us. I also told him I won't let Grace learn about what happened that day."

Valda Theller said, "Okay. As long as we don't give ourselves away in front of Grace, she probably won't find out."

"Do you think we won't give ourselves away?" he asked.

"It won't be for long. When Grace recovers, we'll make something up and tell her we had an amicable breakup," she said.

"The doctor said Grace requires long-term rehabilitation."

"Then... let's pretend for a little while longer. I'm not looking for a boyfriend right now... anyway," she said after pondering.

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He clenched his jaw and felt his teeth ache. "Yeah, she's broken up with me. She has every right to find a new boyfriend, but... the thought of her smiling at another man, and kissing and hugging him makes me uncomfortable. Brian could not help feeling irritated.

"You can't find one! Do you think you can find another man like me to love when you love me so much?" he said.

Valda Theller retorted with a slightly red face, "You... You're too confident. Who are you to say I can't find one? I love you now, but I can slowly get over you. Besides, I don't need to find a man like you in the future. I just need to find an ordinary man with a good personality who treats me well! I'll give him all my heart, and he'll do the same!"

It was more like she was telling herself that.

"Yes, I can move on from him. I can do it!

However, her words seemed to have provoked him as he turned the steering wheel sharply, slammed on the brakes, and pulled over at the roadside.

She was thrown forward and would have hit her head on the windshield if she had not worn a seat belt.

However, before she knew it, he had unbuckled his seatbelt and leaned toward her. His fingers grabbed her jaw as his lips pressed heavily on

hers.

"Umm..." She pressed her lips together tightly and tried to push him away.

However, he was so firm that she could not move him at all.

They kissed, and the two seemed to be competing on who was more patient.

The familiar scent and temperature seemed to bewitch her. Her willpower and resistance seemed to soften gradually.

His kiss continued to deepen. After a long time, he finally stopped the kiss. "Can you really fall for someone because he has a good character and treats you well? Valda, you love me. There's no way you'll fall for anyone else!"

Valda Theller stared at the handsome face in front of her. He was elegant and mature. He was also a rich heir. Few women could resist him when his phoenix eyes gazed at them.

However... "Everyone loves differently. Some people might only love one person in their life and can't change it, just like how you love Grace. No matter how hard you try to change, it'll end up in vain. Some people might love like me, and they can move on with time. Just like how I liked Raymond Bowman back in university, but I don't have any feelings for him now," she said bitterly.

Brian's expression began to turn ghastly.

She took a deep breath. "So I can get over you, Brian."

"You could get over Raymond Bowman because you didn't have deep feelings for him! Valda, you can't let go of your feelings for me!" he

said

She froze. She felt embarrassed for a moment as if Brian was right.

“What about you? Your feelings for Grace are deep. Can you get over her?” Valda Theller asked in reply.

He pressed his thin lips together for a long while before saying, “I’ll get over her if you give me enough time.”

She said, “But I can’t afford it. You can say that I’m afraid of giving all the time I have and finding out ultimately that it’s all for nothing. I’ll really be devastated if that happens!”

She gazed deeply at him. “Brian, maybe what you need is someone else to fall in love with, but it won’t be me.”