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After returning to Brian's villa from the restaurant, Valda's eyes were constantly red.

"What's wrong? Your eyes are so red. Are they uncomfortable?"

Brian asked.

"No, it's just that when I think of Camille, I feel like crying a little," said Valda.

"Oriel cry?" Brian furrowed his brow.

"Camille has been really good to me, and what I have done for Camille is actually far less than what she has done for me," said Valda. "If it weren't for her, I wouldn't be where I am today."

As she spoke, her eyes became even redder.

He lowered his head and gently kissed the corner of her eye, "If only I had met you earlier, then I could have protected you sooner."

She closed her eyes and gently hugged him, "I really wish I had met you earlier."

If it had been her who met him on the mountain that year, would there have been fewer obstacles between them?

But if you think about it again how old was she that year? She

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Thinking of this, she couldn't help but laugh softly.

"What's wrong?" he asked, puzzled.

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"It's nothing, I just thought of something... When you were in Junior high, I was still in kindergarten. I don't know if we ever met

back then." She opened her eyes and said.

Upon hearing this, he couldn't help but curl his lips slightly. "Maybe I really have met her before. After all, Emerald City isn't

that big. But back then, I never would have thought that I would come to like this kindergarten girl so much in the future."

“You must have been very handsome when you were in junior high,” she said, imagining what he looked like as a junior high

student.

“Do you want to see some photos?” he asked.

As soon as she heard it, her eyes lit up and she nodded

enthusiastically.

Her hopeful expression was as if she was trying to please him.

He led her to the study and took out a few photo albums from the

bookshelf, saying, “These are some photos from my student days.

Most of the other photos are kept in the main house.”

She looked through the photo album and saw a picture of him

wearing a school uniform with a childish expression on his face. However, he looked like he was only 7 or 8 years old despite wearing the uniform.

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want to see are at the back,” he reminded.

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“Even the elementary school ones have to take a look,” she said eagerly, her eyes almost greedily fixed on him in the photo.

So cute, so pretty!

The mini version of him really triggered her maternal instincts, and

she just wanted to hug the little him tightly in her arms. “Your mom

is so lucky...” Valda exclaimed with emotion.

“What do you mean?” Brian didn’t react immediately.

“Having such an adorable son, just looking at him every day

makes me feel happy. Your mother must have hugged and kissed

you a lot back then,” said Valda.

Brian’s forehead creased with frustration as he thought about his

past experiences. His mother used to hug and kiss him a lot, and

would even call him cute nicknames like “little darling” and “little

baby”. This made him feel uncomfortable and resistant.

“Perhaps you and my mom will have a lot in common,” Brian rubbed his forehead and said.

“If I had such an adorable son, I would definitely want to hug and kiss him every day,” said Valda.

Brian began to sympathize with his future son, “What if it’s a daughter?”

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“Of course, if I have a daughter, I would dress her up beautifully every day, style her hair into pretty braids, and dress her in princess dresses...” She spoke dreamily, feeling that having a daughter would be like fulfilling her childhood dreams.

When I was a child, the way I wanted to dress up and the dresses I wanted to wear can all be realized on my daughter.

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“I prefer a daughter,” Brian said seriously, “How about we have a daughter first? As for a son, it’s up to you.”

“I can’t do something like giving birth all by myself,” she casually remarked.

“Mm, I know, so I’ll help you,” he said.

Her face suddenly turned red as she realized what she had just said. “I...I’m not ready to...to have kids yet,” she murmured, quickly burying her head in the photo album and continuing to look at the pictures.

“Well, if you ever want to, I’m ready whenever you are,” he said.

Valda’s face turned even redder. She felt like Brian had been talking more since they started dating again, and he often said things that made her blush.

The photo album contained pictures of Brian from elementary school to high school. In elementary school, he still had a childish look that gave off a cute and pretty feeling. By middle school, he had grown taller and his demeanor had slowly become colder, with a hint of rebellion in his eyes. By high school, he had almost become the person he was today, with a more restrained gaze, a handsome yet youthful face, bangs covering his forehead, a straight nose, and tempting lips. He was about the same height as

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and charming, his youthful appearance at the time made her unable to look away.

He was simply the most handsome guy in school! It made her want to kneel down and worship him.

And that face, that feeling...Valda stared at Brian's photos in a daze.

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"What's wrong?" he asked, a little puzzled. She had been on this page for a long time and hadn't flipped to the next one.

To him, the pictures on this page were just a few ordinary photos from his high school days, nothing special.

"Wait, I...I have an idea!" exclaimed Valda suddenly. "Can you lend me these few albums?"

After speaking, she picked up the albums and hurried towards her room.

Inspiration? What kind of inspiration? Brian followed along and only saw Valda go back to her room and immediately take out a pen and sketchbook to start drawing.

What she drew was purely cartoonish, but it had a hint of resemblance to his high school days.

The character is wearing a school uniform, which is visible from various angles including front, side, top-down, and bottom-up.

She is designing the character's profile!

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Valda is drawing one by one like this, occasionally flipping through those albums.

At this moment, her attention was completely focused on the painting, and she didn't even notice that Brian was also in the room.

Brian found it amusing to see her focused expression.

It seems that he has never been ignored like this before. After all, even without his wealth and background, just his appearance alone makes him the center of attention wherever he goes.

But at this moment, she didn't even glance in his direction. Instead, he couldn't help but keep his eyes on her focused and serious expression.

The more I look at her, the more I want to keep looking. With her by my side, that empty feeling in my heart has disappeared without me even realizing it, as if it has been filled by something.

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Valda didn't know how long she had been drawing for. When she finally put down her pen, she looked up and saw Brian sitting on the nearby sofa, watching her.

"How long have you been here?" she asked nervously.

"I followed you from the beginning," he said, pointing to her words. "Is this the character design for your comic?"

"Yeah, we're introducing a new character and I couldn't decide on the design. But then I saw your photo just now and it gave me inspiration, so I quickly drew it," she said excitedly, hugging him and giving him a kiss on the cheek. "Thank you for the photo, your high school look is just bursting with inspiration."

Her rare initiative was quite useful to him.

"By the way, could you give me a photo of you from high school?

I'd like to carry it with me," she said. This way, she could look at it more often and perhaps gain more inspiration.

"Do you like the way I looked in high school so much?" he asked, squinting his phoenix-like eyes slightly.

"Yeah, he looks really good, like the most handsome guy in school. And that kind of youthful innocence he had in high school makes me want to just jump on him."

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She paused for a moment, uh, why did she feel a bit of danger?

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She looked at his expression and said, "You're not jealous, are you? The you from high school and the you now are still the same person."

"What about you? Do you prefer the me from high school or the me now?" he asked. Was he feeling jealous? Maybe a little. Even though it was still him, he hoped she would like the current version

of himself more.

“Of course it’s you right now,” she said, showing some awareness of the situation, “I definitely want to conquer you now.”

“When do you want to make a move?” he asked.

She blinked her eyes and his words... it was like a kind of seduction!

“That... um... just wait a bit more,” she said, sweating profusely.

He looked at her with her head down and blushing cheeks, knowing that she was sensitive and sometimes couldn’t be pushed too hard.

Although he wishes for a closer relationship between them, he understands the need to take things slowly and match her pace. He believes that one day she will be willing to fully entrust herself to him.

He raised his hand and gently pulled her into his arms. “Okay, I’ll wait. But Valda, please don’t make me wait too long, okay?”

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her heart race and immersing her in it...

In the end, Valda not only obtained a photo of Brian from high school, but also photos from his middle school and elementary school years.

Valda thinks that her next goal should be the photos of his kindergarten.

On Saturday, Valda said to Brian, “How about we go on a date today?”

“Okay, how do you want to go on a date?” he readily agreed.

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She brought him to the amusement park where he had taken her before.

As they stood at the entrance of the amusement park, he looked at her with a slight surprise and asked, “Why did you want to come here? If you want to play at an amusement park again, there are other newer ones you can go to.” Besides, many of the

facilities here are not suitable for adults to play on.

"I just want to hang out with you," Valda said. "Last time you brought me here, you mentioned a few experiences you had at this amusement park, and it seemed like they weren't very pleasant memories. Even the time you brought me here wasn't a great memory."

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"So, do you want me to stay here and create beautiful memories?" he asked, as if he could read her mind.

"Right." She nodded. "I hope that in the future, whenever we come here, it will be filled with happy memories. Let's go, I really want to try the ice cream inside!"

She spoke and took his hand, leading him towards the amusement park.

He followed her footsteps, taking one step at a time, moving forward.

As she said, he never had any good memories in this amusement park.

In the midst of others' laughter and joy at the amusement park, he couldn't seem to find happiness. Even when he came to the park for the first time with his classmates, he was left alone while they played together.

Every time he comes here, he always feels a sense of loneliness, even if there are many people around him, this feeling of loneliness cannot be dispelled. But this time, it's different.

This time, he came here and finally didn't feel so lonely anymore.

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Saturday, there were a lot of people, almost all parents bringing

their children, and couples like Valda and Brian were rare.

Valda got a recharge card and then dragged Brian to queue up and play some of the amusement facilities inside.

"I thought you would feel embarrassed and not want to play with me." Valda said to Brian as they got off the roller coaster.

The roller coaster here is a mini version compared to those in newer amusement parks, and the speed is not fast.

But Valda remembers that she loved playing this when she was a child. Every time she came here, she would beg her father to let her play this more.

"It's a bit embarrassing, but I don't mind being embarrassed with you." Brian said.

Valda's heart suddenly felt sweet, and she smiled and said, "Since you don't mind, let's go play something else."

"Okay." He smiled and agreed, feeling like he had become younger at this moment.

The two of them played other projects again.

Valda was feeling a bit hot, so the two of them went to the ice cream truck. Brian bought an ice cream for Valda.

"Do you not eat?" she asked.

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"I'm past the age of eating this," he said.

"You're talking as if you're ancient. Why don't you try a bite of mine?" Valda said, offering her ice cream to Brian.

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His expression was somewhat unnatural, but when he met her hopeful gaze, he still opened his mouth and took a bite of the ice cream in her hand.

"Is it delicious?" she asked.

"It's... it's okay, I guess," he said. The way he acted just now, if someone he knew saw him, that would be embarrassing.

At that moment, a voice rang out, "Hello Uncle Brian and Auntie Valda."

Brian and Valda turned their heads and saw Nelson standing next to them, along with Martin Weiss and Kyla, though they weren't sure when Nelson had arrived.

"What a coincidence!" exclaimed Valda in surprise, as she didn't expect to run into Kyla and her family of three here.

"I didn't expect you guys to come here to play," Kyla Corbyn looked at Valda and Brian, "Are you... reconciled?"

After all, Grace was not here, they didn't need to put on a show.

Valda smiled slightly, "Yes, we are reconciled."

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Nelson looked at the ice cream in Valda's hand, then at Brian,

"Does Uncle Brian really like this ice cream? Then why not buy one for yourself?"

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Nelson asked seriously, because in his understanding, Uncle Brian was very rich and naturally didn't need to share an ice cream with others.

Brian blushed slightly, then changed the subject, "Are you guys here to play too?"

"Nelson's school art exhibition is being held in the exhibition room over there in this amusement park. With Nelson, I and... Wenming brought Nelson to take a look," Kyla said.

Valda was surprised, "Nelson has an art exhibition? That's amazing, I have to take a good look. Where is the exhibition room?"

"Let's go together, we're going there too," Kyla said.

"Okay," Valda replied, then turned to Brian and said, "Brian, let's go see Nelson's painting together."

"Okay," Brian agreed without objection.

So the two women with a child walked ahead, while the two men

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about Kyla's little daughter.

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"She's doing well. She has a check-up every month and there haven't been any problems. When she gets a little older, she can have a check-up every six months," Kyla said.

Thinking about the near-death experience she had when giving birth to her daughter, she still had lingering fears, but she didn't regret taking such a big risk to have this child.

Whenever she saw her little daughter smiling at her and calling her "mom" in a baby voice, she felt that everything was worth it.

"When can I come over and see Trista?" Valda asked. "I'm so envious that you have two children now."

"You can have children in the future too," Kyla hinted.

Valda blushed a little, then asked about the situation of Nelson's school art exhibition. When she learned that this exhibition was actually a joint effort of several elementary schools, and each school could only select ten paintings, Nelson's painting was one of them.

"Nelson is amazing! When I was your age, I loved to draw, but I never had the chance to represent my school in an exhibition," Valda praised.

Nelson felt a bit embarrassed by the praise and blushed shyly.

Valda felt that the child had become even more adorable. With a youthful face despite only being in the fifth

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the child was already 1.5 meters tall. Given Kyla and Martin's height, it is highly likely that the child's height will exceed 180 centimeters in the future.

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Although Valda and Nelson have had little contact, it is clear that this child has been raised well. They are polite, attentive, reserved, and very likable.

The only flaw, perhaps, is that he wears a hearing aid.

However, despite any shortcomings, this child Grace is more outstanding than many children of the same age.

“By the way, Nelson, you’re so good at painting. Do you plan on becoming an artist in the future?” asked Valda.

“No, I want to be a lawyer,” Nelson said firmly and without hesitation.

“Lawyer?” Valda paused for a moment. Usually, children’s future aspirations rarely include becoming a lawyer. Most of them want to be teachers, doctors, scientists, painters, musicians, and so on.

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“Why do you want to become a lawyer?” Valda asked.

“Because this way, I can help many innocent people seek justice. I want to become a good lawyer like my godmother,” Nelson said.

His godmother, of course, referred to Grace Cummins.

Valda looked at the child in front of her, who was half her height, and saw a resolute determination in his eyes, similar to Kyla’s.

At that moment, she felt that this person in front of her was no longer a child, but a fighter, someone who would tirelessly fight for their ideals!

This was also the first time she had seen such a determined look in a child’s eyes.

“You will definitely become a good lawyer in the future,” Valda said. “But now, let’s go see the painting of the future great lawyer!”

With that, she patted Nelson’s head.

Meanwhile, Brian and Martin behind the three were silent. They weren’t exactly close, but they had known each other for many years and had even accidentally met at a bar and had a drink together.

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Martin pursed his lips and responded with a question, “What

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about you? Are you really able to forget about Grace while being with Valda?”

"I don't necessarily have to forget," Brian said. "My past with Grace was a part of my life that I don't want to forget. However, I now know what is important to me and I hope that my future won't be too dark. I want more laughter in my life, so I want to keep her

close to me."

Only Valda can give him hope for the future.

"Is that so? Do you really think you can balance it well? Can you treat your feelings for Valda the same way you treat Grace?" said

Martin.

"I will balance it well, Valda is the person I will spend my life with!" Therefore, in the future, he will definitely fall in love with Valda, he definitely will!

"I hope you can really do that," said Martin. "But I used to think that even if you were to get married in this lifetime, you would probably only find someone who matches your family background, just to continue the family line. I never thought you would find a woman like Valda."

He never expected it. Brian thought to himself that it was just a sudden impulse, but it turned into such a fate.

Perhaps it was finally God's mercy that sent Valda to his side.

Kula had really broken up like

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same words.

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"Yeah, we're together again." But how much of it is true love, and how much of it is just pretending?

Martin looked up and gazed at Kyla's back, lost in thought...

When they arrived at the exhibition hall, Valda finally saw Nelson's painting.

At the child's age, being able to draw such a picture truly surprised Valda. She thought that if Nelson didn't aspire to become a lawyer, he could have been a good artist.

So Valda praised Nelson again, complimenting him so much that he blushed.

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After finishing the art exhibition, the five of them went to the restaurant in the amusement park to have an afternoon tea together.

Two men took Nelson to get some food while Kyla and Valda sat at the table waiting.

"Are you and Brian really together now?" Kyla hesitated and asked.

“Mhmm,” Valda nodded in agreement.

“Do you mind about Grace’s matter?”

“If someone says they don’t mind at all, that’s not true, but I understand that there’s nothing wrong with loving someone. Grace is not wrong, and neither is Brian,” Valda said, looking up and her gaze fell on Brian who was holding his meal not far away. “I love Brian, and although his feelings for me are only like at the

moment, I think maybe someday he will fall in love with me too.”

Although Kyla doesn’t want to rain on Valda’s parade, she’s afraid that this woman in front of her might suffer even greater harm in the future.

After all, on the day Grace gave birth, she was also at the hospital.

She heard what Brian said at the time and saw Valda’s reaction when she heard those words.

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“What if that day never happened?” Kyla asked. “Do you really think he would have fallen in love with you?”

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“At least he and I are both working towards this goal,” said Valda.

“But Valda, feelings can’t just be forced to bloom through effort alone! If it were that easy to make someone fall in love with another person just by trying hard, then there wouldn’t be so many unrequited loves in this world,” Kyla said.

“I know that not everything can be achieved just by working hard, but if you don’t try, you won’t get any results,” Valda said with a slight smile to Kyla. “Kyla, I am fully aware of what I am doing and the risks and consequences involved. However, I still want to give it a try. I am betting that man will fall in love with me!”

Kyla looked at Valda’s smiling face with a sense of bewilderment.

It was a smile full of hope for the future, a smile that believed in eventually finding happiness.

At this moment, she seemed to see her former self, who used to always wear such a smile.

But there was a time when this kind of smile no longer appeared on her face.

Valda is brave, at least she knows what she wants and works hard to achieve it!

“So I wish you success!” said Kyla, all she could offer now was her

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blessing.

“Thank you,” said Valda.

A moment later, Brian, Martin, and Nelson returned with their meals.

Five people sat around the table and began to enjoy their afternoon tea.

Valda took a sip of coffee but frowned, “It’s so bitter.”

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“Not added the cream and sugar yet,” said Brian, as he picked up the creamer and yellow sugar from the side and poured them into the coffee cup in front of Valda. He then used a small spoon to gently stir it for a moment before lifting the coffee cup to Valda’s lips. “Try it now, is it still bitter?”

Valda took a small sip and said, “It’s still a bit bitter.” But it’s much better than before.

So Brian poured some more brown sugar and held up his coffee cup for Valda to taste again, saying “How about now?”

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“It’s alright, not too bitter,” said Valda.

Brian then placed the cake and spoon in front of her before preparing his own meal.

Kyla watched from the side and suddenly felt that maybe Valda could really succeed.

At this moment, Brian’s gentle and considerate behavior towards

Valda is not an act, but a natural and genuine gesture. When a

man is gentle and considerate towards a woman without any ulterior motives, it can only mean that he genuinely cares for her and has feelings for her in his heart.

Valda looked at Brian who didn't add anything to his coffee and drank it as it is. She couldn't help but ask, "Don't you find it bitter?"

"Fortunately, I usually drink coffee and I'm used to not adding anything," said Brian.

Valda was speechless.

Nelson looked at Valda and Brian and suddenly asked, "Auntie Valda, Uncle Brian, when are you getting married?"

Upon hearing this question, Valda almost spewed out the coffee

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"Are you two not on a date today? When a man and a woman go on a date, don't they plan on getting married in the future?" Nelson asked strangely.

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Valda was surprised and asked curiously, "How did you know we were on a date?" She didn't seem to have mentioned the word "date" from beginning to end, did she?

"Are you not on a date? On TV, a man and a woman at an amusement park seem to be on a date," said Nelson.

Valda is sweating profusely. Well, she underestimated the children a bit.

"When are you two getting married? If possible, please let me know half a year in advance, because if I want to buy you a wedding gift, I need to save some money to buy it," said Nelson seriously.

Valda hesitated and said, "Um...we haven't yet..."

"Okay," Brian interrupted Valda and said to Nelson, "I will notify you six months in advance."

"Okay then." Nelson lowered his head and resumed eating his cake.

Valda didn't know what to say, so she awkwardly changed the subject and asked Kyla, "Um... how much allowance do you give Nelson each month?"

"About 200, so he can buy some small things he likes. But he's

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thrifty, so he usually has some left over at the end of the month," Kyla replied.

200 a month seemed like an average amount for a fifth-grade student.

Who would have thought that the child of a chairman of such a large corporation like Martin would only get 200 as allowance?!

After leaving the amusement park, the two groups said goodbye and got into their respective cars.

Valda said, "I didn't expect to see Kyla and them today. Kyla and her husband seem to have a good relationship, but her husband doesn't seem to talk much."

Valda wasn't familiar with Martin and had limited knowledge of him. The first time she heard of him was when there were rumors online about Martin and Kyla getting divorced and Martin having an affair with another nurse.

At that time, she thought Kyla's marriage was in trouble.

But now, it seems like everything is fine.

"Sometimes, others may not be able to tell whether emotions are good or bad," Brian said suddenly.

"Does this mean that their relationship isn't good now?" Valda asked in surprise.

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"That's something only they know," said Brian. "But I'm not interested in their business. Valda, if you have some free time, why don't you think about us instead?"

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"What's between us?" Valda blinked her eyes, looking confused.

"Now that we're back together, when do you plan on meeting my parents?" Brian asked. "Otherwise, they might keep trying to find someone for me to marry and have children with."

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"I'm just worried about what if they're not satisfied with me?" Valda said. Sometimes, she felt insecure because they were like two people from different worlds. Someone like him, who was a prodigy, should have been matched with those high-born ladies. However, she was just an orphan girl with no parents.

"That is, unless they want their son to never get married or have children in his lifetime," said Brian.

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But she still looked worried.

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"Really?" Valda looked skeptical.

"You'll know if it's true when you meet them," Brian smiled. "Okay, if you're willing to meet them, I'll arrange a time."

"What if I don't want to?" She bit her lip.

"Then we'll make them wait a little longer," he said. Her wishes were important to him, and he wouldn't force her if she didn't want to.

"Well...let's meet then," Valda took a deep breath and made up her mind. After all, they were her parents, and she had to meet them eventually.

Moreover, the feeling of having met before in the hospital last time was also okay.

His parents are not as lofty as she had originally imagined, but rather quite approachable.

"Then I'll arrange my schedule when the time comes," said Brian.

Valda should put on her clothes.

However, in this world, there is always a saying that goes "plans cannot keep up with changes."

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The next morning, Valda heard her phone ringing... but her heavy eyelids were reluctant to open, so she groggily reached out her hand to feel for her phone on the bedside table, wanting to turn off the ringing.

Just as her phone rang, another hand, faster than hers, pressed the button.

The ringing has stopped.

Brian's gentle voice sounded in her ear, "Today is Sunday, you don't have to go to the studio, you can sleep a little longer."

".....Oh." She mumbled in agreement, as if to say, "Yes, it's Sunday today, and I can sleep in."

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