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Valda's first bout of vomiting occurred in the studio.

She was sketching when suddenly a wave of nausea hit her. She quickly got up, covered her mouth, and rushed to the bathroom where she vomited for a while. The feeling of nausea only subsided after a while.

"Valda, are you feeling unwell?" asked the assistant.

"My stomach feels a bit uncomfortable, maybe because I ate too much for breakfast," said Valda.

When Brian came to pick up Valda after work in the afternoon, he noticed that she didn't look too good. "What's wrong?" he asked, furrowing his brow.

At the moment, she looks a bit paler than usual.

"Maybe what I ate this morning didn't sit well with me, so tonight I want to eat something lighter," she said.

"Let's have some porridge tonight, it's easy to digest," he said.

"Okay." She didn't have any objections.

So he drove and took her directly to a congee restaurant that she usually likes to eat at.

That is the Reed family's relatively humble congee shop.

It's currently dinner time and there are already quite a few customers.

After finding a seat, Valda and Brian ordered porridge. Valda noticed someone at the next table drinking sour plum juice and suddenly felt like having some too.

"What's up? You keep looking over there?" Brian asked.

"I suddenly feel like having sour plum juice," Valda said.

Brian glanced at the person next to them holding a cup of sour plum juice with a logo from a nearby beverage shop.

"Wait here, I'll go buy it," Brian said.

"Okay," Valda nodded.

Brian got up and headed outside the porridge shop towards the beverage shop next door, while Valda stayed put and waited for their food to arrive.

Soon, the side dishes arrived and Valda took a bite, but suddenly felt nauseous. She covered her mouth and rushed towards the restroom in the porridge shop.

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Brian bought the sour plum juice and returned to the porridge shop, only to find Valda's seat empty.

Where was Valda?!

His heart suddenly panicked, he turned his head and looked around.

After scanning the area, Brian didn't see Valda. His panic grew more and more evident, his body trembling involuntarily. Even the hand holding the sour plum juice was shaking, causing some of the juice to spill onto his hand.

Valda...she can't be in trouble!

No matter what, she can't be in trouble!

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Valda spent a while vomiting in the bathroom, but finally stopped.

She took a deep breath and came to the sink to rinse her mouth and wipe her lips. Then she looked at herself in the mirror, her face pale and unattractive. If Brian saw her like this, he would worry again! Unfortunately, she didn't have any makeup tools with her to touch up her appearance. Valda touched her face and then walked out of the bathroom.

As soon as she stepped out of the restroom, Valda saw Brian rushing towards her.

"Brian..." she started, but the next moment, he had already pulled her into a tight embrace.

He held her so tightly that she could feel his body trembling.

Valda was taken aback and heard whispers and gasps from the people around them.

"What's wrong, Brian? Did something happen?" Valda asked,

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wondering why he was shaking like that.

"I'm just glad you're okay and you're here," Brian gasped in relief.

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"I...of course I'm here. Where else would I go?" Valda was confused, but then she realized something and asked, "Did you think something happened to me when you saw my seat was empty?"

Brian remained silent, feeling a bit ridiculous that he panicked when he saw her seat was empty. He even considered closing down the whole restaurant.

Fortunately, he regained his senses and remembered that Valda had a bodyguard who was responsible for her safety. He called the bodyguard to find out where Valda was and rushed towards the restroom.

His silence now seemed to be telling her the answer.

Valda also fell silent, feeling more heartache than surprise.

Did her past incident leave too much of a shadow on him? So

much so that when she just went to the bathroom to vomit

and left for a while, he would worry and become afraid like

this.

"I'm sorry..." Valda raised her hand and hugged Brian back.

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"Next time, if I have to leave for a while, I'll call you so you won't worry so much."

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He paused for a moment and murmured, "Don't you think I'm overreacting?"

"I can only feel that you love me too much," she said.

His trembling finally subsided.

"Alright, let's go eat porridge. I'm so hungry," said Valda.

"Okay," Brian responded and then released the embrace.

Even now, Valda realized that many customers around the restroom were watching them!

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Suddenly, her face turned red and she quickly pulled Brian

back to their seats.

On the seats, there was still the sour plum juice that Brian had

bought earlier, but it had spilled out a little.

"I'll go buy another cup," Brian said.

"No need, it's just a little spill," she said, and drank it directly.

The sour taste was really good, and it made her feel much

better. Valda drank it sip by sip, while Brian looked at her drinking the sour plum juice with tenderness in his eyes.

"Is it good?" he asked.

"Yeah, it's pretty good," she said. Actually, she didn't usually like to drink sour plum juice that much, but for some rec it tasted really good now. "Maybe it's because I just thr earlier, so now it feels refreshing to drink."

"You threw up earlier?" Brian's brow furrowed, and he asked nervously.

"I just suddenly felt a little nauseous and threw up," Valda said,

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Brian was shocked, and his brow furrowed even more. "What did you eat today?"

"It's just like usual. I ate too much this morning and threw up once while I was in the studio today," Valda said.

"What?" Brian became anxious. "Why didn't you tell me earlier?"

"Huh?" Valda was confused. After all, she didn't think it was a big deal. "Maybe my stomach just wasn't feeling well. I'll rest more and be fine."

"After you finish eating, let's go to the hospital and get you checked," Brian said. He didn't want anything to happen to

her.

Valda was helpless, but she knew he always worried about her, so she agreed with a simple "okay" and buried her head

in her porridge.

As Brian ate, he seemed to be thinking about something. Suddenly, his body stiffened and he looked at Valda with a

strange expression.

"Valda, are you..." Brian murmured.

"Am I what?" Valda looked up, feeling strange about the way

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he was looking at her.

"Is it possible that you're pregnant?" Brian asked.

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Valda was shocked. Pregnant? Could it be possible? She had been actively trying to conceive, and her period was indeed delayed, but her period was always irregular, so she didn't think much of it.

But now that he said that, there is indeed a possibility.

"Then... should I go buy a pregnancy test and check?" Valda said.

"After we finish eating, let's just go to the hospital for a blood test," Brian said.

"Okay," Valda agreed and started eating her porridge quickly.

She couldn't wait to go to the hospital and get the results.

"Slow down," Brian couldn't help but say. "Be careful not to choke."

Finally finishing their meal, Valda eagerly pulled Brian to the hospital.

But it was already nighttime, so they could only register at the emergency department.

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There were few people in the emergency department at this time. After Valda had her blood drawn, she nervously sat in the waiting area, waiting for the results.

It would take half an hour for the blood test results to come

out.

"What if... I'm not pregnant?" she asked.

"If I haven't conceived, then I'll keep trying," said Brian.

Valda bit her lip slightly and suddenly said, "Then... what if... what if I try my best but it doesn't work?"

Recently, due to preparing for pregnancy, she has been

browsing many forums related to preparing for pregnancy. Some couples have no problems with fertility, but still struggle to conceive. Although the chances of this happening are

small, it is still a possibility.

"So let's adopt a child," said Brian, as if it was never a difficult

decision for him.

"But, don't you think that if you adopt...?"

"Valda," he interrupted her, "if we don't have our own children, it would certainly be a regret for me, but it wouldn't create any obstacles for us being together. If we have children, that's great. If we don't, it's not a big deal. If we adopt a child, I will

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treat that child as if they were our own."

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"But your parents..."

"Do you not understand my parents? They thought I would

never get married in my lifetime. Now that I am marrying you, they are grateful. So don't worry too much," Brian said as he

took Valda's hand and held it tightly. "Valda, I know what is

most important to me. You should know that you are the most

important thing to me, and nothing can compare to you in my

heart."

Valda felt a slight tingling sensation in her nose.

A prestigious family like his would certainly value their offspring, so it's surprising that he said such words to her. This man's love for her is actually more pure than anything else.

"Brian, you are also the most important person to me," said

Valda.

Finally, the results of the blood test are out. When Valda saw the values of those two indicators, even though she hadn't asked the doctor yet, she knew for sure that she was

pregnant.

The previous worries and anxieties have now turned into joy.

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Valda lowered her head and stared somewhat dazedly at her

still-flat belly, where a little life was now growing.

And Brian, naturally understood the values on the test report, and joyfully hugged Valda, saying "We're going to be parents!"

"Uh-huh," Valda smiled, but tears couldn't help but well up in

her eyes.

Is her dream of a family of three finally coming true? What will

her and Brian's child be like?

She was so looking forward to it.

When she started crying, he immediately became flustered

and said, "Why are you crying? This is a good thing, don't cry,

don't cry!"

"I... I know it's a good thing, I... I'm just too happy, that's why

I'm crying," she choked out, trying hard to stop her tears but

unable to do so.

Even if those are tears of joy, he can't bear to see her cry.

He lifted his hand and wiped away the tears on her face. "Okay, don't cry anymore, don't cry anymore," Brian said softly. As he spoke, he lowered his head and gently kissed away the tears on her face.

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After Valda had calmed down, the two of them went to see the

doctor.

Since this is only the first blood test, it can only confirm pregnancy. However, whether the values are good or bad will depend on the results of subsequent blood tests.

We need to draw blood again the next day, and then we will

start prenatal check-ups every week.

When they returned to the villa, Brian said, "I'll accompany you to your next prenatal check-up. Do you have a preferred hospital for the check-up? If not, I can arrange it. Now that you're pregnant, you should reduce your workload a bit. Also, do you have any cravings or nausea? Would you like to try

some sour plum juice? Is there anything else you'd like to eat?"

A series of questions came out of Brian's mouth, which surprised Valda. Then, Brian directly called his subordinate

and asked them to go to the bookstore to buy various books

related to pregnancy.

Next, Brian called the butler over and said to him, "My wife

is pregnant now. Please make sure that the meals prepared by the chef are suitable for pregnant women. Also, if

there are any drinks or snacks that can help with morning sickness, please provide them. Additionally, please find a few experienced caregivers who specialize in serving pregnant

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women, preferably with professional licenses, to take care of

Valda's daily life..."

Valda listened, stunned by the exaggeration. Is it really

necessary to be so dramatic?

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"Um... I'm just in the very early stages of pregnancy," Valda couldn't help but say. In other words, besides morning sickness, there hasn't been much change. The baby in her belly is probably not even the size of a soybean yet.

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"Now that you're pregnant, more people need to take care of you for me to feel at ease," Brian said.

The sentence "Now that you're pregnant" was the most advantageous reason.

Valda suddenly felt that maybe during her pregnancy, he would protect her like a panda.

In the following days, Valda realized that she had

underestimated Brian's determination to protect her like a panda.

When she was at home, he almost followed her every move, and when she was working in the studio, there was also a

caregiver with her to take care of her.

The studio and home were filled with various snacks that helped her stop vomiting. As long as she mentioned wanting to eat something, it would appear in front of her within an

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hour, without fail.

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When they went to the hospital for check-ups, Brian was even more attentive.

Fortunately, he chose a well-known private hospital in

Emerald City, which was famous not only for its advanced medical technology and equipment, but also for its protection of patient privacy.

Many people who come here for medical treatment are not wealthy, and the obstetrics department of this hospital is quite famous. Many female celebrities from Emerald City choose to give birth here.

When Valda was doing her check-up here, she encountered no less than three highly famous pregnant actresses.

Of course, being born in the entertainment industry, these female stars know her well and are naturally very polite to her. Especially when they see Brian, who has always been by her side, they even feel a bit envious.

In the bathroom, Valda vomited for quite a while before finally stopping.

She walked over to the sink, rinsed her mouth and wiped the corners of her lips. As she walked out, she happened to see a woman chatting with Brian, seemingly trying hard to get his

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attention.

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However, Brian had a cold expression and showed no intention of chatting with the other person.

When Brian saw Valda come out, he quickly walked up to her and greeted her, "How are you feeling? Are you still uncomfortable?"

Valda shook her head, "Better now."

"Would you like to have a sour plum?" Brian asked. These days, she prefers sour food, and eating sour things helps alleviate her morning sickness.

Valda shook her head and said, "Let's eat after the blood test is done." As she spoke, she looked towards the woman who was just talking to Brian.

That is a young and pretty woman wearing a loose dress and a hat. She is also holding a pair of sunglasses in her hand, which she probably wore before.

This woman, Valda often sees her on TV dramas, her name is

Maggie, she is a TV actress. She started as a supporting role, but later became the lead in every drama. However, recently

there have been rumors online that she is unmarried and

pregnant, but this actress has not clarified anything, so the

situation remains unclear.

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Now, seeing Maggie here again, wearing a loose dress, Valda is starting to suspect that the online gossip is true.

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"Since Mrs. Hart is here, I'll leave first." Maggie smiled awkwardly and left.

Valda looked at Brian and asked, "She is Maggie, right? What did she talk to you about?"

"Her name is Maggie?" Brian casually replied.

"Don't you know who she is?" This time, Valda was surprised.

"Why should I know who she is?" Brian asked back.

"But... she has acted in several TV dramas, and except for one, she was the lead in all of them," she said. Although these TV dramas were not blockbusters, they were generally good and above average.

"So what? She's only played the lead role a few times," he said.

Valda was speechless. Although he was the prince of the

entertainment industry, there were too many big shots in the industry. Compared to those big shots, Maggie seemed to be

incomparable.

"If you don't know her, then what were you two talking about

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"She probably wanted to say something to me, but I wasn't interested in listening to her. I just told her that I don't know her and don't want to talk to her," Brian said.

Valda finally understood why Maggie looked embarrassed just now.

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The two of them then went to the blood drawing area. Since becoming pregnant, Valda had to have her blood drawn

every few days. Her blood vessels were already thin, so it was

difficult to draw blood.

During this time, with the frequent blood draws, there were always faint bruises.

After drawing blood again, Brian held a cotton ball for Valda, looking guilty and distressed.

It was Valda who comforted her husband instead, "What's

wrong? I'm not in pain. You look like I've suffered a lot. What if

I go into the delivery room to give birth? Are you going to hit

the wall or faint?"

Valda's words seemed to remind Brian of something, and his face turned pale.

Before, he only thought about wanting to have a child with his

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partner, but forgot to consider the risks during childbirth.

Just think, Grace, Lina, and Kyla all went through

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life-threatening experiences when giving birth. What if Valda goes through the same thing in the future...

Brian couldn't bear to think about it anymore. If that were

really the case, he would rather they never have children between them, ever!

"What's wrong with you? Don't scare me!" Valda looked at Brian's face, which suddenly turned pale, and hurriedly asked.

Brian's lips trembled, "Sorry, Valda!"

"What are you apologizing for? What's going on?" Valda looked confused.

Brian hugged Valda and said, "I forgot to think about the danger you might face when we have children in the future." However, he knew that he couldn't replace her in facing that danger.

If possible, he wishes he could bear the pain of childbirth for her and face the danger instead.

Until now, Valda finally understood why his face turned pale all of a sudden.

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"Every woman who gives birth will face danger, but it's a willing sacrifice! I'm willing to face this danger, and before facing it, I'll also be fully prepared," replied Valda.

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Yes, because she loves him, she is willing to take this risk for

their child!

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"You're pregnant, why didn't you tell me? Were you planning to keep it a secret if I didn't come to your studio?" Camille said angrily to Valda in her studio.

"It's not like I was intentionally keeping it from you. It's only been a little over a week since I found out, and because it's still early in the pregnancy and the fetus is not stable yet, I wanted to wait until it was more stable before telling anyone," Valda explained.

Upon hearing this, Camille's expression immediately turned nervous. "How is the fetus now? Is it stable?"

"For now, it's okay. The blood test results have doubled, but we still need to check every week," Valda replied.

"That's good," Camille breathed a sigh of relief. "But now that you're pregnant, it's best to reduce your workload so you don't

overwork yourself."

She knew how much her friend wanted this child, so now that

she was pregnant, it was natural to protect her and the baby.

Valda also nodded. "I will try to finish the comic I'm currently serializing before I give birth, and after that, I plan to take a

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year off."

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"Sure," Camille readily agreed. "I'll go back and see how I can adjust your current serialization process for you."

After finishing their work conversation, they started talking about the baby in Valda's belly.

"You're pregnant, how is Brian reacting?" Camille asked curiously.

"Be careful, and he talks a lot more now than before. I didn't know before that he could be so chatty," Valda chuckled.

After all, in her memory, he had always been a man of few words. However, after they started dating and their relationship improved, he did speak more, but not excessively.

And until now, she only just found out that he too can be a bit of a complainer.

Camille chuckled at the comment, "I'm actually looking forward to seeing what Brian will be like as a dad in the

future."

Suddenly, Valda imagined Brian holding a baby... Hmm, it

seems like she's starting to look forward to it too!

Although Valda had originally planned to wait until after the

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first three months had passed before telling her godmother

and in-laws about her pregnancy, Brian took care of Valda's diet and daily life, and even had the butler hire a chef to make special dishes for pregnant women. He also accompanied Valda to prenatal check-ups and even placed some pregnancy-related books on the office desk.

How could the old Mr. Hart and the old Mrs. Hart not have

guessed it!

So he went straight to his son's office, closed the door, and began to interrogate him.

"Is Valda pregnant?" Mrs. Hart asked directly without beating

around the bush.

"Okay," Brian replied readily.

Mr. and Mrs. Hart, who are elderly, exchanged a joyful glance with each other, both expressing happiness in their eyes.

Valda is pregnant, which means they will have a grandchild! They have been envious of their old friends who already have a third generation, so this is exciting news for them.

Although they didn't pressure their son to have a baby after getting married, they have always been longing for one deep down. And now... they finally see a glimmer of hope!

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"How long has it been?" asked Mrs. Hart again.

"It's almost been 6 weeks," said Brian.

"6 weeks? How is the fetus doing now?" asked Mrs. Hart

anxiously, while Mr. Hart also looked on nervously.

Brian, on the other hand, calmly said, "Everything is fine."

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"Okay, okay, everything is good, that's good!" said the old Mr.

Hart with a smile.

"Valda is pregnant now and her body is different than before. She needs to be taken care of more carefully. Pregnant women can have bad tempers, so you need to go along with her. If she hits you, don't hit back. If she scolds you, don't talk

back. You need to do whatever she asks, but don't make her

angry. If she gets upset and harms the baby, I won't let it go!" said Mrs. Hart sternly to her son.

Brian gave his mother a blank look and said, "Do you think I

wouldn't go along with Valda?" Even if Valda wasn't pregnant,

he would still be completely obedient to her.

"I am reminding you!" glared old Mrs. Hart at her son.

"Yes, a reminder, a reminder!" said the old Mr. Hart. "When

your mother was pregnant with you, I went through the same

thing. This is somewhat of a tradition in our family, isn't it?"

Brian raised his eyebrows, wondering why he didn't know

about this tradition before.

"What does Valda like to eat lately? Sweet or sour? Is there

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anything she needs? I'll go buy it for her!" exclaimed Mrs. Hart, eager to help.

"I don't lack anything, I have prepared everything for her," said

Brian.

However, despite saying that, the old Mr. Hart and the old

Mrs. Hart still bought a lot of things and came to the villa.

Valda looked at the pile of maternity clothes, pregnancy pillows, and various brands of snacks, and suddenly felt that the in-laws and Brian were quite similar in some ways.

The old Mr. Hart and the old Mrs. Hart were enthusiastic

about Valda's pregnancy.

The old Mr. Hart, being a man, found it difficult to speak about

certain things, so the old Mrs. Hart took the initiative to talk

to Valda. After whispering for a while, Valda's face turned red again.

When they were leaving, the old Mrs. Hart reminded Valda, "If you feel that Brian is not treating you well, just tell me and I'll teach him a lesson."

"Mom, Brian is treating me very well," Valda said.

Seeing that his son and daughter-in-law had a good relationship, the old Mr. Hart and the old Mrs. Hart were

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naturally very happy. After they left with smiles on their faces, Brian asked Valda, "What did Mom say to you just now? Your face turned red."

"Huh?" She blinked, surprised that he noticed her blushing.

"It's nothing, just that Mom said we should restrain ourselves. during this pregnancy period, so as not to harm the baby,"

Valda said.

"I see. We should definitely restrain ourselves, but I think it's okay to hug and kiss," Brian said.

He lowered his body and kissed her on the face as he spoke.

For him, not being able to "touch" her for a while was indeed a significant test.

But as long as she and the child are safe, that's all that $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right)$

matters.

"Uh, it's okay," Valda sweetly smiled and wrapped her arms around Brian's neck, then leaned in to kiss him on the lips.

In just over 8 months, they will be able to see their child!

That will surely be a wonderful day!

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Lawrence learned to play the piano by following Jasper, which led to the Abbott family receiving care from the Reed family. The Abbott couple got new jobs with higher income than before, and the Reed family took care of all Lawrence's tuition.

fees.

The Abbott family is now considered wealthy in the eyes of ordinary people.

Wilona may have had a difficult past where she was

constantly looked down upon and oppressed for a long time.

As a result, now that her situation has turned around, she

wants everyone to know that she is living a good life.

She changed her attire from before and when she usually goes to pick up her children from school, she always boasts about her son and the Reed family's little princess being friends. Her son's piano skills have also been appreciated by

the Reed family's little princess. She even mentions that her

son will become a great pianist in the future.

At first, people naturally didn't believe Wilona's words, and

some even mocked her. However, one time she showed a

video of her son and Jasper playing the piano together at the Reed family's house, and finally, others believed her.

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Therefore, people's perception of Lawrence naturally changed as they looked at him.

There is envy, there is jealousy, and there is mockery.

Lawrence is still the same at school, not like his mother who

likes to show off in a flashy way.

However, Wilona always likes to buy branded new clothes for

her son and makes him wear that expensive children's watch to school every day.

Actually, Lawrence doesn't like wearing this watch because

every time he wears it, it reminds him of the gap between

himself and Mr. Barlow.

But his mother likes him to wear this watch and always likes to

show off how much it costs to others.

After school, Lawrence was surrounded by a group of older

boys.

He immediately became nervous. He knew these people – they were the school bullies. Many people were afraid to mess with them. He had also heard from classmates that they had

extorted pocket money from them before.

He instinctively wanted to leave, but he couldn't because the

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boys had blocked him off.

"What do you want from me?" he asked anxiously.

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"Give us the watch on your wrist!" one of the boys demanded,

clearly used to taking things from others.

Lawrence shook his head and nervously protected his

wristwatch.

Although he didn't like the watch, he knew it was expensive and a gift from Mr. Barlow. If it was taken away, not only would his parents be angry, but Jasper would also be upset.

Because Jasper and Mr. Barlow were close, anything given by

Mr. Barlow couldn't be lost!

"Do you give it or not?" the leader of the boys asked impatiently. When Lawrence shook his head, they moved

closer.

"I...I can't give it to you! I can't!" Lawrence said.

The leader of the boys snatched the watch, and the others

joined in to help.

The boys were all older and stronger than Lawrence, and he couldn't protect the watch. In no time, they had taken it and left him with several injuries.

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When Lawrence walked out of school, Wilona was shocked

to see her son looking visibly beaten up. She asked, "What happened? How did this happen?"

"Mummy, my watch... my watch was stolen," Lawrence

murmured.

"What? Your watch was stolen?" Wilona immediately grabbed

her son's left hand and sure enough, the watch on his wrist was gone. "How could you let someone steal your watch? Do you know how much that watch cost?!"

Wilona immediately scolded her son. She was about to

take him to school to talk to the teacher when suddenly she stopped in her tracks. It seemed like she had just remembered something. She turned around and took her son with her on

her electric scooter.

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"Okay, go to your piano lesson first, otherwise Jasper will have

to wait for too long and that wouldn't be good!" said Wilona.

"Oh," Lawrence responded.

While riding her electric scooter, Wilona said to her son, "When you see Jasper later, tell her about the watch being stolen. Make sure she knows what happened."

Lawrence's body stiffened, but he didn't want Jasper to know

about the watch being stolen. He was worried that Jasper

might get angry or blame him for not protecting the watch.

"Mummy... Can I not go for my piano lesson today? Can I go next time?" Lawrence pleaded.

Wilona refused, saying "No, I have to go!" She was still hoping

to make a big fuss about her stolen watch.

Jasper values Lawrence a lot, so he will definitely help him out. When that happens, everyone at school will understand that Lawrence's family has truly allied with the Reed family. From

then on, no one will dare to mess with them!

In Wilona's mind, she was making plans and thinking that

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today was an opportunity that her family must seize and

make the most of.

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After arriving at their destination, Wilona had Lawrence, who

had a bruised face and wrinkled clothes with two missing buttons, go straight into the piano classroom to start his

lessons.

Jasper guickly ran over when he saw Lawrence in this state

and asked with concern, "Lawrence, what's wrong?"

"I..." Lawrence bit his lip tightly, for a moment unsure of what

to say.

Wilona quickly interjected, "Here's what happened. Mr. Barlow gave Lawrence a watch, which I thought was really nice, so I had him wear it every day. But today, while he was at school, some other students took it from him. They...they just saw Lawrence as an easy target because he's from our family."

Wilona spoke with a slightly teary voice, portraying a pitiful and sorrowful appearance.

Jasper looked at the bruises on Lawrence's face, which were still red around the corners of his mouth. He raised his finger

and couldn't help but touch them. "Does it hurt a lot?"

"Actually... it's not that painful," Lawrence said, lying through

his teeth.

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Although it hurts, he doesn't want her to feel sad for him. But when he sees her worried expression, it brings a little bit of joy

to his heart.

He can't even distinguish himself what kind of feeling this is.

Jasper turned to the piano teacher and said, "Teacher, can we skip piano practice today? I want to take Lawrence to the

hospital."

The piano teacher quickly agreed, "How about I accompany you guys?"

"No need to trouble you, teacher. I'll just go with them," said

Wilona.

The piano teacher didn't say anything more.

On the way to the hospital, Wilona rode in the passenger seat of the Reed family's car, while the two children sat in the back

seat.

While in the car, Jasper noticed for the first time that Lawrence had many red marks on his left wrist, some of which had even broken the skin and were bleeding.

"What caused such a severe injury here?" Jasper asked.

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Lawrence whispered, "They wanted to steal my watch, but I refused to give it to them. However, I couldn't protect it and they forcefully took it away."

His voice became quieter as it went on. Will she think he's useless? He can't even protect a watch.

But then, as her voice reached his ears, he suddenly shook.