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When they returned to the villa, Valda finished taking a shower before receiving a call from Lina. "Hey dear, you met Kering today,

right? For the movie premiere, can you bring me along? I'm free that day!"

Lina's voice exudes immense passion.

Valda paused for a moment, then seemed to realize something

and asked, "Did it trend?"

"Smart!" Lina exclaimed. "You and your husband had an

encounter with Kering and the production team on the street,

and now it's already trending at 17th place. I bet it will climb even

higher in a little while. We have such a good relationship, you wouldn't leave me out of the premiere, would you?"

"Of course not," Valda smiled. "I was actually planning to ask you

guys if you're free to come along. If Kering doesn't provide enough tickets, I can ask Brian to figure something out and bring more

people in."

"I knew it, you're a loyal friend! Wow, we should be able to see

Kering that day too. I never thought that a while ago we were talking about going to the film and television city to watch him film, but now we're going to his movie premiere. We should ask for his autograph, take a photo with him, and even shake his hand. I

wonder if we can give him a hug..."

Lina's voice became increasingly excited. Then, a man's voice came from the phone, "A handshake isn't enough, do you want to hug too? The actor is only 22 years old."

"Yeah, he's quite young, with a promising future. Who knows, in

a few years, he might even become a movie king. Then I'll be a woman who has hugged a movie king."

"Oh? So you really want to hug the future movie star? Didn't you promise me before that you would stop being a crazy fan and control yourself?"

"Um, it was just a pure hug as a fan to an idol," Lina quickly

clarified.

“Then tell me, what does an impure embrace look like?”

As Hadwin finished speaking, a muffled voice came from the other end of the phone, “Um... Hadwin, don’t... I... my phone is

still... on the call...”

Continuing on, the other party ended the call and a dial tone came through the phone.

Valda looked at her phone and thought of certain things, causing her face to blush momentarily.

“What’s wrong?” Brian walked over and looked at his wife’s

flushed cheeks, then glanced at the phone she was holding. “Whose call is it?”

“Lina called to talk about going to the Kering movie premiere, but it seems like Hadwin doesn’t want her to hug Kering when they meet, so they had a bit of an argument.”

When it comes to the word “argument”, Valda’s face becomes even redder. After all, anyone who knows about relationships can hear the “argument” process from their voices to some extent.

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“Oh, really?” Brian raised his eyebrows, clearly understanding.

“Did you and Lina talk about hugging Kering when you meet him?”

“Well, when you meet an actor you usually only see on TV or in movies, especially one you like, you naturally want to get closer to them,” Valda said.

“What about you? You seemed to like Kering before. You even watched his recent TV drama multiple times on your iPad, didn’t you?”

“I really thought that drama was good, and Kering played his character well,” Valda said matter-of-factly.

“What do you mean by ‘played his character well’?” Brian leaned in, his voice becoming lower.

Valda suddenly realized something was off when she met Brian's intense gaze. "I...I was just speaking as a regular audience

member."

"Oh, just a regular audience member..." he drawled, almost

smiling. "So, as a regular audience member, are you planning to hug him too?"

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"Of course not," she said. "I'm not even a fan of Kering."

"Don't you feel regretful?" he asked, moving his face closer to hers, his lips almost touching her cheek.

"Why would I regret not hugging a celebrity when I have such a handsome husband who I can't even hug enough?" Valda tried to move her head back, but his hand was holding onto the back of her head, preventing her from creating more distance.

He gave a slight smile and pecked her lips, "Since that's the case, why don't you hug me?"

Huh?!

She paused, "Now?"

"Yes, now," he said. "I just want my dear wife to hug me more, is

that too much to ask?"

"Of course, it's not too much to say." She had a big belly and couldn't really knock him down. Holding him would feel like having a delicious food in front of her, but she could only look and touch, but not eat.

This feeling of helplessness is also very uncomfortable!

Valda opened her arms and hugged Brian.

Brian also opened his arms and hugged Valda, being careful not

to hold her too tightly and avoid putting pressure on her belly.

Then he leaned in close to her ear and whispered, "It's really a test of self-control, isn't it? In the future, you'll have to make it up to

me."

Valda understood immediately, because for her, it was also a test!

“Okay,” she blushed and took the initiative to kiss him on the lips.

Although I can’t actually taste it, hmm... I think I can still give it a try and have a little taste.

On the day of the premiere, Valda brought not only a group of close girlfriends but also Brian to attend.

In addition, Hadwin also showed up, which was a bit unexpected for Valda. However, Hadwin got his ticket from Brian.

Valda whispered to Lina, “Didn’t you say your husband wasn’t coming?”

“Yeah, we had agreed that he wouldn’t come, but who knew he suddenly cancelled his previously scheduled work and decided to come here,” Lina said with a frustrated expression.

“Didn’t you say he wasn’t interested in art films?” Valda asked.

Lina said helplessly, “He’s not interested in art films, but he’s afraid I’ll be too interested.”

Valda understood, “Are they afraid you are too enthusiastic about Kering?”

“Hehe.” Lina chuckled awkwardly.

When the movie started, the women sat in a row with Valda and Lina on either side, while their respective husbands sat next to them.

Valda whispered to Brian, “Did you prepare a ticket for Hadwin too? Why didn’t you say so beforehand?”

“I was going to say it that day, but then...I forgot because I helped you change clothes,” Brian replied.

Valda’s face turned red instantly, and she couldn’t help but recall the scene from earlier. If it weren’t for her stomach ache, they

would have...

Stop, stop! Don’t think about it anymore!

She reminded herself in her mind, then focused her attention and started watching the movie.

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After the movie ended, the group met the creators of the film up

close, including Kering.

Kering greeted Brian and Valda with a smile, "Mr. Hart, Mrs. Hart, hello. I didn't expect you to really come."

Valda smiled and then introduced her group of people.

Grace, Kyla, and Amber were okay and not overly enthusiastic, but Lina was different. Her eyes were shining with an incredible passion, as if she was meeting her idol as a fan.

Of course, Kering is now one of Lina's idols, although... um, she actually has quite a few idols.

When Hadwin saw his wife's reaction, he felt frustrated because he knew that she had probably forgotten all the promises she made to him earlier upon seeing Kering.

As a dedicated fan, Lina brought Kering's photo album and posters for him to sign. She expressed her intention to keep them safe, which surprised Kering.

However, when Lina expressed her desire to take a group photo and give a hug, Hadwin finally pulled his wife aside and said to everyone, "Sorry, Lina and I have something to attend to, we'll be leaving now."

And everyone was used to this already, after all, only Lina could make Hadwin jealous like this.

They've seen this kind of trick before.

"Oh, I'm fine," Lina struggled to say.

"You have something to say," said Hadwin with certainty.

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"That...at least let me take a photo with Kering first, I haven't taken one yet...Hadwin..." Her voice trailed off, indicating that Lina's wish to take a photo was temporarily unfulfilled.

Everyone recognized each other and smiled.

Brian bent down and whispered in Valda's ear, "It's a good thing you didn't try to hug Kering, otherwise I might have taken you away too. Valda, the only man you can hold onto is me."

Valda's face blushed slightly again. His words seemed to imply something.

Right at that moment, Grace's phone rang. But after answering the call, her expression suddenly changed. "Okay, I understand.

I'll be back soon."

Everyone was confused. Kyla asked, "Grace, what's wrong?"

"That's the kid who learned to play the piano with Jasper. His

mother has some issues, so I need to go back and take care of it first," Grace said, and then hurriedly left.

"Is it the boy named Lawrence?" Valda asked. Sometimes when Valda talked with Grace, Grace would mention that boy.

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"It should be," Kyla said. "I've heard Grace mention the child's

mother before. Apparently, she's a bit scheming and has been using her son's relationship with Jasper to her advantage, always trying to gain something."

Valda frowned slightly upon hearing this. Given the Reed family's status in Emerald City, it was natural that they could gain many benefits by using the Reed family as a means to do so.

However, when things go too far, it's natural for problems to arise.

"I've heard Grace say that Lawrence's child seems to be quite good, humble and polite, and knows how to behave," said Valda.

"It's a pity that the child's parents aren't very good, especially the mother. Grace said she even has a gambling addiction," Kyla said.

"Grace will handle it, but I'm afraid it's not a small matter," said

Amber.

At this moment, Grace is on her way back. Along the way, she quickly got an understanding of the situation.

In short, Wilona has been carrying the reputation of being associated with the Reed family outside, borrowing money to

gamble. She kept borrowing money without paying it back. Others

hoped that she could use her connection with the Reed family to do some business, but Wilona took the money and never followed through. This eventually raised suspicion among others.

Then today, several creditors came together to collect debts from Wilona, and things got out of hand.

A few people took Wilona directly to the doorstep of the Reed

family's mansion to demand an explanation. Lawrence was also present at the time, so he is now also at the doorstep of the Reed family's mansion.

Grace checked the time and realized that Jasper and Mick went to Jason's company earlier today and they haven't returned home

yet.

This is also good, after all, it's better for the child not to see that scene.

When they returned to the Reed House, the butler hurriedly approached and said, "Madam, as per your instructions, everyone has been taken to the hall."

"What about Lawrence?" Grace asked.

"Lawrence is also in the hall, originally... I thought of taking him elsewhere, but the child seemed very scared and refused to leave his mother's side," said the butler. He naturally couldn't use force to pull the child away, so he had no choice but to let the child continue to stay with Wilona."

"Okay, I understand," said Grace as she arrived in the hall.

In the lobby, Wilona had disheveled hair and her face showed

signs of bruising, indicating that she had been beaten. Several men and women were surrounding her, angrily scolding her. Lawrence was standing next to Wilona, tightly holding onto her clothes and looking visibly frightened.

Looking at Lawrence like this, Grace feels a little sorry for him.

I quite like Lawrence, but Wilona's influence on the child...

"Lawrence, could you please go to another room with the butler for a moment? Auntie Grace will take care of your mommy's matter," Grace said as she approached Lawrence.

When Lawrence saw Grace, his fearful expression reduced somewhat, but when he heard that she should leave first, he seemed somewhat unwilling.

Grace gently patted Lawrence's head and said, "You being here makes it difficult for Auntie Grace to handle this situation. Once you leave, I can help your mommy." As she spoke, Grace glanced briefly at Wilona.

Wilona understood and quickly said to her son, "You go out with the butler first. Mommy will come out in a moment, and Mrs. Reed will help me!"

Lawrence then followed her

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Grace looked at the debt collectors and asked, "How much money does she owe you guys?"

"7.5 million, this is the promissory note she wrote!" Those people took out all the promissory notes directly, which had Wilona's signature and fingerprint on them.

Grace's expression darkened slightly. 7.5 million is not a small amount of money for ordinary people.

I didn't expect Wilona to lose so much money gambling.

Wilona explained to Grace, "I...I just wanted to earn more money so that Lawrence could have a better life. I never thought I would unknowingly lose so much money! Mrs. Reed, please help me. You have to help me. As long as you help me pay back this money, I will do anything to repay you in the future."

Grace naturally understood what Wilona was thinking, and she looked at Wilona coldly. Her icy gaze made Wilona's heart tremble.

"7.5 million, why should I help you?" Grace said coldly.

"Well...well, but just now..."

"I just told Lawrence that I will help him, but it doesn't mean I will help him repay the debt. I can also ask them not to use violent

means to collect the debt from him, but they can still sue him

in court. Whether he goes to jail or not depends on the judge's ruling," said Grace.

Wilona's face turned pale instantly.

The debt collectors, upon seeing this, immediately started to curse at Wilona. "Mrs. Reed didn't even help you repay the money. You, surnamed Yuan, have really tricked us. You said you had the Reed family as your backing, which is why we dared to lend you so much money!"

"The Reed family has never been our reliance. It was just that my daughter thought their son played the piano better, and my husband and I thought the child had a good musical talent. We didn't want to waste his potential, so we sponsored his piano lessons. However, the Reed family also sponsors many poor and underprivileged children every year. If every family that receives sponsorship says that the Reed family is their reliance, then how many people would the Reed family have to rely on?"



Grace said these words to both the debt collectors and Wilona.

Wilona looked embarrassed. She thought Grace would help her pay off some of her debts, but she didn't expect Grace to say something like this.

In the reception room, Lawrence sat nervously on the sofa,

wondering how his mother would react.

He was both worried about his mother and felt embarrassed.

Especially when the servants were staring at him and whispering, he felt even more uneasy, and his cheeks were burning.

Lately, it seems to have become the most difficult time for him to endure.

I don't know how long it took, but finally the butler led him back to the hall.

The people who were hitting Mommy before are gone now, only Auntie Grace and Mother are here.

Just then, Lawrence noticed that his mother's complexion seemed even worse than before. She grabbed his hand and said,

"Lawrence, let's go."

"Oh." He stiffly responded, then turned to Grace and said, "Auntie Grace, my mom and I are going back. Thank you, Auntie Grace."

Wilona frowned in dissatisfaction, but she didn't express her anger on the spot because Grace was still present. After leaving the Reed family, she muttered fiercely, "What thanks? She didn't even help me pay a single penny!"

In the evening, Grace told Jason about this matter.

"I had them sign an agreement where the Abbott family will pay the 7.5 million in installments deducted from their monthly salaries. Although it's a large sum, if they don't agree, they may not get any money back if Wilona goes to jail or declares bankruptcy."

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"So they agreed to this solution?" asked Jason.

“What else can we do? I made it clear that I won’t help Wilona pay back the money, so they can only do this for now,” said Grace.

Jason chuckled softly, “I thought you would help her repay this money.”

After all, 7.5 million is not a big deal for families like theirs, and Jasper and Lawrence get along well. He thought that with her sympathy, she would eventually pay the money because she felt sorry for Lawrence.

“I won’t help repay gambling debts. If I do it this time, it will only encourage her to continue gambling and become even worse. By not helping, it’s like a warning to her and will make her think twice before gambling again. Also, the things I said to the debt collectors will likely spread, and people outside will know that the Reed family is not her support. In the future, she may not even be able to borrow money for gambling.” Grace said.

She hopes that Wilona can quit gambling, otherwise if things continue like this, the Abbott family may be ruined.

“Do you think she can appreciate your good intentions? Maybe she’s even hating you right now,” Jason reminded.

“It doesn’t matter, I’m just worried about Lawrence’s future days,” said Grace.

“If you’re really worried about this child, then worst case scenario, the Reed family can take care of him in the future. It’s not difficult

to make sure he has no connection with the Abbott family anymore,” Jason said. He was willing to make her wish come true.

Grace shook her head and said, “After all, they are family. I like Lawrence, but it’s not necessary for them to be separated permanently. I hope Wilona can remember this lesson today. For now, let’s have Lawrence and Jasper’s piano lessons separated for a while. After this matter has settled down, we can let the two

children have lessons together again.”

“Okay, I’ll follow your lead.” Jason said, taking Grace’s hand and kissing her fingertips. “Now that we’ve discussed the important matters, should we listen to what I have to say next?”

In those beautiful peach blossom eyes, there is a deep desire flashing at this moment.

After being married for many years, his gaze naturally made her understand. “Okay, I’ll listen to you.”

As her voice trailed off, he immediately scooped her up and carried her towards the large bed.

No matter how many years have passed, her attraction to him

remains so strong that he feels he will never be enough for her.

"Grace, I love you," he whispered as he kissed her lips.

"I love you just the same," she replied, loving him more and more every day!

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Jasper strongly objected to temporarily separating from Lawrence for piano lessons.

"Why do we have to take separate classes?" she asked.

"Because Mommy signed you up for a self-defense class to learn some techniques. The course isn't very long, only two months. After that, you can go back to taking piano lessons with Lawrence," Grace explained.

"Self-defense?" Jasper blinked.

"Your two brothers know some fighting techniques. If they ever encounter bad people without bodyguards, they can at least run away. You should also learn some self-defense skills," Grace said.

For example, Mick and Jason had someone teach their children various fighting techniques when they were three years old. As for Mason, he was initially raised by Secretary Wylie in a bloody way. Compared to Mick, Mason was no less skilled in this area.

On the other hand, Jasper had always been with her daughter. Although they were not wealthy at first, they never suffered. Later, when she reunited with Jason, Jasper was almost spoiled by him. She was afraid that her daughter would get hurt and would not let her learn any fighting techniques.

After all, learning this kind of thing would inevitably result in some bruises and minor injuries.

However, Grace believed that it would be better for girls to learn some self-defense skills, at least to have some ability to defend themselves.

So, she convinced her husband to let their daughter learn this.

After listening to Grace's words, Jasper lowered her head and thought for a moment before nodding.

"Okay, then after two months, I want to learn piano with Lawrence again."

"Okay," Grace smiled.

"I'll let Lawrence know," said Jasper.

“Mommy will talk to Lawrence,” Grace said. After all, children can’t keep secrets, especially after experiencing a debt collection situation. The child was probably also quite scared and might accidentally reveal something.

Grace doesn’t want her daughter to know that Wilona used her and Lawrence’s piano lessons to scam people using the Reed

family name.

She doesn’t want her daughter to overthink things and potentially affect the friendship between her and Lawrence.

Child, it’s better to be carefree and worry-free.

“But I want to meet Lawrence,” said Jasper.

“How about this, why don’t you learn some self-defense skills first? Once you’ve learned them, you can show Lawrence and even teach him,” suggested Grace.

Jasper thought about it and thought it sounded good, so he agreed right away, saying, “Okay, I’ll learn a bit first and then go find Lawrence!”

Over the next few days, Jasper’s piano lessons were scheduled at different times than Lawrence’s, and Jasper was also busy learning self-defense techniques.

William was quite worried when he found out that Jasper was learning self-defense.

“It’s actually okay if you don’t learn, I will protect you!” said

William.

“But I’m not with you every day, and besides, Mom said that I can’t always rely on others and I need to know how to protect myself,” said Jasper.

William looked at Jasper on the video call on his phone and said very seriously, “Jasper, from now on, I will make sure to be with you every day.”

“What about later? When will that be?” Jasper asked eagerly. “Is your family moving? Will you be moving to Emerald City?”

“It’s not about moving, it’s about me. From now on, wherever you go, I’ll be there,” he said with a hint of childishness in his voice, but his determination was unwavering.

“How long is that?” she asked.

“When we grow up.” By then, he should be strong enough too,

right?

Strong enough to stand by her side, strong enough to protect her!

“Okay, from now on, we’ll be together every day,” Jasper said with a smile. However, at this moment, she didn’t realize the kind of commitment she had just made.

During the weekend, Grace received a call while accompanying her daughter to a piano lesson. The call was regarding a recent case her law firm had taken on, and there were some issues with the witnesses.

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Grace said to her daughter, “Mommy needs to go to the office for a bit. The driver will take you home, and when you get there, make sure to do your homework, okay?”

“I understand,” said Jasper. His mom’s job often has unexpected events, so he’s used to it.

Grace gave a few instructions to the driver before changing cars and heading towards the law firm.

The driver was driving towards the Reed family’s villa when Jasper suddenly said to him, “Uncle Zack, can we go to Lawrence’s house? I want to give him a music score.”

This is the sheet music she learned today, and she also wants Lawrence to take a look.

“This...” the driver hesitated, as the madam had previously instructed him to take the young lady directly to the Reed House.

“It’ll only take a moment, won’t take much time. I’ll just give him the sheet music and have a quick chat with Lawrence,” she said. She had missed Lawrence, it had been a few days since she had seen him.

The driver hesitated, but eventually agreed.

After all, Jasper is also the master! He doesn’t want to offend Jasper because of this matter.

Jasper’s face immediately lit up with a smile.

The car quickly arrived at the Abbott family’s residence, and the driver accompanied Jasper to their home.

Just as they were about to arrive, the door of the Abbott family opened and a pair of strangers walked out, muttering to themselves. “Your family is nothing but a bunch of scoundrels. You keep saying that you have a good relationship with the Reed family and that they are your backing. Do you really think

you can climb up the Reed family's ladder just by relying on your son? It's a shame that you tried to use the Reed family to make money and pay off your gambling debts, but ended up humiliating yourselves!"

Next, Wilona's voice came from inside the room, "I relied on my son to climb up to the Reed family, so what! Don't try to bring me down. As long as my son pleases Jasper, our family won't be short of money. I'll be waiting for you to come and apologize to me and make amends!"

"You're just dreaming!"

"Do you think the Reed family are all fools? Can't we see that you have ulterior motives?"

They shouted a few more insults at the unfamiliar man and woman before walking away.

Standing nearby, Jasper listened to all of this and felt a chill run through his body, as if a bucket of cold water had been poured over his head.

So, Lawrence is only friends with her because she is Jasper from the Reed family? Is it because his family wants to use the Reed family's reputation to get rich?

Although Jasper is still young, at the age of 10, he already knows quite a bit.

Just like in class, there are many students who try to please her on purpose. They will try to find ways to give her gifts and hope to receive an invitation card from her on her birthday.

She naturally has a way of discerning who genuinely wants to be her friend and who doesn't.

But Lawrence... from the beginning, she didn't make a distinction.

Because she enjoys Lawrence's pure and melodious piano playing, she has always believed that someone who can produce such beautiful music cannot have bad intentions.

But the words she just heard were breaking her understanding.

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At that moment, Wilona came out to close the door. When she saw Jasper standing at the door, she was surprised for a moment, then exaggeratedly greeted him, saying, "Jasper, what brings you here? Come on in and have a seat." She then turned around and shouted into the house, "Lawrence, Jasper is here!"

Jasper looked at the enthusiasm on Wilona's face. Before, she wouldn't have thought much of it, but now she felt it was

insincere.

Lawrence's mother's enthusiasm is just a ploy to take advantage of the Reed family! She's only after their money!

Lawrence quickly walked out of the room and when he saw Jasper, his eyes widened and they seemed to light up.

Originally, when Jasper saw Lawrence, he thought she would be very happy, but now she just can't seem to be happy.

"Can I speak with Lawrence outside for a few moments?" Jasper asked Wilona.

"Ah, why stay outside? Come inside," Wilona warmly invited.

Jasper insisted, "It's just outside."

Wilona wanted to say more, but when she looked into Jasper's almond-shaped eyes, the words seemed to get stuck in

her throat. Even though he was still a child, he gave her an inexplicable feeling of unease.

"Well...let's talk outside then."

"I just want to talk to Lawrence alone," Jasper said again.

At this moment, Wilona didn't want to argue, so she didn't object when the driver who was with Jasper approached her and said,

"You should go inside the house first."

Wilona went inside the house while the driver stood by the door. Jasper then spoke to Lawrence, "Are you being nice to me and treating me like a friend just to please me?"

"Huh?" Lawrence was taken aback, staring blankly at Jasper, opening his mouth to say something but unable to find the words.

His silence confirmed her suspicions even more.

"I heard it all. Earlier, I saw someone leaving your house. They said that your family is using me and my family to cheat people out of their money. Your mother even said that if you please me, your family will become wealthy," said Jasper.

At this moment, every word she spoke made Lawrence's body shrink even more.

Even he slowly lowered his head and dared not look at her because he didn't know how to face her.

These days, he has been living in fear. He knows that his mom did something wrong, and his piano class clashes with Jasper's schedule, which makes him scared and worried.

I'm afraid I won't be able to learn piano with Jasper anymore in the future.

But his parents kept talking about how to please Jasper, how to make the Reed family like him more, and how to gain more benefits from them.

He didn't want to do it, but his mother's words made him even more anxious.

"If you don't properly please Jasper, then in the future, you may not even get to see Jasper's face!"

He wanted to see her, but didn't want to do as his mother said. So, he promised his parents that he would try his best to please

Jasper!

However, he didn't expect to be asked by Jasper in this way.

He didn't want to lie to her, but he couldn't bring himself to tell the truth.

The only thing he could say was "I'm sorry!"

Just this one apology, however, made Jasper's face full of disappointment. "Then you don't need to try to please me anymore, because from now on, we are no longer friends!"

After she finished speaking, she turned to the driver and said,

"Uncle Zack, let's go."

At the moment she turned around, his hand suddenly grabbed her wrist.

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"Jasper..." Lawrence said with a mix of embarrassment, pleading, and guilt. "Can I still continue learning the piano with you? Even if you don't want to be friends with me anymore, I still want to learn the piano with you. I can play many songs, whatever you like, I'll play it for you. Is that okay?"



The pleading voice was even choked with a hint of sobbing.

Jasper hesitated for a moment, but then she remembered the things she had heard before. She made an effort to pull her hand back from Lawrence's fingers and said, "No need, I don't want to listen to you play the piano anymore, Lawrence. I don't like being used by others, and I don't like others using my family. I used to enjoy your music, but I won't anymore."

After Jasper finished speaking, he got into the car with the driver.

A black sedan slowly drove away from Lawrence's sight.

Lawrence stared blankly at the car that was gradually moving away. His thin body trembled with a great fear that swept over his entire being.

You must really dislike Jasper, right?

In the future, will he no longer be able to play the piano or attend

classes with Jasper? Will he even be unable to see Jasper anymore?

Whenever he thinks about this, he feels very uncomfortable, even more so than being scolded or beaten.

Wilona walked out of the house and saw that Jasper was gone. Her son was standing still in the same spot. She immediately ran up to him and asked, "Where's Jasper? Why didn't you let her come in and sit down? Did you not treat Jasper well just now?"

Lawrence finally came to his senses and looked at his mother with a red nose. "Jasper said that I don't have to please her anymore, and she doesn't want to hear me play the piano anymore. She won't like my music anymore."

Wilona was shocked, "What did you say?!"

"Mummy, Jasper already hates me. Does that mean... I won't be able to see Jasper anymore?" Lawrence choked out.

But what followed was a loud slap.

His young face was immediately swollen and red from the beating.

Wilona was shaking her son's small shoulders as if she was going crazy, asking, "What did you do to Jasper? Why does she hate you? Don't you know how important she is to our family? Our family's future depends on Jasper. What will happen to us if you

keep acting like this?”

As Wilona cried and hit Lawrence repeatedly, she even forgot to consider that Lawrence is just a ten-year-old child.

Although his body was in pain, Lawrence endured his mother’s beatings silently without uttering a word.

Because for him, these pains are simply not worth the discomfort he is feeling right now.

He was clearly most afraid of being disliked by Jasper, but why... the thing he feared the most still happened?!

He only had his music to make her happy, but now even his music doesn’t please her anymore!