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“What kind of person are you?!” exclaimed Lonny in surprise.

The person didn’t speak, they just looked at Chandler.

Chandler spoke to Lonny in a calm tone, “I told you, we need Vice President Gary from Lazy Cat Culture to come over here.” He then took out his phone and dialed a number. “This is Chandler. Can you ask Vice President Gary from Lazy Cat Culture to come to the Sleeping Cat Exhibition Hall in Emerald City? He should be in Emerald City right now.”

After the call ended, the person on the other end of the phone stared at their phone with a look of disbelief on their face.

Sleeping Cat Exhibition Hall? What’s that all about?!

Lonny, Laura, and the on-site staff are all looking at Chandler with surprise on their faces. However, the way they are looking at him. makes it seem like they are looking at a fool.

Lonny said, “Young people who try to show off their wealth should also consider the appropriate occasion!”

The staff spoke to Chandler, “Sir, please do not cause trouble here. Otherwise, I will have to call security.”

Chandler lowered his head and said to Tina, “We have to wait here for a little while. If you’re bored, I can have someone accompany you to other places to stroll around.”

Tina shook her head and said, “Chandler, what if this set of stamps is really reserved for them? What will we do if we can’t buy it?”

“If you really like it, then just have them remake the stamp set,” said Chandler, as if he was talking about something as simple as

that.

The staff on the side were amused, "Reproduction? Do you know what reproduction represents? We have to start a new production line. Is it worth all the trouble just for your desire to have a seal?

This is a limited edition, once it's sold out, it's gone..."

Chandler ignored the staff member's words.

However, unlike others who don't believe, Tina believes. She knows that whatever Chandler says, he can definitely make it happen.

The staff attempted to hand over the seal to Lonny again, but Chandler's subordinates once again blocked them.

Upon seeing the situation, the staff immediately made an internal call and said, "Send a few people over here, there are people causing trouble."

When Laura heard this, she sneered at Tina and said, "Soon, you will be kicked out! How pathetic!" Tomorrow, she will definitely go

to class and tell her classmates about this, so that more people can mock Tina!

Lonny remained silent, pursing his lips. He knew that if he mentioned the name of the White Maple Group, the staff would be

too afraid to ask the security guards to remove them.

But since the other person didn't say anything, why bother bringing it up?

For him, it's like watching a good show. He can just stand by and watch. If he ends up embarrassing himself, it's not just his own embarrassment, but also the embarrassment of the White Maple

Group. If the boss finds out, he might even be pleased.

After a moment, several security guards in event uniforms quickly walked over. The staff pointed at Chandler, about to have the

guards escort Chandler and Tina out of the venue. Suddenly, a voice rang out, "Wait!"

The staff looked up, but suddenly froze in shock!

The person running over was none other than Vice President Gary.

"Why did you come, Vice President Gary?" the staff asked in surprise.

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Lonny and Laura also looked dumbfounded.

Lonny was shocked and felt that something seemed to be exceeding his expectations.

"Vice President Gary, I..." Lonny took a step forward, intending to exchange a few words with Vice President Gary.

But Vice President Gary walked straight past him, without even looking at him, and went straight to Chandler. "Mr. Hunter, I'm sorry for the neglect. Please forgive me!"

Upon hearing this, everyone was dumbfounded again, even the security guards who were called over by the staff looked confused.

However, those security guards were also relieved that they had not forcibly removed the person from the venue.

Otherwise, they would have offended someone like Vice President Gary, who even had to address someone as "young master" with respect!

Chandler looked at Vice President Gary in front of him, his facial expression remained unchanged, and he simply explained what had happened.

Upon hearing this, Vice President Gary immediately said, "This seal was not reserved. If you like it, Mr. Hunter, feel free to take it.

And if there is anything else in this exhibition that catches your eye, please feel free to take that as well."

As soon as these words were spoken, everyone was immediately shocked.

Lonny spoke urgently and authentically, "Vice President Gary, don't you recognize me? I am the butler of the Mond family. Our master is the head of the Mond Group..."

But Lonny was interrupted by Vice President Gary before he could finish speaking. "Listen here, Lonny. I don't care who you are or who your family is. I never made an appointment for you to use this seal, so it doesn't belong to you."

As he spoke, Vice President Gary took the seal directly from the staff's hand and handed it over to Chandler, saying, "Since Mr. Hunter was the first to see this seal and has confirmed his intention to buy it, it should naturally be given to Mr. Hunter."

Chandler took over and instructed his subordinates to pay.

Vice President Gary wanted to stop him, but Chandler said, "The money has to be paid, I bought it for Tina."

Vice President Gary's attention then shifted to Tina, who was standing next to Chandler. Chandler handed over the set of

stamps to Tina, and she immediately smiled.

"By the way, this girl seems to like this set of stamps!" Vice President Gary thought to himself.

"Okay, do you want to keep shopping?" Chandler asked Tina.

Tina shook her head. Although she was quite happy to have received this set of stamps, she no longer felt like exploring the exhibition hall. "I'm hungry and I want to eat something," she said.

"Okay, let's go," said Chandler as he took Tina's hand and walked towards the outside of the exhibition hall.

Suddenly, Laura spoke out in anger, "Tina, what's with your

attitude? My parents said that you're just a child bride. Do you even know what that means? It means your parents sold you!

Your parents don't even want you anymore!"

As soon as she said this, Lonny's face suddenly changed.

After all, there are some things that can be said at home without consequence, but once said outside, one must be especially careful. This is particularly true in the current situation. Lonny understands that Mr. Hunter is not an ordinary person, and his background is even more powerful than the Mond family. This is why Vice President Gary completely ignores the Mond family and

only seeks to please Mr. Hunter.

Tina stopped in her tracks and turned to glare at Laura. "You're lying. My parents didn't sell me off as a child bride!"

"You're the one! You're the one!" exclaimed Laura. "If you don't believe me, just ask your big brother here! Ask him if you're not his stepdaughter..."

Laura suddenly stopped speaking because Chandler's gaze was coldly fixed on her, causing a feeling of fear to well up in her heart.

Make her even more scared than getting caught cheating on an exam!

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"Chandler!" Tina looked at Chandler anxiously.

"I remember the Mond family," said Chandler in a calm tone. He then lowered his head and met Tina's anxious and doubtful gaze. "Tina, let's go. I'll tell you everything you want to know."

He took Tina's hand and left while speaking.

Lonny looked worried and asked, "Miss, why did you say that just now?"

"I didn't say anything wrong!" Laura said confidently, shaking off her fear. "Anyway, I heard from my parents that she was a child bride, you know, a girl who was sold by her own parents!"

"But the Stephenson family shouldn't be in that situation. The kind

of people who are sold are usually from families who are too poor to take care of their daughters, so they sell them as child brides.”

Lonny explained. “Anyway, Miss, you shouldn’t have said that just now, and you shouldn’t say it again in the future.”

“Why, I don’t want to!” Laura said unhappily.

Lonny felt uncomfortable speaking in front of others about his own miss because the Mond family was too powerful to mess with.

The Stephenson family alone is enough to give the Mond family a headache, not to mention Mr. Hunter, whose background is probably on par with, if not surpassing, that of the Stephenson family.

Vice President Gary, who was standing aside, looked at Lonny with sympathy. “I think the Mond family should start planning ahead. If Mr. Hunter decides to let go of today’s incident, then it’s fine. But if he decides to take action, then the Mond family...”

Vice President Gary didn’t finish his sentence, but Lonny already understood what he meant.

“What kind of person is Mr. Hunter?” Lonny asked cautiously.

“In short, they are people who cannot be provoked by the Mond family,” Vice President Gary replied.

Upon hearing this, Lonny’s face turned extremely pale, while Laura remained confused and unaware that her actions today would change the course of her future.

Tina followed Chandler to the outside of the venue.

Chandler asked Tina, “Didn’t you say you were hungry? What would you like to eat?”

“Chandler, can you tell me, am I really a child bride? Did my parents sell me?” Tina is concerned about this issue.

She didn’t want to believe Laura’s words because she understood that Laura was intentionally saying those things to make her angry, sad, and upset.

But Chandler didn't argue, which made her feel uneasy.

If what Laura said was false, why didn't Chandler say anything earlier?!

Chandler looked at Tina and said, "Let's find a place to eat and I'll talk to you while we eat, okay?"

She bit her lip nervously.

"What do you want to eat?" Chandler continued to ask.

"Donuts," she muttered.

So he took her to a famous dessert restaurant in Emerald City, found a small private room, and ordered some sweets that she liked.

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Although Tina was uneasy, she couldn't resist her favorite sweets and picked them up with her little hands to eat.

But even though she was eating, her eyes were still on Chandler, waiting for him to tell her what Laura said and what was going on.

"Do you want to know if you're a child bride?" Chandler spoke up.

Laura nodded.

"Do you know what 'adopted wife' means?" he asked.

She blinked her eyes and had some idea about the concept of

"adopted wife", but she couldn't express it fully.

Chandler said, "Adopted wife refers to the practice of a girl being raised by the husband's family, or the family of the groom, until she reaches adulthood and then officially marries the son of that

family. In the past, some areas were very poor and families could not afford to raise their daughters, so they would sell them to

other families as 'adopted wife.'

Tina blinked her eyes and said, "So, my parents are not poor, and I was not raised by someone else. It was my parents who raised

1. Therefore, I am not a child bride, am I?"

"Yes, you don't count," said Chandler.

Tina breathed a sigh of relief and a bright smile appeared on her face. "I knew it, my mom and dad would never sell me! They love me so much!"

"But there is one thing that is the same," Chandler added.

Tina widened her eyes and looked at the other person, "What do you mean by 'the same'?"

"Tina, when you grow up, you will marry me. This was something that your dad and mom agreed upon when you were born," he said.

"Agreement?" Tina looked confused.

"Yes, when your mother gave birth to you, your father and I made an agreement that when you grew up and reached the legal age for marriage, you would marry me and become my wife." He had originally planned to tell her these words slowly when she was a little older.

But now, since she has heard it from someone else, it's better to take this opportunity to tell her!

"Are you Chandler's bride?" Tina's eyes suddenly lit up. "But what is the legal marriage age in the country? How old do you have to be?"

"When you turn 20 years old," he said.

So she started calculating how much time was left until she turned 20 years old. After figuring it out, she looked unhappy and

said, "It's going to be a long time until I can become Chandler's bride!"

"Would you like to be my bride?" Chandler asked, seeming somewhat surprised.

"Why don't you want to? Of course, I want to!" Tina said naturally, "When we played house, you were the daddy and I was the mommy!" They even had many dolls as their daughters!

Chandler was a bit amused and helpless, "Tina, you're still young and don't understand the true meaning of being a bride."

"I'm not young at all, I understand!" she said, taking another bite of the dessert next to her. "Anyway, I just want to be with

Chandler forever. We can sleep together, eat together, play together, and have lots and lots of babies together."

"..." Okay, he suddenly didn't know how to argue because what she said seemed to be true. "But when playing house, you can pretend to be mommy and daddy with this person today, and tomorrow you can pretend with another person. But when it comes to real marriage in the future, it's different. You can't choose someone else."

She widened her eyes and looked at him.

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And his lips continued to move, opening and closing as he said, "The only person you can choose is me. Do you understand what

I'm saying, Tina?"

Tina nodded vigorously and said, "Understood!"

"Do you really understand?" He was now 15 years old and old

enough to understand the meaning of marriage, but she was only 8 years old. Could she really understand? He doubted it.

"Anyway, in the future, I can only marry Chandler and become

his bride. I can't marry any other guy, right?" she said. "But I don't want to marry anyone else either. I like you the most, Chandler. I just want to be your bride."

She said happily that her previous gloom had vanished completely!

So when she grows up, she can become Chandler's bride, that's really great!

Another dessert was eliminated. Tina thought for a moment and put on a serious expression as she said to Chandler, "Chandler, I will study hard in the future, strive for progress every day, be a good student, and in the future, be a good wife and mother! I will also have many, many good babies, so you cannot change your

mind and marry another bride!"

Chandler looked at Tina in a daze as she spoke these words seriously in front of him. Is she afraid that he might change his mind?

"You made a promise with my dad and mom, remember? As our teacher taught us, we should have the spirit of keeping our promises. Once we make a commitment, we cannot go back on our word," Tina continued.

Then those shiny black eyes stared straight at Chandler, as if waiting for his response.

Chandler chuckled softly, lifted his hand and gently wiped the dessert off the corner of her lips. "Okay, I won't go back on my word, Tina. I'll wait for you to grow up."

From a long time ago, he has been waiting for the day when she grows up!

On the same weekend, on the other side, Brian and Valda went to the amusement park with their daughter.

Harley is in high spirits today, having already played several

popular activities this morning.

During lunchtime, they ate at the restaurant inside the park. However, they didn't choose the fancy private rooms, but instead opted to dine in the main hall like an ordinary family.

Valda and her daughter found an empty table to sit at, while Brian went to queue up to order food.

Valda couldn't help but smile as she watched her husband's back disappear.

Over the years, she has been studying various etiquette and learning how to speak in different situations to make herself look more like a wealthy wife for Brian. She accompanies him to some banquets and important occasions, striving not to embarrass him.

Although she knew he wouldn't mind and would protect her even if she really embarrassed herself, she still wanted to do her best.

Meanwhile, Brian was also trying hard for her, being more like an ordinary person. They would eat at street stalls and go shopping at small vendors, as if they were an ordinary couple. They would browse through old bookstores in alleys and streets. When they visited their godmother Lisa, Brian would accompany her for a walk around the neighborhood and take their daughter to play with other children in the park.

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If we were to follow Lina's words, then it would seem that Brian is becoming more approachable as time goes on.

Harley was staring straight at a nearby indoor play area for children from their dining table. "Mommy, I want to go play there!" he said.

She has been playing for a whole morning and doesn't feel tired at all. She is full of energy and wants to continue playing.

"Once you finish eating, you can go play for a while," said Valda.

Her daughter had a very active personality among girls, and only occasionally would she be quiet for a while when she read some

children's books by herself. Most of the time, she was always thinking about playing.

"Okay." Harley obediently listened, but her eyes were still fixed on the amusement area.

Soon, Brian came back with the purchased food.

The three of them started eating. Although the little one could eat by herself now, she tended to make a mess and sometimes dropped food on herself.

Brian had prepared a disposable bib for his daughter and helped

her tidy her hair and wipe her mouth from time to time, becoming the best dad.

As Brian took care of his daughter's food, Valda had a much easier time.

Harley ate quickly this time and finished in no time. As soon as she finished, she asked, "Mommy, can I go play now?"

Valda looked at her daughter's clean plate and smiled, "Okay, you can go play. Mommy will accompany you."

The little one cheered.

Brian glanced at Valda's unfinished food and said, "You can continue eating. I'll have someone watch her."

As he spoke, Brian raised his finger and a bodyguard immediately came over. Following Brian's instructions, he took Harley to the amusement area in the restaurant to play.

Valda is no longer surprised by the sudden appearance of these bodyguards.

Over the years, she came to know that he always had a number of bodyguards following him around, but he did so only out of concern for her safety. He made sure that the bodyguards stayed in the shadows and tried not to be noticed by her, so as not to make her uncomfortable.

She knew that this was his way of protecting her and their daughter because they were too important to him.

So even though she still feels a bit uncomfortable, she will still make herself adapt and get used to it.

Compared to her, Harley adapted quickly. After all, since her

birth, there were already nannies, caregivers, and various security personnel surrounding her.

So when the bodyguard suddenly appeared, she didn't feel any discomfort or fear. Even though he was a stranger to her, Grace

happily followed him to play.

Valda looked at her daughter, who was excited and not shy at all, and couldn't help but exclaim to Brian, "Do you think Harley's lack of shyness will make her more susceptible to being kidnapped?"

After all, there are quite a few cases of child abduction and trafficking nowadays.

"Who dares to kidnap our daughter?" Brian said with a faint smile.

Valda thought about it and realized that it made sense. Anyone who tried to kidnap children would likely be taken down by the bodyguards he had arranged before getting close to his daughter.

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Harley arrived at the amusement park and took off her shoes before entering the premises. The security guard, due to being an adult, stayed outside and kept watch.

Harley is naturally likable, lively, and outgoing. She takes the initiative to greet other children and believes that it's better to have fun with others than alone. As a result, in no time, a group of children followed Harley and started playing with her.

Harley was having a great time when suddenly his gaze caught sight of a 7 or 8-year-old boy standing in a corner of the amusement park, not playing, just boredly watching.

This big brother... looks familiar!

Immediately, Harley recognized him. He was one of the guys who had fought with them at her birthday party.

However, this older brother is a good person because he made the other few people apologize.

At that time, she just couldn't ask for the name of that brother.

At this point, Harley stepped forward and asked the other person, "Do you want to play with me? I can take you to play on the slide!"

Lornell recognized the familiar face of Harley and knew who he was.

Speaking of it, he usually doesn't leave a deep impression on people or things, but for her, it seems to be an exception.

Maybe she was the only girl who was so young and brave enough to come at him with teeth bared and fists flying.

Although she was so small and everyone else was bigger than her at the time, she still charged forward with a face full of anger, even

though she couldn't beat anyone.

Does he not know whether to commend the other person's courage or to actually call her a fool?

I thought they wouldn't see each other again after that time.

And now, we unexpectedly meet again in a place like this.

Today, he came to this amusement park just because he was bored. During lunchtime, he was dining in a private room on the second floor. Through the floor-to-ceiling windows, he saw many children playing in the amusement area below. They seemed to be having a lot of fun, so he suddenly wanted to come down and

play too.

But when he actually went inside, he found it extremely boring.

Just as he was thinking about leaving, the little one ran straight up

to him and asked if he wanted to play and go down the slide together.

"Only someone like you would enjoy playing on a slide," said

Lornell.

Harley widened her eyes and looked surprised. "Don't you like playing on the slide?"

"No, I don't," he replied bluntly.

"But playing on the slide is so much fun!" she exclaimed, as if

she couldn't believe that there were kids who didn't like it. "Trista,

Jasmine, and Tina all love playing on it!"

She even gave examples.

"Just because they like it doesn't mean I have to," he said

disdainfully.

"Have you ever played on it before? I'll play with you, and you'll definitely like it!" Harley said, reaching out to grab Lornell's hand.

Lornell's face stiffened as he looked at the small hand that had grabbed his. He furrowed his brow in confusion.

Why would someone grab his hand like that? He had always been very cautious since he was young and wouldn't let unrelated

people touch him because it could be dangerous.

And danger, sometimes, could be deadly.

But now, he had been grabbed by a child like this.

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"Why do you want to hang out with me? Don't forget, we've had a fight before," he stared at her and said.

"But you're good, you didn't say anything about my mommy, and you even made those few people apologize!" said Harley. "But why won't you tell me your name?"

"Why do I have to tell you my name again?" Lornell asked in response.

It seems that Harley was asked this question. She blinked her eyes and tilted her head, thinking for a moment before finally saying, "Do I have to wait until we become good friends before you can tell me your name?"

Good friend?!

Lornell looked at the other person with a dumbfounded expression, how could he possibly become friends with this kid!

Harley said, "Let's go play!" before waiting for him to let go of the other person. He then grabbed Lornell's hand and headed towards the slide.

At this moment, the security guards standing by the railing outside the amusement park were staring in amazement.

The bodyguard from the Hart family became wary as Harley

approached Lornell. Although he had never met Lornell before, his instincts told him that this child was not ordinary.

After Harley grabbed the other person's hand, the bodyguard's anxiety level skyrocketed. After all, he was responsible for the safety of his young master. If anything were to happen to the young lady while she was here, Mr. Hart would surely punish him severely.

As he was completely focused on watching his young miss and the little boy, he suddenly heard someone whispering next to him, "No way, that child is actually holding onto the young master's hand!"

"That child has too much courage!"

"The young master didn't even shake him off. Does the young master know that child?"

The bodyguard of the Hart family turned his head towards the person next to him upon hearing this. The other person also looked at him alertly, and so the several bodyguards looked at each other in confusion.

After a while, the bodyguard from the Hart family broke the silence and asked, "Is this young boy in the blue shirt your...young master?"

The other person seemed to have realized something and asked, "Is the one wearing the pink dress your family member?"

"That's my young lady," said the Hart family's bodyguard.

So the few people looked at each other again, fell into silence, and then looked back at their respective masters.

At this moment, Harley has brought Lornell to the slide. She takes the initiative to hold his hand and places it around her waist. Then, she earnestly says, "You need to hold onto me so we can slide down together!"

Lornell frowned, but Harley pulled him down and they slid all the way down.

When the two of them rushed down the slide and landed in the pile of ocean balls below, Lornell was a bit slow to react.

He's actually playing on the slide with this kid?!

If those people found out, they would definitely laugh at him mercilessly.

At this point, his gaze suddenly swept towards the few bodyguards outside the field.

The few bodyguards were taken aback. The young master's gaze, is this... a warning?!

Immediately, several bodyguards understood the situation and knew that this matter had to be kept secret.

At that moment, suddenly a burst of giggling laughter erupted.

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Lornell turned his head and saw Harley smiling brightly at him, saying "The slide is so much fun, isn't it!"

This smile, with a certain infectiousness, suddenly made Lornell feel like sliding down with her, which wasn't such a bad thing.

Just then, a loud explosion suddenly rang out in the restaurant, and Lornell felt as if his body had been hit by a violent shock. Immediately, everything went black and he fell into a coma.

And at the moment he passed out, the only thing he felt was a small hand firmly holding his hand.

Someone's voice, as if crying and shouting, sounded in his ear.

He wanted to move, but he couldn't move at all.

Even though he opened his eyes now, what he saw was still a dimness. Before him, it seemed to be all rubble and broken things that could no longer be recognized.

Where...where is this? Lornell thought, suddenly remembering the loud noise from before.

Right, was that an explosion earlier? What exploded? He was playing in the restaurant at the time, and then after the explosion,

did it become like this?

Suddenly, his body stiffened, feeling a soft presence in his arms.

At this moment, he couldn't even see clearly what was in his arms, but he had a possible thought in his mind. He thought that what he was holding might be the little guy named Harley.

When the explosion occurred, she was right next to him, but... she was lying motionless on top of him. Did she... die?

The thought of this little guy's potential death made him feel uneasy.

If only he had told the little one his name... He even thought this to himself, picturing the bright smile on the little one's face that he

had seen last.

At that moment, suddenly, the little one in his arms let out a whimper, causing Lornell's body to stiffen abruptly.

"Daddy... Mommy... Harley hurts..." The little one's voice was muffled and filled with tears as he shouted.

The sound made Lornell suddenly breathe a sigh of relief – she's still alive!

"You... your parents are not here," said Lornell. Even though it was just a simple sentence, saying it out loud was more difficult than he had imagined. It was as if every word he spoke brought a

physical pain to his body.

"Where are they? I want to find my mommy and daddy," the little one cried with sobs.

"I don't know where they are... Even if you cry, you can't go find them," he said. He always disliked crying, but for some reason,

her crying at the moment didn't make him as averse to it.

Perhaps her crying is reducing the breath of death.

“What place is this?” asked the little one, with a hint of tears in his voice. However, he listened to her occasional talking, and her voice was smooth. It seemed that when she spoke, she did not feel the pain he was experiencing at the moment.

So, her injury shouldn’t be too serious, right?

“Before... I’m afraid there was an explosion, so we might still

be in the restaurant now, or maybe we were blown out of the restaurant. Anyway, we are buried, and it depends on whether we can hold on until someone comes to rescue us,” he said.

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At this moment, after his eyes adjusted to the current lighting,

he finally saw clearly that above them, there was a stone pillar supporting another pillar, creating a triangular space that allowed

him and her to survive.

However, at the same time, they were also unable to move due to the small space.

However, even if the space is large enough, he doesn’t know if he can move because every bone in his body is in excruciating pain

right now.

It is unclear whether the rescue team will find them first and save them, or if the pillar will collapse due to instability or other vibrations, and no one knows which will happen first.

“When will someone come to rescue us?” the little one asked. “I’m pain right now, but I can’t get up.”

Although it hurt, Harley tried hard to hold back her tears and didn’t cry anymore. Her mom had told her that when facing difficulties, she should be a brave little kid. So...um, she wanted to be brave!

“I don’t know, maybe soon... Maybe... We might die before anyone comes to rescue us,” said Lornell.

For him, the meaning of death is actually very clear.

Harley is only 3 years old and doesn’t fully understand death. She knows that when someone dies, they are gone and can no longer see their parents or play with their favorite toys.

"We won't die! Not a chance!" Harley immediately retorted. She still had so many toys to play with, and her daddy even said that when she starts kindergarten, he'll buy her a pretty little backpack!

And, most importantly, she doesn't want to be separated from her mommy and daddy!

Lornell remained silent because whether he would live or die was not something they could decide!

"My mommy and daddy will definitely come to save us!" the little one said with unwavering conviction.

"Perhaps they are all in danger themselves," said Lornell.

The little one didn't understand the meaning of this four-character idiom at all.

"Your parents may have been hit by the explosion and could be trapped like us, waiting for someone to rescue them." He had originally wanted to say that her parents might not have survived the explosion, but when the words reached his lips, he changed them.

"My parents will be fine!" The little one's voice, with a hint of crying, "They are definitely safe and sound now, and they will come to rescue us!"

After a moment, Lornell felt a damp sensation around his neck.

Is this... her tears?

"Don't cry," said Lornell. Although he didn't mind her crying, her tears somehow fell on his neck, making him feel a burning sensation.

"I-I didn't cry, I'm a brave baby," Harley choked out, refusing to admit that she had cried. "Anyway, my mommy and daddy

won't... won't let anything happen to themselves, let alone us. They will definitely come find us and rescue us!"

She firmly believes in this.

Time is passing slowly, and the sounds that Lornell was hearing in his ears seem to be getting quieter and quieter, until they eventually fade away completely.

Around here, it seems to be getting more and more quiet.