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"Is there a law that says if you put a book on a table, you have the exclusive right to use the whole table and others can't use it?" Veronica spoke up. "These tables and chairs are for the restaurant's public use. The restaurant never said you could use things to reserve seals."

"Reserving seats with things is an established custom," the girl said.

"Custom?" Veronica sneered. "Just because it's a custom doesn't mean it's right. Besides, if you can occupy a whole table with just one book, can I occupy the whole restaurant with several books?"

The other girl's face turned red. "You're just being tricky!"

"I've made myself clear! Besides, we didn't even sit where you put your books. There are empty seats, so if you want to sit, sit there. If not, then leave. We still need to eat."

The girl was so angry that she trembled all over. She took a step forward and grabbed Veronica's hand, "Get up! Why are you eating at our seat?"

With this pull, the knife and fork in Veronica's hand fell direct to the ground, and some of the food on the plate also splashed on her clothes.

"What are you doing!" Shirley suddenly stood up and shouted at the girl.

At this moment, two more boys walked over, "What's going on?"

The girl who had a conflict with Veronica immediately complained, "These two girls took our seats. I have already put my books on the table, but they still shamelessly sat down!"

One of the boys said, "Forget it, you sit here, Cato Wit and I will go find another seat."

"No, they have to leave!" The girl seemed to want to confront Veronica and insisted on not giving in.

"Why should we leave? Is this seat with your name on it? Did you buy it?" Shirley exclaimed indignantly.

Cato, who was called, was the girlfriend of the girl who had a dispute with Veronica and Shirley. When he saw his girlfriend looking so wronged, he immediately frowned and said to Veronica and Shirley, "Okay, you can leave now with your food. Let's pretend this never happened."

The tone was like ordering people.

This meal was eaten with anger. Veronica felt her stomach churning and felt uncomfortable.

She suppressed this uncomfortable feeling and said, "As you leave now and apologize to me for pulling and dirtying clothes earlier, then I can pretend this never happened."

Veronica pointed to the girl who caused the trouble as she spoke.

"You see, she's still saying that!" The girl turned to Cato, as if she had suffered a great grievance.

Cato naturally wanted to stand up for his girlfriend, so he said

to Veronica, "Really? Okay then, since your clothes are already dirty, why not make them even dirtier!"

Saying that, he picked up a bowl of soup in front of Veronica and splashed it towards her.

Fortunately, Veronica was already on guard while speaking and immediately dodged to the side.

However, because she was sitting on a chair, her clothes were still partially splashed.

"Veronica, are you okay? Is it serious?!" Shirley quickly got up and approached Veronica, asking worriedly.

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"It's okay, the soup isn't hot." Veronica said, which was fortunate. She stood up, stared angrily at Cato and said, "Who do you think you are? Can you just do this to others?"

"You bumped into the soup in my hand. What's it got to do with me?" Cato lied with his eyes open.

Veronica obviously understood that the other party was a rogue. She was about to say something else when suddenly the nausea in her stomach became stronger. She instinctively covered her mouth, picked up her bag, and hurried towards the restroom.

"Hey, Veronica, wait!" Shirley quickly followed.

After the two left, Cato spat and proudly said, "This kind of woman needs to be taught a lesson, and she will naturally leave obediently. Alright, let's sit down."

The others echoed, but another male student did not sit down. He hesitated and said, "Cato, the woman you splashed soup on just now...I...I think I've seen her before."

"Seen her before? What, have you met her before?" Cato said indifferently.

"Um...I need to check." The other person said, and actually to out his phone and started searching.

Cato asked strangely, "What, don't tell me that woman is some kind of celebrity? She doesn't look like one!"

Just then, the male student suddenly whispered, "Yes, it's her! Oh my god!"

"What's going on? Who is she?" Other people crowded around the boy's phone to see the search results.

After looking at the phone, the faces of those people began to look unpleasant. After a moment, they looked up at Cato with a strange expression.

It was both awkward and sympathetic.

Cato felt a little uneasy being looked at like that. "Why do you all have that expression? Who is that girl?"

Cato's girlfriend, the girl who had a conflict with Veronica at first, had an almost crying expression after seeing the search results on the phone. "What should we do? Why is it her? How could she come to the school cafeteria to eat, and she's not even wearing any famous brands? Who can recognize her?"

"But in school, it seems that many people can recognize her..." Another girl timidly said. When they were arguing here just now, the other people in the cafeteria didn't come forward, but they all looked over here.

Some people were even whispering constantly, presumably they had already recognized the identity of the other party.

Cato impatiently took the phone from his friend's hand and looked at the content of the search on the phone. "Who is it? Why are you making such a fuss..."

His voice stopped abruptly because at this moment, he had also seen the content on the phone.

It was... a photo. The photo showed Veronica and Mason being photographed at school, and the title was "Saw the Reed family's Mason and his girlfriend, they are really from our school!"

Cato could confirm at a glance that the woman in the photo was the woman he had just spilled soup on!

This woman... is the girlfriend of the Reed family's Mason?

The Reed family's Mason, could it be the one he was thinking of... "The Reed family"?

Thinking of this, Cato looked at the man who had searched the phone at the beginning with guilty eyes. "Which one is this 'The Reed family"?"

"It's the richest family in our Emerald City, The Reed family." The other person replied.

Cato's heart suddenly skipped a beat, and his face became extremely ugly.

If the woman just now was really the girlfriend of the Reed family's Mason, what would be the consequences of his behavior just now? At this moment, he almost dared not continue to

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Veronica was vomiting in the toilet, and she vomited for a while until her stomach was empty before she felt a little better.

When she walked out of the toilet compartment, Shirley quickly approached and asked, "How are you? Why did you vomit for so long?"

"My stomach just felt uncomfortable, and I suddenly felt nauseous and wanted to vomit," Veronica said, looking at her friend's worried eyes. She smiled and said, "I'm fine now. It feels much better after vomiting."

She walked to the sink, rinsed her mouth, and washed her face

with cold water.

However, when she looked at herself in the mirror on the sink, she looked pale, especially because she had been splashed with vegetable soup before. Her hair and clothes were covered in vegetable soup, making her look particularly embarrassed.

"Are you really okay?" Shirley asked.

"Yes," Veronica said.

"Then go to my dormitory first, take a shower, and change your clothes! Our body shapes are similar, so you can wear my clothes too," Shirley said.

Veronica was a day student, so she did not live in the school dormitory, making Shirley's proposal the most convenient.

"Then let's go to your dormitory first," Veronica said.

When they arrived at Shirley's dormitory, Shirley gave Veronica some clean clothes to change into.

The dorm room has a private bathroom, so taking a shower is quite convenient.

However, before taking a shower, Veronica vomited again after smelling the dried fish Shirley had taken out casually.

But since she had already vomited before, there wasn't much left in her stomach, so she didn't vomit much this time.

After Veronica finished washing her hair and body and came out of the bathroom, Shirley suddenly asked her, "Veronica, have you had sex with Mason?"

Veronica stumbled and almost slipped. Shirley's question was really embarrassing!

Then Shirley realized that her question was inappropriate and quickly changed it, "I...I mean, are you pregnant? Did you have your period this month?"

Veronica was stunned. Her period was already a week late.

However, her period had been early or late by a week before, which was within the normal range.

"You just vomited earlier, which feels a bit like morning

sickness. If your period is late, why don't you go to the hospital for a check-up, just in case!" Shirley suggested.

Half an hour later, Veronica and Shirley arrived at the hospital and got a number for the gynecology department.

It didn't take long for Veronica to see the doctor, who gave her a prescription for a blood test, which is the most accurate way to determine if she is pregnant.

After Veronica had her blood drawn, she sat in the waiting area, waiting for the test results, while Shirley went to the hospital's convenience store to buy some food for Veronica.

After all, Veronica had vomited most of the food she had eaten before.

Just then, Veronica's phone rang, and she saw that it was Mason calling.

She answered and heard Mason say, "I'll come pick you up later. You don't have class this afternoon, do vou?"

"Wait!" Veronica quickly said, "I'm not at school right now, don't go to school."

"Where are you?" he asked.

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Veronica pursed her lips, hesitating a bit before saying, "I'm at the hospital."

"What?" Mason's voice changed noticeably. "Why are you at the hospital? Are you injured?! Where are you hurt? Is it serious?"

A series of questions exploded on the other end of the phone.

Veronica awkwardly said, "I'm not injured... it's just that there's something going on, so I came to the hospital."

"What's going on?" he asked.

"It's just a routine blood test to see if... um, if I'm pregnant," her voice grew quieter as she spoke.

After all, the results haven't come out yet, so it's uncertain whether she's pregnant or not. She's just a week late for her period.

And in the past, her period has been delayed for up to two weeks.

Immediately, there was silence on the other end of the phone.

"Mason?" Because the silence had lasted too long, Veronica couldn't help but ask.

"Which hospital are you at?" Mason's voice finally rang out again.

When Veronica said the name of the hospital, Mason only said quickly, "Wait for me at the hospital, I'll be right there!"

When Shirley came back with bread and mineral water, she saw Veronica staring at her phone.

"What's wrong?" she asked.

"Mason called just now and said he's coming over," Veronica said.

"Does he know you came to the hospital to check if you're pregnant?" Shirley asked.

"Yes," Veronica nodded.

Shirley handed the bread and water to her friend, "Have some, your stomach must be empty now."

Veronica didn't refuse and started eating.

"By the way, if you are really pregnant, what are you going to do?" Shirley asked curiously.

"I will keep it," Veronica said without hesitation.

If there really was a little life in her belly, giving birth was the natural thing to do. But...Mason had taken precautions, except for that night a month ago when they had sex several times and

ran out of condoms for the last two times.

Could it be those two times?

But it's still uncertain whether she's pregnant or not.

When Veronica was halfway through her bread, Mason arrived. He was a little out of breath, indicating that he had run all the way here after parking his car.

"How did you get here so fast?" Veronica was surprised. It had only been about ten minutes since he called her.

"I wasn't far from here when I called you," Mason said. "So, have you got the result yet?"

"Hmm," Veronica said.

"Did you not eat lunch? Why are you eating bread now?" he asked, glancing at the bread she hadn't finished yet. It was only just after two in the afternoon, so if she had already eaten lunch, she shouldn't be hungry enough to eat bread now.

Before Veronica could answer, Shirley indignantly recounted what had happened at the restaurant at lunchtime.

When Shirley mentioned how the other person had poured soup directly onto Veronica, Mason's face darkened and he emitted an aura of anger.

Even Shirley, who had been angry just moments before, could feel the anger emanating from Mason and closed her mouth.

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"So, someone poured soup on you?" Mason asked Veronica.

When he had arrived earlier, his attention had been focused on her hospital test results. Now he noticed that she was wearing different clothes than she had been in the morning, and her hair was still slightly damp.

Veronica nodded awkwardly.

"Did it burn you?" Mason asked.

"No, the soup wasn't hot, so it didn't burn me," Veronica replied.

"Why didn't you tell me about this?" Mason asked her.

"It wasn't a big deal, and I was planning on handling it myself,"

Veronica said.

"If something like this happens again, you should call me immediately!" Mason said. He was relieved that the soup wasn't hot; he didn't even want to imagine what would have happened

if it had been.

"I understand," she said, understanding his concern.

"Thank goodness you're okay," Mason hugged Veronica tightly.

Veronica was startled by this sudden gesture, especially since

they were in the hospital waiting area and there were still many patients around.

But even though she blushed, she didn't push Mason away.

Because she could feel his concern.

"I'm fine, I'll take good care of myself. Getting splashed with hot soup this time was an accident. I'll be more careful next time," Veronica said.

Looking at the two embracing in front of her, Shirley, the third wheel, quickly said, "Veronica, since Mason is here to accompany you, I'll head back to school first. Let me know the results when they come out!"

After Shirley left, Veronica checked the time and it was almost time to retrieve her report. So she decided to go to the machine. to scan the code and get the report.

"Give me the barcode, I'll get it for you," Mason said.

"Oh," Veronica replied and handed the barcode needed to retrieve the report to Mason.

The machine was just a few steps away from the waiting area. Veronica sat in her seat and could clearly see Mason retrieving the report.

The machine spit out the report, and Veronica only saw Mason pick it up, lower his head to look at the report, and then stand still in the same spot.

He could understand the report?!

Veronica was stunned for a moment and was about to get up, but she saw Mason raise his head and look at her. His gaze was both joyful and worried.

In that instant, even though Veronica hadn't seen the report yet, she could tell that she was probably pregnant!

Pregnant... Was there a little life inside her belly right now?

Mason walked up to Veronica and said, "Your HCG and progesterone levels are higher than normal, so you must be pregnant."

"Can you understand it?" she asked.

"It's simple enough to understand," he replied. On the way there, he had searched online and knew that the two data points were the main indicators of pregnancy.

The two of them walked towards the gynecology clinic.

"Veronica, let's get married," Mason suddenly said.

Veronica stopped in her tracks and looked at him in surprise.

"Although I originally planned to wait until you graduated before we got married, if you are really pregnant, I hope we can move up the wedding. As for your studies, you will graduate in six months, and whether you want to finish your studies first or

have the baby first, I respect your choice," Mason said seriously.

Veronica blinked her eyes. Although she had thought about having the baby after realizing she was pregnant, she had forgotten that she needed to get married first.

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Getting married during college...

It's a bit too early!

In the clinic, after the doctor looked at her report, he confirmed that she was indeed pregnant. Based on the last day of her menstrual cycle, she was already five weeks pregnant.

However, for the next few days, she needed to come in every other day to have her blood checked to ensure that the pregnancy was progressing well.

When they left the hospital, Veronica was still in a daze, as if everything that had happened felt unreal.

She was really pregnant!

There's a little life growing inside her belly!

Even though she didn't feel anything, the miracle of life was already developing in her abdomen, and this strange feeling

made her feel dazed.

"What do you think of my proposal earlier?" Mason's voice in the car brought her back to reality.

"Proposal?" She was confused, but then realized he was

probably talking about getting married. Since they were having a

child now, then-"Let's get married!"

Veronica took a deep breath and gave her answer.

And the moment she said her answer, she suddenly felt a sense of relief.

The confusion, worry, and anxiety of being pregnant seemed to disappear with those words.

"Are you sure you're not just doing this out of obligation?" Mason asked.

"You and I were going to get married eventually, so why not do it sooner? Besides, we're already living together, so getting married won't really change anything."

"You're only five weeks pregnant, and usually the belly won't start showing until around four to five months. If we have the wedding before your belly shows, it might be rushed. Are you sure that's okay?" he asked.

For him, he wanted to give her a perfect wedding and enough time to adjust mentally.

But for her, getting married now felt like being rushed into it.

"It's okay. The people who need to get married are us, and the wedding is just to let others know we're married and to receive their blessings. As long as I love you, you love me, and your family accepts me as part of the family, then that's enough."

As for her family... Veronica's eyes dimmed.

"If you want your father and them to attend the wedding, I can arrange it..."

"No need." Mason's words were interrupted by Veronica, "Since we have already made up our minds to cut ties, then we don't need them to attend my wedding. But I..."

She hesitated for a moment and murmured, "I want to go see my mother, tell her that I'm getting married, and about the baby."

"Okay, if the baby's condition stabilizes after the check-up in the next few days, we'll go see your mother," Mason said.

"Thank you," Veronica said.

Her mother had passed away many years ago, but if her mother knew about it from the afterlife, she would be happy for her.

Veronica had almost vomited everything she ate for lunch, and although she later ate some bread to fill her hunger, Mason was still worried that she would be hungry. So he took her to a

restaurant.

It wasn't until they got out of the car that Veronica realized that this was a restaurant specializing in cuisine for pregnant

Women.

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Veronica was a little speechless. Was she too early to come

here?

"Aren't you having morning sickness? The food here is said to be very good on the internet, with both taste and nutrition taken into account. And some pregnant women who are prone to morning sickness especially like the food here," Mason said.

"Internet reviews? When did you start paying attention to this kind of restaurant?" Veronica couldn't help but ask.

"When you went to the bathroom after seeing the doctor," he

said.

It was only a few minutes, and in that short time, he found this

restaurant online and even read the reviews? That was too fast.

Seeing her doubts, he said, "This restaurant was recommended to me by your friend, she probably found out about it."

"You mean Shirley?" Veronica asked. After all, among her friends who knew she was pregnant, only Shirley would recommend this kind of restaurant.

"Hmm." Mason said.

A warm feeling rose in Veronica's heart. It was really nice to have a friend like Shirley.

They entered the restaurant and Mason ordered a private room. After they sat down, Veronica had a hard time choosing from the wide variety of dishes.

Sometimes having too many choices isn't necessarily a good thing.

Also, she was experiencing morning sickness and wasn't sure which foods would make her feel nauseous.

"Can't decide?" Mason asked.

"Um...they all look appetizing to me," Veronica said. "And I'm not sure which foods will make me feel sick."

"Then let's order everything," Mason said directly.

Veronica was startled, even the waiter next to them was stunned. "Everything...on the menu?" she asked.

"Yes, order everything that can be ordered," Mason said.

"But...the price..." The waiter thought Mason was showing off or causing trouble.

"I'll pay first. You can order all the dishes on the menu," Mason

said.

Now the waiter had nothing to say. Since Mason had already paid, even if they ordered everything, it was their own business!

Veronica hesitated and asked, "Do you really want to order everything?"

"Otherwise, it's hard to tell which ones you like. If you like the taste, then during your pregnancy, we can have the restaurant's chef take care of your meals," Mason said.

"..." Veronica didn't know what to say. This young master was so open about even wanting to poach people.

Soon, dishes started coming out one after another.

Knowing that they had ordered quite a lot, Veronica only tasted each dish and if she liked it, she would take a few more bites and make a note of which dish it was.

But even so, by the time all the dishes were served, she was almost full.

Fortunately, none of the dishes made her nauseous. She wasn't sure if it was because they tasted good or because she had already thrown up earlier that day.

"How's the food here?" Mason asked.

"It's pretty good," she replied.

"Then let the restaurant prepare your three meals a day?" Mason suggested.

"No need, no need!" Veronica quickly declined. She didn't expect him to be serious about it. "If I want to eat, I'll just come

here and eat."

"That's fine too. Or we can see if there are other chefs who can make dishes that you like," Mason said.

However, in the following days, Veronica's meals were delivered by someone from the restaurant, and they were all dishes from that same restaurant.

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As Mason had suggested, she could try the food and see if there were any other chefs who specialized in making meals for pregnant women that she preferred.

Due to her pregnancy, she needed to have her blood checked again to see how the baby was developing. Therefore, Veronica took a few days off from school to rest at home, so as not to risk getting morning sickness or affecting the baby's health.

The results of the blood test, which was done every other day, relieved her. The baby was doing well and growing healthily, with the index doubling, indicating that the baby was healthy and growing well.

Of course, pregnancy lasts for 9 months, 40 weeks, and it's just the beginning now.

She will spend every day with her baby well! Veronica silently promised in her heart.

These days, Veronica stayed in her small apartment. Mason would come back to accompany her when he had no classes, and of course, they would go to the hospital together for blood tests.

Veronica planned to recheck in a week. If the result was good, she would tell his family then.

"Why wait another week to tell them?" Mason clearly didn't

"I...I'm afraid that the situation may not be good later, and they will be disappointed." After another week, they could also do an ultrasound to check the fetal sac and fetal heart.

If the baby has a fetal sac and fetal heart, then it truly becomes a life.

She has also looked up a lot of information these days and knows that there are many situations where the baby may not have a fetal sac and fetal heart at all, which also represents natural selection, and the baby is instinctively eliminated from her body.

He saw her worries and said, "Okay, then it's up to you. But I don't want you to feel pressured. No matter what happens to the baby in your belly, it's our business, not just yours. You don't need to care about whether others will be disappointed. You are the most important one, understand?"

This is Mason's comfort.

There are not too many sweet words, but it makes her feel very relieved.

"Hmm." She responded softly. Whatever happens in the future, they will face it together.

However, Veronica did not expect that the next day when Mason went to school, the doorbell of her apartment rang, and the person who came was the ones who had conflicts with her in the restaurant before.

"You..." Veronica frowned and did not let the other party into the house.

She made it clear that she did not welcome these people in front of her.

"We are here to apologize to you, Student Barlow," one of them smiled and spoke up.

Cato and his girlfriend, who were the ones who had the most argument with Veronica in the restaurant earlier, looked embarrassed and no longer acted arrogantly like they did before.

"Student Barlow, we're sorry. It was just a small matter when we argued over a seat in the restaurant that day. We heard that you weren't feeling well, so we bought some milk and fruit to visit you," Cato's girlfriend said apologetically.

Although their tone was humble, there was still a sense of reluctance.

Cato also spoke up, "Student Barlow, it was a misunderstanding that day. If you suffered any losses, I can compensate you. Please forgive me."

Veronica looked at these people and understood that they probably knew about her relationship with Mason, so they came to apologize on purpose.

In the end, it was just fear of the Reed family.

If it weren't for the Reed family, these people probably wouldn't have come to apologize to her.

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"But I don't want to forgive you," Veronica said to Cato. "I don't think there was any misunderstanding that day."

"We're all classmates, why say that?" Cato's girlfriend said.

"If we were really just classmates, then we wouldn't have poured soup on each other in public. Did you not think about the danger before doing it?" Veronica said coldly.

"It's not like it was that dangerous. The soup wasn't even hot, and besides, you weren't burned," the other person defended.

Veronica found it funny that some people always downplayed their own mistakes and thought they hadn't done anything wrong.

But these past few days, she still felt scared when she thought about that bowl of soup.

Fortunately, the soup wasn't hot. If it had been scalding, it wouldn't have just been a matter of her getting burned, but it could have also caused her to lose the baby in her stomach.

To her, the other person's behavior wasn't just insulting, but it was clearly hurtful.

So she had no intention of forgiving him!

"Whether or not I got burned is one thing, but whether or not he threw the soup is another," Veronica said. "Besides, it's my right to forgive or not, isn't it?"

Cato's girlfriend wasn't a good-tempered person to begin with, and she was used to being domineering in class. When she heard Veronica say this, she immediately retorted, "You're just acting like you're better than everyone else because you're Mason's girlfriend. You think you're superior and can pressure others at will?!"

"It seems like you're the ones pressuring me now," Veronica said.

"How can you say that? You deliberately pressured the Reed family to pressure Cato's family. Are you so malicious that you want to make them unlucky just because of a small bowl of soup?" the girl said angrily.

"Mira!" Cato quickly shouted to silence his girlfriend. After all, if things continued like this, it might turn into a conflict.

"Student Barlow, it's my business to throw soup on you, and it has nothing to do with my family. But now, because of the Reed family's obstruction, the project that we could have taken over has been discouraged and suspended. I hope you can make the Reed family stop," Cato said.

His girlfriend muttered, "That's a multi-billion dollar project. It's too much for just a bowl of soup!"

Veronica finally understood that the reason was more

complicated than she had originally thought.

From what she heard, Cato's family should be well-off.

Perhaps it was precisely because of this that he would throw soup without any concern for the consequences.

Maybe for Cato, even if she was really burned by the soup, it would only be a matter of paying some money.

"Sometimes, a bowl of soup can have such consequences. A small accident can cause irreparable consequences. Since your family is in business, you should understand this principle," Veronica said to Cato. "Don't make this mistake again in the future."

Cato squinted his eyes and said, "What did you say-"

Just as he raised his hand, suddenly two people who had been hiding in the dark rushed out and subdued Cato to the ground.

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These were the bodyguards arranged by Mason to protect Veronica.

Cato was embarrassed and pressed to the ground, his face turning red. He tried to twist his body to get rid of the restraint, but it was futile.

"What are you doing, let me go!" Cato shouted.

The other people were at a loss and wanted to help Cato, but they didn't dare to.

"You splashed me with soup. You came to apologize because of the pressure from the Reed family. If my boyfriend didn't have the background of the Reed family, if he was just an ordinary person, you wouldn't apologize at all. You might even think that splashing me with soup was a lesson for me, right?" Veronica spoke up. "So now, I'm just giving you a taste of your own medicine. This is a lesson for you. I hope you can learn from it and don't think you can rely on your family background. There will always be people with a stronger background than you in this world."

After Veronica finished speaking, she ignored the people at the door and closed the door for peace and quiet.

Anyway, the remaining matters would be handled by the bodyguards.

When Mason returned, he said to Veronica, "Those people won't come to bother you again."

"Did you ask your family to pressure and obstruct the business of the person who splashed soup on me?" Veronica asked.

"Hmm, I talked to my dad and didn't want to let the person who splashed soup on you off the hook." Mason said.

He couldn't bear to let anyone insult his cherished baby.

"But I heard from the bodyguards that you haven't forgiven them." he added.

Veronica sneered, "Why should I forgive them? They didn't do anything worth forgiving. They were just bullying others with their power. Now that they've met someone stronger than themselves, they're willing to back down. If it were someone without a background next time, they would still act the same way."

Therefore, she had no desire for forgiveness or sympathy towards them.

"Did you mention my pregnancy to Uncle Reed when you talked to him?" Veronica asked.

"Didn't you want to keep it a secret for now? So, I didn't say anything," Mason replied.

"Let's wait until after the ultrasound tomorrow to tell them,"

Veronica said. Just thinking about the upcoming examination made her nervous.

"What's wrong? Are you worried?" Mason asked.

"Mm-hmm," she murmured softly.

"Don't worry. I'm here. Get some rest, and we'll go to the hospital when you wake up," his voice was naturally cold, but when it was filled with tenderness, it could calm her inner anxiety.

Veronica hugged Mason tightly, "It's strange. When I went to the hospital to check if I was pregnant, I was scared and hoped that I wasn't. I always felt that I was too young to be a mother, and I didn't have the confidence to be a good one. But now, I hope that the baby in my belly is healthy. I... want to be its mother!"

That night, Veronica fell asleep with her face pressed tightly against Mason's chest, as if she could gain endless courage from

him.

The next day, when it was time for her ultrasound, she took a deep breath. Her nerves were even more tense than when she took the college entrance exam.

As she lay on the ultrasound table, the cold instrument examining her abdomen, she felt her heart beating faster and faster until the doctor examining her said that there was a fetal sac and heartbeat. Finally, the tension dissipated.

However, tears streamed down her face.