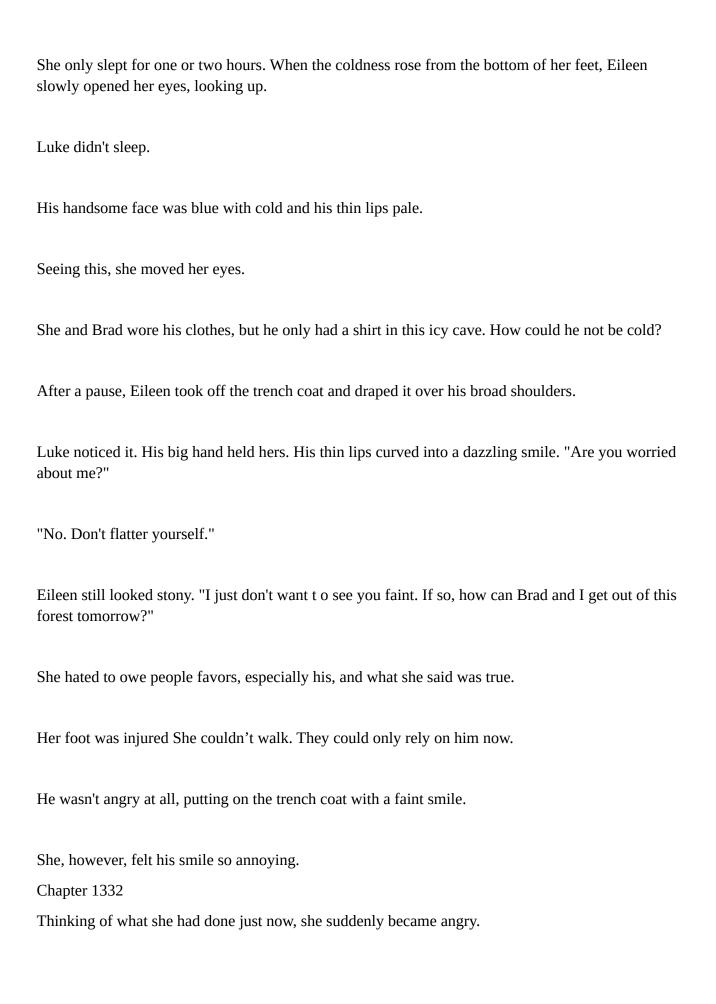
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Even so, they still felt cold. It was mainly because they gave their coats to Brad. Now they were only wearing a thin shirt and a sweater. Luke blinked, and his Adam's apple bobbed. After a short silence, he suddenly strode over and sat down behind the mother and son. He reached out and held them in his arms. He did that briskly without hesitation. However, the next second he was punched several times in the chest. Eileen's chest heaved as she slammed her fist on his chest. "Let go of me!" Luke answered disapprovingly, "We used to sleep together naked. Now I just hug you. Why are you so worked up? Or you want to wake Brad up?" Hearing this, Eileen stopped hitting him, afraid that she would wake the child. Seeing that she had quieted down, Luke couldn't help smiling. He picked up Brad and took off the trench coat on him. "What are you doing?" she frowned, rebuking in a low voice. Without speaking, he draped the trench coat over her shoulders. He spread the coat and wrapped Brad with i t tightly. After that, his arms encircled them. They felt warmer than before.

As time passed, she was drowsy, gradually falling asleep.



"Why are you laughing? Is it so funny?" He thought she would still care about him, but it was obvious he was wrong. A stupid woman would be moved by a little kindness of a man. However, she was not stupid. Luke put Brad on his lap and then held Eileen in his trench coat. The three were close together. When he accidentally touched her cold hands that were as cold as ice, her brows immediately frowned. He held her wrists with his big hands and put them on his sturdy waist under his shirt. The body of a man was different from that of a woman. She was cold and shivered, as if she had fallen into an ice hole. However, his body was hot and just like a stove. "Don't move your hands away, and just hold my waist like this; otherwise you will feel uncomfortable at midnight. "Luke said again. Her hands were so cold that he trembled when she touched his body. Eileen knew what he was saying was the truth, so he had to embrace his waist with her arms even if she was unwilling to do so. It seemed that Luke thought of something. Then, he touched her foot and found it was colder than the hand. Afterwards, he covered her feet with both hands.

Eileen was shocked, staring at him in a daze, and her heart leaped.

Her cold eyes became gentle, and her heart seemed to be warmed by his hands. 'Doesn't he mind my dirty feet that were applied some medicine?' 'Isn't he a neat freak?' Then, he put her feet between his legs to warm her. The ointment stained his pants green, but he didn't care about that. "I have another way to make your body warmer. Do you know what it is?" Luke raised his head. His words made her come to her senses suddenly. She turned her head to the other side and said nothing. If this had happened before they got married, she must be very happy. However, the fact was that they had gotten divorced. Suddenly, Luke leaned forward, lowered his head, and kissed her cold lips. Then, Eileen's body became warm because of the kiss. However, Eileen became angry and warned him, "If you don't want me to slap you in the face, stay away from me now." 'I shouldn't be nice to him.' Luke leaned back and shrugged his shoulders helplessly, "I kiss you because I want to give the heat of my body to you." After hearing this, Eileen immediately pulled her feet out. However, he stopped her, "Don't move, and I promise you I will never touch you again. Good

night."

Her lips being moist and red after were kissed by Luke, but her eyes were like bright ruby with anger, staring at him.

"Come on! Don't worry! I promise I won't touch you." He chuckled lightly.

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"I won't take your word for it!" Eileen sneered.

"You'll find out tomorrow. Go to sleep now. It's too late." Luke said.

After the two of them had argued for a long time, she couldn't help but get sleepy and close her eyes.

He also closed his eyes. They could only hear the sound of the wood burning in the fire.

Early the next morning.

Eileen woke up first and saw the light outside the cave. Obviously, it was dawn.

Her shoulder felt heavy, so she looked over.

She saw Luke's head was resting on her shoulder, and he was in a deep sleep.

The firewood around them was still burning.

She thought he definitely didn't sleep well all night. Otherwise, without more firewood, the fire would have gone out.

At this time, Brad stretched his arms and said, "Mom, good morning."

Hearing Brad's words, Luke woke up. He sat up slowly, twisted his stiff neck, which actually made a sound, and said, "Since it's dawn, let's go."

Brad stroked his belly and said, "I'm hungry." Eileen opened the bag she had brought with her, where there were two buns. She gave one bun to Brad and threw the other one to Luke casually. Picking up the bun, Luke smiled. Glancing at his look, Eileen frowned and said directly, "If you are weak from hunger, how can you carry me out of the forest later?" Luke didn't think so but tore open the bun bag. Squatting, he gave the bun to her and said: n a low and steady voice, "You should eat it. Even if I don't eat it, I can carry you out of here." Eileen moved the corners of her mouth without saying anything. Dividing the bun into two halves, she handed one half to him and said, "Since you're going to carry me out of this forest, I should give you some reward. If you don't eat it, I won't let you carry me!" When Luke heard these words, his face became stern. He hated to hear words that estranged herself from him. But once he saw her determined look, he took the bun and ate it up quickly while sitting on a rock. Glancing at him, Eileen noticed that his suit pants had been stained with herbs, which looked very dirty. She remembered that he had always been a neat freak, but she didn't expect him to stand it now.

After Brad finished eating the bun, the three of them set off.

Brad walked in front of them with his bag on his back. Luke squatted down to carry Eileen on his broad back.

The moment he stepped out of the cave, he stopped in place. He was in a trance, but neither of them knew what he was thinking about.

Eileen, who was lying on his back, grabbed his coat and closed her eyes nervously. When she opened her eyes, she felt relieved.

It was better to identify the direction during the day. Luke looked around carefully and then walked into the forest.

A few hours later, they finally saw the road in front of them.

Brad jumped excitedly, "We are out."

Eileen let out a sigh of relief, "This time we found the right direction."

"Dad, can we go down the hills by riding in a cable car? I saw someone taking the cable car." Brad pointed in a direction.

However, at this moment, Luke didn't want to take the cable car.

Although he was tired, he felt the relief and happiness that he had never felt before. He said, "Are you tired?"

Brad nodded, "Dad, aren't you tired?"

"Your mother is very slim. It is impossible for me to feel tired. Didn't you say I didn't treat her well before? I want to continue carrying her. Let's go." Luke reached out to touch Brad's hair.

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Eileen heard what he said clearly.

She was willing to let him carry herself on his back originally. But after hearing these words, she wanted to get down from his back. She didn't want to accept his kindness, and she didn't want to have any contact with him anymore. Luke knew she was on the outs with him again. She just didn't want to remarry him, and she wanted to keep a distance from him. Instead of letting her get down from his back, he strode forward. Eileen was unhappy, so she began to struggle on his back. "There are many tourists around us. If you don't feel embarrassed, you just continue to struggle on my back. You know I am not shy." Eileen felt tired and angry, so she hit him heavily on his back, venting the anger. It would take only 20 minutes to reach the top of the mountain by cable car, but they spent three hours walking to the top. Furthermore, many people looked at them along the way. Her stomach started to hurt again, and she bit her lower lip without saying anything. It seemed that her health condition was getting worse and worse. She must have chemotherapy. When they arrived at the foot of the mountain, Luke did not go to drive his car. He went to a nearby restaurant and ordered a few dishes.

Eileen glared at him. He turned his head back and said, "You are not hungry, but Brad must be hungry after walking for a long time. Let him eat something first. After all, it will take at least 1 hour to get home." She didn't think about it. Brad only ate a bun, and he must be very hungry now. The restaurant owner noticed Luke's wrinkled suit and the green stains on his pants. His brow furrowed and he looked at Luke strangely. Luke was drinking tea and asked Brad what he wanted to eat from time to time. He didn't care about his disheveled clothes a t all. Eileen stared at him quietly for a while. Then, she drank a cup of tea and looked out of the window. When they returned to the apartment, it was getting dark. After putting Eileen on the bed, Luke took Brad to the bathroom. At this moment, someone was knocking on the door. Eileen stood up laboriously. However, before she started to walk to the door, Luke had gone to open the door. When he opened the door, he saw it was Ruben. Then, he frowned and asked, "Why do you come here?" Ruben said, "Where is Eileen?" Luke answered, "She isn't here."

At this moment, Eileen's voice came over," Who is it?"

Ruben glanced at him, walked into the room, and said in surprise, "You are at home?"

"Yes. My foot hurt, so I'm sorry that I couldn't open the door for you. Just help yourself." She pointed to her foot.

Ruben said, "I came here yesterday, but no one was at home. I called you, but you didn't pick up the phone."

"I came here to find you again this morning, but there was still no one in the apartment. I called you again, but I still couldn't get through. I am so worried that I plan to call the police."

Hearing what he said, Eileen was a little embarrassed, "I took my child to the canyon yesterday, but I didn't take the mobile phone with me."

"All right. Is the foot injury serious? Do you need me to take you to the hospital?" Ruben said immediately.

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Eileen said, "It doesn't matter. I've applied medicine. I don't need to go to the hospital and I'll be fine after a few days' rest."

Ruben felt relieved and sat opposite her. They gazed at each other. Ruben said in a deep voice, "Please be my girlfriend!"

Eileen was stunned. When she came to her senses, she said, "I already turned you down before."

"I'm not joking. I'm serious! I felt wonderful when I first met you. Every time I think back on that day, I will picture your appearance in my mind. That feeling was especially wonderful."

Ruben said with emotion, "You said before that you didn't want to accept a new relationship in a short time. I guess you might have said that because of Brad.

Actually, I'm okay with Brad."

"I like Brad very much. I can love him exactly as much as you do. It's not a problem at all. Please be together with me."

Eileen was about to say something when Ruben interrupted her and said, "Don't answer me right now. Give me an answer i n two days. I want to hear you say yes and I want to hear you say that you are willing to be with me."

"We can get along with each other like this, without burdens and pressure. I will do my best to take care of you. Please believe me!"

How did you feel when you heard a man express his love to your ex-wife?

Luke wanted to curse at this point.

'Fuck!'

Luke frowned and showed a gloomy face. Then he silently opened the bathroom door and walked out.

Brad shouted, "Dad! Close the door! Dad! I'm not wearing my pants! I'm naked! Close the door!"

But no one had time to pay attention to him at this moment.

Luke quickly walked towards Ruben and unceremoniously threw his shoulder against Ruben. Then Luke looked at Eileen with a stern expression and said, "Ignore this man! Please remarry me!"

Eileen didn't understand what Luke meant. She pointed to the bathroom and said," Brad wants you to close the bathroom door.

Luke didn't have time to close the door right now!

Luke frowned and said slowly and clearly," I'm serious! I'm not joking! Please be serious! I know it was all my fault for what had happened before. I have no right to justify myself, but I will do my best to earn your trust."

"We have Brad, which is incomparable to others. If we remarry, Brad will grow up in a happy family. Otherwise, it will only hurt Brad."

"Do you know Brad said that if you meet the right person in the future and get married, he won't oppose you because he thinks that his objections are useless?"

"He thinks you're going to get married in the future, and so am I. We will have our own families and children. You will love him but will not love him as much as you do now. He thinks that you'll forget him slowly and ignore him."

Brad covered his face. What his dad said made him shy. 'Why is Dad getting me involved when he wants to remarry Mom?'

Brad thought about it and shouted, "Mr.

Lyall is an exception. He loves me very much. I am okay with him!"

"Take your bath! Don't talk nonsense!"

Luke didn't hold back and lost his temper!

He tried so hard to give Brad a whole family. But Brad didn't support him at this moment.

Luke used those words that Brad said before to create a sad atmosphere. Luke was waiting for Eileen to be moved.

But what Brad said ruined the efforts he had made.

At this point, Luke wanted to rush into the bathroom to punish Brad.

Why didn't his son help him at a critical moment?

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Ruben said with a smile, "Your son is indeed the best reason for you two to get back together, but you have to think about the whole thing from her standpoint. For the sake of Brad, she has endured this marriage for eight years. It's not just several months or a couple of years, but eight years!"

"To let Brad grow up healthily and happily: n a complete family, she has devoted her youth and happiness for so many years...'

After saying that, he paused and turned to look at Luke, who was standing opposite

Luke was clearly in a bad mood. His face darkened and he stared back at him with sharp eyes.

Pursing his thin lips, Luke wore a sullen expression.

Ruben then continued, "You haven't given her any happiness and care during your marriage, and she is already thirty years old. Do you know a woman's youth is short lived?"

"If Brad is too young to stand and walk by himself and needs her mother's care and love, Eileen would never agree to divorce.'

"But Brad is eight years old now, and he has become more sensible. Sometimes, he acts like a grown-up and can think of things that even adults tend to ignore."

"If he has to choose between a complete family maintained by a loveless marriage and her mother's happiness, he will definitely choose the latter!"

Frowning deeply, Luke narrowed his eyes and shot a cold glance at Ruben.

"Don't pretend like you know everything. You have no right to interfere with our domestic affairs!"

"It's so ridiculous to think that our marriage is a tool to maintain a complete family! Eileen still loves me, so she doesn't have to put up with our marriage!"

Ruben smiled faintly and retorted, "I have to remind you that she may have loved you deeply before, but now she doesn't love you anymore. Otherwise, she wouldn't have treated you like this, would she?"

Ruben's words indeed hit the nail on the head. Luke's expression changed drastically in a n instant. He felt as if someone had thrown a huge stone in his heart, which froze him on the spot. Then he flew into a rage and snapped," She's just angry with me. After she calms down, we'll get back together!" Luke tried to suppress his urge to punch Ruben right in the face. He hated the self-righteous people the most! "Are you lying to me or to yourself? Do you think she will still forgive you?" Ruben sneered contemptuously. "If you don't want to get beaten up, you'd better shut up now!" Luke's eyes immediately turned fierce. He clenched his fists so tightly that the knuckles gave a crisp sound. His patience was running out, and he was about to lose his composure. But Ruben still tried to provoke him. "Are you ashamed into anger now?" Veins stood out on Luke's forehead, and a murderous look appeared on his face. Out of great anger, Luke stepped forward and held Ruben's collar with big hands, as i f he was going to fight with him. After returning from the canyon, Eileen always felt groggy with a burning sensation in her stomach,

and she also felt dizzy from time to time.

However, she didn't even have time to go to the hospital.

The weather was already pretty cold in the canyon, and after spending a night in a damp and bleak cave, she must have caught a cold!

But Luke and Ruben were still quarreling without the slightest intention of stopping, which gave her a more severe headache.

"My head hurts and I feel uncomfortable all over. I need to have a rest. Can you two keep quiet and leave now?"

Unable to bear the noise, she finally interrupted them.

Hearing this, Ruben said, "Let's go to the hospital now. My car is downstairs, and I can take you there to have a physical check."

"I'm fine, thank you. I just think I'm too tired to accompany you today."

Enduring the sharp pain coming from the forehead, Eileen said softly.

Obviously, she was implying that Ruben shall leave her place immediately.

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Ruben got her meaning, and he said, "Well, I'll meet you at the company tomorrow. Have a good rest and you will get well soon."

Then he turned to look at Luke. "Mr.

Bennington, please let go of me. Are you still going to grab my collar like this?"

With a mocking smile, Luke directly pushed him away.

But his mood had lightened a little bit. He was glad that Eileen didn't ask him to g o away. Ruben didn't seem unhappy. He stretched out his hand and slowly smoothed the folds of his windbreaker. After saying goodbye to Brad, he left. Luke took a deep breath and his chest gradually stopped heaving. "Since you are not feeling well, I'll take you t o the hospital," he said to Eileen. Eileen's face darkened, and she pointed at the door with her white and slender fingers. "You also have to leave my room immediately!" Luke was slightly stunned, for he didn't expect that she would drive him away. A wave of anger crashed through him. "You were so gentle to Ruben just now. Why did you talk to me in such an impatient tone?" "Are you leaving or not? Are you waiting for me to see you off?" While saying this, she was ready to get off her bed. "I'll leave now!" Luke immediately said. He was afraid that her drastic action would aggravate the wound on her ankle. "But let me have a word with Brad before I g o," he said. Luke went to the bathroom, and a moment later, he left.

The room finally quieted down. After a few minutes, Brad ran out with a white bath towel around his waist, and he quickly got into bed. Eileen was a little surprised. "Where are your pajamas? Didn't you just bring them into the bathroom? Why didn't you put them on?" Pursing his lips, Brad said grumpily in a helpless tone, "Dad hid my pajamas. He complained that I didn't help him against M r. Lyall just now." Eileen frowned without asking more. "Then let's go to sleep," she said. Brad reached out and grabbed her sleeves gently. Then he asked, "Mom, would you choose Dad or Mr. Lyall?" "Don't be so curious about this. Just go to sleep now." Eileen avoided answering his question. She wouldn't choose either of them. "If I were you, I would choose Dad. I've never spent a long time with him before, and I used to think he was a bad person. That's because he always wore a cold and stern face and lost his temper with you. What's worse, he never came back home!' "But now I know he isn't that kind of person. He often hugs me and even insists on sleeping with me, which is a bit annoying." Brad sounded helpless while saying this.

Eileen just listened to him absently, but when hearing this, she raised her

eyebrows slightly. "Does he sleep with you at night?"

"Yes. He always badgers me into sleeping with him, and he also demands to hold me in his arms while sleeping. It's so awkward for two men to hug each other! But I notice that he often has nightmares with sweat all over his forehead."

Brad continued, "Dad took my advice and went to a psychiatric hospital to ask the doctor to prescribe medicine for him. He takes the medicine every night before going to bed."

The more Eileen listened, the more surprised she was.

Luke wasn't like this before. In the past, it was impossible for him to sleep with someone else!

He was resistant to going to any hospital before, but now he could take the initiative to go to a psychiatric hospital!

She couldn't help being astonished. But this was a good change for Brad after all, for he had never enjoyed much love from his father.

"Dad is actually a nice person. He's just a bit verbose and scoundrel occasionally. Afraid that the wound on your ankle would cause you great inconvenience at night, he let me stay here to look

after you! But I fully respect your choice, mum. No matter who you choose, I will be very happy!"

Eileen felt relieved.

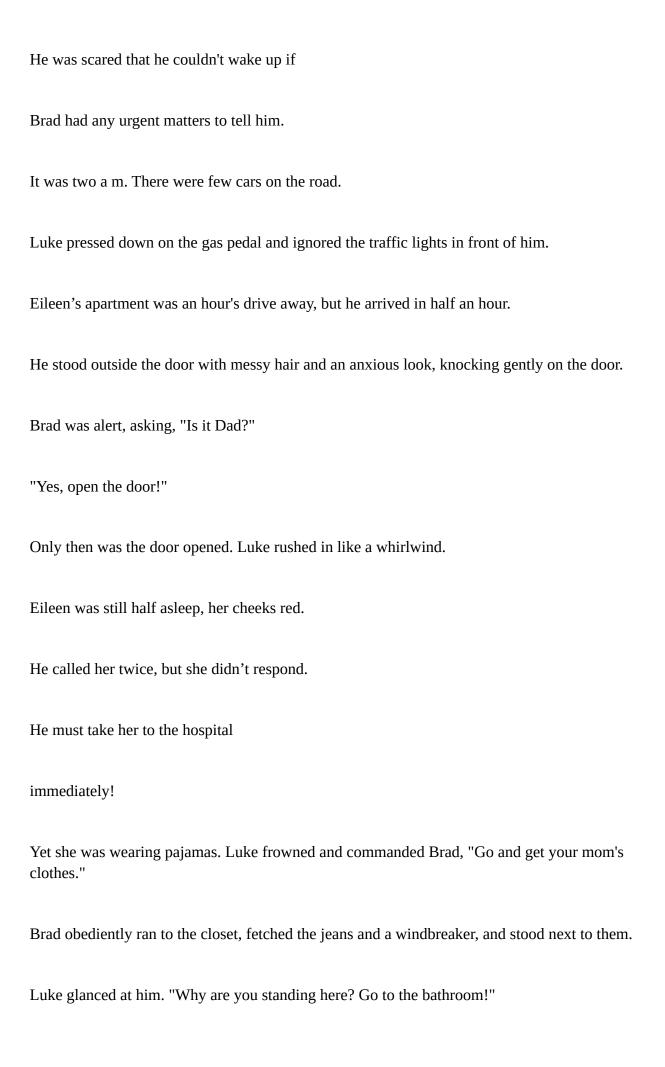
Having lived for thirty years, she didn't achieve much.

Her biggest achievement was her son Brad.

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His childish words warmed her heart.

She turned off the room light. The mother and son hugged each other, falling asleep.
The moon outside the window was rising higher and higher, and the night was getting darker and darker.
However, Eileen's body became hot, burning like a stove.
She groaned, feeling uncomfortable.
Brad slept lightly, aware that his mom was wriggling.
He stretched out his short hand and turned on the light.
He then saw her face was red. He gently
touched her forehead with his palm.
Instantly, his eyes widened! It was so hot!
It was so not.
Just wrapped in a bath towel, he rolled out o f bed, found his cell phone in his schoolbag, and called Luke. "Dad, Mom is running a fever. Her forehead is so hot!"
At the sound of his voice, Luke was roused from his sleep. He bounced up, pulled his trousers over, and put them on. "Put on your clothes. I'll be right there!"
When he left in the afternoon, she looked unwell. Afraid that no one would take care of her at night, he let Brad stay there.
Every night he needed the medicine to fall into a dreamless sleep, but he didn't dare to take it tonight.



"Dad, aren't you changing Mom's clothes? I'm here to see if I can help!"
Raising his hand, Luke patted his head. "Who needs your help? Hurry up and disappear from my sight now!"
She was unconscious, dazed, moaning that she was hot.
Luke unbuttoned her pajamas, revealing her fair skin.
He felt a surge of desire for her.
"Damn!"
Luke muttered a curse, clumsily dressing her.
After that, his forehead was wet with sweat.
It was even more unbearable than torture.
Damn it!
He couldn't help cursing again!
He squatted down and bent to carry her in his arms. After calling Brad in the bathroom, he strode out of the apartment.
Brad followed closely behind.
They went to the best hospital in the vicinity. The doctor took Eileen's temperature and dispensed medicine.
Meanwhile, Luke was holding her.

Her blood vessels were thin, not easy to find. The doctor stuck the needle into her arm but missed her vessel. Blood seeped out. Eileen moaned in pain, frowning.

Luke, who was worried, lost his temper. He growled at the doctor, "You can't even give her an injection. You're not fit to be a doctor!"

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The doctor was frightened. On his second try, Eileen instinctively struggled, unwilling to be pricked again.

She was almost out of consciousness but could feel the pain in her wrist.

She hated that pain.

She felt a man's breath on her face. "Don't move. It will be okay soon..."

The voice was gentle and affectionate. She had never been pampered like that before. Her heart lurched.

She tried hard to open her eyes to see who was speaking to her.

However, her eyelids were so heavy as if a

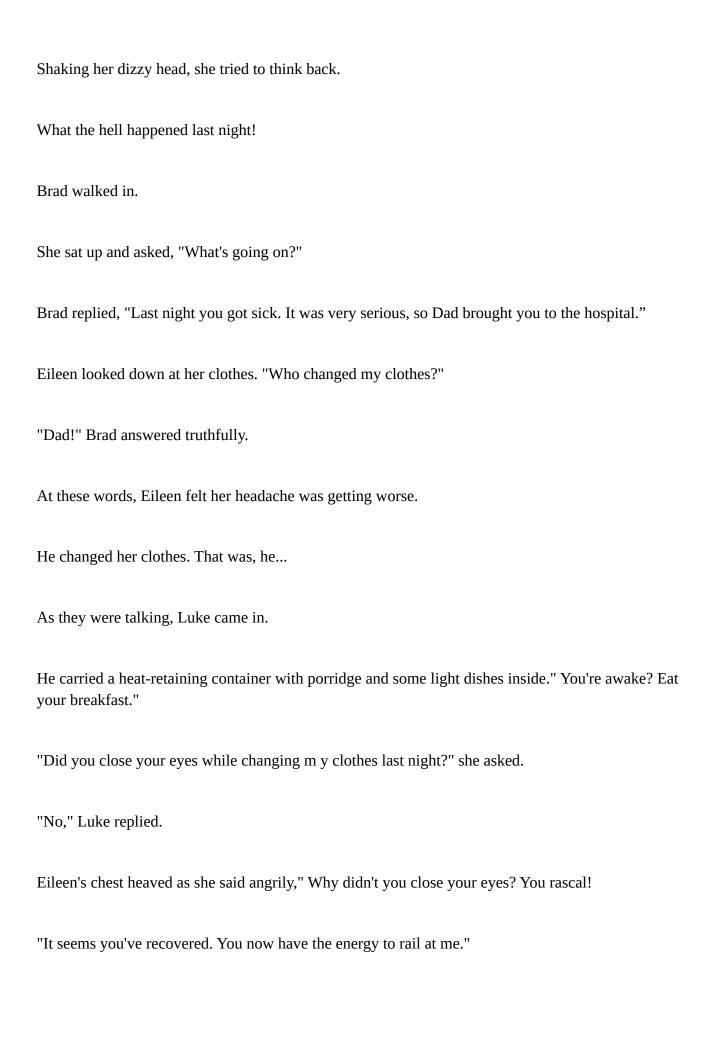
stone was pressed on them. No matter how hard she tried, she couldn't open them.

When Eileen woke up, the sky outside the window was already bright.

She looked out the window only to find the unfamiliar scenery.

In a flash, she lost all her sleepiness!

As she was about to sit up, she noticed that she was put on a drip.



Luke narrowed his long eyes with a smile, adding, "If I had closed my eyes, I'm afraid that I would have touched you in the wrong places. Then you might say I'm shameless rather than a rascal."

"Shame on you!" she cursed in a low voice.

He didn't take it seriously. Instead, he was pleased to be rebuked. He served the dishes, saying, "Although you seem energetic, you should have breakfast. By the way, where's your phone?

"I'll call your manager and ask for leave for you. Besides, I'll tell that man, 'What a pity! You can't meet her at the company today'."

Eileen ignored him and took out her cell phone, calling the manager to ask for leave. She was going to have chemotherapy. She might not be able to go to the office for a long time.

She didn't have to see Ruben again either.

The two of them were left alone in the ward. Brad was sent to school by Luke's assistant.

Having owed him a favor, Eileen didn't pull a long face in front of him as before.

The room was quiet. She was eating breakfast.

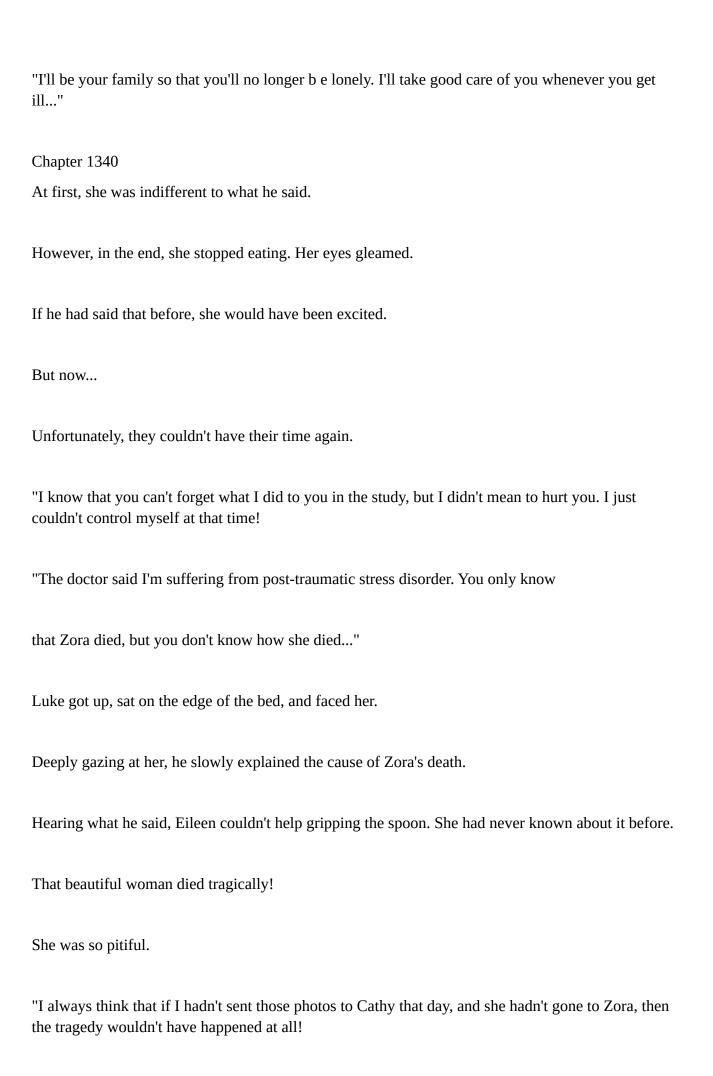
He was sitting next to her, reading the news about the stock market. After a while, he put his phone aside, looking at her deeply sideways. Suddenly, he said," Remarry me..."

Eileen, who was eating porridge, paused. She just ignored him and continued eating.

Luke leaned back on the chair. He looked tall and sturdy.

"Don't go out with that man! Remarry me! Firstly, we can give Brad a happy and warm home. Secondly, both of our surnames end in 'ton'. That shows we are meant to be together forever.

"Thirdly, you've spent eight years with me t o make me happy. Now it's my turn.



"It's me who killed her. I am the culprit, so I have nightmares every night. I came back t o the moment before her death and couldn't sleep after that..."

He said slowly, "I couldn't sleep well until I went to the hospital and got sleeping pills a few days ago.

"Her appearance before she died was so deep in my mind that I did those terrible things while losing control of myself.

"There is another thing you don't know. When I was in Santabaca, I lost my mind and kidnapped Sherman. I nearly killed her in the woods on a deserted mountain.

"Luckily, Kingsley arrived in time. As I came back to my senses, I called the police and was put in the Santabaca jail.

"Kingsley still takes me as his friend. He got me out of prison and suppressed the news about it. No one knows what happened..."

Eileen's fingers trembled. She suddenly remembered the night he returned to Lanechett and stayed in the apartment!

His clothes were dirty. There were scratches and black ash on his face. He looked like a beggar!

Eileen didn't speak.

She lowered her head, eating the porridge.

She realized she hadn't known the truth before.

"To be honest, before we got divorced, I used to try hard to fit into your life and understand your loneliness. If you had said these to me before the divorce, I would have been too happy to sleep for

several days.

"We've known each other for nine years and have been married for eight years. How can I not be thrilled if you open your heart to me for the first time? "But things are different now. I have nothing to do with you. It's useless to say these to me." She looked up at him, saying firmly, "I have decided to forget the past and start a new life. There's no need to tell me these!" Luke unblinkingly stared at her, wrinkling his brow. "It's no use crying over spilled milk. What's done is done. I can't change the past or put back the clock. What should I do so that you'll let it go?" The man's voice was calm, not angry or aggressive. There were only sadness and helplessness: n his voice. "You must have misunderstood. That's all history now. I've forgotten it. " Eileen looked detached and determined. He didn't know if she had taken what he said to heart.