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Upon learning that Leonard was alright, Rhonda felt a bit more at ease.

They drove him back to the hospital that night.

Eventually, Leonard regained consciousness but had no recollection of the prior events.

Rhonda took precautions and contacted the police to file a report on Leonard, providing them with the car's registration number in hopes of quickly apprehending the suspect.

By the time everything was sorted out, it was already early morning.

With Leonard needing to stay at the hospital for another night, Rhonda returned home with Eliam.

As she sat in the car, watching Eliam drive attentively, Rhonda suddenly became lost in thought.

It felt as though they had known each other forever.

"Eliam, do you believe in destiny?" Rhonda asked.

Eliam glanced over and gently touched Rhonda's head. "Don't overthink things. Just rest if you're tired."

Exhausted from the long day, Rhonda closed her eyes and drifted off to sleep. After some time, she found herself enveloped in a warm embrace. The familiar scent brought her immense comfort.

She adjusted her position, snuggling in Eliam's arms, too sleepy to open her eyes.

The thought of sleeping in his arms forever felt like a form of

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happiness.

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Eliam held Rhonda in his arms in the car until dawn.

Fearing that any movement would wake her, he remained still throughout the night, eventually experiencing numbness in his limbs.

When Tess went out to dispose of the garbage in the morning, she was surprised to see them in the car.

Eliam asked her to open the car door, and he carefully carried Rhonda out of the vehicle.

Tess secretly snapped a photo of them and sent it to Diana.

Diana had been up all night, and just as she was about to take a nap, she received a photo from Tess.

In the image, Eliam was tenderly carrying Rhonda, the concern on his face infuriating Diana.

She attempted to remember all the times Eliam had treated her well, as proof that she was his true love.

However, what came to mind were instances of her being kind to Eliam. The only things he had done for her were minor acts, like tying her shoelaces, bringing her an umbrella on rainy days, and the like.

These actions paled in comparison to what he had done for Rhonda.

Above all, Diana noticed the affection in Eliam's eyes when he looked at Rhonda. She had never experienced that from Eliam before.

Had he fallen for Rhonda?

Diana felt a surge of panic.

No, No!

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Eliam was her entire world. She couldn't let such a thing happen!

It was already ten o'clock the next morning when Rhonda woke up.

She received a message from an unknown sender.

"Stay away from Eliam, or your brother won't be so fortunate next time."

"Who is this?" Rhonda sat up, alarmed, and quickly replied.
"What on earth do you want?"

"It doesn't matter who I am. If you don't do as I said, you'll face the consequences."

"Do you realize you're committing a crime?" Rhonda's fingers trembled.

"If you dare contact the police or inform Eliam, I assure you, your brother will be confined to a wheelchair for life."

A shiver ran down Rhonda's spine. Fear gripped her as she thought of what had befallen Leonard the night before.

"Is Diana behind this?"

"Why don't you answer me?"

"Who are you?"

Rhonda sent several more messages, but received no response.

The person behind the scenes was most likely Diana.

She might even have been involved in the previous incident with Leonard.

Anger welled up inside Rhonda.

If Diana dared harm her brother, she wouldn't let it slide!

Rhonda took Leonard to the Sloan family's house for his safety

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and her convenience in taking care of him. She also installed surveillance cameras and an alarm system throughout the house for added security.

Eliam thought Rhonda was overly worried, but he didn't object since he couldn't be sure whether the attackers would strike again.

At noon, Eliam visited Diana's home.

He refused to sit down and had an unhappy expression on his face, despite Diana ordering a large table of dishes for him.

Looking at his gloomy face, Diana's smile disappeared.

"Let me ask you, were you behind what happened last night?" Eliam asked.

"What happened last night?" Diana pretended to be confused.

"Leonard was abducted and taken out of town last night, and he nearly lost his life."

"What does that have to do with me?" Diana looked at Eliam in disbelief. "Are you accusing me of being involved? Why would I do such a thing? I have no grudge against Leonard. Are you suspecting me just because I visited him at the hospital yesterday afternoon?"

Diana was furious.

"You asked me to be kind to Rhonda, so I personally visited her brother. What's wrong with that?"

Eliam felt embarrassed. "I didn't mean it like that."

"Then what did you mean? Have you forgotten what you said to me?"

Diana's eyes welled up with tears. "You said you'd never doubt me and would trust me unconditionally. Have you forgotten?"

"I haven't forgotten." Eliam's eyes held a trace of uncertainty.

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"Yes, you have. All you care about now is Rhonda. You've forgotten everything about us and the promises you made."

"I'm sorry, I shouldn't have come here today." Eliam turned around and was about to leave, but Diana stopped him.

"Please don't go, Eliam." Diana tightly embraced Eliam from behind. "Please don't leave me. I couldn't sleep at all last night. When I stood on the balcony, I couldn't help but think about jumping..."

Eliam was shocked.

"Have you taken your medicine on time recently?"

"I stopped taking it a few days ago. Since you don't care about me anymore, why should I bother taking medicine? I'd rather die."

Eliam sighed. "When did I ever say I no longer care about you?"

"You said it a few days ago. You mentioned being married and not being able to visit me often. Doesn't that mean you'll leave me on my own from now on?"

"I'm genuinely swamped right now. There's so much happening at the company. Although Rhonda is handling things at home, I can't just leave everything to her. Plus, I'm stressed about Grandpa's illness."

"I know you're exhausted lately. I could help take care of Grandpa, too. After all, I grew up in the Sloan family and have a good relationship with him. What if I move back?"

"Leonard is staying with us right now. We don't have any extra room for you. Besides, Grandpa needs peace and quiet while he recovers."

"So, you're okay with Leonard living with you, but you think I'll be disruptive if I stay?" Diana pouted. "Do you see me as an outsider now?"

"Don't get me wrong. Leonard won't be staying with us

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permanently. It's just a temporary arrangement."

"Fine." Diana didn't want to pressure Eliam too much. "Can I at least come over for dinner sometime? My servant is working at your place, so I have to rely on takeout every day. The mere thought of it makes me nauseous now."

"Of course. Whenever you want to come for dinner, just call David, and he'll pick you up."

With that, Eliam excused himself and left.