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After some thought, she retrieved her phone. Throughout the day, other than feeling sluggish, Selena was constantly checking her phone. Although she tried to force herself to not check it, she realized she couldn't do it. After spending a day in absentmindedness, it was finally time to go home.

Arriving at home, even Juniper noticed that something was wrong with her. "Mom, are you in a relationship?"

Selena nearly stumbled over when she heard that. Is it that obvious? Why's everyone asking me the same question? she thought. "Juniper, you're overthinking this."

"But I have a feeling that you are." Juniper scrunched up her nose.

"Of course not! Who do I even have around me? You should go to bed now!" To be honest, she lacked the courage to tell Juniper the truth. Perhaps she needed more time to plan her speech so that she could convince Juniper to accept her relationship with Pierre.

With a pout on her face, Juniper said, "Mommy, if you ever get into a relationship, you have to tell me, okay?"

"Sure." Selena tucked her in. After Juniper fell asleep, she returned to her room, only to notice that her curtains were still drawn. Her bedroom was facing Pierre's study, so perhaps she had forgotten to open them in the morning.

Sneaking behind the curtains, she took a peek out of the window, but was disappointed to find that he wasn't standing in front of his window. "That b*stard!"

As soon as she cursed, her phone let out a beep. While she wasn't holding out much hope, she checked her phone to see a message from Pierre. 'Open the curtains. Look outside the window.'

After mulling over the situation, she muttered to herself, "You're the one who told me to open the curtains, so I'm not doing this out of my own volition! Hmph!" With that, she opened the curtains. As soon as she did so, fireworks lit up the night sky. One by one, they crawled higher and higher before finally bursting under the stars, livening up the night sky.

The sight of it elicited a smile from her. She could hardly recall the last time she watched fireworks. Due to the severity of air pollution, fireworks were only allowed on certain occasions, and even then, approval from authorities were required, so it was out of the ordinary to be able to watch them outside of festive occasions.

However, she had to admit that they were marvelous, so much so that her breathing hitched. While the fireworks bloomed and vanished one after the other, Selena looked across from her to see Pierre observing her from his spot. Apparently, the fireworks were intended to cheer her up. He was wearing a sinister smile while looking at her. While she looked tensed up in the beginning, her expression softened in the end.

'Come over here.' She received a message from him. Seeing that she had no reason to decline him, she left after putting on another layer of clothing. Pierre also went downstairs to get his car and waited for her.

"What's the matter?" she asked. With a tilt of his head, he motioned for her to get in the car. However, she shook her head. "Juniper is asleep, so we can't go anywhere too far."

"I've already arranged for someone to watch over her, so don't worry."

It wasn't until then that she was willing to step into the car. After starting the engine, he drove away.

"Where are we going?"

"We're going on a date." When he spoke, he turned to look at her in reflex.

She was in turn startled by the revelation, as she never expected to go on a date with him just like that. However, she was rendered speechless upon their arrival at the designated place for their date—a cinema. She never expected their first date to happen in a cinema.