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Even after Samuel had walked away, Natalie still had to cover her neck.

He did that on purpose! He just wants Shawn to notice it and realize that I belong to him!

Natalie knew that, but she couldn't do anything about it.

The Bowers family was too powerful.

When Shawn spotted Natalie returning to the main hall, he walked over to her side again.

"Natalie, you..." Shawn sized her up. "What happened to your neck?"

It was not possible for Natalie to speak the truth, nor could she possibly remove her hand from her neck and let Shawn notice the hickey.

"My neck feels a little sore ... "

"Are you sick? Should I call a doctor for you?"

"It's not a big deal." Something flashed across the depths of Natalie's eyes as she swallowed her guilt an d replied, "Mr. Watsons, it's getting late. I should be heading back now."

"All right. I'll send you home."

Upon thinking that she would need to continue covering her neck if Shawn was to send her home, she q uickly rejected him. "It's

fine. I can go back by myself. Besides, the banquet hasn't ended yet. Old Mr. Watsons has gone to rest, s o you should stay to call the shots!"

Upon sensing Natalie's determination, Shawn could only respect her wishes and stop insisting

"I'm leaving."

"Okay."

As he stared at the back of Natalie's silhouette, affection flashed across Shawn's eyes.

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He had only just parted with her, but he was already looking forward to their next meeting

The moment Natalie left the chaotic hall, she quickly put down her tired hand.

Samuel likes biting people so much. It serves him right to be called a jerk!

Embarrassed and angry, Natalie only felt slightly better after cursing out Samuel in her mind.

She walked past the fountain pool at the entrance of the main hall and spotted a toddler who must have only been around three years old. The toddler was looking at the water curiously as he used his tiny han d to swirl the water, clearly enraptured by the ripples he made.

The toddler jumped excitedly. However, due to his small stature, he couldn't balance himself well, and h e found himself toppling over the edge of the pool.

No!

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Upon seeing that he was about to fall into the water, Natalie rushed forward to pull him back

Because she ran too fast and couldn't stop herself in time, she herself ended up tripping and falling into the pool as well.

In an instant, water splashed out from the fountain.

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Natalie stood in the fountain, ignoring how wet she was as she asked the toddler, "Are you all right, kid?

The toddler was in a daze at first. After

realizing that Natalie had fallen into the water as well, he burst out crying.

"Sorry..."

Natalie panicked, not knowing how to comfort the toddler in front of her.

"Okay, okay. Don't cry, all right?"

A young girl wearing a housekeeper's uniform ran toward them after hearing the

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loud splash followed by the sounds of crying.

She picked up the toddler from Natalie's arms and tried to console him. "Jimmy, don't cry."

It was only after the toddler had calmed down that the housekeeper looked toward Natalie, who was climbing out of the pool.

"I'm really sorry about Jimmy," the housekeeper fretted. "Please don't tell the butler about this, okay? I know I shouldn't be babysitting while working, but his father isn't around, and my mom is currently sick, so I really don't have anyone else to help look after him..."

Natalie was aware of how hard it was to be a single parent. Without an ounce of anger in her voice, she said, "I'm fine, but please be more careful next time. The kid's safety is the most important thing..."

The maid didn't expect Natalie to be so friendly. She nodded vigorously.

"I will."

Natalie was drenched when she walked out of the manor.

When Samuel noticed this, he demanded angrily, "What happened to you? What did you do to yourself? "