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Chad nodded: "You know Mr. Foster's temperament. He ain't afraid of Avery finding out."

A blissful day had gone by in the blink of an eye. At dusk, Elliot planned to treat everyone to dinner. Layla had enjoyed her time in the park for the day. She had a blast and at the same time, she was starving. That was why she had no objection to Elliot's invitation to dinner.

At that moment, Mike's phone beeped. Mike whipped out his phone from his pocket. When he saw the number, he made a 'shush' sign with his index finger. "It's Avery. Everyone, be quiet."

He answered the phone as soon as he saw their nods. "Hi, Avery. Were you trying to make a video call with Layla? We're outside now! Once we get home, we'll give you a call back, alright?"

"I'm back in the state and I'm at home now." Avery's voice was slow and steady, never pushy. "Bring Layla back, will ya?"

Mike was stunned at the request. Before he had time to emanate his shock, Avery had hung up.

"F*ck me!" Mike's face turned red and his heart was fluttering. "Avery is back! She's at home! She ordered me to bring Layla back! She must have smelled something!" Chad's heartbeat was picking up as well.

"Hmm...maybe not. She sounded gentle." Mike reassured himself, "Perhaps she doesn't know anything... Let me send Layla back first.

You guys go ahead for dinner." Mike picked up Layla and headed toward the parking lot. Chad was worried, so he said to Elliot, "Sir, I'll help you check on Avery!" The three of them vanished before his eyes. Elliot turned on his phone. It was quite the collection of pictures he had taken of Layla today. The light emanating from Layla's smile in the photo had brightened the dark world he was living in.

At Starry River94 Villa. Avery's sudden return had lifted Layla's spirits. It was a last-minute decision as she wanted to give them a surprise.

That explained the lack of notice. When Mike got Layla home, Layla nuzzled against Avery. "Mommy! You're finally back! I miss you so much!"

Avery held Layla tight, and with a motherly smile, she said, "Mommy misses you too. That's why when your little brother got well, I came back without thinking twice." When Mike and Chad saw the smile on Avery's face, they breathed a sigh of relief.

"Mike, where did you take Layla today?" The smile on Avery's face vanished. Mike scratched his head. "Outdoors...an outdoors theme park" Avery asked, "Which theme park was it? Was it fun?"

Mike was trying his best in crafting his lies. "A new theme park... I

forgot what it's called. It sure was fun. Layla didn't even want to come back!" Hayden's carefree voice came from somewhere. "Mommy already knows. That's what you get for not keeping the Dream City promotional poster." Mike was quiet. "... Chad was silenced." ... Layla pursed her lips and started apologizing, "Mommy, I'm sorry. I had a day out with daddy today. And it was fun." Mike defended, "Avery, don't blame Layla. This was all on me..." "Of course I blame you!" Avery pointed her finger right at him. "What did I tell you back then? What did you promise me? Have you suffered from amnesia?" Chad couldn't bear seeing Mike take all the blame. He explained, "Avery, this has got nothing to do with Mike. I brought the poster. I wanted to take her to Dream City." Avery's cold eyes darted towards Chad. Suddenly, a dazzling white light pierced through the doorway. After the white light went away, a black Rolls-Roice came into view.

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Elliot was here.

Everyone was surprised.

Avery hated him and didn't want to see him. That much was clear in her heart.

His pride was so strong. Why would he have served himself up on a plate to be humiliated?

Elliot pushed open the car door and stepped out of the car.

He stood at the gates of the courtyard. He saw Chad striding out of the villa. "Sir, let's go back!" Chad opened the courtyard gate and walked to him. Feeling embarrassed, he said, "She doesn't want to see you. I was kicked out too." In fact, it was not as serious as Chad put it.

Avery had given him a chance to redeem himself. As long as he managed to get Elliot to go back, she wouldn't hold him accountable for taking Layla to Dream City today.

The reason why he ramped up the seriousness of the matter was for Elliot to leave quickly. "She hasn't been blaming Layla, has she?" Elliot was concerned.

"Nope. After all, Layla is still a kid. Even if she made a mistake, Avery wouldn't blame her. You don't have to worry, sir." Chad advised, "Now that Avery has come back, what you have aplenty in the future are opportunities. You don't have to rush it."

There was a hint of coldness on Elliot's handsome face. "You sound like I am going to do something to her."

Chad responded, "You do know that Avery won't put Layla in the

straits.”

“Sir, I won’t expose you, but that doesn’t mean I’m a fool. You are obviously here for Avery,” Chad thought
Elliot Foster gave Chad the death stare. He turned and went to his car.

After he got in, he slammed the car door with a bang.

Soon, the black Rolls Royce vanished into the night.

In the villa, everyone sat down in the dining room and began to enjoy a warm dinner.

“Mom, we were planning to go out secretly, but we didn’t expect to meet dad.” Layla tried to explain, “I didn’t even call him ‘dad’. I said I would listen to you and my brother, so 194 will.”

Avery was no longer angry.

“Layla, are you used to the school already?”

“Everyone likes me very much. So it’s okay I guess!” Layla said. The conversation took a turn. “A boy asked me to be his girlfriend and I made him cry.”

“Huh? Layla, it’s alright to turn down others. But it’s better not to be that harsh on others.”

Avery guided Layla. “Nah, I wasn’t really scolding the boy. I was only saying that my boyfriend had to be as good looking as Uncle Eric.” Layla said, “I didn’t know that he was going to say that he was cooler than Uncle Eric! So I told him just because you are ugly doesn’t mean you have to be that shameless. That’s how he started crying.”

Avery was planning to give some good advice to Layla. She wanted her to be a gentle soul. Somehow, after listening to her story, Avery couldn’t help but laugh. “Dear, you did a great job. Next time let’s be brave and tell the truth.” Mike encouraged Layla. Layla nodded, then looked at Hayden. “Brother, you didn’t play with us today. It’s such a shame. You have no clue how much fun we had.” Hayden sneered, “Then what are you doing here? It would be nice if you had just lived there.” Layla licked her lips. She had no comeback. “Brother, although it’s fun there, I still like our home more. My mother and little brother are back and I’m over the moon!”

“Then go play with your little brother!”

Once again, Layla wasn’t able to counter the latest attack.

She had always thought that she was an eloquent speaker. Though in front of her brother, she felt like a silly kid. Hayden had never been an outspoken person at all. Yet every word he said hit the nail on the head. Layla didn’t want to admit defeat just yet. After a long breath, she said to Avery, “Mom, I think my brother will definitely not be able to find a wife when he grows up. Boohoo! What should my brother do?!”

Avery was speechless.

Mike interrupted, “Layla, your worries have no basis. Your brother will be making money hand over fist. As long as he can make money, droves of women will come to him.” Layla doubted. “Then what if he doesn’t make any?”

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Mike said, "That's perfectly fine. With your brother's good looks, I'm sure there will be girls who will pursue him. Even if he can't find a girlfriend, you can still find a boyfriend."

Layla was silenced.

Hayden put down the knife and fork with a sullen face. "Boring." After Hayden left the table, Avery followed, having completed her meal.

Due to jet lag, she wasn't feeling too well.

She tidied up her bedroom and then lay on the bed.

She turned on her phone, intending to text Tammy Lynch that she was back. However, dozens of messages from Elliot Foster greeted her instead. She froze for a moment, before opening up the messaging box. Everything he had sent was Layla's pictures in Dream City earlier in the day.

In each photo, Layla's smile was bright and she was full of joy. After browsing through all the photos, she saved the better ones in her gallery. She exited the messaging app.

She didn't know what to say to him. The time they parted at the airport seemed like it was only yesterday.

She couldn't shut the pain out of her memory. She phoned Tammy.

"Tammy, I'm back." On the other end of the line, Tammy was pleasantly surprised. "You're home?"

"Yup. I made a sudden decision and I hadn't had the chance to let you know."

"Great. I'll meet you tomorrow! By the way, Layla was on the news today. Have you heard?" Tammy sighed. "Elliot paid the price this time! Half-price tickets. I wonder how much revenue he has lost, just to make Layla happy. Guests who bought the half-price tickets today were all thanking Layla online." Avery hadn't seen the news. Nevertheless, after hearing what Tammy said, she was calm. Elliot Foster had always been a generous person when it came to money.

But did she want money? No.

"Avery, Jun's family is really preparing for the wedding." Tammy's voice dropped, "Everything was like a dream. I was too impulsive when I divorced him. Maybe I shouldn't have returned. When I was abroad, I didn't regret things as badly." "Anyway, would you like to get some fresh air overseas?" Avery asked. "Not this time. What is to come, will come. Let's talk about it after his wedding." Tammy suddenly gasped, "I was with him for so many years. In a blink, he said he would remarry and now he's remarrying. I thought he was better than Elliot! Now it seems like he is no better! After Elliot broke up with

you, he hasn't even been seeing other women!"

Avery suddenly felt some pain in her temples.

"If you are talking about Jun, just talk about Jun. What has this got to do with Elliot?" she thought.

"I know you're still pissed at Elliot but I have gone through it in detail. Jun was much more ruthless than Elliot! Elliot had to publicly announce that he was marrying Chelsea only when he was under threat. Jun, on the other hand, took his own initiative! He was the one seeking to marry another woman!"

After Tammy uttered that last phrase, she broke down in tears.

Avery didn't know how to comfort her.

Faced with this delicate situation, there was no other choice but to let go.

"Tammy, just find something to keep yourself distracted!" Avery pondered for a while. Then she said, "I plan to start work next Monday." Tammy took a breath. By now, she had calmed down. "Where's Robert?" "He has a nanny taking care of him. I can't keep my children at home all the time."

"Well. Then we'll see you tomorrow."

"It's good." After hanging up, Avery put down her phone. Tammy's voice kept echoing in her mind. 'Could it be that Elliot really isn't as guilty as I thought?' Avery wondered. She picked up her phone once more. She opened up the messaging box for Elliot. After scrolling down a series of photos, she discovered that right before posting the photos, he had texted her.

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It read, 'Avery, give me one last chance!' She took a deep breath and put the phone down, One last chance! These three words made her heartstrings tense.

She was reminded of 'Tammy's tears.

When Tammy said she wanted a divorce back then, she was so determined! Leaving Arydelle

after the separation – it was just as decisive. But Jun's remarriage had broken her.

Who didn't want to be a cool person?

If there was something in this world that could drive people crazy, it would be love. Elliot came out of the Starry River Villa, turned on his mobile phone, and swiped through his messaging app.

Avery hadn't replied.

He got an intuition that Avery must have seen his message. Though she

had not responded, he wasn't anxious.

Nothing would be a threat to him in the future.

He was confident in patiently moving his chess pieces. He was certain that he was able to wait.

The next day, Tammy came to the Starry River Villa. She was carrying bags of snacks and gifts. Mrs. Cooper said with a smile, "This feels good. This feels like the heydays."

Avery saw that the expression on Tammy's face was rigid. She said, "Tammy, come and see Robert! He scratched his face twice last night. Now he looks like a kitten."

Tammy followed Avery to the crib. When she saw Robert, she burst into laughter. "My little darling! Why do you have one mark on each side of your face? It's so symmetrical! You've truly become a cute little kitten.ed Haha!"

"His nails certainly weren't that long." Avery was puzzled. "Maybe he thinks that his little face was a little chubby and it was fun to pull his cheeks! Haha! "Tammy poked Robert's cheek with herie fingers. Robert stared at Tammy with his big eyes. This melted Tammy's heart.

"Avery, don't you think your son looks exactly like Elliot? Are you sure you don't think of Elliot when you look at him every day?" Tammy sat down on the couch beside the94 crib. Avery said, "Indeed, that is quite a bother."

"This baby is so cute! One look at Robert and my maternal love is all flooding back! If I were you, I'm afraid I won't even want to go to18 work."

Avery was afraid that she would think about her infertility if she continued to talk. So she changed the subject. "Tammy, let's go shopping! I'm going to work tomorrow and I want to buy some new clothes. By the way, I'll get some for my kids too."

"Cool! It just so happens that I have to buy some new dresses as well. When I attend sun's wedding, I'll make sure that I'm all dressed up."

After Tammy got up, she teased Robert again, "Little baby, Auntie Tammy will come back later to play withd3 you!" When she got to the door, Tammy suddenly thought of Layla. "Aren't Layla and Hayden supposed to be at home this Sunday?" Avery answered, "Eric took both of themcb out." "It's so nice of Eric to help you take care of your kids when he has the time." Tammy was envious. "If only I were one of your kids." "Your dad and mom will be so sad if they hear this." Avery said, "Although I don't see them often, I can feel that they love you very much. Don't be so greedy!" "I know, I know. Other than the downside in my relationship, I am pretty grateful in other aspects of my life." "The future still has a long way to go! The man who will be by your side in the future – he'll love you more than Jun. That's for sure."

"You have such a sweet tongue." Tammy took her arm, "Let me be your chauffeur!" "You cool with high heels?" "No trouble at all. Even if they were 4 inches tall."

The two went shopping in the downtown business district. After filling

the trunk with the spoils, they went restaurant hunting Tammy started the engine and looked for restaurants everywhere.

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While passing by a fine dining place, Tammy's eyes were attracted by a luxury car parked outside the restaurant.

Tammy had an idea. "Avery, let's splurge on a nice meal!" Avery was looking at her phone when she responded, "Sure thing. Let me treat you." Tammy drove the car near the entrance of the upscale restaurant and stopped the engine. After getting off, she gave the key to the valet. Avery put away her phone and noticed the restaurant. "Oh, this place. I've been here before. The food is really good."

"When was it? I haven't had the chance to visit it much! Not only is the price high, but we also have to make a reservation in advance. Otherwise, you won't even get the chance to taste their signature dishes."

Avery thought about it, and her face was hiding her feelings. "It was with Elliot." "Oh, no wonder! A person like him would visit all the expensive spots. I guess when the two of you were dating, you have checked in at every single high-end place in town."

"Not to that extent. There are only a bunch of restaurants that he likes."

It dawned on Tammy.

"Who knows if Elliot is having his meal right here, right now! After all, this is one of his favorite restaurants," she thought.

She saw his car outside and that was the reason for her choice.

She wasn't interested in meeting him. Rather, she was curious about who he was having a meal with.

Upon entering the restaurant, Tammy wasn't able to locate Elliot. After some thought, she told herself that it sounded right. People of his class valued privacy. Even if he came to a high-end restaurant, he would certainly book a private room. After the two sat down by the window, the waiter handed them the menu. "Is the signature dish available?" "Sorry Ma'am, our signature dish has to be ordered in advance." The waiter explained with a smile.

Tammy must have been out of her mind. She was craving the signature dish more than ever.

"Why are some guests having them without pre-ordering?"

The waiter blushed. "I'm not sure about this! Nevertheless, we usually require reservations."

"If Elliot Foster came here without a reservation and he insisted on

your signature dish, would you be refusing as well?" Tammy's question spooked the waiter, who ran to his manager immediately. "Tammy, do you really want the lobster that badly?" Avery saw that she was in a foul mood and held her hand. "Then let's make a reservation now. We can have it when they are ready. How does that sound?" "I just want to have it now." Tammy knew that she was spoiled, but she wasn't able to control her emotions. Soon, the manager came. When the manager saw that it was Avery Tate, his eyes lit up. "Miss Tate, are you here too?" Avery didn't realize why the manager had said: 'here too'. She discussed with the manager, "I'm ordering the little red lobster now. Can we have it today? I can pay more." Struggling, the manager said, "If it's still available, I would make it for you. Sadly, there is no more. Otherwise, shall I go and have a look again?" "It's alright. Sorry to bother you." Less than five minutes after the manager left, he returned with a plate of the signature red lobster. Avery was confused. "Didn't you say there's no more? How come it's ready so quickly?" Tammy looked at the dish in front of her and questioned, "This lobster is gigantic, is it a giant red lobster?" The manager raised his hands to wipe off his sweat. "Ma'am, I can assure you that this is the best lobster we have caught this year, and it is reserved for the most distinguished guest..." "The most distinguished guest?" Avery looked at the manager and raised her eyebrows. "Who are you referring to?" Tammy organized her thoughts. "Could it be that you brought this from Elliot's table?" The manager nodded in embarrassment and explained to Avery, "Miss Tate, we really didn't have any lobster left in the house. So I went to Mr. Foster's table to ask about the matter. Mr. Foster gave me clear instructions to bring his dish to you right that second. He even said that he hadn't laid a finger on it yet!"

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Avery's head started to hurt. "If you didn't have it in the kitchen, you could have just told me that. Why did you have to go to him about it?" "I'm so sorry! I thought that you were very close to Mr. Foster as you came here with him before. Your friend seemed upset, so I..." The manager said.

Avery interrupted him. "How much is the dish?"

"It's been paid for by Mr. Foster," the manager said with a smile, "You can transfer the money back to him if you don't want to accept it. The price of this dish is 58888 dollars." "???" Avery had known that this restaurant was famous for the red lobster and that it was more

expensive compared to other restaurants, but she had not expected this to cost so much.

Seeing that she was stunned, the manager immediately explained, "This red lobster is different from the rest. It's top tier and we haven't caught a red lobster with such high quality for a really long time now." Avery took a deep breath and waved at him. "I get it."

Once the manager left, Tammy said apologetically, "Let me pay for dinner! I didn't think that the lobster would be this expensive because Jun and I came here before."

"I said it's my treat. Did you want the lobster so badly because of Jun?" Tammy smiled awkwardly. "Not really. I'm just in a bad mood."

"It's alright. Let it all out." Avery served her the lobster and said, "Dig in! I will spoil you even when you don't have a man to take care of you."

Tammy took a spoonful of lobster and said, "So are you reimbursing Elliot?"

"Let's decide after we eat!" Avery knew that Elliot was in the restaurant as well and did not want to cause any drama. "Let's avoid this restaurant when we hang out from now on. I wouldn't have picked this place had I known that he was here too."

Tammy watched as Avery brooded and she blurted out the truth, "I chose to come in on purpose because I saw his car parked outside. Aren't you curious who he is here with? It's not like he would be here alone!"

"Do you want the manager to take you to the private room and have a look?" Avery teased. "Nah, he has to come out eventually, right? Let's just sit here and wait."

Inside the private room, Elliot glanced at his phone to check if Avery was transferring money to him, as the manager had just informed him that Avery would be paying him back for the red lobster.

"Mr. Foster, was the lady the manager mentioned earlier Hayden's mother, Avery Tate?" Elliot's guest asked.

It was the person in charge of the Central University elite class. Elliot had invited him out to discuss Hayden. Not only did Elliot plan on impressing Layla with his actions, but Elliot also wanted to take good care of Hayden; even if he didn't know or appreciate it.

As a father, he had to fulfill his responsibility.

"Yes. Have you met her before?" Elliot asked.

"Once. We spoke briefly when she first brought Hayden to the school. She is a busy woman. though, so I'm afraid she doesn't remember me," the man said, "Does Miss. Tate know about your investment in the elite class?"

"She is mad at me and doesn't want to see me," Elliot said honestly, "Don't tell anyone about me funding your project. If Hayden finds out, he is probably going to quit school."

"Is your relationship with your son really that bad?"

"Yes. He is my son and I want him to have a better environment to study and grow in," Elliot requested, "I hope that you can provide him

with more support for hiscb studies.” “Of course. We will be sure to take good care of him,” the man said.

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“When I say take care of him, I don’t mean to let him do whatever he wants; i mean to increase the level of difficulty in his studies so that he can learn more... He is my son, so he should be just like me, which means the harder it gets, the faster he grows.” “Alright. We will keep you posted on matters regarding Hayden’s study from now on.” “Yeah. The tutor I hired will be here tonight. I will provide you with his contact and he will take the elite class to participate in the International Hacking and Programming Contest,” Elliot said.

He had laid out the path for Hayden to become the best on the international scale. He had no expectation as to how much his son would earn, but he believed that to be Hayden’s target as well; as a father, he had to work hard to help him achieve it.

“You are definitely a good father, Mr. Foster. It’s a shame that Hayden is too young to appreciate what you’ve done for him,” the man said, “He will understand someday when he grows up.”

“I hope so!” Elliot did not expect to be understood by Hayden and only hoped that his son would stop resenting him.

“I have a meeting at school later, Mr. Foster, so I have to leave now. If there’s anything, please contact me via my phone,” the man checked the time and said.

“Okay. Let me see you out.”

The two stepped out of the private room and as they walked past the hall, Elliot couldn’t help but scan the place and found Avery right away. At the moment he looked over, Avery seemed to have sensed it and turned around at the same time; the only difference was that she was looking at the man next to Elliot instead.

“An old man,” Tammy said when she saw the man standing next to Elliot.

“That guy... looks familiar.” Avery took a quick glance before looking away. Being stared at by Elliot made her feel like her entire body was on fire.

“You mean that guy standing next to Elliot looks familiar to you?”

Tammy studied the man further and said, “That guy is fat and bald, are you sure you know him?”

“Yeah, I’ve seen him somewhere. I just can’t remember where,” Avery said. Elliot sent the man out of the restaurant and turned back around shortly after. “Avery, he came back in. Do you think he is going to say

hi to us?" Tammy said while staring at Elliot.

Avery turned Tammy's face back towards her and asked, "Why are you staring at him? Are you that desperate forie drama?"

"I'm just worried that you will lose him and regret it as I did." Tammy shrugged. "I believe that he won't marry another woman. Men that belonged to other women never seem to disappoint me."

Elliot walked straight to the cashier and94 paid.

Tammy looked at his tall figure and teased, "I thought that a guest as exclusive as he is would leave directly after finishing his meal and wait for the bill to be sent to his office... I guess he's just like the rest of us! The service of this restaurant is horrible!"

"He didn't pay and only signed something the last time we were here though," Avery18 said.

"But I saw him taking out his card."

"Oh. Eat up! Don't waste all thedz food."

Tammy took a bite mindlessly and saw Elliot leaving once he had paid.

"He left just like that without even saying hello. Avery, do not forgive him unless he gets down on his kneescb begging."

"I'll go pay the bill," Avery said and got up, before walking toward the cashier. When the cashier saw her, she immediately said, "Madam, your meal has already been paid for by Mr. Foster just now."

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Tammy was just mocking the fact that Elliot had to pay with his card. She had not expected that it wasn't his bill he was paying for, but theirs. Though he didn't speak to them at all, he had paid their bills. Avery hurried to Tammy and said, "I'm going to go out for a bit. Wait here for me." Before Tammy could react, Avery was already striding out.

As she had expected, Elliot was waiting outside the restaurant. It seemed as though he was certain that she would come out to find him, and the feeling of being manipulated brought a frown to her face. Their eyes met and he instantly faced her. Emotions boiled within her.

'Did he think that sending me my daughter's photos and paying my bills are going to erase everything that had happened?' She thought. She stood by the restaurant's door and unlocked her phone, before locating his account number and making a transaction. Once she had completed transferring all the money for the restaurant's bill, she headed back inside without looking back

Elliot was stunned. He had thought that she would at least say a few words to him; even if she told him to go away, it would have felt better

than silence.

When Avery returned to her seat, Tammy asked, "What did you do? Was Elliot out there?" "Yeah." Avery swiftly calmed herself and said, "He paid for our bill so I transferred the money back to him."

"Oh my! So he was paying for us with the card just now?" Tammy wasn't sure whether to laugh or cry. "I was wondering why a VIP guest like him would have to pay like the rest of us. Hahaha! What an interesting man! He doesn't dare to come to say hi, but dares to secretly pay our bills."

Avery's face was slightly flushed as she felt overwhelmed. Though she didn't speak to Elliot, the look in his eyes was imprinted on her mind.

His eyes were unwavering and fierce like he wanted to swallow her whole. "Why are you back so soon then? Didn't you talk to him?"

Tammy asked. "I didn't know what to say." "Did he accept your transaction?"

Avery unlocked her phone to check. She had transferred more money than the bill's actual amount and even placed a remark which stated that the extra was for letting them have the dish.

She set her phone down and said, "No." "It's fine if he doesn't want to accept it since it's not like you didn't try paying him back. He is refusing on purpose so that you will go and find him. Ha! It's a trap!" "Yeah."

A few moments later, the two of them exited the restaurant. Tammy wanted to continue shopping, but Avery wanted to head home. "The trunk of the car is filled, what else are you trying to buy?" Avery said, "Just wait until next time."

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"Fine," Tammy said reluctantly, "It's not that there's something I want to buy, I just don't want to stop walking around. My mind starts to wander when I stop." Tammy found her car in the parking lot and noticed Elliot's branded car parked right next to hers. What a coincidence.

"Why is he still here?" Tammy lowered her voice as she unlocked her car. Avery started breathing heavily and went to open the car door to get in. Just then, Elliot stepped out of the Rolls-Royce. His eyes rested on Avery's face and with a strong voice, he called out to her, "Avery." Time seemed to have frozen when he spoke. "Avery, he is calling you," Tammy reminded. Avery clenched her fists and took a deep breath, before looking back at him. "What?"

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He let out a breath of relief when he heard her response. He didn't want anything, he just wanted her to speak to him. "You didn't reply to my messages." He felt so clumsy when he was standing before her. "Then don't send me messages." She gave him a cold look and got into the car. The red BMW's engine rumbled and turned swiftly, before racing off into the distance.

Once they were on the highway, Tammy asked, "Avery, have you fallen for him again? You look just like me when I couldn't sleep for nights in a row."

Avery lowered her head as she was not in the mood for a discussion. "I checked Elliot out carefully just now and realized that he sure maintains himself well! He looks so handsome for his age that he doesn't even look any different from the first time I saw him..."

Avery interrupted her and said, "Tammy, how old do you think he is?" "Forty?" "Probably not that old." Avery scowled. "Definitely not forty. I should know if he is." "Why? Is there supposed to be a grand celebration when he turns forty?" "No. I just don't think he is that old." "That's exactly why I said he maintains himself well. Not only his face, but he has a great figure as well. Why would you ask him to be a perfect husband when you can just take him as a lover?"

Avery was stunned. "Do I look like the kind of person who would toy with others' emotions to you?"

"You have misunderstood. I'm not telling you to toy with his emotions; I am telling you to toy with his body!" Tammy blinked and continued, "Women's urges rise when they turn thirty, don't you need a man?"

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It was a topic that she felt far too embarrassed to be a part of. At night, Eric sent Hayden and Layla back and stayed for dinner. "Mom, Hayden and I went to where Uncle Eric works today. Hayden helped someone control their drone and they gave him a big envelope of pocket money!" Layla said, before taking the envelope out. "What about you? What did you do today?" Avery asked. "I was filming the music video together with Uncle Eric!" Layla handed the envelope to Avery and said, "We had fun today!"

"It's a music video for a non-profit NGO and there's no pay, so I didn't tell you," Eric explained. "Haha, do I look like someone who's that selfish? I wouldn't have let you take my kids out if I didn't trust you." Avery's lips curled into a casual smile. Eric, too, smiled in return. "You should smile more." "Yeah. I plan on going back to work starting tomorrow." "That's good. You are never meant to settle for family," he said, "You are capable of far more meaningful things." "I just don't want Mike to exhaust himself. It's my company and I've cast it aside for so long." Avery gave Mike an embarrassed look. Mike reacted shamelessly to being mentioned and said, "If that's the case, can I take a leave starting tomorrow?" "Sure!"

"Never mind. Chad is so busy lately. I will take leave when he can do so

as well." Mike calmed down

"You can take leaves whenever you want." Avery finished her meal and set down the utensils.

"I will go check on Robert."

She walked out of the dining room and towards the living room, where Robert was sleeping.

She sat down by the crib and unlocked her phone to check her messages. The chat between Elliot and her was at the top of the list and she opened the chat to find that he was yet to accept the transaction she made.

According to what she knew about him, he would never accept the money unless she fixed the amount. But she wasn't going to because she saw no reason to accommodate him. Furious, she sent him a message.

'Take the money!'

Elliot responded swiftly once she sent the message, and soon, her phone showed that the transaction had been accepted.

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Her lashes trembled as she was surprised by how obedient Elliot was. He was never a man who would listen to her under all circumstances back when they were deeply in love with one another.

Elliot was a man of principle and he would never let her pay or accept her money for whatever they had spent outside, so she didn't think that he would accept her money despite his principle. But he did, which meant that he was willing to forego his principles for her sake. If he continued to be this obedient, it would be extremely hard for her to not fall for him.

"Elliot, stop looking at your phone already! Avery isn't replying, is she?" Ben tapped Elliot on the shoulder and passed him a glass of wine inside the VIP room. "She did." Elliot set his phone down.

"Did she really? Call her out, then. If you manage to get her here, I will believe that she's replied." Ben stared at Elliot's phone.

"She has work tomorrow." "Don't we all?" Ben exposed his lie boldly and said, "If she really did reply, would you still be sitting here, drinking with us? You would have run off to go find her. Hahaha!" The others noticed the cold expression on Elliot's face and kept quiet. Ben instantly stopped laughing. Elliot looked at Ben coldly and said in a sarcastic tone. "You have a big mouth. Go on." Ben raised his glass and clinked it with Elliot's. "Don't get upset, Elliot. Don't get disheartened even if Avery doesn't want you right now. Once she's dated other men,

she will surely realize that there's no other man like you. She will come back to you then." Elliot couldn't tell if Ben was consoling or teasing him. "Ben, Elliot has suffered enough so stop teasing him." Jun changed the topic and said, "Why don't we play a more stimulating game?" Everyone else brightened up. Elliot set his glass down and stood up abruptly. "You guys go on. I'm leaving." "Don't be a buzz-kill, Elliot! Don't you know what kind of a person Jun is? He's been good since he married Tammy, so what exactly do you think he would do? Hahaha!" Ben pulled Elliot back
Jun flushed. "Let's bet on whether Tammy will come to stop my wedding."

Elliot sat back down at Jun's words.

"Look at how scared you made Elliot, Jun... Don't be so vague when you speak the next time around. I bet that she won't!" Ben said, "Let's bet money on this, or it's no fun!" "Fine! I bet that she will! I still have fifteen thousand dollars in my account and I'll place it all on the bet!" "Just like Ben, I bet that Tammy will not interrupt the wedding," Chad said, "I'll place a month's worth of my salary on the bet!"
Everyone betted that Tammy would not interrupt the wedding.
Jun felt slightly defeated. "You all lack confidence in Tammy. Elliot, what about you? What are you betting on?" "Same as the others. I bet that she won't."

Jun's confidence began to waver. "Why? Elliot, do you not support me and Tammy?" "I saw her this afternoon when she was out eating with Avery. She seems to be doing well."

"At least she is doing better than Avery."

Jun fell into despair and heartache. Not only had he overestimated Tammy, but he had also lost the remaining fifteen thousand dollars in his bank account.

The next day, Avery saw her children off and drove to the company. She arrived at Tate Industries at nine in the morning and her employees greeted her. "Morning, President Tate! You are recovering well, one simply wouldn't be able to tell that you've recently given birth!" "Yeah, you are looking great, President Tate! Looks like our company is going to do great this year!"