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Most of Ava's colleagues from the other departments had already arrived. It was a jolly time as everyone was setting up tents and preparing for the barbecue night. Upon knowing about the President's arrival, they had already set up a tent at the best position. As soon as Damien got out of the bus, he went into the tent for a rest. Meanwhile, Ava and a group of girls had to help themselves with the tools and set up the tents.

Of course, she was incapable of doing these things. There was nothing she could do here at all. Luella was also a girl who knew nothing about this. She didn't even understand the instruction manual, so she had to ask a guy in the Marketing Department for help. "Hey, you're amazing! Did you go camping with your friends often?" While the guy was helping, Luella kept showering him with praises, which made him blush. Ava was embarrassed for doing nothing, so she took the initiative to help him. When Damien walked out of the tent, he saw Ava laughing and chatting away happily with a young male colleague.

His expression immediately became visibly displeased. Then he walked towards her. "Pre... President." The male employee stuttered in fear upon seeing him "Dempsey is searching for clean water with some other people. Stop loafing about. Follow me now." He said to Ava.

Ava immediately pulled along Luella with her and followed behind Damien. In fact, their camping site was just a stone's throw from the river. They arrived shortly, and several of their colleagues were seen having fun in the water. Some even took off their shoes and started catching fish in the stream.

Of course, catching fish bare-handed and without tools was really difficult. Luella was very playful. She immediately pulled Ava along with her and went down to the water to catch some snails. However, Ava hesitated to go. Suddenly, Damien voiced out, "She is afraid of water, don't pull her down." "Uh? President, how do you know about that?" Ava's face turned pale.

She had never told anyone about this before.

Perhaps it was because she had fallen into the sea and had an accident, or maybe it was because she didn't know how to swim. Anyway, she would feel an inexplicable sense of fear and panic every time she got close to the water. However, how did Damien know about this? Fortunately, Luella didn't dare to dive deeper about it from the President. After that, other colleagues called her over and she walked into the stream barefooted. The stream was very shallow, and the water level was just around her calf. In fact, it wasn't as dangerous as she thought.

Meanwhile, Ava stood on the shore. She was still afraid of approaching the water. "... I'd better go back."

She wanted to turn around and leave, but Damien grabbed onto her wrist.

She was afraid of being seen by her colleagues, so she immediately struggled off his grip.

"Let's sit here for a while. We'd have to help out if we head back to the campsite now," he said to her. At the campsite, everyone was busy setting up the barbecue stove before dawn. Besides, they still had to set up the tents, internet router, and also food

preparation. There were just endless tasks waiting to be done.

It turned out that the main reason Damien pulled her out to the river was just to laze around.

As a matter of fact, she was more than happy to be doing nothing. Therefore, she quickly found a sturdy stone and sat on it. However, she was three steps away from Damien.

He shook his head upon seeing her actions and stood still by the side. "You really can't remember the things that happened in the past?"

"I don't..."

She really didn't feel like talking to him at this moment. After all, they were surrounded by people, so she didn't want people to misunderstand their relationship. Then, she took out her mobile phone and pretended to read messages. Unfortunately, the internet router hadn't been set up yet. Thus, no signal could be detected in the deep mountains.

"Do you hate talking to me that much?" He asked. "I have nothing to say to you." There was a small crab walking on the pebbles. Suddenly, the tiny crab climbed over and crawled onto her ankle. She thought it was a giant insect and hence, she almost jumped out of her wits. Damien immediately pulled her to his side and kicked the crab back into the stream. Her ear-piercing scream attracted the attention of other colleagues, and everyone fixed their gaze on them simultaneously. Meanwhile, Ava was still in shock.

After realizing that she was grabbing on his arm in a panic, her cheeks flushed red and she immediately let go of him. "Luella, let's... let's go back!" She hurriedly said to Luella, who was currently having a good time. Luella picked up her shoes and quickly caught up to Ava's pace while holding a snail in one hand.

Then, she shouted excitedly, "Look, there's an add-on to our feast tonight!" Ava fastened her pace, and Luella was instantly left behind while she was still putting on her shoes. "Miss Nagel, there's something wrong with you." After returning to the campsite, Luella pulled Ava's hand and refused to let go. "Ahem, uhm... what kind of problem can I have?" She suddenly felt a sense of guilt arising. "Why did you grab the President's hand just now? Also, he was protecting you, man." "That...that's because I was scared by the crab. And how do I know who's next to me during that moment? It was just an accident."

"Are you sure?" "What else? Do you think I'm trying to seduce him?" Luella burst into laughter, "I don't think you're trying to seduce him, but it's him who's trying to do that to you." "What do you mean?" She scanned around cautiously. After confirming that no one was listening to their conversation, she whispered in Ava's ears softly, "I heard this from the other colleagues from the Marketing Department last time. Everyone is saying that you look quite alike to the President's wife who has passed away four years ago."

Ava was so shocked that she almost choked on her saliva and began to cough. "Miss Nagel, why are you so excited?" "... I just think this rumor is hilarious. Hahaha..."

Although she was laughing awkwardly, she felt guilty. By right, there shouldn't be many people in the Radbury Group who knew about her. In fact, Enrico had told her that Damien had never publicly introduced his wife to people. Although she had worked in the secretary's office before, she didn't have much connection with other people. Even if there were people who knew her identity from the past, but they were no longer working there after four years. So, how did the rumors come about?

Soon, the view became obscured as the sky grew darker. It was the time where the

bonfire party officially began. In such a large-scale team-building event, it was inevitable for various departments to engage and interact with each other. As a new employee, Ava was asked to propose toasts to the leaders. She wasn't bad at drinking, but she felt a little tipsy after that. Luella was even worse. She was already slurring out her words like a drunk after drinking three glasses of beer. "Miss Nagel, I want more! More!" "Alright, alright. Let's go into the tent first. I'll feed you some water, okay?" "I don't want water, I want beer! We're not going home tonight until we're drunk!" Ava took a huge effort to drag Luella who was completely drunk into the tent. Then, she coaxed her to sleep with a gentle voice. However, Luella was still tossing and turning restlessly as she kept mumbling out words. After Luella had fallen asleep, Ava finally walked out of the tent. In fact, she was also slightly drunk, and she almost fell with her staggering steps.

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She quietly looked at Damien, who was sitting in the distance. He had been surrounded by the crowd to toast just now. However, he was gone in the blink of an eye. She felt gloomy, and she didn't feel like socializing with her colleagues anymore. Instead, she walked alone to a corner and sobered herself up. The night wind which blew in from the mountains was chilly. Ava was wearing a flimsy shirt, and it made her shiver incessantly when the cold breeze gusted through her.

Suddenly, she felt a weight on her shoulders, and soon saw a thick beige coat fell on her body. The coat still had the remains of warmth. She turned around and saw Damien. "Why are you here?" Ava hurriedly took off the coat and returned it to him. Her colleagues would gossip about her if they were to notice this scene. He tapped her shoulder and assured, "They're all drinking beer over there, so no one's gonna come." Probably because of his drunken state, his face was also flushing red. His eyes were dark and bright, just like the vast stars in the night sky behind him. Suddenly, she was bedazzled by his astounding appearance. "I want to show you something." He suddenly grabbed her hand and led her to the side. Some astronomy fanatic had brought over a telescope and situated it at the edge of the mountain. The mountain edge was the most suitable place to observe stars and universes.

Damien lowered his back and adjusted the telescope. Then he motioned for her to come over.

Ava went over with doubt, she didn't know what he was trying to do. Then, she followed his instructions and stood in front of the telescope. She could see an entire galaxy of stars through the lens. The vast universe was at its grand and spectacular view. "Shift to your left a little. Do you see that?" "What am I supposed to see?" "The nebula over there is a Sagittarius. I bought an asteroid and named it after you. However, there are millions of them, and you probably can't recognize yours. Just simply look will do." "What?" Shocked, Ava immediately raised her head. However, she accidentally hit on his jaw while doing so. Unexpectedly, he was holding her shoulder from behind in such an intimate posture... She was a little shy. Damien smiled and told her, "Didn't you ask me to pick a star for you from the sky? Since it's too difficult to do so. Let's hang it up in the sky." She was stunned. She really did say those words to him while he stopped by her house the other day.

But that was just a thing she simply made up. It was obviously an outrageous wish to ask for! But he really did it. “You have no better place to spend your money, aren’t you?” Ava nagged. “You don’t like it?” “Even if I like it, I can’t move to that planet!” She wasn’t delighted at all, and Damien was a little disappointed at her response. She ought to know that he had put in a lot of effort to make it happen. “I was willing to pick the stars for you, but it turns out that I’m just not good enough.” His words made her heart jolted. She instinctively wanted to break free from his embrace, but he resisted it. Eventually, Ava gave up and sighed helplessly, “Damien, are you not going to let me go?” “It was you who provoked me first. So, why should I?”

She looked into his eyes. The night was dark, and she couldn’t seem to decipher his thoughts at all.

In her remnants of memories, everyone warned her that he was a bad guy who had hurt her numerous times.

But why was this bad guy so good to her? “Damien Radbury, just what kind of relationship do we have in the past?” “You once liked me. You loved me for many years.” / “I’ve liked you. Have you ever liked me?” “The word ‘like’ can’t accurately define my feelings for you.” He held her waist and bent over to kiss her. In contrast with his blunt and forceful manner, he was soft and gentle this time. It seemed that she could push him away easily.

Unexpectedly, she didn’t do so. Perhaps it was because that he had brought her to see the vast river of stars today, or maybe it was owing to the good weather, or it was probably because she was a little drunk. In short, she was feeling dizzy and light-headed. He was sucking on every inch of her with his soft and tender lips, like a desperate person who almost ate her up. Suddenly, her mind went blank and she even forgot to resist. Soon, she wrapped her hands around his neck. This feeling was very familiar as if her hands were meant to be placed at that position. His cool aura enveloped her until she was completely out of breath. Suddenly, someone let out a cry of surprise from a distance. One of the employees of the Engineering Department drank too much and went out to the bathroom. Just then, he witnessed the scene unraveled before his eyes. He thought that he had mistaken, so he rubbed his eyes hard. Then, he rubbed it again.

In the darkness, he couldn’t get a glimpse of the woman. However, he caught sight of Damien’s tall and muscular figure, who was obviously holding a woman tightly in his arms and was kissing her. Ava immediately loosened her grip and pushed Damien away. Damien wanted to pull her in, but she quickly took off his coat on her. He chuckled. Then, he walked in the direction of the guy with the coat in his hand.

“Pre... President, I... I didn’t see anything!” Since Damien was in a pretty good mood, he didn’t care much about it and let the person go. The next day, when it was time to go back after the event ended, everyone was gossiping about how the President had hooked up with a female employee. Unfortunately, no one knew who the woman was. Meanwhile, the male colleague who had witnessed the scene was describing the encounter vividly. He said that the woman had a pair of slender legs, a slim waist, and dewy fair skin. However, he still couldn’t figure out her identity after so much talking. Ava was flustered and anxious upon hearing the gossips. Fortunately, they had guessed all the beautiful female employees in the entire company, but no one guessed her. After all, Luella had already told them about her having a child. Therefore, everyone

was speculating about Damien's chief secretary, Dempsey Bradley. "I knew it! Dempsey is young, pretty and capable. What's more, she has been working by the President's side for the longest. Who else could it be but her?" "Exactly! If it weren't for their close relationship, how could the President trust Dempsey so much?" They were discussing loudly and unscrupulously during the bus ride. Meanwhile, Dempsey and Damien had already left the place in the newly repaired sports car. . Who else had a curvaceous figure and a pair of slender legs in the entire company except for Dempsey? Ava leaned against the window and listened to her colleagues' heated discussion. She felt very uncomfortable.

Was it true that Dempsey and Damien had a close relationship? Although Ava knew that she was the woman from last night, she couldn't help but be annoyed by their conversation.

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Luella whispered to her softly, "Ava, you ought to thank me for this time." "Why?" "If I hadn't told everyone that you had a four-year-old son, they would have suspected you." "What do you mean?" Luella winked at her mysteriously and said, "I drank too much yesterday and wanted to throw up. And... I happened to see you and the President." "You..."

Luella quickly covered Ava's mouth and whispered, "Hey... Be cool, do you want everyone to find out?"

"Luella, don't tell anyone!" "Don't worry. If I wanted to expose you, I would've spread it out already. In fact, I know about it since early on." Ava's heart pounded nervously, "When did you find out?" "A week ago, when you applied for sick leave and were absent for a week. And suddenly, the President issued a notice and switched the event to this week. I already guessed it from then."

So that was how it was. Ava was already feeling uneasy, and she was at a loss. "So, you can't deny it anymore. Miss Nagel, what's your relationship with the President?" Seeing that she didn't answer, Luella began to guess, "Perhaps that child is President's son? They look so similar... but why does he have the same surname as you? And why didn't he live with the Radbury family? Is the President's mom okay with this?" Upon hearing her words, Ava came to a sudden realization. She suddenly raised her head. "Soon, we won't be associated with each other anymore."

After returning home, Ava immediately went to pack up her belongings in the room. Jessica noticed her serious expression and hurriedly asked, "Ava, what's going on?" "Mom, please hurry to the kindergarten and pick Jean up. I'm going to buy flight tickets now." "Flight tickets?" "Yes, I'm taking Jean abroad. Mom, you can follow along if you want to, I'll just buy three tickets." Jessica was baffled by her words. Meanwhile, Ava quickly packed up the luggage. Soon, she was done keeping all the things. She wasn't sober last night and wasn't in a clear state of mind. However, she had regained her sanity now.

If more people knew about the relationship between her and Damien, this matter would eventually be brought to light someday.

In other words, even if Damien still had the patience to deal with her and even if he

didn't take Jean away from her right now but the elders of Radbury Family would definitely not sit by and allow Jean to have the same surname as her. Although Damien said that she could only rely on him if she wanted to protect Jean, she felt that he wasn't reliable either.

The best way was to go abroad, so that no one could find them! "Ava, I'm lost. If you go abroad, isn't that." Jessica couldn't stop her and she was extremely anxious. "Mom, are you coming with me?" "Where should I be going? I can't speak any foreign language and I don't even know anyone there. I'm not going!" "Well, then I'll come back to see you in the future when I have the chance." Ava was very efficient. Seeing that her mother was unwilling to go, she packed up her things and hurriedly rushed to the kindergarten. After picking up Jean, she immediately went to the airport and bought the flight tickets. "Mommy, why are we leaving so soon?" Jean was confused. "Jean, be good. After we arrive abroad safely, everything will still be the same." "But, I haven't said goodbye to Grandma, and also..." He hesitated for a moment and looked at his mother before continued to say in a low voice, "I didn't say goodbye to Daddy either." Indeed, Ava's intuition was on point. After the day Karen found out that her daughter-in-law was still alive, she immediately inquired about it. Soon, she also found out about Ava's son. After calculating the age and comparing his appearance, sure enough, it was her precious grandson and Damien's son. "Why did you allow your son to live in that kind of place?" Damien was confronted by Karen as soon as he got home. Damien knew that he couldn't hide this matter any longer, and he didn't intend to do so. Then, he responded blandly, "Although her house isn't large, it's not too bad either. Why can't he live there?"

"You fool! Don't you know who Jessica Fuller is? She was Keenan's mistress, who lured Ava into drugging you, so that she could force the marriage between you guys. She took advantage of you by having her daughter be a part of the Radbury family. Are you expecting my precious grandson to be living with those scheming dual? They'd misguide the poor child for sure!" Damien snorted coldly and retorted, "You weren't that great in raising your son either."

Karen was so mad at his attitude, and she almost fainted from anger. "I've personally raised you up! What kind of nonsense are you talking about?" "Just because both Enrico and I were taught by you, that's why I know that you can't teach your grandson well." "You... I don't care. Go and bring my grandson back right now!" Damien was helpless. Therefore, he had no other choice but to do as his mother said.

After letting Ava free for so long, he didn't want to force her either. However, it seemed like he had given her too much freedom. As time went by, she would undoubtedly forget about her status as his wife, Mrs. Radbury Damien thought that he could also take advantage of this opportunity and let her return to the Radbury family.

However, when he arrived at Jessica's house, Jessica told him, "My daughter has already left. She brought Jean along with her." "Where did they go?" "I don't know either. Probably anywhere in the world where they can hide from the Radbury family? She can go wherever she wants to." Upon hearing this shocking news, Damien immediately rushed to the airport.

At this moment, Ava and Jean were checking in at the counter. There was still more than an hour before boarding time. Hence, Ava planned to have lunch with Jean first. Just then, she noticed two familiar figures from afar. It was Kelly and Selden. The two of

them seemed to have just got off the plane not long ago and were walking to the exit. Selden was walking in the front while Kelly followed behind him. It seemed like they had some sort of quarrel. Just then, Selden said to Kelly in annoyance, "Stop following me. Don't you understand what I'm saying?" "When did I? Can't I happen to be on the same flight with you?" Kelly retorted. "Great, I'm going to Antarctica now, are you also going to follow me?" "You... If you can find a flight flying there now, then I won't follow you anymore!" Just as the two of them were about to quarrel, Kelly suddenly froze on the spot. She saw Ava holding hands with a child from afar. Noticing the strange look in Kelly's eyes, Selden also turned around. Ava was just a few steps away from them, and there were countless people passing in between. He wanted to walk in her direction, but he didn't dare to.

It had been four years. He thought she was dead and never coming back.

He saw her countless times before, but in the end, it was all just his absurd illusions. Nevertheless, Ava looked exactly the same as four years ago.

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While holding Jean in one hand, Ava walked in their direction slowly.

The distance between them was getting shorter. "Selden, it's been a long time," she said with a smile. Tears welled up in his eyes. He hesitated for a moment and finally stretched his hand out. The moment his hand touched her face, everything felt real. It was not an illusion this time. "You're still alive." "Yes, I'm not dead and I'm sorry that I haven't told you..."

Initially, Ava wanted to run away when she saw them. However, she changed her mind after a moment of hesitation. Tears rolled down Kelly's cheek. She wanted to approach her, but she didn't know where to start. Finally, she burst into tears. She held Jean's small hand and said to him, "I'm Aunt Kelly, and this is Uncle Selden. We're both your mommy's best friend." "Nice to meet you, aunt and uncle." They were all good friends of Mommy's... Yes, they were just friends. Suddenly, Selden laughed silently. As long as she was still alive, what else was there to think about? Good thing she was still alive. In the past four years, his life was in a downward spiral. He had been drunk and living aimlessly every day. It was not until recently that he had gotten better. It turned out that she was alive all this time.

"Ava, I let you down for what happened before." "Forget it, it's all in the past. I don't really hate you."

"Ava, I..." Before Selden finished his words, a sudden yell resounded the hallway. "Ava Nagell!" The voice was piercingly loud, and it let off an enormous shock to people in the airport. Subsequently, a few bodyguards quickly ran over and surrounded them. At this moment, Damien showed up from the crowd. He then immediately pulled Ava to his side. "Didn't I already said that you're not allowed to leave? Do you not care about what I said?" Damien was obviously mad. In the past, he had never spoken so harshly to Ava in front of Jean.

This time, even Jean was shocked. Ava wanted to struggle out of his grasp. However, it only made him grab her even tighter.

"Let go of me! You're hurting me!" "Don't even think about leaving. Follow me home."

Damien dragged her with him and was about to leave. Suddenly, Selden's expression darkened, "Stop!" He grabbed Ava on the other hand. Both of Ava's wrists were pulled by them and she was in extreme pain. Flustered, she looked at the two of them helplessly. Meanwhile, they looked past her and stared coldly at each other. The atmosphere suddenly became intense.

"It's been four years. You still aren't willing to treat her well" Selden said coldly.

"You're right. It's been four years and you're still not willing to give up on her." "Why should I? As long as I am here, you can't hurt her." Realizing the heated situation, Kelly immediately tried to calm them down and separate them. She was afraid that the two guys would get into a fight. Unexpectedly, she failed to mitigate the conflict. Instead, she was pushed to the ground. Ava was infuriated, "What are you guys trying to do in the public? I'll have the final say on wherever I want to go. Both of you let go!" She flung their hands away forcefully and was just about to leave with Jean. At this moment, someone among the passers-by suddenly shouted. "It's Kelly Hensley! She's Kelly Hensley!" Before Kelly could get up from the ground, she was already surrounded by a crowd of fascinated onlookers. She was trapped under all the flashing lights. More people gathered around to watch the scene. Damien and Selden could only give up on the stalemated fight when all eyes were on them. Meanwhile, Kelly tried hard to hide her face. The sudden situation flustered her.

The once popular celebrity had appeared at the airport and was pushed to the ground by two men. It was indeed breaking news. It took only two hours for Kelly to become the most searched topic on the internet. The title was written as 'Kelly Hensley showed up at the airport in a mess! The photos of her falling to the ground were also massively circulated. Soon after, the netizen recognized that the two men beside her were the President of Radbury Group and the son of Oakley Corporation. As it was known to all, Selden was once Kelly's boyfriend. Soon, rumors were spreading around saying how the two rich gentlemen were fighting over a female celebrity at the airport. Kelly was surprised for making the headlines after four years of stepping away from the entertainment industry. Moreover, this time she was actually mistaken and misunderstood.

In fact, the guys were only doing this for the sake of Ava.

Back at home, Damien sat on the sofa in the living room with an ugly expression while fixing his gaze on Ava.

After bringing her back forcefully, they had ended in a state of deadlock. Jean had already been taken to the room by the servants of the Radbury family for a rest. The butler noticed the tension between them and was afraid that they would quarrel.

Therefore, he didn't dare to let Jean stay outside.

Meanwhile, Ava sat motionlessly and remained silent.

After that incident, the flight had already taken off and she couldn't leave now even if she wanted to.

Finally, she stood up, "If there's nothing else, I'll take Jean with me." "Sit down."

Damien's voice was cold and firm. She turned her head and was about to leave with her luggage. Just then, he stretched out his long arms and pulled her back onto the sofa. In the blink of an eye, he had already put his hands on her.

"Do you really think you can get away from me?" Damien's warm breath wafted all over

her face. She quickly turned her head away and didn't dare to look into his eyes. "Damien Radbury, can't you just let me go?" "I can't." He spoke in a self-righteous and shameless manner. "It's impossible for me to hand Jean over to you: He is my life, my everything. No matter what, I will not allow anyone to take him away from me!" "No one is going to take him away from you." He said in a deep voice. Ava was stunned, "Don't you want him? Then why..." "All I want is you. Ava Nagel, when can you learn to be a little smarter?" He curled his lips and gave off a bitter smile. Finally, he was willing to release her.

Ava hurriedly stood up from the sofa. She was eager to leave the Radbury household. However, before she could take Jean with her, she suddenly ran into Karen who just entered the house. She subconsciously took a step back, and Damien supported her from behind. "Oh, that's good of you to send my precious grandson over." Karen said with a big smile.

She immediately wanted to see her baby grandson. When Ava was about to speak, Damien secretly grasped her wrist, indicating that she should not say anything. "Jean is in the room upstairs. You there, go and bring him down." Damien said to his butler. He asked his mother to sit down first. After a while, Jean was brought to Karen. "Hey, this child looks the same as you were when you were a child! Come here, come to grandma!" Although Karen despised Ava, she was overjoyed after meeting her precious grandson. She immediately showed a loving and kind expression to him.

However, Jean feared strangers. He hurriedly ran towards Ava and hid behind her, refusing to stick his head out.

Karen immediately pulled a long face, "Ava Nagel, what are you doing? Don't you want him to acknowledge me as his grandmother?"

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Ava was extremely embarrassed. What she feared most was that the senior members of the Radbury family would want Jean to return to the family. If that happened, it would be very difficult for her to meet Jean ever again. However, there was no way for her to hide from them anymore since they had already bumped into each other. After all, Jean was still the grandson of the Radbury family. "Jean, this is your grandmother," Ava slowly comforted Jean as she pushed him towards Karen Adaly. "...Grandma," Jean understood that his mother might be in a difficult situation, so he greeted his grandmother politely. Karen's attitude towards the child and Ava was completely different. She took the little boy's hand with a smile and asked him, "What's your name?" "I'm Jean Nagel." "That's not a very nice name, is it? You are the grandson of the Radbury Family, so it would be best if we changed your name." "No! My name is given by my mommy, I like it!" Jean immediately turned back to look at his mommy, so Ava hurriedly pulled him behind her to protect him. Damien quickly stepped in to ease the situation and said to Karen, "The kid is still young and might not be familiar with strangers. Mom, that's it for today then?" "Unfamiliar with me? I'm his grandmother! Since he is one of us, he should feel at ease with me! Why not let him stay at our place for two days? He will get to know us in no time!" "No way!" Hearing this, Ava suddenly panicked and said. "It seems that you have objections?" Karen gave her a sidelong

glance. "Jean has never left me. He can't..." "Hmph, I don't think you can raise a child well, look how spoiled this little fellow is! If you continue to raise him for two more years, he'll be a goner soon!" Ava held Jean's hand tightly. Then, Damien quickly stopped Karen when he realized that she was going to snatch the child away from Ava. "Mom, since Jean is my son, I will raise him myself. You don't have to worry about this." "You are so busy with your work, so how can you possibly have time for that? Besides, as a man, do you even know how to take care of a child?" "About that, you just have to relax." The butlers, nannies, chefs, and tutors all walked in with a wave of his hand. It turned out that he had already prepared everything in advance! "I have already prepared a children's room and a game room at home. If you take the child away now, it will be a waste of my efforts," Damien said.

Karen didn't have anything to say anymore after she saw that he was so attentive to even the slightest details. "What about her? What are you going to do with her?" She pointed at Ava. Damien gave Ava an intense look and smiled, "Well, we will be like how we were previously. Mom, are you going to keep prying on us even though we're a married couple?" Karen saw how determined Damien was, so she could only remain silent. When Ava first had the accident two years ago, Karen saw with her own eyes the depressive abyss of destruction that Damien had sunk himself into. She couldn't figure out why Damien would care so much for a woman like Ava. However, she knew that she should keep her thoughts to herself after seeing Damien's affection for this woman. She hadn't seen Damien's smile in so many years, but he actually had one on his face the whole time with Ava!

"Okay, you have your own decisions, so I'll go with whatever you decide," Karen said. Damien gave the butler a look and signaled him to send his mother off. However, Karen hadn't even reached the door when she suddenly turned back.

"Damien, I'm not trying to be extra here but I just want to let you know that since Jean is part of our family's bloodline, he should stay in the family from now on. Don't let him go to inappropriate places anymore." "All right." After Damien sent his mother away, he turned around and saw Ava's angry face. "What is the meaning of this?" Ava asked coldly. "Since Mom already knows about Jean's existence, she naturally wants him to return to the family." "Didn't you say that you wouldn't take Jean away from me? You are clearly..." Ava was furious. She took Jean's small hand and immediately felt like leaving the house. Damien blocked both of them at the door, "If I didn't say that, my mother would have immediately taken him away. Isn't that why you played along just now and didn't say a word?" "Damien, you did this on purpose!" "Well, you can see it that way." Damien looked down and asked Jean with a smile, "You saw your room just now. Do you like it?" "I don't like it," Jean pouted. His room in daddy's house was much bigger than his grandma's. He had countless toys and books, and his bed was bigger and softer here. However, he would rather die than live in a big room at the cost of being separated from his mother! Jean hugged Ava's thigh and said firmly, "I want to be with mommy! I don't want to be separated from her!"

"Silly boy, who told you that you are going to be separated from mommy?" Damien said with a chuckle, "From today onwards, your mommy will also live here. We are a family and we will never be apart again."

He had already planned everything from the start and he wouldn't even give her a chance to refuse. Karen would definitely meddle with their affairs if she were to

forcefully leave the Radbury family with Jean. Ava was alone and powerless now, so this would only end up with Jean being taken away from her! If Ava wanted to be with Jean, staying with the Radbury family was her only choice. At this time, the servant had moved her suitcase into the bedroom. She should have taken the child on the plane from the start, but she couldn't go anywhere now. "Mommy, are you very unhappy?" Jean took advantage of the fact that no one was by his side and he asked her in a low voice. "Jean, are you happy?" "Mommy, if you hate this place, then I hate it too," Jean answered her seriously. She smiled and gently caressed her son's head. "Jean, although you're my baby, you're also an independent boy now. You can do whatever you like without thinking about mommy's feelings." "Of course I have to think about your feelings! Because in this world, mommy is the person that I love the most!" If children were a mother's greatest love, then Jean was Ava's perfect little angel. She looked around the bedroom and whispered, "It's not that mommy doesn't like it here, but I don't know why I feel upset as soon as I enter this place." She did not remember this house at all, but it still gave her a sense of familiarity. Perhaps she did not have good memories from when she used to live in this place. From the bed to the couch and the curtains... everything made her sad for some reason. In the past that she could not remember, she had stayed here day after day, waiting expectantly for someone to return. "I didn't change anything in this room after you left. I have always thought that your return was just a fantasy and I didn't expect that it could become true," Damien appeared at the door out of a sudden.

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Damien leaned against the door frame and said softly, "Ava, you don't know how happy I was when you came back." "You said that you didn't ask anyone to change the furnishings here?" Ava said coldly, "Then I must have never told you this before."

"What?"

"I don't like the colour of the curtains. I can't stand it." Ava remembered that all the curtains had warm colours with pretty patterns in her mother's home. Her mother had even said that it was her favourite style. However, the colour of all the curtains here was dull and cold, and they looked lifeless. In the past, she must have hated the decor here.

"Well, I'll ask someone to change it right away if you don't like it," Damien said, "Ava, just tell me if there is anything you do not prefer." He remembered that Ava would never tell him about her preferences. For a long time, she deliberately changed herself in order to cater to his preferences. She wore outfits that he liked and even read books that he was into, even if it was very incompatible!

He didn't like it when she behaved that way. "If you told me earlier about things that you don't like, perhaps there wouldn't be so many misunderstandings between us." He reached out and tried to touch her cheek, but he decided against it when she subconsciously dodged him. That night, she expected him to ask her to sleep in the same room with him. She was racking her brain and thinking of ways to avoid it.

However, she didn't think that he would choose to sleep in the guest room instead. The thought that such a huge master bedroom was left for her alone never crossed her mind. She laid on the bed, but she was unable to sleep for a long time. At around three

o'clock in the morning, she still didn't feel sleepy at all. She got up and wanted to go to the next room to check on Jean. Her son had a habit of kicking the quilt, so she should make sure he did not catch a cold. The door of the room was actually open when she arrived. There was no light on but a ray of light from the corridor shone through the crack of the door. A shadow of a figure could be seen in the room.

Damien stood in front of Jean's bed and was gently covering him with the quilt. Meanwhile, Ava stood at the door with a little shocked. It was surprising to see that Damien could actually be so attentive and considerate. Then, Damien turned to look at her and gestured for her to be quiet. He walked out of the room and gently closed the door.

"Why aren't you sleeping? Could it be that you're not used to sleeping in a different bed?" He asked softly. "I... I'm going to bed now!" After she said that, she walked away fast as if she'd seen a ghost. The only thing left behind her was Damien. He let out a low sigh with a slight chuckle.

It was strange that when she returned to the room again, she actually fell asleep in a short time and slept particularly deeply. It was already quite late in the day by the time she woke up the next day. Damien and Jean were both gone. The servant in the house told her, "Mr. Radbury took Jean to school and he must have gone straight to the company after sending him off. He said that you didn't rest well last night, so there's no need for you to show up at work today. Also, he asked that you take the day off and just relax at home." Hence, Ava ate her brunch in the dining room without saying anything. She had gotten up really late and it was already time for lunch. She was about to go home to inform her mother, but before she could go out, a gatekeeper reported that a young lady named Miss Hensley had come to visit. After losing her memory, Ava only knew one person whose last name was Hensley, and that was Kelly Hensley. "Miss Nagel, I thought you would refuse to see me...." Kelly's eyes were watery and clear. It made Ava feel pity when she saw her face. Ava quickly asked her to sit down in the living room and told her, "I haven't been able to see you after I was gone for 4 years. I've made you think that I was dead, so I have to apologize." "No, no, no! It was all my fault... Miss Nagel, now that you have returned to the Radbury family, does that mean you regained your memories?"

Ava shook her head.

She still could not recall anything about the past. "I saw the news. You must be very troubled after being photographed at the airport, aren't you?" Ava remembered what happened at the airport yesterday and quickly asked her. Yesterday, she was dragged away by Damien so she had no time to talk to Kelly and Selden to catch up! Kelly smiled faintly and said, "I haven't been acting in any TV series for the past few years, so it's rare to see myself as a hot topic now. I'm actually very touched to have gained lots of exposure, honestly." In fact, since Ava had an accident four years ago, Kelly had been by Selden's side abroad. He was depressed all day, and happiness seemed to be a thing of the past for him. She was afraid that something bad would happen to him, so she accompanied Selden all the time and refused to leave.

Yesterday, she followed him back when he returned home. However, she didn't expect to meet Ava, who was still alive!

"Miss Nagel, Selden hasn't moved on for the past few years. He almost went crazy when he saw

that you were still alive yesterday.” Hearing Selden’s name, Ava’s eyes darkened. She was once deceived by him when she was abroad previously, and she still couldn’t let that go. However, sometimes it was best to let things stay in the past and move on. “Please help me tell him that I don’t blame him anymore. Tell him to stop holding on, that’s all.” She said to Kelly

“But... he... he is unwilling to talk to me now. Not even a word!”

“It’s been so many years, but you still...” Kelly shook her head in self-deprecation. “Miss Nagel, although you don’t remember it at all, I did a lot of bad things to you in the past. And over these past few years, I have finally understood one thing. The fact that he does not have a place for me in his heart has nothing to do with you. I’m sorry.” This afternoon, Kelly and Ava talked about many things together. From what happened in the past and the incidents over the past 4 years... In conclusion, it was overwhelming. Kelly couldn’t help but burst into tears. She hadn’t cried like this for a long time. Four years was certainly enough for a stubborn little girl like her to be tamed. “Well, don’t cry... You said you were going to apologize to me and now it’s like I made you cry. Am! the bad person now?” Ava did not even manage to wipe her tears! After crying for a while, Kelly finally broke into laughter. “Miss Nagel, you’re so kind. I have offended you but you’re still willing to befriend me. No wonder Mr. Radbury and Selden like you so much.” “Da... Damien likes me?” She was stunned. “Of course! You’re literally the person he cares about and loves the most! You don’t know how envious I am of you guys! But too bad I just can’t have a relationship like this.” Ava smiled bitterly Since she returned home, she had heard too many versions about the past between her and Damien. From everyone else’s descriptions, it was always how cold-hearted Damien was as a person and how cruelly he used to treat her. However, Kelly said that Ava was the only one who had a special place in his heart... So, which was the truth? Thus, Ava was getting more and more confused.

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During the days in the Radbury family, Ava and Damien tried their best to avoid one another. This was the condition that she requested from Damien. Otherwise, she would immediately bring their child back to her mother’s home.

Thus, Damien had no choice but to agree to this. He did not even take a step into her bedroom. As for work, the driver from the Radbury family would drop her by the curb to the opposite of the company’s entrance. There was nothing much different, honestly. In the company, nobody except for Luella knew about her relationship with Damien. There were so many people in the company that Damien and she didn’t even really get to see each other at work. However, the scandal between Dempsey and Damien was getting increasingly viral out of a sudden. It was all because of the one instance of mistaken identity at the camp. “Ava, aren’t you angry?” Luella dragged her to the balcony to talk during lunch break. “What am I supposed to be angry about?” Ava was confused. “The rumours about our boss and Dempsey, aren’t you and him a thing... Don’t you feel jealous?” “We both know that the person at that night wasn’t Dempsey at all. What’s there to be angry about? It’s really bad for Dempsey to get involved in such a rumor for no reason, honestly. Tell me, is there any way to help her clear her name?”

“Girl, you want to help her clear her name? Don’t you find something off in this whole situation?” Looking at Luella’s anxious expression, Ava was even more confused. She couldn’t figure out what was wrong in this situation.

As always, Damien had always been the center of the attention! He used to have rumors circulating him, even the time where he was pictured with Kelly Hensley in the airport two days ago. Plus even if there was something, Ava would not bother. Luella could tell from her completely nonchalant look that Ava was not at all worried.

“Dempsey has been with the boss for the longest time, and she knows him the best. The two of them are always together every day for work. Besides, Dempsey is a very beautiful woman. Men would definitely be tempted by her! Ava, are you really not worried?” “It’s really not my concern. Why should I care what kind of woman he fancies?” Ava pouted. “Dear god! Cut the pretense in front of me, okay? I won’t say a single thing about you and our boss!” During their whole lunch break, Luella had been talking non-stop about Dempsey to Ava. Hence, Ava’s ears almost exploded from all the talk. At first, she didn’t pay much attention to it. However, she started to feel uncomfortable after hearing about it repeatedly. In the afternoon, when Ava was getting a form from the Finance Department, she ran into Dempsey who came over for some papers as well. Dempsey politely offered her seat for her. Everyone in the department widened their eyes in shock.

After all, Dempsey was the one who worked alongside the CEO! Why would she offer a seat for a random staff member? “Assistant Bradley!” After walking out of the Finance Department, Ava quickly caught up with her. “What’s the matter?” “Well... In the future, when we are in the company, can you not be too polite to me? If you do so, others will start to suspect. And...”

“Okay, I understand.” Dempsey gave her a slight bow with a smile. She was still as polite as ever. For some reason, Dempsey made Ava feel like she was a very polite and nice person, yet kind of distant. It was as if she was unapproachable.

It was hard to say if she was the same when she was with Damien. As soon as this idea crossed her mind, she immediately shook her head. It didn’t matter to her if Damien and his secretary had a thing! At the end of the day, the two of them were just ‘temporary housemates’ for the sake of their son! “Miss Nagel, you should be going to the printing room after taking the form, right? The 18th floor’s printer is broken. I’ll borrow the one from the Administrative Department.” Dempsey said. Then, Ava nodded and followed Dempsey into the elevator. They went to the Administrative Department for the printing room.

Before she even reached the door, Ava heard two or three female colleagues inside the room. So, she could only wait outside with Dempsey for a while.

However, the people inside were chatting passionately.

Ava clearly heard Dempsey’s name pop out of their mouths.

It seemed that the gossip about Dempsey and Damien had spread everywhere.

“Why do you think Dempsey is capable of rising to this position? Isn’t it all because she’s beautiful?” “Humph, she is not beautiful at all! She just knows how to dress up. As a female secretary, she wears such short skirts all the time... it’s clear that she wants to seduce the CEO!” Ava took a glance at Dempsey, who was next to her. She was obviously wearing the most formal skirt and the hemline had reached her knees! How was that considered short? “This group of women, they dress up so fancily to the

company and yet they have the guts to judge others!”

Ava was so angry that she kicked the door open.

The people inside the door were shocked. Seeing that it was Ava, they said, “Oh it’s you, Ava. Are you trying to scare us or what?” “If you didn’t do anything wrong, you won’t even think I’m trying to scare you. Why the hell are you guys gossiping behind people’s back... Gosh!” Ava said grumpily. Dempsey did not follow behind Ava. The door of the document room was not transparent so the female colleagues did not see her at all. “Ava, what do you mean by that? We were just chit-chatting!” “Chit-chatting? You have slandered the reputation of others that badly. It’s simply abominable!” “What? How is that slandering! Dempsey tried to seduce the CEO just because she has good looks!

Everybody knows about this! It’s not like we spread this ourselves!” Ava was very angry. She thought such a hurtful remark was excessive, not to mention Dempsey who was involved in this matter heard it! She suddenly felt full of justice, “Do you have any evidence to even talk about this? Not to mention that Dempsey is not the kind of person you think she is. Even if she was, it is not your right to judge her!”

“Oh, so she can try to seduce anyone with her looks, but people can’t talk about her? If she doesn’t like money, why the hell would she try to seduce the CEO?”

“Money? Who doesn’t love money? Many people are unwilling to admit it, but who doesn’t want to be rich? I think it’s you guys who want to climb up the ranks for money!”

Ava’s words were so harsh that the other women were almost rendered speechless. One of the female colleagues said, “Humph, sorry, we won’t do such a shameless thing!” Ava glanced at the girl from top to bottom and said coldly, “Even if you wanted to, it’s impossible. Sleeping your way up requires a little bit of beauty.” Then, Dempsey finally couldn’t stand it any longer and burst into laughter outside the room. Upon hearing her voice, the faces of the few colleagues turned grim. They weren’t afraid of Ava because they thought she was new here and they were all senior staff here. But to Dempsey, they only dared to speak behind her back!

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After that, Dempsey didn’t say anything. She just walked into the room and started printing the documents she needed.

The girls were so scared that they quickly left together without saying a single word. However, Ava was still not satisfied and asked Dempsey, “What are you going to do about them?” “Nothing, really.” There was no trace of anger on Dempsey’s face at all.

“But they...” “Madam, thank you so much for what you did just now.”

She then turned around and solemnly made a bow. Ava was a little flattered. “I didn’t do anything. Anyway, I just couldn’t stand their gossip and I was so angry! Why aren’t you mad at all?” “There’s nothing to be annoyed about. You’ve seen it. They’re afraid of me, so they dare not say

anything in front of me.” “But they will talk behind your back!” “Gossip is scary indeed, but I can’t control anyone who wants to talk behind my back. As long as I am innocent and did nothing wrong, I’m all good.” Dempsey hesitated and continued, “Madam, you believe that I’m innocent in this, right?” “Of course! Otherwise, why would I stand up for

you? However, even if we are in private, don't call me 'madam'. If someone else hears us..."

"All right." When Dempsey handed over the printed documents to the CEO's office, she told Damien about what had just happened in the printing room. "There's a lot of gossip about you in the company now. Do we need to do something about this?" Damien frowned, but what he was concerned about was another matter, "You are saying that she stood up for you?" "Yes, that's right." "She didn't get mad?" Dempsey replied, "She was. She even taught those girls a good lesson for me." "I mean, there's a lot of rumors about you and me in the company, but she doesn't care about that issue at all?"

Dempsey was stunned. "Madam... she trusts you very much, doesn't she?" However, Damien did not look happy after hearing her words. There had always been many rumours about him in the company, and he never cared. It was not like the rumours would reduce if he did.

If he were to change secretaries due to some stupid rumours, it would be a waste of talent! However, Ava was not jealous at all when she heard this.

This was not a matter of trust, it was that she didn't even care at all!

That night, Damien returned home very late.

By that time, Ava had already made sure her son was asleep before she went back to her own room. She didn't even notice that he was back.

She was engrossed in her sleep until the middle of the night when she felt something cold on her face. Then she opened her eyes in shock. Without even having the time to react, her covers were pulled away by a hand. Then, a tall and dark figure rolled onto her bed. "What are you doing?" Ava cried out and kicked him out of bed. Then, Damien fell on the carpet and he remained silent for a long time. Ava was shocked and turned on the light in a hurry. She smelled alcohol all over his body. It turned out that Damien was drunk! He laid on the floor and was unable to get up. "What's wrong with you? Why did you drink so much?"

Next, Ava ran out of bed in a hurry and tried to lift him up.

However, he suddenly reached out and held her tightly in his arms.

"Let me go... Hey!" Ava was speechless. When did he pick up the habit of sleeping in her bed whenever he got drunk? Damien held her face and suddenly chuckled. "Ava, is that you?" "Of course it's me. Get up quickly and go back to your room." "I'm not going back. This is my room... Where do you want me to go?" What he said was actually true. Ava said, "Then you can sleep here. I'll sleep in Jean's room:" "Don't go... stay here..." He grabbed her arm and refused to let go.

"Are you angry?" Damien looked at her with a pair of intoxicated eyes. A faint smile could be seen on his face and his cheeks were slightly flushed. Although he looked very annoying, he was also a little cute. She couldn't even remain angry if she wanted to.

She replied, "No, I am not."

Then he suddenly got angry and grabbed her tightly. "No, you must be angry with me!"

"What are you saying, Damien? Are you out of your mind?" "I just want you to be angry with me, I want you to be jealous, why are you just... don't you care about me?"

He hugged her shoulder, and his tone suddenly softened a little.

Ava was stunned at this moment. Honestly, she didn't think about it at all. Should she really be angry? When she heard the rumors about Dempsey and him, she felt lucky

instead. She was happy that the employees of the company were not suspecting her. She was thankful that Dempsey had become a shield for her instead! At this time, Damien tried to stand up, but since he was too drunk, he staggered and fell onto her. When the back of her head touched the ground, she didn't feel any pain. It turned out that he put a hand behind her head to prevent her from hurting herself. The next second, he bent down and kissed her forehead. All of a sudden, she felt a jolt in her heart. He was the one who had drunk too much, but here she was feeling dizzy instead! She should be feeling repulsed by his touch! Plus, he reeked of alcohol! Then, Damien suddenly said, "I'm going to announce tomorrow that you are my wife!" Ava immediately replied, "No!" "This is a fact. Even if you don't remember, you can't deny it."

"But... but... This absolutely cannot be announced!"

Damien's gaze turned icy. "You don't want to publicly announce your relationship with me. Are you trying to give yourself a way out?"

She was speechless.

Perhaps that was what she really wanted in her heart.

As long as no one knew about the relationship between her and Damien, it would be much less troublesome when she really left in the future. 68

"You don't want to acknowledge our relationship. Unless you...are you trying to go back to Selden?"

"What nonsense are you talking about?"

"You're happy that he's back, aren't you? You must be so excited...but you're always unhappy to see me..."

He held her face, and the smell of alcohol filled her nose. Damien's voice gradually grew softer. As he leaned against her chest, he eventually fell asleep. Ava was still thinking of ways to stop him from doing anything reckless tomorrow, but he already passed out! She secretly breathed a sigh of relief. She tried to push him away and stand up, but this guy was like a boulder. He was so heavy that she couldn't even move him a little. "Damien! Damien, wake up! Hey! You can't sleep on the floor!" He mumbled something and held her more tightly. Ava helplessly whined, but her whole body was pressed against the floor under him. She couldn't even move at all! "Get up! Gosh!" Finally, she managed to get out under his body. She was extremely exhausted after all that struggle.

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The next day. When Damien woke up, he found himself still lying on the floor of Ava's room and covered with a quilt. She must have been afraid that he might catch a cold. But the ground was too hard. After lying there for a whole night, he was not only dizzy but also felt sore all over his body. Then, Ava opened the door and came in with a bowl of soup in her hand. "So, you're finally awake?" She gave him an angry glare. "Did you just let me sleep on the ground last night?" "How can you come into my room without telling me? I can't carry you up to the bed, so I could only leave you on the ground." Ava

replied and stood her ground. She put the bowl on the bedside table and said, "Here, this is soup to sober you up. Drink it." "Did you make it?" "No! I would never step into the kitchen!" She immediately said loudly.

Damien pouted and sat down at the side of the bed to drink the soup. When he swallowed the soup, the taste was... hard to describe. Damien's face immediately turned pale and his stomach churned violently. It was as if he was about to throw up. However, the soup was really refreshing. It was an excellent tool for sobering up him indeed. "Hey, are you all right?" Ava leaned over the door of the bathroom and asked him with concern. He swallowed the urge to vomit and smiled helplessly, "This soup is obviously made by you. It's so clear that you care about me but still refuse to admit it." "I... No, I don't!"

"But, other than you, no one else can make such an awful soup."
Ava then rolled her eyes at him.

She knew that she was a bad cook, so she used to buy Jean's food at the baby store instead of cooking it herself. As for when she returned home later on, it had always been her mother who cooked or she ordered takeout instead. Hence, she did not ever cook in the kitchen herself!

After that, Damien went back to the bedside table. He hesitated for a moment and picked up the bowl of soup again. However, he really did not have the guts to drink it all. Ava was shocked. "Hey, don't drink if it's gross. Are you trying to torture yourself?" "If you don't forget to add salt next time, the taste may be better. Anyway, you improved." He stroked her head in a sign of encouragement. Ava took the bowl from his hand and said, "I will ask the chef to make another one for you later."

After that, Damien went into the bathroom to wash up. After he finished showering and came out, he found that Ava was ironing a shirt for him.

This was probably the first time that she took the initiative to tidy up his clothes. He didn't know if he was dreaming, but he felt that Ava was particularly attentive to him today. "Ava, I feel like you're deliberately trying to please me." He frowned. "I am not." She replied stubbornly. Damien went to the sofa and sat down. He held his head up and saw that she had ironed the clothes and put them neatly on the bed for him. "You need a favour from me, don't you? Tell me then." She hesitated for a moment. True enough, she wanted to please him. Maybe if he was in a good mood, he would not reveal their relationship like what he said last night.

But she didn't expect that her intentions were all seen through by him! She had to admit honestly, "I don't want you to announce and reveal our relationship." Damien frowned and his expression was showing no joy or anger at this point. "I was drunk yesterday. Did I say something weird to you?"

"You don't remember anything?"

"Enlighten me, what should I remember?" "Forget it if you don't remember. Just forget what I said."

She felt so relieved!

Fortunately, what he said last night was all due to his drunkenness. Otherwise, she would have no other choice but to resign quickly.

When she reached the office, Ava found that the desks in front of her were empty. After asking around, she found out that three female colleagues had been dismissed the day before. It just so happened that the three of them were the ones who were gossiping

about Dempsey in the printing room that day!

"I heard that this was ordered by the CEO himself. He wanted them gone as soon as possible!" Luella told her.

This time, they were all saying that the girls had offended Dempsey and that the CEO was defending her. The employees were all sure that the two of them had a relationship!

But with a real-life example for them, everyone was naturally cautious when gossiping and dared not to say anything out of line. After hearing Luella's words, Ava was a little unhappy. What she didn't know was that the dismissal of the three girls was not because of Dempsey, but because they didn't know any better and had a conflict with Ava. How could Damien stand them?

However, the dismissal of the three girls led to the promotion of Ava and Luella. Their salary even increased by a thousand dollars! This made her feel a little better.

After returning home after work that day, she excitedly talked about this with Jean and said that she wanted to bring him out for a good meal. Thus, Damien couldn't help but tease her, "It's just a little more than a thousand dollars. Is there any need to be so happy?" Ava rolled her eyes at him. "A rich man like you who was born with a golden spoon in your mouth certainly won't understand the happiness of our hard work!" "If you like it so much, I'll add a little more for you every day." Jean shook his head and said, "Daddy, you don't get it at all!" Damien certainly didn't understand.

With an extra thousand dollars, they couldn't even get a decent meal! Why was she so excited to go out with her son?

Ava and her son were chatting happily and he could not even get a word in their conversation. Obviously, Ava did not intend to let him follow along that weekend!

In a blink of an eye, it was weekend already. Ava took her son out early in the morning as they had agreed on before, and Damien was supposed to go with them.

However, Ava said, "My raise was only a thousand dollars more. I can't afford to treat you too. Jean and I have made an arrangement to have a parent-child event, but only two people are allowed."

"Let's add another ticket. I'll buy it myself!" Damien was just about to follow no matter what, but he got a call from his father at this time. There was a project in the group that his father needed him to report back. Thus, he had no choice but to give up his plans. Ava took Jean to a famous parent-child park in City A. When they were lining up and finally entered the zoo, they saw a very familiar figure.

Uh, why was Selden here?

Seeing that he was already walking towards her, Ava had no choice but to greet him, "What a coincidence! I didn't expect to bump into you here!" "It's not a coincidence. I followed you on purpose," he said with a smile. "You followed me?" "Damien doesn't allow me to approach you, so I can only follow you after you leave the house." At this time, the staff of the zoo shouted with a megaphone for everyone to enter the game field as a family. Without any explanation nor hesitation, Selden took the hands of Jean and led him inside. "What are you doing?"

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"The kids here all came with their parents and you two are short of a person, and I need a kid to complete the trio. Don't we make a good team?"

Ava wanted to refuse. After all, this type of activity was completely enough for her to handle alone. As soon as he came, the staff immediately thought of him as the father of the child and asked them to sit down accordingly. "Uncle Selden, do you really want to play this game so badly?" Jean asked confusedly. "Don't you want me to play with you?" "It's not that I don't like it, but mommy alone is enough for me." "If you let me stay and play with you, I'll get you marshmallow later." Jean hesitated for a moment, then he nodded in agreement as he couldn't resist the temptation of marshmallow.

Ava did not say anything else. Her son was smart, but he was greedy. What could she do when he was bribed by the promise of cotton candy? Besides, the game had already begun. If they were to quit and leave now, Jean would definitely be disappointed.

The games prepared here were very interesting as they were all family activities.

Although Jean was young, he was clever. He won three games in a row and even got first place! He was so happy that he repeatedly gave Selden a high five! While Jean went up to the stage to receive the award, Ava could not help but ask Selden, "What do you really want?"

"Jean must not have played this game with his father, right? I'm just here to have some fun with him, so don't overthink it." "There's no need for you to try so hard to please him." He smiled and said, "I'm not trying to please him, but I'm trying to please you."

"Selden, I..." Ava was speechless for a moment.

Although she was still grateful that he had saved her back then, she did not want to be involved with him too much. Since she couldn't repay his kindness, it was better not to complicate things any further. Selden then suddenly asked her with a serious look, "You haven't recovered your memory yet, have you?" "Yeah, so what? Do you think you can deceive me again?" He suddenly took her hand and said emotionally, "Why don't you remember anything yet Damien Radbury gets to be with you and not me?" Meanwhile, Jean just got off the stage at this time. When he saw his mommy holding Uncle Selden's hand, he was stunned. Then, Ava quickly pulled her hand away and said coldly, "Selden, the problem between you and me has nothing to do with Damien at all, and it has nothing to do with whether I remember the past or not."

"Then tell me, what should I do?"

She stood up and held Jean's hand as she prepared to leave. However, Selden quickly stood up and stepped in front of her. She avoided his intense gaze and said harshly, "We... are not meant to be, so just forget it. You should cherish the people in front of you." "But the person in front of me right now is you!" "Miss Hensley likes you very much. After so many years... she's put a lot of effort in you. You should give her a chance." Then, Selden let out a bitter smile and said, "Will you give me a chance just because I liked you for a long time?" "You're right. We shouldn't force one another to do something that neither of us wants to do." She really didn't know how to face Selden. In the past when she lost her memory, she mistakenly thought that he was her husband and believed in him completely. But in the end, everything was just a hoax. Although she was sad, it had been four years. No matter how repulsed she was at him, it could

fade over time. However, Selden was even more passionate than he was four years ago. So, she was at a loss as to what to do.

Ava didn't care if the park staff were starting a new game shortly. Instead, she just wanted to leave with Jean as soon as possible. Damn, she shouldn't have agreed to let him follow them into the games! "Mommy, what's going on between you and Uncle Selden?" Jean asked her in confusion after they walked out of the game area. "We have nothing to do with each other." "Mommy, we can't tell daddy about bumping into Uncle Selden today! He will be very angry!" Although Jean didn't understand why Uncle Selden suddenly held his mother's hand and why she avoided him so quickly, he knew that his father would definitely be very angry if he saw it.

At the Radbury family's residence. After Damien finished reporting to his father about the project, Karen asked him to stay for lunch. During lunchtime, Enrico suddenly returned home. Then, Karen immediately asked him to sit in the dining room. "Didn't you say you were going out to meet a friend today? I thought you wouldn't be back for lunch!"

Enrico smiled and said, "Yo, Damien is here too. It's rare to have a meal with him around, so how could I miss it?"

However, Damien's expression was cold, and he did not say a single word. Then, their father, Daryl said, "Enrico is right. I know you're busy with work, but you only come back once or twice a month. That is not right. We aren't even staying that far from each other. On a weekend like today, you could have brought your son for a meal with us."

"Okay, next time then," Damien said.

Next, Karen exclaimed, "You promised us that you'll bring him along next time repeatedly but you never did! I think you are being manipulated by that woman, Ava! She doesn't want us to meet our own grandson and now he's not even close with us!" "I am done eating." Damien stood up. He put down his chopsticks and prepared to leave. However, Enrico immediately said, "Damien, I haven't even started eating yet! Are you going to leave already? Do you really not want to see me?" Then, Damien turned around and glared at Enrico coldly. Enrico smiled and said, "Don't leave in such a hurry. Since you mentioned sister-in-law, I have something to tell you."

"What is it?"

Enrico had a strange look in his eyes. "I want to talk in private." Damien couldn't lose his temper in front of his parents, so he had to follow Enrico into the study.

"If you have something to say, just spit it out." As soon as Damien shut the door, he spoke in a harsh tone. "Bro, why are you in such a hurry? The reason why I want to talk to you privately is for your own good."

"For me?"

"If mom and dad see these photos, things will get ugly. So Damien, I'm doing this for your sake. Why are you so aggressive to me for? You didn't even thank me!" As Enrico spoke, he took out his phone and sent two photos to Damien. As soon as Damien took a look, his face immediately turned livid. Ava was with Jean and Selden! "One of my friends happened to see them this morning, so he took a photo and sent it to me. Don't worry. I didn't leak it to anyone except you." Damien's face was grim. "Why are you showing me this?" Then, Enrico sniggered and said, "Because I want you to be unhappy. The more upset you are, the happier I am!" When Enrico said these words,

his face lit up with joy and he looked like he was watching a funny joke.
On the other hand, Damien looked extremely angry at that moment.