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"Ava, no matter what, I still want to apologize. My mom is usually very kind, but I don't know what happened to her today." She smiled and said, "Well, she's your mom, of course she's kind to you!" Seeing that Ava was going to leave, Selden suddenly reached out and grabbed her wrist. "Wait, I still have something to tell you." "Selden, ..." Right at this moment, an unpleasant shout suddenly came from behind, "Hey! Let her go!" Ava felt a chill down her spine. The next thing she knew, her arm was dragged from Selden's grip right into the strong hands of another.

"Damien Radbury, why are you here?"

Damien didn't even look at Selden. He said to Ava, "I have told you, you are pregnant now and you are not allowed to go anywhere else alone. Why are you always so disobedient?" His tone was gentle, and it seemed that he wasn't angry. However, Ava had a bad feeling about this as she felt a chill down her back. "Selden is being discharged from the hospital today. I just wanted to..." Her voice instantly sounded less confident.

"Well, did you bring him the present that I asked you to give him?" "Huh?" Seeing that Damien sounded so serious, Ava was suddenly stunned. Since when did he prepare a present? She bought the gift with her own money! This just made it seem as if Selden owed Damien a favor by accepting that gift. As expected, Selden said, "Ah...so it was you who bought that thing." "Yeah, Ava is a girl. How could she know what to pick as a gift for a male friend? I don't know if you will like the electronic gadget I got you though." "Well then, thank you very much," Selden said with a stiff smile.

On the way home, Damien drove all the way without saying a single word to Ava. She secretly observed his expression several times, only to find that he put on a poker face the whole time. She couldn't figure out if he was upset or not. However, he was most probably angry... "Are you mad at me, Damien?" She summoned up her courage to ask him. He didn't respond and only focused on driving the car. "If you're angry, so be it, but don't give me that look. How did you even know what I have bought for Selden? Did you secretly rummage through my stuff?" He remained silent, which made Ava feel dejected.

She finally couldn't stand it anymore and shouted, "Why did you come all the way to pick me up if you want to ignore me? I want to get out of the car now!" The car stopped on the side of the road immediately. She wanted to open the car door, but it was locked. Damien turned his head around to look at her, and his eyes were obviously filled with anger. She felt extremely wronged. She was bullied by Selden's mother in the hospital just now, and now she had to put up with him. In fact, she just wanted to politely congratulate Selden for finally getting discharged. Did she really do something wrong? "Damien Radbury, if you think I've done something wrong, just say it. You don't have to be so cold to me." After a moment of hesitation, he finally spoke, "I'm not happy that you came to see him." "Then I promise you that I will not meet him again without your permission in the future. Okay?" "Not only him, everyone else too." She could only nod and promise him. She couldn't help

herself but mumble under her breath, "What a petty guy." "I have always been petty, anyway." He pinched her chin with one hand and wanted to teach her a lesson, but he couldn't bear to do it. In the end, he gently hit her head with his finger. "You've never bought me a gift before," he said.

"Pardon?"

Damien turned his head and started the car again, "Oh nothing." The more he thought about it, the more displeased he became. She never bought him anything, yet she had given Selden countless gifts. She even knew he likes electronic gadgets and bought him one as a gift. She probably didn't know what Damien liked at all!

The next day, at the Radbury's Group. When Damien entered his office after the meeting, he found a project document on the table.

He opened the folder and found an orange-flavored fruit candy.

Next to the candy, there was a note with three words on it, "A little gift." Such a meticulous effort! It must be his mischievous and lovely wife. No one else dared to do such a thing. He couldn't help laughing. Their little fight yesterday didn't seem to be such a big deal anymore. It seemed that he was easily satisfied with a little candy given from her. Dempsey Bradley walked into the office and saw her boss holding a candy in his hand while grinning like a little child.

She was taken aback and hesitated before entering. "Sir, this is the documents from the meeting just now." "You can leave it here first, I'm heading out for a while." Damien kept the candy and walked out of the office in a hurry. Ava was not in the secretary's office: He looked around before finding her in the printing room. At this moment, Ava was printing some documents, but for some unknown reason, the printer wasn't working. Nothing was being printed on all the papers. Bending her body, she decided to figure out what was wrong with the printer. When she heard footsteps, she thought that it was a colleague from the logistics department who came to help. Without even looking up, she said, "You sure came in no time. Help me to see what's going on here."

She stood up and turned around, just to come face to face with Damien. She was surprised. "Oh hey, why are you here?"

Damien glanced at the ink smudged on her hands and frowned, "You don't even know how to repair these things, what's the point of figuring it out yourself?" "If I don't, how would I know that I can't actually fix it? Moreover, this is a document that you want in a hurry!" She sounded unhappy. Damien pulled her along to wash the ink away. However, it was not easy to clean the ink. After almost using half a bottle of the soap, the ink on her hands only faded a little. "This is very difficult to clean, we need to use soap that washes ink to get rid of it," Ava said to him. "You know it's hard to clean it then why did you still touch it?" "I didn't do it on purpose." After the staff from the maintenance department brought the special soap, Damien personally cleaned each of her fingers with a wet tissue. Seeing how attentive and considerate he was, she couldn't help but laugh. "Damien." She called his name softly. "Why are you staring at me? Do you find me even more attractive after staring for so long?" He said jokingly. "Where should I look when you are here wiping my hands? Besides, you are my husband, why can't take a good look at you?" The word 'husband' made Damien's hand

freeze on the spot. With a raised brow, he suddenly looked up and pressed his lips against hers. Ava was taken aback and took a step back and her back hit the wall behind.

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Her hands still smelled like soap. She raised both of her hands subconsciously.

Damien grabbed her wrist with one hand and her waist with another.

His tongue easily glided through her teeth and she tasted something sweet. It was the orange flavored candy. Ava couldn't help but laugh and her body shook as she chuckled. She didn't expect that he would really eat the candy she gave him. "Didn't you give me the candy because you wanted a sweet kiss from me?" Damien squinted his eyes slightly and lifted her chin. "... don't have that intention!"

"Really? Then why did you give me that little gift? Did you actually think I would be easily satisfied with a candy?" Ava blushed and pushed him away with her elbow. Then she quickly slipped away from his body. No matter how many times this kind of intimacy had happened between them, she could not help but blush every time. Perhaps it was because she was born timid, so all the warmth she felt was mixed with a sense of insecurity.

However, when she thought of what he looked like just now, she couldn't help but smile again.

At the same time, in a small alley on one side of a street. Jessica Fuller was running for her life. She was running so fast that she tossed her branded bags and heels aside and ran barefoot while trying to catch her breath as she went. However, she was still not able to outrun those men who were chasing after her. "Please... give me a little more time. When I find a buyer for my house, I'll be able to pay you back immediately!" 2 At this point, Jessica was completely cornered. She was almost on her knees as she pleaded for her life. However, the people who were after her debts were all desperados. They had seen a lot of such scenes, so there was no way they would listen to her. "Your house? Didn't you say that the house was owned by your daughter two days ago and that you can't sell it?" "Uh no, I can sell it! The property ownership documents are with me, or... you can let me go home now and I will show it to you!" The debt-chasing guy sneered and slapped her. "Let you go home? B*tch, don't think we don't know that your apartment is surrounded by people! Stop with all your nonsense, you either hand me the money now or you hide in your house forever."

Jessica fell onto the ground and burst into tears. Since the last time she was kidnapped by Beth Nagel, Damien sent men to protect her at Koi Condominiums. They changed shifts 24 hours a day to protect her. However, once she left the apartment, there was nothing they could do. She had never expected that these people would find her when she was only out for a while to buy groceries. "Please give me some more time, I'll definitely get the money soon!" "Bah! How long have you been delaying us? Jessica Fuller, isn't your daughter married to a rich man? Go ask your daughter for two million dollars! It's not that hard!"

Jessica immediately refused. "No! Last time, I promised my daughter that I would never touch usurious loans anymore, but now... now..." Now that Ava had just found out that she was pregnant and could finally gain a firm status in the Radbury family, how could she use this to drag her down? She was more aware of her daughter's situation than anyone else. If she didn't get scammed and lose money in her investments this time, she wouldn't even have considered going for usury. This was poison! "Give me a little more time! I can pay you back for sure! Trust me!" Unfortunately, no matter what she said, they would not listen to her. There was going to be a new round of punches and kicks, but someone suddenly stood up and shouted, "Stop!" It was the voice of a young woman. Jessica and the group of men turned their heads and looked over. They saw a woman wearing sunglasses with a hat and a mask. She was wrapped up tightly from head to toe. She walked out from the other end of the alley. "Who are you?" One of the men asked fiercely. "How much does this woman owe you? I will help her pay everything back." The woman in sunglasses said. "Oh? A kind soul aren't you? Girl, she owes us two million!" Without hesitation, the woman took out a blank check from her bag and signed it. Then she handed it to them. "This is two million. You can check if it's real or fake." The men looked at the woman in front of him in disbelief. Did this woman just easily give out two million dollars? Who is this woman? Where is she from? Just when they were about to ask her questions, the woman with sunglasses said angrily, "You got the money, now get out of here!" After the group of men left, she walked over and helped Jessica up from the ground. Jessica looked at this person in disbelief. She did not know her, but she was willing to throw a large sum of money to help her out of this situation. She pinched herself hard to make sure she wasn't dreaming.

"Who... Who are you?" "I am a friend of Ava Nagel. I just passed by and saw them bullying you so I couldn't just turn a blind eye." This answer was obviously not convincing. When did Ava make such a generous friend? As her mother, how come she had never heard of it? The woman held Jessica up. Seeing that she had been beaten and injured, she decided to send her to the hospital. Jessica took the opportunity to pull off the woman's mask and sunglasses. After seeing her face clearly, she exclaimed, "It's you?" She quickly lowered her head and tried to hide. However, not only was Jessica familiar with her face, everybody in the country knew her! This woman was Kelly Hensley! "Why are you here? Are you really Ava's friend?" Kelly didn't want to reveal her identity, but since she was exposed, there was no point to hide

anymore. She admitted frankly, "Yeah, it's me, Kelly. I am a very good friend of Ava. I can't let something bad happen to my good friend's mother."

It was only now that Jessica started to believe what she said.

She was a famous star, so she didn't have to lie about such a trivial thing.

"Then, these two million..."

Kelly immediately said, "Auntie, I know that you don't want Ava to know about this as she just got pregnant. You certainly don't want her to be concerned about this, right? Don't worry, I won't tell anyone. This money will be my first-meeting gift for you." Jessica was overjoyed. She was given two million dollars as a gift. Kelly was a celebrity indeed, and she was so generous! "Auntie, let me take you home," Kelly said politely. "Well sure, Miss

Hensley, thank you very much!" Jessica was all smiles. She had completely forgotten about the injuries on her body. She thought to herself how lucky her daughter was after marrying into the Radbury family. Even the friends she made were all so generous! On their way to Jessica's house, Kelly casually told her about her acquaintance with Ava. She told Jessica almost everything but left out the part where Selden had feelings for Ava, which was the real reason for their breakup.

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In the next few days, Kelly would occasionally go to Jessica's house and even send her some fruits and medicines. The two of them soon became close with each other. Jessica didn't want her daughter to know that she had owed a huge sum of debt because of the investment. Plus, Kelly helped her settle the debt, and she felt a little guilty about it. "Don't worry, I was scammed and I have already lodged a report. When the police return the money to me, I will pay it back to you immediately!" However, Kelly said, "Since I'm your daughter's friend, this amount of money is nothing. It's just..."

"Just what?"

"Aunty, as you know, I got to know Ava from Selden. But recently, there have been some issues with my relationship with Selden. Ava may have felt that she was one of the reasons and she has been ignoring me a little." Speaking of this, Kelly couldn't help but sigh. Jessica was baffled, "What does this have to do with Ava? What's wrong with you and Selden?" "It's a long story, and it's also a misunderstanding. If only I could see Ava and explain it to her clearly." "You should explain to her then! Why do you look so sad?" Kelly shook her head and said, "I'm a little embarrassed. Ms. Fuller, can you please help me out a bit?" Hearing this, Jessica laughed and said, "What's so difficult about that? Kids these days... Well, you can just have a meal together and sort it. What's there to worry about?" "If that's the case, thank you for your help. However, I'm a celebrity after all. It's not convenient for me to show up in public, so I have to book a more secluded place for dinner." "Okay, I know what to do!" Then Jessica proceeded to make a reservation. The next day, she immediately called Ava. Since she promised Kelly first, she didn't reveal Kelly's name to Ava. She only mentioned that she wanted to have dinner with her.

After receiving the call, Ava felt a little strange. They had always eaten at home. Why did her mother suddenly want to eat at a restaurant?

Moreover, she also arranged to meet at a restaurant in such a remote area. Ava did not think much about it. After saying goodbye to Damien, she left the company before her time was up. She took a taxi and went there according to the address given by her mother.

This place was really far away, which made her feel carsick along the way.

However, when they arrived at the place, she found out that this was not a restaurant.

It was clearly a warehouse! "Sir, did you go to the wrong place?" Ava asked in a hurry.

"No, I followed the address you gave me. It's here." The driver took the fare and left, leaving

Ava standing alone at the door of the warehouse. She had no idea where to go. She suspected that her mother might have given her the wrong address. When she was about to call her mother to ask, she suddenly felt a sharp pain in the back of her neck, as if someone hit her with a heavy object. Her vision went black and she passed out.

It was Selina who hit her.

As for Kelly, she was standing beside Selina, she was so scared that she didn't know what to do. "Why are you standing there like a fool? Can't you help me drag her in?" Selina shouted at her. "Do we... really have to do this?" "Stop the crap, we've already come to this point. Are you regretting?" Kelly nervously gulped.

That day, she promised Selina that she would work with her to teach Ava a lesson.

But she never expected that Selina had already thought of so many ways for revenge. 1 First, they made use of Jessica's greed for money, so that Kelly could get close to her and gain her trust.

Then, she asked Jessica to make an appointment with Ava. They would then hand her to the loan owners when Ava was out cold. "Hey, those loan sharks are all very ruthless. If we leave Ava to them, something might go wrong." Kelly said anxiously.

"Isn't that our goal?" "What did you say?" Selina dragged Ava into the warehouse with difficulty and then took out a bottle of medicine from her bag. "Come here and help me!" Selina immediately ordered Kelly. Kelly had no choice but to brace herself and go over there. She caught a glimpse of what was written on the medicine box 'Mifepristone'. She was taken aback. "Isn't this anti-fetal drugs? Why are you feeding her this?" Only then did Kelly understand what Selina was trying to do. Originally, she thought that she was going to feed Ava sleeping pills so that she would not wake up immediately. But now it seemed that she had other purposes! "Tell me, after making her miscarry, what are you going to do?"

"Those loan sharks know a lot of human traffickers overseas. In a while, there will be a container coming over. After she is taken away, she will disappear from our lives forever." Grinning hideously, Selina reached out to open Ava's mouth. "You are crazy!" Kelly pushed her away and stood in front of Ava to protect her. "What are you doing?" "I'd like to ask you instead, what are you going to do? Didn't we agree that we just want to teach Ava

a lesson?" Selina sneered and said, "A lesson? I've set such a big trap just to give her a painless lesson? Kelly, are you naive or stupid? You don't think I'm that free, do you?" She pushed Kelly away forcefully and tried to feed Ava the drug. Selina had already found out that the human traffickers whom the loan sharks contacted had always been selling girls to the slums. It was a place that was worse than hell for women. Once they entered the slum, they would never be able to come out again. She wanted to make Ava's life a living hell!

"You're crazy, you're really out of your mind! Stop right now! You'll kill someone if you do this!" Kelly rushed forward to pull Selina away, but she had been kicked away forcefully. As the two were tearing and wrestling, the bottle of drug was knocked out and spilled on the ground. Selina was so angry that she slapped Kelly in the face. The group of human traffickers who had been contacted in advance had already come over. When they saw the both of them fighting, they immediately stood by and watched the scene. Selina scolded angrily, "Why the hell are you still standing there? Hold her down quickly. Do you still want

the money or not?"

Only then did the human trafficker obediently held down Kelly's hands to prevent her from moving. Kelly was outnumbered and had to shout, "Selina, it's against the law to do this! I'm going to call the police!" "Sure, go ahead and all the cops. Don't forget that you are involved in this matter too. You can't escape from it!" "Are you threatening me?" "Even if I threaten you, so what? Kelly, if you dare to say a word about me in front of the police, I promise that the audio recording of you will be spread throughout the Internet in no time!" Selina held a recorder in her hands. She pressed the recording key, and the voice of herself and Kelly immediately came out. It was when they were planning their revenge on Ava.

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"You b*tch! You have been cautious of me since the beginning! You just want to drag me into this!" Kelly was furious, but there was nothing that she could do about it. The recording was in Selina's hands. If Selden knew about it, then it would literally be the end of her. Apart from Selden, if the news was spread all over the Internet, her career and reputation as a popular female artist would be ruined completely. "You'd better behave yourself. Don't make me trade you off to those traffickers too!" Selina said coldly. Kelly didn't dare to speak again. Right at this moment, Selina was holding the evidence against her. That bottle of anti-fetal drug was knocked over by Kelly, and Selina was quite frustrated. At this time, the human trafficker was already urging her to hand the person in. She had no choice but to say, "Fine. The b*stard child in this woman won't be useful at all in that city. You can take her away." Kelly was powerless. She couldn't do a single thing and she watched helplessly as they took Ava out of the warehouse.

She gritted her teeth hardly but had no idea what to do next. Kelly finally understood that she was foolish enough to be used by another. "Kelly, get this in your head clearly. If you dare to say a word of what happened here today, I will make sure your career ends before you could even blink."

In the downtown area. After Damien got off work, he went to look for Ava so that they could head home together. When he saw that there was no one in the secretary's office, he suddenly recalled that she had informed him about having dinner with her mother.

Therefore, he ended up leaving alone. On the way home, he stopped by the shopping mall. He wanted to get some jewelry for Ava because he had never really gifted her things like that. However, he saw Jessica Fuller at the jewelry counter. Jessica was here to sell her jewelry. She nearly fought with the cashier due to some issues regarding the price of the gold. It seemed like the price was lower than what she expected. "Jessica, why are you here?" Damien immediately walked over and asked. Jessica was shocked when she saw him. She quickly hid the jewelry boxes behind her. She used the money that Damien gave her previously to buy shares. As a result, she was scammed and owed a lot of money. This time, she had no other choice but to sell her jewelry to return Kelly's favor.

This incident should never reach the Radbury family's ears, or else Ava's life would be more difficult.

"... I'm just shopping and simply looking around." Jessica quickly replied. "How about Ava? Where is she?" Damien became more suspicious as he watched her. "Ava... Ava doesn't know about this at all, I swear! She really has no idea that I'm here to sell my jewelry. Damien, please trust her..." "I mean, shouldn't you be with her at this time?" "Huh?" Jessica was stunned. "Didn't you ask her to come out for dinner?" "Ah... yes, I invited her..." Jessica was hesitant. She did not know if she should bring up the fact that Kelly had requested to meet Ava by herself. Damien frowned. When he saw that her eyes were evasive and she seemed hiding something behind her, his tone suddenly turned serious, "What's going on? Tell me honestly!"

In the warehouse. Kelly was dragged out of the door by Selina's men. She could only watch helplessly as Ava, who was still unconscious, was being taken away by them. She wanted to chase after them, but she was also afraid of these people. She then took out her mobile phone quickly. When she was about to call the police, she hesitated once again. She was a celebrity, after all. If she was exposed that she got involved in this matter, her career would be ruined.

After hesitating for a long time, she had no choice but to call Selden. "What do you want?" Selden's tone implied that he was annoyed with her. However, on the other end of the line came Kelly's sobs. "Hey, what's wrong?" "I... I'm in the warehouse. Ava... Ava is kidnapped!" "What did you say?" Selden immediately rushed to the warehouse as soon as he received the news. Kelly was squatting on the ground. She was crying helplessly. As soon as she saw him, she rushed towards him and cried out loudly on his shoulders. "Save her...please! Go and save her." "Calm down, what happened? Take a deep breath and tell me slowly." Kelly sobbed and quickly said, "It's all my fault. I wanted to teach her a lesson, but... But now the group of human traffickers has taken her away. They want to sell her to the slums in another country. Selden didn't even have the time to comfort Kelly once he heard how bad the situation was. He quickly chased after the men in the direction that Kelly pointed.

If the traffickers wanted to bring Ava away from here, the nearest place would be the jetty. When Selden and Kelly arrived at the jetty, they only saw the workers loading goods in the containers. There was no sign of Ava. "D*mn it!" He punched the container angrily. At this moment, Kelly's phone rang. It was a call from Damien. He heard from Jessica that it was Kelly who met Ava, so he called her to get more information. Selden immediately snatched the phone. Damien heard that it was Selden's voice. He was surprised and said, "Why is it you? Is Ava with you guys?"

"Kelly and I are at the jetty. Ava is in trouble."

The jetty was 40 minutes drive away from the center of the city. When Damien arrived with his men, Selden had already searched the entire jetty.

However, there was no sign of Ava at all.

If the human traffickers wanted to trade humans, it would be impossible for them to do it openly. They might have placed her among the goods or used other underground methods.

This was leading them to nowhere. Damien's face darkened. He did not have the mood to listen to Kelly's explanation at all. He immediately called for more men to come over. However, even with so many men searching high and low at the jetty for hours, Ava was still nowhere to be found. They only found a loose rope and one of Ava's shoes in a container that was used to transport machinery. Clearly, she must have been brought here. But where did she go? "Block all the exits and entrances of the jetty. Do not allow anyone to enter or leave and order all the ships that just left to come back here now. The Radbury Group will bear all losses."

Damien immediately gave orders to have a lockdown on this jetty.

However, he didn't get anything out of it too. It was as if Ava Nagel had suddenly vanished from the world and disappeared without a trace.

A few hours later, his men brought back the human traffickers who kidnapped her. There were a total of four men who were caught. Two of them were responsible for taking over at the jetty while the other two were the ones that Kelly met at the warehouse.

When they saw Damien, they realized that the person that they kidnapped was the CEO of Radbury Group's wife. All of them were so scared that they kneeled on the ground and begged for mercy.

"Where is she?" Damien stepped on one of the men on the ground and asked furiously.

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The man didn't even dare to groan in pain. With his forehead on the ground, he said, "We... We threw her into the container and went to collect our money. She was still unconscious at that time, so we didn't put up too many defenses against her. The rope must be loose enough to let her escape. We're also looking for her everywhere!" The rest of them said the same thing, and it seemed like they weren't lying.

Damien felt slightly more at ease after hearing what they said. Since she had managed to free herself from the ropes, she probably wasn't in big trouble.

But where had she run off to?

"Send more men to search for her. I want every street, buildings, and corner to be searched. Do not leave any place out!" Damien ordered. Ever since things went south, Kelly had been hiding in the corner of the crowd and weeping silently. Damien gave her a cold glance and asked, "So, who is behind this?".

"It's... it's Selina Newton."

It was her indeed!

Damien's eyes darkened. Kelly was so frightened that her knees gave out and she fell onto the ground, "Mr. Radbury, I really didn't mean to hurt her! I was just angry that I wanted to teach her a small lesson. I didn't expect Selina to be so cruel!" B Damien's eyes were murderous at this point, like he could literally strangle this woman to death in the blink of an eye. Selden quickly said, "If it weren't for Kelly who informed us immediately, we would

have missed the chance to find anything here. Although she's at fault, she's not an evil person. You..." "If anything happens to Ava at all, I swear I will make you pay with your life," Damien said coldly. At this moment, the most important thing was not dealing with Kelly and the bunch of men, but to make sure Ava was safe. Damien didn't even want to waste any more time on Kelly, who was kneeling at the ground at this point. He continued searching for Ava. Kelly breathed a sigh of relief. She gave Selden a grateful look as he spoke for her just now, only to find that he had already left. He did not spare her a look from the moment he learned that something had happened to Ava. Tears rolled down her cheeks once again. "I'm sorry... I'm sorry..."

On the other side of the jetty. Meanwhile, Ava was desperately running for her life. When she woke up, she found herself locked up in a container with ropes tied around her body. Fortunately, the rope was not too tight. After struggling for a long time, she broke free from the rope and ran out of the container, She had no idea it was Kelly and Selina who kidnapped her as she was knocked out suddenly and she couldn't recall anything. On the outside, the human traffickers were collecting their promised pay from a woman in sunglasses. The woman was very secretive and spoke very little. Ava was standing in a position where she couldn't see the woman's face clearly. When she tried to get closer, she accidentally made some noise and alerted them. "D*mn it, how did she escape?" The woman cursed. Ava immediately ran in another direction, but after running for a short distance, she completely lost her way. She eventually reached the beach and there was no more way for her to run. "Well, go on, run! I thought you can do better than that. Why did you stop?"

A woman's voice suddenly sounded behind her.

Ava turned around and found out it was Selina Newton. "Selina, why are you here? Were you the one who kidnapped me?" "Seems like you're quite smart, I can't believe you even managed to escape." Selina sneered, and she was holding a knife in her hand. Ava stepped back slowly, but if she took one more step, all that was left behind her was the ocean. "What on earth do you want? You aren't going to kill me, are you?" She said loudly, hoping that any passerby would hear her. But there was no one by the sea and nobody would hear them here. Additionally, her abdomen was starting to hurt due to her intense running moments ago. Selina was even more triggered when she saw how Ava was touching her abdomen. "How can a bitch like you bear the child of Damien?"

She raised her hand and slapped Ava hard on the face.

Because of the pain in her abdomen, Ava couldn't dodge the slap on time.

As a result, she fell to the ground. Selina stepped on the back of Ava's hand over and over again. The pain was immense and Ava gasped loudly as she struggled. However, she couldn't get away from Selina. "Selina, do you think Damien will fall for you after you murder me? He wouldn't even spare a glance at you, let alone falling in love with you! You are just dirt in his eyes!" D

"Bullsh*t!"

Selina was so mad that she raised the knife in her hands and stabbed it towards Ava's neck. Ava hurriedly turned to the side to dodge it, but her neck was still grazed by the sharp knife.

Although it was only a slight cut, it still managed to make her bleed non stop. Ava covered her wound with her hand and forced herself to stand up.

"Why do you think I'm speaking nonsense? Didn't Damien's parents treat you like their daughter-in law already? You had the perfect timing, yet you still failed to make him fall for you. Isn't this clear enough that you are the problem?" "When it comes to family background and appearance, tell me, how am I worse than you in any way? It was only because you used despicable ways to marry him first. Ava Nagel, why should a person like you deserve to be by his side?" Seeing that Selina was going to stab her again, Ava grabbed Selina's wrist with all her might. In the midst of their struggles, the knife fell into the sea. It didn't make a sound and there was only the wind howling by the sea. In terms of physical strength, Ava was not a match for Selina. The pain in her lower abdomen was getting more intense, and she was almost unable to stand steadily. Selina's eyes were full of hatred and anger. She was a spoiled woman and ever since young, she had always been able to get what she wanted no matter what. How could she possibly lose to an illegitimate daughter? How was that possible? "I would never allow anyone to have the things that I couldn't get. Ava Nigel, go to hell!" With a grim laugh, she pushed Ava back. Behind her was the endless sea. The cold seawater soon covered Ava's body. She couldn't swim, so she waved her hands in vain and struggled. While on the shore, that cruel woman was laughing coldly. Too much water entered Ava's mouth and her body was starting to get heavier. In fact, the pain and suffers had slowly faded... It seemed that she had been dreaming all this time. And now, she was finally awake. She was standing under the midsummer sun in her memories. In front of her was a ball court. In the court, someone made a three-point throw and everybody around cheered loudly. But her eyes fell on a tall shadow as he walked further and further away. She felt all types of emotions within her. There were butterflies in her stomach and she didn't have the courage to chase after him to ask for his name. She found everything that happened after the start of this dream was due to her overconfidence. She knew there were thousands of men out there, but none of them were comparable to him. Damien Radbury, was everything going to end this time?

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When Damien arrived at the beach, there was no sign of anyone. Selina was gone, and Ava was nowhere to be found. The tides were rising. The waves started to become stronger as the wind blew fiercely. "I found something!" One of his men yelled suddenly. He rushed over desperately, only to find that his men had found a shoe from the sea. It was Ava's shoes.

"Sir, Madam may have..." "Impossible! Keep looking!" Damien's eyes were red and his voice was even louder than before. How could something happen to her? Didn't she escape from the container? Didn't he arrest all the traffickers?

How could she be in danger? A few minutes later, another side of Ava's shoe was washed up by the shore right beside his feet.

He staggered and nearly fell.

It must be a mistake, right? How did she fall into the sea?

"No way! That's impossible!"

Damien turned and left. He was going to other places to look for her. She must be somewhere else now!

Perhaps, she could already be at home since she successfully escaped from the jetty. "Where are you going, Damien?" Selden stopped him. He shook off Selden's hand and continued to walk.

The tides were even higher than before, and it brought much inconvenience to the rescue team. Selden contacted them to search for Ava. The helicopter made a huge noise while hovering above the sea. On the other hand, Damien still couldn't accept the fact that Ava had fallen into the sea.

This must be a joke. Ava and he were still overjoyed with the fact that they were bringing a new life into this world a few days ago, but now... He even made up his mind to protect her from any harm. He didn't even have the chance to tell her words of promise yet. She must be fooling around with him...

Damien run and stumbled away from the sea while still searching for her.

However, there wasn't any sign of her. "Ava Nagel, come out!" The echo of his voice could be heard from far away, yet it was to no avail after searching high and low for her.

The rescue team continued looking until it was past midnight, but they got nothing. Damien was in despair. He felt helpless that there was no sign of her. At the same time, he was also afraid of hearing any news of her.

"It's impossible..."

He kept muttering to himself. No matter how many times he repeated it, he still couldn't convince himself.

Damien's men were able to catch Selina a few miles away from the jetty. She was covered in dirt and sweat, and she looked like a mess.

"What did you do to Ava?" Damien grabbed the collar of her shirt and asked coldly. Selina laughed loudly like crazy. Her eyes were filled with madness at this moment. "She's dead! Ava Nagel is dead! Hahaha... She's finally dead. From now on, you're all mine..."

"Where is she? Give her back to me!" Damien clenched his fist and punched her hard in the face.

But it was as if Selina couldn't feel pain at all. Blood was gushing out from her gums yet all she did was laugh even louder.

"I said, she's dead! Find her in hell if you want! Hahaha..." Pointing in the direction of the coast, she said, "I pushed her into the sea, right there. She can't swim so she struggled for a while and oops! She was gone!"

"You're lying!"

"Why would I lie to you? Damien Radbury, do you know how deep the sea is at the jetty? Do you think she sank to the bottom of the sea and got eaten by the fish down there?"

"Nonsense! You're lying!"

At this point, Damien was repeating the same thing over and over again.

He released Selina and stood up.

Selina suddenly hugged his leg. "Damien... Damien, there is no one between us now. You don't even need to divorce Ava Nagel anymore. Can we get married please?" Damien gave her a hard kick, but she threw herself at him again and grabbed his arm tightly. His men quickly came and pressed her down, making her unable to move a single muscle. Selina suddenly burst out laughing, "She's dead! She will never come back! Do you think I'll let her get what I couldn't get my hands on? Don't even think about being with her at all. Not in this life, nor the next! Never!" Damien restrained the urge to kill this woman and he gave his men a new order, "Hand her over to the cops. Don't be too nice to her, just make sure she doesn't die."

"Yes, Sir."

Standing by the coast in the chill breeze, Damien's hands shaking.

She was dead... She was dead...

Selina's words were like a curse as they lingered in his ears over and over again. That crazy woman really pushed Ava into the sea and yet here he was, unable to do anything. He swore to protect her. But in the end, he had only hurt her. Ever since she had married him, he had only been bringing harm to her. He always thought that there was still time for him to make it up to her.

However...

The searchlights were set up on the surface of the sea while the helicopter kept searching. The sea was pitch-black during the night and it was like falling into a black hole when one stared at it for long. If she really fell into the deep sea, he would do everything he could to get her back. "Ava... I won't let you die." Damien walked forward slowly, and he nearly fell into the sea. Would the strong ocean breeze send him where Ava was? "Damien Radbury, stop right there!" Selden noticed that Damien was acting strange and quickly rushed forward to pull him back. He used too much strength and as a result, both of them fell on the sand by the shore. Selden didn't care about his own wounds and he punched Damien's face with his fist. Yet, Damien didn't even dodge. "Are you crazy? Do you know how deep the water is? Are you going to die before you found Ava?" Damien took a harsh punch, but he didn't react at all.

He just sat up and stared emptily at the endless sea.

"Selina told me that she's dead." "So you are believing whatever that woman said? Aren't you the one who said Ava would be fine?" Damien let out a bitter laugh and turned to look at the man beside him. Ava was in trouble and Damien was sure that the sadness Selden felt must not be any lesser than his, but Selden was way calmer. "Do you think Ava would rather see you or me in the afterworld?" Damien asked out of nowhere. Selden was taken aback by his question. He then replied, "There's one thing for sure. If you end your life recklessly now, you are only bringing pain to your family, while letting your enemies be joyful." Pain for his loved ones, joy for his enemies... How would he allow his enemies to be overjoyed? Damien suddenly stood up. His gaze was even colder this time. "Where are you going?" Selden asked immediately. "I want to see her no matter if she's alive or dead. I won't allow her to die!"

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The search went on for three days. For the past three days, everyone was looking for her without resting, but there was still nothing. The only thing they found was the pair of shoes washed up by the sea that day. Damien sat by the shore with the shoes in his arms. He reached out as if he wanted to grab something from the sea. But what he got was the seawater and nothing else. Just like that, she disappeared. No matter what he did, there was no sign of her. Jessica heard about her daughter and she cried so much that she passed out twice. She eventually arrived at the beach with someone holding her steadily. D

Damien, on the other hand, had been sitting here for three whole days.

"Damien, go home," Jessica said with a hoarse voice. These three days were a huge torment for anyone. Jessica wouldn't come here with a fragile body if it weren't for Damien's parents who visited her to ask for her help. They begged Jessica to talk some sense into Damien. She didn't want to offend the Radbury family, so she came.

"Your parents want to hold a funeral for Ava and the child. You should be handling this. Ava can't see you even if you choose to sit here all day." "She's not dead. Why would there be a funeral?"

Damien's eyes were dull while he was staring straight at waves that crashed onto the shore. In the past three days, many people had walked past him. Some men dived into the sea to help him search for Ava. Also, his family came to see him. However, how could he give up just like this?

No matter what, he wanted to see her. Even if she was dead, he also wanted to at least see her body. "It's been three days. Even if you don't want to accept the fact... she's gone."

Jessica's voice broke at the end of her sentence. He turned his head slowly towards her, "You are her mother, you would rather think that she is dead instead of alive?" There was no emotion at all in his voice.

"She's my only family in this world. The last thing I want was for her to be dead... But now, what's the point of making yourself suffer?" With a hand on her chest, Jessica sobbed once again.

In the past, he used to look down on Jessica as she was greedy, materialistic, and foolish. But this time, she was the only one who could understand how he felt. Damien suddenly chuckled lightly. Actually, there was a secret that he told no one. Ava didn't know about it too. Ever since in high school, Ava had been crushing on him. Although she never actually confessed her

feelings to him, her crush was very obvious. At that time, many people in the school were spreading that the famous girl in class thirteen had a crush on Damien Radbury. He heard about it a long time ago, but because there were just too many girls who had a crush on him, he didn't really care.

However, after class, when he walked past a street lined with cherry blossoms every day, his gaze would always end up on her. Perhaps it was because she was very beautiful. Damien

had never considered himself to be someone who cared too much about appearances, but that girl's smile was too sweet. It was hard to not notice her smile. But every time, he would act like he didn't care and walk past her.

They had never interacted even until graduation. When they finally got into college, he found out that they enrolled in the same course and were in the same class. And during the orientation, he finally got to know her name as Ava Nagel. At that time, Damien never thought that there would be so many misunderstandings between them. He never even expected that she would end up as his wife. As an egoistic man, he could never accept deception. He couldn't accept the fact that his own wife used such a shameful way to be with him.

However, it took them two years to clear up such a simple misunderstanding, even though both of them had been tricked.

In the end, it was he who wronged her.

And this time, fate wasn't giving him a chance to make it up to her anymore.

Ava's funeral had already begun, but Damien was late.

He was in a mess and haggard. He was extremely skinny and there were overgrown beards on his chin. The outfit he was wearing was the same as three days ago. Damien smashed an empty urn onto the ground in front of everyone who turned up before he chased them out. In the end, he was left alone, staring at the portrait of Ava hanging in the mourning hall.

"Why... Why couldn't you give me a chance?"

He reached out to touch her face, eyes, nose, and lips...

The person in the photo was smiling, and her eyes were as bright as the sun. However, it was just a piece of the picture.

"Honey, what should we do now?" Outside the mourning hall, Karen asked Daryl anxiously. This was a funeral for the daughter-in-law of the Radbury family. Although her body wasn't found, all the expected guests were present. But this time, Damien was acting crazy and even chased everyone out. Daryl sighed with a dark face, "Let him be then."

"But there are so many guests here..."

"At this point, is our son more important or our image in front of the guests?" Daryl shook his head helplessly. Since the day of the accident when he saw how Damien insisted to stay at the beach, Daryl somewhat understood. No matter how much Damien used to act indifferently towards Ava, she was his everything regardless of what happened before! Ava was gone while he was like the living dead. He looked like someone who had lost his soul and he would collapse anytime. "We can't let him go on like this. Damien has never been so devastated!" Karen said with concern. She wanted to go in to comfort her son, but Daryl stopped her. "Forget it. If he can't convince himself to accept the truth, do you think we would be able to do it?" A few minutes later, Damien finally walked out of the mourning hall. There were still no emotions on his face. No one knew what he was thinking and what he had done in those few minutes alone. He didn't say a word or look at anybody present. Afterward, he left straight away. He directly went out of the Radbury family's house. At the door, Kelly held a bouquet of white flowers in her hands. She was hesitating if she should go in.

As soon as she saw Damien, she immediately turned to hide but she was too late. "Stop right there!" Damien's voice was cold and stern. "... I just want... to pay my respect to Miss Nagel and apologize to her." Kelly's voice could barely be heard as she felt extremely guilty. She had always shown up in public with perfect outfits and makeup. But this time, she was barefaced and her eyes were swollen and red. It seemed like she hadn't had a good night's sleep for a long time. Damien said indifferently, "You don't have to come. She's not even here." "I went to the beach yesterday and the day before, but your men who were searching for her wouldn't let me past no matter what. That's why I'm here..." "Kelly Hensley, I told you if anything happens to Ava, I would make you pay with your life."

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Damien didn't even willing to look at her. He felt disgusted by just seeing the accomplice who had killed his wife.

Kelly was stunned for a moment and she subconsciously took a step back. "Mr. Radbury, I... I know I was wrong, but I..." She was too panicked, so much so that the flowers in her hand fell to the ground, and petals... scattered all across the floor.

It was obvious that Damien was trying to restrain himself. If they weren't at Ava's funeral, he really would have considered strangling this woman to death. Right at this time, Selden rushed towards them in a hurry, "Damien!" He stood in front of Kelly and said to him, "I know you must be very angry, but Kelly is not the mastermind behind this. Let her go." "What? Then who is responsible for Ava?" Selden gave Kelly a look to signal her to keep quiet. Over the past three days, the suffering and pain he had to endure were not any lesser than Damien.

However, the innocent ones shouldn't be blamed for things they didn't really do!
Delden.

"Kelly was just a pawn. How could she ever think of such a complicated plan? She was obviously being fooled. Just let her go, Damien." Damien's cold gaze swept past Kelly and landed on Selden. Without saying a word, he got into his car and drove away. Selden breathed a sigh of relief. He turned around to look at Kelly, only to realize that she was already crying, and tears were rolling down her cheeks.

"Don't worry, if he didn't do anything to you today, he probably wouldn't come looking for trouble with you in the future. Everything is fine." Selden comforted her.

However, Kelly's tears did not stop rolling down her cheeks. "I'm really sorry... I never wanted to kill her, and I really didn't expect this to happen...". She felt a surge of guilt overflowing in her heart. Ava was dead and she would never forgive herself for the rest of her life.

After leaving the funeral, Damien returned to the beach where Ava's accident took place. The rescue team had already withdrawn. Nobody was willing to believe that a miracle would happen. In fact, even Damien found it hard to believe it. Life comes and goes. Nobody can

ever predict the fate of life and death. They didn't even have time to bid farewell to each other. If he knew that a few days ago would be the last time they ever saw each other, he would never have let her go.

Day after day, he just sat alone by the sea after Ava was gone. It was strange that he didn't have suicidal thoughts anymore. He just wanted to sit here alone in peace, as if he was accompanying her. "There's news from the officers. They said that the Newton family spent a lot of money and connections to bail Selina out." Dempsey Bradley, who was Damien's secretary, reported to him. Since he sat by the sea every day, there were many things at the company that he needed to handle. Therefore, Dempsey had no choice but to come here with the laptop. His eyes flickered, and finally, there was a visible emotion on his face. "Selina Newton?" Dempsey nodded. "Looks like the Newton family is willing to even go bankrupt to ensure Selina's safety."

Damien snorted coldly. That day, he ordered his men to hand over Selina, who was beaten half to death to the cops. Ever since then, he had been ignoring her until this time. Selina's kidnapping and murder intentions were all with conclusive evidence. It would be against the law if she was not given a life sentence in jail. However, the Newton family were crossing the line by trying to bail her out. "Ever since Selina was put in the detention center, her mental state has been deteriorating. The Newton family is going to take advantage of this and bail her out by stating that she needs treatment." Dempsey said. Damien would never allow this to happen, no matter what. He would not let anyone who had hurt Ava go easily. After a long time, he finally stood up and said to Dempsey, "Let's go." "Where are we going, Sir?" "We're going to pay the lawyer a visit."

The Newton family had only one daughter, which was Selina Newton. Hence, they loved her with all their might.

This time, she really got herself in huge trouble. The news about her crime was being spread all over the internet and it was impossible to be exonerated. However, her parents couldn't see their only daughter suffer in jail. Therefore, they did whatever they can to save her. Damien listened as his father spoke to him. His dark face was now turned even ghastly. "So, what are you actually implying after speaking for so long?" Daryl sighed, "Ava is gone. I know that you are sad. But the Newtons have connections with our family in the business industry after all. We shouldn't be too harsh on them, or we might lose an important support."

Damien scoffed indifferently. It seemed like the Newton family was not taking this lightly. Apart from interfering with the law, they were now using what they had against the Radbury family to threaten him. They were literally overestimating themselves. "Even if you don't want to put up with the Newton family, you should at least take our family business into consideration," Daryl advised once again. "What? It is because I actually cared about the Radbury Group that I didn't burn down their house and stab that bitch to death in her sleep!" "Damien, do you really have to be like this?" Damien stood up from the sofa and said, "I will make Selina's life a living hell. I swear!"

Half a month later, Selina's verdict finally came out. It was a lifetime sentence in jail. This was

an official appeal made by Damien himself. He would not let her die as he wanted Selina to live the rest of her life in prison. A person like her didn't deserve to even meet Ava in the afterworld.

He wanted her to live a life worse than death and to rot in prison forever.

However, the Newton family was not willing to accept it. They appealed once again for dismissal for the verdict.

"I heard that Selina has already gone crazy. She talks nonsense every day and said that she saw a ghost. She even licked the floor." Selden said to Damien.

"That was expected." Damien was still standing by the sea where Ava's life ended. He watched as a bunch of seagulls flew over the sky. It was a windy day, and their clothes were fluttering in the breeze. Selden asked, "Do you think she is really out of her mind, or is she pretending to be insane?"

"If she's really insane, that would be too easy on her."

"You're right. If she's pretending to be insane, she would have to keep up the act forever.

Even if she got bailed out for treatment, it's meaningless." Selden paused for a moment and asked, "What are you going to do if the Newton family really gets her out?" "Do you think I'll let such a thing happen?" "But I heard that the Newton family is willing to go all out in business with your family. In just half a month, you've lost quite a lot, haven't you?" It had been a long time since Damien last concerned about the company. Ever since Ava left, all Damien could think about was taking revenge and nothing else.

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The Newton family did not hesitate to take advantage of this opportunity to counterattack. It was also at this moment that Damien finally realized that he could no longer remain so down. "Since the Newton family has decided to play this game, then I'll show them who is the boss in the business world." Selden laughed in a low voice, "Well, that's the Damien Radbury I know." He looked at the sea once again. There was no breeze, and it was a calm day. However, no one knew how long the peace would last before a storm appeared. "I'm not involved between you and the Newton family, so I won't stick my nose into this matter... I'm leaving in two days. Damien, don't mess this up." Selden suddenly said.

"Where are you going?" "Avarnia. I might stay there for a long time, and I guess we won't have a chance to see each other anymore." Damien did not ask Selden the reason he was going abroad. In this period of time, they started to talk a lot more than before because of Ava's matter. But this did not mean that they were friends.

The seagulls in the distance flew back and hovered above the sea.

Dark clouds began to gather on the horizon, and it was about to rain.

Half a year later, in Avarnia. It was a coastal town as it was near the sea. It was a place with a slow pace of life, which was quite suitable for relaxation or retirement. The scenery here was also amazing. Selden had been here for half a year, so he was already used to the relaxing

lifestyle here. He was reluctant to get up when it was already the middle of the day. The bedroom door was pushed open by a woman. She then shouted at him, "Get up now! Didn't we agree to go to the fair this morning?" "Uh... It's still so early... Let me sleep a little more." Selden turned over and continued to sleep. The woman gave him an annoyed look. Then she walked over and lifted his covers.

He was surprised and pulled the covers over his body, "What are you doing! What if I'm not wearing any pants?"

"We are married. Even if you're not wearing anything, so what? Also, aren't you in your pajamas?" Selden hesitated for a moment and then he began to laugh. It had been half a year, but he still hadn't gotten used to being a 'husband'. However, he had always dreamt of being one. The woman in front of him who had been carrying a baby for six months sat down on the bed clumsily.

Although they had been sleeping in separate rooms because of her pregnancy, she felt that their love for each other must be very strong. Hence, he was so considerate and even knew about everything she liked.

"Ava, sleep with me for another ten minutes, okay?"

Selden grinned shamelessly. He put his arm around her shoulder and forced her to lie on him.

Her body stiffened for a moment and she subconsciously tried to dodge him.

It was really strange. They were husband and wife, but every time she got near to him she felt like she still hadn't gotten familiar with him. She felt a little repulsed when they had physical contact, even if it was just holding hands. She had been trying very hard not to show the repulse she felt. Fortunately, he had always been respectful and never went over the boundaries. "You'd better get up. Both my baby and I are hungry. I want to eat the spaghetti at the corner of the street." She spoke with a lovely tone. Selden immediately sat up from the bed. "Right! I shouldn't starve my wife and my child." He inched nearer to her and placed a kiss on her face out of nowhere. Then he ran downstairs without wearing even his indoor slippers. Ava covered her face with a hand. There was a strange feeling in her heart. As soon as Selden walked out of the room, his smile faded. He touched his lips and looked up at the sky with a sigh. She was already by his side and she didn't know anything at this point. But why was it so hard to get nearer to her? "Sweetheart, what kind of spaghetti do you want?" He yelled into the room. "The one we ordered a few days ago. I want the same thing!" Ava stuck her head out of the room and smiled at him.

He responded with a bigger smile. Half a year ago, he found her in a suburban hospital about ten kilometers away from the jetty. After she fell into the sea, she was washed ashore by the tide and rescued by the tourists who spotted her. After being sent to the hospital, she lost her memory and completely forgot who she was. 2 It was also because of this that Damien's men couldn't find her even when they searched the hospitals. Ava's amnesia must have prevented her real name to be recorded.

As for Selden, he saw Ava in the city's hospital when she was transferred from the suburban ward.

Anyway, it was undeniable that he had selfish motives.

It was because of his selfishness that he hid the news of Ava being alive and he secretly brought her abroad.

He told her that he was her husband and that the child in her belly was theirs. He was very familiar with everything about her, which included all her hobbies and daily habits... He even showed her photos of them from high school to prove how close they were.

Therefore, Ava completely believed him. She only thought that she had lost her memory because of an accident. She thought everything could restart all over again. Selden went outside to get the spaghetti, but Ava only ate two mouthfuls and she couldn't eat much.

"Why aren't you eating? Are you feeling uncomfortable again?" Selden asked with concern.

"No, I just have something on my mind." "Uh, what's that?" "Hm, why can't I remember anything from the past? You have taken me to the doctors so many times and you are a doctor yourself!" Selden laughed and said, "The human brain is a very complicated structure. You must have damaged part of your brain when you fell into the sea. That's why you still can't recall anything." "How mean are you! Are you trying to say that I'm out of my mind?"

Ava pretended she was about to hit him and he quickly dodged while grinning cheekily. He then took the opportunity to kiss her on the forehead again. Her cheeks flushed red and her hands stiffened in mid-air. "Well, I'll stop fooling around. Anyway, I am now by your side. If you want to know what happened before, I will tell you slowly." Ava did not say anything else. In the past six months, he told her a lot of things about her past from time to time, including her own family as well as their previous school days. However, she somehow felt that she must have forgotten something very important. Otherwise, why would she feel so empty? "Selden, tell me. Did I forget something that even you don't know about? If I can't recall it, that would be a pity, wouldn't it?" "Are you kidding me? We grew up together, I'm pretty sure I know everything there is to know about you. Even when you farted." Selden deliberately made a joke. But she still had doubts in her heart. "But, what you told me are things that happened a long time ago. You rarely told me what happened in the past two years."

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Selden forced a smile and said, "What could possibly happen in the past two years?

First of all, you married me. And now we're spending our lives together." "But..."

"Alright... As a doctor, I need you to stop overthinking because it's bad for the baby, okay?" Selden interrupted her, so she stopped asking him questions. According to what he told her, they were spending a holiday at the beach resort and she fell into the sea by accident. Then she lost her memories. However, she was often woken up by nightmares these days. In her nightmares, she was on a huge jetty surrounded by containers. She kept running for her life as if something terrible was chasing after her... Was it really just a nightmare?

Back in the country.

Damien was sitting in the conference room, listening carefully to the staff of the marketing department as they spoke. In the past six months, the Newton Group had

been competing fiercely with the Radbury Group. Damien didn't take it easy on them which resulted in a huge loss for the Newton Group. However, they showed no sign of backing down. It seemed like this was going to be a long competition. "Sir, that is all about the current situation." The sales department reported. He nodded and made a few concluding remarks. After the meeting, everyone left quietly in order. He remained in his seat alone in the room and stared at the space empty. His thoughts once again wandered far away. "Sir, there is a lunch meeting later," The assistant came back and reminded him softly. He was still a little absent-minded and did not hear the assistant's reminder. Dempsey quietly gave his assistant a look at the door to remind her not to disturb him. Damien didn't move for a long time. He just stared at a spot in the distant. "Dempsey, what's wrong with the CEO today? He was very absent-minded in the meeting too," The new assistant asked softly. "Today is the wedding anniversary of our boss and his wife." "Ah, the one who unfortunately passed away half a year ago..." Dempsey quickly covered the assistant's mouth to prevent her from saying another word. The name 'Ava Nagel' had already become a taboo of the company. No one dared to mention her ever since her incident.

Her seat in the office remained the same. Everything was there as it was, and nothing had been touched.

Every morning, Damien would wipe her table clean before all the employees came to work, as if she would come back to work anytime. However, the owner of this seat never returned.

When Damien returned home at night, the butler ordered the chef to prepare a sumptuous dinner. Even though Damien would be the only one enjoying it. He filled his own glass with red wine. He wanted to pour a glass of wine for the empty seat beside him, but he didn't after he thought about it. "You're pregnant. You can't drink." He chuckled. If she was still alive, it would be the expected date for their child's birth, wouldn't it?

That was their second child. This time, he still couldn't protect them. "It's a good thing that you bring the children along with you. At least it's better than me being here alone and talking to myself like an idiot." He chuckled. In the past six months, he had started to eat lighter and became more tolerant of the people around him. He even started to smile more and controlled his own temper better.

However, he began to fear hearing anything related to her. He didn't even dare to go to her empty grave to give her flowers. Compared to his impulsiveness when he was suicidal, nothing else could stir up the same emotions in him anymore. "Ava, people think I have forgotten about you because I don't talk about you." "But it's been half a year. And all this time, I have never stopped thinking about you. Not even for a second." He picked up the glass and finished the wine in one sip. Two months ago, the final sentence was finally given to Selina. She was indeed diagnosed with bipolar disorder, but she wasn't allowed to be bailed out for treatment. Damien used some means to make sure she was locked in a single cell alone. Only doctors and the jail staff could visit her.

If she ever wanted to be dramatic, she wouldn't even have an audience. She would live out her life alone in a dark cell for the rest of her life. The Newton's rushed into his office when they heard about this, but were immediately dragged out by the security guards. Selina's father wanted to compete with him in the business world, but Damien made

sure he suffered a devastating defeat. "I actually did a lot of things after you left. But no matter, I still couldn't do what I really want to do." Damien continued muttering to himself. "Ava, your stupidity seems to have an effect on me." He drank until past midnight, but he didn't get drunk. In fact, he became soberer.

Just then, he suddenly received a call from Dempsey. "Sir, there's an emergency." "What's wrong?" "Four days ago, the Newton Group signed a contract with a foreign supplier. Because it's news from abroad, we got the information late." "Which supplier?" Damien asked with a stern expression. At this time, everyone knew that the Newtons and Radburys were fighting in business, so no one dared to get involved in this mess. The Newtons couldn't get any goods locally so they decided to get it from overseas. It seemed that the Radbury Group wasn't ruthless enough. "Since they are foreign goods, think of a way to stop them from entering the border," he ordered. "I couldn't stop it. That batch of goods is under the name of our company." "What?"

Damien hurried back to the study and turned on the computer. Dempsey sent the information to his mailbox. The goods bought by the Newton family were indeed produced by Radbury Group's international factory. Since it was from their own factory, they didn't notice that those goods were bought under the Radbury Group's name. And the one who signed this contract was Enrico Radbury.. "Son of a b*tch!" Damien was so angry that he almost smashed the computer.

Although Enrico was not working for the company, he was still one of the shareholders. He had a lot of shares in his hand and was indeed qualified to sign the transactions for this pile of goods. This brat was really smart in taking this opportunity to benefit himself. Damien immediately called him. On the other end of the line was Enrico's lazy voice, "What's up, brother? Isn't it the middle of the night there?"

"Cut the crap. What stock did you sell to the Newton family? Do you know what the hell are you doing?" "What's wrong?" Enrico chuckled and played dumb. Damien was so angry that he clenched his fists. After he explained the matter, Enrico said, "Ah, I see. But that batch of goods is already sent to the country. I'm afraid that they are already in the Newton family's hands. It would be impossible to take it back from them."