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I placed a pair of furry slippers at the entrance. As there was no response, I shifted my gaze to the door.

That was when I saw a stern-looking man with an unfathomable gaze at the door, his slender figure looming over me.

I could not help but frown. *Why is Ashton here? He should be lying on Rebecca's bed now.*

I wanted to close the door, but Ashton stopped me in time. As his face darkened, he demanded, "Who are you

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waiting for?"

He pushed against the door so hard that I couldn't close it. With that, I gave up and replied languidly, "Who else could I be waiting for in the middle of the night? Of course someone who can ease my loneliness."

He blocked me in after entering. A sharp glint flashed across his eyes as he sneered, "Ease your loneliness?"

Then he straightened his hip and thrust it at me. "Do you think your loneliness can be eased by this?"

At a loss for words, my face flushed a bright red.

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"Why're you so quiet?" While pressing his body against mine, he landed a soft kiss on my forehead.

Then, things started getting steamy.

"Why didn't you go home?" He bit my lip and continued in a hoarse voice, "Why are you hiding here?"

"Ashton, let go of me!" I had never seen such a brazen guy. He was just doting on Rebecca earlier on, but now he had the audacity to come here and mess around with me.

He held me close and whispered, "Do you think I'm able to do that now?"

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I was dumbfounded.

Usually, I would have played along. However, after the previous incident, I could hardly respond whenever he touched me.

He frowned after noticing that I gave no reaction when he was fingering me. Following that, he carried me to the shoe cabinet and placed me on top of it.

I immediately stopped him when he tried to take my clothes off. "Don't even bother. I don't seem to feel anything toward you anymore."

I did not know what precipitated it.

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Sometimes things might seem fine on the surface, but deep down, they were already riddled with holes.

Furrowing his brows, Ashton stared at me coldly. "No feelings toward me?"

I opened my mouth to speak, but no words could escape from it.

Abruptly, he grabbed my hand and dragged me to the bathroom. I was then held in place under the showerhead with the icy cold water raining over me.

"Ashton, why are you doing this? You should get Rebecca to satisfy your lust. Don't torture a pregnant woman!" I



almost broke down.

Since he has always been doting on Rebecca, why can't he just look for her and leave me alone?

The explosion of anger suddenly subsided. Ashton stopped unzipping and became silent for quite a while. He then turned the tap off and stepped away from me.

I averted my eyes from him. With little strength left, I slumped onto the floor after losing his support.

Perhaps due to consecutive days of sultry weather, a thunderstorm broke all of a sudden, followed by a heavy



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downpour.

The bathroom was filled with an eerie silence. Initially, I thought Ashton was angry at me, but apparently, he was not.

After regaining his composure, he tidied himself up before turning to me. "Get some rest!"

After that, he left without saying another word.

What a temperamental man!

I was sitting in a daze when Macy entered the bathroom. When she saw my disheveled state, she yelled at me.



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"Scarlett, what have you done to yourself? You must think of the baby no matter what happens!"

Following that, Macy took me out of the bathroom and towel-dried my hair while I sat on my bed, staring into space.

After a while, I asked her, "Will a man fall in love with a woman because of their baby?"

Macy paused for a moment and thought about it. "It's possible. After all, many women tend to fall in love with someone due to that reason."

Indeed, there are many such cases.



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I looked at her in a daze and asked,
"What if the baby is gone?"

Shocked by my words, Macy patted me
on my shoulder. "What's on your mind?
You are two months pregnant now, and
the baby has grown substantially. You
should deliver the baby. Don't overthink
the situation!"

I covered my face in frustration.
Recently, I had been feeling flustered
and irritable.

After Macy dried my hair, she brought
me to the bed and tucked me in.

Ashton didn't turn up again for the rest
of the night. Worried that I would be

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unable to sleep because of the
thunderstorm, Macy stayed for the
night.

It turned out that she was right, except
that I was too irked to sleep instead of
scared. Eventually, I stayed up until the
middle of the night.

I had barely slept before I was
awakened by the buzzing of my phone
and realized that it was already
morning.

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It was a call from Stacey, and she seemed quite anxious. "Ms. Stovall, Harrison Credit has liaised with the Finance Department. What about Quinn Corporation?"

I was aware that I might not make the right decisions in my current state. Thus, I instructed her, "Contact AC Credit now and hand over Quinn Corporation's audit to them. You're taking charge of this matter."

Stacey murmured in acknowledgment before continuing, "Sure, Ms. Stovall.

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You may have to go on a business trip for a few days."

I nodded as I knew that the business trip was inevitable. After I ended the call, I got up from bed though I was uncomfortable and tired.

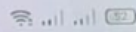
Macy had prepared soup for me. She looked at me awkwardly and said, "I'm so sorry! I seem to have lost my touch as I had not cooked for many years."

After stealing a glance at the burnt soup on the table, I chuckled. "You won't be so cruel to a pregnant woman, will you?"

Her lips curled up into a wry smile. "Try



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it anyway.”

Judging by the appearance of the burnt soup, I could guess its taste without even trying it. But seeing how eager Macy was, I had no choice but to put my life on the line and try some.

“How’s the taste? Is it nice?” She waited expectantly for my answer.

I could not come up with a sincere compliment even after racking my brain. Yet, I did not want to discourage

her, so I laughed and replied curtly, “You need more practice!”

I couldn’t bear to see her dejected, so I hastily grabbed my bag and left for

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work.

However, Macy followed me to the door, refusing to give up. "Come back earlier. I'll cook something delicious."

What? No! Spare my life, please!

It was still early by the time I arrived at the office. Unfortunately, Joe was in the elevator when I entered it. I could not agree more with the saying, "The more you hate someone, the more likely you will run into him."

Joe greeted me with an enigmatic smile. "Good morning, Ms. Stovall! Did Ashton stay with you during the thunderstorm last night?"

I remained silent while he continued talking in a sarcastic tone, "Rebecca is afraid of thunder, so Ashton will stay with her whenever there is a thunderstorm. I'm sure Ashton didn't leave her alone last night."

As I looked at the pearls on my shoes, I had a strong urge to laugh.

It all makes sense now. Last night, Ashton only snapped out of his frenzy because he was worried that Rebecca wouldn't be able to sleep if she were alone during the thunderstorm. There was no way he would have left his lover alone.

Joe was right this time, and I had no