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“Last night’s rain was pouring, why did you open the door?” Mike has actually already guessed it, he just did not want to put it explicitly.

If Avery still did not want to talk about it, he would not ask her anymore.

“Zoe said that when her eyes were gouged, she heard my voice.” Avery’s expressions were cold, her tone even colder. “What a poor lie, yet someone believed her.”

Mike said, “Thank goodness Wesley could be your witness. But what did you do at Wesley’s 46 yesterday?”

“I was doing some work,” Avery brushed it off and said, “But if I said that to others, they would never believe me.”

“What is there to not believe about you? That you are in a relationship with Wesley? If that was the case, you two would have long been together,” Mike teased, “But seriously, I really like men like Wesley. It’s only those men like him usually would only be liked by terrible 34 women.”

Avery retorted, “Wesley will not be together with bad women.”

“I’m not saying that he would be together with them. I’m saying that those women would likecd him.”

“Don’t say that! Good women would like Wesley too!”

“Okay, okay! I’m wrong! Wesley would surely be able to find a very good woman,” Mike said. Avery let him go.

After finishing the porridge, Mike accepted the empty bowl from Avery.

“If Elliot knew that you were at Wesley’s house for the entire day, he would surely not believe you as I do,” Mike said, “Now that you’ve handed in the evidence, I’m afraid he might know about this!”

“He knew about this since yesterday.” Avery lowered her gaze. “Not only did he suspect me of harming Zoe, but he also doubts my relationship with Wesley.”

“Can’t you just explain it to him? I don’t understand. You’re not in the wrong. What is there to argue about?” Mike sighed.

“I’ve already handed in the evidence. Unless I tell him specifically what I was doing in

Wesley’s house yesterday, only he will believe me, but I can’t tell him. It has to do with the patient’s confidentiality. Even if I told him, he would get angry at me. He has warned me not to take on any private engagements.”

Mike was stunned. “Since when did you take on private engagements again? Avery, you’re so

pregnant. Why would you dare to do it?”

“See, even you have this reaction, let alone him.”

Mike said, “No, even if I have a huge reaction, I can’t do anything about it!”

“He can’t do anything about it either, but he will get angry with me,” Avery’s head started to hurt. “Please leave, I’ll nap for a while.”

“Oh. Let me measure your body temperature.” Mike placed his hand on her forehead to test.

Thankfully, her body temperature was normal.

Avery, Hayden will have a break the day after tomorrow. If you’re not feeling well, rest at home. I’ll go to Bridgedale tomorrow to take care of him,” Mike stood by the side of the bed, telling Avery.

“I’ll go there myself.” Avery did not forget about this matter. “My body is fine.”

“Then, I’ll go with you.” Mike’s tone was firm. Even if she refused, it was pointless.

After coming out of the Starry River Villa, Wesley was rather distracted, so he stopped the car by the side of the road.

He took his phone, found Shea’s contact, and dialed her.

A moment later, the call was connected, but it was not Shea’s voice.

“Shea doesn’t need you to teach her in the future.” Elliot’s cold voice came over. “Don’t look for her again.”

“Why?” Wesley furrowed his brows. “Pass the phone to Shea. Unless Shea tells me this herself, if not, I won’t accept it.”

“You won’t accept it?” Elliot thought he had heard a joke. He swallowed his saliva and said sternly, “I also won’t accept that you and Avery are keeping things from me!”

“So, it’s because of this.” Wesley’s tone softened. He pondered for a few seconds before saying, “Elliot, if I tell you this, can you stop torturing Avery? She had a fever last night and she kept muttering your name...”

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“I’m torturing her?” Elliot murmured. He suddenly raised his voice. He said coldly, “Wesley, don’t you think you’re shameless?”

“I’m shameless. All of it is my fault, but please don’t use your narrow thinking to view Avery.” Wesley’s tone was calm, but he was honest. “Avery came to look for me yesterday. One is to look for the notes Professor Hough left behind when he was still alive. Two, to show me her treatment proposal so I can give her my suggestions. Although my medical skills are not as great as hers, theory-wise, I can still make do.”

Elliot’s breathing turned heavy.

“Avery took on a surgery,” Wesley continued, “If you think that she’s doing this just for the money, you’re too shallow. If you love her, can you learn how to respect her!”

Wesley rarely raised his voice at others. He was well-mannered and knew how to control himself. However, at Elliot, he could no longer remain calm.

After a short moment of silence, Elliot retorted, “Your so-called respect is just giving in without any limits! If I didn’t love a woman, I could do that to her too! I could just not care about³⁴ her!”

Wesley said, “You grab a handful of sand. The tighter you grab it, the faster it flows out of your hand. You can never tie Avery. She does not belong to you alone.”

Elliot suddenly yelled in rage, “She iscd mine!”

“I do not want to fight with you on this!” Wesley could not defeat him, so he changed the subject. “You have no right to stop Shea from interacting with whoever. She is no longer the idiot that you could control. Please respect her and pass her phone back to her!”

Elliot hungge up

Wesley placed his phone down and held the driving wheel tightly. He tried to collect his thoughts

Elliot had a stubborn personality. He had a strong desire for control, whether it was Avery or Shea, it was the same²³ case

However, whether it was Shea or Avery, they still deeply loved this man. Of course, Shea’s love and Avery’s love were different. Shea’s love was the purest form.

Soon after, Wesley’s phone rang again. Wesley picked it up and saw that it was from Shea. He immediately answered the call.

“Wesley, Big Brother was angry with me. You called me but he didn’t let me answer,” Shea’s tone sounded extremely aggrieved, “But thankfully he just returned the phone to me.”

“Shea, he is not angry with you. He is angry with me.” Wesley was afraid that Shea would think otherwise, so he explained to her, “Did he forbid you from going out?”

“I don’t think so.” She suddenly laughed. “Wesley, can I go look for you now?”

“Okay.”

At the hospital, Richard returned from the police station after seeing the evidence. He told Zoe about the outcome.

Zoe screamed with all her might, “Dad! How could you be bought by them! How much did they pay you! Huh!”

Richard said, “Zoe, be strong. This really has nothing to do with Avery. The police will continue investigating. Once they catch the culprit, they will give us an answer.”

“Hahahah! I’m about to die soon, you want me to be strong? The culprit is Avery. I heard her voice. Why do none of you believe me? It’s fine if the outsiders don’t believe me, but dad, how could you not believe me! Because I’ve become a disabled person, so you don’t love me anymore?”

“Zoe! It’s not that I don’t believe you, but the voice that you heard might be a hallucination. It could also be someone else mimicking her voice or editing her voice into a clip... If not, why did her voice appear after you turned blind? The police said that to me. I think it’s logical too.”

Richard did not like Avery, but he could not ignore the facts.

Zoe sat on the bed in a daze, as if her soul had been sucked away.

Cole walked over to Richard and said in a low voice, “Uncle Richard, I want to talk to you in private about Zoe and the child.” Richard followed Cole out of the ward.

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“Uncle Richard, Zoe in this state. I’m very upset. I haven’t had any sleep for the past two days. She kept wanting to die, but I don’t want her to die.”

Richard cut to the chase and said, “You’re just worried about the child, right? You have no feelings for Zoe at all.”

“I don’t want to contradict you, but you should be clear that Zoe has no feelings for me too.” Cole had a glum expression. “Our child is innocent. I will take good care of Zoe until she gives birth to our child. Once our child is born, I will give you some money and you take Zoe back to Bridgedale to start a new life. Just name the price. I will try my best to match it. I assure you that you and Zoe won’t have to worry for the rest of your lives.”

Richard did not immediately answer, he seemed to be thinking about 46 it.

Zoe was standing by the door in her ward. She heard their conversation clearly. At that moment, she was not a normal human being. She was just a product.

If it were not for the child in her, being worth still a little, Cole would not stay here in the ward with her. He would not have even asked her father to name a price.

Zoe had no words for Cole, but she was completely disappointed in her father!

Zoe fumbled around and headed to the washroom.

Outside the ward, after Richard pondered for a while, he replied to Cole, “Cole, I do indeed love money, but you’re not Elliot. You won’t be able to satisfy my price. Once Zoe is discharged, I will take her back to Bridgedale and I will send her to see a therapist. Once her mental condition gets better, we’ll see if she wants to have the child or not.”

“You’re equally snobbish like Zoe! Back when my uncle was pursuing her, she had never once looked at me.” Cole sneered. “Don’t blame me for being mean to her. She’s not worthy.”

Richard’s expressions darkened. “My daughter has become this way! Don’t think I don’t know what you did! She has been staying and living in your house. How could her eyes have suddenly been gouged out? Cole, you’re evil. You will have retribution!”

“Hehe, you two are not a match for me right now. Even if there are retributions, you two will have it first!” Cole said with gritted teeth. He turned around, pushed the door, and entered.

In the ward, Zoe was nowhere to be seen.

“Zoe!” Cole looked at the empty bed and yelled out loud!

Richard yelled along with him too. “Zoe! Where are you hiding? Come out quickly! Once you’re discharged, I’ll take you home! We will never return to Aryadelle again!”

The ward was not huge. The two of them looked all around but did not see Zoe anywhere.

The balcony was sealed to avoid patients from jumping out of the window. Zoe could not have vanished just like that. She had to be still in the ward.

“She must be in the washroom!” Cole saw that the washroom door was shut. He immediately ran over.

Cole tried to open the door, but it was locked on the other side! He immediately ran to look for medical staff.

Soon, the nurse took the key to the washroom and rushed over. She opened the door.

They saw Zoe on the floor. Her face and hair were completely wet.

The sink was filled with water.

The nurse pronounced Zoe dead from drowning. Cole immediately retreated a few steps backward before fleeing the scene!

Zoe is dead! The child in her would not survive either! This was not the outcome that he wanted. He wanted the child. He never thought that Zoe was not afraid of death!

Since she died, everything was over! In the evening, Avery heard about Zoe committing suicide. Her chest constricted tightly.

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This was something Avery did not expect would happen. How much in despair she would have been to take her own life!

Zoe not only killed herself. She did not even let the child in her survive.

Avery started to doubt the accusations Zoe made about her when she was alive. Zoe said that when her eyes were gouged, she heard her voice, could there really be such a thing?

Who was the one who would attack Zoe? Why did this person want to put the blame on her?

Was it Cole?

Zoe was pregnant with his child. He did not need to do such a thing to Zoe.

Could it be that the real reason behind harming Zoe was that the culprit wanted to go up against her? If not, what was the explanation behind her voice appearing when Zoe's eyes were gouged?

Avery instantly sweated profusely.

Mike was carrying a bowl of hot porridge into her room. He saw her sitting up straight on the bed, her eyes out of focus. She did not even notice him entering.

“Avery, what are you thinking about?” Mike placed the bowl on the nightstand by the bed. He waved his hand in front of her eyes. “Are you thinking aboutge Zoe?”

Avery came to her senses. She looked at Mike and said, “Is she really dead?”

“Yes. The police have investigated it. She drowned herself in the washroom of her ward,” Mike said with a sigh, “It’s scary just thinking about it. I won’t dare to do it. I’m afraid of 23 death.”

If not, he would not have constantly stuck to Avery. He was afraid that one day if his old condition were to flare up again, being with her, he would be rescued at the first moment.

“Avery, don’t think about this anymore. I’ll take you out of the country tomorrow. We’ll go relax.” Mike placed the bowl of porridge in front of her. “Have some food.”

Avery raised her hand and rubbed her temples. She said in a low voice, “I don’t have any appetite. I have a very strong feeling that the person who hurt Zoe was coming for me.”

“Avery, don’t think about it that way. You know well what sort of person Zoe was. It’s not strange if someone wants to harm her. As for her saying that she heard your voice, it might not be real,” Mike comforted Avery.

“It might not be fake either.”

“Even if it’s like what you said, that means that the person does not dare to take any action against you. If not, they would not have hurt Zoe, right?” Mike continued comforting her,”

Let's go out of the country to relax a little. Once we're back, we'll hire a few more bodyguards."

Avery accepted the bowl from Mike and started eating.

At another place, Chelsea saw the news of Zoe taking her life. Her expressions darkened.

She never thought that Zoe would die so quickly. How weak! It was just a pair of eyes! She never even thought of seeking revenge on Avery! What a useless being!

"Chelsea, Zoe is dead. I don't think it affected Avery much," Nora said timidly.

"There is still some effect. According to what I hear, Avery and Elliot fought again," Chelsea sneered. "How many lovers died during quarrels. Elliot is now giving in to her because of the child in her tummy. Once she has given birth to the child and her body is out of shape, on top of that, she doesn't change her temper, I'll see how long she will be pampered by him."

"Chelsea, although you make sense, I don't want her to live," Nora said with a sinister expression, "When she dies, maybe Elliot would treat me as her substitute because he missed her."

Chelsea was silent for a few seconds. She said, "Perhaps we could join forces with Wanda. If something were to happen, at least there was someone to take the blame."

A day later, at the subway stop in Bridgedale. Hayden realized that someone was following him. He lowered his cap and quickly turned and entered a restaurant. Then, he immediately pressed the red button on his watch! Two seconds later, Mike's watch let out a shrill alarm ringtone.

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“Damn it! Hayden is in danger!” Mike exclaimed, “Avery, wait for me in the car! I'll go look for him!”

Mike quickly parked the car by the side of the road and pressed the emergency button before running toward the metro stop.

Hayden had a holiday that day. The summer camp bus stopped them all at a huge mall near the subway station.

Hayden bought a gift for his mother. While paying, he realized that someone was secretly observing him. He came out of the mall and walked over to the subway station. Who knew that the person followed him too? Thus, he was sure that he was being⁴⁶ followed.

Avery could not even sit still in the car and wait. After Mike got out of the car, she got out of the car too and strode toward the subway station.

The bodyguard was holding onto her while persuading her, “Miss Tate, be careful of the child in your tummy! If you go into labor, are you planning to have the child on the³⁴ streets?”

Initially, Avery did not feel anything in her tummy. When she heard what the bodyguard said, her tummy hurt a little.

She stopped in her tracks and clutched her tummy. “Go and quickly find Hayden! What would Mike do alone! What if he was in danger!”

The bodyguard could not just abandon her like that. “The subway station has a lot of guards. They will be fine.”

“No! I must go in and see!” Avery held onto the bodyguard’s arm and continued walking toward the subway station.

At that moment, Mike carried Hayden and walked out.

The moment Avery saw them both, her suspended heart finally dropped.

“Avery, didn’t I ask you to wait in the car? Why did you run out?” Mike walked over to her, panting, “Let’s get in the car first!”

After getting in the car, Avery immediately hugged Hayden sideways. “Hayden, are you alright? I’m sorry I didn’t come to pick you up earlier...”

“Mommy, I’m fine. I accidentally pressed the button on my watch,” Hayden said and took out the gift he bought for her from his bag. “When I bought this gift for you, I accidentally pressed it.”

Avery accepted the gift, still worried. “Don’t lie to me. This has never happened before.”

“I never bought a gift on my own before either.” Hayden smiled a rare smile.

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“As long as you’re fine. Let’s go. I’ll bring you to have a good meal.

“Hmm. Mommy, open the gift.”

Avery immediately opened the gift. It was a butterfly hair clip that could move. It was extremely adorable.

“I love it.” She said and pinned it on her hair. “Did you get one for Layla too?”

“Hmm, it’s in my bag.”

“I feel so blessed to have you.”

At night, after Avery returned to her room to rest, Mike entered Hayden’s room. He locked the door from inside and cut to the chase. “It’s one thing to lie to your mother. Are you trying to lie to me? Tell me quickly, what’s going on?”.

Hayden said, “If I tell you, you can’t tell Mommy.”

“Of course! Don’t you trust me?” Mike stood in front of Hayden and asked, “Did you get yourself into trouble?”

“When I was investigating Nora, I realized that she had visited a strange webpage. I entered and realized it was the dark web.” Hayden said in a low voice.

“What kind of dark web?”

“I don’t understand some of it. Some of it is human trafficking.” Hayden paused for a while. “I blew up this dark web, but some of my information got leaked.”

Mike said sternly, “You’re too impulsive! You should have told me first.”

“I was scared to death by the content of the page.” Hayden still found it scary at the thought of it. “I will find a way to solve this. Don’t let Mommy know.”

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“How are you going to deal with it?” Mike crossed his arms on his waist. “You shouldn’t have blown up that web page. Since Nora knows about that dark webpage, that means she must have known someone or some organization in it. Perhaps we could have found something on it.”

Hayden lowered his head remorsefully when he heard what Mike said. He was frightened at that time, which was why he was impulsive.

Thinking about it at that moment, he should not have done so.

“Let me handle this.” Mike patted Hayden on the head. “You finally have two days off. Rest well tonight. Go be with your mother tomorrow. Hand the computer over to me. I’ll try my best to restore the46 webpage.”

Hayden said, “Nora must be a bad person. Tell Mommy to stay further away from her.”

“That woman’s target is your father, she doesn’t have much contact with your34 mother.”

Hayden did not care about whether Elliot lived or died, so he did not say anything else.

The next day, after Avery got up, she made breakfast for Hayden.

Hayden came out of his room. He walked over to the kitchen. “Mommy, Uncle Mike can’t go out with us today.”

Avery turned the fire off. She said confusedly, “Is he sick?”

Mike shook his head. “He was up all night. He can’t get up today.”

“Oh...do you know why he was up all night? Were you up with him?”

“No. I went to wake him up just now, he told me.”

“In that case, let him rest at home!” Avery smiled once more. “I seared some steak for you. I don’t know how it tastes.”

Ever since Avery got pregnant, she no longer stepped into the kitchen.

“Everything you make tastes good, Mommy.” Hayden smiled. His eyes sparkled.

Avery was touched. All the unhappiness that happened back in Aryadelle instantly vanished.

After breakfast, mother and son headed to the science museum. Avery could not bring Hayden to amusement theme parks or malls, because Hayden was not interested in those.

The only places that he would like were places that had to do with science and technology.

On the way to the science museum, Hayden kept looking at Avery’s tummy.

He has not seen Avery for half a month. He felt that her tummy has grown much bigger.

“Hayden, do you want to touch my tummy?” Avery asked with a smile. “Your little brother likes to move a lot right now. If you touch my tummy, he might move!”

Hayden found it magical, so he carefully placed his hand on Avery’s tummy.

“Mommy, when will he come out?” Hayden was curious about his younger brother.

“In about three months more,” Avery said, “He looks just like you!”

“Oh. Mommy, what are you planning to name him?” Hayden retracted his hand and looked at Avery. “Can you not give him to Elliot, please?”

In Hayden’s heart, Elliot was definitely a bad person.

Avery furrowed her brows a little. “Hayden, I can’t guarantee that your little brother will stay with us. It’s not that I don’t want to care for him, but Elliot’s decision is firm.”

Hayden’s expressions instantly turned glum. He looked out of the window gloomily. “He wants to use the baby to threaten you to be with him!”

“Hayden, don’t be angry.” Avery felt bitter. She hugged Hayden in her arms. “Once the baby is out, I will talk to him properly. I’ll try to let your little brother stay with us.”

At the science museum.

Due to it being the weekend, there was a crowd there. The bodyguard kept staying close to Avery, afraid that she would be bumped into.

“This robot can quickly mimic a person’s real voice. As long as you say something to it, it can use your voice to answer your questions...”

A staff member was introducing the robot at the exhibition area by the side. Avery suddenly stopped in her tracks.

She headed over to the exhibition without any control of her feet. The bodyguard and Hayden immediately followed her.

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“Does anyone want to try ?” A staff member asked the interested patrons.

Many raised their hands. They wanted to give it a go.

Avery wanted to raise her hand too, but her body stiffened terribly like she was placed under a hex. She could not move at all. She has initially almost forgotten about everything that happened back in Aryadelle. However, at that moment, all those memories flooded her again!

She never expected that technology was already so advanced. A robot could actually mimic a person’s⁴⁶ voice.

Thus, when Zoe’s eyes were gouged and she heard her voice, could it have been done by a robot?

A woman was invited up to the stage. She greeted the robot. “Hello, my name is Lily. I want to test if you could really mimic my³⁴ voice.”

The robot was silent for a few seconds before saying, “Hello Lily, I’m trying hard to mimic your voice! Do you think I sound like you?”

A burst of laughter came from below the stage! The robot’s voice was indeed quite like hers, but after all, it was still a robot, so the speed it spoke was a little slower. It felt quite emotionless, so it sounded weird.

Avery’s tightened chest relaxed a little. The effect was quite different from what she expected.

“Miss Tate, are you interested in this?” The bodyguard said, “The robot’s mimic is not as good as some comedians!”

“Is that so? Can someone fully mimic another person’s voice?” Avery has never paid any attention to this before.

“Of course! Go search for it on the web. There are a bunch of them! This is nothing strange.” The bodyguard said and pointed in front. “Miss Tate, there is a lucky draw in front, let’s go!”

Avery distractedly followed the bodyguard over.

“Hayden, go and draw a prize!” The bodyguard picked Hayden up and get him to draw.

Hayden was not interested in the lucky draw, but he was interested in the prize. The first prize was a very cool model of a robot.

If he had to buy it, the price would be expensive.

Hayden drew a ticket out. Before he could scratch the ticket to reveal the price, the staff member immediately took it away from him and helped him to scratch.

“Wow! Buddy, you won first prize!” The staff member exclaimed.

The surrounding crowd cheered in response.

Hayden smiled brightly. This was the type of happiness that could not be bought with money.

Avery looked at the staff member handing over the unique model of a robot to Hayden. She felt that it was very unreal.

Hayden was way too lucky. Was this a dream? Avery reached out and pinched herself on the arm. It hurts! It was not a dream! She could not help but smile, almost laughing out loud.

Just when she was about to laugh out loud, she saw a familiar figure among the crowd.

Her smile was plastered on her face.

That man was Elliot! Why was he here? When did he come? What was he doing here?

Avery quickly walked over to him! The bodyguard and Hayden were still basking in the happiness of winning a prize, so they did not notice Avery leaving.

Elliot saw that Avery noticed his presence. He quickly turned around and left.

Mike told him that Zoe's suicide caused her mental condition to be quite unstable. Mike also told him that if he were a man, he should apologize to Avery for suspecting her previously! Which was why Elliot came.

“Elliot!” Avery saw that he was about to leave. She immediately called out his name. “Stop right there!”

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Elliot remained in the same spot. Avery soon quickly walked over to him.

“When did you come?” Avery looked at him. There was not any expression on his face. He looked away and said in a very low voice, “Yesterday.”

“What are you doing here?” Avery raised her voice. “Did you come alone?”

She did not know why she wanted to stop him nor why she asked him these 46 questions.

Previously, they both had an argument. No one wanted to admit defeat. At that moment, meeting each other, they could have gone their separate ways. However, Avery could not control her thoughts. What if he was there to look for her?

“There’s a speech at a school.” Elliot swallowed his saliva. He could not help but look at her.

“I studied here for a year in high school. I’m going to give a speech in the afternoon. Do you want to go?”

Avery was a little disappointed. She did not hide it very well.

“I’m with Hayden today. I’m not free,” Avery said and looked toward Hayden.

Hayden’s smile has long vanished. At that moment, he was looking coldly in theirge direction.

The bodyguard was holding onto the robot that they won, standing next to Hayden. He was looking at them too.

Avery inhaled awkwardly. “I only felt that it was a little too much of a coincidence that I would bump into you here,” she paused for a while before saying, “I’ll make a23 move.”

She only took her first step away when Elliot grabbed her arm. “Let’s have dinner tonight.” Afraid that she would reject him, he added, “I’m returning to Aryadelle tomorrow.”

“Hayden wouldn’t want to have dinner with you, so...”

“I know you’ll find a way. He listens the most to you.” Elliot walked over to Avery and looked at her with his dark eyes. He said seriously, “Avery, I’m sorry. I shouldn’t have suspected you. Although my initial intention wasn’t that way, I still hurt you.”

Avery’s face blushed red. Her body temperature shot up within a few short seconds too. She was so hot she panicked. She never thought that Elliot would say such a thing.

Was he there to give a speech or apologize to her?

Elliot did not like going to places where there was a crowd. If he did not come here to look for her, why was he there to torture himself?

“So, the lucky draw, the robot...was your doing.” Avery knew that they would not be so lucky.

“Don’t tell Hayden.” Elliot sounded helpless. “I just wanted you all to be happy.”

“I know.” Avery lowered her gaze. She did not dare to meet his eyes.

Elliot came over to apologize to her, expressing his sincerity. Even if she felt aggrieved, she did not have the mood to lose her temper at him.

“I’ve booked a room at the restaurant near your place. Let’s have a meal together tonight, please?” Elliot asked this once again.

Avery had already caved in, but she did not want to agree to him that easily. “I’ll consider it.”

She walked over to Hayden.

Elliot saw her safely back with the bodyguard and Hayden before turning around and leaving.

Avery looked at her son’s tightly furrowed brows. She wanted to cheer him up. “Hayden, the robot is so cool!”

“Mommy, what is he doing here?” Hayden asked.

“He came to apologize.” Avery did not want to keep things from Hayden.

“He invited us to dinner tonight.”

“I knew that he wouldn’t have good intentions.”

“If you don’t want to, then we won’t have dinner with him tonight.”

Avery smiled. She did not want to spoil her son’s mood.

Hayden looked at her. Her wishes were all in her eyes.

That night, Avery brought Hayden to the restaurant that Elliot reserved. It was Hayden's decision to come because he saw how much Avery wanted to come.

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The huge room only had three of them. The atmosphere was rather strangely quiet.

The waiter left after serving the food.

Elliot pondered for a while. He was just about to say something when Avery jumped the gun and said something first because she was afraid that Elliot would make Hayden angry.

"Hayden, didn't you say you were hungry? This restaurant is quite good. Have more food."

Avery placed a huge pile of food in Hayden's dish.

Hayden lowered his head and ate. He did not even look at Elliot.

Elliot picked up a ladle and scooped some soup for Avery. "When are you planning to return to Aryadelle?"

Avery did not want to talk to Elliot in front of Hayden because Hayden was extremely sensitive to Elliot. She was afraid that if any sentence of his would make Hayden unhappy, it would only deepen the rift between father and son.

“Let’s eat first!” Avery lowered her gaze and took small mouthfuls.

A moment later, Hayden was full. He placed his utensils down.

“Mommy, I’m tired. I’ll go home first.”

Avery immediately placed her utensils down. She wanted to go with her.

“Mommy, you’re not finished yet! I’ll get Uncle Bodyguard to send me back.” Hayden grabbed his bag and headed out.

After the little third wheel left, Elliot could finally speak.

“Hayden is going back to summer camp tomorrow. When are you planning to return to Aryadelle? We could head back together,” Elliot said.

“I don’t want to return tomorrow.” Avery politely refused to return to Aryadelle with him tomorrow.

“Then, I won’t go back tomorrow,” Elliot said, changing his mind.

Avery was speechless.

“Don’t worry, I won’t bother you.” Looking at how stunned she was, he changed the subject. “Soon, our child will be six-months-old. Time passes by quickly.”

“Is that so?” Avery did not think so because too many things had happened. Sometimes when she thought back about it, it was like she was having a strange nightmare.

“Life passes by quickly too.” Elliot’s gaze was suddenly in the distance.

“Recently, I’ve been

thinking about the things that happened when I was young. The past few decades have passed in a blink of an eye. It feels like in another blink of an eye, I'll be old and white-haired."

"Did you have an unhappy childhood?"

"What makes you say that?" Elliot smiled but he had no expression on his face.

"I guessed." Avery took a sip of the soup and said peacefully, "You find it hard to trust others, including me."

"What about you, then?" Elliot's tone was peaceful too. He did not want to provoke or start any fight. "Nora and I are innocent. Why are you angry then? Avery, you can't not trust me but expect me to trust you fully."

In this round, he won.

Avery did indeed get angry at him because of Nora.

"All the problems between us, can we lay it out on the table once and for all tonight?" He wanted to resolve the conflicts between them.

Soon after, their child was going to be born. They needed to bring the child up together.

"There are no problems." Avery put down her spoon. She did not want to discuss such a heavy topic. "I'm a little tired. I didn't nap in the afternoon."

"I'll send you back." Elliot got up from his chair and walked over to her. He helped her up.

“Where are you staying?” Avery picked her bag up and asked.

Elliot hesitated for a while.

Avery looked at his slightly blushing handsome face. Her heart skipped a beat. “Elliot, don’t tell me you only came here today, and you haven’t found a place to stay?”

“Hmm, I’ll just find a hotel near your place later.” Elliot seemed like he wanted to assure her, but it also seemed like he did not. “Anyway, this time I didn’t bring a bodyguard with me. I can just stay anywhere. It’s easy.” He did not bring a bodyguard with him! Avery furrowed her brows tightly.

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“Why didn’t you bring a bodyguard? Don’t you know that you are a public figure?” Avery furrowed her brows. She was suddenly angry. “Did you think that there wouldn’t be danger in Bridgedale? Bridgedale’s safety is much worse than Aryadelle’s!”

Elliot looked at her agitated face. Words got stuck in his throat.

“Avery, don’t be angry. I came here on a last-minute decision,” Elliot explained. “At that time, there wasn’t an extra ticket on the flight, so I didn’t bring the bodyguard along with me.

“Can’t you just take the next flight with your bodyguard?” Although Avery was complaining, she had calmed down. “You’re staying at my place⁴⁶ tonight.”

“Okay.”

“Did you do it deliberately?” The more she thought, the more suspicious she got. “Did you really not bring your³⁴ bodyguard?”

“What about the trust we just talked about?” Elliot said directly, “If I wanted to stay at your place, I have a thousand ways to do it. The only thing I won’t do is lie to you and gain your pity to achieve my goal.”

Avery blushed because of her^{cd} suspicion.

Once Hayden returned home, he saw Mike sitting in the living area eating takeaway and drinking beer.

“Big H, didn’t I spend this morning repairing the webpage? Turns out, someone shut it down, “Mike said remorsefully, “I’m guessing the webpage must have a huge^{ge} secret.”

“Oh,” Hayden said distractedly, “Elliot came to look for Mommy.”

Mike knew about this, so he was not²³ surprised.

“Big H, don’t be sad. You’re a man. You should recognize the reality and accept it,” Mike comforted him, “Your mother loves Elliot. Even if they fight all the time, it can’t change this fact.”

Hayden pouted. He was indignant.

“This is love,” Mike comforted Hayden. “You’re still young, so you won’t understand. You’ll get it once you’re older.”

Hayden was gloomy from Mike’s comforts. He turned around and returned to his room.

Soon after, Avery brought Elliot home.

Mike saw the two of them and raised his beer on the table. He raised his eyebrow and said to

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Elliot, "Come have a drink!"

Avery looked at Mike and said nothing. She was prepared to return to her room to take a shower.

Elliot grabbed her arm and asked her, "Can I drink with him?"

Avery said, "Drink if you want to."

"Can you two not be so corny? Do you need to ask permission just to drink?" Mike teased, "If those that don't understand this situation, they would think that I was about to pick a fight!"

"I'm just afraid that I'll get you drunk, and she'll get angry." Elliot walked over to Mike and sat down. He picked up a can of beer.

Avery was a little worried. She warned, "Don't get too drunk. There's no nanny to take care of you at night."

"Avery, don't worry! I won't get drunk! As for him...as long as he begs for mercy, I won't make him drink anymore!" Mike said while picking up a can of beer and drinking with Elliot.

Avery has predicted that the situation would turn out to be tragic that night. Before returning to her room, she went to look for Hayden.

Hayden had just finished his shower. His hair was wet, yet he looked sleepy as if he could fall asleep the next second.

She immediately entered the room, took the hairdryer, and started blow-drying his hair.

Once his hair is dry, she ruffled his head. “Hayden, Elliot didn’t bring a bodyguard over this time, so I let him stay the night.”

Hayden nodded. “Mommy, I’m sleepy. Go to bed too.”

Avery nodded and returned to her room.

At two in the morning, her phone screen lit up before it started ringing.

Avery woke up in alarm from her sleep. She picked up her phone and answered the call.

Ten minutes later, she left her room with her bag in hand.

The living area lights were still on. Mike and Elliot were each on a sofa, they were drunk as a skunk.

No one won.

Avery long expected this outcome. She glanced at them before leaving in a rush. Something has happened to the company.