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When Victoria saw the densely packed content on the paper, she was filled with shock.

This is definitely his handwriting, but how can he do this overnight?

When she recalled the glance they shared earlier, Alaric's dark circles seemed more severe than her own, despite his overall well-groomed appearance.

After she hastily flipped through a few pages, she closed the folder and returned it to him.

Alaric was somewhat taken aback. "You... finished reading it?"

She merely graced him with an indifferent nod.

At her response, he looked doubtful. So, he didn't dare to take the papers back just yet.

"That was fast. Did you finish the whole thing?"

"I did." Her tone remained dispassionate.

He glanced at her again. She said she had finished it, but her nonchalant attitude and

indifferent tone clearly show that she doesn't care about the design. As he was

somewhat dissatisfied, he pursed his lips and spoke up, "Does this design not meet

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your expectations?"

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Victoria didn't answer. Instead, she smiled faintly at him and replied, "Thanks for finding someone to work on this design overnight."

Alaric pressed his lips together as he stared at her. For a moment, he didn't know whether she genuinely couldn't tell that he was the one who drew the design or if she intentionally said those words to provoke him.

After he pondered things over, he didn't say anything further. Instead, he took the design and showed it to the two children.

She was quite surprised at his action, for she thought he would explain that he was the one who drew the design. Well, it's out of my expectations for him to not say anything.

However, in the next second, her naive daughter, Nicole, became his little helper. Nicole

suddenly looked at the densely packed design and curiously asked, "Wow, Mr. Night, did

you draw this?"

Victoria became speechless at her daughter's words. Oh, my precious daughter. If it weren't for your limited intelligence at the age of five, I would have thought that were deliberately undermining my position.

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It was obvious that Alaric was quite satisfied with this question. There was a faint smile on his lips as he reached out and gently caressed Nicole's little head, whispering, "That's right. I drew them."

"Wow." Although she didn't understand what he drew, seeing the densely packed content made her feel that he was amazing. "You're so talented, Mr. Night."

What a feeling it was to be praised by his daughter! He was on cloud nine at this moment, floating lightly due to her praise. "Look, Nicole. This house that I drew has everything in it. If you were to live in a house like this, would you like it?"

"I would love it!" Nicole answered loudly.

Meanwhile, Nathan secretly glanced at Victoria.

At this moment, Victoria was at a loss for words. She rested her forehead against her palm as she slowly turned around, deciding not to bother looking at such a sore sight. If

Alaric wants to take my children away from me, I feel that he can have Nicole effortlessly. Just a gesture from him, and she might follow him willingly.

The thought of her child, whom she had raised with such effort, being less attached to her than to her newly acquainted father left her with a tinge of bitterness.

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Regardless, even if she felt hurt, she hadn't once shown her displeasure. She was the mother, after all, and she couldn't be petty with a child.

Just then, the driver stopped the car not far from a breakfast stall and turned back

awkwardly, saying, "Mr. Cadogan, it's probably not possible to go any further.

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Everyone looked ahead in response. There were two streets ahead, one being a main road and the other leading to a nearby market. The sides of the road were lined with shops, and in the morning, when they weren't open for business, they left the area near the entrance for street vendors. Many vendors were selling various items and calling out to attract buyers.

Where there were sellers, there were also buyers, and most people were out running errands at this time. While it wouldn't be a problem to drive into the area, it would probably take a long time to finally reach the proverbial end of the tunnel. If they were only here for breakfast today and didn't need to rush for school, they could keep going, but...

Victoria was about to speak when she heard Alaric say, "Let's walk there, then." He stole her line. She shot him a dissatisfied look at the back of his head.

"Let's go." He gathered the two children's school bags, then got out of the car with the two little ones.

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The driver immediately said, "I'll wait for you in the car, Mr. Cadogan."

Alaric nodded in agreement.

Victoria had no choice but to get out of the car as well.

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After she had done so, she glanced at his attire and mocked, "Are you sure you want to wear your expensive suit and accompany us to eat waffles at the stall?"

At her question, he looked back at her. "Is there a problem? Your attire is eye-catching too."

She instinctively looked down at her attire. She was dressed quite simply and casually, wearing black pants and a sky-blue sweater, with a beige long coat layered on top. This

kind of outfit was simple.

"Do you not believe me?" Alaric smirked. "Look around you."

Only then did she have a mind to observe their surroundings. As soon as they got out of the car, the crowd's gazes gathered on them. Some were shooting odd looks at her, some were sizing Alaric up, and some even looked at the two children.

"Don't worry about what you wear. Considering your looks, those people will still look at

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you even if you show up wearing a potato sack," he said suddenly.

Victoria was taken aback by his backhanded compliment.

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“Come on, then.” Alaric carried one child and held the hand of the other, taking the lead.

Victoria reflexively followed his steps, and after two steps, she suddenly realized something. Did he actually compliment me?

Sure enough, when they appeared in front of the waffle stall, they attracted a lot of unwanted attention. A handsome man and a beautiful woman, plus an adorable pair of children, drew almost everyone’s attention.

People had a hard time resisting good-looking things. Although they might not have any thoughts in their minds, their eyes and glances occasionally shifted toward them.

They took one glance after another since it was pleasing to the eyes just to look.

Even the stall owner gave them two extra waffles because of how adorable the children were. “Are you a couple?”

Just as Victoria was about to deny it, she heard Alaric say, “You have good eyes.” This left her speechless.

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Instantly, the stall owner burst into laughter. “I knew it. Your children wouldn’t have turned out so adorable if their parents weren’t good-looking.” He spoke with a distinctive accent, but Victoria couldn’t tell where he was from.

At the thought of what Alaric had said, she smiled at the stall owner and explained, “Actually, we’re not a couple.”

“Huh? What do you mean?”

“He has a wife.”

The stall owner’s actions froze momentarily, and even the mirth in Alaric’s eyes froze.

“He has a wife, but he’s still pursuing me. I rejected him.”

The stall owner’s eyes widened in shock. “Then, those two children...”

A faint smile played on her lips. “They’re my ex–husband’s.”

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The stall owner clearly hadn’t processed all of the information since they were just too mind–blowing. She only felt a deep shock in her heart, and when she looked at Alaric again, her gaze became somewhat strange and profound.

Alaric looked at Victoria with a hint of helplessness and exasperation. Is she into such stuff or is she just trying to teach me a lesson?

After they purchased the food, they wanted to get a seat. Chairs were provided at the stall, however, due to the location near the road and the constant foot traffic, there was also a lot of dust and used tissues scattered around the place; just these things alone made it impossible to find a place to set foot comfortably.

Not to mention Alaric, even the two children were dumbfounded as they never expected the sanitary conditions to be so poor. Especially Nicole, who had eagerly

bounded over to the seats, hesitated to approach upon witnessing the scene; instead, she looked up at Victoria with an expression tinged with helplessness. "Mommy."

Victoria saw an opportunity and smiled softly while crouching down in front of her.

"Nicole, didn't you say you wanted to come and have some waffles? There's a spot over there. Shall we go sit there?"

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"But Mommy..." Nicole pouted, feeling somewhat aggrieved. "The ground over there is so dirty. How could those people just throw all the tissues on the ground?"

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"Nicole, not everyone has had the same upbringing as you from an early age. Even if they have received similar education, many would change as they grow older. That's just how the world works. You may have good manners, but others may not. So, unless you've already made up your mind, we'll eat the food we prepare at home next time, alright?"

Victoria wasn't sure if Nicole understood her, but when she heard the last sentence, she nodded her head forcefully, indicating how eager she was to go home as soon as possible.

Alaric, who was standing beside her, couldn't suppress a laugh at the sight of her too. Wasn't she the one who suggested eating outside?

"How about we bring the food back to the car and enjoy it there?" Alaric observed Nicole's face which was almost crumpled with worry.

Nicole promptly nodded obediently. "Alright."

"Let's go."

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During the walk to the car, Nathan maintained silence, blending into the backdrop as his voice went unheard. This was primarily because he was at a loss for words. Mr. Night treats us kindly, but Mommy's treatment of him is unfavorable and she doesn't wish for him to be our father too.

Thus, Nathan always took his cue from his mother toward Alaric, unlike Nicole.

On the way back, Nathan had already prepared himself to be led by Victoria by hand.

Unexpectedly, Alaric suddenly squatted down beside him and extended his hand.

"Come up."

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Once Alaric said that, he didn't even bother waiting for a response as his large hand cradled Nathan's bottom, embracing both Nathan and Nicole into his arms, one on each side.

Perhaps out of fear of falling, Nathan instinctively reached out his small hand and clung to Alaric's neck.

In the past, Victoria would often hold Nicole more frequently because of her restless nature, and Nathan was also willing to share his love for Nicole with Victoria. Still, he was aware that Victoria had limited physical strength and could only carry one child at a time. So, most of the time, Nicole would be in Victoria's arms, while he would walk

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alongside them.

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Although he also yearned for Victoria's embrace, he knew that her physical endurance was limited; merely carrying Nicole for a short while would prompt her to put her down and take a break.

For this reason, Nathan became even more hesitant to be carried by Victoria. Yet, at this very moment, Mr. Night effortlessly cradled one child in each arm.

Similarly, Victoria shared the same sentiment as Nathan. She experienced a mixture of emotions as she watched Alaric effortlessly carrying both children in his arms.

Prior to her pregnancy, she had contemplated having just one child. Perhaps due to her own lack of maternal affection during her upbringing, Victoria desired to provide one child with a complete childhood. However, she never expected that her child would not only follow the path of growing up in a single-parent family but also add another child to the equation.

Although she made every effort to be fair to the two little ones, deep down she knew true impartiality was unattainable. Nathan was introverted, understanding, and very, very considerate; he was not fussy and often took her thoughts into account. Nicole, on the other hand, was different. She was mischievous, loved to play and eat, and was particularly spoiled, so she frequently sought attention and demanded to be carried.

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Every time Victoria gave more attention to Nicole, it would result in Nathan receiving less. As days went by, the attention she devoted to Nathan gradually diminished as he became increasingly mature.

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This made Victoria constantly feel guilty about her son's maturity. However, seeing Alaric effortlessly managing both children now, she unexpectedly found it rather comforting.

With Nicole's outgoing nature, she became highly dependent on him and grew closer to him than to Bane, who had been by their side for five years.

As for Nathan, considering his introverted nature, his acceptance of Alaric could be acknowledged despite him not expressing it outwardly. Otherwise, he probably wouldn't even allow anyone else to hold him.

Victoria held the belief that she alone could provide the children with complete love, but the current reality proved that her efforts were far from sufficient.

She quickly followed along with a heavy heart.

Later, as everyone returned to the car, she observed Alaric taking care of the two children while they ate. Although his actions were clumsy and inexperienced, he displayed genuine dedication and attentiveness, even expressing moments of

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self-doubt and nervousness at times.

It resembled a scene from when she first took care of her children.

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Lost in her thoughts, Alaric suddenly turned around, meeting her eyes directing and causing Victoria to instinctively look away in shock.

He unmistakably felt her eyes fixed on him the entire time even without having to look back, but he didn't anticipate her immediate avoidance as soon as he turned around.

He pursed his lips, then turned back to continue caring for the two children.

After a short while, the car arrived at the school gate. Victoria, who had initially planned to disembark, decided to stay in her seat as she watched him bring the children down.

Since Alaric wanted to present himself in front of the children, and that they didn't reject him, she wouldn't intervene even if she wished to.

After she waited for a few minutes, Alaric boarded the car.

He found it rather surprising that Victoria hadn't gotten off; he had assumed she would take the subway alone after dropping off the children.

As he got on, Victoria's gaze rested upon Alaric. "Take me to the company."

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"Okay."

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Even if she hadn't asked, Alaric would still have offered to take her, but he felt delighted that she took the initiative to make the request. The way she's looking at me is different. Could it be that my recent efforts had not been in vain? She had noticed them.

While he was deep in his thoughts, he heard Victoria's cold voice say, "Do you really like

the two children?"

"Of course, after all, they are my children." Alaric paused momentarily before continuing, "When I was watching the live stream, I already liked them even though I didn't know they were mine. You should be well aware of that."

Yes, she knew it well, and she had also received a lot of money from his donations.

"Mm." She replied in a monotonous tone and then proceeded, "You mentioned before

that you just wanted to take care of them?”

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Although Alaric didn't understand why Victoria suddenly decided to ask him such a thing, it was a good start. “Yes,” he replied.

After some hesitation, she said, “I can let you take care of them but with some conditions.”

I knew it. My efforts paid off. Since they were childhood friends, he knew that she was soft-hearted. However, his expression remained calm as he inquired, “What conditions?”

“Firstly, I agree to let you take care of them solely for the sake of the two children. It's only because you're their biological father that I am willing to entrust them to you.”

“Okay.” He didn't even hesitate, immediately agreeing.

Victoria appeared slightly surprised upon hearing his ready agreement. At the thought of something, she looked at him and said, “You can only be addressed as an uncle, and you cannot claim to be their father in front of the children. Can you agree to this condition? If you can't, then...”

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He had completely silenced what she was about to say. Perhaps she didn't expect him to go this far for the children.

"I just want to fulfill my responsibilities." As for how they address me... Although he had fantasized about the two children calling him 'Daddy' ever since he found out they were his children, he knew that his past five years with Victoria hadn't been pleasant. She had raised the children all by herself during that time.

So, he didn't dare, nor did he want the children to call him 'Daddy' at this moment. It would likely hurt her to hear the two children she had worked hard to raise easily call someone else 'Daddy'. Even though he wasn't a stranger, this would probably sadden her.

From her recent behavior, it was clear that she was genuinely worried that he would take the children away. Yet, it was understandable. She had previously believed that there was something between him and Claudia, which was why she was worried. Now that the situation with Claudia had been resolved, what he needed was time.

"Are you sure you won't..." Victoria still had some concerns.

Instantly, Alaric interrupted by saying, "If you are worried that I have some ulterior motives, we can sign a contract. How does that sound?" It seems that the audio recording file isn't enough to make her feel secure. Perhaps, she still doesn't feel

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secure. Since it isn't enough, I will make up for it.

"A contract?"

"Yes." He nodded.

At his answer, she pursed her lips together. In fact, even if he hadn't mentioned it, she had already been thinking the same thing. Only by signing a contract could she feel at ease. Although she didn't understand how their relationship had come to this point, unfortunately, some things couldn't be undone. "Alright, I'll..."

“You can set the terms regarding the contract. Just let me know when you’re done.”

Alaric was very accommodating as if he would go along with whatever she wished.

After that, Victoria didn’t say anything more, but he couldn’t help but ask again, “What about the design...”

He was referring to the design of the house. If they were truly going to sign a contract for him to take care of the children, he would definitely build the house.

“You can handle it yourself. I won’t be involved,” she replied. It’s not my money after all.

“Why?” he asked, puzzled. “I hope that you and the children can live together.”

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“The only connection you will have is with the children, not with me. I will make that clear in the contract.”

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As they were talking, the driver suddenly stopped the car and awkwardly turned around to remind them. “Mr. Cadogan, we have arrived at Miss Selwyn’s company.”

When she saw that she had arrived at the company, she immediately changed what she was about to say. “Thank you for driving me to the company. I’ll be taking my leave now. As for the contract, I will send it to you once I’m done.”

“Okay.”

After she got out of the car, she went straight into the building without looking back.

In the elevator, she even wondered how she could suddenly be so calm around him. Is it because of the children, because I no longer care, or... because I found out that he had not instructed me to have an abortion?

She didn’t want to delve into that particular rabbit hole. It would be enough if her two

little darlings could receive unconditional love. She was deeply concerned that the two little ones would follow in her footsteps.

With these thoughts in mind, she arrived at her office and began working on their

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contract.

During that time, Henry came over and reported that there were a few new employees in the company. He asked her to join the interview process and give some advice.

Considering the company's future development, she decided to make an appearance.

Once Victoria had resolved her matters there, she returned to her office to continue working on the contract.

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There was absolutely no connection between her and him. If there was any connection, it was only through their children. Other than that, they were just a pair of divorced parents who were now strangers.

Victoria drafted each clause of the contract very strictly and even consulted her previous lawyer.

After she explained the situation to the lawyer, he quickly understood her intentions.

"So, your idea is that you will retain custody of the children, and the father will only fulfill his responsibilities as a parent in name, without any actual rights?"

"Yes, that's right. Can it be done?"

"There shouldn't be a problem. Let me review the conditions you have written." He

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quickly skimmed through the conditions, then said, "It should be fine. I will refine these, and you can take a look after that."

"Okay, thank you." After she hung up the phone, she breathed a sigh of relief. If I were him, I don't think I would sign such a contract because it's incredibly unfair, but my past five years weren't exactly smooth sailing either. He can either accept this unfairness or choose to leave my children's lives. Either way, I won't force his hand.

Just as she was lost in thought, Tony gave her a call.

After she gave birth to her children and her father started a new family, the frequency of contact between her and her father decreased. So, when she saw her father's call, she immediately put aside her work. "Hi, Dad."

"Victoria?" Tony smiled when he heard her voice. "How have you been? How's the company? Is everything going smoothly?"

The gloom that had clouded Victoria's morning was instantly dispelled, leaving only the warmth nurtured by family affection in her heart. "Yes, it's going smoothly, and we even secured an investment."

"Oh, from which company?"

At this topic, she hesitated for a moment and then said, "It's a well-established company. Because of that, we have also recruited several new employees."

"Good, good. The owner of that company has a good eye. You excel at everything you

- 1. do. I'm sure he won't regret it in the future." Tony was incredibly confident in Victoria.*

After they chatted about their daily lives for a while, he cautiously asked, "How is your relationship with Bane going lately?"

As soon as he asked this question, she felt that something was amiss. In these five years, he had never inquired about her relationship. Even when she and Bane were not

together, he never asked, only waiting for her to decide, but now... "What's wrong, Dad?"

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Tony felt hesitant about what he was about to say.

His hesitance made Victoria realize that something was up, so she asked, "Did something happen?"

He never asked about her romantic life in the past. Did he find out that I made things clear with Bane?

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"Snowball..." Tony used her nickname. "It's not that I want to interfere with your matters, but... I think there's something you should know."

"Go on." Victoria felt mentally prepared for this conversation.

"Recently, I heard that his father is looking to matchmake him with someone.

Matchmake him with someone? She exhaled in relief. "Is that what you wanted to talk about, Dad? I assumed..."

"What do you mean?" He was a perceptive person too. "Is it unimportant to you? You and Bane..."

Victoria didn't respond.

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Her silence was the hint Tony needed as he picked up on what it meant. At last, he sighed. "I was worried you would feel hurt. I didn't think that you and Bane have..."

“Bane and I aren’t suitable for each other, Dad. It’s been so long. I don’t want to waste any more of this time.”

“That’s true. It’s been so many years. If you don’t think you can be with him, then it’s best not to waste his time, but... he’s been wooing you for so many years now. Are you going to decide so quickly? Don’t you want to take a bit more time to consider?”

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“There’s nothing for me to consider. The longer I take, the more of his time I’m wasting. What would it be for? Am I supposed to be with him just because he treats me well? The better he is toward me, the more it proves that he loves me, and the more unfair it will be to him if I choose to be with him solely because of that.”

Victoria had indeed been touched by how well Bane took care of her. She thought about opening her heart to him too. She tried her best, but she failed. After all these years, she still couldn’t romantically think of him.

Even she felt helpless about it. Though she knew full well that he was a great man in many ways, love was not something that could be reasoned with. She couldn’t see him in a romantic light and only thought of him as a brother.

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Did she have the courage to say that?

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Bane would probably get a stroke if he found out that she only considered him a brother to her.

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That was why she didn’t try to say that they could still be family even though they

couldn't be a couple.

Sigh. Tony let out a long, heavy sigh. "He was always so good to you, but even after all this time, you two didn't get into a relationship. I knew then that it was impossible between you two, but I didn't think Bane could hang on for so long without any reciprocation at all. I thought you would choose to be with him one day, but yet..."

A thought occurred to him, and he asked tentatively, "After returning to the country, did you run into anyone from your past?"

"Just go ahead and ask me whatever it is that you want to know, Dad. There's nothing we need to hide between us."

Tony chuckled. "You're being very open and honest."

"Dad, you think there's a reason why Bane and I suddenly separated, right?"

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"Yeah. That's right?"

"Do you think it's because of that person?"

They both knew whom Victoria meant.

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Since they understood each other well, they didn't need to spell it out so clearly.

"Did you see him?" Finally, Tony broached the main topic of their conversation.

Victoria smiled faintly. "Yeah. I ran into him."

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She filled Tony in on the latest events, which caused him to be stunned. "What? He found out about the children and wants to take care of them with you?"

"He'll only be taking care of them. He won't have shared custody," Victoria emphasized.

"But, if this continues for some time, are you sure he won't try to take the kids away

from you?"

"How can he when we have a contract agreement?"

"Will he sign it?"

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"That's not a problem. If he doesn't sign it, I won't let him spend time with the children at all, let alone take care of them."

Victoria was quite nonchalant about it. "If that happens, I'll send the children back to you and let them stay with you."

Tony immediately agreed. "That's right. If he tries to snatch them from you, just send them over to me."

"Yeah."

"Still..." Tony sounded doubtful. "Are you sure you won't get involved with him again? Is he really not the reason why you and Bane separated?"

"Why would he be the reason why? You're overthinking it, Dad. Even without him in the picture, Bane and I wouldn't end up together either. I'm sure you know that too."

Tony gave it some serious thought. "That's true."

Since he got the answers to his questions, he didn't keep Victoria on the phone. They talked for a little while longer before they said their goodbyes.

Once the call ended, Victoria became lost in her thoughts. His father's looking for people to matchmake him with, huh? That's fast... I guess he has finally given up on me

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and decided to move on. He'll meet someone, get married, and have kids of his own, just like a normal person.

Victoria looked down. She was genuinely happy for Bane.

He was someone who showered her with a lot of care and love. She would be truly happy to see him happy too.

In the afternoon, Victoria's lawyer sent her the agreement. Once she checked to make sure she was fine with the terms, she emailed it to Alaric.

Alaric opened the document file as soon as he received it. He didn't need to read it to know how strict her terms were.

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True enough, the first page was full of wording that clearly stated he was not allowed to seek custody of the children.

He didn't have to read through the entire document.

Alaric felt that he owed Victoria, so he called her up after simply skimming through a few terms instead of reading the agreement thoroughly.

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"I read what you sent to me."

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Victoria checked the time. It had only been two minutes since she sent the email. Even she would have to take far longer than that to read the agreement despite knowing the contents. How could he possibly have finished reading it?

Victoria paused before checking, "Did you glance through it?"

"More or less."

"You finished reading the agreement by skimming through it?"

"Yeah." Alaric's voice was soft and agreeable. "When are you going to print it out? Or, perhaps I should print it out and send you the signed copy."

Victoria wasn't expecting this.

He's being so proactive...

She was a little speechless.

"Maybe you should read the terms first to confirm whether or not you wish to sign it."

"I don't need to." Alaric's voice was low but firm. "I'll agree to anything you set."

From the moment he laid eyes on her again, he had been prepared to hand over everything he had to her, regardless of whether she was willing to return to his side.

Regardless, she didn't want anything, so he had to devise ways to give things to her.

"I can sign it today, and once I do, can you then take a look at the design plans?"

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In the end, Victoria hung up on Alaric feeling rather flustered.

She was feeling extremely complicated as she leaned back in her office chair

The terms she spelled out were undeniably unfair to Alaric.

She wanted him to spend his time and his money caring for the children without getting anything in return. He wouldn't have custody of them, and they wouldn't address him as their father.

In a way, he was basically raising someone else's children.

Even though they were related to him by blood, their last name was Selwyn, and they weren't going to call him their father.

Considering his power and status, he could easily refuse to agree to her terms and strong-arm her into doing what he wanted.

Instead, he agreed to everything, and even....

Victoria rubbed her forehead and gave herself a warning.

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*"This is just a vicious ploy of his. You can't trust him so easily. Don't forget about the
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pain just because the wounds have healed. Everything's in the past. He's no longer the Alaric you knew when you were little."

Victoria kept lecturing herself until she finally stopped her heart from being swayed.

Once she regained her composure, she threw herself back into her work.

When it was time to get off work, Victoria packed up and headed down only to spot a familiar black car stopped outside the building. It was clearly waiting for her.

Alaric was leaning against the side of the car. He was drawing quite a number of eyes.

It was the end of the day, and people were getting off work. Most people recognized Alaric. They were so shocked to see him that they stopped and gathered together to discuss his presence.

Victoria was behind them. When she saw what was happening, she immediately took a few steps back and ducked into a corner.

She didn't notice that Alaric just so happened to look over in her direction and spotted her mad dash for cover.

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Victoria exhaled relief when she was safely hidden in the corner.

He's impossible. I thought we already settled everything. Why does he keep going against what we agreed on? Why did he come here to my office?

Does he want everyone to know about our history?

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Just then, Victoria's phone started ringing. Once she saw the name on the screen, she immediately put her phone on silent. She didn't want to take the call.

Hang on... Isn't he out there waiting for me?

Why did he suddenly call me? Did he see me just now?

If he did see me...

Victoria frowned and answered the call.

"Why did you run off after spotting me?"

True enough, as soon as the call connected, Victoria heard Alaric questioning her.

No wonder he called me. He spotted me earlier.

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Victoria leaned against the wall and asked curtly, "Why did you come here?"

"I brought a signed copy of the agreement over, and since I'll be passing through the area, I'll give you a ride home too."

"Passing through?"

Victoria didn't see any sign of him simply intending to pass through the area.

Her doubtful remark made Alaric change his answer. "Alright. I came to pick you up, and since I was coming over anyway, I decided to bring the agreement along too."

Victoria was speechless.

She took a deep breath to calm herself down before she allowed herself to smile stiffly.

“I thought we had an agreement, Alaric.”

“Mhrn,” he hummed in acknowledgment.

“What are you doing now, then? You asked me to look at the design plans this morning,

and

you brought the agreement over now. What’s it going to be tomorrow? Are you going to come up with all sorts of excuses to show up in front of me every day?”

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Alaric didn’t respond, but from the looks of it, it seemed like he was silently affirming what she said.

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Victoria was deeply frustrated. She sighed and said, “I only agreed to let you help out with the children for their sakes. I don’t want to have anything to do with you. You don’t need to pick me up from work. It’s affecting my life. Understood?”

“Understood,” he responded sullenly.

However, Victoria wasn’t relieved by his answer. He sounded too strange. Even though he said he understood, she got a feeling that he was still going to do whatever he wanted.

True enough, Alaric continued, “But I don’t think I affected your life.”

Victoria was dumbfounded.

“How’s this not affecting my life?”

Alaric remained silent for a while before announcing, “Regardless of whether I pick you up, you’ll still need to take the children to school and get off work. If I come over, you’ll be able to save on petrol and breakfast expenses.”

He had paid for breakfast.

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"Are you saying that I should be thanking you right now?" Victoria retorted.

"There's no need for that," Alaric refuted in all seriousness. "It's only right for me to help out the mother of my children."

Victoria could feel her blood boiling.

She had no desire to talk to him.

"Come out. I'm waiting for you."

Just in case she refused, Alaric even added, "Don't keep the children waiting."

Victoria was dumbstruck.

He knew exactly what to use against her.

Nonetheless, she didn't want to get into his car right in front of the crowd.

Alaric seemed to have read her mind as he suddenly commented, "Once we sign the agreement, there'll be a lot of such instances. Everyone will find out about my relationship with the children sooner or later. You can't keep it hidden forever."

He was right, of course.

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"Fine."

Victoria hung up in annoyance and headed over to Alaric under everyone's shocked gazes.

A smile crept across Alaric's face when he spotted her. He courteously opened the door for her like a peacock strutting around with his fan of feathers all spread out.

In order to avoid the stares from the company employees, Victoria swiftly got into the car.

Thump.

As the car door closed, Victoria caught the eyes of the driver up front. The driver saw her complicated gaze and grinned. "Miss Selwyn."

Victoria nodded back in greeting.

Alaric quickly got in, and soon, the car drove off toward the school.

Alaric passed the signed agreement over to Victoria.

"I had Terrance make two copies and I signed both. There's still some time before we arrive at the school. You can check to see if there are any problems."

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Victoria took the agreement from him. Originally, she didn't intend on checking it during the car ride as she didn't think it was good for her eyes.

Nevertheless, since Alaric made the suggestion, she decided to comply. It would only be a few pages anyway.

As soon as she began reading the first few lines, a pair of large hands appeared in front

of her.

"Actually, it's not good to read while we're in the car. Let's put it away first. You can take a look at it when you're back home."

He placed both copies back inside the envelope before Victoria could even react.

“What do you mean? Did you do something to the agreement?” Victoria queried.

Alaric paused. He didn’t expect her to say that.

“What?”

“Why else would you stop me halfway?”

Victoria stared at Alaric suspiciously.

He went silent for a while before he finally said, “It’s bad for your eyes to be read when the car’s moving.”

Victoria could feel herself feeling annoyed yet again.

“Are you toying with me? Weren’t you the one who asked me to check the agreement just now?”

Alaric looked at her seriously. “It didn’t occur to me just now. You can check the agreement when you get home.”