



Chapter 3

I suppose you don't know what being loved is like, right?

When Joshua was with me, he cooked me dinner and was always there for me when I fell ill. The loveliest line he has said to me was 'Violet, I wish you happiness forever... How lovely!'

"Anika, has Joshua ever said he loved you? He said a lot to me, but I always blamed him for being juvenile..."

As she listened, Anika recalled the days she had spent with Joshua in the past three years.

Joshua never cooked for her.

Joshua never cared whether Anika fell ill or not.

Love? That was something Joshua never touched upon.

Anika turned to Violet calmly. "Are you done yet?"

Violet didn't see this coming.

Violet was dumbfounded by her calmness. It seemed that Anika's eyes could see through her.

Violet was still in a daze after Anika left.



For some reason, Violet felt that she became that poor abandoned kid that survived on support from the Carey family again.

Anika was the princess loved by everyone, yet she, Violet, was always the neglected poor little thing

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Yet Anika was not as calm as she appeared to be.

After all, it was painful to learn that the man she was in love with for twelve years once loved someone with such great passion.

Anika could feel a sting in her ears. When she took off her hearing aid, she found it bloodstained.

Yet this was not new. All Anika did was wipe off the bloodstain and put her hearing aid aside.

She couldn't fall asleep...

Anika turned on her phone and opened Line.

She then saw an update mentioning her.

It was a post from Violet, viewable only to Anika.

The first photo was taken during college. Violet and Joshua were standing together. Joshua's eyes looked so gentle

The second picture was a screenshot. Joshua said, "Violet, happy birthday! I will make you the happiest woman in the world."

The third picture was taken at a beach. Joshua and Violet were holding hands, wandering on the beach...

Then there were the fourth, fifth, sixth, and more.

Countless photos were presented. Anika felt that she couldn't breathe.

She didn't even have the courage to flip through the rest of the photos. Anika turned off her phone.

At that moment, Anika decided that she should let go of Joshua.

That day, Anika wrote a line in her diary.

"I could have endured darkness, only if I hadn't seen what light was like in the first place."

The next day, Anika made breakfast as usual. It was like her second nature.

Yet Joshua didn't come back when the clock struck six.

That was when Anika recalled that Joshua mentioned he wouldn't come back for breakfast anymore.

Anika thought that Joshua would not come back since he was not having breakfast at home, so she fell asleep on the sofa.

"I thought I'd told you that you don't have to make me breakfast anymore."



An impatient voice came through.

Anika was waken up and then she saw Joshua pass by,clearly annoyed.

Anika apologized again."I'm sorry.I forgot that."

She said sorry again.She forgot it again.

Joshua was sick and tired of Anika repeating the very same line.He turned to her with coldness in his eyes.

The same greyish top again,as always.

She behaved as if Joshua had been abusing her.

"Then why didn't you forget to come back?Why didn't you forget that you are married to me?Why didn't you forget about yourself?"

"Because you are greedy!You don't wanna let go of the Conan family because you want a fat share of our money!

I am nothing but a cash machine to you!"

What Joshua said was like a knife,stabbing deep into Anika's heart.

Anika lowered her eyes and said,"Joshua,I never wanted your money."

It was Joshua that Anika cared about,not his possession.



Joshua sneered.

"Then why did your mother go to my office, begging me to knock you up?"

Anika was dazed.

Anika looked into Joshua's cold eyes and realized that he was not mad at what happened last night.

Joshua made it clear to Anika.

"Anika, tell your mother to behave herself. Otherwise, your life in the Conan family will be hard and the Carey family will suffer."

Joshua then made his way to the study. He packed his stuff, got changed, and left.

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Mireya showed up before Anika reached out to her. This time, Mireya put on a smiling face. She held Anika's hands tight and her tone was gentle.

"Anika, please, ask Joshua a favor and have a baby with him. You may even achieve that through IVF."

IVF!

Anika listened to Mireya in a daze.

"Violet has told me that Joshua and you never got intimate in the past three years."



That was what finally made Anika break down.

In this world, feelings couldn't be shared. People were bonded through nothing but benefits.

Anika didn't understand why Joshua would tell that to Violet.

Perhaps Violet was his true love...

All of a sudden, Anika felt that the burden weighing on her was finally removed.

"Mom, let it go."

Mireya didn't know what Anika was talking about. She paused with a frown. "What are you saying?"

"I'm tired. I want to get a divorce..."

Mireya slapped Anika in the face before she could finish.

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That loving mother Mireya pretended to be was gone. She pointed at Anika and said word by word to her, "How dare you?"

"Without the Conan family, you will be wasted! Who would marry a disabled and divorced pathetic woman?"

"Are you really my daughter? You are useless! You are nothing like you! I shouldn't have taken you back in the first place!"



Anika was dumbfounded.

Mireya never liked Anika.

Mireya was a famous dancer.

Unfortunately, Mireya gave birth to a daughter with impaired hearing. That was her sore point.

Thus, Mireya left Anika behind and asked a nanny to take care of Anika. She didn't take Anika back before Anika turned school-age.

Anika's teacher used to say that mothers would never despise their kids.

Thus, Anika worked hard to play up to her mother. She hoped that Mireya would love her.

Despite her impaired hearing, Anika managed to learn dancing, music, painting, and even languages. She learned all of them well.

But Mireya still didn't like her. Anika just realized that no matter how hard she worked, she would never be the perfect daughter for Mireya.

Like what Mireya said, Anika was born disabled.

Anika was disabled in many terms, not only physically, but also in terms of love, whether it be love from family or a lover...

Mireya then left.

Anika concealed the palmprint on her face with

foundation and then went to a law firm.

Anika went into the office to see Maurice Jordan who used to be his father Kenyon Carey's lawyer.

Maurice handed over the letter of authorization to Anika.

He then turned to Anika, confused.

"Are you sure you want to transfer the legacy Mr. Carey had left you secretly to Joshua? You should be aware that the amount of money meant little to him."

Anika nodded.

"I am, but I owe him this. I have to clear the debts."

Three years ago, Kenyon died in an accident.

Kenyon made three wills before he died. He knew that Mireya didn't adore Anika, so he asked Maurice to announce his last will to Anika in secret.

The last will came into effect after Anika had been married for three years. If she found herself unhappy or if she wanted to establish her own career, she could use the money.