

Dear Ex-Wife Back My Son (Anika and Joshua)

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Anika went back to her room and swallowed a handful of pills.

She touched the back of her ears, only to find some blood there

She recalled what the doctor said Ms Carey, your condition is highly dependent on your emotions Your

have to keep calm all the time. Be optimistic and stay tough during the treatment.

Being optimistic was easier said than done.

Anika tried to avoid thinking about what Joshua had said

She leaned against her pillow and closed her eyes.

She didn't even fall asleep when the sky was awake,

But her hearing did get better, thanks to the medication.

Anika was looking at the sunshine that went through the window mindlessly

"It stopped raining."

It was never a single matter that made one decide to give up on another.

The last straw would finally break a camel's back Anika had been disappointed for too long. Even a few

harsh words or a trivial matter could serve as the trigger

Joshua didn't leave the house this morning

Instead he sat on the sofa, waiting for Anika to apologize and take what she said back.

Anika lost her temper a couple of times in the past three years

Yet she apologized every single time she did.

Joshua believed that she would act the same this time.

Then Joshua saw Anika walk out of her room in her usual dark outfit, dragging a suitcase and holding a piece of paperwork in her hand.

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Anika handed the paperwork to Joshua. He then realized that it was a divorce agreement.

"Joshua let me know when you are available."

With that, Anika left with her luggage.

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Anika was greeted by the clear sky after the rain.

For a moment Anika felt that she was reborn

Yet Joshua was dazed on the sofa, holding that divorce agreement,

He couldn't believe what had just happened.

He just realized that Anika was gone when she finally disappeared.

Joshua felt upset for a few minutes and then he recovered. He didn't take Anika's gesture seriously.

She would come back to him anyway All it took was a call or a word from him. And when Anika got back, she would play up to him even harder.

It would make no difference this time.

it was the first weekend after the national holiday.

Usually, at this time, Joshua would take Anika back to the Conan's residence. They would visit Joshua's family together.

Joshua would always be looked down upon by his family members for having such a wife.

Finally, it was just him.

Joshua found the upcoming trip pleasant. He even drove a car himself.

On the way back, Joshua felt so relaxed He never felt this way before.

The Conan family was grand. All family members would go back to the Conan's residence, totaling five to

six hundred people.

Joshua had 70 to 80 peers at his age. Many of them were talented young people.

Joshua could stand out among such a large group of peers. That was quite telling Joshua was no

average.

He was decisive and determined His peers and even his seniors were in awe of him.

That being said, they still gossiped about Joshua.

As the chosen one, Joshua ended up marrying a disabled wife who once tricked him... That was quite a

nice piece of gossip among the family

Rachel had been waiting for Joshua in the Conan's residence

She had a few words with the servants.

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"Don't take Anika to the parlor."

If it weren't for the family rules that the wife of the eldest of each generation had to be present, Rachel would never let Anika step into the residence. However, Anika didn't show up this time.

Everyone was curious. After all, Anika was always the first to arrive and last to leave, trying hard to play up to everyone present.

How came she didn't even show up?

Rachel was chatting with other women in the family when she heard about Anika's absence. She couldn't help but frown.

It was a huge event for the family. How could Anika be so willful?

Rachel walked over to Joshua and asked, "Joshua, where's Anika?"

Joshua was chatting with his childhood playmates when he heard his mother. His eyes darkened.

"She's urging a divorce. She left home."

Silence followed. People couldn't believe what they had heard.

Rachel was stunned.

Anika's love for Joshua was only second to his parents.

Seven years ago, Anika sacrificed herself to keep Joshua from being stabbed

in the

Four years ago, Anika was engaged to Joshua. Joshua was on a business trip.

Anika denied it when everyone else said Joshua was drowned to death. Against all the odds, she went to

look for him.

In a city Anika wasn't familiar with, it took her three days to locate Joshua. Yet Joshua blamed her for

being too sensitive...

After the two got married, Anika took everything about Joshua seriously. She took care of him when he

was in hospital, cooked his meals, and even treated people around meticulously. She wouldn't risk offending any

of them.

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How could such a woman propose to get a divorce after Kenyon passed away?

Why?

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"A woman like her brings nothing but disgrace to our family. A divorce is a happy ending for you.

"She doesn't deserve you?"

People seconded Rachel immediately.

"Indeed Joshua is so talented that his talent shouldn't be wasted by the Carey woman."

"Every time I met Anika, I always found her ungraceful.

She doesn't seem to me someone raised in a well-off family. She has no taste and a low moral standard.

What's worse, she's deaf. She should be grateful since Joshua has been treating her well,"

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Suddenly, everyone was complaining about Anika.

It seemed that she was among the most sinful beings in this world.

All of them had forgotten that back then when Kenyon was still alive and Joshua was not that

powerful, the rich playboys would kill to marry Anika.

They also forgot that it was the Conan family that asked to bond with the Carey family.

In the past, the Conan people only dared to gossip about Anika privately. But now that Anika was abandoned by Joshua and Rachel, they went as blunt as they wished.

Joshua should have been glad to hear all that. Yet the terrible comments on Anika only made him

irritated.

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Joshua drove away early the next morning.

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When he went back to the Rafter Villa, it was already dark.

Joshua pushed in and threw his coat on the porch. He waited for a few minutes, but nobody showed up.

Looking at the dark living room, Joshua finally realized that Anika had left.....

Joshua then took his coat, changed into slippers, and then threw his coat into the washing machine.

For some reason, the day had been particularly long for him.

Joshua went to his wine cellar and took a bottle of wine.

He intended to celebrate Anika's leave.

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However, Joshua only realized that he didn't have a Ray when he saw the locked door

He didn't like any outsiders in his territory, so he only hired hourly workers to do the cleaning

After Anika married him, he left all the domestic chores to her

Joshua went back to his room, trying to find the key to the cellar but failed

In anger, he picked up his phone.

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A day had passed, but Anika hadn't called or texted Joshua to apologize. All messages he'd received were

work related.

"I'd like to see how long you can keep it this way!"

Joshua threw his phone aside, got up, and walked to the kitchen.

The moment he opened the refrigerator, he froze.

Because in the fridge, along with some food, there were various medicinal herbs piled up.

Joshua randomly picked up a package.

It read, "Five times a day, used to treat infertility."

Infertility....

Joshua sniffed at the herbs and found their smell unpleasant.

He finally knew how Anika got that smell earlier.

Joshua sneered inwardly. They'd never had sex. No matter how much medicine she took, she wouldn't get

pregnant!

Then, he threw the herbs back into the fridge.

Joshua felt relieved, thinking he'd found the reason for Anika's tantrum.

He returned to the master bedroom and went to bed.

Now that Anika wasn't home, he could come home anytime without worrying about running into her

That night, Joshua had a good sleep.

He had plans to go golfing with his friend, Valentin, today.

Therefore, Joshua changed into his sportswear in the dressing room early in the morning.

After that he walked to the living room. Out of habit, he started to tell Anika that he wouldn't be coming home today.

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"Today.."

Hardly did the first word leave his lips when it occurred to him that he didn't have to tell her anymore from Chapter 6

now on.

go!

Joshua arrived at the golf course in a good mood.

His handsome and stern face looked a little softer against his white sportswear.

Standing straight on the golf course he looked like a movie star.

Joshua swing the golf club, and the ball went straight into the hole.

Valentin praised.

"Joshua your performance is excellent today!is there some good news that you haven't shared with me?" After yesterday, all of their friends knew that Anika wanted a divorce

Valentin surely had heard of it, too.

He just wanted to hear Joshua say it so that he could ask Violet, who had been waiting outside, to come

Taking a sip of water, Joshua indifferently replied.

Nothing special Anika and I are getting a divorce."

Valentin still felt somewhat surprised when it was confirmed that the rumor was true.

As Joshua's friend, he knew Anika very well. That woman was a hypothetical bitch who wouldn't let Joshua

If a divorce was on the table,the two would have done it a long time ago instead of dragging it along for

three years.

'Did she agree?'Valentin asked.

Joshua replied, with no usual glint in his eyes, "It was her idea."

Valentin sneered, "She's just playing hard to get."

He added, "I've seen many women like her"

He changed the subject,grinning, Joshua,I have a surprise for you today."

Joshua looked puzzled.

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Valentin texted Violet.

The next moment, Joshua saw Violet waving at him playfully from not far away. She was dressed in

tom Here Violet ever to the

Valentin said "I give you two some privacy don't want to be the third wheel"

With that Valentin left

Violet suggested that the and Joshua go for a walk

Near the golf course was the college they both attended

Violet understood men very well. Instead of bringing up Anika, she talked about their past

Joshua, do you remember this path?

"We used to walk here a lot when we were dating

"Back then, you held my hand and said you wanted to keep doing that forever."

Violet stopped in her tracks and reached out her hand

"Joshua, can we still work together holding hands?"

When she touched Joshua's hand, he instinctively pulled away.

Violet was stupefied.

Joshua said, remaining calm, "I don't remember anything from the past

Studying, dating marriage, and work....

As far as Joshua was concerned, those were just things that everyone had to experience just as jobs that he had to complete

His first love was no exception!

Violet's eyes turned red, and she asked, "Are you still mad at me?"

"I didn't want to leave you back then I had no choice. I loved you so much..."

"Do you know how I managed to get through these years alone?"

"It's all thanks to our past. I tried my best to improve myself, to become excellent so that I would deserve you when I came back."

Joshua frowned at those words.

"I'm married," said he

"I know, but she wants a divorce," Violet replied immediately.

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Taara started fling him her eye and she hugged Joshua around his waist

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Anika Anika

Anika's serene and gentle look came to Joshua's mind

He remembered how she looked at him with tears in her eyes after her father's passing asking him, "Joshua could you hug me?"

But of that time Eli had made it impossible for them to get married. He took all the money Joshua had given the Carey family as well as everything that the Carey family was supposed to give Joshua. Hence, Joshua walked away from Anika without even saying a word to make her feel better.

With Anika's sorrowful face lingering in his mind, Joshua unwittingly pulled away from Violet

Violet noticed that and was about to say something

However, she saw Valentin hurrying over so she forced back her tears.

Valentin could sense the weird atmosphere, but he handed the folder in his hand to Joshua anyway.

"Joshua, take a look

Joshua opened the folder, only to find that it was a property transfer agreement.

Valentin explained, "Anika's lawyer gave me this saying that this was compensation for your three-year

marriage."

Compensation?!

Valentin thought Anika wanted Joshua to compensate her, so he rushed over in a hurry.

When Joshua read the document he found out that Anika was transferring her property to him.

Joshua stared in disbelief!

However, when he saw that the property being transferred was only worth 16 million dollars, he found it

ridiculous

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"Does she think 16 million will make me spare the Carey family and forgive her? Joshun mocked without

holding back in front of Valentin and Violet

Valentin finally realized what was going on. He snorted, That girl has been pretending to be innocent, but she's secretly hiding 16 million dollars. Does her brother and greedy mother know about it?

Violet heard the mockery on Anika from Joshua and Valentin, secretly gloating.

She had been worried that Joshua might have feelings for Anika, especially since they were married for three years

Now she knew that even if they were married for a lifetime, a remarkable man like Joshua would never be interested in the insipid Anika.

Anika was not even qualified to be her love rival.

In a dimly lit hotel room.

Anika slowly opened her eyes, feeling a headache, and noticing the dead silence around her.

She knew her condition had worsened.

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orally Anika could vaguely hear some sounds even without hearing aids

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She sat up took the medicine from the bedside table, and placed it in her mouth. The taste was bitter.

Yesterday Anika left Rafter Villa, where she had lived for three years.

Then she went back to her parents' place

Howevel, just as she reached the doorstep, she overheard Mireya and Eli talking

"How did I end up with such a useless daughter? It's been three years, and Joshua hasn't touched her!

"She can't even be considered a complete woman, yet she's thinking about divorce."

Mireya's angry words were like sharp knives stabbing into Anika's heart.

She didn't know what Mireya's standard for a complete woman was.

Was it being loved by a husband or having children?

Elis words were even harsher,

'Anika doesn't look like a Carey at all. I hear that Joshua's first love is back in town. Even if Anika doesn't get a divorce, she'll be kicked out sooner or later. "Such being the case, we should plan for the future. Mr.

Morrison's wife died recently,right?Although my sister has hearing problems, she fits well with that old man in his 80s.

Those words rang in Anika's head, and her eyes were dull.

She tried not to dwell on that.

She picked up her phone and found a new text message.

Instinctively, she thought it was from Joshua, but it turned out to be from Maurice.

The text message read as follows.

"Anika, I gave the transfer agreement to Joshua, but he didn't seem happy about it. In the future, you should look out for yourself"

Anika texted Maurice back.

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Thank you twitt

She pressed the send button

Returning all the assets she had to Joshua wasn't an act of nobility

She just didn't want to owe him too much...

Unfortunately, she couldn't produce as much property as the prenuptial agreement stated Perhaps she

would have to carry the label of marriage fraud for the rest of her life.

Anika hadn't had anything for two days, but she didn't feel hungry.

She just found the dead silence around her scary.

She had put on the hearing aids and taken her medicine, but why couldn't she hear anything?

She was afraid that she wouldn't hear the ringtone when Joshua called to arrange the divorce

Anika took a ride to a nearby hospital for a check up,

The doctor conducted some basic tests and found dried blood in her ear canal

She received restorative treatment and finally got some hearing back.

"What's going on? How long have you had this condition?"

the doctor asked.

Anika replied honestly, 'I was born with weak hearing

The doctor looked surprised. This girl was in her early twenties, and she didn't strike him as a patient with that condition when she just walked in.

The doctor felt sorry for Anika and said, "To be honest, if this condition continues, you might go deaf

completely.

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"By then, hearing aids won't be able to help you."

The glint of hope disappeared from Anika's eyes, and she was choked with emotions.

Anika remained silent for a long time.

The doctor glanced at the door "Did you come alone?

What about your family or friends?"

Anika thought about her mother, who despised her her brother who wanted to marry her off to a man in his

nd her husband who had hated her for three years.

Fincher memories froze at her father's reluctant expression before passing away

"I don't want to leave this world. If I'm gone, who's gonna take of you, Anika?"

Anika finally understood why her father didn't want to die after the car accident despite being attached to

various medical equipment and suffering unbearable pain

was because after he left she would have no family left

Anika held back the urge to sob and finally told the doctor, "My family has passed away.

Anika walked out of the hospital only to find it drizzling again.

This year Oasisville seemed to have more rain than usual.

Outside the hospital people came and went in groups but Anika was all alone.

She stepped into the rain, not knowing where to go.

At the thought that she might lose her hearing forever, Anika bought a ticket to the countryside where her nanny Clare Clanssa lived

it was already 9 p.m.when Anika arrived.

Anika stood outside Clare's old house hesitating to knock on the door. Because she had to take care of

Joshua her meetings with Clare had always been short over these years.

While Anika was still hesitating,the door was opened from the inside, and warm light spilled out.

As soon as Clare saw Anika, Clare's face lit up with a mixture of joy and surprise.

"Anika

Anika looked at Clare's affectionate smile,tears welling up in her eyes. She reached out to hug

Clare.'Clare..."

Because of health issues, Clare never married nor had any children.

Clare was like a mother to Anika.

Clare seemed to have sensed Anika's pain and sadness, so she patted the latter's shoulder gently

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"What's wrong. Anika?

Aniko rarely showed her vulnerable side

The last time Clare saw Anika like this was when Kenyon passed away

Anika shook her head Tos fine I just missed you I missed you a lot..."

Clare didn't press further when she saw that Anika didn't want to talk about it

"I missed you too

Anika was soaked from head to toe,so Clare pulled her into the house asking her to take a hot shower

That night. Anika nestled in Clare's auns

Anika felt as if she had returned to her childhood.

Clare held Anika and found her skinny

Clare's hand on Anika's skinny back trembled involuntarily, but Clare forced herself to calm down

"Anika,is Joshua treating you right? Clare cautiously asked,

At the mention of Joshua, Anika was choked with emotions. She wanted to lie to Clare once again, saying

that Joshua was nice to her.

But Anika knew Clare wasn't foolish.

Now that Anika had decided to leave Joshua, she didn't want to deceive herself or the people who loved

her anymore

"The woman he loves in back,so I'll let him go. We're getting a divorce."

Clare froze in shock.

Anika had told Clare more than once that she wanted to grow old with Joshua.

Receiving no response from Clare, Anika held her tight and asked softly, Clare, can I be like you?"

Never marry.

Forever alone.

As Joshua said,grow old in loneliness.

Who would choose to be alone forever if they could choose to be loved?

Hearing Anika's words, Clare felt heartache.

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"Silly girl, don't talk nonsense."

"You have a long life ahead. If you leave Joshua, you will find someone else who loves and cherishes you."

Anika nodded in silence, but the buzzing in her ears drowned out Clare's soothing words.

She'd had unrequited love for a man for more than a decade, so Anika knew better than anyone how

challenging and painful it was to love someone.

With everything that had happened and was going to happen, Anika doubted she deserved anyone's love.

Tears rolled out of Anika's eyes, soaking the bedding.

The next day.

Anika woke up in a daze, wondering how she ended up there.

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Clare's voice came from outside.

"Anika, are you awake? I made your favorite breakfast.

Time to get up and have breakfast."

Clare's words slowly brought Anika back to her senses.

Anika remembered leaving Rafter Villa, going to the hospital, and then coming here to visit Clare.

Anika knocked her head with her fist, feeling a bit anxious. When did her memory become so bad? As she tried to get out of bed, she spotted a large bloodstain on the bedsheet.

Anika touched her right ear and felt something sticky.

She spread her hand and saw it covered in blood...

Her hearing aid was stained red too....

Panicked, Anika quickly used a tissue to clean her ear and then hurriedly took the bedsheet out.

When Clare saw Anika washing the bedsheet on the balcony, Clare was puzzled.

"What happened? Clare asked,

"I got my period and accidentally stained the bedsheet,"

Anika explained with a smile.

After washing up, Anika had breakfast with Clare, enjoying a moment of peace.

Clare's voice sometimes sounded clear, and sometimes muffled.

Anika was so afraid that she would never hear this voice again.

She was also worried about how Clare would feel when Clare found out about it.

After spending half the day there, Anika secretly left some of her savings on the bedside table and then bid farewell to Clare.

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When Anika left, Clare went to the train station with her.

Clare waved goodbye to Anika reluctantly.

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Clare didn't turn around until Anika left.

On her way back home, Clare thought of how skinny Anika was and couldn't help but call the internal line

of the Conan Group

The president's secretary learned that Clare was looking for Joshua and that she was Anika's nanny, so the secretary reported it to him.

days.

Today was the third day since Anika left.

It was also the first time Joshua had received a call about her.

Joshua sat in his office chair, feeling exceptionally delighted. As he'd predicted, Anika couldn't last three. Clare's old voice came through the phone "Mr. Conan, have been taking care of Anika since she was a child. I beg you. Could you please stop hurting her?"

"She's not as strong as she appears to be. When she was just born, her mother disliked her for hearing impairment and had her live with me.

"She was not brought back to the Careys' place until she was of school age...

At the Careys' place, except for her father, everyone treated her like crap. In her childhood, Anika had secretly called me countless times, crying and saying she didn't want to be Miss Carey and that she wanted to be my daughter...

"You and Mr. Carey are the most important people to her in Oasisville. Be good to Anika, please. She has suffered so much in her life.

Listening to Clare's choked words, Joshua suddenly felt very upset.

"What now? Yesterday, she tried to insult me with money.

but it didn't work. So, she's trying to play the sympathy card now?

Joshua's voice was cold. "Why would I care how much Anika has suffered?!!

'She deserved it!'

Joshua hung up the phone without waiting for Clare's response.

In the past, Anika had told Clare over and over again how wonderful Joshua was.

But now, Clare finally realized that Joshua was not good at all. He was a terrible man. He didn't deserve

Anika.

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Anika was on the train back to Oasisville

Her phone vibrated and she checked it only to find a new message from Joshua.

"You said you want a divorce right? See you tomorrow morning at ten."

Anika stared at the message and was lost in thought for a moment before replying.

"Okay"

Just one word nothing else.

Joshua found that word upsetting.

"Good. Let's see how long you can pretend."

Joshua was in no mood for work.

So, Joshua called some friends to go for a drink.

They met at a club.

Violet also came

"Let's all get drunk tonight."

Valentin sat next to Joshua and asked about Anika, "How is she today?"

Joshua raised an eyebrow slightly.

"We don't have to talk about her again in the future."

"Tomorrow, we'll proceed with the divorce."

That Violet

Upon hearing, she poured Joshua a glass of wine.

"Joshua, let's celebrate your new life."

Others did the same thing, too.

That day, the Luxe Club was exceptionally lively. All the drinks were on Valentin's tab. He whispered to Violet outside, "I can tell that Joshua still loves you. You must be happy" him."

Violet nodded. Valentin, thank you. If it weren't for your help, I might not even have had a chance to meet

That was true.

Back then, Violet received financial support from the Carey family. When she went to thank them, she ran into Joshua, who was visiting the Carey family, too. That was how they met.

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Joshua's mother and Valentin were in a car accident together

Anka was at the scene and saved both Valentin and Rachel.

Violet found out about it and somehow managed to make everyone think she was the one who saved

Valentin and Rachel

That was why Valentin had been so good to her. His feelings for her were gratitude at first but then it turned into friendship and eventually love

That was also why Joshua chose Violet over all the other women pursuing him and made her his

girlfriend

Violet was the only one that knew the whole truth. Anika had no idea about it.

Anika always believed that love was the reason Joshua chose Violet.

Anika thought Valentin was attracted to Violet for Violet's socializing skills. She never knew that it was

because Valentin thought Violet had saved his life in the car accident.

Anytime Valentin asked, "What are friends for?" Valentin gazed at Violet, affection written all over his face.

Still, Violet pretended she couldn't see that

Today Joshua drank a lot.

Violet offered to take Joshua home.

Speaking of home, Joshua used to stay in hotels his office.or his private villa at night.

Howevethe remembered Anika said Rafter Villa was their home

"No need its inappropriate"

Tomorrow they would get a divorce.

ka might come over

Violet didn't want to give up. "Why? You're getting a divorce anyway Why is it inappropriate?"

"Are you afraid she'll find out about us?"

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On the way, Joshua checked his phone many times.

He thought Anika might message him.

Sadly Anika didn't.

Joshua reached the Rafter Villa,only to find it dark.

Pulling a long face, Joshua opened the door,turned on the lights, and didn't see Anika.

Anika hadn't come home...

The house was the same as how Anika had left it.

The clothes that Joshua had put by the washing machine were still there. Unlike in the past, they hadn't

been washed or hung up.

Joshua irritably walked over and threw the clothes into the trash can.

The after-effects of the drinks were strong, and Joshua felt terrible as he sat on the sofa. When he fell

asleep, he had a nightmare.

In the dream,Anika was covered in blood, but she smiled and said, Joshua,I don't love you anymore."

Joshua woke up in shock, and it was just dawn outside.

Joshua pinched his brow, washed up, and changed into a neat suit. When it was about time, he set off to where he and Anika had agreed to meet for the divorce.

Joshua arrived outside.

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They were both asked if they were sure that they wanted a divorce.

Anika firmly said, "Yes."

Her determined gaze gave Joshua a slight twinge in his heart.

For some technical reason their divorce couldn't become official right away. They had to come back a

month later.

If they didn't come back after a month, the divorce wouldn't happen.

Then Joshua and Anika walked out.

Anika looked at Joshua calmly and said, "See you in a month. Take care."

Then, Anika walked into the rain and took a cab to leave.

Joshua stood rooted to the spot and watched the car drive away, unable to tell how he felt.

Perhaps, it was a relief.

Joshua no longer had to deal with Anika or suffer mockery for having a wife with a special condition

anymore.

Just then, Valentin called, "Joshua, is it done?"

"Hmm."

Valentin found out that the divorce couldn't be official until a month later, so he said, 'Don't be soft-hearted

with her. She must have some tricks up her sleeve."

Valentin had a point.

Anika had pursued Joshua for more than ten years, but now, she decided to let go out of the blue. Who

would believe it?

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Anika was in the taxi leaning against the window.

Anika watched the raindrops sliding down the window, lost in thought.

The driver saw Anika's ear bleeding in the rearview mirror and was startled. "Miss, miss!!"

He called out several times, but Anika didn't respond.

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Anika was confused. They hadn't reached her destination yet, so why did the car stop?

Anika looked at the driver and saw his mouth moving but she couldn't hear him.

What did you say? I can't hear you."

The driver typed on his phone to tell Anika about her condition.

Anika slowly reached out and felt the warm blood

It seemed that Anika had gotten used to it.

I'm fine. It happens to me often. It's not a big deal."

Anika had a hearing condition, but it didn't use to bleed like this.

It started two years ago. At a party Joshua's best friend, Valentin, pushed her into a swimming pool.

Anika couldn't swim. Her eardrum was damaged, and she almost died.

The problem was thus developed.

Anika had thought it was cured, but recently, it happened frequently again.

The driver was worried and took Anika to the nearest hospital.

Anika thanked him and went in for a check-up alone.

The doctor Anika saw was the doctor she had been seeing all along.

"Dr. Jebb, I have had a bad memory lately. I keep forgetting what I'm doing," Anika said.

This morning, when Anika woke up in the hotel, it took her a while to remember she was meeting Joshua

today

So she went to the meeting location early to wait for him.

Anika was afraid that she would forget it again, so she read the message from him from time to time.

After reading Anika's recent diagnosis report, Alex Jebb looked worried.

"Ms. Carey, I suggest you do some other tests, such as psychological ones.

Psychological tests:

Anika followed Alex's advice and went to see a psychiatrist.

Anika was diagnosed with depression.

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When Anika returned to the hotel, she bought a notebook and a pen to record recent events. She left the notebook by the bed, so she could read it as soon as she woke up.

Then, Anika lay down in bed.

Anika did some research with her phone to see if there were any ways to cure depression

Anika found a sentence, I hope you will do your best to heal yourself, instead of fantasizing that someone

in this world will help you."

After silently reading it, Anika put her phone away and shut her eyes.

The news of the divorce between Anika and Joshua caused a great uproar.

On that night, Mireya called Anika many times, but Anika couldn't hear them.

Anika woke up the next day.

Anika saw the messages from Mireya.

Where are you now?

"Who do you think you are? Even if you and Joshua are to get a divorce, he should be the one to initiate it! You're a troublemaker! When you got married, your father had an accident. Now you're getting a divorce. Do you want our family to go bankrupt?"

life.

Anika was already used to harsh words like that.

She texted back.

"Mom, we need to rely on ourselves from now on, not others."

Soon, another message came from Mireya.

"You're an ungrateful bitch! I shouldn't have given birth to you!"

Anika put her phone aside without replying.

After a month, Anika would finish the divorce with Joshua. She planned to leave Oasisville to start a new

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In the following days, Anika's condition worsened day by day.

She often experienced moments of deafness, and sometimes it took a long time to recover.

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Anika clicked on the news alert, and the first news that popped into her sight was the press conference held by the Conan Group. It announced that Joshua had successfully acquired the Carey Group. From now on, the Carey Group no longer existed in this world.

The news displayed a picture of Joshua.

His profile was attractive, and he looked spirited.

There were many comments below the picture.

"Joshua is so hot! He's young, but he's already the president of a large group."

"It's a pity he's married. His wife is Ms. Carey, right?"

"Their marriage is just business! Don't you remember the news three years ago? When they got married, Joshua left the bride behind..."

There were many comments like that.

The internet never forgets.

Anika had almost forgotten about Joshua's storming off and leaving her behind three

years ago.

She scrolled through the comments.

In these three years, she had known that the Carey Group would fall.

Still, she was surprised.

Because she didn't expect it to happen so quickly.

Joshua's life seemed to be partially smooth lately.

He had achieved his dream of owning the Carey Group

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Valentin smiled and said, "Three years ago, the Carey family tricked you into marrying that

girl, and now they finally get what they deserve."

Then he changed the subject and asked Joshua, who was working, Joshua, has she come

to beg you these days?"

Joshua's hand holding the pen paused.

For some reason, people around him kept mentioning Anika these days.

Why couldn't he get rid of her even though they were getting a divorce? "No."

Joshua replied briefly and coldly.

Valentin was surprised. With what was happening to the Carey family, how did Anika manage to stay calm?

Valentin said, "Did she really come around?"

"I hear that Mireya and Eli are looking for her everywhere, but no one knows where she's

hiding."

Valentin kept chattering.

Joshua frowned and became irritable.

"Get out!"

Valentin was stupefied for a moment.

Finally, he realized that Joshua was angry, so he quickly left the office without the courage to make a sound. After Valentin left, Joshua involuntarily picked up his phone. There were still no messages or calls from Anika!

She didn't reach out to him.

Outside the office, Valentin was worried. As a normal man, he noticed that something was

off about Joshua.

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was mentioned.

Valentin made a call to his assistant, Jaxon Brody. "Have

"Yes, she's at an inn in Westriver."

you found Anika?"

Valentin asked Jaxon to send him the address and drove there himself.

Because of Anika, Joshua and Violet were apart for three years. Even though she finally.

agreed to a divorce, she shouldn't get away with it so easily.

It was drizzling outside.

After finishing her work as a volunteer, Anika went to the hospital to pick up her medication and then walked toward the hotel, holding an umbrella. There were few pedestrians on the road. Valentin was driving when he spotted Anika's thin figure.

What a coincidence. He intentionally sped up past Anika.

Water splashed all over her.

Anika looked over with dull eyes.

Valentin met her gaze in the rearview mirror and felt a chill down his spine for some reason.

Anika recognized Valentin's car, an extravagant dark gray Bugatti..

She silently averted her gaze, pretending not to have seen him.

However, Valentin hadn't done with her yet. He slowed down, following her closely."Hey,when

did you grow a temper? Are you not going to greet me anymore?

"Did you forget how you tried to please me like a puppy in the past?"

Anika listened to his insults without any emotional fluctuations.

She had tried her best to get along with all the people around Joshua,including his friend, Valentin.

Back then, she didn't know how much Valentin hated her,so she was nice to him.

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She thought Joshua's family and friends would accept her sooner or later.

It turned out that she had been too naive.

At a party, Valentin bluntly told Anika that he was Violet's friend.

To help Violet,he didn't care about his image as a young gentleman from an upper-class family and called her a shameless bitch

What was worse, he threw her into the pool, leaving her there to die.

Since then, Anika had avoided him.

Receiving no response from Anika, Valentin pulled over,got out of the car, and walked up to

her. He grabbed her arm hard.

With a serious face, he said, "What scheme are you trying to pull this time?"

Anika's arm hurt, and she looked up at him."I don't know what you're talking about."

She tried to break free, but Valentin let go and pushed her away.

"Don't touch me with your dirty hands!"

Anika stumbled back and fell to the ground with a loud thud.

Valentin stood there, somewhat incredulous.

When did this girl learn how to stage an accident?

He'd only given her a gentle push. How the hell did she fall?

Some people around looked over, and Valentin felt embarrassed and got back in his car. Before leaving, he warned her.

"Anika, don't think that just because you're disabled, you can bully Valentin. She's not like you. She's finally come this far, so you'd better not get between her and Joshua."

After driving away, he informed the Carey family of Anika's current location.

Anika scraped her hands and knees when she landed on the ground. She was in so much

pain that she couldn't get up.

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She didn't understand why Valentin couldn't distinguish right from wrong.

She still remembered she'd risked her life to pull him out of a car that was about to explode four years ago.

His body and face were covered in blood, and he couldn't see anything. Still he said gently, "Thank you. I will repay you."

Was this his way of repaying her?

Anika never expected any repayment from him, but she didn't expect him to hurt her.

Some passersby helped Anika up.

"Who was that? Do you want us to call the police?"

Anika's ears were buzzing, and she couldn't hear what they were saying.

She thought they were asking if she needed to go to the hospital, so she shook her head.

"No, I'm fine. I'm fine. Thank you."

She bowed to them deeply and limped away

The passersby watched her leave and felt sorry for her.

Even if Anika had heard what they asked, she would have declined.

Because the Arellano family was no less influential than the Conan family. Their medical industry covered the whole world.

If Valentin hadn't enjoyed working for Joshua so much and had no interest in medicine, he

could have taken over their family business long ago.

Anika couldn't afford to offend someone like him.

After returning to the hotel, Anika took a shower and applied medication to her injuries.

Anika lay down in a daze.

After today's fall, she became more determined to leave Joshua.

She woke up the next day.

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It was already dawn.

When Anika got up and walked to the living room, she saw Mireya sitting on the sofa

"You finally got up. You're really a hard girl to find."

Mireya's tone dripped sarcasm, and the glint in Anika's eyes disappeared.

"Mom..."

Mireya looked at Anika's ghastly pale face but showed no concern.

She walked up to Anika and gave Anika a hard slap on the right cheek.

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Anika felt as if blood was leaking from height w

She froze in situ

Mireya looked at Anika, her weak inteht daughter, feeling sorry for cel

She picked up the file on the coffee table and banded it to AwAA

"Take a close look

"This is your way out I've picked for you"

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Anika took over the document and saw the woods Feruptial Agreement winted on the

She opened the file.

On the file it read Anika will voluntarily many Duncan Morison to be his wall

take care of him for the rest of his life.....

It also stated that Duncan ought to provide for the Carey tamilachere Anka came from, and provide 50 million dollars to the Carey family.

Duncan was one of the senior entrepreneurs in Oasisville, and he was now a year ol

Anika was tense.

Mireya continued, Mr.Morrison has said that he didn't mind that this will be you cou marriage.As long as you marry him, he will help or family get back on our feet

Mireya looked at Anika with anticipation. Then she came forward and put her hand on Anika's shoulder.

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"Anika, you're a good daughter. You won't let me and Eli down right

Anika's face grew paler.

She clutched the agreement in her hands."Joshua and I haven't decided completely yet
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Mireya looked indifferent.

"Mr. Morrison said you could hold the wedding first and register it later.

"Joshua doesn't love you anyway. I respect your choice and agree with you divorcing him."

Mireya knew that she could not save Joshua and Anika's marriage.

Therefore, she chose to listen to Eli. She intended to maximize Anika's value one last time

while Anika was still young.

Hearing Mireya's words, Anika felt that her throat was stuffed.

"Can I ask you a question?" Anika paused. "Am I really your daughter?"

Mireya's expression froze.

Her disguise of being good-tempered vanished. She started to accuse Anika

"If it weren't for you, why would I ever be out of shape? If it weren't for you, I would have still

been a world-renowned dancer! You let me down!"

Since childhood, Anika had never understood why other people's mothers loved their children unconditionally.

Yet Mireya, her mother, wouldn't love her even the slightest.

She still didn't get it.

Yet she figured one thing out. She no longer expected others to love her.

She put the agreement away. "I can't say yes to that.

Mireya didn't expect Anika to refuse her just like that and was furious.

"Who are you to say no to me? I'm the only reason you're in this world!

"You'll do whatever I tell you to do!"

Hearing that, Anika looked directly at her. "Then if I give my life back to you, I won't owe you

anymore. Is that right?*

Mireya was stunned again.

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"What did you say?"

Anika parted her bloodless lips. "If I give you back my life, will you no longer be mother, and I will not owe you for giving birth to me?"

Mireya didn't believe Anika's words at all. Mireya sneered, "Alright then.

"As long as you give me back your life, I won't force you to do anything.

"The thing is, do you dare?"

Anika seemed determined. "Give me a month!

Mireya felt like Anika was crazy right now.

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She pushed the agreement back in front of Anika "If you don't dare to die, sign it."

With that, Mireya went out in high heels.

Eli was waiting at the door and heard their conversation.

He asked Mireya, "Mom, she won't do as she says, will she?"

Mireya's face was cold. "If she dares to die, she will be my idol! Anyway, she grew up with the

nanny and has never been close to me. I've never thought of her as my daughter."

They didn't walk away far.

Therefore, Anika heard their words.

She thumped her aching ear and felt that sometimes she wished she were deaf.

She crouched in the corner alone.

She suddenly felt that she was nothing but a failure in her life, as she had never lived for herself.

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When one was depressed enough, one would want to find a place to get rid of the emotion. That evening, Anika went to the bar.

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happily absent-minded.

A handsome man with charming eyes noticed that she was alone. He walked up to her.

"Anika?"

Anika looked at him, not recognizing him, and asked, "Do you know how to be happy?" The man was confused. "What did you say?"

Anika kept drinking and said, "The doctor said I was ill and should cheer up, but... I can't cheer up..."

Hearing her words, Trent Hume felt complicated.

He thought, "She doesn't remember me?"

And what's wrong with her that she needs to cheer up?

"If you want to be happy, you shouldn't come to places like this."

"Let me take you home, Trent said gently.

Anika smiled at him, "You are such a gentleman."

Trent looked at her bitter smile with mixed feelings, wondering what she had been through

in these few years.

She seemed extremely sad.

Meanwhile, Joshua was here as well.

He had indulged himself every night since the last time he went to get a divorce with Anika. He hadn't gone back to Rafter Villa for a long time.

It was getting late, and the group was about to leave.

Just then, Violet noticed the familiar figure in the corner.

She was surprised. "Isn't that Ms. Carey?"

Joshua looked in the direction Violet was pointing and saw a man in front of Anika, chatting and laughing with her.

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Joshua's face went gloomy at once.

He thought, "She got drunk at a bar and met someone.

I thought highly of her indeed.

This is who she is.

Who told me that she would only love me her entire life?"

"Joshua, do you want me to go ahead and ask?" Violet asked.

"No need."

Joshua replied coldly and walked quickly out.

Meanwhile, Anika turned Trent down. She said to him, "I can go back myself without bothering you."

Trent was still worried. Seeing her go out, he followed not far behind her.

Joshua sat alone in the car, unbuttoning the top two buttons of his shirt, still frustrated. Halfway through, he asked the driver to turn back.

He bumped into Anika, who was heading back.

He asked the driver to stop the car, and then he quickly got out and walked over to her.

"Anika."

His familiar voice awoke Anika at once.

She looked up at Joshua who was coming toward her, feeling that she was in a dream.

'Joshua... Then she quickly readdressed," Mr.Conan."

Approaching her, Joshua realized that she put on light makeup today.

After they got married, she had never worn makeup.

He had forgotten that he said that he did not like women with makeup.

"Do you know what

know what you look like now?"he parted his lips, saying

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Anika gawked at him.

He said, 'A ghost, with your makeup

"What man would dig a woman like you?"

She turned sober instantly

Her voice cracked."I know nobody likes me

"I don't expect anyone to like me..."

Joshua felt upset.

"If there's nothing else, I'm going back "Anika walked forward.

Joshua wanted to ask her who the man was,

Yet he didn't.

They were about to get a divorce anyway,so,what was the point?

Anika went back alone.

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Anika looked around and felt strange.

She forgot her way back again.

She pulled out her phone and tried to navigate back, but it took her a long time to remember the name of the place where she lived.

Trent had been following her. Seeing that shortly after Joshua was gone, she was standi in situ alone, he couldn't help but be worried.

"Anika."

Instinctively, Anika thought that Joshua had returned.

There was a flicker of hope in her eyes, but the second she turned back, the hope in her eyes was replaced by loss.

Trent walked over to her."You really don't remember me?"

She looked at him, unable to remember who he was.

"I'm Chubby,remember?"reminded Trent.

Anika then recalled that he was her good friend Chubby she had met when she lived with Clare in the countryside.

At that time, Trent was chubby and shorter than her, and now he was a tall man who was almost 2 meters and handsome.

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"I remember now. You've changed so much that I didn't recognize you."

It was a good thing to meet someone from childhood when one was away.

The forced smile on Anika's face made Trent feel unpleasant.

"Come on, I'll take you home."

After dropping her off, he found that she was living in a dilapidated hotel. Chapter 12

He was surprised. The Conan family was a rich family.

Even if Joshua divorced her, he never should have let her end up here.

Anika was a little embarrassed. "I've made myself a fool."

"Don't tell Clare that I live here. I'm afraid she'll be worried."

Trent nodded having no idea what to say to comfort her.

It was too late.

It would be improper for him to stay here any longer.

He left after telling Anika that he would come here to visit her tomorrow.

After walking out of the hotel, Trent didn't notice a matte black Cadillac parked downstairs. in the dark.

For Anika, it didn't matter where she lived.

Trent was gone.

She felt sick to her stomach and dizzy from drinking.

Joshua's words echoed in her mind.

He said, "A ghost, with your makeup."

"What man would dig a woman like you?"

She rubbed the makeup on her face and the lipstick on her lips. Her pale face was red and swollen from her action.

She knew she had depression earlier.

After learning the situation, she searched for certain rough details about depression.

Depression could cause brain damage. Depression could not only cause memory loss but also lead to cognitive dysfunction, which could make people dwell on unhappy things all the time and amplify those unh

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Suddenly, a sound rang out.

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There was a heavy knock at the door.

Figuring that Trent had come back, Anika stood up to open the door.

She had just opened the door when Joshua grabbed her wrist.

As he pressed, she felt as if her delicate wrist was about to break.

"Anika I guess I didn't give you enough credit

Joshua put his hand behind him and closed the door.

Then he dragged her to the sofa.

"Turns out that you've found another man as your next husband. No wonder you are willing to let go, he sneered coldly.

His words were like a knife

Anika realized that Joshua had seen Trent and misunderstood something.

She didn't get it. How come Joshua could hold on to his first love, while she was allowed to

do nothing?

She looked directly at the angry Joshua, her eyes red.

"You and me both.

The Carey family tricked Joshua into marrying Anika.

Joshua had been cold to her for three years, and there was still something going on between him and his first love.

Neither of them was better than the other.

Joshua had some wine today, too, and reeked of it.

He pinched Anika's chin, his eyes were red, and his voice was deep.

"Who was he?"

"When did you meet?"

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"Are you jealous?"

His p

eyes went dark, and he sneered, "Do you deserve it?"

Anika had a lump in her throat.

Joshua suddenly pressed over and continued to ask in her ear.

"Did you have sex already? Tell me."

They were married for three years. Because of the Conan family's rules, she gave up her job, and occasionally, some friends would invite her, but she turned all of them down.

Yet now, Joshua didn't believe her...

At this moment, she suddenly felt relieved somehow

"What do you think?" she asked.

Joshua was so enraged that he ran his burning palms all the way down her body.

Anika felt her blood freeze, and she couldn't believe what was happening

She tried to refuse and to resist him, but it was of no use.

Joshua didn't calm down until the end of the last moment.

Outside, the sky was slightly lit up.

When Joshua looked at the bony Anika and then looked at the dazzling red spots on the sheets, he had mixed feelings.

A crisp sound rang out.

Anika raised her hand and slapped his handsome face hard.

The slap shattered all illusions she had about love.

Anika felt that her eardrums were bulging. She couldn't hear what Joshua was saying interrupted him directly.

"Piss off!"

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All he could think about was last night.

After sitting in the cathe called Payton and said Find out the men Anika knows."

Payton was a bit stunned.

He thought After they get married Anika sees no one but Mr.Conan.How can she possil know any other men?"

Anka was in the hotel.

Joshua had already gone.

She washed herself repeatedly.

They didn't have sex till they were about to get a divorce.

How ridiculous and sad it was.

At 9 o'clock in the morning, Trent brought breakfast. He did not notice how strange Anika

*I left so hastily last night that I forgot to tell you that my family happened to have a separate property available.

You may stay there.

"It's not safe for a girl to stay in a hotel alone

Anika shook her head and refused him.

Returning the favor was the toughest thing on Earth. She didn't want to be in anyone's debt.

Trent knew she would refuse him. "It's vacant anyway. Go ahead and live there. It's not like I won't charge you."

'But I can only stay for a month at most."

"It's fine. It'll be better than leaving it empty."

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Trent didn't know why she said she could only stay for a month He thought it

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live there for a long time.

He drove Anika there

She had one suitcase and nothing else.

They got inside the car.

They talked about their childhood, and then he volunteered to tell her what he had done. over the years

Trent left the country after high school. After he became an adult, he worked and studied while abroad. Then he founded his company at 20, and now, he was a rich boss. Anika listened to his rich experiences and then thought about herself.

After graduation, she married Joshua and became a housewife.

She looked at Trent in admiration. "You are superb.

"You can be superb as well. I paid attention to your whereabouts after you left the village. I saw you on TV, and you won first prize in the youth piano competition...

And singing, right? You know what? You were my idol back then..."

There was something Trent didn't tell Anika.

When he studied abroad alone, life was not satisfying at all at first. He learned a lot of bad things and gave up on himself.

Then he saw Anika in the newspapers back home. Those who naturally struggled with hearing could hardly pursue their dreams of music.

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Anika proved that those who struggled with hearing could play the piano, dance, and sing. She was no worse than those who were normal.

These reports about her were like light, supporting Trent slowly to get back to his feet.

Trent repeated Anika's glorious moments which she herself almost forgot about.

Trent sent her to the place.

Anika smiled and said to him, "Thank you. I almost forgot who I was at the beginning."

Trent dined with her.

They were together for the entire day, and he was considerate enough not to ask Anika about the things that had happened after her marriage.

Anika lived here.

She looked at the calendar. There were only a dozen days until she and Joshua went for divorce again on May 15th.

She thought of her promise to Mireya.

Then she went to the cemetery one morning!

She first went to her father's tombstone. Looking at the photo of her kind father, she felt her

voice a little hoarse.

"Dad, I miss you so much."

The breeze gently brushed Anika's cheeks.

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She felt the tip of her nose sore. "Dad, if I came to see you, you'd be angry with me, wouldn't you?"

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She reached out and lifted the fallen leaves off the tombstone one by one.

"I know I should be strong, but...I'm sorry..."

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Then she went to the photo studio arst took a black and white photo while the staff looked

She finished doing all this

On the way back she looked out of the car window in a daze

Then her phones

It was Clare.

Anika how have you been doing?"

Hearing Clare's tender voice Anika forced a smile and said I'm fine"

Clare was relieved and then she blamed Anika, Who told you to give me money The money is useless to me I'll save it for you.If you want to start a business someday, Over the years Anika often gave Clare mo Clare's knowledge.

Clare figured that she was from the countryside and money had no use for her at all She saved every penny Anika gave her.

Listening to Clare's concerned nagging on the phone, Anika cried. Tears covered her face before she realized it.

'Clare, can you pick me up and take me home the way you did when I was little?'

Clare was confused.

Anika continued, "On the 15th, I want you to pick me up and take me back to our home."

Clare didn't know why it had to be on the 15th.

"OK. On the 15th, I will pick you up to take you home."

Recently, the staff from

She had made up her mind to go away for good and she didn't want to waste any more money on the wry

She took a look at her account which was with about 30 thousand dollars left. She thought that after she was gone Clare could live on with this money.

It had been raining in Oasisville these days.

Trent visited Anika frequently

He often saw her sitting alone on the balcony in a daze.

He also noticed that her hearing loss had worsened. She didn't hear him many times when he knocked on the door,

Occasionally while they were talking she had to stare at his mouth to figure out what he was saying.

"Anika, I heard there will be fireworks by the river in two days. Would you like to see it?"

Anika was stunned for a long time before she came to her senses.

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There was a custom in Oasisville. Every Saturday, fireworks would be set off by the river, which was very beautiful.

People said that for all couples who came to Oasisville, as long as they saw the fireworks together they would never break up

After marriage,Anika invited Joshua to watch fireworks together but he refused her coldly.

Compared to those from out of town,they had many chances to see the fireworks, but they

never went.

It was Saturday.

Anika and Trent went to see the fireworks at eight o'clock sharp

Huge sounds rang out.

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The bright fireworks fell into the air, and the beauty vanished in a second.

Anika looked up at the sky,her eyes full of glittering tears.

"Trent,thank you. I'm very happy today."

Trent looked at the thin and weak Anika beside him.

Although she was smiling.he didn't think she was happy at all.

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river.

"I'm glad. This year I will stay in Oasisville, and we can watch fireworks together every

Anika didn't make him a promise.

Because she knew that she couldn't deliver

Half an hour later,the show was over.

She refused Trent to give her a ride home. She wanted to walk back by herself along the

There were many people on the road today.

Among a lot of people, Anika felt as if she saw Joshua.

Yet as the man approached, she saw a strange face. She realized then that she had

mistaken him for Joshua.

Since they separated, many times when she was walking down the street, whenever she saw someone who looked like Joshua somehow, she would mistake them for Joshua. She came to the intersection and waited for the green light.

The entertainment news was playing on the big screen opposite her. The person interviewed was Violet.

The reporter asked, "Violet, you said that you came back this time to get your first love back. May I ask if your wish has been fulfilled?"

Facing the camera, Violet neither confirmed nor denied.

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Obviously, she announced their relationship. When Anika walked across the crosswalk, a song was played on TV for Violet.

The song's name was "Love of My Life".

Anika thought, "Love of My Life?"

"Joshua is the man I've ever loved.

"How did I fall in love with him?"

"I think it was probably an afternoon almost a dozen years ago. I went back to the Carey's place alone when I saw Joshua next door in a white shirt.

"Or maybe it was when I was a student and was bullied.

Back then, Joshua showed up like my savior...

"Or maybe it happened when Joshua's parents and Dad joked about making me marry Joshua when we grew up...

many moments. Until n

"There are so don't know why I love Joshua."

Joshua didn't see the news.

After work, he checked his phone habitually.

There was no text from Anika. His eyes darkened.

Then he turned the phone off and threw it away.

Payton knocked on the door and entered.

"Mr. Conan, I have found out that the man's name is Trent. He seems to be Anika's childhood sweetheart."

Joshua always had a cognition, which was confirmed by all the reports.

He was always Anika's childhood sweetheart.

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After Violet was interviewed, she went to Mireya.

Only then did she learn that Mireya and Eli were planning on making Anika marry an old man for 50 million dollars.

Joshua remained silent for a long time. Then Violet tried to make things worse.

She said, "Mireya said that Anika wanted 50 million dollars. I never thought she would be

such a woman...

"She also said that you and Anika haven't passed your cooling-off period yet, so she and that old man cannot get married now. They're going to have a wedding ceremony first."

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Little did Anika know that Mireya and Eli were still insisting on planning a wedding for her. They didn't take what she said seriously.

Mireya was confident that Anika dared not die and would not die.

It was because Anika suffered too much from childhood, but she never chose to leave.

Mireya was confident that Anika wouldn't act differently this time.

Meanwhile, Eli had already asked Duncan to transfer the

50 million dollars over and had begun to establish his new company. He didn't feel guilty or

indebted to Anika at all.

Until that day, Anika received Mireya's text. Mireya texted, " Mr.Morrison has picked the day.It

is the 15th of this month."

"It's four days away. Get ready to get married. You have to cling to your husband's heart this

time, remember?"

Anika looked at the two texts, not knowing how she felt.

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She thought "The 15th?"

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Maybe that day is a day of reunion and rejoicing.

It's also the day that Joshua and I agreed to get a divorce.

That is also the day I am about to be forced to marry another man.

And it's the day I've decided to leave for good."

Anika was afraid she would forget again, so she wrote these things down in a notebook.

She wrote all of them down.

Then she started to write her suicide note.

She picked up the pen, but she didn't know what to write.

Finally, she left a note for Clare in the notebook, and a note for Trent as well.

When she had finished writing it, she put it under her pillow.

Three days later.

On the 14th, the rain was particularly heavy.

Her phone was on the coffee table, ringing constantly.

Mireya had been calling her, asking about her whereabouts.

Anika was supposed to get married tomorrow. Mireya wanted her to go home and get ready to marry into the Morrison family.

Anika did not reply. She changed into a brand new begonia-colored dress today and put on delicate makeup for herself.

In fact, she was pretty. It was just that she was too skinny and pale.

Anika looked at her delicate and bright self in the mirror, feeling as if she had gone back to

the time before she married Joshua.

She took a taxi to the cemetery.

She stepped out of the taxi, carrying an umbrella, walked slowly to her father's gravestone, and laid down a bunch of white daisies.

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"Dad."

The cold wind whistled, and only the tinkling of raindrops on her umbrella could be heard.

"I'm sorry...I didn't want to come here, but I have nowhere else to go.

"I admit that I am timid.I'm afraid to leave alone, so I choose to come to you...

"If you want to scold me,go ahead."

Anika finished gently, sat next to the tombstone, and put her arms around herself.

She took out her phone and saw vicious texts from Mireya.

"Anika!Do you think you can walk away forever?"

"Eli has already taken the money from Mr.Morrison. Mr.

Morrison is so powerful. Do you think he'll let you off the hook?"

"Think thoroughly. It would be better for you to marry him tomorrow in a proper way than to

be found and tied down.

"If you know better..."

Anika silently read the texts.

Then she typed and replied, "I don't want to go back.

Come to the west suburbs to pick me up tomorrow. I will wait for you in front of Dad's tombstone."

When Mireya received Anika's reply, Mireya didn't think much. She figured that Anika had thought it through and finally stopped calling Anika.

Anika enjoyed a moment of peace.

She sat here for the entire day.

After the night arrived, she took out the small puppet that her father had carved for her when she was a child, and carefully held it in her arms, protecting it from the dark night and the sweeping rain with her body.

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rang.

Time flew. In the distance from her, the clock announcing the arrival of the twelve o'clock The 15th arrived.

Anika looked up at the endless dark sky, her throat filled with bitterness.

It was 3:00 a.m.

With trembling hands, she took the pills out of her bag...

At the same time, Joshua was at Rafter Villa.

After he came back, he sat on the sofa in the living room.

He didn't turn on the light.

He was so tired that he pressed his temples. After a short nap, he was awakened.

It was so strange.

He had another nightmare which was about Anika again.

He dreamed of her death, and it was so real...

Joshua took out his phone. It was only four in the morning.

He realized that today was the end of the cooling-off period. He and Anika agreed to get a divorce together today.

Out of control, he sent Anika a text, saying, "Don't forget that we're getting a divorce today."

When Anika received his message, she could no longer think straight. She forced herself to reply to him with a voice message.

"I'm sorry...But I don't think I can make it.

"Yet don't worry. I promise that we'll divorce..."

She thought, "With me being dead, of course, our marriage will no longer be valid."

Listening to Anika's voice message, Joshua felt strangely relieved.

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Not only is she not willing to die but she's also not willing to divorce me

He called her

it had been years.

Yet Anika seldom received Joshua's calls.

He was always concise and comprehensive. He usually texted her and rarely called her.

Anika pressed the button to pick up the call. She had not opened her mouth before hearing

Joshua's cold words.

"Anika, I have limited patience. You were the one who said you wanted to divorce me. Right? "Are you regretting it now because I didn't give you money?"

"You're about to marry someone else. I don't suppose 50 million dollars will be enough for

you right?

Anika felt a lump in her throat.

All of a sudden, she could hear nothing.

She was already at the end of her life, so she didn't want to admit to something she didn't

do. She spoke into the phone with the last of her strength.

*Joshua... I never married you for your money!

"And money isn't the reason I want a divorce from you now either..."

"You may not believe this, but I still want to tell you... I didn't know about my mother and brother breaking the contract back then..."

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"And now, I won't marry someone simply because of 50 million dollars..."

Her words broke off.

Joshua could hear the loud wind and rain from the other end of the line.

"Where are you?"

Anika couldn't hear his voice. She simply clutched her phone tightly and explained over and

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over again.

"If I had known... what my mother and brother did, I would never... never have chosen to marry you..."

"If I had known... that you've always loved Violet... I would never have married you either...."

"If I had known my dad would be in a car accident on my wedding day...I would never have

married you."

She wouldn't have married him!She wouldn't!

From her words, Joshua recognized her strong unwillingness accumulated over the years.

And he could tell how much she regretted marrying him.

He felt as if his throat was suddenly clogged with cotton, making it impossible for him to breathe.

"What right do you have to regret?Weren't you the one who cried to marry me?"Joshua's

deep voice was with a hint of hoarseness surprisingly.

her.

At the same time,Anika's voice was fading, making it almost impossible for Joshua to hear

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"Anika!Where are you?"

He didn't hear her answer. He only heard her last words.

"In fact...I've always wanted you to be happy.

Then, he heard a thud.

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Anika's phone fell from her hand.

The rain wet her phone. Gradually, its screen went dark.

Leaning against her father's gravestone, she clasped the puppet in her arms. Facing the cold rain, she seemed to see her father coming toward her with a kind face.

Affectionate people were idealists, and those unaffectionate were realists. Yet all people would have regrets in the end.

Joshua was at Rafter Villa.

Anika hung up on him. Looking at his phone, he panicked.

He called back, only to hear a cold electronic reply from his phone, saying, "Sorry, the number

you dialed is disconnected at the moment, please dial later."

Joshua got up, took his coat, put it on, and was about to go out.

He paused when he reached the door.

He thought, "I'm sure Anika is playing hard-to-get!

"We are about to divorce. What do I care what she does?"

When he returned to his bedroom, for some reason, he could not sleep.

The words Anika said echoed in his mind.

She said, "If I had known...what my mother and brother did, I would never...never have chosen to marry you..."

"If I had known...that you've always loved Violet...I would never have married you either..."

"If I had known my dad would be in a car accident on my wedding day...I would never have married you."

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Joshua got up and came to Anika's door unconsciously.

More than a month had passed since Anika left.

He opened the door and entered. The room was dark and depressing

He turned on the light. Her room was utterly empty, and she left nothing personal behind.

Then he sat down and opened the bedside table. There was a notebook inside. There was only one sentence in the notebook.

"I think the person who chooses to leave is the one who suffers the most because she has already gone through countless struggles deep down before finally making up her mind.

He looked at her delicate handwriting and sneered, "Suffer?"

"Have I not suffered all these years with you?"

He threw the notebook into the trash

Before he left the room, he put the notebook right back on the bedside table.

After he left her room, he never slept that night.

Trent didn't sleep well either.

He felt that something was wrong with Anika these days, but he didn't know what it was about.

At around four o'clock in the morning, he received Clare's call.

"Trent, can you go see Anika for me? I had a strange dream."

Trent sat up. "What was it?"

"I dreamed that something happened to Anika. She came to me covered in rain and asked

me not to forget to pick her up home."

As Clare said this, her tears rolled down involuntarily. "I'm afraid something has happened

to her. I called her, but no one answered.

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"A few days ago, she told me to pick her up on the 15th.

"Something isn't right..."

Hearing Clare's words, Trent thought of Anika's behavior these days, and he hurriedly put on

his clothes.

"Don't worry. I'll go to her now."

His place was not far away from Anika's.

Ten minutes later, Trent arrived at Anika's place. He pushed the door open, and it was utterly

quiet inside.

Anika's bedroom door was open. The room was empty.

She wasn't inside.

Where could she go at this time?

There were two envelopes beside the pillow. Trent picked them up and opened them, and

then he realized that they were two wills.

One of them was for him.

"Trent, I've already transferred the rent to your card.

Thank you for taking care of me these days.

"You know, I haven't had any friends since I came to Oasisville. I always thought that it was

because of me that I didn't have any friends. And then I met you again.

"I'm so glad that I met you again. You showed me that I wasn't so bad after all. I'm so

grateful to you... Please don't be sad. I just went to see my dad. He'll take care of me."

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The other will was for Clare.

After Trent opened the envelope, he found the address on the last line, which was left by

Anika for Clare.

Trent sprinted out.

It wasn't far from here to the western suburbs, only a 20-minute drive.

Yet Trent felt that the western suburbs were so far away.

He didn't get it. How could Anika, the woman who had been so extraordinary in his eyes choose to take this path?

Meanwhile, Mireya was also on her way to the western suburbs

It was just that the only reason she went there was to pick up Anika to get married in exchange for the 50million dollars...

Anika was in the West Suburban Cemetery.

The rain was torrential.

Anika fell in front of the gravestone, and the rain washed mercilessly over her body. The

long dress on her body had been soaked, and she was on the verge of collapse like a wisp of

smoke and would vanish in the world in an instant.

In the rain, Trent ran fast toward Anika.

"Anika!"

There was only wind and rain in the air, and he got no response. When he went to pick Anika up, he found the empty pill bottle beside her.

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Trent trembled and picked her up in his arms.

He thought, "How come her body is so light?"

We've arrived Ma'am the diver said

Mireya looked out of the window and saw

strange man holding Anika in his arms

"Good for you, Antkal

She furrowed her brows and got out of the car carrying an umbrella

eva was wearing a red festive dress. The rain soaked the hemline

With an impatient face Mireya rushed up to question Anika.

When she was about to have a flare up she saw Anika leaning against Trent's arms

weakly Anika's face was pale and her eyes were closed tightly...

wind.

Mireya froze in situ.

"Anika..."

Mireya was about to ask what had happened when she saw the pill bottle blown by the wind. She quickly stepped forward and picked up the bottle only to see the big words 'sleeping pills' on the bottle.

Then Mireya recalled what Anika said a few days ago.

"If I give you back my life will you no longer be my mother, and I will not owe you for giving birth to me?"

Mireya's umbrella fell to the ground from her hand.

She clutched the pill bottle in her hand and stared at Anika in disbelief her eyes wet
Maybe

it was because of the rain or maybe it was because of her tears.

"You damn girl! How dare you!"

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"I gave you your life!"

Her red lips were trembling.

Eli was sitting in the car. Seeing Mireya standing in the rain at the cemetery, he had no
idea

what had happened.

After rushing here, he was also shocked by what he saw.

He was surprised that Anika would really...

When he recovered, he panicked. He said, "Mom, what should I do? I've already put all
of

Mr. Morrison's money into starting the new company."

Upon hearing his words, Trent finally realized the reason why the originally outgoing
and tough Anika became like this.

Mireya pinched her palms, and her eyes became fierce.

She glared at Anika.

"I said so long ago. I shouldn't have given birth to you. I shouldn't have! I blame your
father!"

He insisted on having you!

"And what happens now? You'd rather die than let us have a good life!"

She roared, "Why don't you die after marrying him? Why?"

Trent couldn't stand hearing them anymore. He looked at Mireya and Eli with red eyes.

"Piss off!"

'Don't make me say it again!'

Only then did Mireya and Eli notice the man with the same temperament as Joshua in front of them.

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"Who are you?"Eli stepped forward. "She is my sister.

Who are you to ask us to leave?

Then he said to Mireya, "Mom, Mr. Morrison has already sent someone to urge us. We'll be

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Hearing this, Mireya slowly calmed down and cruelly said.

"Take her onto the car. Even if she dies,she has to go through the wedding before that!"

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I walked towards Trent trying to get Anika Back

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Yet the second he reached out a massive blast came at him, and he was kicked to the

cred by Theat

With a huge sound Eli fell about three meters away, clutching his chest in pain and unable Seeing that Mireya hurriedly went to help Ell and glared at Trent viciously. "How dare you Trent picked Anika up his charming eyes cold.

The rain dripped down the ends of his hair.

He came to Eli and Mireya,and right now, he was like an entirely different person. Like a devilhe said word by word.

"You want to die?*

Both Eli and Mireya were frightened by the man in front of them, and for a moment, they did not dare to say anything.

Trent reminded Mireya while leaving with Anika in his arms.

"In Anika's will, she said that she left a recording. You promised her on the tape that you'd have nothing to do with her from now on. You haven't forgotten, have you?"

Anika would rather die than be Mireya's daughter anymore.

Anika knew that recordings had no legal effect and would not determine whether their relationship as mother and daughter would continue.

Yet she knew better who Mireya was.

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Mireya valued nothing more than her reputation

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If this recording was released, then Mireya would forever be blamed for Anika, her daughter's death,

Being threatened by Trent, Mireya left together with the wounded Eli in a sorry state.

Sitting in the car, looking through the rearview mirror at Anika, who was in Trent's arms and

seemed to have stopped breathing, Mireya pinched her palms that she placed on both sides of

her body so hard that her fingertips were deep into her palms.

"Don't blame me for being cruel. Blame yourself for being useless and unable to grasp Joshua's heart.

"You did this to yourself."

For a second, Mireya felt her heart ache, yet soon, she became indifferent again.

For her, it was more important to give Duncan an explanation than to lose Anika, her daughter.

Trent rushed to a nearby hospital with Anika in his arms.

He saw Anika being pushed into the operating room.

The words "in surgery" made him tense. He dared not relax for a moment.

When the operation lasted for an hour, the doctor tried to contact her family urgently, saying, "The patient isn't doing great. Where is her family?"

Trent's heart skipped a beat.

"What...is going on with her?"

"Are you a family member of the patient? Please sign the critically ill notice. We may not be able to save the patient..." the doctor said.

Trent felt that he couldn't breathe, losing all his original gentleness. He snatched up the doctor's collar.

"There's no such thing as critically ill in my eyes! If you can't save her, everyone in your hospital will die with her!"

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Before the doctor could react, a group of well known Oasisville medical experts in white coats rushed in.

They all bowed when they saw Trent. "Mr. Hume."

Trent said, "Save her."

"Yes."

Only then did the doctor who had been thrown aside know that a bigshot had come to the hospital.

Meanwhile, Joshua was in the Conan Group.

He was working absentmindedly.

Valentin remembered what day today was and couldn't help but be curious. "Didn't you say

you were going to finalize the divorce today?"

Joshua was going through the papers. His hands paused, and he frowned.

"I'm not going."

"Why not?"

Valentin was determined to get an answer.

Joshua was a bit upset, yet he pretended to be calm.

"Anika regretted it. She told me in the wee hours that she wasn't going."

Valentin sat down on the sofa beside Joshua, spread his hands, and sneered.

"I knew the deaf wouldn't be easy to deal with. She has been playing hard-to-get these days. Really, I think you should sue her to divorce her..."

He always addressed Anika as the deaf".

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Joshua listened silently. His eyes darkened and yet he didn't refute Valentin.

Because of his indulgence, everyone, including Valentin, his friend, Rachel Edward, his mother, Payton, his assistant, and even the servants from the old mansion, didn't treat Anika

properly.

Valentin received a call and left hurriedly.

After he left, Joshua subconsciously picked up his phone.

Anika didn't call him.

He called her, and again, he heard the cold, robotic female voice.

"Sorry,the number you dialed cannot be reached at the moment, please dial later..."

He threw his phone away in frustration.

Then he got up, went to the French windows, and lit a cigarette.

Anika's words from early morning still haunted him. She said she regretted it.

He felt a strange bitterness in his throat. He coughed heavily a few times and suddenly heard a woman's voice behind him.

"Joshua,smoke less. Smoking is bad for you.'

Joshua's heart skipped a beat. Subconsciously, he thought it was Anika who was back. Yet when he turned around, he saw Violet who dressed as if she were a dutiful wife and mother.

Light crept through his deep eyes. He asked indifferently, "Why are you here?"

Violet looked at him extremely gently.

"Your mom sent me here. She knows that Anika has already found another man. She hopes you won't think too much about it.

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Joshua's mom was Rachel.

Everything happened four years ago.

Back then, Rachel and Valentin were in a car together, and they were victimized by a hostile

company.

Rachel lost a lot of blood, and the hospital was low on O-type blood. Fortunately, Anika was with type O blood.

After Anika got Valentin settled, she got a transfusion.

She fainted after the blood transfusion as she lost her strength.

At that time, because the Carey family was Violet's sponsor, she buttered Anika up as much

as she could.

When Violet learned that Anika was in the hospital, Violet went to the hospital at once to take care of Anika, which was why Violet knew about Anika saving Rachel.

Yet no one knew that Violet took Anika's place 'accidentally' when Anika was hospitalized

At first, Violet thought that Joshua would definitely marry her for being Rachel's savior.

To her surprise, for Joshua's career and power, Rachel initially offered to be relatives with

the Carey family, even though Anika had hearing problems.

And now, Joshua refused to have sex with Anika. Though they were married for three years, they didn't even have a child.

Rachel started to loosen her restriction. She supported Violet and Joshua together and stated that with a child, Violet would be allowed to marry into the Conan family.

"Who is her new husband?"

Joshua looked at Violet and asked.

On the phone, Anika said to him that she wouldn't marry someone else because of 50 million dollars.

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And Joshua could not believe that Anika's feelings for him for so many years had been
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Violet hesitated.

"I don't know."

She thought, "If I tell Joshua that Anika is being forced to marry an old man, he'll soften."

"Then don't bring it up ever again."

Violet was stunned and nodded.

That entire day, Joshua had been absent-minded.

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Anika was at Oasisville Hospital.

She was in the ICU late at night.

Meanwhile, she was on a ventilator, breathing hard.

She didn't die. After being taken to the hospital by Trent, she was saved by the doctors.

Looking at Clare in tears, Anika held up her strength to comfort Clare.

"I'm not ..in pain. Don't cry..."

Anika figured that she was a cowardly person who chose to take sleeping pills to end her

Anika looked at Clare, whose hair grew grey overnight and looked even older now, feeling sadder. She felt embarrassed to face Clare. Clare choked and squeezed Anika's hand. She said, "Anika, listen to me. Get better soon and live your life properly from now on. OK?" Anika couldn't promise her anything.

The doctor was in the hallway of the hospital with a man.

"Sir, after the operation, we gave her a checkup and found that she has been half a month pregnant."

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A strong wind was blowing outside the window. Anika placed her pale, slender hands on her lower abdomen, her eyes dull.

Trent told her that the doctor found out that she was pregnant!

The baby came at the wrong time.

Looking at Anika, who was with dull eyes and no will to survive, Clare forced herself to be

resolute.

"Anika."

It was a long time before Anika recovered and turned her head to look at

"Clare."

Clare's eyes were red, and she used one of her old hands to gently brush the broken hair on Anika's sideburns. "I have no kids, and I have always regarded you as my daughter. I do not wish you to be rich. I just want you to live healthily.

"How can a mother survive if her only daughter is going to die?"

Anika's heart skipped a beat, and she saw Clare grabbing a fruit knife.

"I brought you to the age of ten. I haven't been around since then. This is all my fault. I might as well apologize to your father now..."

Clare said and took the knife to cut her wrist!

Anika was startled. She wanted to stop Clare with all her might, but now she was too weak

to even get up. Her voice cracked. "Clare...No..."

Clare didn't stop.

Looking at the scarlet blood on Clare's wrist Anika cried hard and said. "I won't do anything stupid anymore...I promise..Clare, please don't... Hearing Anika's promise Clare stopped.

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Her eyes were bloodshot.

"You have paid your debt of being brought to this world, Anika.

"We don't owe your mother now, nor do we owe Joshua!

"From now on, you must live well for those who love you, for me, for the baby inside you!"

Anika finally decided to listen to Clare and live well for the sake of Clare and her baby.

Anika thought, "From now on, Mireya is no longer my mother, and I have no brother.

Clare and my baby will be my only relatives."

Actually, Clare didn't want to force Anika to make a decision in this way.

But she wanted to see Anika alive.

She thought, "Anika didn't get to decide whether she was being born, yet she has to bear the -called debt of being brought to this world.

What kind of mother would let her daughter die so as to repay her kindness?"

Anika was hospitalized.

During those days, Trent told her that Mireya had fled abroad

Anika didn't feel sorry.

The same as treating Joshua, Anika had long wanted to repay Mireya. From now on, she would have nothing to do with Mireya anymore.

As for the baby, she didn't want to tell Joshua

After all, the baby wasn't planned.

She knew how much Joshua disliked her.

If Joshua knew, he would definitely tell her to get rid of the baby.

She was in the hospital for three days.

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Then she checked herself out.

She asked Clare to go back, and she would join Clare to live in the countryside as soon as

she dealt with Joshua.

She was leaving the hospital..

On the same day, Valentin happened to be dragged down here by Howard Arellano, his andpa, to know more about how the hospital worked. To his surprise, he saw

Anika and Trent.

"Anika!

"Isn't she missing?"

Three days earlier, on the 15th, was supposed to be the day Anika and Joshua filed for divorce.

But after the 15th, Anika was nowhere to be seen, not showing up for three days. "Why is she here, in the hospital?"

Rarely was Valentin not bored. The dean immediately sent someone to look into it. Half an hour passed.

Valentin got all of Anika's hospital records, and he was stunned.

He thought, "She took sleeping pills..and committed suicide?"

Anika is pregnant?

Aren't she and Joshua getting divorced these days?

How come she is pregnant?"

"Are you sure this is Anika's report?" Valentin asked.

The staff who sent the file nodded affirmatively.

Valentin thought of the strange man who had been with Anika when she left the

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hospital, and he was even more stunned.

He thought, "Indeed, I didn't give the deaf enough credit."

He wasn't sure whose baby it was, so he hesitated to tell Joshua.

Eventually, he called Violet and told her about it.

He owed Violet. Now she was suffering alone, and he was the only one who could help her.

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In the south, there was often heavy rain in summer.

In the days since Anika left the hospital, Trent would often take time to be with her.

Because of the after-effects of the medicine she had taken before, she was doing worse these days.

Yet she was in much better spirits. Even though she had no appetite at all, she would force

herself to eat as much as she could.

While with Trent, she never mentioned Joshua.

Being treasured and stored in one's memory for a long time, some people would become one's sore spot when being brought up.

Or maybe she didn't want her friend to absorb too much negative energy with her.

When she was alone, she would look at Joshua's Line profile in a daze.

She didn't know how to bring up the divorce with him again.

One day, Anika bought some groceries.

She was about to go back.

Just then, someone blocked her way.

Violet wore sunglasses and a mask. Her long hair was scattered on her shoulders, and she

was wearing a beautiful long dress and a pair of high heels, looking imposing.

"Anika, does Mireya know that you aren't dead?" Violet smiled.

Anika didn't expect to see Violet here.

They found a quiet cafe and sat down by the window.

Big drops of rain were beating against the window.

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Violet took off her mask and revealed her delicate face.

"Don't worry Valentin told me that Eli had taken Mr.

Morrison's money and had run away with Mireya. They won't bother you anymore."

Anika had already heard the same thing from Trent.

Because Anika did not marry into the Morrison family as agreed, Mireya and Eli were afraid

of retaliation and fled overseas on the same day.

Who would have thought that the Carey family, which was utterly rich at once, would fall apart because of 50 million dollars?

Anika listened silently without any emotional fluctuations.

"What's your point?"

Violet imperceptibly looked at Anika's lower abdomen.

Anika wasn't showing yet.

Violet pinched her palms, and instead of telling Anika that she had already known, she said,

"Tell me. What will it take for you to leave Joshua?"

"Give me a number, and I'll give you what you want."

Anika thought, "How arrogant."

She smiled.

She looked at Violet calmly." Joshua and I have been married for three years.Our community assets are at least a billion dollars. Do you have that kind of money?" Even the most famous actress might not be able to have that kind of money.

Let alone Violet, who only had the name of going abroad and was nothing but a piece of trash essentially.

Violet gritted her teeth at the scornful look in Anika's eyes.

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Violet thought, "That makes sense.After all, the woman in front of my eyes used to be the most favored daughter of the Carey family. Money used to be just a number to her. "Anika's grandpa used to be the richest man in Oasisville.

'But right now,she is just an abandoned woman who no one wants.

Thinking, Violet felt better. She smiled.

"You don't know who sent me to you, do you?

*Joshua's mother specifically asked me to tell you that as long as you are willing to divorce him, you can have as much money as you want.

"You are no different from a beggar to us."

A beggar...

Anika thought of those fawning words Rachel had said to her when Rachel had asked her

to marry Joshua.

Back then,Rachel said that only the Carey family's daughter was worthy of becoming Joshua's wife. She also said that she would regard Anika as her own daughter. Anika suddenly did not want to be aggrieved anymore.

She stood up and said, Then bring the money, and then we'll talk!

She knew at once that Rachel wouldn't give her the money. She turned to leave.

Violet's warning came from behind her. Violet said, "You will regret it."

Anika got home. At night, she was awakened by the sound of the phone.

She picked up the phone and heard Joshua's deep,cold voice.

"I indeed think too highly of you. How much do you want?"

"You've gone missing for days. And this is what you've come up with?"

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