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The Lantern Festival had yet to arrive, but the temperature was as low as ever. Sophia would often feel sluggish and unwilling to leave the house. However, every afternoon, when the temperature slightly rose, Judge would scratch the door, bugging her so that she would take him out for a walk.

Though the sun was bright today, the weather was cold as usual. Since Sophia was more sensitive to cold, her limbs would often feel chilly. Despite wearing thick, warm clothes, her body temperature still dropped, and she still felt cold when she was outside.

With their hands held together, the two of them took a stroll at the nearby snowfield. The snow, which had yet to melt, was fluffy, and their footprints appeared on the snow as they walked.

The two of them sauntered in the snow. It had been a long time since they had taken such a leisure stroll.

However, the dog was running around happily, which made the atmosphere suddenly become a little silly.

Michael only wished to enjoy every minute and second he had with her.

As they were walking, they talked about their past.

They talked about every little moment they had had together—the first time they fell for each other, the first time they made love to each other, their past relationships. They practically talked about everything.

“Why did you pick me back then?” Sophia curiously asked.

Her question made him recall the past when he first saw her photo. He himself did not know why she was the only person he had selected out of the pile of photos of beautiful girls.

At that time, her looks were not outstanding at all, but both he and Nathan selected her at first look.

I don't know as well... perhaps it was fate.

He held her hands to keep them warm as he answered, "I don't know the reason as well. Anyway, I just want you."

She shyly smiled.

The two of them walked further and further into the snowfield. Gloomy clouds hung in the sky again later in the afternoon, and after a while, it started snowing. As they were not aware of the sudden change in weather, snow landed on them and dyed their hair white.

The two of them spent their days with only each other's company in this desolate suburb. A husband and a wife, together with a dog. They cooked, walked the dog, and had walks together, living the best of their lives.

Meanwhile, in Bayside City, everyone was working tirelessly. Linus was trying to figure out a way to deactivate the bomb in his laboratory, while Cooper was trying his best to deal with Jordan.

It would be quite impossible for Jordan to ignite the bomb in Bayside City since he had to consider the consequences.

Now, Jordan had merely lost his control over the Yard Family and had yet to be driven to a corner, so he probably would not set off the bomb yet. Nevertheless, Cooper had to keep him under control.

After Tiffany died, the security at Bailey's side had loosened a little. Quinton, who would help out with Cooper whenever he was free, suddenly thought of something and suggested to Cooper, "Maybe we can use Jordan and Tiffany's son to negotiate with Jordan."

Cooper looked at the child, who was being fed with milk while being held in Celine's arms. The young boy was preoccupied with drinking milk, totally ignorant about his parents' existences and identities.

Although Celine was mentally retarded, her natural motherly instinct had led her to carry the child in her arms as if he was her real child. Meanwhile, the child, who had a strong survival instinct, was gulping milk.

Upon noticing their glances at the child in her arms, Celine took the milk bottle and left with the baby in her arms.

Cooper resignedly shook his head. "It won't work."

On one hand, he refused to use a child to achieve his objective.

On the other hand, since Jordan had given his sperms to Tiffany so easily, it would only be natural that he would not mind the child's well-being.

Therefore, it would not work to use the child against him.

It would be impossible to get the remote control from Jordan as well. Hence, the safest way would be to have Sophia hide away somewhere while waiting for Linus to come up with a solution.

Although Michael and Sophia had left the house, Cooper would check up on them every day via the security cameras there. The two of them seemed to be living happily, and Michael would cook for her every day.

They were living a simple life, just like a pair of ordinary husband and wife.

They would finish all the food they made every day, which suggested that it would not be a problem for them to gain eight or ten pounds if they continued with this diet.

One thing to point out was that the way she dressed was a little improper. He had told her that he would check them out via the security cameras installed there, but she kept walking around the house wearing sexy sleepwear. She was not shy at all!

They would make video calls to talk to Carmen every day at the same time. Carmen thought that her parents had gone abroad for business, but she was quite busy herself; she not only had to prepare for the new-semester examination in primary school, but also for the new product, which would be launched in the online stall soon. Besides, she had been busy grooming the cats and dogs at home since it was the time for them to shed their fur.

Theo and Quinton would take turns to pick Carmen up from school.

Today, Theo was waiting at the school entrance to pick her up.

As usual, he was eye-catching when he stood among a bunch of middle-aged men and women, who were also waiting for their kids, looking outstanding as ever.

The school ended at 5.00PM, but most parents got out of work at 6.00PM, so those who came to pick up the children were mostly nannies, drivers, or their grandparents. Therefore, Theo would always be the most eye-catching individual among this bunch of adults who were waiting for their children.

Picking up a child from school was a ceremony, so it should be conducted ceremoniously—other people wore sandals and pajamas to pick up their children, but Theo insisted on wearing a tuxedo to look handsome and stunning.

Just like any other day, a person approached him and asked, “Young man, are you here to pick up your child? How old is your child? Which grade is your child studying?”

Theo stuck his chest out and proudly replied, “I’m here to pick up my granddaughter!”

The person opposite him cast him a look of disbelief—as usual—and appraised him from top to bottom, as if he were an idiot. He probably thought that Theo had something wrong with his head.

Soon, schooltime ended for Carmen’s class—Third Grade Alpha Class.

Alpha class was a class for elite students with the best academic results. When Carmen was admitted into the school, she managed to join the class by getting a high rank for her interview and written test results.

Carmen was still a first-grade student last semester, but she was transferred to the third grade this semester. As a matter of fact, she was able to join the sixth-grade class based on her results, but Michael thought that she should enjoy her years in primary school and experience interacting with her peers of similar ages, so he thought that she should join the third grade at most—although she was already able to solve linear equation with two variables.

After school had ended, Theo looked around for his granddaughter. Since everyone in the class wore the same outfit, he looked for the shortest one.

Carmen was in high spirits after attending class for the first day as a third-grade student. Along the way, she chattered like a little sparrow about what happened in the school today.

"In this year's new semester trial examination, my English result was not as good as everyone else's, but my Mathematics and Spanish results were better than everyone else's. Everyone in the class is so amazing, so I need to work harder! Hey, grandpa, I even received a red flower from the student who sat next to me."

When they arrived at the entrance, Theo held Carmen's hand on their way to the car before she entered the car. At the same time, a vehicle of Adams Group happened to pass by them. As it was currently a peak time to pick children up from school, there was high traffic at the nearby roads, and the cars had to travel at a much slower speed.

Coincidentally, the person who was driving the car was Quinton. He drove over to them and parked the car by the road before rolling down the car window and greeted Carmen.  
"Carmen!"

Carmen, who was delighted to see Quinton, skipped over to him and shouted, "Uncle Quinton!"

Bailey happened to be sitting in the car as well.

Upon hearing her crisp voice, Bailey, who was resting his eyes, opened his eyes before a shred of sorrow flashed across his green orbs.

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Although Bailey was just an outsider, he had been paying close attention to the bomb inside Sophia.

As he lowered the car window, he could see Carmen standing outside.

She called him happily. "Mr. Bailey!"

She really does look like a cheerful lark, but at the moment, her parents are on the brink of danger, and she may become an orphan soon.

Upon seeing her, he felt as though he was looking straight at his past.

I was once also a carefree and happy prince, but ever since the tragic turn that day, I'd lost everything, and I had fallen from a little prince to an abandoned child.

His heart was suddenly in pain.

I wonder if this lively little lark will be able to survive the harsh reality.

Bailey nodded his head, replying to Carmen's greet.

As he stared at her, the boy of few words suddenly uttered, "You must be strong."

This is a wish from me as someone who has experienced all of this before.

Carmen nodded and replied, "I will. I'm now a third grader in elementary school!"

In the new year, she would be six years old, so she was working hard to be a strong six-year-old girl!

At the same time, Bailey's 16th birthday was also coming soon.

Time flies really fast. But other than her parents, she still has her grandparents and uncles to love her. With her around, this family will never be separated, and she won't be forced to become an adult at a young age like I was.

After their short conversation, the car drove away. In the car, Bailey kept his eyes closed as he rested his mind. In the meantime, Quinton remained silent while he focused on driving the car, but actually, he kept on glancing at Bailey in the back seat from time to time.

From his eyes just now, Quinton could see the pity and sympathy he had for Carmen.

He is probably thinking about his past. Everyone has their own stories... Everyone is in pain, and every pain is tailored for a specific person, which makes them the only one that understands it. Just as Cooper is trying all he can to find a way, Bailey would also actively ask him about the situation from time to time. Maybe he is trying to help, even though I don't know the reason. I think that he probably doesn't want the lively and adorable lark to end its chirp just yet. Or maybe, he doesn't want Carmen to go down the path he did.

Just as everyone was at loss, Justin suddenly came back from a meeting abroad and gathered everybody. "I may have a plan that we can try." His security company was on the

rise recently as he had been developing his career abroad. Only then did he return to inform Cooper and Linus. "When I first found out the bomb inside Phantom Wolf's body back then, I kept on studying it."

Previously, when Quinton tried to capture Sophia and was shot in the crotch by Stanley, he exposed the existence of the bomb, and Justin was fearful of him ever since, so he started researching the matter.

Back then, Justin was a soldier, but in order to avenge his beloved wife, he began learning how to defuse bombs himself, turning him into a bomb disposal technician. "I have previously worked out a way to damage the insides of a bomb temporarily by using the interference of electromagnetic waves so that we can use the opportunity to defuse it. In theory, it may work."

However, it might not work in reality.

Justin explained, "Afterward, the bomb was shut down by Linus, so I wasn't able to do my research on it. If you can make a fourth bomb, we can try."

For a moment, Linus seemed to have had a realization.

It's true when they say that it's harder to clear our minds when we are nervous. I was the one who invented the bomb, and my initial intention of inventing such a bomb was to make it undefusable other than using the detonator, so all principles of bomb disposal were pushed aside by my assumptions.

That was why when studying how to defuse the bomb, he immediately denied all possibilities.

However, Justin's idea gave him a new perspective.

Therefore, the two of them entered a workshop and began to study the idea nonstop everyday. After days of continuous hard work, they finally came out with a plan that was feasible in theory.

Nevertheless, the plan was only theoretically feasible. When dismantling the bomb in real life, there might be various unforeseen factors, and if they weren't careful... the consequences would be devastating.

Hence, it was a dangerous risk to take!

At the moment, there were three paths for Sophia to choose from.

Option one, she could risk it all and give their idea a try.

Option two, she could hide away for the rest of her life from Jordan so that she would forever be at least 10 kilometers away from the detonator without ever removing the bomb from her body.

The third choice was to ask Cooper to kneel down and kowtow to Jordan, begging him to give her a chance to live.

These were the three choices presented for both Sophia and Cooper.

However, would a person like Cooper be willing to give up his dignity for her daughter?

If it were another person, he definitely wouldn't be willing to do so, but for his daughter, he would be willing to give up his own life. Even so, he knew that if he surrendered, Jordan would use this to threaten him for the rest of his life. In the end, he might not even get to save his own daughter.

Therefore, would Sophia choose to hide away forever?

No!

The bomb was powered using the kinetic energy of the human body, so it could last a lifetime without any power failure.

Also, she definitely would not be willing to hide away forever because her personality would not allow her to do so. She did nothing wrong, so there was no reason for her to avoid everyone for the rest of her life.

Or maybe, they could use the power of the Fletcher and Mitchell Families by asking the government to intervene, but it was too big of a risk because they couldn't trust them.

Therefore, it was extremely difficult for Cooper to choose because in every choice, he had to gamble his own daughter's life.

How can I bring myself to choose?

In the end, the decision was in Sophia's hands because Cooper just couldn't make the choice for her.

If she chose to gamble, they would gamble.

If she chose to hide, they would let her hide.

If she wanted Cooper to surrender to Jordan for her sake, he would be willing to do so.

The choices were placed in front of her, and it was up to her to pick a path for herself.

Sophia also knew the consequences to her choices.

I may be blown to pieces, hide away forever, or let Cooper surrender to Jordan to fulfill his perverted needs. I need to make a choice between my freedom and life, Cooper, or the dignity of the Mitchell and Michel Families.

On the other hand, Michael chose not to intervene with her choice. For him, as long as she made the choice herself, it would be the most correct and appropriate one.

Only she can make the choice herself. No one else can make it for her.

After a short period of consideration, Sophia gave her answer.

"I want to try Justin's idea..."

For her, a life without freedom would be an incomplete life.

Michael will definitely choose to be by my side, so if I lose my freedom, so will he.

She could have asked Cooper to sacrifice his dignity in exchange for her life, but it was obviously not what she wanted.

It's better to give it a go!

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Everyone respected Sophia's choice because it was currently the best one they had.

Justin and Linus had already tested their idea of defusing the bomb, but there was still one uncertainty left, which was that the bomb was deeply planted inside Sophia's body, so they needed to remove the bomb first through surgical operation before damaging its internal structure. That way, the bomb wouldn't be activated, and they would be able to dismantle it. However, this was an extremely dangerous surgery that required a surgeon with high levels of technical skill.

If anything went wrong... the consequence would be devastating.

In the end, Sophia still chose this path because she didn't want to be used by Jordan to threaten Cooper, and she also refused to hide away forever.

It really feels uncomfortable to have a bomb in my body, as if I'm going to explode in any second. I don't even dare to flip my body when I sleep or breathe too hard. We must carry out this surgery as fast as possible.

Soon after, Justin and Linus prepared everything needed for the surgery, and the operation site was set in the cottage that they were living in. They also set a parameter with a radius of 10 kilometers around the house to ensure no one was near because they were afraid Jordan's men might infiltrate the house during the operation.

Not only that, they didn't want to involve innocent civilians if any accidents occurred.

The operation required at least two people, with one in charge of defusing the bomb while the other carried out the surgery.

Not only that, both of them must be highly specialized in their skills; otherwise, it might cause an infection or a hemorrhage. In that case, even if the bomb did not kill Sophia, she might die later on due to the failure of the surgery. Therefore, the person dismantling the bomb must have a detailed understanding of the bomb, while the person performing the operation must be proficient in surgery.

Also, this was a risky procedure.

If something went wrong, and the bomb was detonated, not only would Sophia die—the people performing the operation and dismantling the bomb would die along with her.

Hence, only two people were allowed in the house to minimize the risk. Other than that, they were given the assistance of the two robots, Nicholas and Shae.

Justin volunteered himself to perform the dangerous task. “Let me do it. Not only am I proficient in surgery and bomb disposal, I’ve also studied this bomb for a long time, so I’m most certain that I can handle this task. Along with the assistance of the robots, I can finish this operation alone.”

The moment he volunteered himself, he had already considered all outcomes.

I have already lived a fulfilling life—my son is all grown up, and Celine is now healthy, while my daughter has people who love her. Even if I’m gone, the Mitchell and Fletcher Family will treat the three of them well. There will be no regrets if I die now.

At the moment, Michael, who was standing aside, had no right to intervene. He wasn’t proficient in either bomb disposal or surgical operation, so even if he was determined to do it himself, he would only cause more harm to her.

Upon seeing Justin volunteering himself, Linus couldn’t stand aside and watch. “Let me dismantle the bomb. I invented it, so I’m most familiar with it. It’ll be much easier for us to succeed if I’m the one who diffuses it.”

After that, he looked toward Cooper, as if he was seeking his approval.

Naturally, Cooper knew the consequences of sending in Linus.

I may lose both my son and daughter within a day.

However, he saw the determination in Linus’ eyes.

He must go because he is the most suitable person to do it. If he doesn’t, he will live the rest of his life in guilt. Once again, he almost killed his own sister. This dark past of his shall follow him forever, taking away all his happiness.

Cooper’s eyes flickered with light as he finally agreed in the end.

Suddenly, the always silent Quinton spoke out. "Let me perform the operation."

The moment he came out, he was immediately refuted by Justin, who never liked him. "I don't trust you, so I won't hand Sophia's life over to you."

Quinton snorted, as if he was underestimating him. "I have a doctoral degree in surgical operation. What do you have?"

"You..."

Justin was exposed by him for not having any academic qualifications, but he could only glare at him viciously without having anything to back him up.

Quinton took out the equipment that he had already prepared and put on a white coat. As he put on his gloves and mask, he refused to look at Justin again.

At the moment, Justin was staring at him while gritting his teeth, but internally, his emotions were extremely complicated.

Everyone knew that this might lead to their death.

Finally, Justin tacitly agreed for Quinton to take his place as surgeon because he once had the same bomb in his body before, so he was more experienced and more specialized than the self-taught Justin.

Not only that, this matter should indeed be left to him.

He and Linus must be the ones to do it.

It was them who had indirectly placed the bomb inside Sophia, so they should be the one to take it out.

As for Quinton, his life had already come to an end, and every extra day he got to live was already a gift. He had killed too many people before, so he deserved to die due to his bloody past.

On the other hand, Justin had a better life waiting for him. Not only did Celine need him, he also had two other children, who couldn't live without their father.

That was why it must be Quinton to execute it.

I feel that this is a chance given by God to redeem myself. I won't let Sophia die!

Everyone gathered at the small wooden house where Sophia had been living in for a month. In the farmland outside, the snow had already melted completely, and the lush greens were starting to grow. Once more, the land was covered by vegetation as the whole world seemed to be alive again.

While Linus and Quinton went through the main points of the operation later on, Cooper could not help but give his daughter a hug.

This hug could be our farewell.

That year, he hugged her the same way as now, and during that time, she was as light as a weightless kitten who might die at any second.

Now, she was like that kitten who might still die at any time.

"Darling... my darling. You'll be fine. It'll all be okay," Cooper murmured as he had lost control of his tears.

She is like a gift given to me by heaven, and I've always taken care of this precious little gift, but there's always someone coming to snatch her away from me.

He held her tightly in his arms, as if this was the only way he could keep her by his side forever.

"Dad, I'm happy that I got to be your daughter in this lifetime." Sophia couldn't hold back her tears as they rolled down her face.

In this life, the two of them had spent a short time with each other. Ever since she was born, both of them had been separated, but 20 years later, they finally came together.

In my next life, I still want to be his daughter. Even if he'd be just a normal father and not the genius or billionaire of the Mitchell Family, I'd still feel proud to be his daughter.

The father and daughter bode each other farewell in tears as there seemed to be endless words between them.

Meanwhile, Michael watched them quietly from the side.

Outside the cottage, another car came. After the door was opened, Anna and Callum got out.

Upon seeing them, Sophia wiped her tears in shock as she walked toward them with Cooper.

On the opposite side stood Anna and her son, who was facing Sophia, Cooper, and Linus. Ever since Cade was frozen out, their family had never been this completed before.

As Sophia gazed at Anna, her emotions became very complicated while she asked strangely, "M-Mom, why are you here?"

While looking at her, Anna went over and smiled gently. "I'm your mom. Of course I should come and see you at this moment."

She stared at Sophia in front of her.

This is my daughter... my daughter who has gone through many hardships in her life.

For a moment, a surge of pain went up from her heart, causing her to burst into tears. With tears rolling down her face, she grabbed Sophia's hands and hugged her.

I might lose my only daughter soon.

As she was holding her, she felt a sense of intimacy flowing through her blood, like an electric current that suddenly charged up her brain. Instantly, the fragmented images in her mind were starting to piece together quickly, forming a complete memory...

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When Anna closed her eyes, she seemed to witness that strange scene all over again.

"Anna, you need to push harder! I can already see the head. You need to try harder for the child to come out!"

Inside the simple delivery room, Anna, who was known as Annabel, was lying on the operation table while she used all of her strength to force a mass of warm flesh out of her body.

The mass of warm flesh seemed to be tearing her body apart, causing her immense pain. As she took large gulps of air like a dying fish, she could not help but wish to die at every minute of the experience, but she had to live. My child isn't born yet. Even if I have to die, I must first deliver the child so that I can give it away to a better family.

She had already met the Moore couple who were both working in a university. The two of them loved children, so she knew that they would definitely treat her child well. If the child is given to their family, he will live a better life and be able to attend university in the future!

Anna was even willing to give them the hundreds of thousands that Woody gave her so that they would treat the child well in the future—it was the last thing she could do for the couple.

Amidst the cries, the child was born. As the nurse held the child to allow Anna to have a look, she exclaimed, "Ah... Oh my! I-It's a boy, but... his eyes are blue!"

Anna had used all her strength to glance at the child and realized that his eyes were indeed blue. However, she had no time to wonder why the child's eyes were blue. All she knew was that he was both her and Cooper's child.

After a quick glance at her son, she retracted her eyes and tried to give birth to her other child.

Ever since she felt the movement of the fetus, she came to the small clinic where she suffered for an entire day. Her family had already returned home to have a meal and rest, so she must quickly deliver her children before they sent them away. At that moment, the Moore couple were on their way and they would immigrate once they received the children.

Anna knew what would happen to her babies if they remained with their biological family.

The Johnson Family always thought that the children belonged to Joe, but that was not the case.

There was another girl who came to the Edwards Family with Anna and the former always wanted to bed him to attain a higher status. However, he only had eyes on Anna and not the girl.

Anna knew that Joe coveted her and she wanted to head home, but sadly, she could not do so. Not only would Jordan look for her if she returned home, her father and brothers would not allow her to do so because they hoped that she could make more money for them from outside.

However, Anna did not want to be defiled by a fat man, so made an agreement with the vain girl. Everytime Joe entered her room, she would switch off the lights and when he came up to her, she would hold back her disgust and pretend to obey him. Then, Anna would quietly allow the girl hiding under the bed to crawl up while she herself hid under the bed.

By doing so, the girl would succeed in bearing his child while Anna was able to preserve herself.

However, Anna could not sleep due to the fear she experienced day and night on a daily basis.

In her dreams, she would always imagine that fat man above her, but sometimes, she would see the young man who could play the piano—Cooper, who left her forever after knowing the truth. My life is full of torture and tribulations.

At one point, Anna even hallucinated and wondered if she had managed to escape to the bottom of the bed. She was even unsure whether she had been defiled by Joe because her sleepless nights and dreams left her questioning whether her life was real or fake.

In the end, she suffered from a serious mental disease, which caused her to be extremely fearful of men. For a long time, she could not even bring herself to be in contact with any man.

All she wanted was to return to that moment in the restaurant, where the two of them started a business together and it was picking up. Soon, she would be able to save enough money to even buy a house in Bayside City, which would mean that her life would be completely different than before.

However, she also understood the reason why she was at that place. Jordan had asked her to come so that she could keep a close eye on Andrea's startup business. However, she was also smart enough to know that he wanted her to seduce Andrea.

Yet, Anna found her own goal in life with the establishment of that restaurant. I was wrong. I shouldn't have listened to Jordan in the first place, but I thought that he could give me a new life if I follow him.

When Jordan took her out from Riverdale, he had promised a better life for her, so she worked hard for him, but unexpectedly... he was merely a big liar all along!

"Anna, don't worry. I've already sent the child over to them, but there's still one more. So, you quickly need to push harder," the nurse whispered to Anna's ear.

In the end, she had used all of her strength to deliver her second child, who was a girl.

After giving birth to both children, Anna's body felt empty inside, as if the delivery had drained her of her strength and life force. Then, she used her remaining strength to touch her daughter. This is my daughter. My Sophia—Sophia Edwards!

As Anna grabbed her baby's tiny hand, she felt the joy of motherhood that she never felt before. Suddenly, everything turned black and she did not know what happened afterward...

When she regained consciousness, she was at another hospital with Jordan's men guarding her. She did not know what had happened to her; all she knew was that she had lost her uterus.

However, she was still thinking about her child, so she continued to ask, but sadly, no one would answer her.

After that, Jordan took her abroad and she met a person called Leon. At the same time, she learned that she had another name—Anna Yard.

In the end, Leon promised to conduct a uterus transplant on her!

At that moment, those series of messy images were finally connected to form a complete timeline. Now, all of her past was clear to her, as if everything had happened yesterday.

As Anna hugged Sophia, she remembered that day when she strenuously stretched her hand to grab the newly born child's hand.

After that, there was a 20 year separation.

"My daughter." Tears rolled down Anna's face while she tightly held her daughter. "My daughter..."

Finally, she remembered everything, but she never expected it to happen in that scenario.

Back then, when she suffered from a sudden amniotic fluid embolism, she was quickly transferred to a hospital, but her own daughter was not successfully transferred to another family and was instead left to suffer in the Johnson Family.

"I'm sorry. I'm so sorry..." Anna repeated. "My poor daughter, it's all my fault that I couldn't protect you. It's all my fault..."

When Sophia was first born, Anna did not get a chance to see her because she passed out afterward. Upon seeing her daughter again with a tear-stained face, she felt even more resigned.

"Mom!!"

Suddenly, Sophia finally yelled the word that she had been looking forward to saying for a long time without feeling shy. When she was a kid, she always always wished that she could have a mother, and even up to that point, she still wished to have one!

As Anna hugged Sophia, she glanced at Linus. He looks exactly the same as when I first saw him as a baby. My son is an adult now. It means that my choice at that time was right. The Moore couple had successfully adopted Linus and moved abroad with him to live a happy life. However, in the end, he still met his father although he didn't know who the latter was. "Son!"

When he saw Anna, he also ran over in tears and hugged the two of them.

Their family... was almost reunited, save for Cade.

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Callum also joined their reunion; he hugged his own brother and sister.

Even though he was born afterward in a test tube, he was still part of the family!

After years of being apart, their family was finally reunited together.

As Cooper looked at his wife and children, he could not help but cry.

A few years ago, he was still an eligible bachelor who did not believe in marriage. A few years later, he already had four children. My children are the most adorable kids in the world!

After their reunion, they were forced to temporarily separate in the end as Linus stayed to perform Sophia's operation.

Cooper patted his shoulder as a form of encouragement before entering his car while Anna reluctantly bid farewell to Sophia.

Everyone entered the car, leaving only Sophia, Linus and Quinton. The three of them would only return after the operation was successful.

At the same time, Michael brought Judge into the car with him. It was something that they had previously agreed on—Michael needing to leave as well. If anything happens to Sophia, Carmen would lose her mother, so as a father, I can't endanger myself either.

Before they parted ways, Sophia stood on the steps of the cottage while he stood below, which allowed them to meet each other's gaze at eye level.

After the spring rain, the ground was now covered with mud—and together with his eyes, the air was moist.

However, she still tried her best to reveal a smile. "If we succeed this time, we'll get married. I have already discussed it with my dad. He and Linus will help me out with the Michel Family. No matter what, this wedding shall not be delayed any longer."

Michael nodded and did not say anything else. "Yes."

As the two of them smiled at each other, they turned in the opposite directions and left without speaking further.

While wearing cotton sandals and a hospital gown, she turned toward the room.

The moment Sophia did so, her eyes, which tried to dry itself, were suddenly drenched in tears again. I don't want to die. I have a mom now. I want to be a happy child with my parents. Also, I'm about to remarry Michael.

As soon as the door was closed, Michael stood outside and stared at the door panel. He refused to leave for a long time.

Once everyone was evacuated to a safer area, the operation would immediately begin.

Outside the cottage, there were a few guards on duty to prevent any accidents from happening and all of them had already signed a death certificate.

Inside the cottage, a sterile operation room had been set up with the equipment needed for the surgery.

Now that she wore the hospital gown, Sophia lay down on the operation table before she stared at the ceiling of the temporary sterile operation room. She had already been injected with anesthetic, so her body was now totally relaxed as her mind drifted away.

At that moment, Linus wore his mask to assist Quinton, who was making the final adjustment on the equipment.

Suddenly, Linus seemed to have heard Sophia speaking, "Linus, should we hold an outdoor or Church wedding..."

As he prepared the equipment with his head down, his emotions were now extremely complicated, so he suppressed the pain inside him and answered, "Both sound good to me."

Sadly, before he could even receive a response from her, she seemed to have fallen asleep when he turned to look at her. Both of her eyes were now closed peacefully, but there were two lines of tears rolling down the corners of it.

Immediately, Linus felt a pain in his heart as he burst out in tears, which then drenched his own mask.

On the other hand, Quinton was ready for the operation, so he gently unbuttoned Sophia's clothes to reveal the area where the bomb had been planted.

However, he seemed to realize something, so he instantly grabbed her hand and placed his fingers on her pulse before carefully probing .

Then, he looked toward Linus with deep, emotionless eyes, before he solemnly uttered, "She is two months pregnant."

Upon hearing that, Linus' hands seemed to tremble. A second child... My sister is going to be a mother again!

Quinton's fingers were still on Sophia's pulse as he continued, "The child is healthy. He doesn't seem to be affected by whatever the father did."

What he meant was that the child would be healthy and lively.

Linus took a deep breath while trying to focus, but his trembling voice still exposed how nervous he was. "Let's start."

Quinton nodded and took out his surgical knife.

Another spring rain came.

Michael should have left; instead, he stood under the eaves outside the door. The rain had splashed some mud on his black rain boots, but he remained motionless like a sculpture. Where can I go at this time? I'll just stay here and wait for her. Wherever she goes, I will follow her. No one but death will tear us apart.

In the rain, Judge ran over to him and shook the water on his body off. The dog then quietly lay beside him with its ears on the floor since it probably knew what was happening.

Without an umbrella, Michael stood under the eaves while lifting his eyes to gaze afar at the horizon. Countless raindrops connected the land and the sky into one while the sound of raindrops rang in his ear.

In the meantime, he was also thinking about the same question—Should we have a Church wedding or an outdoor wedding?

Two months later, Michael eventually sold Villa No. 1, but he did so reluctantly. After they settled all of the formalities, Anna moved in with her son, Callum.

As for the selling price of Villa No.1, Michael was extremely heartbroken about it. If the price is too expensive, Cooper won't be happy about it. If the price is too cheap, I won't be able to live with myself.

In the end, he sold the house for an extremely low price. Of course, when it was compared to the estimated price that he had in mind, the amount was really low.

While Cooper moved his luggage, pets and robots into Villa No.1, he furiously scolded Michael, who was full of regret and pain, "My daughter married you for nothing! I didn't even ask for any betrothal gifts, so what else do you want?"

Michael was frightened as he replied, "N-Nothing." I've finally sent my godlike father-in-law away. From now on, this place would only belong to the two of us—how wonderful.

However, he never expected that Cooper would still be the same person as before. Even though Cooper had moved out, he only used his new house as a place to sleep before he was usually at his house instead. Not only that, but there were two more people with Cooper now—Anna and Callum. Isn't this the same as before?

As for the pregnant Sophia, she was always running between the two houses. Ever since Anna and Cooper moved into Villa No.1, Sophia always showed at both places—even though the wound on her belly was almost fully healed and her three-month-old belly was much larger than usual.

The doctor explained by way of analogy that crowding and swelling were inevitable if there were two people sitting on the same car seat.

Ever since Anna moved over, her Norwegian Forest cat, General, also came with her and it would fight with Chrysanthemum from time to time. Even though General looked like a large cat, it was short-tempered because up until now, it still remembered the slap that Chrysanthemum gave all those years ago.

It also held shares in the Ronney Group, which made it rich, youthful and strong too. On the other hand, Chrysanthemum was old and poor without much confidence, so it was not a match against General's mannerism and strength. However, Chrysanthemum was a local cat, so it had the power to join hands with the local natives living in the Imperial—just like

that, a bunch of orange cats fought with a few of Anna's cats for the top position in the Imperial.

A few days ago, Chrysanthemum even went to the Imperial Palace to seek help from the cats there to have the numbers to win. Unexpectedly, just as victory was upon them, they were all ambushed and captured by Carmen, who was nearby. She then shaved their fur to make pillows.

As soon as the guards at the Imperial Palace knew about it, they immediately came over to teach Carmen a lesson. After all, those cats belonged to the Imperial Palace and the government, which meant they were all civil servants with certificates, so their fur belonged to the country's collective assets. That was the reason why she could not simply scalpe their fur.

If it had happened decades ago, Carmen's crime for 'insulting a socialist cat's fur' would be punishable by law.