Alex's expression darkened. "Soon."

"..." Garrett paused for a moment before gaping at Alex. "Master, are you going to...
" He had thought that Alex was blinded b y the humiliation and was planning to kill Jane.

Alex rolled his eyes at Garrett. "What are you thinking about??"

"Master, what do you mean to do?"

Alex did not answer his question directly, but instead said, "Go. Go back and find Lenny's number for me as soon as possible."

Not daring to ask any more questions, Garrett simply responded with, "Yes!"

He got up and followed Alex back to the car. After taking a few steps out, he turned around to gaze at the direction of Lenny's mansion. Jane and her old mother had already been taken into the mansion by Lenny.

At the time, there was only one person sitting inside the mansion, and that was

sitting inside the mansion, and that was the woman who Alex set free earlier that morning.

The young woman was one of Huron's five beautiful mistresses, and also the only woman who managed to survive.

When she saw Jane coming in, the woman immediately barked at her viciously, "
Jane Sheen, what are you doing here?"

Jane did not respond to the woman. She knew that the young lady in front of her must have held a grudge toward her. As expected, the young girl started begging Lenny sweetly, "Master Powell, why are you taking this shameless beggar in? This woman is going to repay your generosity with resentment! She is even crueler than Master Alex of Kidon City! Back when I was with Huron, I treated her so kindly and she still would not tell Master Alex the truth. Luckily, Master Alex was sensible enough to let me go. Master Powell, I am not staying here if you are going to keep her around." She then started sobbing. "If Master Powell isn't willing to take me in and keep me by your side, then I'll just go!"

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Jane stared at the young woman blankly. She had never expected for such a young woman to be so vindictive. Jane might not have begged for mercy in her place, but did Alex not let her go in the end?

Besides, Jane could not even protect herself in that scenario, so how could she have helped her?

Seeing that the young woman had begun to cry, Lenny was instantly stuck in a dilemma. "Um..." There was rarely any man that could resist the temptation of beauty. He turned to Jane awkwardly and said, "See, my little beauty doesn't want you here."

Jane bit down on her lower lip and kneeled before the young woman without hesitation. "Please have mercy on me this time. I will be your servant from now on, and you can even slap me every day if you want to so long as that can appease your anger."

Just as she finished her sentence, the young woman raised her arm and slapped Jane across the face. "This is for refusing t Jane across the face. "This is for refusing to help me!"

Jane nodded. "Good hit!"

"..." Lenny was entirely stunned by the scene. Just then, his phone rang and he answered immediately, "Who's this?"

In just one second, he said to the other end of the line, "Okay, okay."

He then stepped out of the mansion and said, "Master Alex, please go on. I'm at your command. Okay, okay. I understand. I know what to do. Okay!" Within the minute of crossing a few words, Lenny had already been so frightened that he was drenched in his own sweat.

On the other end of the line, Alex continued, "Do you understand everything you are supposed to do now?"

Lenny nodded frantically. "Of--Of course, Master Alex. I know what to do."

"I'll hang up then!"

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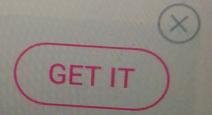
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"Y--Yes, Master Alex."

After handing up, Alex passed the phone to Garrett and he looked at Alex in confusion. "Master, what are you doing?"

"I'm getting my woman to come back to me on her own," Alex responded in a cold tone.

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Getting his woman back was a decision that Alex had made from the moment he saw the weakened Jane helping the even weaker old woman up. He was certain that Jane would not go back with him ever again no matter what; he had also reflected on his own heart and realized that he would never love another woman again in his life.

"I've thought it through. In this life, I belong to Jane, alive or dead," Alex drawled carelessly.

"Um..." Garrett was shocked as he thought to himself, 'Are these words really coming out of Master's mouth? These words usually come from women. I s the master really so desperate that he intends to do whatever it takes?'

At that moment, Garrett found himself overwhelmed by the urge to laugh at his master for being like a woman, but he did not dare to, considering how sorrowful and depressed his master looked.

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After allowing himself a short while of depression, Alex turned cold and stern as he lowered his voice at Garrett, "Garrett, find me a hotel to stay in first. I need to take a shower and brush my teeth. It's been a week since I last brushed my teeth and my breath smells. How can I attract my woman like this?"

"..." Garrett wanted to check Alex's temperature, thinking that he might have a fever.

As though he could look right into
Garrett's mind, Alex said, "I don't have a
fever. I'm calm. Go now. We need to act
quickly."

"Yes, Master Alex."

That afternoon, they checked into the most luxurious hotel in White Ocean City and Alex did exactly what he said he would. He took a shower, brushed his teeth, and took his sweet time finishing his meal before going to sleep. By the time he woke up, a few of his subordinates were standing right in front of him.

of him.

"Master, everything about White Ocean City, including things that are under the table have been looked into. We will begin taking them out at your command..."

"Master, these are all the properties owned by Huron, and also the records of some of his illegal businesses. They are all here."

"Master Alex, we have researched Lenny's connections in White Ocean City, including the nightclubs and spas he owns as well. When would you like for us t o take action?"

"No action is to be taken without my command!" Alex said calmly.

"Yes!" his subordinates responded in unison, before heading back to their own tasks.

Alex then turned to Garrett and said, "
Spread news that I am here in White
Ocean City for observation and a few
adjustments, and that I will be staying for
quite some time."

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When Alex had come to the city earlier, it had all been in secret without notifying anyone. And now, though he was not making a scene, he was pretty much there for all to see.

"Yes, Master Alex!" Garrett went to carry out his order.

After settling every matter, within a day, everyone in the entire White Ocean City knew that Mr. Poole of Kidon City was there for work. They heard that Master Alex was particularly interested in White Ocean City and might settle down there in the future. The news had the entire city boiling with excitement.

There were a few local tyrants and people of high status in White Ocean City and as soon as they caught news about this development, each and every one of them wanted to befriend Alex. There were even a few social butterflies who had travelled out of their hometown White Ocean City, and women at the finest age that had travelled overseas rushed back at the news for a chance to present themselves to

news for a chance to present themselves to Alex. They all heard that Alex was still single and thought that maybe they could be the lucky ones.

"You've come back as well?" In Lenny's restaurant, a tall woman was conversing with another woman in a frustrated tone.

The other woman retorted sarcastically, "Why? You can come back as well, so why can't I? The information I get isn't any less than the ones that you got. Not only do I know that Master Alex is now in White Ocean City, I also know that he might be planning to purchase real estate and plant his roots down here."

"Even I know that Master Alex still doesn't have a girlfriend."

The other woman chuckled at her words. "Right, you do know everything, but do you think you qualify? Do you have any idea how high Master Alex's standards are? Do you have a bachelor's degree or above? Do you know four different languages? Don't think that I don't know about what you have been working on; you are just an escort that accompanies men when they drink! You must be daydreaming to come back here, in hope to get your hands on Master Alex!"

"Why you...!"

The two women came close to fighting in the restaurant. At the time, Jane was the only one in there, and was wiping the tables and chairs clean with her pregnant belly. Lenny had, indeed, been kind to her. He took her in and helped her mother settle down. On top of that, he did not even touch her at all. He simply had Jane dechares around the restaurant and

o chores around the restaurant and promised her a monthly pay of three thousand. Jane was grateful, and had decided to remain by Lenny's side for the rest of her life, obedient to everything he said.

Jane walked past the two women and said, "Excuse me. Please let me through."

"No way! Who are you??"

Both women had been furious and frustrated already. They immediately wanted to vent their anger on Jane as soon as they spotted her wiping tables in her pregnant state.

"I'm sorry..." Jane muttered.

"As if that is worth anything! You've tainted my dress! Do you think a janitor like you can compensate me for it??"

"..." Jane did not respond, because she knew she could not compensate for the dress. She could only remain calm and let the woman shout at her as much as she wanted. It did not matter. She could take anything. Knowing that survival was never easy, no matter how severe the

never easy, no matter how severe the circumstances were, as long as no one was dying, they were nothing and could be ignored by Jane.

Jane turned around to leave. If they would not let her through, then she simply should leave.

"Stay right there!" The woman behind her barked at Jane.

Jane did not bother to turn back. She stepped into the janitor's room just in time as the recently recruited ninth lady of Lenny, the only woman who was not killed by Alex, came strolling out.

Not only was the young woman the ninth lady of Lenny, she was also given a new name: Ivy. She went and asked the two female customers, as though she was the owner of the place, "What happened?"

The two women, who had only been bickering earlier, responded in unison, "What does she have to be so prideful for?? She is just a janitor, and a pregnant one no less! Just look at the way she looks down on everything. People who don't know

on everything. People who don't know her might just think she is a queen!"

Hearing the accusation toward Jane from the two women had triggered Ivy's rage. She had already been frustrated at Jane. No one knew Jane's background better than her in White Ocean City. Jane was merely a woman who had been abandoned by Alex and could only remain in the Powell mansion as a janitor, like a parasite, and all that was exchanged with her own body once she gave birth.

"Jane Sheen! Get out here right now!!"

Ivy roared.

Jane went out blankly. "Lady Ivy, is there anything you need me to do?"

"Are you the one who offended these two customers?" Ivy questioned sharply.

"I'm sorry. I apologize."

"Apologize? Do you know who these two are? One of them is the lady of the Gibson family in White Ocean, and the other is the lady of the Homme family. Can you even handle the consequences of

are? One of them is the lady of the Gibson family in White Ocean, and the other is the lady of the Homme family. Can you even handle the consequences of angering them??" Ivy scolded dramatically.

"..." Jane did not know how to respond.

Ivy abruptly raised her arm and slapped Jane across the face. "Old habits die hard!

Jane covered her cheek that was burning with pain. "Wh-why would you hit me?"

Ivy snorted, "So what if I hit you? I'm hitting you because of how cheap you are! They never wanted you and you still forced yourself in here! How shameless for you to insist on staying even if you have to clean tables and wipe the floor. Who would want a pregnant woman like you??"

"..." Jane did not respond anymore because she knew that any resistance would only bring further torture. What she did not realize, however, was that someone was standing by the door, watching and sobbing in silence.

Noah's mother leaned against the door frame and wept as she mumbled quietly, "My girl, will you be safe from all this suffering if I die? I can tell that you are a good girl who cherishes love and knows right from wrong. But the three of us can't just all die, can we? No, it's the four of us. At least one of the four of us has to survive, right? I am grateful for how

survive, right? I am grateful for how much you care for me, my child, but I'm going to the underworld to keep Noah company now. You have to live well. Once your child grows up, there will be hope in your life again." With that, Noah's mother turned away and left. She was stumbling, but did not make a sound.

The old lady had been staying at Lenny's with Jane for ten days, and there were people looking after her each day. The food was not bad, and Lenny never bullied Jane. However, the women by Lenny's side would often slap Jane or kick at her waist. None of them liked Jane, and they all wanted to swallow her up alive. Jane might have been fed and no longer had to hide at Lenny's mansion, but she was still walking on eggshells.

'All of that is because of a damn old hag like me,' the old lady thought as she wandered further and further away, slowly being swallowed up by the passing crowd.

After some time, she stumbled her way to the coastline. The sea water was salty and the coastline. The sea water was salty and bitter, and the old lady thought to herself, 'Maybe I can find my son's body if I go through the sea?'

Before she knew it, her body was completely immersed into the ocean. She did not know precisely as to when she had lost consciousness, but an unknown period of time had passed before she finally woke up again. She looked up with eyes plagued by presbyopia and saw nothing but white.

'Is this the afterlife? Is the underworld all white? Maybe this is Heaven, according to western culture. My son used to be a factory manager and was exposed to various cultures, but even if I was born in a village deep inside the mountains, I'm not stubborn-headed, so I know a little bit about different religions and cultures. This might just be Heaven. I wonder where my son is? Oh, maybe I will see my grandson as well,' the old lady thought, a s a smile appeared on her face.

"Ma'am, you are finally awake," a voice said, and immediately, the upper half of

her body began shaking.

Frightened, the old lady blurted out, "Wh-what's going on?"

Soon, the upper half of her bed was raised, and before her stood a nurse. The old lady scanned the room over again and realized that she was in a hospital room with flowers next to her.

"Sweet girl, am I in Heaven?"

The nurse chuckled. "You fell into the water, ma'am, but you were rescued immediately after that. You are currently at a hospital. You are not dead, so this isn't Heaven. You are perfectly alive."

The old lady burst into tears. "Why won't you just let me die? My son and my grandson are all dead and I'm all alone. I don't want to live anymore."

"You can still have other grandchildren."
A man stepped into the room.

The old lady looked at the strange man and asked, "My son is already dead, so how could I have other grandchildren?"

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"Your son is gone, but you still have a god
-daughter, who is still bearing a child in
her belly. That's one child, and she might
just get pregnant again in the future.
Within three to five years, you might just
have plenty of grandchildren."

"Wh- Who are you?"

The man did not answer her question, but instead turned to the nurse and said, "
Take good care of the old lady, and make sure nothing happens to her."

"Yes!" the nurse replied.

The man stepped out of the ward before taking his phone out to make a call. "
Master Alex, the old lady is stable now."

"Okay, come back," Alex said. He did not show himself because the old lady knew him. He could only send Garrett to comfort the old lady.

"Yes, Master Alex."

Garrett soon returned to where Alex was staying and Alex immediately said to him, "Go check on Jane, and remember not to let her see you."

"Yes, Master Alex." With that, Garrett headed to the Powell mansion.

It was already deep into the night and Jane had just finished working for the entire day. She rode a scooter and went back to the mansion. She stayed in the same room as her mother, along with all the other servants on the first floor.

For the past ten days that she had been working in Lenny's restaurant, her

working in Lenny's restaurant, her mother would always wait for her to come home from work by the door, but this time, Jane did not see her mother. She did not want her mother to see her as well because her cheek had swollen from Ivy's slap and Jane did not want her mother to see. After pushing the scooter through the door, she cooled her cheek with some cold water outside before proceeding in and finding their room empty.

'Where did Mom go?' she thought, as she went to search every room. When Noah's mother had nothing to do, she would sometimes visit the servants that stayed next door for a chat.

However, Jane could not find her despite going through all the servants' rooms. She got up to the second floor where Lenny's living room was.

At the time, Ivy was sitting on Lenny's lap. Ivy did not get up when she saw Jane coming in, but instead stared at her defiantly.

"Oh my, I slapped you on the face this

"Oh my, I slapped you on the face this morning, and now you are here in front o f my man to complain?"

Jane did not have the time to be bothered by Ivy's scolding or sarcasm, and she simply asked frantically, "M-Master Powell, have... Have you seen my mom?"

Shocked, Lenny asked, "Did your mom go missing?"

Tears instantly started streaming down Jane's cheeks. "My mom can't walk that well. She doesn't go out all that often because she can barely walk. Where could she go? Where's my mom?"

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Just then, someone knocked on the door from outside. "Master Powell, is Jane here? Her mother asked me to pass her something."

Jane turned around hysterically and saw that it was a maid who knocked on the door. The maid stuttered, "I forgot about i t. Your mom said she has a letter for you. Here..."

Here..."

Jane immediately tore the letter open.

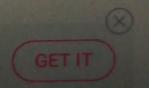
The letter was short, as the old woman cannot write well. It was a simple drawing with a pen of an old, hunchbacked person jumping into the ocean.

Jane instantly realized what the drawing meant. Her mother had gone to commit suicide. She did not want to slow Jane down and decided to die.

"No. No... I want my mom! My mom...!"

Jane burst out crying.

Even Lenny did not know what to say at that moment. He had been kind to the two for the past few days. Why would the old woman feel like she had to die? Lenny could not help but feel frustrated at the sound of Jane's crying. Coincidentally, that was when his phone rang. He picked i t up and glanced over before feeling chills down his spine at the display.
"Master, p-please go on."



Lenny was not surprised when he received the call from Alex. He was the one who called Garrett saying that he needed instructions for certain matters during the day. However, when he received the call from Alex himself at that moment, he still felt frightened. It could not be helped. He just did.

"Why were you looking for me, Master Powell?" Alex asked.

"Here's the thing, Master Alex," Lenny said, stuttering the entire time. "For some reason, the people here in White Ocean City are quick to catch onto the news, they all...know that I met you once and that you are here for a business trip in White Ocean City."

"Get to the point!" Alex said impatiently.

"Um, there are people here in White
Ocean City, all sorts of people, who...who
want to welcome you here. You see... The
venue for the welcoming party will be
here in my restaurant. My restaurant is

here in my restaurant. My restaurant is rather spacious, and it's legal. The drinks and food served here are excellent as well. The chef... My chef isn't too bad, as well, you..." Seeing that Alex was not saying anything, Lenny changed the subject and said, "Actually, it's okay if you don't want to attend. I...I am just informing you about it in their place. If you don't want to participate, I will tell them that."

Lenny was at a crossroads. He wanted to reinforce his status in White Ocean City in the name of Alex's power; but at the same time, he was scared of Alex and of the possibility of having his entire home destroyed by Alex at any moment. To his surprise, he heard Alex's casual tone from the other side of the line, saying, "Fine."

"Thank you, thank you, thank you!
Thank you so much!" Lenny came close t
o falling on his knees while Alex had
already hung up.

Meanwhile, the surprise reminded Lenny of Jane, who was outside the door. He could hear noises coming from outside could hear noises coming from outside the door, so he went outside only to find Jane passed out in tears. He immediately ordered two of his servants to carry her and got one of the older servants to massage Jane's head for her. Soon, she began to regain consciousness and cried, "Mom...!"

A few of the maids were crying as well. The mother and daughter had been good people. Though the mother could no longer work, she would still make shoe pads for the servants there and she was really good at craftwork. After making the shoe pads for everyone, she went to pass them around and said, "Please take good care of my Jane. She is a poor child who has to carry me along with her even though she is pregnant. I am slowing her down."

Therefore, all the servants there had a great impression of the old mother. But why would she suddenly jump into the ocean to commit suicide?

Jane cried for a long period of time before finally calming down but her eyes were

finally calming down but her eyes were hollow and blank as the other maids tried to comfort her.

"Jane, don't cry so much; it's bad for your body. You are with child now, you see; you are almost six months along. Three months from now, you are going to become a mother."

"It's a great act to be a mother."

"From now on, your child will be your companion."

"You need to earn and save up so that he can go to college. If they manage to succeed in the future, then you will finally be able to enjoy life."

Jane could not stop her tears. She no longer wanted the child in her belly. Her heart was dead. This child belonged to her and Alex, but she did not love Alex anymore. All she could think of was to die so that she could join Noah and his mother in the afterlife. She could no longer feel any warmth in this world.

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However, everything seemed to be decided in one's fate after all. Just as Jane had lost all hope, she felt a kick on her stomach. Because she was laying down with a few other maids around to comfort her, they all saw her stomach moving.

"Jane! Your baby is kicking at you!"

"Oh my, I saw it too! I saw it too! Your baby is kicking at you."

"It's six months old now, so it should know how to kick already."

"When I was pregnant with my son, I could feel him turning around in my belly five months along. You can actually tell if the child is going to be active even when they are still inside our bellies. Some kids just love flipping around for fun inside."

"Can you feel that, Jane?"

"..." Jane did not respond. Of course she felt it. The sensation of kicking in her stomach had been distinct. She was thin and so was the skin on her belly, so she could even see an extremely small footprint. She gently stroked her belly and, as though there was telepathy between them, the little foot kicked her again without warning as soon as her hand touched her belly.

Jane grinned. "My child. My child. This...
This is my baby?" She looked at the
people around her in tears and everyone
nodded at her.

"It's your baby, Jane."

"Your mom did this because she doesn't want to be a burden to you. Even if it's for the baby in your belly, you need to be strong and live."

The servants had not spent much time with Jane, but they were all people of low status who shared a common concern for one another. Seeing that there were so

one another. Seeing that there were so many people who cared for her, and the actual feeling that there was indeed a baby growing inside of her, Jane decided a t that moment that she no longer wanted t o die. Yes, she could be selfish for the sake of her child.

"Mom, I'm sorry," she mumbled in tears.
"Noah, I'm sorry. Once I raise my child to adulthood, I will find you and be by your side."

Lenny also joined and comforted Jane by saying, "Jane, once you give birth to your child, I will raise him for you and let him call me father. That way, no one will cast you aside."

"Thank you, thank you... Master Powell. Thank you." Jane looked at Lenny in gratitude.

Jane spent that night in despair and sorrow, but as depressed as she was, she still had to go to work the next morning.

It had been Ivy's idea for Jane to work at the restaurant. She simply could not bring herself to like Jane and resented bring herself to like Jane and resented
Jane for refusing to help her back then.
Therefore, she wanted Jane to do the
hardest chores in the restaurant.

'It just so happens that Master Alex is coming to the restaurant today, so I need t o make sure that Jane makes a fool of herself!' she thought.

Jane knew that a lot of the elites in White Ocean City were going to officially welcome Alex in the restaurant and pleaded to Ivy, "Ninth lady, can... Can I take a rest day today?"

"No!" Ivy immediately barked.

Jane nodded. "Okay."

So what if she went? She had cleared things up with Alex and the two of them were no longer related in any way. Alex would not do anything to her. In this world, Jane trusted Sabrina most, and if Sabrina said that Alex meant her no harm, she no longer had any reason to fear him. If she ended up seeing him again, all she needed to do was to treat him like a stranger.

him like a stranger.

That morning after her mother committed suicide by jumping into the ocean, Jane went to work at the restaurant with a heavy heart. The guests at the restaurant had been a few powerful individuals and some ladies of elite families. Though they might not be as glorious as the ones in Kidon City or South City, they were still far more noblelooking than a pregnant janitor who cleaned after them.

"Hey, pregnant lady! You need to serve the guests at the front with drinks because today is going to be a busy day!" Ivy commanded.

Jane knew that Ivy was doing it on purpose, but she simply replied with an 'Okay,' before heading out with the beverages. As soon as she stepped out, she spotted Alex. Their eyes met and both froze in place.

It had only been a little over ten days since he last saw her, and Jane's belly seemed to have grown much bigger in size. For the past ten days in White Ocean City, Alex had been quite free and, when h e had nothing to do, he could, from Kidon City, consult doctors from White Ocean City and do research online by himself. H e came to learn a lot about pregnant women and learnt that the further along the pregnancy, the faster the fetus would grow. Indeed, after merely ten days, Jane had changed drastically. However, she was still extremely thin and her face was still pale without any color; her clothes were still ragged, barely covering her, when in fact, it seemed that was simply because her belly had grown too big to be covered

She was holding a teapot and refilling drinks for the guests. She was clearly the odd one out as she walked around the restaurant in her state between elites of White Ocean City, especially when she came across Alex.

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came across Alex.

White Ocean City was situated at the furthest north of the northeastern region, and it was the peak of the winter season. Even men as muscular and tall as Alex were wearing suits under long trench-coats. His outfit, along with his identity, had created a sense of incomparable majesty in his presence. The polished military boots that he was wearing only added to the aura of maturity that oozed from him.

In the end, the two were extremely different. Luckily, Jane no longer cared about it and only saw Alex as a stranger.

The corridor was narrow and he stood in the middle as he observed her intently. She held onto a teapot as she moved with her pregnant belly, and realized that she had to walk past him. She lowered her head and whispered, "Excuse me, please ... Let me through."

Alex continued to stare at her like he did not hear a word.

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"..." Jane lifted her chin to look at Alex and found him frowning with a cold expression. Before she could say anything, someone behind her started yelling.

A woman's voice came through, "Hey, pregnant lady! Are you blind? Don't you see Master Alex of Kidon City standing there? Why is a servant who serves drinks like yourself getting this close to him? Trying to get Master Alex's attention? You? Hmph! Get out of here right now!"

Jane had seen the woman who was scolding her, and it was the same woman who was fighting with another lady at the restaurant the day before. Apparently, this woman was looking to make an appearance in front of Alex and do him a favor.

"Get away from Master Alex." She shoved Jane aside and glared at her in contempt before looking back to Alex in a flattering manner. "I'm so sorry about that, Mr. Poole. It was my brother's idea to throw a welcoming party here at this restaurant for you; he was supposed to clear this

for you; he was supposed to clear this place out before you arrived. It's my brother's fault for not tossing this woman out. This woman is just a janitor. I saw her cleaning the place yesterday; why has she become the waitress today? Perhaps she is out here on her own initiative. People nowadays, especially those bloggers or whatever, are all desperate to become famous; this one here is probably trying to make an impression too."

The woman falsely concluded Jane's character in a few words, and commanded her in an arrogant tone, "Go back to where you are supposed to be. You can come back out to clean when everything is over!"

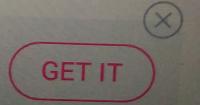
Jane bowed her head. "Okay." She turned to leave and saw Ivy.

Ivy blocked Jane's way and sneered. "Jane Sheen! Why is a janitor who cleans the kitchen out here? You must really want to see Mr. Poole!" She paused to smile at Alex and continued, "I'm sorry, Master Alex. This woman has wanted to see you

kitchen out here? You must really want to see Mr. Poole!" She paused to smile at Alex and continued, "I'm sorry, Master Alex. This woman has wanted to see you the entire time and well; she just snuck out and came here to see you. I think you have gone too easy on her."

Ivy was now the newest favorite of Lenny. She often sat on his lap and listened to him talk to Alex through the phone so she knew that during Alex's trip to White Ocean City, Lenny had formed the closest connection to him.

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Ivy was secretly overjoyed at how lucky she had been. Back when she was by Huron's side, she was the latest addition, and also the least eye-catching one amongst the five beauties. In the end, all o f them were buried alive overnight by Alex and Ivy was the only one who survived. She went to Lenny, merely hoping that she could make ends meet and not starve to death, but as soon as she came to Lenny, he became acquaintances with someone as powerful as Alex. Even Lenny had a feeling that Ivy was his lucky star, and Ivy felt the same. O n top of that, Ivy did not think of Alex as someone scary. At the very least, even though Alex had not shown anyone mercy since he came to White Ocean City, with the only exception being Ivy, she was still at the golden age of eighteen. Any man would be compassionate toward her.

'And this pregnant woman! Hmph! She is merely an old woman in her thirties! How dare she refuse to help me. Today will be the day she dies!' Ivy thought. the day she dies!' Ivy thought.

"How about this, Mr. Poole, I'll teach her a lesson for you. How does that sound? It will only make your hands dirty to punish her yourself," she said to Alex in a flattering manner before slapping Jane across the face at an incredible speed. "You shameless thing! You are supposed to clean and wash dishes in the back of the kitchen; no one made changes to your post and yet you came out here on your own! Do you know that Master Alex is the VIP guest today?? You do, and that's why you are here to enrage him on purpose, aren't you?? Get back to the backyard right now!"

She was an eighteen-year-old girl in the end, and had no fear in her at all. Perhaps she felt that Alex favored her after sparing no one but her, which was why she feared nothing at that very moment, and stood out in front of everyone. All the guests at the scene were stunned, and even the socialites who wanted to befriend Alex were staring at the unknown eighteen-year-old mistress with jealous eyes. For a split second, they

with jealous eyes. For a split second, they even had a feeling that Ivy was actually Alex's mistress. Most women started searching through their memories to see if they had ever bullied this woman before.

Silence had fallen upon the place, and no one dared to make a sound. Jane was the only one who spoke in a hollow voice. " Yes, I will go there now."

She did not want to explain, or to argue with Ivy in front of Alex by saying something like, "Aren't you the one who sent me here?"

She did not want to. She could not even feel the pain on her cheek because she was not in the mood for that. Her mother had just jumped into the ocean and committed suicide with only one wish before her death, and that was for Jane to live well and give birth to her child. Therefore, Jane did not care about anything else. She bowed her head expressionlessly, and took the teapot with her before turning to leave. Before she could make the first step, Alex grabbed her arm and pulled her back.

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Jane was shocked. Immediately after that, Alex said something that left everyone gaping. "Jane, you can't carry on without my protection. Come home with me!"

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Everyone's jaw dropped at Alex's words a s they stared at the two in silence.

"I'll belong to Master Powell for the rest o f my life, alive or dead," Jane replied in an incredibly casual tone.

"But look at you now; you are the janitor."

"So what? Compared to the abuse I received from my biological parents, the isolation I had to endure from my siblings, the four years of imprisonment b y my in-laws, before getting chased out b y you and almost dying at the hands of your fiancee, at least I have finally settled down now. I am grateful."

"But I..." Alex didn't finish his sentence.

"But you are not!" Jane smiled quietly and lifted her gaze to look at Alex. "You won't give up, will you? It will always be you who gives the order and I will always comply. I left immediately when you asked me to go, so you thought I would come back with gratitude in my heart once you ask me to go back. But you didn't expect for me to disobey you. You

didn't expect for me to disobey you. You can't control me anymore, so you feel defeated and reconciled, right?"

Jane looked Alex in the eyes fearlessly.

"..." Alex could not find his words. Was he to deny it? Could he really say for sure that he would not interrupt their joyous lives if Noah was still alive, as long as Jane was happy? Could he really say that? Alex realized that he did not even have the right to say such a thing. He could not say a word. He could only follow his own plan. "Come back with me, Jane! Nothing will change in regards to your life before. I will give you a wedding that every woman in Kidon City would be envious of once you give birth to the child!"

Jane shook her head. "Actually... Actually, I know what you are thinking. A man like you isn't used to changes in your partner; you prefer things that you have used to last a long time. Truth is, look around you and see just how many women have gathered here together for your sake here in this party that's meant to flatter you. All you need to do is just pick one, take

All you need to do is just pick one, take her with you, and keep her around for five to eight years, and you will manage to cultivate a bond. It's not just about me. Actually, any woman who gets to stay by your side will be obedient. Think about it; who would not dare? Right here and now, you are the master, so you can just take your pick..."

"..." All the women watched in silence. The fact that Alex had lowered himself to such an extent when speaking to a pregnant woman, who was not even worthy enough to serve tea and could only work as a cleaner, had already been shocking enough to make their jaws drop. Seeing how sternly she spoke to Alex, and how dismissive and distant she was, they could feel their heart trembling in fear as they thought back to how they had looked down on the pregnant woman. Especially Ivy. She felt so weak that she could barely remain standing. The woman who had just scolded Jane, too, had turned pale to the point like she was a corpse. 1

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" the woman with the pale face immediately started to explain herself to Jane in a flattering manner.

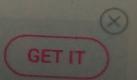
"I'm just someone who wipes the floor and does cleaning work around here, and I will continue to do so from now on. I am happy as long as you don't yell at me from now on. I don't hold grudges, even though maybe I should."

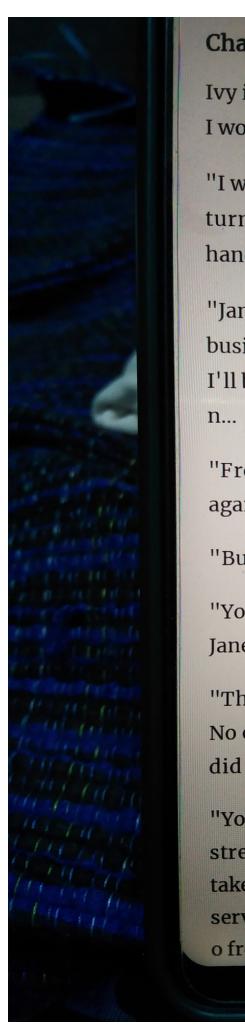
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Seeing that the woman was forgiven, Ivy, too, went toward Jane and got down on her knees. "Miss Jane... Pl--please don't take me seriously, actually... I was just mad at you for refusing to help me that day. I helped you once, but you refused to save me."

Jane stared at Ivy blankly. "You are Master Powell's favorite, it's fine as long a s you stop bullying me from now on."

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Chapter 1591

Ivy immediately shed tears of gratitude. "I won't. I definitely won't, Miss Jane."

"I will go in to clean now, then." Jane turned to head in with the teapot in her hand.

"Jane!" Alex called out to her, "My business here in White Ocean City is done. I'll be leaving in a day or two. From now o n...

"From now on, let's never see each other again. Farewell.

"But remember, I still can't let you go..."

"You can't let go of my body, you mean?"
Jane asked sarcastically.

"That's right!" Alex admitted honestly. "
No one could ever serve me as well as you
did! I can never find another woman..."

"You can, if you want to." Tears begin streaming down Jane's cheeks. "You can take ten women here and they would serve you a hundred times better than I do from here."

o from here." "I hope you won't regret this!" "Never!" "Very well!" Alex sneered and turned to leave. As he walked, he spoke to Garrett, who was behind him. "Garrett, I've given her a chance. Since she refuses to take it, we will take off immediately and head back to Kidon City!" Yes, Master Alex!" Garrett immediately responded. Right before they left, he turned to glance at Jane sympathetically, as though he was saying, 'Mrs. Poole, you are too naive. How could you possibly be able to win against someone as cunning a s our Master?" Unfortunately, Jane was not looking at Garrett and therefore, she did not notice the sympathetic glance Garrett cast at her. Just as the two stepped out of the restaurant's door, Jane's phone rang. She took a look at it and did not want to answer at first, but then she thought about the fact that her mother had jumped into the ocean to commit suicide,

jumped into the ocean to commit suicide, and her body had yet to be recovered; it could be a call to inform her about it. She immediately picked it up. "Hello?" As expected, the caller asked, "Excuse m e, but is this Miss Sheen?" The caller was a woman and her tone was cold. "Yes, I am. You are?" Jane immediately asked in a frantic manner. "Do you have a mother?" the woman asked. "Yes, yes, yes. Where did you find my mother's body? I will go take her back right now." The woman snorted, "What body?? It doesn't take much for me to recognize unfilial children like you! Are you planning on bailing on the payment?" Jane was stunned for a moment. "Wh--What's wrong?" "Your mother jumped into the ocean to commit suicide but didn't succeed. She was admitted into our hospital and has been resuscitated. Right now, we've

been resuscitated. Right now, we've found out that she has a heart condition and requires heart bypass surgery," the woman from the other end of the line explained coldly. alive. destroyed some of the defensive

"What? Are you saying that my mom... isn't dead?" Jane immediately shed tears of joy. She had thought that her mother had died and that she no longer had any family in this world, but her mother was "I'll do it, I will definitely save my mom, n o matter how much it costs," Jane said, even if she did not have any money. "It's not about the money right now. The area your mother jumped into was a restricted area. She has accidentally equipment. Those are prototypes of extremely advanced technology that could cost up to billions, and your mother might face charges of..." Jane did not even hear the words that

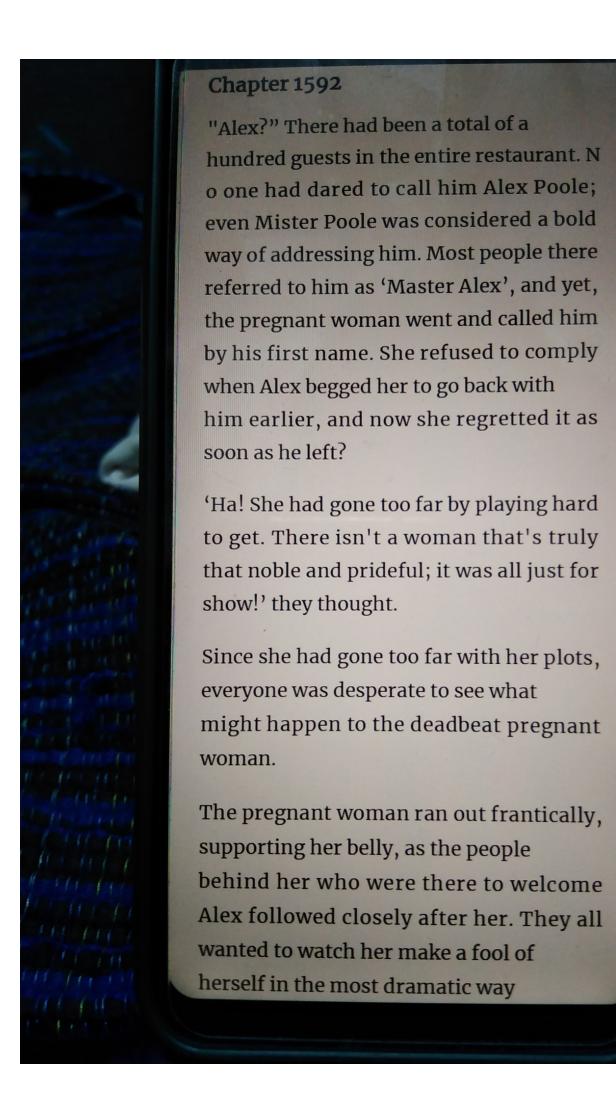
followed. All she heard was 'billions' and that it was something about the defense line.

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"And how... How can this be settled?" she asked, stuttering.

"You need to negotiate with the people at the defense line, so please come over as soon as possible! Our hospital does not take any responsibility for that!" the doctor on the other end answered.

"..." Jane paused for a moment before raising her voice abruptly, "Alex...!"



herself in the most dramatic way
possible. Among those people, ninetynine percent of them thought that for a
man like Alex to make the decision to
leave this woman; he would surely kick
her out of the way even if she wanted to g
o back to him.

"Hmph! Let's see what happens!" Even Ivy, who was begging for Jane to show her mercy just now followed Jane out with a sneer.

Drenched in his own sweat, Lenny was the only one left in the restaurant. He had been walking on eggshells the past few days, and at that moment, he suddenly felt like he had been lucky. If he managed to get past this safely, he intended on going back to the village where he was born and retire. This world was just far too dangerous, one careless mistake could cause the big boss in Kidon City to turn him into dust. He was almost seventy. Lenny was the only one who did not go out of the restaurant to watch the drama unfold. He stood inside the restaurant silently, glad that he had never laid a finger on Jane. Otherwise, he

never laid a finger on Jane. Otherwise, he would have been buried alive as well. Thinking of it, he chuckled. "A woman like Jane is indeed very attractive. It's no wonder that the big boss of Kidon CIty fell for her." Just then, Jane was a few steps away from Alex's car, and the car was slowly starting to move. "Alex! Alex! Please...! W--Wait!" Jane stumbled with her hands supporting her belly. Alex's shining black Hummer stopped steadily, and the window dropped open. The man at the back seat was wearing a pair of sunglasses and wore a cold expression. There was a burning cigarette in between his lips, which was oozing smoke at the moment. The man's cold attitude had everyone at the scene feeling as though the atmosphere had turned cold as well. 'Who is Master Alex? He is the elite of Kidon City! It's already a great honor that he came here himself to look for you and

he came here himself to look for you and welcome you to his house, but what did you do in the end? You need to see who you are dealing with when playing hard t o get! How dare you try to string Master Alex along!' the others thought. Just then, Alex said, "What..." "Alex, you..." Jane struggled. She had been determined to follow Lenny, even if he planned on selling her body in the future; she would have accepted it. She really, really did not want to go back to Alex for the rest of her life because she felt that remaining by Alex's side was not a path that she was supposed to go on. She was meant to live her life in the mud, not like an elegant lady. However, her mother was alive. The fact that there would be high expenses for the surgery was not the most difficult matter, as she could at least try to ask for Lenny's help; o n the other hand, what exactly was with the defensive equipment? Why would her mother come into contact with those? They even mentioned that those things were advanced technology that cost a fortune; how could that happen? If

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Chapter 1593

"Alex..." Jane leaned against the window and called out to him again in despair.

Alex stared at Jane coldly. "Say what you need to say. I've already made plans so I can't stay here for long. There are plenty o f matters that await me back in Kidon City."

"Alex, my mom..." Jane choked back on her tears, and suddenly realized that she was not in a position to ask for Alex's help regarding her mother. She had just asked him to leave in front of so many people. "You... You... I..."

"Say what you want to say," he said.

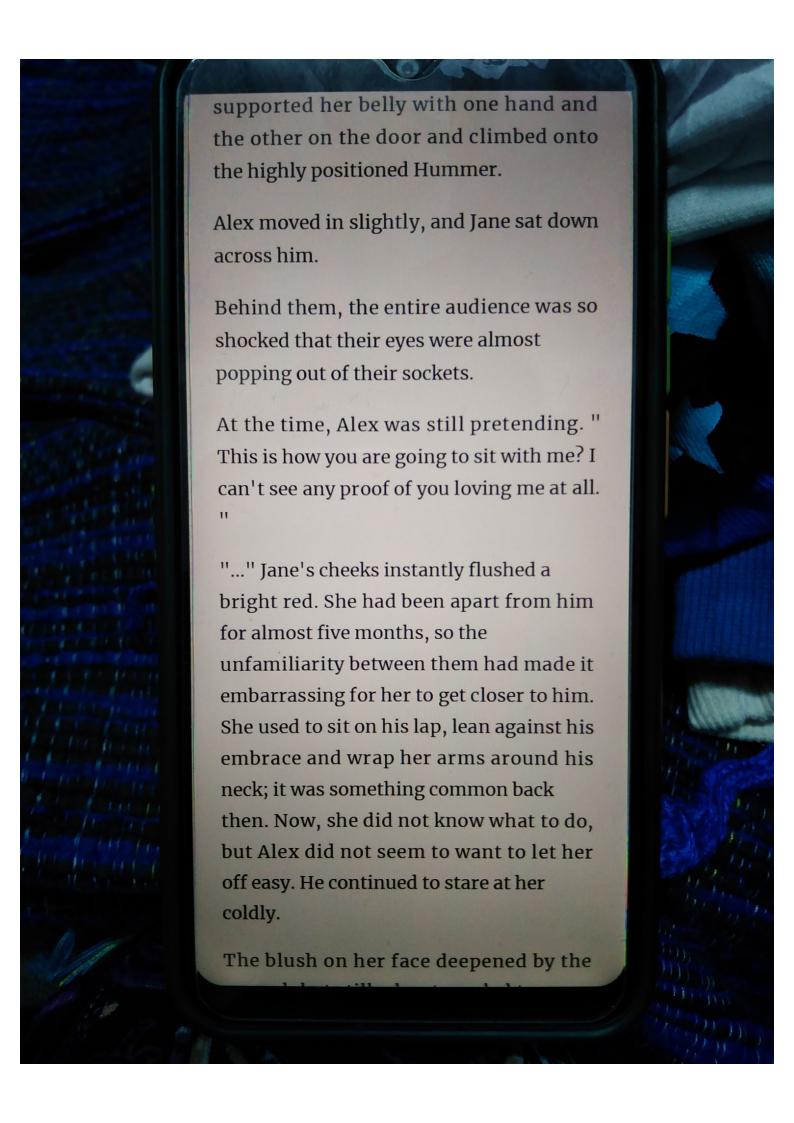
"You... You used to think that I served you well, didn't you?" Jane looked at Alex longingly.

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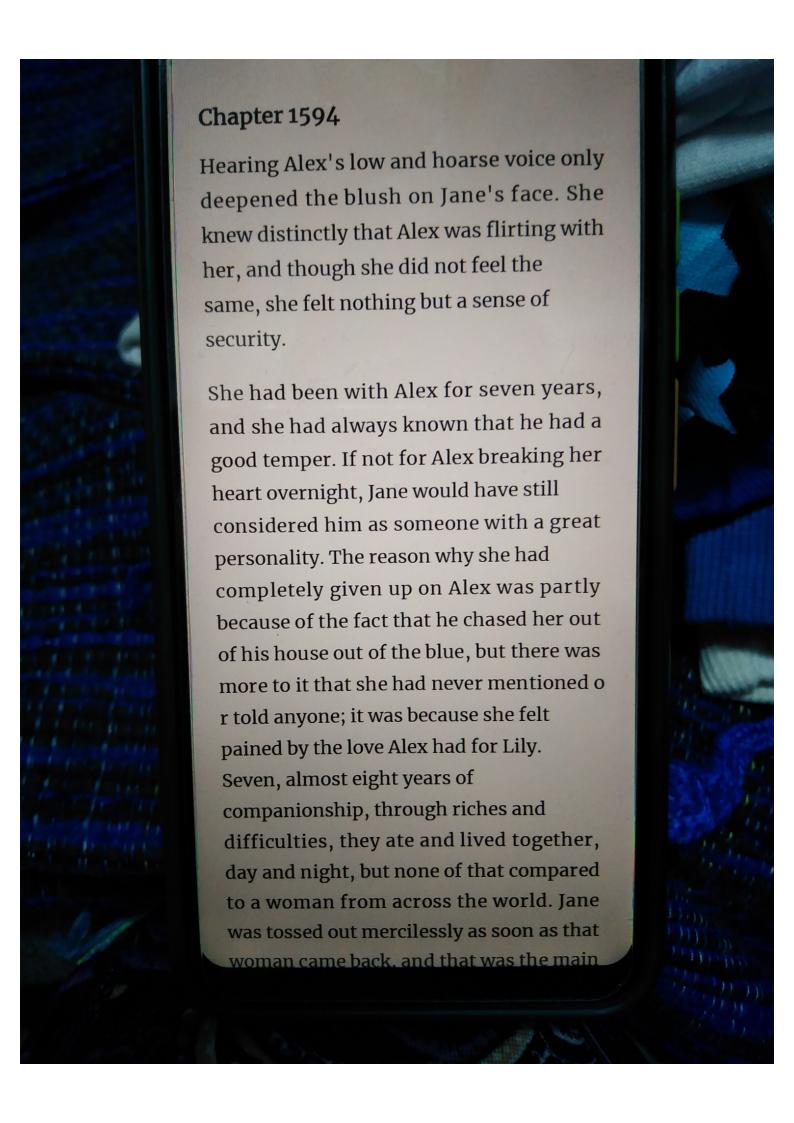
"I think that there won't be another person on Earth who knows your needs better than I do; no one knows better than me about what positions you enjoy most;

me about what positions you enjoy most; no one knows your body better than I do." 11 11 "So Alex... Take me as...as your..." Jane simply could not bring herself to say the word 'mistress'. She did not know if she even had the right to ask for it. Alex was still wearing his sunglasses, and the cigarette between his lips had burnt out. Faint smoke oozed from his nose. His position and expression were both majestic and composed. "You...made up your mind to come back t o me, then?" he finally said. "C--Can I?" she asked in anticipation. "Are you doing this willingly?" Jane nodded frantically. "I...I am doing this willingly." "Do you love me?" "I do!" "Very much! You are the only man I've

"Very much! You are the only man I've ever loved in this life. Noah doesn't count He simply gave me warmth and a shoulder to lean on, but I've never truly loved him from the bottom of my heart. You are the only one in my heart the entire time," Jane answered pathetically. "Get in here yourself if you love me." "Rea--really? Are you really willing to take me with you?" Alex did not answer. Just then, the driver had already gotten out of the car and went to open the back door that led to where Alex was seated. He was still sitting steadily in the car. His heart was boiling with excitement at the moment, but his outlook remained calm. He had to take his woman back with him that day; he must. Therefore, he had to play it out perfectly. "Think it through. No regret after you come with me," he said coldly. "I...I won't regret it." Two streams of tears strolled down her cheeks as she supported her belly with one hand and



The blush on her face deepened by the second, but still, she struggled to move with her pregnant belly and moved closer to him. Slowly and steadily, she raised her arms and took the initiative by wrapping them around his neck. "Alex, take me home. I'm tired," she said with resignation. Outside the car, all the women watched enviously, not even noticing how their nails were digging into their own flesh. Inside the car, Jane's pale lips without a hint of color were already getting closer t o Alex. At that very moment, he could no longer hold it in. He opened his iron-like arms before pulling her into his embrace fiercely. "You little woman, you don't think I can handle you?" he said in a low and hoarse voice.



woman came back, and that was the main reason that Jane lost hope. Twenty days ago, Jane heard Sabrina's explanation and learnt that Alex had indeed been searching for her and regretting his actions. She felt that, at the very least, Alex was still somewhat a man of integrity, but she simply could not rekindle the part of her that loved him. People often said that nothing could be so broken that it could not be fixed, but how? All things aside, when a woman went for an abortion, her stomach was cut open and it would never look the same, even after the wound was sealed; not to mention how much he had hurt her. Also, there was still Noah, who would never come back to life ever again and come between the two of them now that they were reunited. However, despite losing hope and feeling such a distance from Alex, Jane still felt safe after returning to his arms. She was too tired. The past three months of suffering, deadly trials, gaining something, before finally losing it again... It alll drained her heart.

It alll drained her heart. She had decided to follow Lenny for the rest of her life because she wanted to settle down peacefully. But the gods seemed to enjoy toying with her. Her mother was alive; how great a surprise that was? However, the difficulties that her mother was encountering could only b e resolved by Alex. At that moment, Jane had her arms wrapped around Alex's arms and she cooperated obediently as Alex kissed her o n her chapped, pale lips, but her response remained dull. Alex did not mind it. He kissed her a while and studied her cheeks that were as red as a ripe apple. Her belly was pressed against his suit, and suddenly, he was worried that the buttons might cause her discomfort and immediately unbuttoned his suit. With that, the two became even closer than before. He wrapped one arm around her thick waist, while the other circled back from the front and was placed on top of her belly. He rubbed her belly with his long

belly. He rubbed her belly with his long fingers and suddenly felt something poking at him. Stunned, he asked the woman in his arms, "My son can move already?"

Jane did not respond, and simply buried her head deeply.

'I'll just let her be if she doesn't want to speak, I guess, I have plenty of time to warm her up to me. One day, I will get her heart back,' he thought as he wrapped his arms around her and their son. It felt as though he had lost and found a rare treasure. No, something even more precious than treasure. It had been four months. He had been in despair; he had given up; he had sunk into depression thinking that he would never recover his wife and child, and yet both were back in his arms now. He held onto them tightly, overwhelmed with emotions to the point that he was now crying.

Chapter 1595

"Alex," Jane called out to him longingly.

"Hm?"

"My mother..."

Jane knew that this was the worst timing to ask for his help, but was her mother not the reason why she suddenly changed her mind?

"You mother? What happened to the old lady?" Alex asked, knowing the answer to that question.

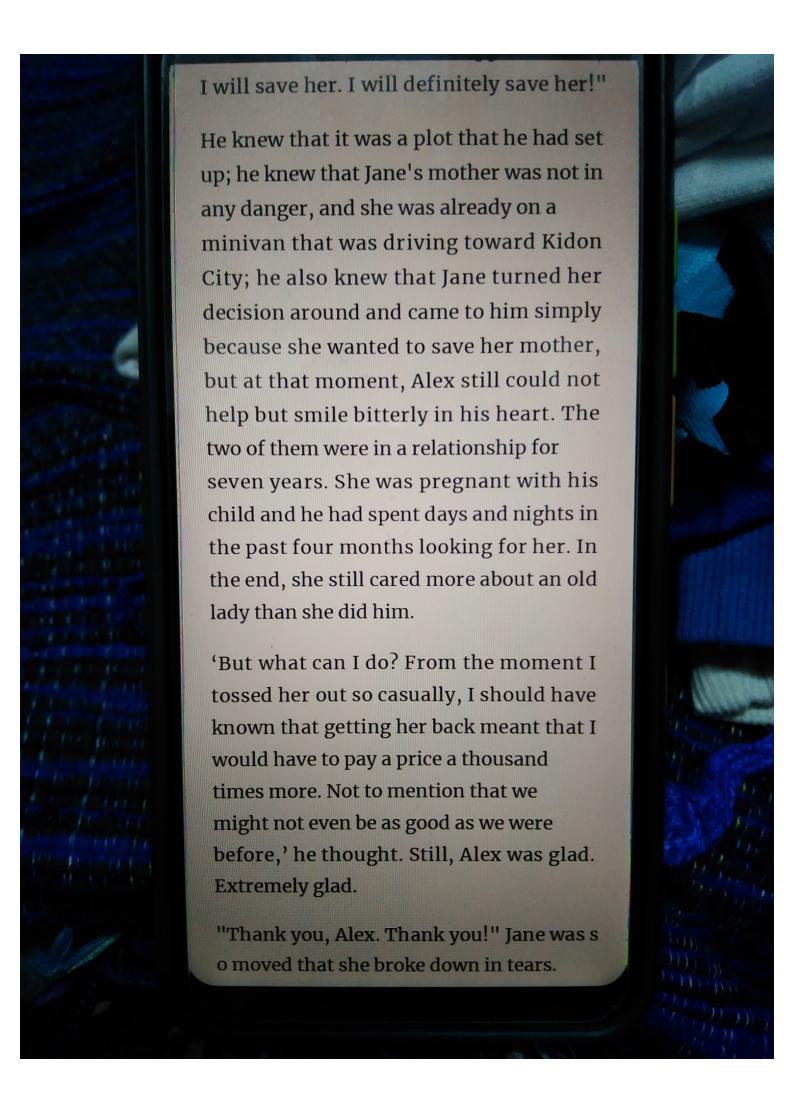
Jane did not answer his question directly, but instead asked, "Alex, you came looking for me over and over again because you felt like you've wronged me, and because you missed the time we spent together in the past seven years, a m I right?"

"Of course!"

"So deep down, you still think that I am great, do you?"

"You are irreplaceable in my heart. Jane

"You are irreplaceable in my heart, Jane. After you left, I realized that no other woman in this world will ever be as great for me as you." Jane suddenly took the initiative to seal his lips with a kiss, and even Garrett in the driver's seat could not help but look away. Both Garrett and Alex knew better than anyone as to why Jane decided to come back, and became this aggressive. "Jane, your body can't take this right now; besides, look..." Alex casually glanced outside the car and to the driver i n front, and continued in a sarcastic tone, "There are so many people watching us. Wait until we get home. Once we get home, there will be plenty of time." "Alex, Alex," Jane said as though she did not hear a word Alex said, "I... I love you." "I know." "Alex, can...can you please help my mom? " She finally stated her true intentions. "Okay. What happened to your mom? It doesn't matter, whatever happens to her, I will save her I will definitely save her!"



o moved that she broke down in tears. She held onto him tightly and rubbed her pale cheek against his chest. Her mother could be saved, as long as Alex agreed to help. "Tell me... What happened?" he asked. "I just received a phone call saying that when my mom jumped into the ocean to kill herself, she seemed to have triggered some sort of defensive device of advanced technology; they might require compensation..." "We will pay for it, no matter how much. Even if it costs ten or a hundred billion, w e will pay them." "Thank you, Alex, thank you!" Jane said i n tears. "It's alright, don't cry. We will go save your mom now," he said gently. "Okay." Alex made a call to make the arrangements. All the subordinates had been in place from his previous arrangement, so naturally, they knew

Alex made a call to make the arrangements. All the subordinates had been in place from his previous arrangement, so naturally, they knew what to do. After everything was settled, Alex looked outside the car window at the dazed crowd.

"Lenny Powell!" Alex shouted abruptly.
Before Lenny could respond, he lowered
his voice and asked, "What's the name of
that woman you just added to your
collection?"