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“Three years ago? Victoria inquired after not receiving a response *from* Alaric. Her unwavering gaze was fixed on his face as if she would not give up until she received a response.

Yet, from her eyes to her appearance, she appears calm and collected. Her eyes are perfectly clear of any redness. She did not appear to react in any way, despite my anticipation that the news would leave her so shaken that she would pass out. Is this normal? No, it’s not. At that thought, Alaric pursed his lips and asked solemnly, “Don’t you want to rest for a while longer?”

“Alaric Cadogan.” She had addressed him by his full name. I’m asking you a question.”

After a long pause, he nodded and replied, “Sort of.”

“Sort of?” Alaric’s answer caused Victoria to snort in laughter. “How do you not know when your grandmother passed away? What do you mean by ‘sort of?’”

After hearing that, he raised his eyebrows in response.

Suddenly, there was an awkward tension in the air.

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Meanwhile, Terrance sat like a statue behind them, motionless and not daring to breathe too loudly. As I expected, Miss Selwyn takes this news very seriously. What is the matter with Mr. Cadogan? Why did he speak about it so casually?

“Well? Why so silent?” Victoria asked.

After hearing that, Alaric pursed his lips with an unpleasant look.

He was already sick and coughing up blood but stayed by her side because of what had happened to her. Furthermore, he was so busy attending to her that he barely had time to lie down. At that moment, his face was as white as a sheet, and his lips began to turn a faint shade of blue. However, she felt nothing but contempt for him as she only cared about Griselda.

“Speak! When did it happen?”

After that, it took a long time for Alaric to respond as he said, “Three years ago on New Year’s Eve. She suffered a heart attack and passed away.”

Heart attack? Victoria’s lashes flickered upon hearing that. “Grandma was suffering from heart problems? Why didn’t I know about it?”

However, he refused to answer this time.

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Then, she frowned and demanded, “Tell **me**”

No matter how hard she pressed Alaric, he refused to reveal any detail to nes

Ultimately, Terrance had to speak up to break the awkward tension. CCalm down,

Miss Selwyn, Old Mrs. Cadogan was an old woman. It's normal for her to have a heart attack out of the blue."

Normal?" Victoria repeated. As soon as he started talking, her attention shifted to **him**. "What do you mean by normal? Do you think that's normal?"

Leave the room for now" Alaric interrupted.

I'm spared from answering. Terrance realized he had made a mistake but lacked the courage to stay, so he quickly exited the room after mumbling an apology. As he left he even closed the door behind him.

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Then, Alano gazed at Victoria as he calmly explained the situation to her "Grandma was getting older, and she frequently experienced chest discomfort instinctively, we rushed her to the hospital after recognizing the signs of a heart attack, but we

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arrived too late."

"You could not make it in time..." She lowered her eyes and abruptly let out a self-deprecating chuckle. "What right do I even have to question you about this? I was not by her side at her worst moments. I didn't even know she was suffering from chest discomfort. Before she passed away..." I didn't even get to say goodbye to Grandma before she passed away. How I resented the way I had returned her kindness.

In the meantime, Alaric silently stared at Victoria, unable to utter a single word. It was because he found her grief even more unbearable than when he had coughed up blood. He felt like someone had dug out his heart, stomped on it, and repeatedly stabbed it with a knife. Unfortunately, he couldn't do anything because of their current relationship. Instead, he said, "Before she passed, she spoke of you."

As soon as she heard this, she jerked her head to look at him. "Really?"

Then, he calmly gazed back at her and stated, "She missed you."

Three simple words were enough to open the floodgates, causing tears to stream down Victoria's cheeks and splash onto the ground.

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Eventually, Alaric could no longer contain himself, and he pulled her into an embrace

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and tightly hugged her.

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Following that, she let out a muffled sob. However, she did not push him away, and it was as if her strength had been sapped from her as she continued to cry in his embrace.

Several minutes later, Alaric felt a damp spot on his shoulder and pursed his lips. Is she going to cry her eyes out? After a ridiculously long time, he finally raised his hand to gently pat her shoulder and consoled her, "There, there. It's all in the past."

Meanwhile, Bane had picked up the children, and shortly after they had entered the car, his phone rang. Instead of driving away, he decided to answer the phone first. When he had finished listening to the caller's report, rage slowly spread across his gentle face. However, the thought of the children in the car snapped him out of it, and he quickly collected himself. "I see," he replied.

Soon after he ended the call, Nicole leaned over to inquire about it. "Did something happen, Mr. Bane?"

"It's about work."

"Okay." She responded sweetly and suggested, "Shall we bring Mommy home together today?"

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Bring Mommy home together? Normally, I would have accepted this suggestion without hesitation since I wanted to be a part of their family. However, today... AL. that thought, Bane said, "Your mother has something to do today, so I'll send you home first."

Nonetheless, the children did not oppose the plan, as this was their usual routine.

On the other hand, Ethan was waiting for them when they arrived.

"Mr. Hudson will lead you upstairs, so make sure you finish your homework. Don't wait up for me," Bane explained to the children.

Then, Nathan turned to look at him. "Are you not coming with us?"

"I have work to do. Mr. Hudson will be taking care of you," Bane replied.

"Okay."

After that, Ethan soon walked over to lead the children away.

In the meantime, Bane drove off after saying his goodbyes. He kept an eye on the children through the rearview mirror and only looked away when Ethan had taken them inside.

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At that moment, all the gentle kindness on his face had vanished, replaced by a stern, icy expression, with only his gold-rimmed glasses hiding the frost in his eyes.

Then, he floored the pedal and sped off into the distance.

On the other hand, Victoria did not know how long she had been crying before she realized that her eyes were no longer producing tears and her lips were dry. After that, a nurse came in to change Alaric's IV drip, at which point Victoria recalled that he had coughed up blood and collapsed. I almost forgot that he was the patient, yet I wept in his arms for hours. Eventually, she calmed herself down and stood up. "I'm off to the bathroom." Without sparing him another glance, she disappeared into the bathroom.

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The bathroom of a VIP room in the hospital was exceptionally clean without a single whiff of unpleasant odor. After turning on the water and concentrating on a thorough face washing, she dried off and stared at her reflection. She noticed her eyes were red and puffy from crying. Then, as she contemplated her next steps, she wiped the tears from her eyes. By the time she stepped out of the bathroom, she had completely regained her composure.

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At that moment, Victoria opened the door to find Alaric standing in front of the bathroom door.

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He had walked himself over with his IV drip in tow. Then, the anxious look in his eyes faded when he saw her walk out.

In the meantime, she noticed the gray pallor on his face. After a beat, she asked, "How many bags before you're done?"

"I'm not sure. I can ask if you want to know."

On the other hand, Victoria did not respond to Alaric but instead walked over to the clipboard and flipped through the pages. After that, she told him, "You're on your last bag."

"I see," he replied. His eyes remained trained on her. Even though she just sobbed her heart out, she seems awfully composed right now.

“Oh, that’s right. Your clothes…” She turned to open the nearby closet and pulled out a brand new patient gown. “I’m so sorry that I soaked your clothes. Why don’t you change into a new gown?”

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After hearing that, Alaric glanced at the damp spot on his clothing before staring at Victoria and the gown she offered him. Then, he pursed his lips and said, “It’s fine. It’ll dry soon.”

“You’re already sick, and catching a cold will slow your recovery.”

However, he kept staring at her for a while before finally explaining, “I can’t move my hands.”

Suddenly, she realized he probably couldn’t change his clothes because an IV drip was hooked up to his arm. Without a word, she turned around and grabbed a dry towel to drape over his shoulder. Although it was not the optimal solution, it was preferable to doing nothing.

In contrast, Alaric never foresaw the day Victoria would quietly stand by his side and care for him. At that moment, he realized that his plan had succeeded, but something still didn’t feel quite right because she was acting too calmly.

After a while, she removed the towel from his shoulder. Then, she set it down and said, “It’s getting late. I have to go.”

When he heard this, his eyes narrowed, and he asked, “Go where?” After that, he subconsciously grasped her slender wrist and held it firmly. Now that I’ve finally

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lured her over, how could she leave?

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Victoria was rendered speechless by Alaric's action, and she looked down at the hand wrapped around her wrist before gently pulling it away. "I have to go home." However, his hold on her hand was so firm that she could not wriggle free of it. Out of options, she added, "I'll be back tomorrow."

At that moment, her words caused him to relax and let the tension bleed out of his body. "Really? You'll be back tomorrow?"

"Yes." She nodded and uttered, "Didn't the doctor say you need to rest? I'll be taking care of you during this time."

Before Alaric could ask why, Victoria asked, "What do you want for breakfast tomorrow?"

Those words eventually derailed his train of thought, and he replied, "I'm fine with anything. I'll eat whatever you make."

"Okay. I'll bring you breakfast tomorrow morning, but I won't be able to stop by for lunch."

"Okay, Terrance will deal with it."

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"Alright. I have to go now."

Even though he felt more at ease, he still held on to her hand and refused to let her

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As soon as Victoria heard that, she knew exactly who Alaric was referring to, so she hesitated before responding, "No."

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Having obtained the desired response, he heaved a sigh of relief as the corner of his mouth curled upward. "Okay. Go home." After saying that, he gradually let go of her wrist.

"I'm off then," she said. Immediately after he released her, she turned and walked away without hesitation.

After he saw that, his once bright eyes had once again darkened.

Meanwhile, Victoria had her hand on the doorknob when Alaric called her. So, she stopped in her tracks and turned to look at him. "What is it?"

"You will be back tomorrow?"

She was surprised by the question and replied, "Of course. I always keep my word. Any other questions?"

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However, he pursed his lips and said nothing.

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"Well, I'm going." Following his silence in response to her statement, she turned and left the room.

Shortly after her departure, the room fell silent, and Alaric lowered his gaze as darkness raged in them.

When Victoria exited the room, she spotted Terrance standing guard nearby. At that time, he was leaning against the wall and brooding after being sent out of the room due to his misspoken words. Then, he straightened up when he heard the door open, and when he saw her, he shot her a guilty look and said haltingly, "Miss Selwyn..."

After hearing that, she walked over to speak with him like nothing had happened.

He listened attentively to her while nodding and asked, "Very well. Shall I buy him dinner as well?"

"Yes. Also, if he refuses to eat it, tell him I won't return tomorrow."

"Okay," Terrance said, nodding hard. "No problem. Thank you, Miss Selwyn. Why don't I drive you home?"

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"No, it's fine." Victoria quickly rejected his offer and walked away.

As he watched her walk away, his heart raced with gratitude. I never expected her to be so sweet, and despite how Mr. Cadogan had treated her before, she was still willing to pay him a visit tomorrow. Does that mean there's still a chance for him to get better?

In the meantime, Victoria turned and stopped at the corner, leaning against the nearby wall with her hand resting on it as her face turned pallid. Then, she took a brief break before moving on. Despite her best efforts, she could not stop thinking about Griselda's death.

At that moment, she ran into Bane as she approached the hospital entrance. Their gazes met, and she was surprised to see him there. "Why are you here?"

"I'm here for you." After saying that, he grabbed her wrist and left the hospital.

On the other hand, no words were exchanged between them on the return trip.

Neither of them questioned the other about how he found out she was at the hospital or why she went there. They already knew each other's responses to certain questions, so they did not bother to inquire.

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When they arrived at her residence, the sky was already dark.

Victoria simply sat there, making no effort to unbuckle her seatbelt, and Bane made no attempt to hurry her. After a while, he leaned over and unbuckled her seatbelt.

"Ethan should still be upstairs. Let's go," he said warmly.

Click. Since the seatbelt was unfastened, she had no choice but to exit the vehicle.

After that, Victoria looked at Bane's side profile and eventually mustered the courage to say, "Wait. I have something to tell you."

"Victoria." He did not feel like continuing the conversation, so he changed the subject. "Can we talk about it later?"

"No." She shook her head and uttered, "It would be best if we clarified everything now."

After hearing that, a bitter smile spread across Bane's lips, and he said, "Don't be like that."

"It looks like *you* can already guess what I want to say." Her words might be cruel, but Victoria still solemnly said through pursed lips, "While you said you've given me three days to consider your offer, I made up my mind last night. We're not suited to each other."

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After hearing those words, his smile faded, and his lips pursed. "You made up your mind last night?" Suddenly, he laughed and said, "Is that it, or are you finding an excuse because you're afraid I would take my anger out on him?"

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