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Victoria reflexively reached out to clutch her head in pain.

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As if he hadn't expected her to be in so much pain, Bane immediately held onto her and

said urgently, "Okay, don't try to remember if you can't. Don't think about it anymore.

We'll do the tests first and see what the doctors say."

Lying in his embrace, Victoria had turned as white as a sheet from agony. By the time he finished speaking, she had already lost all the strength in her body, beads of cold sweat rolling down her pale forehead.

"Tissue."

A person next to him immediately pulled out a tissue and handed it to him, which he used to wipe Victoria's forehead. All the blood had left her lips from the pain, making her seem extremely weak and feeble as she lay in his arms.

The sight greatly pained Bane, and the more his heart ached, the more his emotions worsened. He asked one of his subordinates coldly, "Is it our turn for the checkup yet? Can't we use the ER?"

As soon as his words fell, a staff member dashed over and said, "We got in, Mr.

Morison. Let's go."

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Hearing that, Bane picked up the woman in his arms and left with them.

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There were quite a number of examinations to be done, most of them focusing on Victoria's head. At first, the tests were conducted only to determine if there were any injuries in her skull, but when they discovered that she had completely lost her memory after waking up, they relayed this information to the doctors, who arranged for other tests to be held.

The procedures in hospitals were always cumbersome, but fortunately for them, they were given top priority. Even so, it was many hours later when they finally finished all the tests. In the end, Bane decided to book a VIP ward for Victoria to stay in.

After the examinations were complete, Victoria was completely spent and fell asleep on the bed. Bane quietly covered her with a blanket, then remained by her side to keep watch.

When Leon entered the ward to make a delivery, Bane glanced at him and asked in a low voice, "When will the results come out?"

"We've already told them to hurry, but we don't know how long we have to wait."

This outcome clearly displeased Bane, but he was most likely worried that talking would disrupt Victoria's rest and ultimately did not reply, silently remaining by her side.

As Leon watched them, he only felt conflicted. Before Victoria had arrived, he assumed

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that she was only one of Bane's whims and did not treat her with respect, if not cold and dismissive. However, throughout their journey to the hospital, he could plainly see how Bane treated her, and how protective he was of her. This wasn't just something a person would do on a whim.

Thinking that, Leon said, "In that case, rest well, Mr. Morison. I shall take my leave."

Bane nodded in reply.

Before leaving the ward, Leon suddenly turned around and returned as if recalling something. "Mr. Morison, you haven't eaten dinner yet, right? Do you..."

"No."

Without waiting for him to finish, Bane coldly rejected his offer. How would he be in the mood to eat at a time like this?

Hearing that, Leon fell silent and left the room.

After the crowd left, leaving only the two of them in the ward, Bane gazed at Victoria as she slumbered. She was quiet, meek, and beautiful—just like a delicate doll on display.

Back when he first met her as a child, he had already felt this way. Then, he began to think of ways to make her his possession. Finally, after all his efforts, he finally saw a ray of hope, but everything changed as soon as she returned from abroad—she wanted

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to be friends with him.

Friends? How was that acceptable? She was the woman he fell in love with at first sight, so how could he be satisfied with just being friends? Without a doubt, he only wanted to keep her by his side, and he refused to stop liking her. Even if she didn't have any feelings for him, she couldn't fall for anyone else either—this was how Bane felt in the darkest depths of his heart.

Such thoughts already existed back when he was putting his all into pursuing her. At the time, Victoria did not reject his advances, so he naturally respected her wishes and did not do anything she disliked. And yet...

At that thought, Bane was filled with regret. If he had known the outcome, he wouldn't have allowed her to return to the country.

However, now that Victoria had suddenly lost her memory and forgotten everything, it worked out in his favor. After all, as she did not remember anything, it was the perfect opportunity for him to swoop in and seize her for himself.

He didn't care about seizing any opportunities or whether he was taking advantage of her; he just wanted her. As long as she obediently remained by his side like this, everything would be perfect.

In the end, Bane quickly drifted off to sleep by Victoria's bed.

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When Leon entered the room to check on the situation and found Bane leaning by Victoria's bed, he sneakily retrieved a blanket to drape around Bane. However, as soon as the blanket touched his body, Bane was roused from his sleep and frowned, leaving Leon with no choice but to quietly explain his intentions.

Seeing that Leon had no ill motives, Bane did not berate him and only instructed him to stay out of the room so that he would not wake Victoria up. After acknowledging his orders, Leon left and no longer returned to the ward.

Just like that, the rest of the night trickled past. When the results were released the next day, Bane was summoned by the doctor, who informed him that there was something abnormal about Victoria's test report.

"Abnormal?" Bane furrowed his brow. "What do you mean by that? Are there any major risks?"

Upon seeing him visibly turning worried, the doctor assured him, "Mr. Morison, you need not be so worried. Although her results are a little abnormal, it doesn't pose any serious risks to her life, but..."

"But what?"

"You said she lost all her memory?"

"Yes. She doesn't recognize us, and she doesn't remember what happened in the past."

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“Then, that’s the case. She must’ve hurt herself when she took that fall, and she has to rest and recuperate from now on.”

“What about her memory?” Bane was most concerned about this. “When will she get her memory back?”

“I can’t tell for sure. Based on the current medical technologies, there hasn’t been a good solution for this yet, and memory loss completely depends on the patient for now. If possible, you can take her to places she used to live or let her repeat the things she used to do. That way, she might regain her memory quicker. However, it’s possible that she might not regain her memory at all for the rest of her life.”

“For the rest of her life?”

“That’s right. It has happened in the past where patients with similar symptoms never regained their memory.”

Bane fell silent, pursing his thin lips. She might not recover for the rest of her life? If she truly could not regain her memory, it might just be good news to him.

“Thanks.”

After taking his leave, Bane headed back to Victoria’s ward only to see that she had awakened and was planning to leave, but there was a person next to her who was advising against it. He saw all this happening the moment he returned.

The person blocked her way, stopping her from leaving the ward. “Miss Selwyn, Mr.

Morison left to speak to the doctor. Why don't you wait for his return?"

Victoria said with a frown, "I really have something important to do."

"That's even better. When Mr. Morison comes back, he can take you to deal with those important matters of yours, all right? You're not in the condition to leave alone."

However, Bane furrowed his brow as he watched them from outside.

Something important? Didn't she completely lose her memory? What important thing would she have to do?

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"Let me leave."

Victoria was still putting up a fight. Though her voice was soft and feeble, she continuously reached out to push the guards out of the way. Alas, there was more than one person guarding the door, and if they did not make way for her, there was no way for her to leave.

"I really have something important to do."

"What's so important?"

All of a sudden, a voice rang out, causing the crowd to jolt in surprise. When they looked over the source of the voice, they noticed that Bane had returned, and he strode briskly toward Victoria before entering the ward. Upon seeing his arrival, the rest backed out of the room, closing the door behind them.

*As she looked at the tall and handsome man before her, Victoria furrowed her delicate eyebrows slightly. However, she recalled that he was the one who had helped her, and i
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seemed that the two of them were quite close from his actions. With that thought, her

trust in him grew slightly.

“You’re back. They won’t let me leave, and they said I have to wait for you to come back .”

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“Yeah, I went to talk to the doctor about your condition.”

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Victoria immediately turned nervous at his mention of her condition. “My condition? Is there anything wrong with me?”

Bane glanced at her. Amused by her twitchy expression, he curled his lips upward.

“Yeah. The doctor told me that there’s a small problem.”

“What problem?” Upon hearing that there was actually something wrong with her condition, she grew even more frantic.

“This isn’t an urgent matter.” However, Bane did not answer her question and instead said, “Before I answer, why don’t you answer one of my questions first?”

Victoria paused at his words. “What?”

“When I just came back, I heard you telling the guard that you had something important to do.”

Victoria nodded.

“What is it that’s so important?”

This question caught Victoria off guard, and she froze in place with a dazed expression. What is it that’s so important? That’s right, what important thing was I supposed to do? Why ... Why can’t I remember?

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“Hm?” Bane took a step closer, towering over her as he studied her face. “What exactly is so important? Tell me, will you?”

In the next second, he watched as Victoria’s brows furrowed before she shook her head. “I—I don’t think I remember anymore.”

“You don’t remember?” Bane found her words hard to believe. Just a second ago, he was standing outside and listening to her insist on leaving just because she claimed to have something important to do.

However, she now said that she no longer remembered what it was. Was her memory loss an act? Was she trying to deceive him?

“I—I really don’t remember. What exactly did I want to do?”

She only felt as if there was something extremely important that she hadn’t done yet as soon as she woke up, and her instinct led her outside. When faced with questions from the others, she only replied reflexively as well. However, now that she had to tell him what it was that was so important to her, she found herself unable to utter a single word at all.

“What did I want to do? What did I want to do?”

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Slowly, Victoria began to mumble this question to herself repeatedly. The more she tried to find out, the more it seemed that her brain did not have the answer, and her frustration grew with every second that she was unable to recall her memories.

She knew that there was something she had to do that was extremely important, but why couldn’t she remember no matter how hard she tried? Why was this happening? What exactly happened to her? Did she forget something important?

Then, Bane watched as Victoria’s expression gradually turned pained, and she buried her head in her hands. At first, he hadn’t ruled out the possibility that she was only

acting, but as her complexion slowly turned pale right before his eyes and the results from the medical examinations appeared in his mind, he realized that she was not lying.

His gaze shifted, and he immediately stepped forward to grab her hand. "Victoria, don't force yourself if you can't remember."

Unfortunately, Victoria was completely lost in her own thoughts, and she could not hear a single word of his.

Bane could only watch as her face turned increasingly pale and beads of sweat dotted her forehead. Left with no choice, he could only raise a hand and send a strike to the back of her neck, rendering her unconscious. After losing consciousness, Victoria soon collapsed limply, but he swiftly caught her and held her gently in his arms.

His heart ached as he gazed at the unconscious girl in his embrace for a moment

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before he picked her up and placed her back onto her bed. Then, he pulled out a handkerchief he usually carried with him, using it to wipe the sweat off her forehead.

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It seemed that he could not allow her to force herself to recall her memories once she woke up. Firstly, it would not benefit him in any way if she remembered everything again. Secondly, if the process of her recovering her memories was filled with so much agony, it would be better for her to leave them forgotten.

Thinking that, Bane slowly lowered his hand on Victoria's fair cheeks, saying in a voice so soft that only he could hear, "Victoria, don't blame me for being pathetic. I just want to take care of you myself."

When noon came, Leon showed up to see Bane, saying that there was an important matter he had to speak to him with. As Bane had already made up his mind, his mood

was significantly better than before.

“What is it?”

“Mr. Morison, Mr. Hudson wants to see you.”

Upon hearing Ethan’s name, Bane finally remembered that he had brought Victoria here .

The corners of his lips tugged lightly, but before he could speak, Leon continued, “He’s here, and he’s waiting outside now.”

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Bane’s face hardened at his words. “Who told him?”

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At the sight of the shift in his expression, Leon reflexively took a step backward before he explained, “I’m not too sure about that, but he...”

“Forget it, just let him wait outside.”

“Yes, sir.”

Once Leon left, Bane turned around and took a look at the unconscious Victoria. After gazing at her silently for a moment, he rose to his feet and left the ward.

Meanwhile, Ethan, who was waiting outside the door, immediately stepped forward when he saw Bane come out. “Mr. Morison.”

Bane’s eyes were completely frozen over as he looked at him, devoid of the gaze he used to have when he looked at his subordinates. And yet, Ethan did not feel any trace of hurt or anger as this outcome was something he brought upon himself, and he spoke to Bane like he always did.

“Mr. Morison, I’ve already completed your instructions. Shouldn’t you fulfill your promise as well?”

As soon as he finished speaking, Bane tossed a set of keys to him, which Ethan swiftly caught. Once he had the keys in hand, his heart, which had been constantly caught in

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his throat, finally sank back into his chest. However, he did not thank Bane either and immediately prepared to leave after receiving the keys.

Before he left, a thought occurred to him and he stopped in his tracks before turning around to ask Bane, "I heard that Miss Selwyn is sick. How is her condition now?"

Nonetheless, Bane did not intend to answer his question. "This isn't any of your concern."

Hearing that, Ethan froze for a moment before agreeing, "Yes, it isn't any of my concern

However, since you insist on making her stay by your side, Mr. Morison, you should take good care of her."

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Bane scoffed coldly. "Are you telling me what to do?"

"It's just a suggestion."

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"Oh, Mr. Hudson..." Bane narrowed his eyes, his cold gaze boring into Ethan. Though his

tone was light, there was a layer of frost beneath it, and there was no trace of his usual gentleness. "Did you pretend to be a good person so much that you deluded yourself into thinking you actually are one?"

"I'm not sure if I'm a good person or not, but the way you're forcing someone to stay by your side isn't exactly the most morally correct thing to do, Mr. Morison," Ethan protested.

The corners of Bane's lips slowly curled upward. "How righteous of you to say that, Mr. Hudson. Didn't you bring her to me because of your parents?"

His question immediately rendered Ethan at a loss for words.

A moment later, he could only agree, "Yes, I'm not as just as I sound, but you're so much

more pathetic than me, Mr. Morison."

At that, Ethan turned around and left, leaving Bane standing in place. As he watched Ethan's retreating figure, a thought popped up in his mind, causing his gaze to slowly

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darken.

Leon was standing right next to him, and he suddenly recalled a thought at the sight, asking, "Mr. Morison, since Miss Selwyn is already here, then that person..."

Although he was aware of whom Leon was referring to, Bane was not in the mood to worry about this matter. Hence, after shooting him a warning look, he headed back into the ward.

Alaric. He was indeed unable to shake off this huge problem from his side. At first, he planned to wait for Victoria to come to him before taking action, but out of all possible circumstances, there was not a single instance where he considered that Victoria would lose her memory. If she had forgotten everything, including Alaric, wouldn't it mean that he would no longer have to make his move?

Bane slowly lowered himself onto Victoria's bed, his gaze sweeping across her face. "If you're willing to listen to me obediently after you wake up and stay by my side, then I might be able to consider... letting him go."

Alas, at this moment, Victoria couldn't hear a single word he said.

Victoria only began to stir awake when the clock struck noon. As her memories after

she regained consciousness were still intact, she was not startled by the familiar sight before her when she woke up, and only felt a pang of pain in the back of her neck.

Hence, she subconsciously reached for the back of her neck.

Chapter 458 I'm Your Fiancé "You're awake?"

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As a gentle voice sounded by her right, Victoria turned toward its source and looked at him. "It's you..."

Although she did not recognize him, he had always stayed by her side. Because of this, she now remembered him.

Bane leaned down and carefully helped her up. "What's wrong? Do you feel uncomfortable anywhere?"

For some reason, Victoria felt her body subconsciously resist his touch whenever he placed his hands on her. However, she didn't have the strength to struggle at all, so she

could only allow him to help her up. Then, she watched as he placed a pillow behind her back so that she could sit more comfortably.

Once she was properly seated, Victoria said, "My neck hurts a little."

At her words, Bane's hands froze in the midst of his movement before he rubbed his neck in embarrassment, saying a little guiltily, "Do you remember what happened before

you fainted?"

Victoria froze. "What happened?"

Seeing her lost expression, Bane immediately explained, "You suddenly fainted, and I

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brought you in here.”

“Oh,” Victoria replied, lowering her gaze.

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As he watched her behavior and reaction, Bane began to grow worried that she would try to regain her memory again and fail, so he spoke out to interrupt her train of thought. “Other than your neck, does your body hurt anywhere else?”

Hearing that, Victoria went along with his question and seriously assessed her body before shaking her head. “No.”

And so, Bane rubbed his nose even more guiltily.

Back then, the situation had been urgent, and he was focused on stopping her from recalling her memories, so he hadn’t considered the fact that she might have some lingering side effects after he hit her. Now that she was telling him that her neck hurt, he felt his heart ache with worry.

“How about I give you a massage?”

As he spoke, he began to lean toward her, reaching out to place his hands on her neck. As he had helped Victoria up previously, she hadn’t had any strength in her body, but she now had the energy to struggle as she was sitting up. Hence, as his hands gradually approached her, she reflexively dodged away, avoiding his touch.

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At her avoidance, Bane froze before looking at her.

For some reason, his straightforward gaze caused her to reflexively avert her eyes as she explained hesitantly, “I–It’s fine. I can do it myself.”

At that, she reached out and gently rubbed the parts of her body where she felt sore.

After observing her for a moment, Bane did not say anything else. When he returned to

his seat, the two fell into a long silence before he finally said, "Are you hungry? Do you want to eat anything?"

Logically speaking, she hadn't eaten since her plane ride yesterday, so she should be starving. As her wound was on her head and not anywhere else, there were most likely no foods that she had to avoid either.

However, Victoria unexpectedly shook her head. "Thank you for your concern, but I'm not hungry."

"Not hungry?" Bane narrowed his eyes. "Do you know how long it's been since you last ate?"

"Really?" Victoria was slightly dazed by his question, and she reached out to clutch her stomach. "But I really don't feel hungry at all."

For some reason, she genuinely did not have the urge to eat anything at all.

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At the same time, Bane could tell that she genuinely did not want to eat, and he knew that there was no point in asking any further. Hence, he fell silent, picking up his phone to make a call instead and instructing his men to send some food to them.

After ending the call, he placed his phone away and said to her, "There are some things that you don't have to try to remember if you can't. I'll take good care of you from now on."

However, Victoria furrowed her brows. "But..."

"But what?"

"But I don't even know who I am."

"What's the problem with that? I can tell you everything you don't know."

Following that, he told her both her name and her age.

Victoria didn't think much of this new piece of information, but she couldn't help but ask, "Then, what is my relationship with you? Where's my family? Why haven't they come to see me?"

She had woken up twice by now. By right, her family should be on their way now. And yet, although the man before her seemed to have a close relationship with her, his reaction toward her didn't seem like he was her family—there was something odd about

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"Your family isn't here, and I hadn't expected you to lose your memory before this. I was

afraid that your family would get worried, so I didn't notify them."

Afraid that my family would get worried? Victoria nodded. She could understand that.

"As for who I am, I can officially tell you that now."

Hearing that, Victoria lifted her head and looked at him.

"I'm your fiancé."

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Bane's face remained impassive as he looked at Victoria in front of him and earnestly said those words.

"Fiancé?"

Was he really her fiancé? She had considered him a good friend, but she had never imagined that they had such an intimate relationship.

Why did it feel strange?

*She lowered her eyes, pursed her red lips, and pondered. If he really was her fiancé, wh
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did she feel averse to his touch?

It didn't seem to make much sense.

"You don't believe me, do you?"

Upon hearing this, Victoria raised her head and met Bane's gaze, but she did not mention whether she believed him or not.

"Victoria, before you lost your memory, we had a fight and things were awkward between us. You didn't want to talk to me back then, but surely, you wouldn't still be mad at me even after losing your memory, right?"

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"A fight?" Victoria questioned.

So, her physical resistance was because they had a fight?

"Yes. Stop sulking now. Your current condition requires rest, and I'll take care of you from now on, all right?"

For some reason, she felt that something was off.

She squinted her eyes and stared at him skeptically. "You say you're my fiancé. Is that true?"

After saying that, she continued to gaze at Bane's face while trying to discern his reaction. Unfortunately, his expression appeared normal and he did not look like someone telling a lie.

"What's the matter? You don't even want to acknowledge your fiancé after a fight?" he asked when she remained silent as if seriously contemplating the question.

She stayed quiet and he patiently waited.

After a while, Victoria shook her head and said, "No. You're not my fiancé."

Bane was taken aback by her words. She had lost her memory, so how did she know he

wasn't her fiancé?

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Just as he hesitated on how to ask her about it, she looked at him earnestly and said,

"You're simply not my type."

The seemingly casual remark uttered casually from her mouth struck deep into his heart.

Even if she had lost her memory, she still knew exactly what to say to hurt him.

Moreover, what she said now cut even deeper.

It was because she didn't remember anyone and she had no grudges against him. It boiled down to a simple matter of personal preference.

"You have no memory now, so how do you know I'm not your type?"

"I can tell just by looking at you," she replied sincerely. "When I look at you, I don't feel any sparks. However, if we were engaged, shouldn't there be some level of liking between us?"

After hearing her words, Bane fell silent for a long time before answering, "Not all engaged couples are together because they like each other."

"What?" Victoria couldn't quite catch his words because he spoke softly.

"It's nothing." He tugged at his lips. "What I mean is, you're still the same as before."

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"The same as before? How was I before?"

"When I first met you, you didn't like me. It took a lot of effort on my part to win you over."

As he spoke along those lines, she began to feel a bit confused. Could he really be her

fiancé?

“Victoria, just because you lost your memory and forgot about me doesn’t mean that you have to deny our relationship. We haven’t broken up, and that’s not fair to me.”

She furrowed her brow and pondered. If what he said was true, it did seem unfair to him.

“Mmm.”

She only made a sound of acknowledgment, and Bane leaned closer to her. “Don’t treat

me like this, Victoria.”

She lightly furrowed her brows. “I…”

Although she knew that treating him this way seemed unfair to him, she just couldn’t bring herself to let him get close to her.

So, when he leaned closer, she instinctively moved to the side.

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His movement halted when he was almost near her, and he let out a helpless sigh.

“Fine. I understand that you’ve lost your memory now and have doubts about me. I can give you time.” Bane spoke softly. “Until you develop feelings for me, I won’t touch you.

That being said, you must not oppose my identity anymore, okay?”

He seemed to be negotiating with her, and Victoria indeed felt opposed to it. She didn’t feel like agreeing.

However, she couldn’t remember why specifically, as she couldn’t recall anything at all.

“Let’s eat first when the food arrives, all right?”

Seeing his amenable attitude, she stopped resisting and nodded. “Alright.” Although she didn’t appear very hungry.

The most important thing was that even if she resisted, she seemed to have nowhere

else to go now. Ideally, having family by her side would be best.

With that in mind, Victoria asked, "By the way, where's my phone?"

Bane's expression changed slightly when he heard her question. He didn't expect her to be so clever and ask about her phone at this moment.

"Your phone went missing when you had an accident and were sent to the hospital. I

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"Huh?"

"At that time, I was only focused on sending you to the hospital, so I don't know where your phone is. How about... I buy you a new one?"

If her phone was missing, it would likely have been picked up by someone. There was no other way around it but to buy a new one. She could only nod and agree.

"Can you give me my parents' contact information?"

"Why?" He raised an eyebrow at her. "Are you planning to inform Mr. Selwyn about the accident?"

"Mr. Selwyn?"

"Yes. You grew up with Mr. Selwyn since childhood."

"What... about my mother?"

In response to that question, Bane fell silent and kept his eyes lowered without saying a word.

His silence rendered her silent as well.

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Then, she suddenly felt a wave of sadness washing over her, and her eyebrows furrowed in response.

So, she no longer had a mother?

“Victoria, your mother...” Bane paused for a moment before continuing, “Forget it. Let’s not bring up the past. In any case, you later lived with your father, and now he has someone else.”

“What?” Victoria was surprised to hear that. She didn’t expect her father to have found a new lover.

Afterward, he informed her about her father’s situation, and upon hearing the details, she completely abandoned the idea of contacting her father.

Her father now had someone else by his side, and they even had children together. If she were to go and find him, wouldn’t that just be bothersome?

Suddenly, Victoria began to feel overwhelmed with sadness and didn’t feel like talking anymore.

A few minutes later, the person delivering the meal arrived. It was Leon, whom she had seen earlier during the day. He was the one who had been guarding the door of her ward.

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After Leon brought the meal in, he arranged it on the table. The food was prepared abundantly and the aroma filled the air.

According to Bane, she hadn’t eaten since yesterday until now, so she should have found the smell of the food enticing. However, as she caught a whiff of the fragrance, she unexpectedly felt a bit nauseous.

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“Victoria, let’s eat.”

Victoria had agreed to Bane earlier, so she got out of bed with his support and came to the table.

Bane scooped a plate of rice for her and placed it in front of her.

“Here you go.”

“Thank you.”

She took the plate of rice, and he handed her the spoon.

After looking at the table filled with food, Victoria finally scooped up a mouthful of rice with her spoon and brought it to her mouth.

The rice didn’t have much flavor, and for some reason, it tasted a bit bitter to her.

Meanwhile, Bane, who was sitting next to her, noticed that she was only eating rice and not the other dishes. He picked up some of the food with his spoon and put them on her plate.

Victoria wanted to refuse, but she didn’t have a chance to do so.

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“You need a variety of nutrition. Don’t just eat plain rice.”

“Thank you...” Victoria nodded.

She felt a wave of nausea as she looked at the food he had put on her plate, but she still forced herself to eat it.

“Gag...”

As soon as the food entered her mouth, she couldn’t resist the urge to vomit. She placed her cutleries down on the table and quickly covered her mouth before rushing toward the direction of the bathroom.

“Victoria!”

Bane was startled by her reaction and immediately got up to chase after her.

She leaned over the bathroom sink and retched. After a moment, her forehead was covered in cold sweat.

She felt extremely uncomfortable as she vomited bile. Her stomach was empty which resulted in her continuously dry heaving.

Bane watched this scene as he felt heartbroken and he wished he could bear it all for her.

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However, he couldn't. All he could do was gently pat her back. It took a while, but she eventually calmed down. She was completely drained and almost collapsed against the wall.

He quickly picked her up and carried her out of the bathroom.

"Are you all right?"

At this moment, Victoria couldn't even utter a single word in response to his concern.

She closed her eyes, appearing exhausted.

He didn't want to disturb her any further, so he placed her on the bed and covered her with a blanket.

"It stinks..." she suddenly murmured as she lay in bed.

"What did you say?" Bane didn't catch it clearly, so he leaned closer, trying to understand what she was saying.

"It stinks," Victoria repeated.

Bane finally heard it clearly. "What stinks?"

She pointed toward where the food was placed, and he finally realized what she meant.

He walked over and smelled the food on her plate.

However, the scent was just the normal aroma of food, and he didn't perceive any

terrible smell.

However, she felt that it was stinky and even felt nauseous while eating...

Bane furrowed his brows as he looked at her. Could her sense of taste be impaired?

"Leon, come in and take away all this food."

Leon was standing guard outside the door. He had heard the commotion from inside but didn't know what was happening. He walked in and asked softly, "Mr. Morison, is there something wrong with the food I bought?"

'It doesn't suit her taste. Just take it away for now. We'll talk later.'

All right.

After the food was removed, Bane opened the window to air out the room. Soon, the ward returned to a fresh state, and Victoria's complexion improved slightly.

"Are you feeling better now?"

"Yes." She nodded weakly.

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"Was it the taste of the food that made you uncomfortable?" He sat down at the edge of the bed and asked softly.

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She continued nodding. "Yes. Just the smell of it made me want to vomit."

"Was it too greasy?"

"Maybe."

"Shall I have someone bring you a bowl of congee later?"

Congee?

Victoria felt that she didn't dislike congee at the thought of it. So, she agreed.

Thus, Bane quickly went out to give instructions.

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Afterward, he discussed his suspicions with Leon and asked him to find out what tests Victoria should undergo.

After hearing this, Leon furrowed his brows. "Could Miss Selwyn be feeling unwell, so she can't eat such sumptuous food? Should we prepare a light diet for her these few days?"

"Yes. Prepare a lighter diet and focus on getting her health back on track."

However, even after the congee was delivered, Victoria's appetite didn't improve much.

Although she didn't feel like vomiting immediately after eating, she lost her appetite after just a few bites.

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couldn't bear to see her eating so little, so after she put down the bowl, he proactively picked it up and blew on a spoonful of congee to cool it down before

bringing it to her lips.

"Victoria, be good. Have a little more?"

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She furrowed her brows, looked at the congee being offered to her, and shook her head

while displaying a disgusted expression. "I don't want to eat."

"You ate too little just now, and you'll be hungry at night. Just take one more spoonful?"

She closed her eyes and simply ignored him.

"Victoria?"

She turned over directly, facing away from him.

Bane felt helpless and continued to coax her, but no matter what he said, she refused

to eat anything.

Left with no choice, he put down the bowl and called Ethan to inquire about her recent meals. The response he got was that Victoria hadn't eaten much these past two days. She had managed to eat some on the plane and had half a glass of beer on the night of their departure.

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After hearing that she hadn't eaten much and had half a glass of beer, Bane felt a headache coming on.

Could it be that drinking cold beer in the middle of the night upset her stomach, causing her to lose her appetite now?

Perhaps he should take her to have her stomach checked to see if she had any gastric issues.

Bane intended to ask Victoria if she felt any discomfort in her stomach, but before he could speak, she had already fallen asleep in bed.

He could only instruct Leon to prepare everything and ensure that she wouldn't go hungry when she woke up in the evening.

However, it didn't matter how well-prepared everything was, for Victoria slept through the night without waking up once.

When she finally woke up, it was already the next day.

Shortly after she opened her eyes, Bane brought her half a glass of water, which she took a few sips of.

"Thank you."

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After handing him back the glass, Victoria thought of something and asked, "Is there

anything wrong with my health? Can I be discharged today?"

Upon hearing this, Bane paused.

"Discharged? Why are you in such a hurry to leave the hospital?"

"I just don't like staying in the hospital."

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After considering for a moment, he nodded. "All right. I'll consult with the doctor later to see how your condition is. If he says there's no problem, I'll take you home for recuperation."

Home?

Victoria didn't say anything. When he went to see the doctor and came back, he said she could be discharged. After that, arrangements were made to take her away.

Bane was planning to take her back to his residence.

The room where Victoria had fallen had already been locked by his orders, and no one was allowed near it. He then arranged for her room to be on the other side and planned to move his belongings there as well.

The household servants had all been informed and none of them would speak out of turn.

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"After we go back, I'll have someone cook delicious food for you. What would you like to eat today?"