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"Um..." The woman hesitated to speak as if she had difficulty expressing her thoughts.

"If you're in any trouble, just let me know. I'll shoulder the consequences for you. But if you insist on protecting a bad person, then I won't care about you!"

Renee was a little angry when she saw how the pitiful woman so quickly shouldered the blame when she'd done nothing wrong. It was precisely because of their weakness that the evil had become so rampant.

After all, it would "cost" nothing to be evil.

"No, you've misunderstood! I'm not trying to protect a bad person! I just..."

The woman took a deep breath and mustered up her courage before continuing, "Fine. I don't want you to misunderstand Mr. Q, so I'll be honest. I'm a single mother, and it's been hard raising my child all alone. At one point, I couldn't even afford to eat. I had to work in a nightclub, which was filled with bad hats. I unknowingly got involved with them.

"One time, a client tricked me. Mr. Q and Chase saved me. They gave me a job and let me live a normal life. But... I'd developed an addiction. I sometimes spent my money on it and couldn't make ends meet.

Eventually, I lost my mind momentarily and stole a treasure from Carmine Pawnshop, and that was when you bumped into me..."

"I know about that part. Weren't you punished after that? Did they imprison you because of what happened?" Renee was extremely shocked after listening to the woman's story.

"No!" the woman denied. "Mr. Q has a soft heart. He said if I was really punished, my son wouldn't have a mother by now. He gave me a way out. As for the imprisonment... it was at my own request."

"You asked for it?" Renee was even more surprised.

"Yes!" the woman nodded rapidly, her eyes red, and said bitterly, "I want to get over my addiction, and this was the only way I could think of. I've endured it for many days, and I feel like I only need a little more effort before I can quit for good.

"During this time, Mr. Q has been taking care of my son, and I'm very grateful to him. Mr. Q is the best person I've ever met! He's not at all like the rumors say, and I won't allow anyone to slander him!"

After that, the woman knelt before Mr. Q and said in a firm voice, "Mr. Q, I can never repay your kindness. If possible, I'm willing to give my life to protect you!"

Mr. Q looked down at the kneeling woman like a king sitting on a throne, high above everyone else. "I don't need you to protect me. You just need to take care of yourself and your child."

"Thank you, Mr. Q. Rest assured, I won't disappoint you. I'll succeed this time and won't ask to be let out again!"

After bowing to Renee, the woman returned to the small dark room and closed the door behind her.

Renee stood rooted to the spot, stunned. She looked at the closed door, lost in thought. She never expected things to turn out this way!

Chase sighed with annoyance and frustration before looking at Renee with a somewhat disappointed look, expressing his displeasure.

"Miss Everheart, I thought we were friends, especially since the boss cares about you and is so good to your children. He has been cooped up in the kitchen recently to improve his cooking skills just to make delicious food for all of you..."

"But instead of appreciating him, you thought so poorly of him. Is there any trust between us now?"

Renee knew she was in the wrong and awkwardly lowered her head.

"I'm sorry, I let my thoughts run too far. After all, you don't have the best of reputations."

"You would rather believe in rumors than what you've actually seen. When our boss was with you, did you feel he was a bad person? What did he do to harm you? Don't you think?"

"Shut up, Chase!" Mr. Q coldly interrupted Chase's rant.

He stood with his hands in his pockets and said flatly, "I'm not a good person. There's no need to praise me and place me on a pedestal. I only have no ill intentions toward Adie and Abby. I only want them to be happy."

The man's words touched Renee. Besides Margaret and the Osborne siblings, who else was sincerely nice to her two children? Mr. Q's "love" truly touched her.

"Mommy, see? I didn't lie to you. Q really is a good man, so you don't have to be on guard with him. Try to get along with him, and let him protect and care for you," Aiden said as he held the warm hands of Renee and Mr. Q.

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' Mommy, Daddy Q has been busy all night. Do you know what he's doing?' Abigail asked Renee in a soft and gentle voice. The corners of Renee's eyes were slightly red, and she asked hoarsely, "What was he busy with?"

"You'll find out if you come with us!" Abigail said mysteriously. She led Renee to the observation deck on the second floor of the shop.

The observation deck was built by the seaside at the junction of the three countries, and the view up there was breathtaking. "Abby, why did you bring me here?" Renee asked in confusion as she looked up at the stars in the sky.

Abigail smiled mysteriously and asked, "Do you know what day it is, Mommy?"

"Huh? The day? Uh... the weekend?" Renee answered with a puzzled look on her face. "It's the ninth of August, which is your birthday, silly Mommy!" Abigail said sweetly. "Today... is the ninth of August?" Renee suddenly realized.

Today was her

birthday! "Look

behind you,

Mommy!"

Renee turned, following Abigail's finger, seeing Chase pushing a three-layer cake towards her.

The beautiful cake had been meticulously crafted in the shape of a little lion, and captivating and romantic sparklers had been lit on it.

Mr. Q stood beside her and said indifferently, "The kids told me it was your birthday today, so I called them over to make this cake for you. Those born in August are Leos, so it's no wonder you have such a fiery temper. If I had arrived any later, you might have gotten the police called and taken me away to the station."

Renee scratched her head, feeling like her face was about to catch fire, not to mention it was as red as a tomato. "I'm sorry. I didn't expect you to be so thoughtful."

Mr. Q joked somewhat half-heartedly, "Fire signs are known for being silly, and Leos are recognized as the second most stubborn sign. No sign dares to claim themselves as the most stubborn one, though."

Renee was confused. Could someone tell her why the mighty "Night Demon " was talking to her so seriously about astrology?!

As the saying goes, people can't judge a book by its cover, and the sea can't be measured.

At the same time, dazzling fireworks began to burst into the night sky, illuminating it with the formations of the Leo constellation.

"Wow! That's absolutely stunning! Daddy Q set off these fireworks for Mommy! How romantic!" Abigail exclaimed in a high-pitched voice as she jumped up and down while looking at the brightly lit sky.

On the other hand, Aiden acted like a mature adult and simply gave Mr. Q a thumbs up.

All in all, it seemed Mr. Q was quite a decent man. He set off fireworks because he knew Renee loved a romantic atmosphere. For this level of insight, Aiden would give him another ten points!

"It's beautiful!"

Renee's bright eyes were filled with a radiant glow as the clusters of fireworks reflected in them, completely immersed in the romantic atmosphere.

She didn't notice Mr. Q slowly approaching her before whispering in her ear, "Are you ready to accept my punishment?"

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Renee snapped out of her immersion immediately and turned around to face the man with a guarded

look. "What are you going to do?" Renee asked.

"It's simple!" Mr. Q continued whispering in her ear. "Last time, I asked you to let me take Abby as my goddaughter before reclaiming Sun Island. Now I want to add on to that..."

"What do you want to add? You can't possibly want my son as your godson now?!"

"That's not all!" Mr. Q grinned and continued whispering, "I want Abby to be my goddaughter, Adie to be my godson, and you... to be mine."

"You're insane!" Renee jumped away from him as quickly as a lightning bolt, standing warily as if facing a fierce beast. "I knew it! You're like the weasel who pretended to pay homage to the chicken so that it could steal food! You only have bad intentions!"

"I knew you were too good to be true! You made my favorite food, baked a cake with the kids, and even set off fireworks for my birthday... It turns out you were just waiting for this! You're so greedy, taking advantage of me and my kids like this!"

Mr. Q stood with his hands in his pockets as Renee ranted, facing her accusations with calmness and poise that exuded a majestic aura.

He leaned against the observation deck railing as he watched the fireworks blooming in the sky and sneered, "Haha... I don't have any bad intentions. Miss Everheart, do you think I did all these things, went so far out of my way, and acted in ways that were completely inconsistent with my reputation just to take advantage of you? What do you think my motives are? What do you think I want?"

"How the hell would I know?" Renee shot back. She was obviously perplexed, and she couldn't guess what the man's motives were.

Was he after her money? But he was way wealthier than her.

Was he after her two children? But who would willingly take on the responsibility of a parent like that?

Was it... her beauty? But with his status and wealth, he could have any woman he wanted. There was no need for him to pursue a stubborn mule like her.

"Is it so unthinkable that I simply want you and your children? That I want to build a family with you, protect you from all the trouble around you, and keep you safe?"

Mr. Q fixed his gaze on Renee, looking into her eyes with a somewhat serious glint.

Renee was stunned momentarily, and the deepest part of her heart was undoubtedly touched.

No woman in the world would remain unmoved by such words. Even the strongest woman would hope to have a man that could be their shelter, protecting them from everything and taking care of them for the rest of their lives.

Renee's grandfather had once said that Stefan was the man who could be her shelter and protect her forever.

She had believed it but was then burned badly for her belief.

Now, hearing such words again, she was moved, but her mind was also clear, which meant she wouldn't believe them so easily anymore.

Renee hugged herself and said wistfully, "Mr. Q, I guess you've had a lot of time on your hands lately, huh? Have you been watching too many cheesy romantic soap operas, and that's why you're saying such cheesy lines?"

"Let's just consider me as a domineering CEO who wants to act out a cliché story."

The man was like a warrior constantly attacking a battlefield, relentlessly trying to break down Renee's defenses.

"Give it a try. Use Sun Island's reclamation as a deadline. It's also a way to be accountable to those kids. Otherwise, those troublemakers won't relent so easily and will only end up giving you more headaches."

"That's true. They keep insisting on matching me with you. I still don't know what they see in you," Renee

retorted. "Perhaps he simply thinks I fit his image of a perfect father," Mr. Q replied.

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"Stop being so full of yourself. The way I see it, Adie is interested in you because you and Stefan are enemies. So, the enemy of his enemy is his friend."

Renee considered inwardly whether or not to go along with Mr. Q's proposal and pretend to be a loving couple with him to fulfill the wishes of her two children.

If he was a good man, having one more person to love her two children wouldn't be a bad thing.

If he were a bad man, however, he would eventually reveal his true colors, and the two children would no longer be fooled.

"So, do you want to give it a try?" Mr. Q asked, and when he saw the hesitation in the woman, he pushed further and said, "Give me a response. The children are looking at us from afar. If we agree, they will definitely be overjoyed."

Renee looked towards her children. She saw them standing not too far away, their eyes shining with expectation.

Even if Renee had a heart made of steel, she couldn't bear to disappoint her children. So, she turned to Mr. Q and said, "I agree, but let me make it clear that we're only pretending to be a couple for the children's sake. We won't do anything real couples do. If you try to take advantage of me, I'll make sure you regret it!"

"I concur."

Mr. Q nodded, but he then reached out to pull Renee into his arms.

"Hey! What are you doing, you pervert? Didn't we just agree about not taking advantage of me? You're asking for trouble..." "Don't move. The children are watching. We don't want to disappoint them, right?"

Indeed, the two kids were staring intently at them as they jumped in excitement.

"Adie, it seems like Mommy and Daddy Q are really together now! This is great! We have both a mommy and a daddy from now on! The kids at the kindergarten can't say that we don't have a daddy anymore!"

"Yeah. Q is impressive. Apart from me protecting you and Mommy, we'll have Q to help protect you too! I'm very pleased. "Now that Mommy and Daddy Q are together, will we get a new sibling?"

"It's hard to say. But whether we get a new brother or sister in the future, I'll like them either way! I'll also protect them like I protect you and Mommy!"

"You're amazing, Adie! You're a superhero! I want to protect our future brother or sister too!"

The two little ones were thrilled and had already started imagining a future where Renee and Mr. Q would have kids.

On the other side, Renee stiffened in the man's embrace and asked coldly, "Are we done hugging? Can we let go now? Isn't this awkward?"

She rarely had such close contact with men, especially with a man she didn't like at all. She felt uncomfortable all over at the distance between them.

"Hold on a little longer," Mr. Q said seriously. "Kids nowadays are smart, Adie and Abby even more so. If we don't play our roles sincerely, they'll definitely see through it. They'll be disappointed if that happens, so... let's hold each other a little longer. We should also be a little more affectionate so they can feel that our love is real and be truly happy."

"Alright, geez. You're so long-winded! Isn't it just a hug? Let's keep hugging. Hug as long as you want."

Renee decided to go all out and use her lifelong acting skills to play the role of a loving couple with this man to fulfill her children's dream of having both parents.

Fireworks continued to burst into the night sky, showering the dark with brilliant colors and shapes. It was beautiful as it was heartwarming.

Renee couldn't help but once again be immersed in such a romantic atmosphere.

However, there was some regret in her heart. Surely, if Mr. Q were her children's real father, that would be much better...

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After returning from Carmine Pawnshop, Aiden and Abigail were visibly happier than ever.

The smile on their faces never dropped, and they pulled Renee along as they pestered her to give them new siblings with Mr. Q.

"Mommy, when will you and Daddy have your wedding? Can Adie and I be your flower girl? After you hold the wedding, we can live together as a family, then you and Daddy Q can give us siblings!"

Abigail was already envisioning a wonderful life where Mr. Q lived with them. As the family's little princess, she had always been carefully sheltered by everyone. Now thinking about having future younger siblings, her little heart had also developed a sense of responsibility and the yearning to protect them.

"Yeah! When your relationship is stable, you should hold a wedding as soon as possible. Then Q can live with us and take care of you. He can make your favorite food, plant the sunflowers you love, share the pressure of your work, and deal with that jerk, Stefan! It's perfect!"

Aiden was also meticulously planning for the future.

"Oh, you two... Aren't you thinking a little too ahead?"

Renee felt like she had gotten on a ride that she couldn't get off.

She had only intended to play a fake loving couple with Mr. Q to keep her children happy, but now it seemed that if the kids found out about the lie or if she broke up with Mr. Q, they would be completely devastated!

"Mommy, do you hear what you're saying? You and Q are truly in love, so these things will happen naturally. Sooner or later, you have to consider this, so why not think about it now? How far in the future can it be?"

"Yeah, Mommy. In dramas, when a man and a woman are in love, they marry quickly and have babies. True love never wants to be slow, only fast!"

The two children took turns to bombard Renee, and she couldn't even get a proper word in.

"That's true, but... but reality is not like dramas you watch on TV. Mommy still wants to test this relationship first. What if we end up not suitable for each other? If we have kids, they might not have a mommy or daddy! That would be sad!"

The children were convinced by Renee's words, and they nodded.

"Yes, you should go ahead and test all you want. Your marriage will be more solid if that happens. Mommy has already been hurt once by that jerk, so it can't happen a second time!"

"Right. Marriage is not a simple matter. It must be done with careful consideration. Don't rush it, Mommy. Take your time."

Renee breathed a sigh of relief inwardly, feeling like she had narrowly escaped this matter.

When the three of them returned to the apartment, they found that Margaret had also remembered Renee's birthday and had bought her a cake and prepared a gift.

"Miss Ren, you're back. Did you have fun?"

The older woman knew that Renee and the two children had gone to Mr. Q's house and had prayed silently in her heart that there would be sparks between Renee and Mr. Q.

"It was okay. They celebrated my birthday. The cake and fireworks were beautiful," Renee said, downplaying the entire event.

"Margaret, Mommy, and Daddy Q will get married real soon. Adie and I are so happy that we'll have a real daddy!"

Abigail was innocent and elated, and she hugged Margaret and twirled around happily after saying that.

"Really?!"

Margaret was obviously also overjoyed, and she was smiling from ear to ear.

"Yes! I'm sure of it! Abby and I handpicked Q for Mommy, so it's absolutely reliable. Mommy even hugged him tonight, so I guess it won't be long before they get married."

"That's great! Thank God that Miss Ren has finally found the right person for her!" Margaret said joyfully as she clasped her hand together.

She was so excited that her words became incoherent as her eyes reddened.

"Master, Sir, Ma'am... Did you hearthat? Miss Ren is about to start a fresh relationship, so you can rest assured..."