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Mia had put a bed next to Nora to rest,but now Steward directly dossed down on the floor.What a cheeky man!"

Gabriel looked glum and said to Steward, "Mia sleeps here so it is not convenient for her if you move in here."

"Let me think about it. You know what? I think I can replace Mia to take care of Nora so she doesn't have to stay here," said Steward.

"Could you be more cheeky?" Mia said.

Mia pressed her temple with her fingers. She thought these two men are very annoying and they should get out together.

"Steward,I think it's not an easy thing for me to pretend to be Nora,so maybe we should tell her family the truth." She continued, "I am not being impulsive and 'passing' the buck. The situation couldn't be worse and since no one is sure when Nora will wake up,I think we should tell her parents her true condition. The Hills will discover it sooner or later."

Steward thought for a while and shook his head, "Please give me some time to save her. If we tell her parents the truth right now, it will change nothing but only makes the Hills sad. I believe she will wake up."

"Isn't it because you don't want the Hills to know

what you have done to Nora?If you are worried about this,I am telling you that Nora asked me in her letter to not to tell her parents about this.She was always thinking of you."said Mia.

"Could I see her letter?" asked Steward.

Actually Steward was prepared to face the Hills.He knew that he had done something wrong and he wished he could have a chance to make it up to her.

Mia sent him those letters from Nora.

"Dear Mia,

Now I realized that you were right. Could you help me this time...

You once said I was a stubborn woman who wouldn't shed tears until seeing the coffin. You were right. I tried my best to please someone I loved but he did not love me back and not moved at all. I am dying of brain cancer and there are few days left for me. Don't be sad, Mia. Death could be a good thing for me.

I could accept my death calmly because I know we would finally meet again in another world. Every time I thought about this, I would stop feeling sad. Like what you said, I am now going to not only see the coffin but also lie in the grave."

I lied to my parents that I went abroad to relax, so please keep my death a secret. I hope they will never know my death. But I know they will finally find out sooner or later so I am asking you to not to tell them

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what Steward did to me because I don't want to destroy the relationship between our families. What's done is done, so let's not make things worse.

Mia,I am really lucky to have you as my friend.You once said to me that I lacked fortune when it comes to men but the world is not perfect.I don't regret the decisions that I made.If I could meet you in my next life,I hope we are still good friends to each other and I am still my parent's child.

I don't want to say goodbye to you and my parents.I really miss you guys.I hope I can meet you in my next life.

Yours,

Nora."

His eyes were blinded by scalding tears.

She did not even mention him in her next life.

But then he thought, "The next life is not real and what I can do is to treasure what I have for the rest of my life."

Steward wiped his tears and asked Mia with a humble attitude for advice,"Could you tell me what I can do now?"

At last,Mia and Steward decided to work together.Mia would give Nora the sponge bath as usual and Steward would take her out for a walk and massage her.

He had decided to take care of Nora himself but

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Mia disagreed and snorted coldly,"I am not sure whether Nora is willing to be taken care of by you.In fact,I don't want you to touch her at all,and I don't think you're helpful for her health."

"Letting him stay here was already the biggest concession I could make,and I wouldn't let him give the sponge bath to Nora!"thought Mia.

Steward went to the most famous masseur in Alexandria, asking him to teach him how to give a massage to a patient, and he told him not to mention this to his parents.

This masseur was a an old acquaintance to his mother.

He told the masseur to give him a massage and then he practised it on Gabriel's body.

As least, Gabriel praised his massage techniques. The masseur was highly paid by Steward and he advised him that he or his colleague could give a massage to Mrs. Mandel to have a better result.

"Mr.Mandel,I have a female colleague who is also very experienced.She could give Mrs.mandel a better massage."

"But I want to do that by myself."

Steward learned really fast and he started to give Nora a massage after he practised it on Gabriel several times.

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